

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Denise Tague smile? "Family and friends," said the 65-year-old, a manager at Alexander's On the Square, which reopened Wednesday for the 2023 season in downtown Noblesville after being closed for the winter. Denise has worked at the sandwich, salad and ice-cream shop since 1999. She said Alexander's soups are made from scratch, and her favorites are chili, potato and kielbasa. Her favorite ice cream flavor? "Moose Tracks, a vanilla ice cream with fudge swirled in with peanut-butter cups." Growing up, her grandmother called her "Ice Cream Kid" and always kept vanilla ice cream on hand. She enjoys watching girls high school basketball and women's college Tennessee Lady Vols, for which she has been a fan since 1987, and reconnected with her own high school basketball coach, Sharon Eskew. Born in Noblesville and raised in Carmel, the 1975 Carmel High School graduate played girls basketball at CHS and played three years at Ball State University, where she also ran track for one year. She lives in Noblesville, where she was born at Riverview Hospital, and is a season-ticket holder for Indiana Fever, likes geocaching, and volunteers at the food pantry for White River Christian Church in Noblesville. She became involved in the food pantry through her parents, John and Roberta Tague of Noblesville. Her usual resolutions for the New Year? "Spend more time with loved ones and friends. Make a bucket list. Volunteer more."

And Another Thing...

1. Tongue Twisters

It's official: Nick Stoerber will hail from Salinas, CA has the longest tongue of any man on earth, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The folks at the Guinness World Records confirm that it measures nearly four inches -- 3.97 inches from teeth to tip, to be precise, and he uses it to paint pictures. His paintings have sold for as much as \$1,200 and have earned him the nickname, Likasso.

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.

3. How Big Is Your Sunflower?

The average, garden variety Sunflower is said to weigh a pound or two, a mere fraction of the sunflowers the Welsh Fortey farming family are used to, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. In 2021 the Forteys earned the Guinness World Record for growing an 11.5 pound sunflower; this year they outdid themselves nurturing a sunflower that weighed in at more than 14.21 pounds. It's not surprising; the family has been growing sunflowers for more than a century and their seeds are known to grow what are officially known as Fortey Giant Sunflowers.

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Two dozen locations are open late for Noblesville Main Street's March First Friday Sip & Shop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today.

Noblesville Kicks Off March First Friday



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Enjoy March First Friday, watch Community Theater, take in live music and more among the 20 things to do this weekend and beyond in this list by The Times:

1. Visit Noblesville Main Street's March First Friday Sip & Shop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today throughout downtown Noblesville. Cocktails will be available on the Square, at these two dozen locations: 3 RN Shop,

Alexander's on the Square, Bash Boutique, Caravan Classes, Just Lagom, Karisma Boutique, Kiln Creations, Lacy Arts Building, Lash Esthetic Studio, Linden Tree, Little Petal Farm, Logan Village Mall, The Mix Marketplace, Moonshot Games, Nickel Plate Arts, NobleMade, Noble Optique, Noblesville Antiques on the Square, Persimmon Avenue, Shine Yoga & Wellness, Thistle & Thyme Home Store, The Velvet Plum, Vintage Adventures, Smith's Jewelers,

2. Shop with local artists and vendors while enjoying live music at March First Friday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at The Lacy Arts Building in downtown Noblesville.

3. Meet artist Marc "Mozzy" Love during March First Friday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nickel Plate Arts Campus in Noblesville and during his free public reception 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 11 in the Stephenson House on Nickel Plate Arts Campus. Love's exhibit, "Welcome to the Boomtown," is open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through

Fridays in March in the Stephenson House. Bobbi K. Samples, whose work is currently displayed in the Meyer Najem 2nd Floor Gallery, will give away a print of her artwork at 6:15 p.m. during her reception from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Saturday.

4. Come out and see Carmel Community Players' production of "The Murders of 1940," a musical comedy whodunit, today through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets at carmelplayers.org

5. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. today and The Auburns at 7 p.m. Saturday at Grand Junction Brewing Co. in Westfield; The Doo! at 10 p.m. today and Living Proof ON March 10 at Britton Tavern in Fishers; My Yellow Rickshaw at 9 p.m. today and Country Summer on Saturday at Ale Emporium Fishers; and The Stills at 8 p.m. today and Jai Baker on March 10 at Parks Place Pub in Fishers.

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Update #102 From Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation



Dr. Derek Arrowood

This is Public Schools Week - a week designated to recognize and celebrate the invaluable role of our nation's public schools. It's also worthy of its own column. I consider it an

honor and a privilege to lead in service to our children and our families in a district that has been helping to prepare students to go out into the world and make a meaningful difference for well over a century. We are caregivers of the gift of public education that we continue to pass along to benefit future generations.

My experience in a public school helped me to become the best version of myself by giving me opportunities, experiences, role models, and mentors. It also helped pave the way to a career in education. I became a classroom teacher and continued my education earning advance degrees and certifications to become an administrator. Ultimately, I came full circle to serve as Superintendent of

Hamilton Heights School Corporation in 2014, the district and community that made such an impact on my life during those formative years.

Every day I get to be inspired by our educators, staff, students, families, and community partners who work together because they share in the belief that strong public schools are the foundation of success for young people, the growth of our communities, and instrumental to our country's future. Every day I see successes, accomplishments, achievements, large and small, among both our students and staff - from what I think is one of the best seats in the house. These accomplishments take place on and off our campus, many of which there is little public fan-



fare but nonetheless incredibly important.

Others are quite remarkable such as junior Tyler Tuntland and Heights' graduate Grant Venable ('20), a part of a four-person team who won a 48-hour reality TV competition and now advance to nationals later this month. We had three Huskies, Ryan Reed, a second-grader, Lu Hubbell ('22) and Theresa Morris ('88) who collaborated to write, illustrate, and publish a series of chil-

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Could someone, anyone, explain to me why the IRS needs more money and more resources? Wouldn't most of us agree it needs to be trimmed down?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep snack foods out of reach when you're stressed or anticipate stress.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The stormy March has come at last. With winds and clouds and changing skies; hear the rushing of the blast that through the snowy valley flies."

-William C. Bryant

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Can February March? No, but April May!

➔ OBITUARIES

None

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



7 DAY FORECAST

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Noblesville Fire Department Responds To Residence Fire



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

Shortly after 9:30am on Thursday, March 2, 2023, a resident of 16016 Gaston Court returned home to find smoke coming from an upstairs bedroom. The homeowner was able to safely exit the house and call 911. Fire and EMS units were dispatched by the Hamilton County Dispatch Center. Upon arrival, crews could see smoke and fire emanating from the upstairs bedroom. Crews were able to quickly enter the home where they found fire had spread from the bedroom and into the attic space. The fire was marked under control a short time later. There were not any injuries to civilians or firefighters. NFD was assisted by the Carmel Fire Department and the Noblesville Police Department. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. NFD would like to remind residents to sleep with their bedroom doors closed. Sleeping with your door closed can reduce exposure to toxic smoke and help limit the spread of flames.

Hamilton County Leadership Academy

As Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) opens the application process for its 33rd cohort of leaders, they are thrilled to announce that Patrick

Propst has been selected to serve as the HCLA dean for the Class of 2024. HCLA has been educating leaders and cultivating community networks for over 30 years.

"As an alumnus of the HCLA Class of 2018, I immediately saw the impression and influence that HCLA and its deans had in Hamilton County," said Propst. "In particular, I saw how each dean had a unique ability to channel the leadership, knowledge, networks, and resources of each class to shape and elevate all areas of life in the county. I look forward to meeting this year's class as they begin their journey with HCLA."

"The HCLA board is honored that Patrick is volunteering his time to support the growth of Hamilton County by serving as dean," Andrew Bradford, HCLA president shared.

"His commitment to service will support the mission of HCLA to amplify impact and empower community members with access to people and insights into the operations of Hamilton County."

The dean plays an integral role in creating the class culture and connectivity and providing meaningful insight and expertise

throughout the HCLA class experience. They serve as an ambassador for the program in the community and will collaborate with the

HCLA executive director and board to cultivate and maintain an engaging, dynamic, and thought-provoking learning environment.

"HCLA is eager to watch the guidance and growth Patrick will provide to the Class of 2024. His innate ability for developing individuals so they can identify their why and make an impact where they reside and work is clear and we can't wait to harness that skillset into the HCLA cohort experience," said Diana Coyle, HCLA executive director.

Propst is an ordained minister and has been serving alongside Faith Community in Noblesville since 2004. Faith Community recently re-missioned and is exploring new faith expressions in today's world, while encouraging and supporting free-range

Christians. He also serves as part-time executive director for Serve Noblesville and began his own life coaching, consulting, and spiritual direction company called Pachlain.

Patrick's 18 years of living and raising his family in Noblesville created a passion for the city and the people. He recently launched a podcast with a good friend called A Sinner and Saint. On it, they explore the day-to-day experiences when we are at our best and our worst.



Patrick Propst

Patrick's work, regardless of the hat he is wearing, is guided by the mantra of helping people, businesses, and organizations to "discover their good."

Patrick Propst married his wife and Noblesville native Kami in 2001 and have three children, college freshman, Jada; high school senior, Asher; and sophomore, Hines. They live in a unique 1875 Italianate house in Old Town Noblesville. He enjoys cooking, baking, hiking, gardening, riding motorcycles, movies, bourbon, cigars, and the winter season. He collects books and PEZ. His PEZ collection is around 1,000 pieces and most of them have been given to him by friends over the years.

Applications for the HCLA Class of 2024 are currently open and will close Wednesday,

April 12. If you are interested in learning more about HCLA, its community impact, and how to apply for the Class of 2024 find more information at www.hcla.net. Members of the Class of 2024 will be announced in June.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation and Purdue University Seek Public Input on Proposed Chinese Garden

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) in partnership with Purdue University Professor of Landscape Architecture Dr. Huang invites the public to provide feedback regarding a future Chinese Garden.

The Chinese Garden honors the Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City initiative, which was created in 2012 to promote educational and cultural exchange between the City of Carmel and the city of Xiangyang, China. CCPR is partnering with Dr. Huang and

Purdue University students in the landscape architecture program, including a Carmel High School graduate, to develop plans for a Chinese Garden. CCPR is working in collaboration with Carmel Clay Schools on the possible location of the proposed Chinese Garden.

•Online: Participate in an online survey to provide feedback on plants, garden styles, and other landscape elements for the Chinese Garden. The online survey is available

now and will remain open through Sunday, March 26. Click here to view the survey.

•In Person: A community workshop will be hosted on Sunday, March 5 from 1-4 p.m. at Carmel High School Freshman Cafeteria, 520 East Main Street. Dr. Huang and Purdue University students will be in attendance to answer questions.

•Stay Up-to-Date with the Project: Sign up to receive emails about the project or follow the project on Facebook.

CCHA Law Launches Expanded Higher Education Practice Group

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) is pleased to announce the launch of its newly expanded Higher Education practice group. CCHA Law has advised institutions of higher education throughout Indiana and across the country on a variety of legal matters for the past ten years and with the addition of experienced leadership in this area, is excited to offer a dedicated practice group to the ever-changing landscape of higher education.

The attorneys in the Higher Education practice group bring a range of experience that allows CCHA Law to proactively collaborate with higher education institutions and serve them in a variety of areas, including:

- Athletics and Investigations
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- Title IX Matters

- Institutional Assessments
- Student Affairs

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As Spring approaches the housing market is warming up!

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11 Hamilton County High Schoolers Selected As Bicentennial Ambassadors

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission today announced the eleven high school sophomores and juniors who will serve as Bicentennial Ambassadors now through December 2023. These Hamilton County student ambassadors will serve as a bridge from the past to the future through conversation and public engagement.

The purpose of the Bicentennial Ambassador program is to engage high school students by using the past 200 years to inform the future. Those chosen expressed a genuine interest in history and how communities function. They also met criteria for being a student in good standing at their high school.

Presenting the 2023 Bicentennial Ambassadors:

- Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School — Elizabeth Parkins
- Carmel High School — Ben Boyce
- Carmel High School — Ridhi Dondeti
- Carmel High School — Christopher Foote
- Carmel High School — Jane Martens
- Carmel High School — Sophia Stephens
- Hamilton Heights High School — Aurelia Lingenfelter
- Noblesville High School — Gabby Jellison
- Noblesville High School — Isabella Lingenfelter

- Sheridan High School — Valerie Adams
 - Westfield High School — David Young
- This unique opportunity is sponsored by Hamilton County Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve Dillinger and Mark Heirbrandt and is an official program of the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission. Curriculum support is provided by the Hamilton County Leadership Academy.

QUOTES FROM WINNERS

Valerie Adams, Sheridan High School
 “Being named a Hamilton County Bicentennial Ambassador is a huge honor. I hope to learn more about Hamilton County as a whole. I’m super excited for this opportunity and to learn more about each of the other Ambassadors as we move forward.”

“Adams Township is a small community, but that does not stop us. I hope people enjoy the architecture of some of the buildings on Main Street. I also hope people enjoy how hospitable everyone is and how they will do everything in their power to help you feel welcome.”

Ben Boyce, Carmel High School
 “To me, being a Hamilton County Bicentennial Ambassador means understanding my community more and showing others how much

it means to me. I hope people enjoy the vibrant culture of Clay Township and learn about how the township has been a model for urban development.”

Ridhi Dondeti, Carmel High School

“It’s an honor to be a part of this historic celebration. As someone who loves history, I’m excited to learn more about the history of Hamilton County and how we became the amazing county we are today.”
 “I’m from Clay Township, and I enjoy the various events Carmel hosts throughout the year. With the Chinese Mooncake Festival, the Farmer’s Market, Winter Games, Christkindlmarkt, and much more, there’s always something for everyone to enjoy.”

Christopher Foote, Carmel High School
 “Being named a Bicentennial Ambassador is very important to me as it gives me a chance to represent my community and to be able to be a leader for Hamilton County. It is a great opportunity

and honor to be able to be a Bicentennial Ambassador.”

“I hope that people are able to learn the rich history of Clay Township and understand the great arts and achievements Clay Township has to offer. Clay Township is a great place to live and a wonderful community for all people from all walks of life.”

Gabby Jellison, Noblesville High School
 “To me being named a Hamilton County Bicentennial Ambassador is all about serving my community. I believe history is such an interesting and important thing. This program is an amazing opportunity to learn more about the history of Hamilton County and be able to help out in the community. I am beyond excited to be able to represent my community.”

“I hope that people enjoy all of the events that are planned for this year. Each township has a month designated to them, and since I live in Noblesville Township, I’m especially excited for the

‘Light up the Night’ event. I really hope people learn about Noblesville Township’s rich history and this unique place we get to call home.”

Jane Martens, Carmel High School

“Being a Hamilton County Bicentennial Ambassador means dedicating yourself to education, history and community. There are many people who live in Hamilton County who might not know much about modern-day townships or the histories behind them, and this is an opportunity to learn! As high school students, there’s not much emphasis on Indiana history — much less Hamilton County history — in our courses. By being in this program, we can really explore the scope of Hamilton County outside of our townships and share those experiences with others.”

“I really hope that people enjoy learning about the arts in Carmel! There are so many activities and places here that center around visual and performing arts like performances at the Palladium, murals on the Monon, and even an entire Arts and Design District. It has a huge impact on the daily lives of residents as well as the way our township looks as a whole.”

Elizabeth Parkins, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
 “I’m grateful to

have been named an Ambassador because it means that I can represent Hamilton County and share my love of learning and history with others. I most hope that people see Carmel’s strong sense of community.”

David Young, Westfield High School

“To me, being a Hamilton County Bicentennial Ambassador means a great deal. I’ll be able to learn further about history relative to Indiana and more specifically Hamilton County. Beyond that, it’ll allow me to view different perspectives on historical topics and help me to construct a better understanding. With that being said, I am happy to be a part of this program.”

“I hope people enjoy the diversity in Westfield along with the array of opportunities that have been created in recent years. Beyond what meets the eye, Westfield has continuously become more diverse, and I hope people enjoy being able to meet new neighbors and peers of different backgrounds. Diversity allows for not only social growth, but economic growth throughout the city as well. Along with that, we have also seen exposure to many new opportunities here in Westfield — both socially and economically. I hope that teens, families and adults are able to enjoy the new opportunities, centers, parks, etc., that have been introduced to Westfield.”

Reading Between Lines In Marital Conversations



DICK WOLFSIE
 Funny Bone

As of a month ago, Mary Ellen and I planned to attend her reunion in Ohio where she would celebrate the 50th anniversary of her graduation from college. We had talked extensively about the event, especially since Mary Ellen was one of the organizers. The truth is, we were both hiding how we really felt about the arrangements. I’ve put in parentheses what we were silently thinking when we discussed the trip.

“Mary Ellen, your reunion is getting close. Sounds like fun.” (Sounds like fun for you. For me

this is about the last thing in the world I want to do.)

“Yes, Dick, I am looking forward to the evening. I sure hope you’ll enjoy it.” (I beg you: please drop me off at the front door and go find something else to do until midnight.)

“It will be great to meet your old classmates and friends, Mary Ellen.” (This will be unbearable, viewing endless photos of the grandchildren of people I don’t know.)

“Dick, I’ll be proud to introduce you as my husband.” (But, if I could just tell everyone about you in your absence, I could make you sound even better.)

“I can’t wait to hear all the stories from your friends about your campus activities, Mary Ellen.” (I need to find a bar nearby with a big-screen TV.)

“Yes, and I think you’ll get a kick out of chatting with other spouses. (Maybe all the spouses can get together and find a bar nearby with a big-screen

TV.) While it was true that I was dreading this event, I was also sensing that Mary Ellen preferred that I not accompany her. Finally, last week, we started getting honest with each other.

“Okay, let’s think about this, Dick,” said my wife. “If you go with me and simply hang around, no one will know you, you won’t know where to put yourself, and people will wonder why you look so bored and uncomfortable.”

“In all fairness, Mary Ellen, that’s exactly how I felt at my own 50th reunion. Look, I attended your last high school reunion, and you told me that friends were all asking about me.”

“Yes, they asked me if I knew the guy asleep at the bar.”

Mary Ellen then offered a compromise, suggesting I make a brief appearance, then excuse myself and go back to the hotel. I reminded her that once when I did that very thing

at another get-together, she was annoyed. “I was angry because that was no way to behave at our engagement party,” she said.

She also mentioned that at her 25th college reunion I said things she didn’t find funny. An old boyfriend told me jokingly that when they broke up three decades earlier, he started drinking. After he downed his third cocktail that evening, I told him it looked like he was still celebrating.

Now it appears I’ll be staying home for the upcoming event in Ohio. I’ll spend my time alone, drinking beer, and falling asleep in a chair.

Exactly what I would have done at Mary Ellen’s reunion.

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

April 10 talk: Why Does History Make Us Uncomfortable?

At a time when school districts and the Indiana General Assembly are debating restrictions on teaching materials that cover troubling episodes from our nation’s past, Indiana Landmarks is hosting a panel discussion about why our collective history makes us want to close our eyes and ears.

The free event will be held April 10 at 6 p.m. at Indiana Landmarks Center and will feature the following panelists.

•James H. Madison, Ph.D., emeritus professor of history at Indiana University;

•Erica Buchanan-Rivera, Ph.D., chief equity and inclusion officer at the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township in Marion County;

•Corey Pettigrew,

assistant principal at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School.

Moderators will be:

•Eunice Trotter, director of Indiana Landmarks’ Black Heritage Preservation Program;

•Phil Bremen, associate professor emeritus in the Department of Media at Ball State University.

The event is sponsored by Indiana Landmarks’ Black Heritage Preservation Program, the Indiana Remembrance Coalition at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, and the Social Justice and Racial Reconciliation Working Group at Trinity Episcopal Church.

The talk is free with an RSVP. Reserve your spot at www.indianalandmarks.org/why-does-history-make-us-uncomfortable/ or by calling 317-639-4534.

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Boilermaker's Earliest Leaders Walked So Future Leaders Could Run

During the early days of college football, most coaches had other occupations.

No, nothing like those cheesy insurance commercials that fatten the bank accounts of Alabama's Nick Saban and new Colorado coach Deion Sanders.

Take Purdue's first coach in 1887. For the princely sum of "\$1 per lesson," 23-year-old Albert Berg was charged with preparing a team to play against another Indiana school making its collegiate football debut, Butler.

One more thing to know, Berg was a deaf-mute. The cause: a childhood bout of spinal meningitis.

After attending the Indiana Institution for the Deaf in Indianapolis, Berg went on to play football for what is now Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C.

In 1980, Journal and Courier sports writer Paula Waltz recounted the tale of Berg's task of teaching football at Purdue. Only two of his players had ever seen a football.

That was painfully obvious on Oct. 29, when Purdue traveled to Indianapolis and received a 48-6 thrashing. Jacob Sholl scored the first touchdown in school history. He and his teammates returned home, as an Indianapolis newspaper described it, "in a disturbed state of mind."

Purdue wouldn't play another football game until 1889.

Berg would eventually become a teacher at the Indiana School for the Deaf. He would return to Purdue on Nov. 22, 1924 for the Ross-Ade Stadium



KEN THOMPSON
Columnist

dedication ceremony. Berg lived to be 80, dying in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1945.

George Ade, half of that famous stadium duo, wrote years later that Berg "demonstrated the fact that the right kind of hero can overcome almost any handicap."

The next eight men to lead the Boilermakers on the football field were anything but typical football coaches as well.

Harvard-educated G.A. (George Andrew) Reisner's only connection to Purdue football other than his 2-1 record in 1889 was having a niece married to 1930s Boilermaker standout Cecil Isbell.

Archaeology was Reisner's claim to fame. A front page story in the Journal and Courier declaring his death in 1942 at the age of 74 didn't mention Reisner had coached Purdue football "World Famous Explorer Dead Near Pyramids, the headline declared. "Dr. G.A. Reisner, Greatest of Egyptologists, Brother of a Business Man Here; World Owes Debt to Him."

Reisner fittingly died at the site of the pyramids of Gizeh. He had been in charge of the Harvard University excavations since 1905. The story also reported that Reisner



had been the youngest person ever awarded a degree at Harvard at the time of his graduation in 1889.

Clinton L. Hare was another one and done Purdue football coach, going 3-3 in 1890 after a three-year stint (8-0-1) at Butler. That same year, Hare was admitted to the Indiana bar and worked at a law firm whose partners included Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President of the United States.

Hare later was president of the Indiana Wholesale Grocer's Association. He died of throat cancer in 1909 at age 44.

The Journal and Courier's tribute to Knowlton "Snake" Ames in 1931 referred to the Princeton great as "the father of football at Purdue." One thing is for sure: Ames will be the only undefeated coach in school history.

Ames went 12-0 over 1891 and 1892. His 1891 squad outscored opponents 192-0 in four games. The 1892 squad was dominating as well,

scoring 320 points while allowing 18 over eight games.

The star player on those teams, Alpha Jamison, said Ames "was one of the greatest players and coaches that ever lived." Ames was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1969.

Ames was a success in business too, earning a reputation as a financier, newspaper publisher and social leader in Chicago.

Financial losses suffered at the beginning of the Great Depression and declining health was too much for Ames, who took his own life while sitting inside his car two days before Christmas. He was 63.

Not long after helping Princeton go 11-0 and win a mythical national championship, D.M. (David Milton) Balliet continued the momentum Ames started by leading Purdue to a 5-2-1 record in 1893, 9-1 in 1894 and 4-3 in 1895.

Balliet began practicing law after leaving Purdue but put that career on

hold in 1897 to join the Klondike Gold Rush in Alaska. When that didn't pan out, Balliet returned to Purdue in 1901, going 4-4-1. Closing the season with losses to Notre Dame, Illinois and Northwestern, Balliet was fired.

He found his life's work as a coal salesman in Pennsylvania and died at the age of 93 in 1960.

The first to coach Purdue as a member of the Big Ten Conference, Samuel M. Hammond found a more lucrative profession after leaving West Lafayette with a 4-2-1 record in 1896.

Hammond practiced medicine as an ear and eye specialist in Connecticut for over 30 years before passing away at age 64 in 1934.

Not much is known about William Church, who guided the Boilermakers to a 5-3-1 record in 1897. He's regarded as one of Princeton's all-time greats of the 19th century and judging by this quote, a quick-witted person.

"Am neither statesman nor politician," Church said in 1909. "Have not brains enough for the first and am not smart enough for the second."

Church died in 1966 at the age of 91.

Purdue's final coach of the 19th century would be better known as an early mayor of West Lafayette.

Presumably, Alpha Jamison was a better mayor than football coach. Arguably Purdue's greatest football player of the 19th century, Jamison led the Boilermakers to an 11-11-1 mark from 1898 to 1900. He fared better on the basketball court, going 12-1 over two seasons.

Jamison married into a well-to-do family in 1900 and was associated with their bakery business for 42 years. Jamison died in 1962 at the age of 86.

Charles M. Best replaced Balliet in 1902 and was very successful, posting a 7-2-1 record. Best's success translated to the basketball court as the Boilermakers went 10-3 during the 1901-02 season.

The years between 1903 and 1917 are lost to history (and Google) before Best resurfaced at The University of the South, better known as Sewanee. Playing in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, a predecessor to today's Southeastern Conference, Sewanee went 7-4-1 in two seasons under Best. Best passed away in 1962 at age 87.

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.

5 Of Our Girls Among The Best Ballers

Five girls hoopsters are among those honored by Hoosier Basketball Magazine with the annual Top 60 senior girls' basketball players for the 2022-23 season. The girls were selected from approximately 1,400 senior players statewide. Statistical evaluation, game observation and statewide research were conducted during the season and throughout the state tournament to determine Hoosier Basketball Magazine's

Top 60.

Hailey Smith and Olivia Smith from Fishers High School join Olivia Brown and Riley Makalusky from Hamilton Southeastern. Hannah Lach from Carmel rounded out the list.

Two sessions of the 42nd annual Top 60 Senior Workout will be hosted by Hoosier Basketball Magazine in conjunction with the IHSAA and the IBCA on Sunday at Beech Grove High School in Indianapolis.

Half of the Top 60 girls, primarily from northern and southern Indiana, will participate in the first session (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.). The remaining players, primarily from central Indiana, will compete during the second session (3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

The Top 60 Senior Workout includes the state's top three scorers. The top two scorers are both headed to Indiana State University—Asia Donald, Hobart (26.7

ppg) and Saige Stahl, Columbus East (26)—followed by Gloria Brewer, Greencastle (25.5). Western Kentucky recruit Nevaeh Foster, Mishawaka Marian (25.1) was selected, but is unable to attend. Four other high scorers averaged over 22 ppg including Ashlynn Brooke, Pioneer (23.8), a Ball State recruit; Isabella Gizzi, New Palestine (23.7), committed to St. Francis; Caitlyn Campbell, Winchester (23.1); Laila Hull, Zionsville (23.2), signed with North Carolina and Bailey Tabeing, Trinity Lutheran (22.2), headed to Ohio University.

There are seven players who participated in the 2023 IHSAA State Finals including four state champion players—Karsyn Norman of AAAA Bedford North Lawrence (Butler), Brea Garber of AAA Fairfield (Indiana Wesleyan), Amber Tretter of AA Forest Park (Miami-Ohio) and Linzie Wernert of class A Lanesville. Fishers, AAAA runner-up, has Hailey and Olivia Smith, both will attend Ball State next fall. Ava Weber of AAA runner-up Corydon Central, was selected, but is unable to attend.

Others heading to Hoosierland Division I Universities include Riley Makalusky, Hamilton Southeastern (Butler), Renna Schwieterman, Jay County (Fort Wayne), Rashunda Jones, South

Bend Washington (Purdue), McKenna Layden, Northwestern (Purdue), Layla Gold, Indianapolis Cathedral (Valparaiso). Valparaiso signees Nevaeh and Saniya Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop, were selected but are unable to attend. Of note: Two players that are injured and unable to participate include Amiyah Reynolds, South Bend Washington (Maryland) and Josie Trabel, East Central (Wofford).

Former state champion coach DeeAnn Ramey (North Central-Marion) will direct both sessions. Other outstanding Indiana girls' high school coaches from the IBCA have been invited to join the 2023 Top 60 staff—Jeff Brooke (Pioneer), Ethan Cook (Tri), Kathie Layden (Northwestern), Stacy Mitchell (Warren Central) and Amy Selk (Beech Grove).

KnowYourBaller will be filming the Girls Top 60 Senior Workout again this year. They will provide summary videos with all pertinent clips for participating players.

Both sessions are open to the public for admission fee of \$8 (\$5 for students).

- Hailey Smith, Fishers
- Olivia Smith, Fishers
- Olivia Brown, Hamilton Southeastern
- Riley Makalusky, Hamilton Southeastern
- Hannah Lach, Carmel



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Carmel Community Players' "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" is filled with crazy antics from cast members Kelly Keller (as Ken, from left), Hannah Janowicz (Nikki), Amber Roth (Bernice) and Jeffery Haber (Eddy) who rehearse for the play, which is onstage today through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

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6. Westfield Winter Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through April 1 at West Fork Westfield Event Center on East 191st Street.

7. Experience Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" Saturday at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre in Carmel.

8. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Brian Pitre and Dustin Burkhardt on Saturday, with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.

9. Experience the live music of Booze Hounds at 7 p.m. Saturday and The Juan Douglas Trio at 7 p.m. March 18 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

10. Enjoy live music of Craig Thurston the first and third Thursdays at Grindstone Public House in Carmel.

11. Get your tickets for Noblesville High School Thespians' "Mrs. Packard" play at 7 p.m. March 9-11 at NHS Auditorium, with \$10 general admission tickets for sale at the door and online at nhstheatrearts.weebly.com/.

12. Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's Miller-Palooza is 6 p.m.

to 11 p.m. March 10 at the Embassy Suite in Noblesville, with \$125 tickets, sponsorships available, dress casual Noblesville school spirit, and featuring Dueling Pianos from Felix and Fingers. To donate to silent auction, email adriann_young@nobl.k12.in.us

13. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. March 10 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville, with St. Patrick's Day Music with Rusty Musket at 7 p.m. March 17.

14. Hyperion Players presents "God of Carnage" play, directed by Noblesville's Nicole Amsler, on March 10-12, at 8 p.m. March 10-11 and 2 p.m. March 12, at The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers, with tickets at hyperionplayers.com/

15. See beautiful flowers and landscaping during the annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show which opens at 10 a.m. March 11 and runs through March 19 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

16. Sit in on Noblesville Preservation Alliance's annual meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 12 at Preservation Hall, with refreshments at 4 p.m.,

followed by awards at 5 p.m.

17. Attend the next Art of Business workshop, "Copyright and Trademark Issues for Artists," offered by Nickel Plate Arts and Visit Hamilton County, 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 15 in the Community Room behind Noble-Made, for \$10.

18. Experience the talent at Noblesville High School's 2023 All-District Showcase for Noblesville with show choirs at 7 p.m. March 16 at NHS auditorium, with reserved seating, at \$10 and \$15, on sale at <https://nhspco.org/>

19. Enjoy a laugh-filled St. Patrick's Day Eve with Comic Dave Dugan of Carmel at 7:30 p.m. March 16 at The Cat in Carmel, with \$15 tickets in advance on eventbrite.com and \$20 tickets at the door.

20. Hamilton County Theatre Guild's The Bel-fry Theatre presents "The Great Gatsby," directed by Noblesville's Andrea Odle, March 17-March 26 at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort in northern Marion County, with tickets by calling 317-773-1085.

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

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation Releases 2021 Contribution Of Travel & Tourism To The Indiana Economy

A new study released by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch with the Indiana Destination Development Corporation shows the Indiana tourism industry's rebound fueling is a stronger economy.

"Following the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic aftermath, we have seen Indiana's economy show great, especially when we look at it through the lens of tourism," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This research shows a promising future for Indiana's tourism industry after rebounding tremendously following the pandemic."

Here are some of the highlights of the report:

- Total Indiana visitor volume grew 16% in 2021 to 77.3 million person-trips;
- Overnight leisure travel grew by 36% over 2020;
- Visitor spending grew by 28.4% to \$13B;
- Spending per visitor rose to \$170;

- Visitor spending added \$8.5B to the state's gross domestic product;
- Out of each dollar spent, \$0.65 stays in Indiana;
- Tourism generated \$1.4B in state and local taxes;
- Indiana tourism supported nearly 180,000 full-time jobs; and
- Hoosier households saved an average of \$526 in state and local taxes as a direct impact of tourism.

"The tourism industry in Indiana has continued to develop a very strong foundation for Hoosiers," said IDDC Secretary and CEO, Elaine Bedel. "Using this research, we can get a good idea of where we are heading in the years to come, and the future looks bright for Indiana tourism."

The study was commissioned by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation and conducted by Rockport Analytics, an independent market research and consulting

company specializing in economic impact and feasibility studies for the travel, tourism and hospitality industry. The methodology employed by this study is in accordance with industry best practices and aligns economic impact data at the state and local level with rigorous methodological standards that are recognized as the highest in the industry.

The study used data on Indiana visitor spending derived from multiple sources including Longwoods International, Reach Market Planning and the U.S. Commerce Department's National Travel & Tourism Office. It was then reconciled with Bureau of Labor Statistics reported employment data, Indiana Department of Revenue reported tax receipts and secondary sources such as Smith Travel Research.

A link to the report can be found at VisitIndiana.com.

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dren's books. Seniors Ethan Swart and Nathan Cox competed against the best of the best to become the 2023 IHSA State Finals Diving Champion and Runner Up! HHS Business Department Chair, Kim Kaiser, received the Dual Credit President's Award for Excellence in Instruction from Ivy Tech for the 2022-2023 year.

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

'Free' Textbooks? Indiana Schools Still On The Hook For Curricular Fees Under House Budget Plan

By Casey Smith

Indiana House Republicans touted that their budget plan would eliminate textbook and curricular fees for Hoosier kids in K-12 public schools. But a deeper look at the GOP-backed proposal shows that local school districts will still be on the hook to pay for those materials. The House GOP budget that advanced to the Senate last week prohibits individual school districts and charter schools from charging fees for textbooks and instructional materials.

Budget writers did not specifically appropriate state dollars to cover the cost, however. Instead, the current budget plan requires schools to dip into their foundational funding to fully pay students' textbook costs. House Ways and Means chairman Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, has boasted increases to that base funding in the House GOP budget.

But roughly a third of the \$2 billion in new, additional state funds that House Republicans want to earmark for K-12 education over the biennium is actually earmarked for an expansion of the state's "school choice" voucher program.

That means about one-fifth of funding increases expected at public schools would go towards textbooks. State education officials warn that — for many districts — any dollars leftover won't cover inflation.

"I don't see here the mechanism — how these (textbooks) are supposed to be paid for. I'm having a little struggle with that being intermingled in the school formula," said Denny Costerison, executive director of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials. "Schools are going to have to set some money aside out of their formula monies for that purpose — which they've not had to do in the past — and that would potentially have less dollars going to teacher salaries and other things."

The House GOP plan differs from Gov. Eric Holcomb's proposed budget, which includes a line item — separate from the school funding formula — directing additional funds to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). The state agency would then be responsible for dishing out textbook dollars to schools.

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

posed budget, that \$39 million would be absorbed into the base funding for schools as well.

Schools still pay K-12 education accounts for almost half the proposed two-year, \$43.3 billion state budget. Under the House GOP budget, Indiana schools could see increases to foundation grants — the basic grant for every student — of 4% in fiscal year 2024 and 0.7% in the following year.

That's less of an increase than was adopted two years ago for the current state budget. In 2021, the base funding for schools increased by 5.1% for fiscal year 2022 and 4% in the current fiscal year. Thompson maintained that the plan to have schools pay textbooks costs from their state funding or local property taxes "is a good thing for Hoosier families."

House republicans "In the end, it's not about the state — it's taxpayers. It's their money, and we want to help them out in ways that are positive," Thompson said. "And it will — some families have paid a substantial amount (for textbooks), and this is going to help them."

Costerison held that the current budget language does not address other fees, like those for labs or technology, however. "There are fees that are separate from textbooks, and those don't go away under this," he said.

"Hopefully parents will understand that if this goes through, there still will be some fees they may have to pay."

Terry Spradlin, executive director of Indiana School Boards Association, added that if student funding formula increases decline or are minimal in the future, schools will have to decide whether to pay teachers more or cover the escalating costs of textbooks.

"There will be significant unintended consequences with this funding mechanism," Spradlin told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "Over time, textbooks will be used for longer cycles, potentially diminishing the quality of textbooks and perhaps resulting in obsolete content in the older curricular materials. Down the road, school corporations may opt for classroom sets of textbooks and not issue textbooks individually to students for use at home or in school."

The House budget outlines a plan to pay for textbooks for low-income families at private schools moving forward, similar to the current allocation for public school students. Private schools would still be allowed to charge students for textbooks and instructional materials but the state could then reimburse low-income families for textbook expenses. Will funding increases

be enough for traditional public schools?

Indiana's next two-year spending plan is now in the Senate's hands.

Lawmakers in that chamber are expected to make numerous amendments to the budget, but it's unclear where they'll land on state-funded textbooks or K-12 funding, overall. Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka, said in January "it's probably time" to eliminate school textbook costs. Indiana is currently one of only seven states that allows families to be charged for textbooks.

"Especially now, with electronics, I don't think you're going to see textbooks in the future. It's just going to be iPads ... so I think it's going to be more of a technology fee instead of a textbook fee, anyway," Mishler said. "I think it's probably time we deal with the textbook fees."

The Senate likely won't unveil their version of the state budget until later this month. A final version of the budget is expected by the end of April.

Holcomb was firm during his State of the State speech earlier this year, calling for an end to what he called a "hidden tax" imposed on Hoosier students and their families.

"Our state constitution promises a tuition-free education," he said in his January address. "Let's cover the full cost of curriculum fees ... so that starting next school year, no parent receives such a dreadful bill again."

The governor said last month he remains "very optimistic" that he'll get most of his agenda priorities — including funding for textbooks — into the final draft of the budget. Still, school spending plans proposed by the governor and the House GOP lack any mandated increases for teacher pay. Thompson has echoed Holcomb and other Republican leaders who maintain that salary raises "should be left up to local school boards."

State lawmakers are also getting pushback for provisions in the House GOP budget that seek to generously expand eligibility for the state's "school choice" program — which allows families to receive vouchers to attend private schools. Further, some traditional public schools could stand to lose millions in operating revenues under a proposed cap on operations tax levies.

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Best Places To Work In Indiana Companies Named For 2023

A multitude of industries from across the state are represented on the 2023 Best Places to Work in Indiana list – with a total of 125 Hoosier businesses recognized, including nearly 40 newcomers from last year. This marks the 18th edition for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce initiative.

“The Best Places to Work in Indiana program is so popular because it not only showcases the state’s top workplaces, but also includes an employee survey that helps all applicants improve their culture and productivity,” says Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar.

“One exciting point is that more small companies made the list this year than ever before,” he adds. “With small businesses being the backbone of our state’s economy, it’s encouraging to see so many putting an emphasis on culture. This has a profound impact on the communities they serve.”

Winning companies represent more than 30 cities and towns, with multiple honorees coming from Carmel, Evansville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Marion, Plainfield, Warsaw and Washington. In addition, several businesses have multiple Indiana locations.

The rankings will be unveiled May 10 at an awards event presented by trueU.

Top companies in the state were determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys. The Workforce Research Group handled the selection process.

Winners were selected from four categories: small companies of between 15 and 74 U.S. employees; medium companies of between 75 and 249 U.S. employees; large companies of between 250 and 999 U.S. employees; and major companies with 1,000 or more U.S. employees. Out-of-state parent companies were eligible to participate if at least 15 full-time employees are in Indiana.

The 2023 Best Places to Work in Indiana companies range in Hoosier employee count from 15 to 1,300.

Organizations on this year’s list that have displayed sustained excellence during the program’s 18-year history receive additional recognition. Hall of Fame designees are those that have been named a Best Place to Work in Indiana

at least 60% of the time in the program’s history. Two companies – Edward Jones and KSM (formerly Katz, Sapper & Miller) – have been named to the list all 18 years of the program.

In addition to the May 10 awards, winners will be recognized via a special section of the Indiana Chamber’s Biz-Voice magazine and through Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick – both of which reach statewide audiences. Additional program partners are HR Indiana SHRM, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Institute for Workforce Excellence, Wellness Council of Indiana and Workforce Research Group.

All companies that participated in the 2023 Best Places to Work program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths and weaknesses according to their employees. In turn, this report can be used in developing or enhancing employee retention and recruitment programs.

The 2023 Best Places to Work in Indiana awards celebration will be open to the public. Individual tickets and tables of 10 are available at www.indianachamber.com/conferences.

Additional Best Places to Work in Indiana sponsors are: platinum sponsor Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana; silver sponsors Ivy Tech Community College, LHD Benefit Advisors, Talent Resource Navigator and TrueScripts; and visibility sponsors Banning Engineering, Horseshoe Hammond casino, Jackson Lewis P.C., MCM CPAs & Advisors, Moser Consulting, Performance Services, Inc., True Rx Health Strategists and Zotec Partners.

Sponsorships are still available; contact Tim Brewer at (317) 496-0704 or tbrewer@indianachamber.com for more details.

The 2023 Best Places to Work in Indiana companies listed in alphabetical order, no ranking:

* Hall of Fame companies
Small Companies (15-74 U.S. employees) (72)
Company / Primary Indiana Location
Adaptex Systems, Inc. / Fort Wayne
ADVISA / Carmel
Ambrose Property Group /

Indianapolis
* Apex Benefits / Indianapolis
Auctor Corporation / Indianapolis
audiochuck / Indianapolis
Banning Engineering, Inc. / Plainfield
BLASTmedia / Indianapolis
BlueSky Commerce / Noblesville
Bowe Digital / Kokomo
Brite Systems, Inc. / Indianapolis
Carter’s My Plumber, LLC / Greenwood
Centerfirst Consulting / Carmel
CleanSlate Technology Group / Carmel
Clovis E. Manley MD LLC / Newburgh
Conner Insurance / Indianapolis
CSpring / Fishers
Ditoe Public Relations / Indianapolis
DK Pierce & Associates, Inc. / Zionsville
ECS Solutions Inc. / Evansville
FORCE Communications, LLC / Indianapolis
Goelzer Investment Management / Indianapolis
Greenwalt CPAs, Inc. / Indianapolis
Guidon Design / Indianapolis
Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. / Carmel
IDO Incorporated / Indianapolis
INCOG BioPharma Services / Fishers
* Indesign, LLC / Indianapolis
Insurance Management Group / Marion
Integrity Learning Center / Plainfield
InTek Freight & Logistics, Inc. / Indianapolis
Invesque / Fishers
Invst / Indianapolis
iRiS Recruiting Solutions / Carmel
* JA Benefits, LLC / Bedford
Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, Inc. / New Albany
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KBSO Consulting LLC / Carmel
* Leaf Software Solutions / Carmel
LHD Benefit Advisors / Indianapolis
Luther Consulting, LLC / Carmel
Magnum Logistics / Plainfield
Mainstay Property Group /

Indianapolis
Mattison / Indianapolis
Mesh Systems / Carmel
MKR / Indianapolis
Mobile reCell / Fishers
netlogx LLC / Indianapolis
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The Mind Trust, Inc. / Indianapolis
Ultimate Technologies Group / Fishers
Valve+Meter Performance Marketing / Indianapolis
Visit Indy / Indianapolis
Your Money Line / Indianapolis
Medium Companies (75-249 U.S. employees) (27)
Company / Primary Indiana Location
Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. / Indianapolis
Core Mechanical Services, Inc. / Warsaw
Creative Works / Indianapolis
Edify / Fishers
* E-gineering / Indianapolis
eimage / Indianapolis
Gibson / South Bend
Greenlight Guru / Indianapolis
HWC Engineering, Inc. / Indianapolis
Indiana Oxygen Company / Indianapolis
Lauth Group, Inc. / Carmel
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies / Indianapolis
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Renovia / Indianapolis
RQAW / Fishers
* Schmidt Associates / Indianapolis
* SEP / Carmel
Shrewsbury & Associates, LLC / Indianapolis
Springbuk / Indianapolis
The Skillman Corporation / Indianapolis
True Rx Health Strategists / Washington
TrueScripts / Washington
United Consulting / Indianapolis
VOSS Automotive, Inc. / Fort Wayne
Walker / Indianapolis
Wessler Engineering / Indianapolis
Large Companies (250-999 U.S. employees) (18)
Company / Primary Indiana Location
* Blue & Co., LLC / Carmel
Buckingham Companies / Indianapolis
* Centier Bank / Merrillville
Centric Consulting / Indianapolis
Electric Plus / Avon
* FORUM Credit Union / Fishers
GadellNet Consulting Services / Carmel
Harrah’s Hoosier Park Racing & Casino / Anderson
Hylant / Indianapolis
* KSM (formerly Katz, Sapper & Miller) / Indianapolis
Lochmueller Group, Inc. / Evansville
Moser Consulting / Indianapolis
OrthoPediatrics / Warsaw
Performance Services / Indianapolis
Shepherd Insurance / Carmel
Shook Construction / Indianapolis
* WestPoint Financial Group / Indianapolis
Zotec Partners, LLC / Carmel
Major Companies (1,000+ U.S. employees) (8)
Company / Primary Indiana Location
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CAPTRUST / Chesterton
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Legislation Gives Struggling Small Businesses Much Needed Relief After Pandemic

Senate Bill 2, one of NFIB’s priority bill, passed the House and Senate and is headed to the governor’s desk for his signature. The bill provides a state and local tax, or SALT, deduction for many small businesses in Indiana. NFIB State Director Natalie Robinson is available to talk about why this bill is so important for small businesses.

“Small business owners are thankful today that the legislature passed this important legislation which provides significant tax relief to Hoosier small businesses and levels the playing field by allowing small businesses to qualify for tax deductions that large corporations already receive. The legislation means \$50 million in annual tax savings and a win-win because it won’t cost the state a penny,” said Robinson.

Under federal law, businesses can deduct their state taxes

from their federal tax liability. For most large businesses that pay income tax as corporations such as C Corps, the deduction is unlimited. However, for pass-through entities such as LLCs and S Corps where the owners pay their own individual taxes, the deduction is limited to just \$10,000. Most small business owners in Indiana pay their taxes this way. Senate bill 2 would allow small business owners who pay their own individual taxes to receive an unlimited federal deduction for their state tax payments, similar to C Corps. At least 29 states have already made the change so that small business owners can enjoy the same deductions as large corporations.

NFIB small business owners are still struggling with inflation, supply issues, and worker shortages. NFIB data that 44% of small business owners have openings they

can’t fill and 92% report that they have few or no qualified applicants.

For more information on the bill, visit iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/bills/senate/2.

The National Federation of Independent Business is the nation’s leading small business advocacy organization. To learn more about NFIB in Indiana, visit www.NFIB.com/IN.

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ASC CEO Donna Kelsey Inducted Into McKnight’s Women Of Distinction Hall Of Honor

American Senior Communities (ASC) CEO Donna Kelsey has been inducted into McKnight’s Women of Distinction Hall of Honor. McKnight’s is the pre-eminent national media outlet for the senior care profession and the Hall of Honor category celebrates female leaders who have made significant impact on their organization and the profession. Donna will be recognized in May 2023 in Chicago at McKnight’s Women of Distinction Forum.

“This award is testimony of her passion and commitment to ensuring the highest level of care for our residents and extraordinary support for employees, while positioning the company for a strong and successful future,” said Steve Van Camp, ASC Chief Financial Officer.

Currently in her seventh year at the Indiana-based senior healthcare company, Donna oversees more than 100 commu-

nities with nearly 10,000 employees. ASC emerged stronger under her leadership, adding new benefits and technology to support employees, achieving a CMS Quality score above state and national averages and attaining high levels of customer satisfaction.

A veteran leader in senior healthcare, Donna’s strengths lie in nurturing continuous operational improvement. Prior to joining ASC, Donna was president of the U.S. division of a Canadian long-term care company. She was also Executive Vice President of Operations for Kindred and she is a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve, where she achieved the rank of Captain. Donna was honored as one Indiana Business Journal’s 2020 Women of Influence, and under her leadership, ASC was named Indy’s Top Workplace in 2020.

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Harshbarger Saga #3 – Mary Harshbarger Nofsinger

An almost Christmas present (same with our daughter – day after Valentine's but she's still our sweetie) came to be the day after the holiday in 1790 in Virginia, likely Botetourt County when Mary Harshbarger daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Gish Harshbarger was born. This would make her three years older than her husband (Joseph Nofsinger) but she is younger than him in census records. She'd have been 16 when she married Joe (14 September 1812 in Botetourt). Another interesting item is that their oldest (I have Salome born 13 July 1812 but three years before next child so I could easily see it could be 1813 instead - speculation). Joe and Mary came to the Ladoga area and she passed 9 April 1850. Oddly, she is not in the 1850 mortality schedule and she should be. Yet, she does have a stone (FAGrave photo taken by K&M) at the Ladoga Cemetery. Have wondered if she was born in 1796 vs. 1790 to go along with the census records. The stone has kind of a picked off part right on that 0/6 but without seeing the stone new it is hard to say.

Several trees have Joseph passing later in 1850 but he is definitely with their son, William Rowland, who was an Indianapolis banker in 1860. Most of WR's children were born in Indy. Joseph Lewis went to Kansas City, Missouri and was assistant post master there along with other jobs. His brother, Rowland went there too and was also a postal worker. Their half brother, Francis Bacon Nofsinger (born



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in Ladoga) was also in Kansas City and Independence and was a well-loved physician.

Regressing as WR was not the oldest child, Salome mentioned above was indeed and married Joel Britts (son of John and Susannah Eckles). Joel lived to 11 October 1876, and Salome died in January 1880 (also found 7 May) of cancer of the face; both buried Greenwood Cemetery, Brownsdale, Minnesota. This family spread, believe you me! Although they are only linked to seven children on FAGrave, I have them with 11. Samuel Harshbarger Britts was born in Ladoga (27 Jan 1838) was in the 2nd Minn Cavalry in the CW and is buried in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Ed Montgomery Britts went to St. Louis County, Minnesota and was an important banker there. He fathered eight children (I think triplets?) but only one was living in the 1900 census. Joseph Addison Britts served in the 2nd Minnesota Volunteers but then went to Missoula, Montana where he is buried.



Others stayed in Minnesota where their parents are buried but most went forward to other states.

Elizabeth Nofsinger was born in Botetourt County, Virginia and died 9 June 1889 buried in the Baker Cemetery in Lane, Kansas (very neat stone) with her husband, Joshua Baker. They are only connected to two children on FAGrave but I have them with: Salome; William H; John Wesley; George; Eliza and Frank. Their son William H. died at the end of the Civil War (30 May 1865) and is buried in Little Rock, Arkansas in the Baker Cemetery – he was born in Putnam County, Indiana and when he volunteered on the 19th of August 1862, he was 21 and a farmer. His sister, Eliza married Amos Lingard and they were parents of four daughters (Elinore; Elizabeth; Genevieve and Anna) and two boys (James

and Amos). George Washington Baker was born 25 Oct 1848 in Ladoga, and Frank was after my heart with his occupation of book agent!

Mary Nofsinger, daughter of Joseph and Mary Harshbarger married Dan Hale in Putnam County in late 1842 – they lived here in Montgomery County where Dan was a tanner, farmer and courier, passing away 14 Nov 1878 at just 58 years old. He was buried in Shiloh cemetery where their daughter, Emma is, dying just a couple of months prior to her father. Mary is in MoCo with three of her children in 1880, but some time after went to Lane, Kansas where she passed 2 Feb 1890 and is buried. Son, Tilghman Howard Hale, in the Civil War, married and lived here, but others of the Hale children (eight I count) went to Kansas where other members of the Nofsinger family went to live. Daughter Mary married John C. Morris and lived most of the time in the Mace area.

Next up is Peter W. who married Phebe LaFollette in Putnam County on October 14th in 1847 and his sister, Susannah married her brother George Washington LaFollette just a few months before. Oddly, one couple went west and the other stayed here. It was the Nofsingers who in 1869 settled in Franklin County, Kansas near the town of Lane. Sadly, he died January 7 in 1871, she opting to remain in the new country. Their children (Nancy, Thomas, Susan, Mary and George W) aided her and became lead-

ing citizens. She has quite an obituary that makes her wreak of spunkiness, telling a young man about four hours before her death (while sweeping the porch) at age 88 that she was a bit older than him but felt just fine.

Lastly, we have Susan(nah) and George LaFollette, Susan born in Botetourt County, Virginia 11 Nov 1827 and passed away in Shannondale (15 July 1902) where they are both buried. They began housekeeping and farming in Russell Township, Putnam County but spent most of their years in Franklin. The GenWeb page has three wonderful LaFollette histories thanks to a couple of wonderful Suz's – find that here <http://ingenweb.org/inmontgomery/bios%20l/index.html>. In the nice but short obituary for "Uncle" George LaFollette it noted that "he was such a man as the world can ill afford to lose, just, upright, honorable to the last degree." He and Susan had Joseph, Frank, Mary, Nancy, Clara, Oliver, Wallace with Hubert and Nancy passing young.

So, hope you have enjoyed learning about Mary Harshbarger Nofsinger and her versatile family who stayed here and wandered there. Harshbarger Saga #4 coming up next week!

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Sometimes People Just Need A Break...

When a police officer starts his shift, he never knows what will happen or who he will have to deal with. I worked the night shift, even after I was elected Sheriff, because that is when most of the serious incidents occur. Also, many of the drunk driving arrests occur late at night. Most of these arrests by officers are handled without incident. People who are intoxicated can exhibit a wide range of behavior...from a belligerent, fighting attitude to meek, crying submissiveness. I always felt my main job was to get the person off the road before he hurt himself or others. Police officers have some latitude in deciding to place a person under arrest. If a driver was honest and took responsibility for his actions, and had not been involved in an accident, I took that into account. If a person lied, cursed, or resisted, they were in trouble. Here are three examples...

Late one summer night I got behind a car that was weaving all over the road. After I pulled the 19-year old driver over, I quickly determined that he was very intoxicated. He had been to a bachelor's party and was only a mile from home. Young, stupid, and drunk...no accidents involved and non-combative. OK, I'll give him a break. I took his keys, placed him in the back seat, and told him I was taking him to his parents' house. However, after driving a short distance, my little buddy in the backseat spit on the back of my head. And with my driver's side window down, I also felt raindrops on my left arm. No rain on the windshield...weird. Then it dawned on me. I glanced back at my drunk happy-go-lucky rider. He had unzipped his jeans...and was spraying all over. By that time, the back of my seat and my



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duty shirt were drenched in urine. Sorry, bud, that was just not very polite. Off to jail he went.

On another warm summer night I came across a car parked on a bridge east of Ladoga. When I exited my car to see what was going on, I noticed a man standing near the bridge railing...pants down around his ankles...looking up at the starry sky...and urinating into the creek. After finishing his bladder duty, he wobbled over, "Hello, officer...how's it going?"...he was drunk as a skunk...beer on his breath. "Great, where are you headed to?" To which he replied, "I live in Ladoga...just headed home." And then I asked the usual question, "Well, how many beers have you had?" Ninety-nine percent of the time, intoxicated drivers say, "Only a couple." This fellow looked me straight in the eyes. "Well, officer, I ain't gonna lie...I had twelve beers, and I'm drunker than hell." An honest person. I couldn't resist. I grabbed his keys and took him home...asleep on the couch as I shut the door.

When I was Sheriff, I was sent up north near Bowers at 2 a.m. to a report of a car floating in a small creek...no one around. On that particu-

lar road, there is no bridge. Seriously. You have to drive through the creek, which is normally very shallow. However, it had rained all day and the water was about 30 inches deep. As I pulled up, I aimed my spotlight at the car. My Lord...a Mercedes bobbing in the water! And standing in the water was a woman...wearing only a bra and panties. What the...? I motioned her over to the bank, handed her a blanket to cover up, and told her to have a seat. Yes, she was drunk. "I was headed home. and I got lost." "OK, where are you going?" I inquired. "Indy...I just got off work...but officer, I did have a couple of drinks." No kidding. After further questioning, I found out that this lady was a doctor. She lived in Indianapolis and was working at the Home Hospital emergency room in Lafayette. She had a horrible night in the ER...the deaths of two children. Now what? I called for a wrecker to remove the car. I had every right to arrest her. I just didn't have the heart to possibly ruin her life and career. I transported the 30-year old lady physician back to the Sheriff's Department, gave her an orange jail jumpsuit to wear, and called her husband, who showed up about an hour later to pick her up. I have no idea where the rest of her clothes were...she could explain that to her husband.

I could give numerous other examples. Most of the time, I made an OWI arrest. But sometimes, people just needed a break.

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