

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes James H. Williams smile? "The fact that I give to others without expecting anything in return," said the 54-year-old Fishers resident. Williams was born in Bluffton and grew up in Muncie and has been living in Fishers for nearly 20 years. He graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1988 and went into the U.S. Army right after high school. He attended Ball State University for a few years and dropped out, but is now currently a senior at IUPUI studying General Studies with a certificate in Organizational Leadership Science. "If all goes well, I'll graduate in 2024," he said. He currently is a service sales representative for Cintas Corp. He is an Eagle Scout and an assistant Scoutmaster. Hobbies and interests? "Camping anytime I can, especially in the winter." Williams has been active in community theater for nearly 35 years, acting, directing and behind the scenes in production crews. He is a Past Master of Keystone Masonic Lodge No. 251 and current active member of Carmel Lodge No. 421 and will be behind the grill this Saturday during the Lodge's breakfast, which will serve up pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy and ham, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Community invited.

And Another Few Things...

1. Home Show Tickets

Want free tickets to the 101st Indianapolis Home Show, running from Jan. 20-29 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center? All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) to ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com. Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from, how many tickets you would like and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face on our front page - you win!

2. Fishers Food Drive

The City of Fishers will expand its annual MLK Day and National Day of Service celebration with a community-wide food drive this coming Monday, Jan. 16.

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. This coming Monday, food donations will be collected with a Pack the Bus event at eight Fishers park properties in conjunction with HSE Schools, and with a Pack the Snowplow event at Fishers' three Kroger stores between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A list of donation needs is available on ThisIsFishers.com/MLK.

- 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.

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.

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Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools Education Foundation

Noblesville resident Moffett Craig holds out her plate for spaghetti to be served during a previous Noblesville Schools Education Foundation Spaghetti Dinner, with the next fundraising dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Noblesville High School prior to the basketball games.

NHS Spaghetti Dinner, Live Music, Pancake Breakfast, Craft Show and Much More



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

NHS Spaghetti Dinner, Live Music, Pancake Breakfast, Craft Show, More

Today is Friday the 13th. And while some might be superstitious, some consider today a very lucky day.

Here are at least 13 things to do this weekend, beginning with today:

- 1. Noblesville Schools brings back a Noblesville classic with Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's Spaghetti Dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Noblesville High School, before the basketball games, with \$5 tickets at the door, benefiting

Noblesville Schools. The NHS Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball games against Zionsville will start at 6 p.m. in the Mill.

2. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. today (with special-edition glasses) and Celtic Rain at 7 p.m. Saturday, Hill and Oaks on Jan. 21, Jason Salyers on Jan. 27, Craig Thurston on Feb. 3 and Tay Bronson on Feb. 4 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

3. Experience the 78's at 7 p.m. today at The Boathouse Kitchen & Swan Drive in Cicero, where there is Music Bingo

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Photo courtesy of HHSC

Members of the 2023 Hamilton Heights School Board of Trustees (from left to right): Gretchen Pennington, Julie Davis, Arnett Cooper, Ben Lehman, and Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh along with HHSC Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

Arnett Cooper Wins Race for President of HHSC School Board

Arnett Cooper was elected president of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation School Board of Trustees at its Jan. 4 meeting. Cooper was unanimously elected, receiving the gavel from Julie Davis, who served in the role last year.

Gretchen Pennington was elected vice president and Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh as secretary.

Cooper has held the At-Large seat representing Jackson and White River Townships since 2010. This will be Cooper's second time at the helm of the school board during in his tenure. Dr. Cavanaugh (2017) and Davis (2019) represent Jackson Township.

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Cyber Opportunities for Local High Schoolers to Be Offered at The New Pursuit Institute



Lionfish Cyber Security recently announced its' High School Cybersecurity Pre-apprentice Internship Program and its Cybersecurity DOL-approved Apprenticeship Program are both now being offered under the new Pursuit Institute based in Hamilton County.

The Pursuit Institute, formerly known as the Hamilton County Center for Career Achievement, utilizes public-private partnerships to create a talent pipeline of skilled and credentialed students to directly impact the local economy. It was recently designated as an independent Career and Technical Education district by the state of Indiana.

Under the Lionfish Cybersecurity Pre-Apprentice Internship

program, junior and senior high school students agree to take industry-desired CompTIA certifications mentored and led by Lionfish Cyber Security personnel, and earn at a minimum of 2 CompTIA certificates to be eligible to work an intern. Hours and pay will be negotiated and set with the hiring company. Students will not be asked to work more than 20 hours a week, during the school year's active semesters, and will receive a minimum of \$11 hr.

The national apprenticeship model under Lionfish, allowing the company to act as an official intermediary under US Department of Labor (DOL) guidelines, encompasses training selected for one of four distinct roles in cybersecurity and a minimum of 144 hours of training.

Some of this training will be achieved through certification finalization, and some will be completed through competency-based on the job with the use of the Lionfish Cyber Tackle

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

HONEST HOOSIER

Aaaarrggghh! It's Friday the 13th! If you need me, I'll be in bed covered up all day. Silly superstition, my big ol' butt!



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great, too." - Mark Twain

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a snowman having a temper tantrum? A meltdown.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Not receiving enough sleep can lead to increased appetite and obesity. 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.



OBITUARIES

Stuart Edwin Davis

April 9, 1936-January 8, 2023

Stuart Edwin Davis, age 86, of Westfield, Indiana, passed peacefully into his Heavenly home on Sunday morning, Jan. 8, 2023.

He was born on April 9, 1936 in Hamilton County, son of the late Clarence and Mary (Stuart) Davis.

Mr. Davis was a 1954 graduate of Westfield High School where he was a member of FFA and sang in the choir. On Aug. 12, 1956, he married the love of his life, Patricia Annamae Miller.

He worked in the maintenance department for many years with Aero Drapery. During his 20 years with the company, he helped maintain, design and build reconfigurations for their manufacturing equipment. The last 10 years of Mr. Davis' career were spent at Stuckey Farms helping to keep everything running in tip top shape. He loved tinkering with anything and everything mechanical in nature. His 38-year membership with the Vintage Motor Bike Club fostered both his design and engineering creativity. He could often be found out in the garage fabricating his latest motorized creation.

Mr. Davis and his wife resided near Jolietville for 65 years. He was a lifetime member of the Eagle Creek Friends Church where he taught Sunday School and served in various leadership roles. He and his wife had a passion for mentoring young people. Together, they directed and traveled with the church choir, The Singing Disciples, served as chaperones for summer church camp and hosted many, many memorable youth meetings at their home. Mr. Davis also served as head trustee and sexton for the Eagletown Cemetery for 60 years.

He grew up in home that was filled with a passion for music, leading him to become a gifted guitar player. He made sure that same love for music echoed throughout his own home, leaving a legacy of music that will continue to be passed down through family and friends. Mr. Davis was a kind and gentle man with a true servant's heart. He loved being around people. Be it a family music party or reunion, an airport fly-in, community pancake breakfast or simply sitting on the porch with his beloved wife, at that moment, there was nowhere else he would rather be.

Survivors include his wife Patricia Annamae "Pat" (Miller) Davis of Westfield; 3 sons Stuart Mark Davis (Paula) of Fishers, Kerry Wayne Davis of Arcadia and Paul Nathan "Nate" Davis (Kristin) of East Earl, Pennsylvania; 6 grandchildren Jessica Davis-Ray (Luke), Andrew Davis (Amanda), Lindsay Davis, Brittany Davis-Riner (Mark), Reagan Davis and Riley Davis; 4 great-grandchildren Isaac, Aiden, Maggie and Calvin; 3 nieces and nephews Milton Whittaker (Mary Kathryn) of Bolivia, South America, Susan Whittaker-Cluxton (Paul) of Zionsville and Little Sidney Davis of Noblesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Mary (Stuart) Davis; sisters (and brothers-in-law), Ramona and husband Morris "Dick" Whittaker, and Phyllis and husband Robert S. Davis.

Services are scheduled for 12 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 at the Eagle Creek Friends Church, 18325 Eagletown Rd. in Westfield, with visitation scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until the time of service. A private family burial will follow at Eagletown Cemetery in Eagletown, Indiana. Pastor Bob Stubbs will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be presented to Eagletown Cemetery, 3924 W. 186th St., Westfield, IN 46074.

Ruth O. Edgreen

January 26, 1936-January 11, 2023

Ruth O. Edgreen, 86, of Lapel, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at Rawlins House in Pendleton following an extended illness.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1936, in Forbes, Tennessee to Church Odiss and Ada Pearl (Neal) Pemberton.

Mrs. Edgreen attended Pickett High School. She attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Lapel and helped often in the church. She had worked at Brockway Glass and Bridgestone Firestone.

Mrs. Edgreen enjoyed reading and cookbooks, especially Italian and Southern cooking and canning. She was a member of the Lapel Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #4323 and the Lapel American Legion Post #212 Women's Auxiliary.

Survivors include her 2 sons Robert "Bob" (Sharon) Edgreen of Lapel and Thomas (Tammy) Edgreen; daughter Debra (Ron Reeves) Edgreen of Lapel; sister Joyce Moles; 2 grandchildren Danyell Edgreen and Madison Christoff; 3 great-grandchildren Daulton Morrison, Eliza Edgreen, and Colin (Karlie) Jannings; 4 bonus grandchildren Crystal (Mike) Burton, Jamie (Jon) Gardner, Christy (Bill) Jannings, and Jessica Cates; several nieces and nephews; and special family Bernie Chelli and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur R. Edgreen Jr.; her parents; and 3 siblings Dorman Pemberton, Carman "Pete" Pemberton and Fonza Vickery; 2 grandchildren Debra Ann Hill and Kyle Edgreen; great-grandchild Nolan Edgreen; and special friend George "Pappy" Kendall.

Cremation will take place. Graveside services are scheduled to be held at a later date in Brookside Cemetery in Lapel with the Rev. Susan Hobson officiating.

There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Lapel Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #4323.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hersbergerbozell.com



Rosalyn Ann Poston

April 24, 1960-January 10, 2023

Rosalyn Ann Poston, 62, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 at her home surrounded by her husband and children.

She was born on April 24, 1960 to Robert and Rosalyn (Kneer) Rogers in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Poston was a computer programmer before staying home with her loving children and being a super mom. She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. She was an avid reader and liked to sew, bake, cross stitch, and craft. Mrs. Poston enjoyed hiking and traveling, especially going to historical places and visiting museums.

Survivors include her husband of 33 years Gregg Poston; 5 children Robert Poston, Jessica Poston, William Poston, Rachel Poston and Sarah Poston; 5 siblings Alice (Jim) Ward, Will (Brenda) Rogers, Richard (Linda) Rogers, Joan (Dennis) Back and Charles (Frances) Rogers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Bobby Rogers.

Visitation is scheduled to run from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Rd., in Noblesville.

Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st St., in Noblesville, with Father Clayton Thompson officiating. There is scheduled to be an hour of visitation prior to mass at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073 (foodfortheopoor.org)

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com



Jacque Lynn (Spaur) Sheable

February 15, 1972-January 8, 2023

Jacque Lynn (Spaur) Sheable, 50, of New Palestine, passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, in Greenfield.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1972 in Indianapolis.

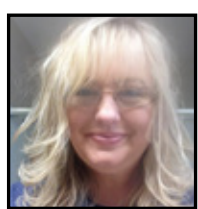
Mrs. Sheable was a 1990 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High school and worked in bookkeeping and accounting for Graphicon. In her spare time, she enjoyed spending time with her special nieces, remodeling projects, traveling and off-roading in Jeeps in California. She was one who put other people first.

Survivors include her husband Mike Sheable, whom she married on April 9, 1993; mother Judy (Burton) Spaur of New Palestine; father Joe (Cheryl) Spaur of Alexandria; sister Jo Linda Hennis of Lapel; and 2 special nieces Brooklyn Fellows and Rylyn Wheat.

A memorial service to celebrate Mrs. Sheable's life is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 at 5 p.m. at Seals Funeral Home in Fortville. Friends are scheduled to call at the funeral home from 3 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jacque Sheable Memorial Fund c/p any GBC Bank branch; the funds donated will be used to benefit her nieces Brooklyn and Rylyn.

Condolences can be made at sealsfuneralhome.com



Peterson Architecture Builds Up Staff with New Graduate Architect Hire



James Harris

Peterson Architecture continues to grow, welcoming James Harris, a Graduate Architect, to their team.

Harris received both his Bachelors and Masters Degree in Architecture from Ball State University, the Harvard of Muncie. He brings nearly 10 years of architectural experience to the team.

Harris has been an active member of various community engagement efforts in the city of Marion and other Indiana communities, which includes serving Main Street Marion, the Marion Downtown Roundtable discussion group, Muncie Habitat for Humanity, and the Save Our Stories historic preservation

board. "Harris' previous architectural experience and past activism in downtown preservation make him a fantastic fit for our team," said Darren Peterson, Peterson Architecture principal architect and founder.

"As the firm continues to grow, I look toward the next 25 years of Peterson Architecture with excitement."

"I was drawn to the firm's wide array of projects and focus on community engagement," said Harris.

"I am proud and grateful to be part of a highly talented team that aims to lift and elevate the communities they serve."

About Peterson Architecture:

Founded in 1996 by Darren Peterson, Peterson Architecture has served the greater central Indiana community for over 25 years. A full service firm, Peterson Architecture provides architectural, interior design and landscape architecture services. Visit www.petersonarchitecture.com to learn more.

State Senator Scott Baldwin Helps Author Tax Relief Legislation for Small Businesses

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) recently filed a bill to provide tax relief to Indiana small businesses.

Senate Bill 2 would change state tax law so that LLCs and S Corps can deduct all state tax payments on federal tax returns, resulting in what could be \$50 million in federal tax savings for Hoosier small businesses.

"One of my primary goals in the Senate is to make it easier and less costly to start and grow a business in Indiana," Baldwin said. "SB 2 would provide significant tax relief for small businesses by levelling the playing field and allowing these businesses to qualify for tax deductions that other large corporations already receive. This legislation has broad support from the business community and I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass it into law."

Under federal law, businesses can deduct their state tax payments from their federal tax liability. For businesses that pay income tax as corporations, such as C corporations, which are normally larger businesses, this deduction is unlimited. However, for corporations where the owners or shareholders pay their own individual income taxes, such as LLCs and S Corps, this deduction is limited to \$10,000.

SB 2 would allow LLCs and S Corps to receive an unlimited federal deduction for their state tax payments, similar to C Corps.

Baldwin's legislation has been identified as a priority bill by the Indiana Senate Republican Caucus and is supported by a wide range of business organizations, including:

- Indiana Chamber of Commerce;
- National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB);
- Indiana Technology and Innovation Association (ITIA);
- Indiana Manufacturers Association;
- Indiana Builders Association;
- Main Street Employers;

Meeting Notice

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals

The Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet in Executive Session on Feb. 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council conference



State Sen. Scott Baldwin

- Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association;
- Indiana Association of Realtors;
- Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers;
- Indiana State Bar Association;
- Indiana CPA Society;
- S Corporation Association;
- Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky; and
- Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana.

"We're excited to support this proposal as it will allow Hoosier business owners to reinvest in their businesses and continue to drive economic growth in our state," said Indiana Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Taxation and Public Finance David Ober in a statement of support. "Additionally, this tax relief will not cost the state anything, making it a win-win for both business owners and the state of Indiana."

"The Indiana Technology & Innovation Association supports Senator Baldwin's legislation to provide tax relief to small businesses and ensure Indiana has a competitive tax climate that encourages businesses to start, locate and grow in our state," said Jennifer Hallowell, ITIA Executive Director.

If SB 2 becomes law, Indiana would join at least 29 states that have already made this change to their tax laws so their businesses can minimize federal taxes.

SB 2 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy and awaits a hearing for further consideration. For more details on the bill, visit iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/bills/senate/2

room at City Hall, 16 South 10th St. The Executive Session will be held pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

Meeting Notice

Noblesville Fire-fighter Merit Commission

The Noblesville Fire-fighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 has been canceled.

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Kenny Ranks The Best Last-Second Boilermaker Buckets

Baseball legend Yogi Berra may or may not have once said, "it's déjà vu all over again."

The Ohio State basketball program had that feeling Jan. 5 after losing to Purdue on a last-second shot for the third season in a row. Jaden Ivey did it twice before hitting millions in the NBA Draft lottery with Detroit.

This time, it was his successor in the Boilermaker starting lineup, freshman Fletcher Loyer, who broke Buckeye hearts by sinking a 3-pointer with 11 seconds remaining to give Purdue a 71-69 victory.

Last season, Ivey waited until there were sixth-tenths of a second remaining to stun then-No. 16 Ohio State 81-78 in Mackey Arena. As a freshman, Ivey served notice that he was going to be a special player when his step-back 3-pointer with five seconds remaining in Columbus delivered a 67-65 victory over the 15th-ranked Buckeyes.

There have been many last-second game-winning shots in Purdue history. Time will tell whether Loyer's 3-pointer will rank among the greatest in school history.

Here's my ranking of the 10 biggest last-second shots in Purdue history, in chronological order.

Terry Dischinger vs. Michigan (March 10, 1962) – The last shot of the All-American's Purdue career, coming with four seconds left, gave the Boilermakers a 77-75 victory. Dischinger finished with 30 points and wrapped up his third consecutive Big Ten Conference scoring title.

Rick Mount vs. Marquette (March 15, 1969) – With Purdue's first trip to the Final Four at stake, who else would the Boilermakers turn to in overtime? With two seconds remaining, Mount sank a wide open shot from the right corner to give Purdue a 73-71 victory.

"That's the biggest shot I ever took," Mount said afterward.

Arnette Hallman vs. Michigan State (Jan. 13, 1979) – Magic Johnson and the Spartans came into Mackey Arena on a cold winter Saturday ranked No. 1 in the country and destined to win the national championship.

Battling the Spartans to a 50-50 deadlock with 10 seconds to play, Purdue had the ball. Coach Lee



KEN THOMPSON
Columnist

Rose had good options when deciding who would take the last shot. Most figured it would be future NBA players Jerry Sichting or Joe Barry Carroll. Probably the fifth person on Rose's list was Hallman, a 6-8 forward who could jump and rebound but was not known for his shooting touch.

Somehow, Hallman ended up with the ball. With guard Brian Walker urging him to shoot, Hallman launched an off balance 25-footer in front of the Purdue bench. Swish.

"Gentlemen, that was the worst play ever devised in the history of basketball," Rose said in jest after leading Purdue players on a victory lap to the cheers of the 14,123 in attendance.

Jim Rowinski at Illinois (Feb. 23, 1983) – Seemingly on its way to being blown out by the Fighting Illini, trailing 54-38 with 9:38 remaining, Purdue scored the game's final 18 points.

An even more unlikely hero was Rowinski, a muscular 6-8 forward inserted into the lineup with 12:41 remaining along with three other reserves when all seemed lost for the Boilermakers. With three seconds to go, Rowinski caught the inbound pass at midcourt. Left wide open, Rowinski banked in a shot from the top of the key to set off a wild celebration by the Purdue bench.

"I don't think they thought I would shoot it," Rowinski said. "I wanted the ball because I knew I was wide open."

Steve Reid vs. Robert Morris (March 17, 1983) – Thrust into the starting lineup for this NCAA tournament first round game in Tampa, Fla., when Ricky Hall became ill, Reid capped a 20-point performance with the game-winning 23-footer with five seconds to play for a 55-53 victory.

"When I saw the time down to single digits I didn't panic but I just wanted to get a good shot

off," said Reid, in his first season at Purdue after transferring from Kansas State.

Glenn Robinson at Michigan (March 6, 1994) – With Purdue trailing 94-93 and less than 10 seconds to play with first place in the Big Ten at stake, everyone in Crisler Arena knew who was getting the ball.

"I was taking the shot regardless," Robinson said after hitting a 10-footer off a spin move in the lane to win the game. "If somebody else would have been open, I'm sorry but I felt this was my time."

Robinson finished with 37 points and the Boilermakers would go on to claim the first of three consecutive outright Big Ten championships.

Chad Austin at Indiana (Feb. 25, 1996) – Facing a rare zone defense from Indiana coach Bob Knight, Austin found himself wide open in the right corner with 13.7 seconds to play. Without hesitation, the sophomore sank the game-winning 3-pointer.

The 74-72 victory was Purdue's first in Assembly Hall since 1990 and completed a season sweep of the Hoosiers.

"After it left my hand, I knew it was going in," Austin said. "It's a player's dream."

Chad Austin at Indiana (Feb. 18, 1997) – This shot was so legendary that the Big Ten Network produced a 30-minute special "Chad Austin Does It Again" that debuted this past November.

This time there was just six-tenths of a second left in overtime and Austin was in the left corner at Assembly Hall when he broke the Hoosiers' hearts. The 89-87 victory was Gene Keady's 400th.

"I put so much arch on it that I thought it might rim out on me," Austin said. "It felt great when I let it go, but you never know."

Chris Kramer vs. Texas A&M (March 21, 2010) – Purdue's Final Four dreams may have died when Robbie Hummel tore his ACL a month earlier but Kramer made sure the Boilermakers would at least reach the Sweet 16.

With 10.1 seconds remaining in overtime at Spokane, Wash., Kramer wanted the ball for the final shot. His driving layup gave Purdue a 63-61 victory.

"Coach Painter just drew something up," Kramer said. "He said, if

you have the lane take it. If not, you have to make a play off that. Fortunately enough, the Red Sea opened up so I could get to the basket."

Matt Haarms at Indiana (Feb. 19, 2019) – The circumstances more than the shot itself, a tip-in with 3.2 seconds remaining, made Purdue's 48-46 victory memorable.

For most of the game, Indiana students were chanting a vulgar name toward the 7-3 sophomore from The Netherlands. Haarms enjoyed great satisfaction from delivering the Boilermakers' third consecutive victory at Assembly Hall.

"It feels great to be public enemy No. 1," Haarms said afterward. "That's what it's about. It's the rivalry. We don't like them, they don't like us."

Once in a generation
Zach Edey's 30 points and 13 rebounds against Penn State on Sunday put the 7-4 Purdue junior center in elite company.

His third 30-point game with at least 10 rebounds marked the first time in nearly 30 years a Purdue player accomplished that feat in the same season. The other four Boilermakers to reach those numbers are among the greatest in school history: Glenn Robinson, Joe Barry Carroll, Dave Schellhase and Terry Dischinger.

Edey earned his fourth Big Ten Player of the Week honor on Monday. He surpassed 600 career rebounds against Penn State, becoming the second-fastest player in Purdue history to score 1,000 points with 600 rebounds and 100 blocked shots. Edey did it in 80 games, five more than it took Carroll more than 40 years ago.

The 400 club
Friday night could be a historical one for Purdue and coach Matt Painter.

A victory against Nebraska in Mackey Arena would give Painter 400 victories in his 18th season with the Boilermakers. The 52-year-old would join Tom Izzo (677 and counting), Bob Knight (662), Gene Keady (512) and Lou Henson (423) with 400 wins at a Big Ten school.

Painter has guided third-ranked Purdue to a 15-1 start, matching the school's best 16-game start in school history (1987-88, 1993-94, 2010-11).

That 15-1 start also

has Purdue in position to become the first Big Ten school to reach 1,900 victories. The Boilermakers began 2022-23 two victories behind Indiana but now lead the Hoosiers 1,899 to 1,896.

As of Jan. 10, Sports-Reference.com lists Purdue in 11th place all time behind Kansas (2,372), Kentucky (2,365), North Carolina (2,334), Duke (2,258), Syracuse (2,067), Temple (1,972), UCLA (1,972), St. John's (1,962), Notre Dame (1,946) and Brigham Young (1,910). Indiana is just one win behind 12th place Louisville (1,897), which is off to an unexpected 2-14 start this season.

Boilers in the NFL
Five of Purdue's 15 alumni in the National Football League will be seeking to extend the school's run of 22 Super Bowl appearances in 23 years.

The AFC top-seeded Kansas City Chiefs feature rookie defensive end George Karlaftis. The AFC is home to three other Super Bowl hopefuls: Linebacker Markus Bailey (Cincinnati), running back Raheem Mostert (Miami) and fullback Zander Horvath (Los Angeles Chargers). Safety Tyler Coyle of the Dallas Cowboys is the lone NFC playoff team to carry a healthy Boilermaker alumni on its roster.

Here's how the Purdue NFL alumni fared this season:

Markus Bailey – The third-year linebacker played in every game, with one start for the Cincinnati Bengals. Bailey recorded 24 tackles.

Derrick Barnes – The second-year linebacker recorded a sack among his 47 tackles for the Detroit Lions. Barnes started four of the 15 games he played in 2022.

David Bell – The first-year wide receiver wasn't helped by the Cleveland Browns' self-inflicted issues at quarterback (an NFL-mandated 11-game suspension for DeShaun Watson). Bell still managed to catch 24 passes for 214 yards and started three games.

Ja'Whaun Bentley – Started every game at linebacker for the New England Patriots. In his fifth season, Bentley led the Patriots with 125 tackles and recorded three sacks.

David Blough – The fourth-year quarterback

started the final two games of the regular season for the Arizona Cardinals. Blough completed 38 of 58 passes for 402 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Anthony Brown – In his seventh season as a starting cornerback for the Dallas Cowboys, Brown started 12 games and collected 42 tackles before his season ended with an Achilles injury.

Tyler Coyle – The safety saw his first action of 2022 in the regular season finale for the Dallas Cowboys, recording six tackles.

Brycen Hopkins – The second-year tight end made his first start for the Los Angeles Rams but is still seeking his first NFL touchdown. Hopkins caught seven passes for 109 yards.

Zander Horvath – The rookie fullback made the most of his limited playing time, catching two touchdown passes among his five receptions. Horvath also rushed for eight yards on four carries.

George Karlaftis – The West Lafayette High School graduate came on during the second half of his rookie season. Starting every game for the AFC West champion Kansas City Chiefs, Karlaftis racked up six sacks among his 33 tackles.

Dennis Kelly – Completing his ninth NFL season, the 6-8, 321-pound offensive tackle started three games and played 12 overall for the Indianapolis Colts.

DaMarcus Mitchell – Spending almost all of his rookie season playing special teams, the defensive end compiled eight tackles.

Rondale Moore – Injuries limited the wide receiver to eight games with the Arizona Cardinals. Moore started all eight games, catching 41 passes for 414 yards and a touchdown.

Raheem Mostert – The Miami Dolphins running back averaged almost 5 yards a carry, finishing with 891 yards and three touchdowns on 181 carries. Mostert also caught 31 passes for 202 yards and 2 TDs.

Jordan Roos – The third-year guard appeared in four games for the Tennessee Titans.

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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Being Resolute



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

For the year 2023, I made 23 New Year's resolutions. I've already broken every single one. Below is my list. I resolved that...

1. In a restaurant, when the waitress sees my totally cleaned plate and asks how I enjoyed my meal, I will not say: "I didn't like it one bit." According to a survey I read, they hear this all the time and they do NOT think it is funny.

2. I will make the bed in the morning. It's still in a box from IKEA and we are tired of sleeping on our couch and lounge chair.

3. When people ask, "How's Barney?" (my famous dog who passed almost 20 years ago), I will stop saying, "Still dead." No one finds this amusing and they think I am an insensitive jerk.

4. I will stop salting what Mary Ellen makes for dinner before I even taste it. In future years, I will tackle my addiction to pepper, Heinz 57 and teriyaki sauce.

5. I will put a cover on food when I heat it in the microwave, so the meal doesn't end up as splatter all over the inside. (Amendment to resolution: I'll try to remember not to use aluminum foil.)

6. For stocking stuffers next Christmas, I will not buy stupid kitchen gadgets for my wife that she will never use. We have 11 devices engineered to open jar lids. None of them work.

7. When Mary Ellen asks me what I want for dinner, I will not say, "I don't care." I still won't care, but I will stop saying it.

8. When someone says, "You remind me of Dick

Wolfsie," I will not jokingly reply: "I'm sorry to hear that; I found him very annoying on TV." I will stop this because when I have said it, many people have agreed with me.

9. I will not cut the crust off a sandwich, realize I'm still hungry and then eat the crust.

10. I will not cheat when I play Words with Friends. Last year, with the help of a word-finder website, I placed "oxazepam" (a drug) on just the right squares for a whopping 192 points. Now, no one will play with me, so I call the game: Words All By Myself.

11. I will not open the fridge looking for a snack and stare for two minutes hoping that some miracle will appear, like a corned beef sandwich on rye.

12. I will not whistle in my downstairs office while writing my column. My wife says that if I whistle while I work, I sound like one of the seven dwarfs. Which dwarf am I? See the next resolution.

13. When I watch a movie with Mary Ellen, I will not nod off, because when I wake up, I make her tell me what I missed.

"Mary Ellen, why are those people jumping off the ship?"

"It's the Titanic, Sleepy. I hope you had a good nap."

14. When our ice dispenser kicks out extra cubes that land on the kitchen floor, I will stop shoving them under the fridge with my foot. (My wife has no clue I have ever done this, but the puddles are making her suspicious.)

15. Finally, I will not publicly admit to my 23 broken resolutions when I could only come up with 15. I should have written this column eight years ago.

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Rokita Asks Hoosiers to Watch for Signs of Human Trafficking, Report Suspicions

Attorney General Todd Rokita today asked Hoosiers to stay alert for signs of human trafficking in communities across Indiana and to report any suspicious activities to authorities. People in certain job roles — such as medical professionals, restaurant workers, teachers and truck drivers — are particularly likely to come into contact with trafficking victims.

"The evil enterprise of human trafficking is a modern form of slavery," Attorney General Rokita said.

"In America, this scourge is propagated in significant part by criminal cartels operating out of Mexico, and it's yet one more reason we need to secure the southern border. Here in Indiana, we're committed to rescuing victims from their enslavers and bringing perpetrators to justice."

Human trafficking is

a \$150 billion criminal enterprise. It occurs anytime someone uses force, fraud or coercion to make another individual provide labor, services or commercial sex acts. If the person performing commercial sex acts is under 18, the crime of human trafficking still occurs even without the elements of force, fraud or coercion (humantraffickinghotline.org).

With January 11 being National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, now is a fitting time to remind Hoosiers to stay watchful for signs that someone might be a trafficking victim.

According to the U.S. State Department, those signs include observations that someone:

- Lives with their employer.
- Lives with multiple people in a cramped space.
- Otherwise experiences poor living conditions.
- Is prohibited from



Attorney General Todd Rokita

speaking alone to strangers.

- Gives answers that appear to be scripted and rehearsed.
 - Has an employer holding their identity documents.
 - Shows signs of physical abuse.
 - Is submissive or fearful.
 - Is unpaid or paid very little.
 - Is under 18 and working in the commercial sex industry.
- If you have suspicions that someone is being

trafficked, you should immediately call local law enforcement. You may also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1 (888) 373-7888.

In addition to waging lawsuits to force federal officials to crack down on border security and illegal immigration, Attorney General Rokita and his team are engaged in other efforts to combat human trafficking.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes — including those who have been trafficked — by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers. Learn more about the program at the Attorney General's website by visiting in.gov/attorney-general/about-the-office/appeals/victim-services/address-confidentiality-program/

Celebrate MLK Day by Volunteering with DNR



Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering at a DNR property on Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day.

On MLK Day, some properties will have self-directed service opportunities such as litter pickup along trails. Check the DNR calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov for lists of activities that day, and for volunteer events throughout the year.

Work needed year-round includes maintaining trails, helping in nature centers and sharing photography

or art. Projects can also be tailored to volunteers' skills.

"Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for Indiana State Parks.

"You are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy."

For more information, see on IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or email DNRvolunteer@dnr.IN.gov.

Apply Quickly for These Teacher Scholarships

Students in high school or college who are planning to teach or work in school administration in the State of Indiana have until January 31 to apply for three scholarships — Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities and Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is encouraging students to act quickly, as there is limited funding available. All three financial aid opportunities can be applied for at ScholarTrack.IN.gov.

"Our state's K-12 teachers play an incredibly important role in sharing the value of higher education with their students and preparing them for success," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery.

"The Commission is proud to provide these scholarships to future educators, strengthening Indiana's teacher pipeline for today and tomorrow.

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides 200 top-performing high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to \$7,500 per year of college (up to \$30,000 total).

In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship. The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by March 24, 2023.

"I am really grateful to have received the (Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship). It made paying for college so much cheaper," said current

Indiana University South Bend student and scholarship recipient Brianne Simmons.

"Now, instead of finding ways to pay for college, I can focus on saving for when I graduate."

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

For instructions on how to apply, and for a full list of eligibility requirements, visit the website.

Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities

The Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities is available to minority students (defined as Black or Hispanic and Latino individuals) who plan to participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part of their degree requirements in the semester during which they receive the scholarship.

The maximum amount a student may receive is up to \$4,000. Priority will be given to student teaching applicants.

Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields

The Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields is available to students who plan to teach special education (any grade) or middle or high school-level math or science. The maximum amount a student may receive is up to \$4,000.

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.

Kevin McCarthy, President Joe Biden and Congress Must Work to Solve Problems



GLENN MOLLETTE
Columnist

Recently, in a Mexican restaurant in Houston, Texas, a patron shot and killed a man who was robbing other patrons. The robber was masked and brandishing what appeared to be a pistol. If the man who shot the robber is charged with murder for protecting himself and others from a potentially lethal threat, then we have a serious problem.

We have another problem. Millions of undocumented people have crossed our border from El Paso to San Diego and in between. America is being invaded. We do not have enough free housing, welfare and food stamps to support all these people.

Biden wants to mobilize 85,000 IRS agents who will find every dollar they can to support the millions of undocumented people roaming our nation. How many more dollars can the IRS squeeze out of your pocket? Do you have property that they can seize and sell for a few dollars? 85,000 agents will need to find something to do and most likely they will be checking up on everyone.

Arizona has been patching holes in their border with containers which has been working. Biden ordered that the containers be removed. Over one million undocumented

people have crossed into America through Arizona during Biden's Presidency.

Can you imagine being a farmer or just living on the Southern Border? This is 24-hour a day nightmare for these landowners. Do you think anyone wants to buy their property? These same people are coming to your community. They are looking for jobs and housing. They need money and food. Do you have plenty of affordable housing in your community? Do you have big free food banks to feed these people? If you need a reasonably priced apartment, I would suggest you snatch it fast because people are coming who need that apartment and they may have more help from the government than you do to underwrite the costs.

McCarthy, Biden, and Congress must bring back every job we have outsourced to China. We can no longer do business with China. The people who have been living in America the last few years need jobs and millions of new undocumented workers need jobs. By the way, do you remember when the United States Census was a once every ten-year job? Now, Census workers have to work year-round chasing down people who will not complete U.S. Government Census information. How many full-time census workers will it take to chase down all of these undocumented people?

If Biden, McCarthy, and Congress do not protect Social Security your town will probably have to close up. Over 70 million Americans count on Social Security income. Social Security is all or over half of all this number receives each month. As the buy-

ing power of the retired population suffers, each community suffers. The government collects social security taxes from people to subsidize us in our old age. Americans will be back into abject poverty if they don't keep Social Security strong.

Affordable housing, medical insurance and jobs that pay over \$15 an hour must also be McCarthy and Biden commitments. We must be able to buy health insurance across state lines. State governments need to make it easier for working poor to have health insurance. We need real people to answer the telephones in the state and local governments. Websites need to be simple and seamless. Working poor Americans feel like their local states aren't that interested in helping them.

Making medical care more affordable will solve problems for everyone including the insurance companies. Publicly listing the cost of services and surgeries was a good idea that most medical providers don't seem to be following. Making pharmacy purchases from Canada easier is imperative for struggling Americans.

We have some problems in America. Biden, McCarthy and Congress have a lot to do. Name calling, and aggressive behavior in the House only makes for a few seconds of television stupidity. America has some problems. We need for McCarthy and Biden and Congress to step up and help us solve them.

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Where Does 'Hoosier' Come From? A New Indiana Bill May End the Debate for Good

By Casey Smith

Refer to someone from Indiana as an “Indianan” and your ignorance might invoke an eye roll or a glare, but — if you’re really lucky — you’ll get a comedic interruption of an 1800s-era Indiana settler who’s just heard a knock at the door.

This is the land of Hoosiers, after all.

But there’s little consensus on the meaning of the beloved demonym.

To clear the record, Rep. J.D. Prescott, R-Union City, has filed House Bill 1143 to establish “The Hoosier State” as Indiana’s official nickname.

That part is pretty simple, but the bill also would put into state law the origin of the Hoosier terminology — and it’s a story that many Hoosiers today may have never heard before.

Who is Harry Hoosier?

Prescott’s bill declares that Harry Hoosier is the namesake of the state. He was born into slavery before becoming a Methodist minister in the 1770s, the bill says.

Harry Hoosier was also known by the names Harry Hosier, Harry Hosher, and Harry Hossier and the consensus of modern historians is that each variant of his last name was pronounced “Hoosier.”

Harry Hoosier preached to black and white congregations and was a highly respected preacher and orator despite being illiterate.

The bill contends that “new Methodist believers who identified with the ministry of Harry Hoosier became known as Hoosiers” and that “many of Harry Hoosier’s faithful followers brought their Methodist beliefs and Hoosier nickname to Indiana in the decades before and after Indiana was granted statehood in 1816.”

Prescott told the Indiana Capital Chronicle he first learned about Harry Hoosier in elementary school. The legislator said he’s since become intrigued by the story, and claims his own personal research “really just points to Harry Hoosier as how we’ve come to be identified as

Hoosiers in Indiana.”

“He traveled the country, teaching the gospel. Most of his teachings were in what is known today as Indiana and parts of Ohio,” he said. “During that time period, he was known not just as one of the best beat preachers and one of the best public speakers of his time. I just think it’s important that we honor Harry Hoosier and officially designate Indiana as the Hoosier State.”

A January 2022 Christian Heritage Fellowship article claims Harry Hoosier’s story is the “most plausible explanation for the origin of Indiana’s nickname.”

Other Hoosier theories

The problem is, the origin of Hoosier has long been debated. The Indiana Historical Bureau has a post on the theories and findings.

“As soon as our nickname came into general use, speculation began as to its origin,” the bureau says. Distinguished Hoosier writer Meredith Nicholson and many others have inquired into the origin of Hoosier.

She observed: “The origin of the term ‘Hoosier’ is not known with certainty. But certain it is that ... Hoosiers bear their nickname proudly. Many generations of Hoosier achievement have endowed the term with connotations that are strong and friendly.”

Ray Boomhower, senior editor of the Indiana Historical Society Press, points to late Indiana historian Jacob Piatt Dunn Jr.’s lengthy research into the history of the word.

Dunn found out that Hoosier was used frequently in the South in the 19th Century to refer to woodsmen or rough hill people, Boomhower writes. The word was then traced back to “hoozer,” a term from the Cumberland dialect of England that meant anything unusually large, like a hill. Dunn noted that descendants of English immigrants brought the name with them when they settled in the hill country of southern Indiana.

Arguably one of the

most common folktales today attributes the Hoosier name to Indiana’s settler period. As the story goes, when a visitor knocked on a cabin door in Indiana, the settler inside would respond, “Who’s yere?” The greeting supposedly evolved into “Hoosier.”

Boomhower additionally notes that James Whitcomb Riley, “The Hoosier Poet,” said Indiana’s early settlers were often such violent fighters that they would bite off noses and ears to win a scuffle. The morning after a fight, a barkeeper — seeing a stray ear on the floor — might have asked, “Whose ear?”

It wasn’t until later, in 1995, that Fisk University professor William Pierson theorized in an article for the Indiana Magazine of History that the term Hoosier actually came from Harry Hoosier.

“It is likely that, as memories of (Harry Hoosier) slipped away, and as the white people of the frontier adopted the nickname Hoosier for themselves, the term lost its original racial connotation ... and came to mean simply an illiterate, ignorant, and uncouth yahoo,” Pierson wrote.

Historians concede that numerous theories exist about the origin of Hoosier — but whether one is true is still up for debate.

Prescott said he’s open to hearing those other theories if the bill is heard in committee, but maintained that Hoosier Harry “just seems to be the most historically accurate.”

“Our state is founded as a state of faith, and I think it’s important to know, for young Hoosiers, how we got that nickname,” he said. “I hope our educators or schools can actually teach our youth the real reason why we’ve been designated that Hoosier nickname.”

A state sandwich, too?

Lawmakers back to pass a two-year state budget and address critical state needs are also tackling important topics like the state sandwich. So far, the tenderloin might have unanimous support.

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Hun-

tington, has filed Senate Bill 322 to make the breaded pork tenderloin the official state sandwich. Grilled tenderloins don’t count.

It is the latest in a string of bills in recent years to establish more state emblems beyond the bird (cardinal), tree (tulip) and river (Wabash). Recent additions include the insect (Say’s Firefly), fossil (mastodon), and snack (popcorn).

Nick’s Kitchen, founded by Nick Freinstein, is home to the first Hoosier breaded pork tenderloin. It’s located in downtown Huntington and has been serving the famous creations up since 1908.

“Having the home of the breaded pork tenderloin located in Senate District 17, it was an obvious decision to author a bill to make it the official state sandwich,” Zay said.

Former owner Jean Anne Bailey said she was pleased that Nick’s Kitchen was the motivation behind the bill.

“It’s quite an honor,” Bailey said in a news release. “Indiana has enjoyed the breaded pork tenderloin for more than 100 years because of Nick’s hard work. He used to push around a cart and serve the residents of Huntington before officially opening an establishment. I am pleased to have the representation from Sen. Zay on this bill and hope to see it pass the General Assembly.”

Gov. Eric Holcomb is even on board.

“We’re going to settle the question once and for all about what is the official state sandwich of Indiana,” Holcomb said last week during a news conference about his 2023 legislative priorities. “I will not let that get away from us.”

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New Public Programming Grants to Come Courtesy of Indiana Humanities in 2023

Indiana Humanities will offer more than \$200,000 in grants in 2023 to help tax-exempt organizations create engaging public humanities programs across the Hoosier State.

Libraries, historical societies, museums, cultural centers, K-12 schools and colleges/universities are eligible to apply for funding, as are churches, community centers, government agencies and other tax-exempt groups.

Grants support the development and implementation of public programs in the fields of history, literature, archaeology, philosophy, world cultures and other humanities subjects. Programs may come in a variety of formats — workshops, presentations, reading-and-discussion programs, exhibitions, podcasts, film documentaries and more.

“From the time of our founding 50 years ago, Indiana Humanities has provided millions of dollars to help deliver vital humanities programming to communities throughout the state,” said George Hanlin, Indiana Humanities director of grants.

“We’re proud to build upon this legacy and to support engaging projects that inspire Hoosiers to think critically about the world and our place in it.”

The slate of grants and deadlines for the year ahead includes:

Action Grant

- Up to \$3,000
- Offered on a rolling basis, with applications due the last day of each month
- Supports a broad array of projects that help people learn new information, consider different perspectives, share ideas and understand one another better

Historic Preservation and Education Grant, in partnership with Indiana Landmarks

- Up to \$3,000
- Applications due Feb. 28, 2023 (round 1) and Sept. 30, 2023 (round 2)

Supports programs that educate the community about historic places and properties — and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them

INcommon Grant, in partnership with the Central Indiana Community Foundation

- Up to \$5,000
- Applications due Feb. 28, 2023 (round 1) and Aug. 31, 2023 (round 2)

Supports programs that use humanities ideas, readings and scholars to spark in-depth thinking and conversation around issues related to race and



ethnicity (focus areas could include immigration, gentrification, incarceration, institutional racism, the legacies of segregation and other topics)

Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships

- \$5,000 research stipends
- Applications due March 31, 2023

Supports new humanities research that explores anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana and that considers how Black Hoosiers have responded

- Applicants should be scholars who are affiliated with a research institution, who are enrolled as a graduate student, or who serve as a curator, librarian or archivist at a research archive or collection; independent scholars are also eligible to apply.

In addition to these opportunities, Indiana Humanities expects to announce more grants later in the year.

Indiana Humanities will hold 90-minute workshops around the state in 2023 to provide the public with details about its funding opportunities, the types of projects typically supported and tips for submitting successful proposals. It has scheduled two workshops in January:

Washington Carnegie Public Library

- Jan. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 300 W. Main St., Washington, Ind.

- Register online at eventbrite.com/e/indiana-humanities-grants-workshop-washington-tickets-464296692907

Pulaski County Public Library

- Jan. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 121 S. Riverside Dr., Winamac, Ind.

- Register online at eventbrite.com/e/indiana-humanities-grants-workshop-winamac-tickets-464310092987

To learn more about Indiana Humanities’ grant offerings and to review guidelines and application instructions, visit indiana-humanities.org/grants. To learn more, call (317) 616-9784 or email grants@indianahumanities.org

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Daniel Elliott Sworn in as 56th Treasurer of Indiana

Daniel Elliott became Indiana's 56th State Treasurer on Jan. 1. Elliott was formally sworn in at a public ceremony in the Statehouse yesterday afternoon. He succeeded outgoing Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, who served since 2014 and was constitutionally ineligible to seek another term.

Elliott has outlined several priorities the Treasurer's Office will pursue in his administration. He is dedicated to expanding the reach of the Indiana Bond Bank, particularly in its service to rural counties and municipalities.

He will continue to

shepherd the development of the Indiana Education Scholarship Account Program (INESA), which allows parents and guardians to tailor their child's educational experience to their child's needs.

"My team and I are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work," said Elliott, who intends to use his background in Information Technology to improve the cybersecurity and data privacy of our state's financial and banking assets.

"We have many issues to address, and we plan to tackle several of them my first year in office, including the impact of ESG investing on the



Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott

State's pensions funds and investments. ESG investing has been a growing concern for Hoosiers," Elliott added.

As the state's Chief Investment Officer, Treasurer Elliott will investigate and review the in-

vestments and assets with a focus on what is in the best financial interest for the State of Indiana. "It is the honor of a lifetime to serve as State Treasurer, and I am grateful to my fellow Hoosiers for their faith and trust," said Elliott.

Prior to taking office, Elliott served on the Morgan County Council and as President of the Morgan County Redevelopment Commission. For many years, he owned and operated a software development company based in Martinsville.

Elliott lives with his wife and their four children in rural Morgan County.

BOARD

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Pennington began her first term representing White River Township in 2021. Ben Lehman, holds the other White River Township seat and the newest member of the board, was officially sworn in for his first term.

"I am honored and appreciate the other members of the board putting their faith in me," said Cooper after the meeting.

"As a board, we all do our best for the students of Hamilton Heights schools. We have done this in the past and I have no doubt we will continue to do this in the years to come."

"School boards function from a governance oversight perspective who deal with school issues primarily through policy," said Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation, who values the strong working relationship between the board, corporation leadership team, students, and staff.

"As a collective, our school board members play an invaluable role with a difficult job and enormous responsibilities. Our students and district continue to benefit from the countless hours, tireless efforts, and contributions of our board, past and present."

The Hamilton Heights School Board is made up of five members, two each from White River and Jackson Townships and one at-large representative. The members are elected to staggered four-year terms. Except for special meetings, the board meets the third Wednesday of each month at various locations on and off school grounds. The public is invited to attend.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamilton Heights School Board is set for 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 15, at the Student Activity Center Board Room. A copy of the 2022-23 Board Meeting schedule can be found online at hhschusky.org

BETSY

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Photo courtesy of The 78's

Experience The 78's musical duo at 7 p.m. today at The Boathouse Kitchen & Swan Drive in Cicero, where there is Music Bingo 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.

- 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.
- 4. Enjoy live music by Colin Hawk at 8 p.m. today and Tommy Baldwin on Jan. 20 at Wolfies Grill in Noblesville.
- 5. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Shawn Braley and Devin Glass at 8 p.m. today, and Eric Sablan, Shannon Rostin and Brian Pitre on Saturday at the downtown Noblesville Maple Avenue club, with tickets \$10 at thebrickroom.cc. Upcoming: James Tanford, Greg Winston and Mo Mitchell on Jan. 20.
- 6. Bring the family to Carmel Masonic Lodge No. 421 for a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy and ham.
- 7. Shop at a Winter Craft Show 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheridan Elementary School.
- 8. Westfield Winter Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, weekly through April 1 at West Fork Westfield Event Center on East 191st Street.
- 9. Hamilton County Board Games Group will have a Second Saturday Game Day event from 10

- a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.
- 10. Try out Fishers Parks' mobile skatepark noon to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays in January at Fishers Agri-Park on Florida Road, with required registration at playfishers.com
- 11. Try your hand at painting during a Winter Landscape Painting party at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton County Parks' Strawtown Koteewi Park and The Taylor Center of Natural History in Noblesville, with registration at HamiltonCountyParks.org website.
- 12. Enjoy live music with David and Pamela Ackerman at 7 p.m. Saturday, Steve Fulton on Jan. 21, The Juan Douglas Trio on Jan. 28 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.
- 13. Getting married? Visit the Posh Winter Bridal Show 2023 from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at 502 East Event Center.
- 14. Experience Raccoon Lake Sax Quartet during Sunday Vibes at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carmel Clay Public Library.
- 15. Hyperion Players' auditions for "God of Car-



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools Education Foundation

Noblesville Schools brings back a Noblesville classic with Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's Spaghetti Dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Noblesville High School, before the NHS Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball games, with \$5 tickets at the door, benefiting Noblesville Schools.

nage," directed by Nicole Amsler of Noblesville, will be at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Allisonville Christian Church on Indianapolis' northside for performances March 10-12 at The Switch Theatre in Fishers. Questions, email nicole.r.amsler@gmail.com

16. The 2023 Festival 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.

17. Main Street Productions and Basile Westfield Playhouse announce auditions for the musical, "The Spitfire Grill," directed by Doug Davis with musical director Brenna Whitaker, at 6:20

p.m. Jan. 23 and 24 at the Playhouse in Westfield, with performances April 13-27, and info at westfieldplayhouse.org

18. Attend the Central Kicks Sneaker Convention at 1 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

19. Auditions for Hamilton County Theatre's Guild's The Belfry Theatre 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 www.thebelfrytheatre.com

20. Save the date: The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's 37th annual Auxiliary Auction, Mardi Gras Charity Ball, is 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Harbour Trees Golf Club, with a live and silent auction, and \$175 tickets available in advance. For information, visit bgcni.org or call the club at 317-773-4372.



Nicole Amsler

Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

PURSUIT

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Box, a compliance tracking cybersecurity toolkit.

Lionfish will work to place students as apprentices, where they will work full-time, and complete their apprenticeship within one year, continuing with an increase in wages upon completion. Lionfish Cyber Security will work with the Pursuit Institute and various schools' staff to identify employers interested in participation.

"We are excited to be a part of this initiative in exposing our students to new classes and training opportunities that will prepare them for high-wage, high-skill and in-demand careers once they graduate from HSE Schools," said Superintendent Dr. Yvonne Stokes of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools district.

According to the Pursuit Institute's Executive Director Carrie Lively, programming will be scalable and serve a higher percentage of the total student population than traditional centralized locations are able to serve.

Jeremy Miller, CEO of Lionfish Cyber Security, pointed out, "The number

of openings in the cyber workforce nationwide is above 700,000 and continues to rise (Cyberseek.org). We are committed to training youth and adults into positions that pay well, and make a difference in protecting our nation's trusted resources in key industries, including energy, banking, food production, and healthcare."

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Here's 6 Predictions for 2023 . . . Sort Of



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Newspapers attract the oddest people sometimes. I have had people waltz into my office to tell me about the alien spaceship that landed in their field as well as multiple folks who said they had to remain anonymous because they uncovered the JFK conspiracy and their lives were in danger. Still, last week, topped them all. A bearded mystery man walked in, did not wait for an invite and promptly sat down. He had the weirdest

eyes and a hat that looked like one of those poofy velvet things French painters wore in the 1500s.

He didn't say a word, just stared at me. After an awkward moment, he reached into jacket and handed me a card.

"Michel Notadumas – Teller of Fortunes, Seer of the Future, Prognosticator Extraordinaire . . . Direct from Paris."

And then, in very small print, after the word Paris, it said Illinois.

Inwardly I groaned. It was going to be one of those days.

"OK, Mr. Notadumas," I tried. "What can I do for you?"

He handed me another card.

"I do not speak for I see the future. There is no need for talk."

Alrighty then.

"Well Mr. Notadumas, if you aren't going to talk I'm not sure what I can do for you."

He handed me another card.

"I have a list of six predictions that are going to come true in 2023. If you agree to give me the proper credit I deserve for these, I will share them with you. If you do not agree, I will take them elsewhere."

I should be so lucky.

I sighed. "Tell you what, Mr. Notadumas, how about if you show me your list and if we use it, I will make sure to give you credit."

He handed me a sheet of paper. On it were indeed six predictions. Mind you I am not saying I buy any of these, but a deal's a deal so – straight from Michel Notadumas – here you go.

6. The Indianapolis Colts, fresh off one of the most embarrassing seasons in NFL history, announced they could not reach an agreement with the city of Indianapolis on a new lease at Lucas

Oil Stadium. The team is seeking a new location and approached Noblesville. The city politely said no thank you.

5. A group identified as Working On Keeping Equality – W.O.K.E. – announced that they were starting a national movement to rename Gen. Lew Wallace's epic work, Ben-Hur to Ben-Them. When a journalist pointed out that Hur was simply a name and was even spelled differently than Her, the group replied "pronouns matter."

4. After winning election to the U.S. Senate, Noblesville's Victoria Spartz declared her early candidacy for a presidential run in 2028. Spartz said that after the mess Joe Biden left, America was a lot more like her home country of Ukraine than the vibrant growing land it used to be.

3. Hamilton County, along with Noblesville,

Westfield, Fishers and Carmel, announced that every stoplight would be eliminated by 2025 and replaced with a roundabout. Former Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, now the chief loan officer for the World Bank, said he applauded the decision. Sheridan promptly announced it would add two stoplights for fond reminiscing purposes.

2. Hamilton County became the first county in the nation with four cities over 100,000 population after Westfield and Noblesville topped the mark. Fishers now has more than 150,000 residents, Noblesville is still growing at 110,000. Westfield is just under 102,000 and Carmel is still at 100,001. Coincidentally, the Greyhounds' girls swim team increased its record to 100,000 wins in a row as well.

1. In a surprise move, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta and Sheridan are consider-

ing a merger and becoming Hamilton County's fifth city. If approved, the new city would take the first letter from each town and name itself CASA. The new city's slogan would be "Mmi Casa, our Casa – and don't you forget it!"

Michel Notadumas left my office. I doubt we ever see him again, but in the very unlikely event any of these predictions come to pass, I would usually ask that you remember you read it here first. This time, not so much.

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.

Ask Rusty – How Could the Family Maximum Limit My Benefits?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have a question about the family maximum SS retirement benefit. As I understand it, if the breadwinner is drawing retirement benefits or is deceased, the family maximum is calculated from a formula that yields a figure between 150 percent and 188 percent of the breadwinner's primary insurance amount — his or her monthly benefit if claimed at full retirement age. That age is 66 and 4 months for people born in 1956 and will gradually increase to 67 over the next few years. Is this calculation only applicable at full retirement age (in my case 66 and 4 months) or is it still applicable if I delay taking SS until 68 or 70? My assumption is the "breadwinner" is the spouse with the higher income. Signed: Planning my Retirement

Dear Planning: The Family Maximum applies only when more than one dependent is collecting benefits from the record of a worker who is either de-

Social Security Matters

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ceased or collecting Social Security retirement benefits (the "breadwinner"). That might typically be a spouse and a minor child, multiple minor children, or, perhaps, multiple children and a spouse as well.

The Family Maximum doesn't apply, for example, when both a current spouse and an ex-spouse are collecting benefits from that "breadwinner" – only when a current spouse and minor children are collecting too. The Family Maximum also does not apply when only one dependent (e.g., a spouse) is collecting benefits from the "breadwinner," or when no dependents are collecting benefits on the "breadwinner's" record. Neither would the Family Maximum restrict your benefit if you wait until you are age 70 to claim your maximum personal benefit. So, if your concern is that the Family Maximum might limit your, or your wife's benefit if you wait until age 68 or 70 to claim, you can discard that concern.

You are correct that the Family Maximum formula, when it applies, yields a maximum total limit of 150% to 188% of the worker's "primary insurance amount" or "PIA," which is the amount the worker is

due at full retirement age (FRA) and, as you know, your FRA is determined by your year of birth. If the Family Maximum applies because multiple dependents are collecting SS benefits on your record, Social Security will determine your maximum family dollar amount, deduct your PIA (your FRA benefit) from that amount, and the remainder would be available to be shared equally among your multiple dependents. But if no one else, or only your wife, is collecting benefits on your record, the Family Maximum does not apply.

About The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC):

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors.

This is A Disservice to The National Guard, Says Brigadier General J. Roy Robinson

By John Grimaldi

Outgoing Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi was quite generous in pushing through a mega-billion dollar Defense Authorization bill for 2023 in her waning days. It contains big sums of cash to teach foreign allied armed forces how to be gender inclusive and gives Ukraine some \$800 million for border security. Retired Brigadier General J. Roy Robinson, the president and chief executive officer of the National Guard Association of the United States, says what's not in there is proper funding for the needs of the men and women of the National Guard.

In an interview with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, on AMAC's Better For America podcast, General Robinson pointed out that the needs of our men and women of the state-based National Guard were all but ignored.

As he put it, "members of the National Guard [are] serving in uniform across the United States [and] still reporting to the governors of their states, who still are doing their duty in a state status, responding to different types of missions. And they may or may not have their health and dental insurance coverage in place. So, are there other things that I would prefer to see Congress include and utilize some of those dollars for?... Based on what the Guard brings to the fight, especially today, [not providing health care coverage] is kind of a disservice."

Weber noted that thou-

sands of members of our armed forces have been discharged because they refused the covid vaccine. "I don't think it makes sense," Robinson responded, "in this particular day and time to prevent anyone from serving their nation because of their lack of a covid vaccine." The general went on to say that he thinks it would be wise to lift the vaccine requirement, adding that many of those who have been discharged may re-up and continue serving their nation.

The issue of soldiers being discharged for refusing the covid vaccine evolved into a discussion of health care for the men and women in the National Guard. General Robinson said it is a top-of-the-list issue for the National Guard Association. He said that the average citizen is likely unaware that although they wear the uniform and they are on call for dangerous assignments, they lack "the full benefit of medical and dental coverage through their federal service ... It makes no sense to me. In fact, it seems so foreign that I have a hard time sometimes with helping people to understand it. But it's real. It's a fact that we continue to have about 60,000 members of the National Guard who do not have health insurance on a daily basis. We've got to fix it. I think with all the things that have been asked of the guard over the last 386 years and specifically the last 21 years, this has got to be resolved. There's no excuse."

He pointed out that there are currently bills in both

the House and Senate that would provide coverage.

The legislation "basically says that all those members of the National Guard and Reserve who are not currently enrolled in TRICARE [the Department of Defense's premier health care program] will be enrolled and they'll be enrolled with no fees, no premiums, no deductibles, no co-pays. And they'll be covered health insurance wise and dental insurance wise, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, regardless of their status."

General Robinson concluded his interview on an optimistic note. "Like I said, there are not a lot of things that survive 386 years. And the benefit that the nation gets, the benefit of having a very low-cost National Guard, that can come in when they are needed and contribute to the safety and security of this nation is a big deal. I think that when this country was first organized and founded, the guard was kind of the backbone of the nation ... I believe that the guard is going to be the backbone of what the future will be. It's an organization that any nation in the world would give anything to have in their country as a part of their security, and as a part of the backbone of the nation itself. So, yeah, there are tough things going on. These are different times. But you know what? The National Guard and the nation have survived much more difficult times. And I think the National Guard is the one with the staying power. I put my money on the one that's been here 386 years."

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To Those Grieving and Suffering Loss Overcoming the Madness



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 prime-time 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 unconsciously 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. 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 a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including UncommSense, the Spiritual Chocolate series, Grandpa's Store, Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

Six decades ago there was a movie called “It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World.”

While the focus of that film followed a star-studded cast in a race to find a dying man's riches as a commentary on man's foibles as it strives for wealth.

The title though indicates how many people feel about our current world as they look upon what is occurring around them – politics, world affairs, culture, and so many other areas.

Questions are upon hearts, frustration is on faces, stress is in voices, doubts circle around in our minds as we ponder where this circling madness will end.

People who were alive when that movie debuted probably would not recognize the world that we now are seeing cross our palm screens. They would have never imagined we would be carrying computers around in our palms.

Those screens allow us to see and hear things that often bring on the questions, cause the frustration and stress and bring on the doubts.

Many people are carrying that around with them. Some become quick to anger or react to others out of character without thinking.

If there was ever a time we need God's Grace in this world, this is that

time. We each need to listen to others more intently and with the patience of Job.

We each need to hope for greater answers brought on by the questions.

We each need to seek calming resolutions for the frustrations.

We each need to soothe the stresses by encouraging more thoughtful discussions.

We each need to cast out the doubts knowing that within our faith we can overcome those.

We each need to not engage in the madness. You don't end madness by playing along.

In our own hometown, we can be a beacon of sanity by caring for those around us.

Offering Grace in the face of frustration and doubt, help to find the answers that will offer understanding.

When all of these things don't suffice help to lead others down a path of prayer that will ultimately bring peace of mind, soul and body.

Yes, It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World, but it's theirs and doesn't have to be yours.

Take charge and expel the madness or at least give it's own straightjacket and padded cell.

Randall Franks is best known for his role as "Officer Randy Goode" on TV's "In the Heat of the Night." His latest 2019 # 1 CD release, "Americana Youth of Southern Appalachia," is by the Share America Foundation. He is a member of the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame. His latest book is "A Music City Murder Mystery." He is a syndicated columnist for randallfranks.com and can be reached at rfrankscatoosa@gmail.com

Republican Whip Steve Scalise Vows to 'Push Back' When GOP Takes Control of the House

By John Grimaldi

President Biden has been making life difficult, at best, for the average American for the past two years, says Congressman Steve Scalise [R-LA].

In a new interview with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, on her Better For America podcast, he said, “it's been devastating, especially for hardworking families, lower and middle income families who are struggling under the weight of inflation, energy costs, open border, all brought on by policies pushed by radical big government socialists here in Washington.” He went on to promise that things will begin to change for the better once Republicans take charge of the House of Representatives.

We're going to “start pushing back,” the House Republican Whip promised. The plan is to “bring bills in the House, once we're in the majority, to show the country how we can secure the border, how we can actually lower energy costs and lower inflation, get spending in Washington under control, help make sure law

enforcement have the tools they need to push back against the defund the police radicals. I think our country is so desperately hungry for real oversight and accountability, for answers to basic questions. How did COVID originate? Who was behind the debacle in Afghanistan? How many people have come across our open southern border illegally, including how many are on the terrorist watch list? Which states have they been sent to? They won't answer any of these questions. That's about to change when we're in the majority and can have hearings.”

Congressman Scalise pointed out that Republicans will be taking over key committees and that it will give the party the ability to begin getting answers and assigning real accountability.

Scalise vowed to start introducing bills that are long overdue, bills that will make our country energy independent again. “Why should we be begging foreign countries for energy when we can make it here?” He said the fact of the matter is that Joe Biden is not against oil and gas,

he's only against American oil and gas. He sought “to kill the Keystone pipeline, but then he went and greenlighted Russia's pipeline to Germany, making Europe more dependent on Russian energy. He begged Putin for more oil. He says oil and gas is destroying the planet. Yet he begs countries who emit more carbon to make the same oil, to produce our energy instead of letting America do it. We do it better than anybody else in the world.”

He said people are getting fed up with “these big government socialists who wake up every day and trash America. They beat up on America every day. They teach hatred of America in our schools. They talk about how American energy is so bad, but they fly around on private jets and go to foreign countries and beg them to produce energy instead of us. It makes no sense. It shouldn't be Saudi or Russia or Venezuela or Iran producing energy that we use. It should be America. And so we're going to bring bills to show the country how to do that. And, by the way, it will also lower inflation.

It'll lower the cost of energy, not just gasoline at the pump, but in a cold winter like this, the housing costs and electricity costs are going up dramatically. People can't even keep their homes warm enough during this cold winter because of Biden's failed energy agenda.”

Scalise then pointed out the most frustrating part of said failed energy agenda – that President Biden could reverse his failed policies with the stroke of a pen and yet he just doesn't care. However, thanks to the Republican majority, “these are very fixable problems.” They can “start passing bills through the House to show the country how to fix these problems.” And that's where Scalise encourages Americans to call their senators and let them know what bills they want them to vote for. “You've got to let them know ‘this bill is important to me, I want you to vote yes’ and then watch their vote. Hold them accountable for those votes.” With Americans' involvement and support, Scalise has hope to deliver real answers and accountability that everyone is hungry for.

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