

TODAY'S VERSE Psalms 88:1 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY People who call our community their own. What makes Eric Bowman smile? "Theater" and "knowing that no matter what life throws at you, God always has your back," said the 49-year-old Noblesville resident of 17 years, who works as an optician in Fishers. He was born and raised in Kokomo and is a 1991 Kokomo High School graduate. He has lived in Noblesville for 17 years and has been an optician for more than 30 years. He auditioned for his first play, The Belfry Theatre's "It's A Wonderful Life" in 2018 in Noblesville and has never looked back. He's acted in many plays since then. Currently, he's featured in Carmel Community Players' production of "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," a whodunit play that is on stage Thursday through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. In 2022, he made his directorial debut for Duck Creek Players in Elwood, directing Shakespeare in the Park, for "Much Ado About Nothing." He likes to thank friends and family (especially his wife Rebecca; they're newlyweds) for always supporting him and being understanding when he says "I can't, I have rehearsal." (Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography)

And Another Thing... 1. Sen. Braun Following news that the Department of Energy had new "intel" pointing to a likely lab leak origin to the COVID pandemic, Indiana Sen. Mike Braun is again calling for immediate declassification of that new intelligence and all classified information related to COVID's origins and the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Braun and Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley said they want to declassify all U.S. government intelligence related to the lab leak theory and the Wuhan Institute of Virology. "The American people deserve total transparency on COVID's origins and the Wuhan lab to make up our own minds," Braun said. "President Biden must declassify everything we know about the origin of COVID and the Wuhan Institute of Virology immediately."

2. A Sad Keepsake So, how did a Polaroid photo of President John F. Kennedy on the day of his assassination wind up in the Souls Harbor Thrift Store in Ferris, TX? The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that George Rebele, who hails from Ferris, mysteriously found it when he opened a CD case containing a cassette he had purchased. It's a mystery that is not likely to be resolved anytime soon. JFK historian Farris Rookstool says the photo appears to have been taken as President Kennedy's motorcade was traveling from Love Field to downtown Dallas that sad day -- November 22, 1963.

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Noblesville Fire Department Deputy Chief Chris Gellinger was honored Friday afternoon during a retirement ceremony celebrating 37 years of service to NFD.

NFD Deputy Chief Chris Gellinger Retires After 37 Years of Service



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

Chris Gellinger remembers as a teenager when his dad asked him what he was going to do after graduation from Hamilton Heights High School in 1980. "He asked me what I thought about taking a firefighter job that became available." Gellinger said, "After some

hesitation, I thought, 'I'll give it a try.' It didn't take long to realize that I had lucked into the best profession a person could have. Thanks Dad."

So he began his lifelong career, fighting fires with Cicero Fire Department, where he served for six years.

Fast forward 43 years from that first day on the job, Gellinger on Friday afternoon was guest of honor at NFD Station No. 71 on Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville, where fellow fire department staff, friends, family and the community gathered in Gellinger's honor celebrating his 37 years of service to NFD and the citizens of Noblesville.

The ceremony was filled with well wishes, handshakes and memorable stories. An open house followed with cake and unsweetened ice tea (one of Gellinger's favorites).

During his 37 years at NFD, Gellinger traveled up the ranks serving as a lieutenant for four years, then battalion chief for 23 years, and finishing his career as deputy fire chief for the past six years.

Gellinger -- known for having "one of the most famous mustaches in all of Noblesville" -- on Friday afternoon sat listening, with a big, familiar grin on his face, as his current and former fire chiefs and fellow staff shared kind words and memories about the devoted NFD deputy chief.

"I'm the gentleman who hired Chris," said retired NFD Chief Jeff Reveal (1977-93), who came up to the podium from the crowd.

"Did I hire you over the phone?" Reveal asked, to which Gellinger replied, "yes."

Reveal said, "I thought that."

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From Time To Thyme



PAULA DUNN From Time to Thyme

Since March is Women's History Month, this seemed like the perfect time for a column on Frances Neal Ellis.

I'd be willing to bet most people who just read that sen-

tence are muttering "Who the heck is Frances Neal Ellis?" right now.

Don't feel too bad if you're one of them. I didn't know who she was either until I started going through the old newspapers on a regular basis. That's exactly why I needed to write about her.

Frances Neal Ellis was Hamilton County's first female prosecutor and the ONLY female prosecutor in the state of Indiana while she held that office. I believe she was also this county's first female attorney, period, although I haven't confirmed that.

The fact that she accomplished this during the 1950s

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Hazel Dell Students Raise \$ For Turkey Earthquake Victims



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Hazel Dell students (L-R) Yusuf Buyuktas and Mason Doerr used this past weekend's basketball rivalry to help those experiencing hardship from Turkey's recent earthquakes. Hazel Dell students donated money last week in support of IU or Purdue, with all funds going to Red Cross disaster relief in Turkey. While IU won the basketball game, Purdue fans came out on top for fundraising, which totaled over \$900. Buyuktas relocated to Noblesville last year from Turkey.

HONEST HOOSIER

Welcome to March, the home of spring, rainy days and rainbows - and a damn sight better than February!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking retards wound healing. 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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TODAY'S QUOTE

"March comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb." - Farmers' Almanac

TODAY'S JOKE

What kind of bow can't be tied or untied in March? A rainbow.

OBITUARIES

Sandra K. "Sandy" McMahon



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



OBITUARIES

Sandra K. "Sandy" McMahon (Johnson)
June 16, 1942 - Saturday, February 25, 2023

Sandra K. "Sandy" McMahon (Johnson) of Los Angeles, passed away on February 25, 2023. She was born June 16, 1942 in Indianapolis, to Bud and Jeanne McMahon of Noblesville.



She is survived by sister Becky Fisher (Tony) and brother Bruce McMahon (Sharon) both of Noblesville, and by her long time life partner, Malcolm Lansky, of Los Angeles.

Services are pending and information will be updated on the website below as soon as it becomes available.
Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Fishers Disability Awareness Month Kickoff

The annual celebration of Fishers March Disability Awareness Month begins Wednesday, March 1 with a Kickoff Event and the 2023 Accessibility and Inclusion Awards Presentation at 8:30 a.m. at the Launch Fishers Huston Theater (12175 Visionary Way, Fishers). Join Mayor Scott Fadness and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability for this special event, including a keynote from Kelly Hartman, Co-Chair of the Fishers Advisory Council on Disability and Fishers resident. The event will also be live-streamed on the Fishers Magazine Facebook page.

The month-long celebration, hosted by the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability and presented by Old National Bank, features a series of special events and initiatives throughout the city. This year's theme, Building Our Future To-

Want TO GO?

WHEN: Wednesday, March 1 / 8:30 - 10 a.m.
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gether, includes partners from around Hamilton County to champion disability inclusion in Fishers and beyond.

The celebration also includes the return of the Ally campaign, which invites residents to become advocates for disability inclusion. Free virtual toolkits, available at fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness, include information on how to be an Ally; a language guide and FAQ; social media graphics; Zoom backgrounds; and an Ally pledge.

Learn more at fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness and follow along on social media at #FishersDisabilityAwareness.

Indians Students Go To Poetry Out Loud State Finals

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today that students representing fourteen high schools from around the state will compete in the Indiana Poetry Out Loud State Finals. The Poetry Out Loud State Finals will occur on Saturday, March 4th at 1:30PM ET at the Indiana Government Center Conference Center.

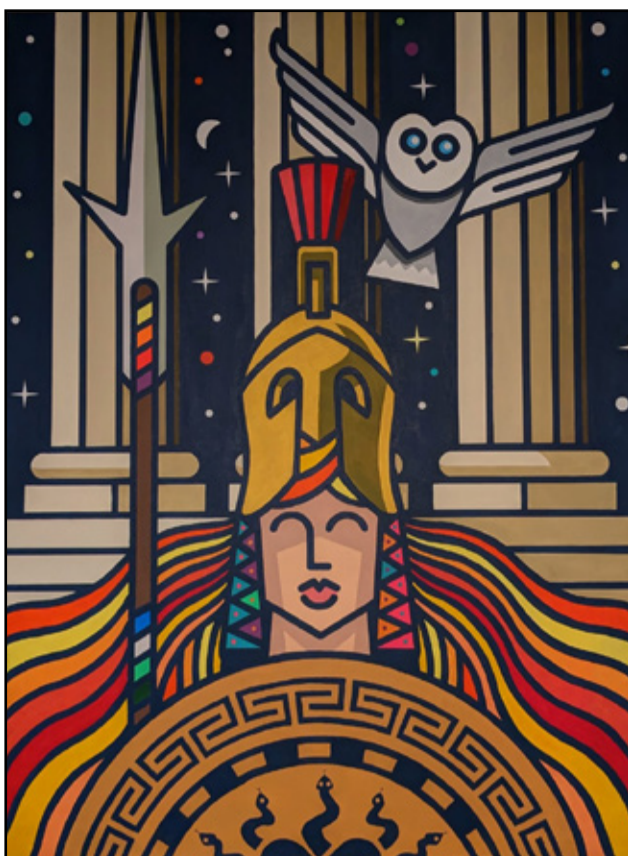
Through Poetry Out Loud, students read, memorize, and recite classic and contemporary poems.

The fourteen students taking part in the 2023 Poetry Out Loud State Finals include:

- Minh Huynh
Bloomington High School South
- Charlotte Griffith
Clay High School
- Allison Mullett
Columbia City High School
- Sreepadaarchana Munjuluri
Columbus North High School
- Austin Menefee
Columbus Signature Academy New Tech Campus
- Corbin Malchow
Delta High School
- Lukka M. Sumner
Franklin Central High School

- Gaia Splendore
Homestead High School
- Serenity Akers
Indiana Digital Learning School
- Chloe Duncan
Ivy Tech Early College High School
- Eliana M. Ortega
Jasper High School
- Matilde E Ibarra
Monroe Central Jr./Sr. High School
- Aaliya Banks
Pike High School
- Shelby Lloyd
West Washington Jr./Sr. High School

The finals will be hosted by Hannah Coe and Charlotte Yeung. Hannah Coe is a freshman at Ball State University and currently serves as the Program Assistant for Poetry Out Loud. She is a former Poetry Out Loud State Finalist and a current Ball State University student studying Art Education. Charlotte Yeung is the 2022 Indianapolis Youth Poet Laureate. Her award-winning art and writing is published on multiple platforms from the New York Times to Carnegie Hall. She will compete for the National Youth Poet Laureate title in Hawaii in late April.



Left: Athena, Goddess of War by Warren Miller, Right: Building Our Future Together 2023.



Photos provided by Fishers Arts Council

Celebrate The Arts By "Building Our Future Together" At Fishers Arts Council & Conner Prairie

Fishers Arts Council in partnership with Conner Prairie and the City of Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability will offer a month-long gallery of art by individual artists and artists who are part of organizations providing services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The theme for the dual-location exhibit is "Building Our Future Together." The exhibit at Conner Prairie can be found on the second floor of the Welcome Center, curated by the Exhibition Department of the Conner Prairie Museum under the direction of Director Jesse Kramer. Fishers Arts Council's gallery is located at the Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation in Fishers, curated by the board vice president, Ross

Hilleary, and executive director, Les Reinhardt.

To celebrate the over 120 pieces of art shared between the gallery spaces, there will be a reception at each location, both of which are free and open to the public. Friday, March 3 from 6-9pm Conner Prairie will hold its reception with a special welcome at 7pm followed by live performances. The following Friday, March 10 from 6-8pm Fishers Arts Council will hold their Second Friday reception with a special presentation by HSE student and comic book creator, Jason Funk at 7pm. Both receptions offer refreshments and a chance to meet the artists and organizations. Artwork will be available for sale at the Fishers Arts Council gallery.

The following organizations will be participating:

Janus Developmental Services, Studio Outside the Box, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Noble. This year marks our highest participation from individual artists in our community and beyond. Those artists on display are: apdavs, Cassidy Atkins, Christopher Baird-Roberson, James Beisel, Lina Carter, Krista Darrow, Blake Dauby, Min Durham, Mark Fornefeld, Jason Funk, Anna Inger, Hikaru Kikuchi, Hiro Lerman, Nick Mangos, Warren Miller, Zander Phillips, Mark Rouse, Johnson Simon, Adelaide Thompson, and Collin Young.

We look forward to seeing you in our galleries and at the FAC Second Friday reception on March 10 from 6-8pm at the Collaboration Hub at

11810 Technology Drive in Fishers. Come meet the artists, take in their incredible art, and enjoy live music, refreshments, and a cash bar. Everyone of all ages are welcome and wanted. If you need assistance to enjoy our events, please reach out and let us know how we can help by emailing us at info@fishersartscouncil.org

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers, Indiana. Visit our art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at FishersArtsCouncil.org, or call us at 317-537-1670.

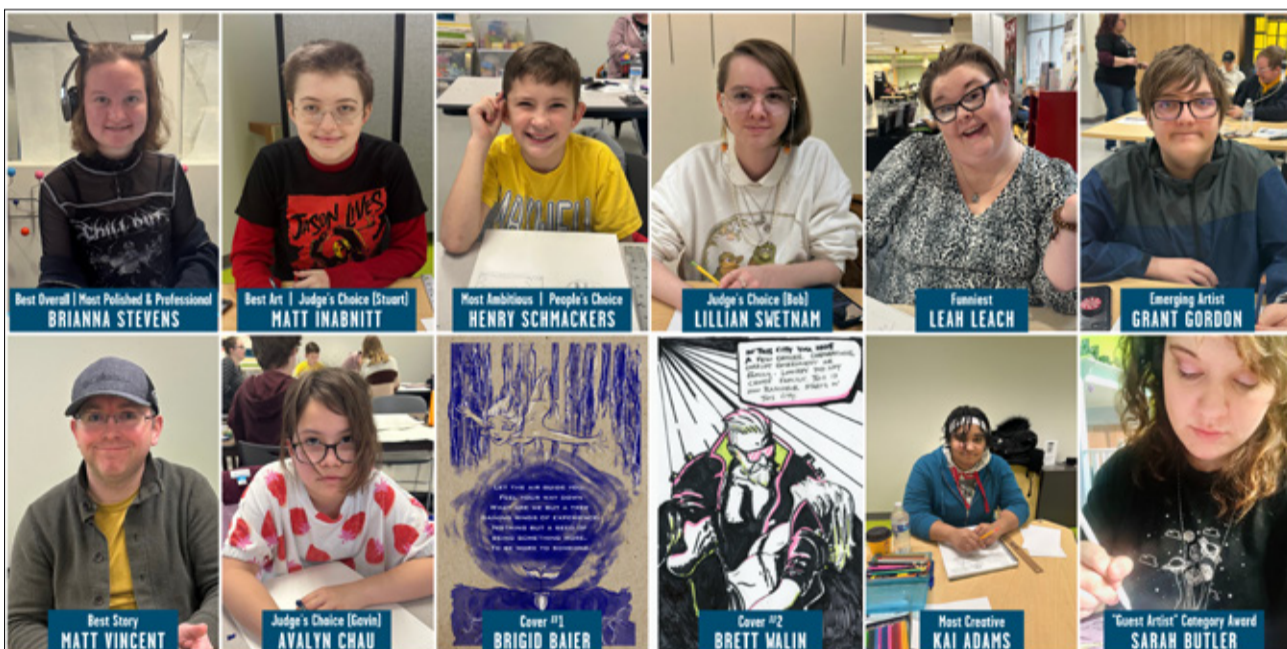


Photo provided by Nickel Plate Arts

The Winners and their awards.

Nickel Plate Arts Celebrates Record Success For Their 10th Annual Comic Book In A Day Event

Over 370 people attended the 10th annual Comic Book in a Day event, hosted by Nickel Plate Arts. The event featured the opportunity to create a comic book from scratch in just eight hours with the help of featured artists—including celebrity special guest and legendary comic artist Bob Hall—and staff members.

"I had an absolute blast," said Hall. "I was astounded by the talent and the passion of all of the contestants and I was very inspired by the spirit of the event. I am honored that I was able to share some insights and connect

with so many fans."

This year was a record-breaking year; more artists were involved in the challenge than ever before, and more pages of art were created in eight hours than ever before.

"The community really showed up in a big way, and we are thankful for all of the participants, our featured artists, and anyone who came out to watch the challenge and contributed to making the event a success," said Nickel Plate Arts Director Ailthir McGill. "We are already looking forward to next year's Comic Book in a Day event."

The day-long challenge allowed participants to meet other artists and compete for prizes. All artwork created in the challenge will be displayed in an exhibit in Ignite Studio and published in a printed comic book. Winners were announced as part of the awards ceremony that followed the 8-hour challenge, and each participant was recognized as part of the Comic Book in a Day 2023 Recap.

WINNERS:
Best Overall: Brianna Stevens
Best Art: Matt Inabnitt
Best Story: Matt Vin-

cent
Emerging Artist: Grant Gordon
Most Ambitious: Henry Schmackers
Cover #1: Brigid Baier
Cover #2: Brett Walin
Most Polished/Professional: Brianna Stevens
Most Creative: Kai Adams
Funniest: Leah Leach
Judge's Choice (Bob Hall): Lillian Swetnam
Judge's Choice (Gavin Smith): Avalyn Chau
Judge's Choice (Stuart Sayer): Matt Inabnitt
People's Choice: Henry Schmackers
"Guest Artist" Category Award: Sarah Butler

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice
The Sheridan Metropolitan Police Commissioners will be meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:00 pm at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069.

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF Raymond Bries Drain, US 31 Arm
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting February 27, 2023 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

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TOWN OF CICERO
Brinton Street Stormwater Project
Category 2 - Notice of Grant Modification
Public Notice
On or about March 15, 2023, the Town of Cicero intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a modification to the Brinton Street Stormwater grant. This program is funded by the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program through Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Mark Kenneth Wilson and Janet Wilson were, on the 15th day of February, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate Jean Louise Swarts, deceased, who died on the 30th day of December, 2022.

The following will be sold for charges:
16708 DEAN RD WESTFIELD
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1998 GMC 2GTEC19M4W1522975 \$1,025.00
18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD
On 03/17/2023 @ 02:00 PM
1995 FORD 1FTEF14N7SLB82698 \$2,110.00

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON) DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF John Roe Drain, US 31 & 276th Street
Reconstruction
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IN THE MATTER OF Jonas Rogers Drain, J. W. Gustin Arm
Reconstruction
NOTICE
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2302-EU-000069
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES JOANNE KILBANE, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Patrick C. Kilbane was, on February 13, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Frances Joanne Kilbane, Deceased, who died on November 29, 2022.

Delaware Township, Hamilton County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022
Table with 7 columns: Local Fund Number, Local Fund Name, Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2022, Receipts, Disbursements, End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2022. Rows include Governmental Activities, TOWNSHIP, RAINY DAY FUND, CARE FUND, TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE, EXCESS LEVY FUND, FIRE FIGHTING FUND, EQUIPMENT DEBT, PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, and Total All Funds.

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana SS:
Hamilton County
I, Debbie Driskell, Trustee of DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

(sign)
Rick Fain, Township Board Chairman
OPTION 1
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2023.

Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana
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CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana SS:
Hamilton County
I, Diane Crim, Trustee of WAYNE TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

(sign)
R. Dustin Hiday, Township Board Chairman
OPTION 1
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Westfield Redevelopment Authority, Hamilton County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022
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when women were supposed to stay home and mind the house makes it all the more impressive. Born in Noblesville in 1923, Frances Neal knew she wanted a career in law from the time she was six years old. You could say the legal profession was in her blood.

Her father, Judge Noel C. Neal, was a member of the Indiana Appellate Court and twice served as Noblesville's city attorney. Her grandfather, John F. Neal was a judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court and briefly served as mayor of Noblesville, filling the unexpired term of his predecessor. Her great-grandfather, Civil War veteran William Neal, was an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and one of the first lawyers in Cicero.

Frances graduated from Indiana University and the Indiana University Law School. While attending

law school she worked as an assistant in the Indiana Supreme Court law library to pay for her schooling.

In 1948, after receiving her degree and being admitted to the bar, she returned to Noblesville and became the junior partner in her father's law firm.

Two years later, she ran for the office of Hamilton County prosecutor in the Republican primary. She won, which meant she was elected prosecutor. (Then, as now, in this GOP stronghold, winning the Republican primary usually guarantees winning the office.)

Her victory brought her some state-wide recognition, but women in law were so rare in Indiana at that time that the commission she received from the Secretary of State was addressed to "MR. Frances Neal."

She took that in stride, along with the kidding

she received from people outside the courtroom who called her "Madam Prosecutor." Inside the courtroom, she was always taken seriously.

She hadn't held office two months before a case the Indianapolis Times called "one of the most sordid in Indiana history" landed on her doorstep.

On June 11, 1950 a farmer near Geist Reservoir had discovered the brutally beaten body of prominent Indianapolis attorney Albert M. Thayer.

A 25 year-old army veteran and two teenage boys were indicted for the crime. The veteran was committed to the Hospital for the Criminal Insane, but Neal prosecuted the two teens and won convictions for both.

In 1952, at the end of her two-year term, having prosecuted more than 1,000 cases, Frances Neal ran for re-election and won again. (Four-year

terms for prosecutors didn't begin until 1955.)

Later that year, she married Robert Ellis, a member of the Personnel Staff of Delco-Remy, and she went from being "Miss Frances Neal" in news stories to "Mrs. Ellis."

Frances Ellis chose not to run for re-election in 1954. The following year her husband was promoted to a position in Kansas. When the couple moved, she gave up actively practicing law.

Frances Neal Ellis died in El Paso, Texas, in 2002. She was buried in nearby Santa Teresa, New Mexico, where she'd lived for several years.

Thanks to Jack Hittle and Doug Church for their help with this column.

Paula Dunn's From Time to Thyme column appears on Wednesdays in The Times. Contact her at younggarden-erfriend@gmail.com

Indiana Momentum In Mobility Electrification Growth Continues With \$155M Investment

Stellantis (NYSE: STLA / Euronext Milan: STLAM / Euronext Paris: STLAP) announced today that it will invest \$155 million in three Indiana facilities to help power future electric vehicles assembled in North America, growing the company's total investments in Indiana to nearly \$3.3 billion since 2020 to support its global electrification goals.

"Indiana has a strong tradition of advanced manufacturing – one that continues to innovate with smart technologies," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "With transformative investments from leaders like Stellantis, it is clear that Hoosiers will be at the center of the global economy, developing future-focused products that power all the different modes of transportation forward."

"There is no better business environment than Indiana to invest and build products of the future," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "Our state's history in advanced manufacturing coupled with our talented workforce and focus on building a future-focused economy continues its unprecedented momentum with this latest investment. Industry innovators like Stellantis continue to choose Indiana for transformational projects because of our competitive business climate, manufacturing ecosystem and unparalleled infrastructure, in turn creating more opportunities for residents and communities across Indiana. We look forward to partnering with Stellantis to speed the global transition to electric vehicles and build the future of mobility right here in Indiana."

Stellantis, which recently announced a gigafactory joint venture with Samsung SDI in Kokomo, will make strategic investments at Indiana Transmission, Kokomo Transmission and Kokomo Casting plants to add and localize production of its new electric drive module (EDM), which includes the electric motor, power electronics and transmission, to provide an all-in-one solution for electric vehicle powertrains. Following retooling, the gearbox will be cast at Kokomo Casting and machined at Kokomo Transmission while gear assembly will be at Indiana Transmission. Production is expected to start in the third quarter of 2024.

"With more than 7,000

employees in Indiana, these investments will leverage the core manufacturing competencies of the local workforce in the areas of casting, machining and assembly, all of which will be needed even as the market transitions to an electrified future," said Mark Stewart, chief operating officer of Stellantis North America. "The city of Kokomo and the state of Indiana have been great partners for many years. This community will continue to play a central role in our efforts to provide safe, clean and affordable mobility solutions for our customers long into the future."

The localization of the Kokomo-built EDM will allow Stellantis to produce electric vehicles that deliver improved performance and range at a competitive cost. The EDM will be integrated into Stellantis' battery electric vehicles designed on the STLA Large and STLA Frame platforms, providing optimized efficiency to help each platform achieve driving range up to 500 miles. These investments will also retain more than 265 jobs across the three plants, supporting the ongoing transition and advancement of Indiana's manufacturing workforce.

"This investment reflects the confidence that Stellantis has in our community and its workers," said Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore. "The bond between the company and our local workforce continues to strengthen every day. We are grateful Stellantis has placed Kokomo and Howard County at the forefront of the move towards electric vehicles."

Since 2020, Stellantis has invested nearly \$3.3 billion in Indiana to support its transition to electrification. This includes recent announcements of \$643 million to produce a new engine for conventional and PHEV applications, a next generation eight-speed transmission and a joint venture gigafactory. These investments support Stellantis' ambition to achieve 50% battery electric sales in the U.S. by 2030 and to achieve carbon net zero emissions by 2038 as set out in its Dare Forward 2030 strategic plan.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is working with Stellantis to finalize a performance-based incentive offer to support the company's investment and job retention plans. The city of Kokomo will consider additional incentives.

Local Students Named To President's And Deans' Lists At Drake University

The following local students have been named to the Deans' and President's Lists at Drake University.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2022 semester at Drake.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during

the Fall 2022 semester at Drake.

Drake University is a midsize, private university in Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling nearly 3,000 undergraduate and more than 1,800 graduate students. Students choose from over 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through

six colleges and schools. Drake students, faculty, and staff take advantage of the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business opportunities found in Iowa's capital city. In return, Drake enriches the city through its own cultural offerings, considerable economic impact, and many service-learning endeavors, which channel

the talent and energy of the Drake students toward meeting the needs of the community.

HOMETOWN, STATE; NAME, HONOR

- Carmel, IN
- Kait Leeper, President's List
- Noblesville, IN
- Harrison Stull, Dean's List

Fishers Announces Marissa Deckert As New Director Of Fishers Parks

The City of Fishers has announced Marissa Deckert as the new director of Fishers Parks. Formerly the department's assistant director, Deckert will take over the department's day-to-day operations and lead major upcoming initiatives including the opening of Geist Waterfront Park this spring, the Geist Half Marathon in September, and the Summer Concert Series at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP).

Since joining the Fishers Parks team in 2018, Deckert has helped to spearhead the launch of new parks spaces, including the Fishers AgriPark and Fishers Maker Playground at Hub & Spoke. Deckert led the launch of a new concert series at the NPD AMP in 2022, which featured national acts like The Avett Brothers, Gov't Mule, and Houndmouth.

"Marissa has been a key contributor to elevating Fishers Parks over the past few years, transitioning the department

from a focus on smaller programming to large-scale community events," said Fishers Mayor Scott Faddness. "Her expertise in event management and experience in the entertainment industry has allowed us to secure major national acts for the NPD AMP stage and take popular community events such as Spark!Fishers and Glow in the Park to the next level."

During her time at Fishers Parks, Deckert led the charge on training and certifying Fishers Parks as the first sensory inclusive Parks system in Indiana and works closely with the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability to ensure Parks spaces and programs are accessible to all. She was a guest speaker at the 2019 Indiana Governors Conference on Disability and oversaw the department's partnership with national accessibility leader Kulture City. Deckert also sits on the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission and worked with the

Commission to launch the Art Wall at Brooks School Park.

"I'm so fortunate to have the opportunity to lead the Parks department and continue to work with the amazing City team that makes Fishers so vibrant," said Deckert. "Our team has an incredibly busy and exciting year ahead of us, and I can't wait to make a greater impact through community connectedness, our spectacular spaces, and the richness and diversity of events."

Born and raised in southern California, Deckert moved to Indiana in 2018 after spending three years in the Pacific Northwest. Deckert started her career in recreational programming for youth and later moved into venue management. She spent 10 years with the Anaheim Ducks and oversaw event operations for the Honda Center venue. In 2015, Marissa accepted a role as Senior Director of Security and Guest Experience for the Rose Quarter

Sports and Entertainment district in Portland, Oregon. For the next three years she advanced security operations with the Portland Trail Blazers and led efforts to become the first sensory inclusive venue on the West Coast. She has been an integral part of thousands of successful events including presidential campaign rallies; major touring acts; NBA, NHL, WHL games and playoffs; and large community events and festivals. Deckert also hosted the Stanley Cup Finals in 2007 and is proud to have a Stanley Cup championship ring.

Deckert is a Fishers resident, mom of two, and grandmother. She is PTO Board president at HSE Schools and active in the community. In her free time, she enjoys riding bikes with her family along the Nickel Plate Trail, yoga, reading, concerts at the NPD AMP, and spending Saturday mornings at the Fishers Farmers Market.



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Indiana College Students 'Realizing the Dream' With Scholarships, Connection To Influential Educators

Twenty-nine first-generation Indiana college students got a boost to their education funds this academic year and re-connected with influential educators who helped along the way after being named "Realizing the Dream" recipients by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI). These 29 scholarship recipients, one from each of Indiana's private, non-profit colleges and universities, were celebrated at a banquet on February 25 at the Eiteljorg Museum. Award recipients, videos, and photos are listed below.

Made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the scholarship program annually recognizes first-generation college students from ICI colleges and universities. Students are selected for the \$4,000 award for outstanding achievement during their freshman year as they successfully advance toward completing their bachelor's degrees.

To honor recipients, ICI created individual videos of each student describing what it means to them to be a first-generation college student and thanking the influential educator they have chosen to honor. Videos can be found at icindiana.org/rtd.

"Thanks to the continued support of Lilly Endowment, we get the opportunity to hear the inspiring stories of these first-generation students and the impact local educators have had on their drive to succeed academically," said Jodie Ferise, JD, ICI's vice president & general counsel. "These scholarship awards will provide critical support for these young people who are dreaming of future success."

In addition to the students' scholarship awards, the influential educators also receive \$1,000 in professional development

grants.

Listed below are the Realizing the Dream recipients and the colleges they are attending, as well as the teacher they've named as their most influential educator and school where they taught the recipient.

- Katelyn Quiroz, Anderson University
- William DeLisle, Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Austin Falk, Bethel University
- Michael Nolt, Northwood High School
- Idalia Moreno, Butler University
- Matt Payne, Avon High School
- April Mendoza, Calumet College of St. Joseph
- Lauren Nelson, Portage High School
- Stephanie Haynes, DePauw University
- Leta Sena-Lopez, Kahler Middle School
- Makaylah Castelow, Earlham College
- Kari Catanzaro, Macomaquah High School
- Amy Garrido Portillo, Franklin College
- Katie R. DeArmitt, Center Grove High School
- Brenton Hieu Pham, Goshen College
- Miriam Miller Avelar, Goshen High School
- Itsel Flores-Urbe, Grace College
- Mayra Aguilar, Concord Community Schools
- Clara McCulley, Hanover College
- Hannah Oliver, Silver Creek High School
- Dion Payne-Miller, Holy Cross College
- Rick Ankney, Elkhart Community Schools
- Aaron Dolph, Huntington University
- Beth Davis, Elkhart Area Career Center
- Cameron Scott, Indiana Institute of Technology
- Pat Shifley, Bishop Luers High School
- Gabriella Hoover, Indiana Wesleyan University
- Jim "Umfundisi" Lo,

Indiana Wesleyan University

- Erica Ortiz, Manchester University
- Gwen Mize, Manchester Jr. Sr. High School
- Chloe Delgado, Marian University
- Julie Hult, Columbus East High School
- Kiara N. Bailey, Martin University
- Stanley Law, George Washington High School
- Monesjia Harvey, Oakland City University
- Shirley Posey, Imhotep Institute Charter High School
- Elley Adkins, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Cindy Aubuchon, McCutcheon High School
- Rylee Williamson, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
- Christopher M. Todd, South Spencer High School
- Ruby Meza, Saint Mary's College
- Ana T. Acosta, Bishop Noll Institute
- Christina Veatch, Taylor University
- Megan Orcutt, Noblesville High School
- Bethany Morgan Schmitt, Trine University
- Emily Watkins, Trine University
- Ashtyn Baxter, University of Evansville
- Chasten Bear, Heron-Riverside High School
- Imelda Pozos, University of Indianapolis
- Lizzette Menendez, Frankfort High School
- Hayley Jie Brownd, University of Notre Dame
- Jason McGee, Crown Point High School
- Aye Aye Ma, University of Saint Francis
- Pamela Cobb, East Allen Career Center
- Hannah Schoner, Valparaiso University
- Michael Tuholski, Laporte High School
- Jake Oostman, Wabash College
- Vincent Lewis, Crown Point Community School Corporation

Metronet Debuts Symmetrical, Multi-Gigabit Speeds Up To 10 Gigabits In Indiana Communities

Metronet today announced that residents and businesses in the Indiana communities of Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis are among the first in the state to have access to faster internet with Metronet's ultra-high-speed multi-gigabit service. In addition to Metronet's current offerings of 1 gigabit per second, speeds up to 2 gigabits are now available for residents; businesses may choose speeds up to 10 gigabits. With access to Metronet's multi-gigabit symmetrical upload and download speeds, customers will experience higher-quality video conferencing, streaming, gaming and online learning.

The updates to multi-gigabit speeds were

made with no disruption to the current Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis infrastructure. Those interested in upgrading to Metronet's multi-gigabit speeds may call Customer Care at 1-855-977-4609.

"As our service areas throughout Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis gain access to Metronet's multi-gigabit speeds, both communities will experience next-level internet reliability and quality," said Mike Cannon, Metronet Regional Sales Manager. "We look forward to seeing the positive impact that our symmetrical, multi-gigabit speeds have in the lives of residents and businesses as ultra-high-speed internet becomes increasingly more import-

ant in the online world."

In the coming months, more communities throughout Metronet's 16-state service area will join Noblesville and Northeast Indianapolis with access to multi-gigabit speeds. Those interested in upgrading may visit metronet.com to be notified once their address is available for upgraded internet speeds.

City officials interested in adding their community to Metronet's growing list of "Certified Gigabit Cities Powered by Metronet" may visit metronet.com/gigabit-city or contact Eddie Massengale, Metronet Sr. Director of Business Development & Government Affairs at Eddie.Massengale@metronetinc.com or at 423-280-9031

Westfield Receives Funds Awarded By The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization

The City of Westfield is pleased to announce that it has been selected to receive funds awarded by The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO). IMPO has made \$47.5 million available in funding for intersection, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, roadway, and bridge rehabilitation projects throughout Central Indiana.

The IMPO holds an annual call for projects, allowing local government agencies to apply for IMPO-managed funds. During the most recent round of funding requests, 59 project applications from 17 local government agencies were submitted, totaling \$183 million in requested funding. The 16 projects selected for funding are for construction bids by June 2026. Westfield was awarded over 2.3 million dollars for constructing a roundabout at 181st and Wheeler Road.

According to Jonathan Nail, Westfield's Public Works Director, "181st Street and Wheeler Road is a critical intersection for Westfield Washington Schools traffic and visitors to the Grand Park Sports Campus. For several years, this four-way stop has created traffic congestion. We are pleased that the IMPO agreed that an improvement was needed, and we are excited to begin design work on this important project for The City of Westfield."

IMPO Director Anna Gremling stated, "As the state's largest regional planning organization, we understand that infrastructure improvements are necessary to continue Central Indiana's economic development and quality of life goals." She added, "These projects contribute to a larger effort in the region to address the road safety crisis, accommodate burgeoning freight needs, and maintain the region's

infrastructure in good repair while providing mobility options for everyone in the region."

The recipients were selected from a highly competitive pool. Each funded project requires a local funding match and is judged based on technical selection criteria, including impacts on air quality, improvements to congestion, pavement quality, and safety. The projects also meet goals for different projects set by representatives of the IMPO's member communities across the region.

Federal law requires each urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more to have an MPO. The MPO planning process is necessary to receive federal funds for transit, transportation alternatives, and roadway improvements. The Indianapolis MPO encompasses 1,520 square miles and includes eight counties and 31 cities and towns.

Live Nation Indiana Announces Summer Employment Opportunities For 2023

WHAT:

Two of Central Indiana's largest and most popular venues, Ruoff Music Center and TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park offer one of the most unique, exciting and unforgettable summer employment experience options during the summer months for those looking for part-time and seasonal supplementary income. Several of the open positions are ideal for college students, retirees, individuals with full-time jobs who want to earn extra money, and others. Each venue hosts a large number of events each season and the majority of the staff that

is hired is for event days only. If you love live music, helping people, being outdoors and working in a fast-paced environment, one of these venues makes for a great summer working option.

WHEN & WHERE: May through October 2023 at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville and TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis.

*POSITIONS - Seasonal employees needed in the areas related to:

- Event Staff (crowd management, parking, gates, ticket scanners, bag check, guest relations)
- Venue Merchandise (lawn chair rental, ticket

upgrades, ticket sales to future shows, entrance to upgrade areas, blankets and ponchos, etc.)

•Artist Merchandise Department (setting up and selling t-shirts, posters, etc.)

•VIP Department (assisting season ticket holders and clients in the VIP Club and box seats)

•Maintenance Crew (night of show, day and facility crew, etc.)

*Must be 18 years or older to apply and a background check is required for all positions

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the application website at www.livindyemployees.com and apply today.

Historic Farms Sought For Rural Preservation Award

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau welcome nominations for the 2023 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation. The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana. Since it was established in 1992, owners of more than 30 historic farms all over the state have been honored with the award.

Anyone, including farm owners, can submit a nomination for the Arnold Award, which will be presented during the Celebration of Agriculture at the Indiana State Fair in August. The nomination is simple and asks for:

- A brief history of the farm and description of

its significant historic structures and features, such as the farmhouse, barns, agricultural outbuildings, and landscape elements.

•A description of how the farm's historic agricultural structures are used in day-to-day farming operations, and how they have been preserved or adapted.

•High-Res digital photographs of the farm and its preserved historic features. Historic images are also welcome.

The award winner receives an attractive outdoor marker and feature coverage in Indiana Preservation magazine.

Indiana Landmarks named the award in memory of John Arnold

(1955-1991), a Rush County farmer who successfully combined progressive agricultural practices with a deep respect for the historic and natural features of the rural landscape. The John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation honors those who share a similar commitment to preserving the landmarks and landscape of rural Indiana.

Submit nominations for the Arnold Award for Rural Preservation online at www.indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation, or contact Tommy Kleckner at Indiana Landmarks, 812-232-4534, tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org. Deadline for nominations is May 1, 2023.

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