

TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.



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

What makes Denise Tague smile? "Family and friends," said the 65-year-old, a manager at Alexander's On the Square in downtown Noblesville. She's worked at the sandwich, salad and ice-cream shop since 1999. She said Alexander's soups are made from scratch, and her favorites are chili, potato and kielbasa. Her favorite ice cream flavor? "Moose Tracks, a vanilla ice cream with fudge swirled in with peanut-butter cups." Growing up, her grandmother called her "Ice Cream Kid" and always kept vanilla ice cream on hand. She enjoys watching girls high school basketball and women's college Tennessee Lady Vols, for which she has been a fan since 1987, and reconnected with her own high school basketball coach, Sharon Eskew. Born in Noblesville and raised in Carmel, the 1975 Carmel High School graduate played girls basketball at CHS and played three years at Ball State University, where she also ran track for one year. She lives in Noblesville, where she was born at Riverview Hospital, and is a season-ticket holder for Indiana Fever, likes geocaching, and volunteers at the food pantry for White River Christian Church in Noblesville. She became involved in the food pantry through her parents, John and Roberta Tague of Noblesville. Her usual resolutions for the New Year? "Spend more time with loved ones and friends. Make a bucket list. Volunteer more."

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Live Music, Game Night, Underdog **Theatre and Last** Weekend on Ice



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

Christmas has been here and gone, and we've ready to start enjoying activities in the New Year.

Here are 15 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Head out to RoundTripper Academy in Westfield for Rally for A Cause, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today for inflatables, crafts, balloon artist, face painter and food and drink trucks, with live music Country Summer at 7 p.m., Jail Baker 3 at 10 p.m., line dancing with Cowboy Jason, food and drink trucks. Admission from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. is free with donations welcome, and \$50 after 7 p.m. to benefit The Miracle League of Westfield.

2. Join the First Friday Game Night in Noblesville from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Lacy Arts Building on Logan in downtown Board games will be provided by Moonshot Games in Noblesville, plus Treebeard Toys will offer games, Caravan Classes will lead Spin art. Reserve your seats on Eventbrite. 3. Celebrate Noblesville's First Friday from 6 p.m. to 9

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investments. In his next term,

p.m. today at the Nickel Plate Arts Campus, with new exhibits, refreshments and a cash bar, tonight featuring Phocus on Photography exhibit and Alice Lee's special showcase "Do Art No Matter What" and live music by Andy Schomburg.

4. The Federal Hill Commons Ice Plaza is open through Sun-day in Noblesville. Rink hours are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission includes skate rental, \$13 for ages 13 and older, \$11 for ages 12 and younger. Punch passes are available, 10 skate passes for \$110; 5 skate passes for \$60; skate aid rental \$3. Admission and skate rental are good for all day skating. Skate, take a break, shop, grab lunch and come back to skate later the same day for no additional cost.

5. The Underdog Theatre presents "The Choices We Make," an original one-act play written and directed by Clay Howard, a 2022 Noblesville High School graduate, and featuring NHS students, on stage for three performances, at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Noblesville First United Methodist Church in Celebration Hall. The play follows four students from four walks of life who skipped school and the reasons they skipped as explained to the school principal. Tickets are \$5 cash or \$7 credit/debit at the door. Visit underdogtheatre.org

6. Put on your cutest pajamas, vour vorite ted



The Times photo courtesy of Betsy Reason Celebrate Noblesville's First Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Nickel Plate Arts Campus, with live music by Andy Schomburg.



Photo courtesy of Craig Thurston

Enjoy live music with Craig Thurston at 7 p.m. today at Primeval Brewing on Logan Street in downtown Noblesville.

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8. Hear The 78's band per-form at 7 p.m. today at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel and 7 p.m. Saturday at The Boathouse.

9. Westfield Winter Farmers Market kicks off on Saturday and continues from 9 a.m. to noon weekly through April 1 at West Fork Westfield Event Center on East 191st Street.

10. Firelight Theater Guild isdom Builders nity Theater present "The Play That Goes Wrong" at 7 p.m. today, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Tickets are \$19 at



Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 8:06 a.m. SET: 5:33 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures High: 39 °F Low: 32 °F

Today is...

- Three Kings Day (Epiphany)
- Apple Tree Day • Bean Day

What Happened **On This Day**

• 1847 Samuel Colt obtains his first contract for the sale of revolver pistols to the US government

• 1893 Washington National Cathedral is chartered by Congress; the charter is signed by President Benjamin Harrison

• 1994 Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is attacked and injured by an assailant hired by rival Tonya Harding's ex-husband during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships

Births On This Day

• 1412 Joan of Arc • 1946 Syd Barrett English singer-songwriter, guitarist and co-founder of Pink Floyd

Deaths On This Day • 1852 Louis Braille French educator and inventor of Braille • 1919 Theodore Roosevelt American politician, 26th President and Nobel Prize laureate

And Another Few Things...

1. Young Professionals

Join Westfield Young Professionals as they start 2023 the right way meet other young professionals, and hear from our panelists on how they plan and organize their time and priorities to maximize their success. The Coffee & Networking event will be next Tuesday from 8-9 a.m. at The Bridgewater Club. Westfield Welcome Director Kayla Arnold, Thea Snelly of The Zulu Group and Grand Park Director Matt Trnian will speak. This event is free but registration is required; register online at business. westfieldchamberindy.com/eventcalendar/Details/january-yp-coffeeand-networking-812443

2. Fabric Art Show

The Fabric Arts Show will take place in Noblesville (location to be announced), with an opening reception on Aug. 4 during First Friday events. The People's Choice Awards ceremony will take place on Sept. 1.

The Fabric Arts Show includes two categories for entry: 1.) heirloom or antique, and 2.) modern or newly created. To be considered for the show, pieces must have a Hamilton County connection either through subject, maker, history or current owner. Show sponsors encourage artistic interpretations of Hamilton County's history through new pieces of fabric art

Applicants may submit more than one piece. The deadline for submission is July 22. Applicants can complete a form to submit their pieces for consideration beginning Monday.

3. Comet Coming!

Want to see a comet with your naked eye? Well, you just might get your chance soon. Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) will be closest to our planet on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2. According to the good folks at space.com, if the comet continues to get brighter, we just might be able to look up and see it. And even if it fades a bit, we should still be able to use binoculars or a telescope around then. Go to space.com for more information.

and an old blanket and get ready for Pajama-Rama at 7 p.m. today at Hamilton County Parks' Cool Creek Park & Nature Center in Westfield, with music by Moriah Music. Register at Ham-ilton County Parks' website.

7. Enjoy live music with

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Dr. Arrowood Looking **Forward to A New Year** to Run for Happy New Year!



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD Since becoming Mayor in **HHSC Superintendent**

year which always seems to fly by with a flurry of activities. We have the con-

tinuation of winter sports, winter homecoming, spring sports, spring break, year-end awards, band and choral concerts, prom, and culminate the year with graduation on June 3.

Over the break I couldn't help

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but reflect on our progresses made in the first semester as As we greet a we prepare students for success new calendar in college, career, and life. We will continue to build upon year, we also welcome in that positive momentum for the remainder of the school year. the second It is our staff who work semester of our school

diligently to create a joyful environment that promotes curiosity and fosters academic, social-emotional, and behavioral growth. Heights' students grow in competence across subject areas from year to year, and along the way, they build confidence, develop opinions, and gain skills to test and support their theories. We know that the blend of academic and social-emotional

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Noblesville Man Hit and Killed on I-65

(Storv from WTHR) A 25-year-old man from Noblesville was killed in a crash in northwest Indiana Wednesday.

Miles Williams was outside of his vehicle near the 230 mile-marker of Interstate 65 southbound around 9:45 a.m. when he and his Nissan Altima were hit by a southbound Chevrolet Equinox, state police said. Williams suffered severe injuries and died at the scene.

Investigators said Williams had pulled off of the left side of the interstate after his passenger-side rear tire went flat. He parked partially in the grass, but

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🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"No river can return to its source, yet all rivers must have a beginning."

- American Indian proverb

TODAY'S JOKE

There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator (and only a fraction will get this joke).



OBITUARIES **Ronald Charles Morse**

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



From 30 and 40 below wind chills to 50 and even 60 degrees ... Indiana weather never ceases to amaze!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Listen to your body - If it hurts, your body is telling you to rest it. 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.





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OBITUARIES

Ronald Charles Morse June 11, 1931-January 2, 2023

Ronald Charles Morse, 91, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville.

He was born on June 11, 1931 to Fay and Esther Mae (Dinger) Morse in Morenci, Michigan.

Mr. Morse proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was a graduate of Taylor University where he played basketball and baseball. He received his Master's degree in adult education from Michigan State University. He worked as the personnel director and as the adult & community education director for the Troy, Mich. school district. Mr. Morse also served as board member of SOC Credit Union



and was a member of the Rotary Club of Troy, Mich. He coached basketball in Michigan at Clawson H.S. and enjoyed golf, playing his last round on his 90th birthday with his children and grandchildren. Mr. Morse was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville.

Survivors include his wife Donna Morse; sister Janet Catherine Watkins; 3 sons Todd (Toni) Morse, Bradd (Kristina) Morse and Darin (Heather) Morse; daughter Jill Morse Hutchinson; and 13 grandchildren Trey (Hailey), Tobin (Kaylyn), Max (Shelby), Tabor, Zoe (Justin), Melodi (Alec), Troyer, Alex, Jack, Tessa, Sam, Ian and Teagan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother P. Kenneth Morse.

Visitation is scheduled to run from 1-3 p.m., with services scheduled for 3 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St. in Noblesville. A coffee and dessert reception will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306, by phone (718) 987-1931 or online at t2t.org Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com

Wolfsie's Wardrobe Woes



DICK WOLFSIE Life in a Nutshell

Next month Mary Ellen and I will take our first vacation out of the country since the start of COVID. We're very excited about

finish your appetizer." I reached into the shopping bag and dug out the blue button-down. I carefully removed all the pins from the folded shirt before I put it on. I thought it looked great and said to Mary Ellen, "As long as I've got it on, let's go out for a nice dinner."

"You can't wear that shirt, either," said Mary Ellen.

"Why not?" "It has a smudge under the second button. Sure enough, once again I had purchased a brand-

Kenny's Best Hoops Quotes



KEN THOMPSON Columnist

Vince Lombardi, the legendary Green Bay Packers coach whose name is on the trophy that goes to the Super Bowl championship team, once said that success comes before work only in the dictionary.

Larry Bird did not become a legend at Indiana State and for the Boston Celtics on just talent alone.

"I don't know if I practiced more than anybody, but I sure practiced enough," Bird once said. "I still wonder if somebody – somewhere – was practicing more than me." Another basketball

legend, Wilt Chamberlain, took a different view toward practice.

They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds.

The 7-foot-1 Chamberlain was one of the greatest athletes to don a uniform. A Hall of Fame volleyball player and an outstanding track athlete, about the only thing Chamberlain couldn't do was beat Bill Russell and the Boston Celtics for the NBA championship.

With the assistance of hoopsfiend.com and goodreads.com, here are some of my favorite basketball quotes.

"The key is not the 'will to win' .. everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important." - Bob Knight, who prepared Army, Indiana and Texas Tech basketand 11 Big Ten Conference championships at Purdue. Despite having 16 All-Americans and two future members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Lambert knew he couldn't win on just talent alone.

"If a team is going great guns, you should pick out a few flaws between halves, deflate them a little and warn them that the other team is due for its inning. But if your boys are already down you must do everything in your power to lift them back up and you can't do that by criticizing them."

This quote from Scottie Pippen drips with irony: "Sometimes a player's greatest challenge is coming to grips with his role on the team."

Even though he was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010 and named to the NBA's 75th Anniversary team in 2021, Pippen sometimes struggled to come to grips with being in the enormous shadow of Michael Jordan during their nearly 10 years together on the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan, like Bird and other great athletes, never had a fear of failure. In fact, Jordan always believed failure made him arguably the greatest basketball player of all time.

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.'

Jordan's longtime rival, Charles Barkley, was more succinct about overcoming fear of failure.

"If you are afraid of failure you don't deserve to be successful." Noteworthy

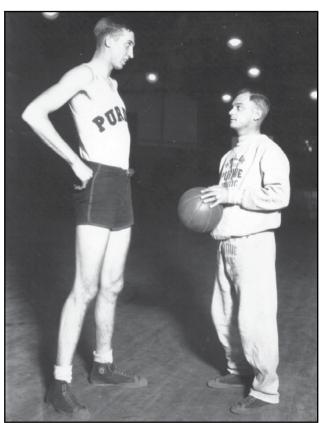


Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics Ward 'Piggy' Lambert with Charles.'Stretch' Murphy

ner for the award thanks to a dominating 2022-23 season thus far. Edey is averaging 21.7 points, 13.4 rebounds and 2.2 blocks per game while shooting better than 63 percent from the field and nearly 75 percent at the free throw line.

His 11 double-doubles and his rebounding average both rank second in the nation. Edey currently owns the nation's longest streak with 30 consecutive games scoring at least 10 points.

At his current pace, based on a 35-game season, Edey would become the first player in the last 30 years to compile 750 points, 450 rebounds and 75 blocked shots in the same season.

Edey recently became the 55th member of Purdue's 1,000-point club. Entering Thursday night's game at Ohio State, Edey has 1,059 points. Assuming Edey maintains his 21-point average, he'll pass Bob Purkhiser, Woody Austin and Kenneth Lowe

(inducted 2021), Marvin Harrison (2016), Edgerrin James (2020), head coach Tony Dungy (2016) and general manager Bill Polian (2015) in Canton, Ohio.

During his 14-year career, Wayne caught 1,070 passes for 14,345 yards. Both totals rank 10th in NFL history.

Freeney recorded 125-and-a-half sacks, mostly with the Colts from 2002-2012. He was named to the NFL's All-Decade team for the 2000s.

Freeney was one of three players making the cut in their first year of eligibility, the others being cornerback Darrelle Revis and offensive tackle Joe Thomas.

Chicago Bears great Devin Hester also is on the ballot along with defensive end Jared Allen, offensive tackle Willie Anderson, defensive back Ronde Barber, wide receivers Torry Holt and Andre Johnson, cornerback Albert Lewis, safety Darren Woodson and linebackers Zach Thomas, DeMarcus Ware and Patrick Willis. Also on the ballot are senior finalists Chuck Howley, Joe Klecko and Ken Riley, along with contributor/coach finalist Don Coryell.

this cruise. I'm already shopping, hoping to update my wardrobe-a word I just realized I have never used for my clothing. Mary Ellen has a wardrobe; I have two drawers and a closet.

I had to buy a dress shirt for one of the special dinners on the ship. I don't like to wear a white shirt, preferring one with a bit of color, but Mary Ellen was adamant that I go traditional. I purchased an additional shirt for the more casual nights.

After a short stop at Kohl's, I came home with the two shirts. I opened the package and tried the first one on. It fit perfectly. My wife was in the room watching me. She had a smirk on her face.

"You have a stain on your shirt already," she said.

"That's impossible. I just put it on."

"They must really know their customers at Kohl's."

"What do you mean?" I asked her.

"They pre-stained it for you.'

Yes, right next to the third button were brown blotches, nothing I was familiar with despite my extensive experience with the tell-tale signs left by every condiment I have ever slathered on a fastfood sandwich. "I guess I can't wear that to dinner," I said, about to unpack my second option.

"Why not?" she asked. "It's gonna look like that anyway, right after you

new piece of apparel that had somehow anticipated its unavoidable destiny and went ahead and selfstained.

"Wait a second, Mary Ellen. I'll wear a tie. That will cover it."

"Super idea. Too bad that every tie in your closet has ketchup on it."

"Okay, I'll button my sport coat. That will cover the mark on the tie.'

Mary Ellen walked over to the closet and pulled out the one sport coat I still wear. She looked at it carefully and shook her head. "This is not going to work. It has mustard on the lapel. Do you own a raincoat?"

After we returned home from dinner, I washed both shirts and successfully removed the original soiled areas, but the shirts were destined on the trip to be become a kaleidoscope of tasty tidbits from our buffets.

Recently we were going over final plans for the vacation and I asked Mary Ellen questions about the reputation of the cruise line we were using.

"Do you really think I will like the food, Mary Ellen?" I began.

"Oh, yes. For you, Dick, it will be spot on."

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

ball teams well enough to record 902 victories and three national championships.

Another famous Hoosier, John Wooden, once said, "Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."

Wooden's mentor, Ward "Piggy" Lambert, was a master psychologist, believing "basketball is a mental game."

Lambert won 371 games

As expected, Purdue junior center Zach Edey was among 25 players selected to the Wooden Award Midseason Top 25 list on Wednesday by the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Edey is seeking to join Glenn Robinson as Purdue's second winner of the Wooden Award, given annually to the nation's best college basketball player.

The former 440th best recruit in the class of 2020 is considered the front-runfor 45th place. ..

Two former Indianapolis Colts greats are among 15 finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Wide receiver Reggie Wayne is back on the ballot for the fourth consecutive year. Defensive end Dwight Freeney made the cut in his first year of eligibility. The 2023 class will be announced Feb. 9.

Wayne and Freeney hope to join Colts contemporaries Peyton Manning

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.

Local Athletes Grace Cover of Hoosier Basketball Magazine

Hoosier Basketball Magazine, in its 53rd year, presents an annual comprehensive survey of all high school (boys and girls), college (men and women) and professional (Pacers and Fever) basketball in Indiana. The 2022-23 issue of Hoosier Basketball Magazine can be ordered now by mail. Visit hoosierbasketballmagazine.com or call/text (317) 925-8200.

Twelve high school seniors are featured on Hoosier Basketball's front cover, six boys and six girls. Among those featured were several local athletes, including Riley Makalusky (Hamilton Southeastern), Sam Orme (Carmel), and Hailey and Olivia Smith (Fishers). The boys pictured in the

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middle are Xavier Booker (Indianapolis Cathedral), Markus Burton (Penn), Myles Colvin (Heritage Christian), Joey Hart (Linton-Stockton), Logan Imes (Zionsville) and JQ Roberts (Bloomington North). The remaining featured

girls front and center are Ashlynn Brooke (Pioneer), Laila Hull (Zionsville), McKenna Layden (Northwestern), Karsyn Norman (Bedford North Lawrence) and Amiyah Reynolds (South Bend Washington).

Seventeen more boys and girls are pictured on the magazine's front cover. Photos of boys include Joey Brown (North Central-Marion), Ahmere Carson (Anderson), Jermaine Coleman

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(Park Tudor), AJ Dancler (Southport), Zane Doughty (Ben Davis), Mason Jones (Valparaiso), Ashton Williamson (Gary 21st Century).

The remaining senior girls gracing the cover are Asia Donald (Hobart), Nevaeh Foster (Mishawaka Marian), Rashunda Jones (South Bend Washington), Renna Schwieterman (Jay County), Saige Stahl (Columbus East), Bailey Tabeling (Trinity Lutheran), Josie Trabel (East Central) and Amber Tretter (Forest Park).

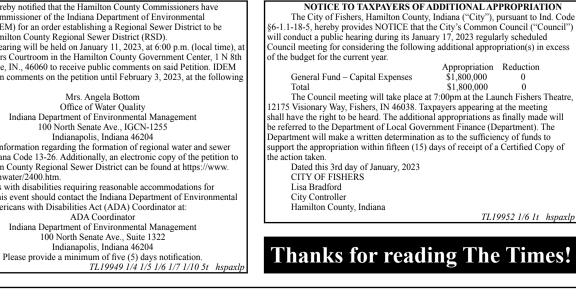
Five college players are pictured on the front cover including Zach Edey (Purdue), Trayce Jackson-Davis (Indiana), Cooper Neese (Indiana State), Payton Sparks (Ball State) and Grace Berger (Indiana women). The Indiana Pacer pictured this season is Tyrese Haliburton.

There are three high school players that appear with action pictures on the table of contents page. The featured players are Jaxson Gould from Warsaw, Flory Bidunga from Kokomo and Jaylen Mullen from North Daviess.

The 2022-23 edition can be ordered by mail now by e-mailing hoosierbbllmag@att.net or by calling/ texting (317) 925-8200. Newsstand locations such as Barnes & Noble, CVS, Kroger, Martin's Supermarket, Meijer, Wal-Mart and Walgreens will have copies later in January. Call (317) 925-8200 to find a Hoosier Basketball Magazine in your part of the state.



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You are hereby notified that the Hamilton County Commissioners hav petitioned the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for an order establishing a Regional Sewer District to be known as the Hamilton County Regional Sewer District (RSD).

A public hearing will be held on January 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), at the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government Center, 1 N 8th Street, Nobesville, IN., 46060 to receive public comments on said Petition. IDEM will accept written comments on the petition until February 3, 2023, at the following address

Mrs. Angela Bottom

100 North Senate Ave., IGCN-1255 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

For more information regarding the formation of regional water and sewer districts, see Indiana Code 13-26. Additionally, an electronic copy of the petition to form the Hamilton Courty Regional Sewer District can be found at https in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2400.htm.

Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations for participation in this event should contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at: ADA Coordinator

Indiana Department of Environmental Management 100 North Senate Ave., Suite 1322

Friday, Jan. 6, 2023

Fishers Announces Celebration for MLK Day, National Day of Service

The City of Fishers will expand its annual MLK Day celebration in 2023 with a community-wide food drive on Jan. 16. In addition, the City will host volunteer opportunities throughout the holiday weekend to encourage residents to give back during the National Day of Service.

With local food pantries experiencing an increase in demand and decrease in supply after the busy holiday season, the City of Fishers has partnered with Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County to replenish these resources. On Jan. 16, food donations will be collected with a Pack the Bus event at eight Fishers park properties in conjunction with HSE Schools, and at the city's three Kroger stores between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Residents can also order donations and

have them delivered directly to the City through an Amazon Wish List. A list of donation needs is available for ThisIsFishers.com/MLK. This event is supported by partners Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Memory Ventures, Kroger, and HSE Schools.

Food drop locations include:

Brooks School Park:
11780 Brooks School Rd.
Cyntheanne Park:

12383 Cyntheanne Rd.Flat Fork Creek Park:

16141 E. 101st St. • Harrison Thompson

Park: 13573 Conner Knoll Pkwy

• Nickel Plate District Amphitheater: 6 Municipal Dr.

• Holland Park: 1 Park Dr.

Saxony Hall: 13362
Pennington Rd.
Heritage Park: 10595
Eller Rd.



• Kroger: 9799 E. 116th St. • Kroger: 11700 Olio Rd.

• Kroger: 7272 Fishers Crossing Dr.

For residents looking to give back through volunteerism, opportunities are available throughout the weekend around Fishers, including onsite support to assist with the food drive. Other opportunities including onion seed planting at the Fishers AgriPark and a Christmas tree mulch spread at Billericay Park. Along with

opportunities to give back, Conner Prairie and the Hamilton East Public Library will host special programming in honor of Dr. King. Conner

Prairie will host a free admission day on Jan. 16 with special programming focused on identity, belonging, community, and love.

Conner Prairie is currently hosting a Be Love essay contest for students to win a Conner Prairie membership. Submissions are due today. Hamilton East Public Library has partnered with HSE Schools to host Living the Dream: A Community Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther, King Jr. on Jan. 15 from 1-2 p.m. at the Fishers Library. This free event will bring together students and staff from HSE Schools, community members, and City leaders to honor Dr. King's legacy.

Learn more about the MLK Day celebration and register for volunteer opportunities at ThisIsFishers.com/MLK

Indiana Chief Justice to Deliver State of the Judiciary on Wednesday

Indiana Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush will address the Governor and a joint session of the Indiana General Assembly for the annual State of the Judiciary. The formal update on the work of the judicial branch will be held next Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chamber of the Indiana House of Representatives.

The Chief Justice is required to provide lawmakers with an update on the "condition of the courts" according to Article 7, Section 3, of the Indiana Constitution. The 2023 address Indiana Courts as Engines of Economic Development, Fairness, and Public Safety will focus on how the courts help to make Indiana an attractive state for economic development and how the courts serve as a crucial protector of public safety.

The address will be webcast live at courts. in.gov. Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS) will also air the address.

It is the policy of the Supreme Court that all Court public meetings and events be accessible to people with disabilities. Sign language interpretation will be provided. If further accommodation is needed, you may send requests to heather. falks@courts.in.gov.

Grant to Improve Quality, Access and Cost of Early Childhood Care, Education

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Education Office of Kindergarten Readiness, has been awarded a \$42 million federal grant.

These dollars will be used over three years to implement programmatic changes that will improve Indiana's capacity to recruit early educators, increase access to early learning opportunities for students in unserved areas and ultimately, support families as they make important decisions regarding their child's education.

"These funds come at a key time as Indiana has built the foundation for innovation through the collaborative partnership of FSSA, IDOE and the Early Learning Advisory Committee. Together we are uniquely prepared to best serve children and families across the state," said Maureen Weber, chairwoman of the Early Learning Advisory Committee. The three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will award \$14 million annually to FSSA, which partnered with the Indiana Department of Education on the grant application. Combined with FSSA's \$4.2 million annual investment as matching funds required by the grant, \$54.6 million will be leveraged in total to accelerate and build Indiana's capacity to implement long-lasting change, including: • Building upon stakeholders' understanding of the needs, gaps and inequities in Indiana's birth-throughage-5 mixed delivery system, especially as they relate to underserved populations • Refreshing Indiana's birth-through-age-5 strategic plan to reflect the current environment and the existing opportunities to drive system-level change • Amplifying the voices of families in decision-making and introducing new services and educational supports that empower them as their child's first and most important teacher

• Introducing new workforce recruitment and career pathways, building the operational capacity of early childhood care and education providers and enhancing workforce conditions and compensation

• Strengthening instructional practices, quality measures and birth-to-age 8 coordination efforts

• Investing in the expansion of high-quality programs in underserved geographies

The funding will build upon key work already underway to improve the early learning infrastructure in Indiana. New state legislation championed by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb restructured and expanded Indiana's Early Learning Advisory Committee. and Gov. Holcomb also launched a new Office of Kindergarten Readiness within IDOE to work in partnership with OECOSL to ensure the early learning experiences children receive are effectively readying them for school. In September 2022, new early learning policy goals were established by ELAC to ensure Hoosier children, especially those most underserved, have access to early learning opportunities that prepare them with the skills required to thrive in kindergarten.

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana Issues Emergency Appeal for Blood Donations

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana has issued an emergency appeal for blood donation. With less than a day's supply of lifesaving blood on the shelves for Indiana hospitals, patients' lives are at risk.

Versiti saw a significant decline in donations during the holiday season, and the downward trend continues as the region navigates ongoing winter weather. Unfortunately, the need for blood does not take a holiday, and more patients than ever before require lifesaving blood as part of their treatment.

"As we welcome the new year, we are seeing an uptick in emergency room visits and trauma patients requiring mass blood transfusions, decimating the blood supply," said Dr. Dan Waxman, vice president of transfusion medicine and senior medical director at Versiti. "Available blood across the state is dangerously low, and we are asking those who are able to make an appointment to donate



today and to encourage a friend or family member to do the same."

How is Blood Used? • One in seven patients entering a hospital requires blood products.

• This ranges from trauma victims to patients battling sickle cell disease, Thalassemia, or those receiving an organ or bone marrow transplant.

• Cancer patients use 25 percent of all blood donations, and blood transfusions are needed in one out of every 83 newborn deliveries in America today. This rate has increased by more than 50 percent between 2006 and 2015. The list goes

to three lives. All blood types are needed, with types O-positive and O-negative most in demand. O-positive is the most common blood type, while O-negative blood is the universal type that can be received safely by all patients in emergencies when the blood type is unknown.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call (317) 916-5150 or visit versiti.org. Donor center locations:

• Indianapolis: 3450 N. Meridian St.

• *Fishers:* 11005 Allisonville Rd.

• Carmel: 726 Adams

Elmwood Ave., Suite D-16

Donating blood takes about an hour. Anyone age 17 or older in good health who meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give. Parental consent is required for donors age 16 to donate blood. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date.

About Versiti Blood Center of Indiana:

More than 65,000 Indiana residents each year give over 130,000 blood products through Versiti Blood Center of Indiana, formerly Indiana Blood Center, a non-profit organization founded in 1952 that operates blood donation centers in Indianapolis, Fishers, Carmel, Greenwood, Lafayette and Terre Haute.

The center also operates thousands of mobile and community blood drives each year throughout the state. Versiti provides a continuous, safe supply of blood and clinical services to more than 100 Indiana hospitals and their patients.

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Those Who Are Grieving and Suffering Loss



GLENN MOLLETTE Columnist

Throughout the years, many of us watched Barbara Walters from NBC to ABC. I always tried to watch her special interviews. Often, the people she interviewed on primetime television specials were "the" high profile people at that given time. She became the highest paid journalist of her day being the first to sign a million-dollar contract with ABC.

Regardless of what we do in life we are still confronted by difficulties that often debilitate us. Walters had survived her own personal struggles, like we all do, including four divorces. Unfortunately, her reported battle with dementia took its toll on her health. We can all accomplish much in life. Maybe not as much as Walters or maybe even more. Regardless, there is much about life we can't do anything about other than try to deal with it and do the best we can.

At least 37 people died from the recent winter storm in Buffalo, New York. Families are grieving. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, freezing temperatures, and snow have wreaked devastation on our country in the last twelve months. Loss of life can come from disease, weather, accidents or unconscionably by design.

We all have been horrified by the death of four college students in Moscow, Idaho. It's been beyond us how four beautiful people could be stabbed to death in their beds reportedly between 3:00 and 4:00 in the morning. A young man who is a student at nearby Washington State University on the Pullman campus has been arrested at his parents' house in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. Moscow police believe they now have the murderer in custody.

How anyone could commit such a heinous crime is beyond our comprehension. I'm sure it was beyond the scope of thought for these innocent young adults. We never know who is taking note of our lives, whereabouts and activities. Regardless of how calm and safe your community seems you can't take anything for granted. Lock your doors. Lock your bedroom door. Keep your handgun on your lampstand and try your best to create an environment that protects you as much as possible. With so many people sleeping in the rental house in Moscow, I'm sure these young college students felt safe. What appeared to be safe for them became an opportunity for an evil mind.

Typically, the attacker

has the element of surprise on his side. It's always best to try to think ahead. Sadly, four Idaho University students were killed by someone who planned, plotted, and was patient enough to find the right moment to carry out the murders.

Accepting and dealing with what we cannot change is one thing. Preparing for life but rolling with the punches, the turns and twists is another. Being watchful, careful, and never taking anything for granted could make the difference between life and death.

Pray for these families and all the many friends and loved ones as they grieve and suffer from such devastating loss.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of 13 books including UncommSense, the Spiritual Chocolate series and Grandpa's Store. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states. Visit GlennMollette. com to subscribe, learn about his books and more.



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A4 **Holcomb Outlines Big Spending Plans in 2023 Budget**

By Casey Smith

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday rolled out proposals for several major funding increases in the next state budget, including paying for all K-12 textbooks, salary increases for state police troopers, and millions more for public health services in all 92 counties.

The Republican governor announced his priorities for the 2023 legislative session, which is set to kick off next week at the Statehouse.

Indiana writes its twoyear budgets in odd-numbered years during fourmonth sessions. State budget writers are likely to release their completed plan in April, following a final revenue forecast.

Members of Holcomb's administration say revenue increases have put the state in a favorable position to spend more and called the governor's budget proposal his most comprehensive yet in terms of how many Hoosiers could benefit from state dollars, should lawmakers greenlight the requests.

The budget that we've presented is balanced — it doesn't spend more than we take in, forecasted or actual," the governor said Wednesday.

Still, Indiana economist Michael Hicks noted that Holcomb's budget proposal is lower than the last one when accounting for inflation. The state experienced a 15.9% price level increase since June 2020, but the governor's plan is only a 12.8% increase from the budget.

"I just believe that over the course of the next four months, this is a bold agenda that hits on topics that are needed," Holcomb said. "They're not just a wish list — these things are needed.'

Republican Senate Pro Tem Rodric Bray said in a statement Wednesday that Indiana Senate Republicans "share a number of the governor's priorities," including public health spending, law enforcement support, K-12 public education spending boosts. He also mentioned pay-

lawmakers "are as forward-thinking" as Democrats and the governor.

Meanwhile, Senate minority leader Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, said the governor's budget priorities 'ultimately just fall short."

'There were several good priorities in the governor's agenda which members of my caucus have been pushing for years - investments in K-12 and public health, more money for food banks, elimination of school textbook fees, auto-enrolling students in the 21st Century Scholars Program — but as is the trend, his agenda failed to go far enough," Taylor said in a statement.

State funding for textbooks

In addition to proposed increases to K-12 tuition support -6% in fiscal year 2024 and another 2% in the following fiscal year - Holcomb is calling on state lawmakers to eliminate textbook and curricular material fees for Indiana families. Indiana is currently one of only seven states that allows families to be charged for textbooks.

Instead, the governor wants Indiana to fully fund those fees for more than 1 million Hoosier students at all public and charter schools, as well as some students at non-public schools.

The move would cost the state approximately \$160 million per year — but only \$121 million would be new money. Indiana already budgets \$39 million per year for textbook reimbursement for the 440,000 Hoosier students who qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Under the proposed model, non-public school students who already qualify for textbook reimbursement will continue to be eligible for textbook fee waivers.

"We have the financial wherewithal to do this," Holcomb said Wednesday.

He added that the overall school funding increase he proposed is enough to raise average Indiana teacher salaries from \$56,600 to \$60,000.

"It will vary, depending on the local bargaining

wants to secure \$10 million in state funding to obtain another \$10 million match from the Lilly Endowment to continue the state's literacy initiatives.

Just 81.6% out of the 65,000 third graders at public and private schools in Indiana passed the 2022 exam. The Indiana Department of Education's goal is that 95% of students in third grade can read proficiently by 2027.

For the state's higher education institutions. Holcomb recommended a 6% increase in year one and a 2% increase in year two, totaling \$184 million of the biennial budget. That state support comes with a charge that a portion of the funding be based on performance goals that are 'focused on keeping the students that are coming to our state here in our state."

The governor said he supports the Commissioner for Higher Education's goal of auto-enrolling eligible students in the 21st Century Scholarship Program, a statewide grant program that supports student enrollment at two- and four-year schools. Administration officials said auto-enrollment shouldn't be a cost to the state for six to seven years.

Other education line items include:

 Expanding On My Way Pre K eligibility to another 5,000 families by raising the income eligibility criteria from 127% to 138% of the federal poverty limit. Federal funds will be used through September 2024, and the state will spend \$15 million per year after that.

• Calling on Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration to use \$25 million in federal funds to develop a grant program to encourage employer-sponsored childcare.

• Appropriating \$4.1 million to implement statewide the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides every child up to age 5 with one book each month.

• A one-time \$10 million budget commitment to Martin University, Indiana's only predominantly

expected to cost about \$36 million more per year.

Holcomb is seeking an additional \$160 million per year to increase salaries for other state employees, too. He's hoping such a move will help attract and retain more state workers.

Other public safety asks include:

• A \$6 million per year increase to the Secured School Safety Grant fund. Bumping the fund to \$25 million per year will cost the state \$1.6 million annually when factoring in federal dollars.

• A \$24.2 million investment in a regional firefighter training infrastructure "to provide a consistent and standardized firefighting training model across the state.

• A state investment of \$10 million over the next five years to purchase needed equipment and gear for volunteer firefighting organizations.

New money available for county health initiatives

Asking for less than the Governor's Public Health Commission originally suggested, Holcomb is pursuing \$120 million in fiscal year 2024 and another \$227 million in fiscal year 2025 to increase public health services across the state.

Stakeholders reduced their initial ask to \$120 million from \$243 million for the 2024 Fiscal Year after receiving a tepid response from budget writers, proposing a phased-in approach for distributing monies to counties. In 2025, proponents asked for the full amount, though Holcomb's ask still falls under the recommended threshold.

About 80% of that funding is earmarked specifically for Indiana's 92 counties. Under the proposed model, each county would have the option to participate in the statewide program, which intends to "build from the ground up" and redesign health infrastructure. The remaining funds would financially bolster a myriad of public health needs across the state, including staffing disease prevention, emergency preparedness, EMS services and child health screenings. A funding formula based on a per-capita system and social vulnerability index has already been crafted to determine how much each county is eligible to receive. Counties will have a local share of 20% to participate. The program would replace the state's current Local Health Maintenance Fund, which is currently only funded at \$6.9 million per year.

Other public health agenda items include:

• Piloting four mobile crisis teams in 15 counties. Developing crisis stabilization units via grants for pilot programs that ensure Hoosiers have a safe place to receive care.

• Investing \$4.25 million over the next two years to promote veteran wellness, reduce risk, increase protection and improve effective treatment and recovery.

In 2023, the governor said he will further launch a new Treatment Finder Program to connect Hoosiers battling drug addiction with treatment programs. To do that, state and local municipalities will use the more than \$500 million received in the coming years from the national opioid settlement.

Getting more Hoosiers to fill high-skill, high-pay jobs

Holcomb's agenda also highlights investment in adult education to reduce the number of working-age adults without a high school diploma or workforce training. The governor seeks to:

• Invest an additional \$12 million over two years for education programs to help eliminate a waiting list of 8,000 people who are seeking more training opportunities.

• Expand the Excel Center programs model to several new Indiana cities by increasing funding by \$3 million in 2024 and \$11 million in 2025

• Increase funding from \$1 million to \$1.5 million annually for the Graduation Alliance, an online education program for adults to achieve a diploma or credential.

• Support the development of a Department of Workforce Development **Unemployment Insurance** pilot program that incentivizes recipients – up to 4,000 per person — to complete their diploma or equivalency. That's estimated to cost about \$4.4 million annually.

• Increase the Workforce Ready Grant investment to \$6 million a year at DWD, \$6 million a year

Doing so includes renewing a \$300 million per year "deal closing fund," as well as an additional \$300 million per year tax credit cap, meant to attract new businesses and jobs to Indiana.

Holcomb also wants the state to make a one-time, \$150 million into an ongoing revolving loan fund for state land purchases similar to a large innovation project being developed in Boone County.

"There's nothing eminent domain about this," Holcomb said. "This is others stepping forward to say, 'Wait a second, we have an ideal location for such a venture. And we're looking for a partner with the state.' And oftentimes, the state can go in and play this role, working every step of the way with the local community."

Holcomb's 2023 agenda further seeks an expansion to the Manufacturing **Readiness Grant Program** by doubling the funding to \$40 million over two years. He also wants lawmakers to increase the Indiana Destination Development Corporation's funding by 20 million - up from6.8 million currently — to attract tourism and retain college students as they transition to the workforce.

Another round of

READI

Holcomb will request an additional \$500 million to fund another round of the Regional Economic Acceleration & Development Initiative (READI).

He's also asking for an additional \$50 million for Next Level Trails and \$25 million for additional land conservation efforts.

The governor said the state will continue its partnership with the state's food bank network by increasing funding from \$1 million to \$2 million each year, as well.

Finally, Holcomb said he's still seeking roughly \$1.25 billion in the current fiscal year to finish four ongoing capital projects that have largely been delayed by supply chain issues and inflation-induced price increases. Those are a new Westville Correctional Facility, a new state archives building, the co-location of the state's blind and deaf schools, and a new state park inn at Potato Creek State Park.

ing down the pre-1996 **Teachers' Retirement** Fund, which wasn't part of Holcomb's plan.

GOP House Speaker Todd Huston said his chamber is also similarly focused on "funding critical services and making strategic, one-time investments that deliver results for Hoosiers — all while keeping government small."

House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, said that while his caucus and Holcomb "are on the same page," he fears whether Republican

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units," he said, adding that while he supports "local determination ... I don't want the state to come in and start setting those levels.'

In response to calls for the the state to up investments in literacy, which fell during the pandemic, Holcomb wants to establish a \$20 million incentive program that rewards schools and K-3 teachers that improve students' passing rate for the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination, also called the IREAD-3 test. He also

Black institution. Salary raises for state

police To support Indiana State Police and other law enforcement officials, Holcomb also proposed raising the starting salary of state police troopers to \$70,000. The governor's administration noted that the current starting salary for state officers is \$53,690. That's "significantly below" other law enforcement agencies in the state, according to the Indiana State Police Alliance.

Increasing salaries is

at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and maintain the Employer Training Grant investment at \$17 million annually.

• Relocate veterans to Indiana through INVETS by doubling funding to \$2 million annually.

More incentives to attract businesses to Indiana

The governor's agenda additionally focuses on diversifying the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) "toolkit" to keep the state competitive for future growth.

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ISO Announces Su-Han Yang U BETSY From Page A1 as New Assistant Conductor

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announced Su-Han Yang will become Assistant Conductor beginning in early 2023. In this capacity, he will host the ISO's Words on Music pre-concert discussions, conduct the ISO's annual Discovery Concerts, and assist Classical Series conductors during rehearsals.

"We are delighted to welcome Su-Han Yang to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra," said James M. Johnson, CEO.

"Su-Han's dedication to performing at the highest artistic level makes him the perfect fit for our talented orchestra. The ISO is also grateful to Jacob Joyce for his contributions to the pursuit of musical excellence as Resident Conductor at the ISO."

"After just a few minutes of working with the ISO during the audition, I felt an immense joy making music with the orchestra. I am so grateful and very much looking forward to collaborating with the ISO," said Yang.

Yang takes the reins from former ISO Resident Conductor Jacob Joyce, who served for four years in the role. Joyce is now Assistant Conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra. Joyce will conduct the ISO in concerts featuring the

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music of Britten, Barber, and Nielsen this January.

Yang currently serves as Associate Conductor of Taiwan Philharmonic (the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan). He won the First Prize in the 10th International Grzegorz Fitelberg Competition for Conductors in 2017 and received numerous invitations to collaborate with the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Sinfonia Varsovia, the Silesian Philharmonic, the Polish Baltic Philharmonic, the Kraków Philharmonic, the Łódź Philharmonic, the Pomeranian Philharmonic, the Brandenburger Symphoniker, the Polish Sinfonia Iuventus Orchestra, the Gliwice Chamber Orchestra, the Capella Bydgostiensis and many others.

Since 2016 he has regularly conducted the Camerata Taiwan in their annual concert tour of Taiwan and took them on a three-concert tour of Germany in 2022.

In 2022 he conducted Humperdinck's Opera



Su-Han Yang

"Hänsel und Gretel" at the National Taichung Theater, and returned to the Taiwan International Festival of Arts by giving a concert with the Taiwan Philharmonic. Recently he conducted two programs of contemporary music at the 2022 Weiwuying International Music Festival. His appearances at music festivals also include the Festival of Polish Music in Kraków, the Classica Nova in Gdynia, the Taipei International New Music Festival, and the Asian Composers League's Conference and Festival.

He was one of the two conductors selected for the Mentoring Program of Peter Eötvös Contemporary Music Foundation in 2018. In 2017, Yang was invited to study with ISO Artistic Advisor Jun Märkl at the Conducting Academy of Pacific Music Festival in Sapporo. He was the chosen conductor to work with Riccardo Muti on the production

of Verdi's Falstaff at the Italian Opera Academy in 2015.

Friday, Jan. 6, 2023

He graduated from the Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin, the National Taiwan Normal University, and the Tunghai University, where he studied conducting with Prof. Christian Ehwald, Prof. Hans-Dieter Baum, Prof. Apo Hsu, and Prof. Annie Chung. In conducting masterclasses, he worked with Peter Gülke, Shao-Chia Lü, Jorma Panula, Peter Rundel, Yuri Simonov, and many others.

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Photo courtesy of Clay Howard

The Underdog Theatre presents "The Choices We Make," an original one-act play written and directed by Clay Howard (back left), a 2022 Noblesville High School graduate, co-directed by NHS student Sean Wood (back right) and featuring NHS students Nolan Campbell (back, second from left), Rory Jones, Lucy Stambaugh and Stevie Miles; and crew, Laiken Charpie (front, from left), Roux Carney and J Herold, at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Noblesville First United Methodist Church. Tickets are at the door.

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11. Start off the New Year with a stimulating conversation as Noblesville Preservation Alliance partners with Noblesville Diversity Coalition to offer another in its Community Conversation Series, for "Noblesville's Identity," 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 11 at NPA's Preservation Hall on Logan Street in Old Town Noblesville.

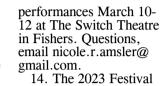
12. Try your hand at painting during a Winter Landscape Painting party at 1 p.m. Jan. 14 at Hamilton County Parks' Strawtown Koteewi Park and The Taylor Center of Natural History in Noblesville, with registration at Hamilton County Parks' website.

13. Hyperion Players' auditions for "God of Carnage," directed by Nicole Amsler of Noblesville, will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 15-16 at Allisonville Christian Church on Indianapolis' northside for

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police said part of his car was still in the left travel lane of the interstate. He was attempting to change his tire when he was hit. The Chevrolet came to

rest in the grassy median



of Ice features carving demonstrations by professional ice carvers on Jan. 20 in the Carmel Arts & Design District and on Jan. 21 at The Ice at Carter Green, with a Carmel Fire Department chili cook-off, and then on Jan. 22 a fast-paced carve-off on stage, skating to a live deejay and more at The Ice at Carter Green.

15. Auditions for Hamilton County Theatre's Guild's The Belfry The-atre production of "The Great Gatsby," directed by Andrea Odle, are 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29-30 at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort in Indianapolis, for the March 17-26 show, with more info at thebelfrytheatre.com

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after hitting Williams and his car. There is no word if the driver, a 42-year-old man from Michigan, was injured in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by ISP.



the workplace. The overall education and learning experiences provided at Heights will carry our students well into adulthood with the capability to shape better lives for themselves and a better world for all. Our mission is our driving force to ensure that what each child is learning here today will afford them the capabilities of contributing to a better, more compassionate world tomorrow.

giving back to our community, a HHHS alum who won a big award in New Mexico, how our Boys Basketball team celebrates our staff, and how our HHMS students will show off our community history in 2023. Check it out online at youtube.com/ watch?v=AP_wImMlvhY. I would like to give

a shout out to HHHS? DECA chapter which was among 525 chapters across the country that achieved THRIVE level recognition this year. The chapter earned the recognition by completing two out of three-chapter campaigns including the community service campaign, ethical leadership campaign, and promotional campaign.

The DECA organization is comprised of marketing students that manage and operate the Husky Fan Shop.

The Hamilton Heights DECA members who contributed to the THRIVE recognition were Hannah Smallwood, Lydia Lytle, Melissa Lovell, Alex Rickey, Micah Colvin, Aidan Orton, Elijah Bowers, Tanner Orton, Gavin Poland, with the assistance of their advisor, Kim Kaiser. The chapter will be commended at DE-CA's International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida in April. As a reminder, Monday, Jan. 16 is our first Flex Day and school will not be in session unless there is a weather event that causes a school cancellation before that day. However, our Food Pantry will be open on Jan. 16 from 4-6 p.m. Enter through Door A at the high school.

No matter what building I am in, I get the pleasure of seeing our students surrounded and inspired by highly capable and caring people totally committed to their learning, but equally important, their development as human beings. It is a privilege

Speaking of good things at Heights, over the break, we released our monthly video update, Vol. 85. It's one you won't want to miss. In this edition, you'll hear about groups

to serve your family. #WeAreHuskies

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

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Fadness has focused on growing a sustainable and vibrant economy while building a desirable community with unique and modern amenities. Fadness' administration has executed this vision, leading to today's growing hub of biotech and entrepreneurial activity alongside substantial quality-of-life investments. As a result. Fishers has repeatedly been recognized as one of the best places to live and work, not only in Indiana but also the country.

"Over the last several years, Fishers has experienced transformative growth and investment. and we've built a community that is vibrant, thriving, and entrepreneurial all while maintaining best-in-class city services and a solid financial foundation," Fadness said. "To build on this momentum and accelerate Fishers further into the future, I will continue to embrace innovation, seize opportunities, and lead with bold vision for our city.

Economic Growth

Since 2015 when Fadness took office, Fishers has attracted and created 8,091 new jobs with an average annual salary of \$75,000. During that time, the city landed more than \$2.5 billion in capital investment. In recent years, Fishers accelerated its growth even further, bucking national trends following the global



Mayor Scott Fadness

pandemic. Just since 2020, Fishers created 3,450 jobs with an average annual salary of \$90,000, attracted \$1.83 million in capital investment, and saw \$575 million raised in venture capital by Fishers companies.

Contributing to this economic success is a now booming life sciences industry in Fishers, a result of Fadness' visionary leadership to attract this burgeoning sector. In 2021, Fadness proposed establishing a Life Science & Innovation Park to cultivate a life sciences industry and attract world-class life sciences companies to Fishers. The Park, with the support of Fishers' GOP-led Council, has brought in more than \$750 million in investment from life sciences companies, more than 1,000 new high-paying life sciences jobs, and grown the square footage of life sciences lab space in Fishers ten-fold.

"My team has worked

incredibly hard to create a world-class, diverse economy in Fishers that attracts and supports the jobs of the future," Fadness said.

"The support of our Re-publican Councilmembers has been critical to this success. We've managed to elevate Fishers across the board all while maintaining fiscal responsibility and one of the lowest City tax rates in the county and state.'

Public Safety

Fadness has encouraged innovation across all facets of city government to improve services for residents. He challenged Fishers' public safety agencies to lead the metro area on technology, data and safety. The Fishers Police Department is the only other agency outside of IMPD to use leading technologies to solve gun crimes and is now assisting other regional agencies to join their efforts.

The Fishers Fire and **Emergency Services** expanded services by adding two more stations under Fadness' leadership, prioritizing resident safety. Additionally, the city is a leader in mental health support with dedicated First Responders trained in crisis intervention.

Lastly, Fadness recognized critical challenges in the public health system and took action, creating a public health department to provide better access to

care for Fishers' residents. Quality of Life

A primary focus of Fadness' administration has been to create a vibrant community. Under his leadership, Fishers is now home to the state-designated Nickel Plate Arts & Culture District, and the city has invested in expanding parks and natural areas, and culinary and entertainment spaces.

Announced in late 2022, the new Fishers Event Center will be a community asset that the Indy Fuel will call home and community events and celebrations will be held. The ever-popular Fishers District is expanding to bring even more worldclass entertainment and restaurants to the city.

Other quality-of-life improvements include the new Geist Waterfront Park which will give the public access to enjoy Geist Reservoir and the popular Nickel Plate Trail

Fiscal Responsibility Fadness has transformed Fishers while maintaining fiscal responsibility, good governance and low taxes. His most recent budget decreased property taxes for Fishers residents, maintaining the second-lowest tax rate in Hamilton County, all while making record investments in quality-of-life amenities. Under Mayor Fadness' leadership, the city maintains a AAA credit rating.

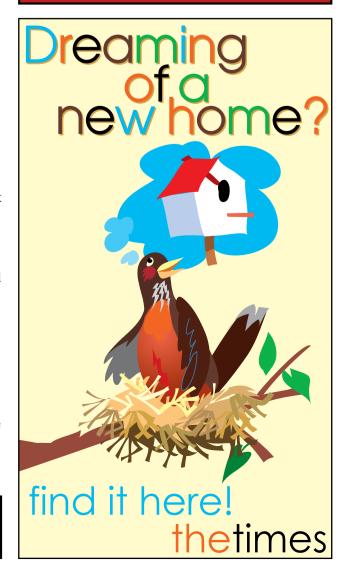


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