

➡ **TODAY'S VERSE**  
Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.



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What makes Ka'Lena Cuevas smile? "Only the worst cliches come to mind when trying to answer this question, but it reminds me of one of my favorite Shakespeare plays: 'The robbed that smiles, steals something from the thief,'" said the Fishers resident, who is often found producing local community theater productions. In 2022, she earned Encore Association's 2022 Awards for Best Production of a Comedy for Basile Westfield Playhouse's "Rumors" and Best Production of a Drama for the Playhouse's "Mice and Men." Before that, she earned Best Production of a Comedy for the Playhouse's 2019 "Lie, Cheat and Genuflect." She performed in Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual free Shakespeare in the Park. Cuevas was born and raised in New York City (Chelsea, Manhattan) and when she was a teenager moved with her family to Oahu, Hawaii, until she left for college, "which is what brought me here (to Indiana)," said Cuevas, who graduated from DePauw University. After finishing grad school on the East Coast, she moved to Indianapolis, then Fishers. Why theater? "I've always loved theater. My parents would take my siblings and me to Broadway and Off-Broadway shows growing up in NYC, and I still remember those," said Cuevas, who took acting and playwriting classes in college and majored in English. She is currently producer for Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre production of "Crimes of the Heart," a drama directed by Jen Otterman of Noblesville and opening Saturday and continuing through May 7 at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort. For tickets, visit thebelfrytheatre.com.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Sheriff's Department Non Emergency Phone Outage**

Please call 317-776-9122 for information. We are currently experiencing issues with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept (Non Emergency) Administration Main Phone Number, 317-773-1872. While this issue is being resolved, please call 317-776-9122 for information during normal Business Hours: 8am - 4:30pm.

**2. Lane Restrictions**

Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, March 20, Florida Road between 104th Street and 113th Street will be under lane restrictions for tree clearing work. The estimated project completion date is Friday, March 24. Lane restrictions will be in place daily from the hours of 8am thru 4pm.

Flaggers will be in place throughout this process, but we ask that you use extreme caution while driving through this area.

**3. How MLB rule changes will make baseball faster**

Randy Roberts says three adjustments were made for the 2023 MLB season. The MLB Competition Committee approved a 15- to 20-second pitch clock, bigger bases and a defensive shift limit. These new rules aim to speed up the game and create more action. Baseball games have become longer in recent years, especially when compared to sports like football and basketball. Roberts says the pitch clock rule will make pitchers throw the ball earlier, hopefully resulting in more hits and a more interesting game.

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**Carmel Community Players cast members Matt Walls and Robert Webster rehearse "True West," by Sam Shepard, directed by Eric Bryant, continues through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets at carmelplayers.org or 317-815-9387.**



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**Becca Barkley as Rebecca (Magrath) Botrelle (from left), Brooke Hackman, as Lenny Magrath, and Sarah Eberhardt as Meg Magrath rehearse on the set (designed by director Jen Otterman) for The Belfry Theatre's "Crimes of the Heart," opening Saturday and onstage through May 7 at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort.**

## Wildflower walk, Peony Brunch Express, Kiwanis breakfast, VFW Loyalty Celebration, Fish Fry, Live Theater, Among Weekend Events



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

entertainment, a train ride and more are among the plethora of things to do this weekend and beyond. Here's our Times' list of 30 things to do.

1. Head out to Dan's Fish Fry from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the First Christian Church in Noblesville, with Stone's Crossing Bluegrass Band to perform 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Menu features fish and chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, slaw and assorted pies for \$15 for adults, \$5 ages 3-12. Bring lawn chairs and blankets

Carmel Community Players and Belfry Theatre plays, Dan's fish fry, Arcadia yard sale, live

for this outdoor event, for which proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity's Noblesville build.

2. Shop at the Town of Arcadia's Townwide Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday.

3. Go out to the countryside for the live music of Jennifer Mlott from 6:30-9:30 p.m. today, Brad Kleinschmidt on Saturday, and a Strawberry Music Festival at noon May 27, at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

4. Head to the 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, during the 2023 season at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

5. Carmel Community Players presents "True West," by Sam Shepard, directed by Eric Bryant, continues through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets at carmelplayers.org or 317-815-9387.

6. Come see a traveling exhibit while learning about our Hamilton County Bicentennial themes, Saturday through May 5 at Jackson Township Trustee Office in Arcadia.

7. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Eric Sablan and Brandie Posey at 8 p.m. today and Clean Comedy Show Duncan Kissing, Jonathan Pfendler and Ray Hensley on Saturday, all shows at 8 p.m., with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.

8. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring Jason and Robin on Saturday, Craig Thurston on May 4, Jeff Brown on May 6, Kris Huntley on May 11 and John Gilmore on May 13 at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.

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## Hamilton Heights Updates



**DR. ARROWOOD**  
Guest Columnist

recognize the important contributions that our administrative professionals make at Heights every day. Our administrative roles are incredibly diverse and those who serve in them are invaluable to keeping our offices running smoothly and effectively every day. Their connect-

edness, expertise, attention to detail, and grace are the skills that make them beyond good at what they do. These professionals often give the first impression of Hamilton Heights to those coming into our school buildings and district office. They work closely with our administrators, educators and staff, families, and community to ensure our schools are welcoming, organized, and efficient environments for learning. While much of their work is often done behind the scenes, their dedication and contributions are noticed, valued, and

Wednesday is Administrative Professionals Day which gives me a special opportunity to

appreciated. Thank you!

Tuesday was Bus Driver's Day which gave us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the role and contributions of our bus drivers. Our drivers are good stewards, role models, and an important link in the education chain at Heights. Our Transportation Department is a well-oiled operation that provides students reliable, safe transportation to school and home and to and from events. Our drivers are among our unsung heroes whose work and service to our students and families are invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Next week also gives us a chance to celebrate more of our incredible school personnel. May 1 is School Principals' Day and May 2 is National Teacher Appreciation Day. Our principals and educators play an essential role in our students' lives. Our principals are leaders who create environments in their buildings where students and teachers thrive. They set the tone, lead the way, and are an example for all to follow.

Our teachers inspire a lifelong love of learning, curiosity, and

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## New Trail Set To Open In Northern Hamilton County

Ribbon Cutting on the Honorable Steven R. Nation Community Pathway Set for May 9.

Hamilton County, in partnership with The Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Next Level Trails (NLT), will celebrate the opening of the new Honorable Steven R. Nation Community Pathway on Tuesday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the White River Campground in Cicero.

The ribbon cutting marks the first phase of a multi-use path that will run through the northern Hamilton County communities of Atlanta, Arcadia, and Cicero eventually connecting Koteewi Park in Strawtown to Potters Bridge Park in Noblesville. The 10-foot-wide asphalt trail currently extends from Katherine Street in Cicero east to White River Campground and Koteewi Park in Strawtown.

The trail is named for Hamilton County Councilor Steve Nation, a retired Superior Court

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## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:46 a.m.  
SET: 8:36 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 62 °F  
Low: 50 °F

**Today is...**

- National Arbor Day
- National Blueberry Pie Day
- National Superhero Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 2004 The first Abu Ghraib torture pictures are published.
- 2001 Dennis Tito becomes the first space tourist in history.
- 1994 Former CIA officer Aldrich Ames admits he forwarded U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union.

**Births On This Day**

- 1916 Ferruccio Lamborghini created Lamborghini
- 1908 Oskar Schindler Czech/German businessman

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1992 Francis Bacon Irish painter
- 1945 Benito Mussolini Dictator of Italy

## Indianapolis MPO Awards Hamilton County \$8 Million for New Interchange 146th & Hazel Dell Parkway Set to Become a Roundabout

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee has awarded \$8,718,340 to Hamilton County to transform the 146th and Hazel Dell Parkway intersection into a roundabout interchange. Construction could start as early as 2026.

"This is one of the highest crash locations in the county," says Hamilton County Highway Director Brad Davis. "In fact, there were 94 reported crashes at this intersection from 2015 to 2019 - most of them rear-end accidents. We hope that turning the intersection into a roundabout will slow traffic and help alleviate some of the danger."

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➡ **HONEST HOOSIER**

Day two of the NFL draft is still a big story. Remember when we used to be a baseball nation?



➡ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Here is a good resource that explains how the health care law affects you: Healthcareandyou.org. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➡ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"There's nothing wrong with the younger generation that becoming taxpayers won't cure."  
-Dan Bennett

➡ **TODAY'S JOKE**

What do you call someone who sees an Apple store getting robbed?  
An iWitness!





## Betterment Harvest's JC Fresh Farms Celebrates First Pick And Commercial Shipments Of The 2023 Growing Season

Land Betterment Corporation ("Land Betterment" or the "Company"), an environmental solutions company fostering positive impact through upcycling former coal mining and industrial sites to create sustainable community development and job creation, today announced that its subsidiary,

Betterment Harvest, has successfully commenced picking its 2023 harvest from JC Fresh Farms ("JC Fresh"). The 2023 crop was planted in week 9, 2023 and is picking 1 week ahead of schedule. The farm has secured record pricing for the 2023 season.

Matt Tatimir, Co-Presi-

dent of Betterment Harvest and Founder of JC Fresh and Orangeline, commented, "Our flagship crop of JC is the Red Grape Tomato and we are pleased to start picking a week earlier than during the prior year. We sell to the top tier customers and our team is knocking it out of the park this year."

## Be A "Very Important Peony Person"

Indiana Peony Festival celebrates "Peonies in the Park" Friday, May 19.

A very special night is in store as organizers of the annual Indiana Peony Festival host "Peonies in the Park" the evening prior to the festival. The over-21, ticketed event, sponsored by Smith's Jewelers, is scheduled for Friday May 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Seminary Park.

This kick-off for the Indiana Peony Festival at beautiful Seminary Park featuring incredible floral installations, peony-inspired food and drink — think St. Elmo's world-famous shrimp cocktail — music and much more! The generous donation and participation support of this Indiana Peony Festival initiative helps to increase the peony beautification footprint in Noblesville and beyond and promotes horticulture education about the much-beloved state flower.

Organizer Kelly McVey says the event is the perfect opportunity to be a "Very Important Peony Person." "Sip and stroll along the peony path and enjoy a timeline of how the peony became

the Indiana state flower," she says. "And, attendees can head over to the Little Pink Camper for a photo op that is Insta worthy."

Participating vendors and their offerings include:

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•Smoked Salmon  
**Matteo's Ristorante Italiano**  
•Tortellini and Ravioli  
**Texy Mexy**  
•Chorizo Mac and Cheese  
**St. Elmo Steak House**  
•Cocktails and Shrimp Cocktail  
**9th Street Bistro**  
•Carrot Cake Pops  
**Debbie's Daughters Bakery**  
•Cookies  
**Spencer Farm Winery**  
•Wine  
**Primeval Brewing**  
•Peony Day's Beer  
**Noble Coffee & Tea Company**  
•Cocktails and Mocktails

Attendees will also get an exclusive chance to participate in a raffle of a tennis bracelet (valued at \$11,000) from Smith's Jewelers. Tickets to the VIP event are \$100 each and may be purchased online through the

Indiana Peony Festival website. Art, education, delicious food, and giveaways await you at this charming event.

The Indiana Peony Festival powered by Duke Energy returns to Seminary Park the next day, Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 50 vendors are anticipated for this year's event. Dedicated parking lots throughout downtown Noblesville will make access easy to this well-attended event.

Don't miss this year's "Brunch and Blooms" brunch crawl during the day Saturday, May 20. Brunch & Blooms provides visitors with peony-inspired food and drink throughout the day from local restaurants in seven outdoor locations around the historic downtown including four of them in "full bloom" in peony-inspired decorated alleys. Tickets to Brunch & Blooms are \$6. For additional details, visit the Indiana Peony Festival website.

Proceeds from the Indiana Peony Festival special events support beautification projects in Hamilton County.



Photo courtesy of Riverview Health

The Riverview Health Board of Trustees from Left to Right-Greg Murray, Sam Mishelow, Dan Stevens, Dr. Chuck Mulry, Mike Daugherty, Leeann Murray and Dr. Bill Kirsch

## Dan Stevens Appointed To Riverview Health Board Of Trustees

The Hamilton County commissioners have appointed Dan Stevens to the Riverview Health Board of Trustees.

Dan Stevens recently retired after a 50-year career with Hamilton County. He first started working for the county in January 1974 as a jailor and dispatcher. He

also worked as a sheriff's deputy before being elected sheriff in 1986. He then worked as the jail commander for 13 years before being appointed as the director of administration in 2009.

In addition to appointing Stevens to the Board of Trustees, the commissioners also reappointed

Leeann Murray and Dr. Charles Mulry.

The Riverview Health Board of Trustees now includes Greg Murray, board chair; Bill Kirsch, MD, vice-chair; Leeann Murray, secretary; Mike Daugherty, Sam Mishelow, Chuck Mulry, MD and Dan Stevens.

## Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation To Offer New Nature Keepers Program This Summer

Youth Half-Day Nature Program Takes Learning Outdoors.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will offer a new youth program this summer called Nature Keepers. This half-day nature program will be led by the CCPR Parks & Natural Resources team and hosted at different parks each week to provide an immersive, hands-on experience.

Nature Keepers is designed for ages 5-11.

Morning sessions are designed for ages 5-7, while afternoons are designed for ages 8-11. Each four-day Nature Keepers session runs Monday through Thursday and features a different theme. This summer's themes include weather, wildlife, water, and wilderness survival.

"If your children enjoyed our half-day nature camps with us in previous summers, we have a fantastic new program for you," said CCPR

Naturalist Karen LaMere. "Nature Keepers offers a half-day experience with even more focus on nature and being outdoors. We'll enjoy lots of fun activities like creek stomping, looking for wildlife and plants, and making animal tracks. We can't wait to get outdoors!"

Nature Keepers will run weekly from May 30 through July 27 at various parks. Registration is \$100 per child. Secure your spot today!

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# The Hyperion Players To Produce First Original Play, Historical Drama Call Me Sister

The story of Mary and Elizabeth Tudor’s rise to power debuts in Noblesville in June.

The Hyperion Players, a new performing arts organization based in eastern Hamilton County, will produce its first-ever original script June 8-11 in Noblesville. Call Me Sister is Hyperion’s fourth play and will serve as the finale for the group’s pilot season.

The play follows half-sisters Mary and Elizabeth Tudor as they vie for their father’s throne. It is the largest play Hyperion has staged so far, with 14 speaking roles onstage and almost 20 people involved backstage and in the booth.

“Tackling an original script, especially a bold, historical drama, is a tall order,” said Ian Hauer, Executive Artistic Director for The Hyperion Players. “There are lots of technical plates spinning at once, not to mention multiple themes to juggle: the double standard for women in power, the sharp edges of ambition, and the bond between siblings are all on display here. Thankfully, we have a talented team of artists who are working hard to bring this story to life, and we’re confident this tale will reverberate beyond the closing curtain.”

The production is supported by a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission, which has fostered several community partnerships. Hyperion is coordinating with the Shepherd’s Center of

Hamilton County to offer tickets to senior citizens in the area. Several local high school students are involved with work onstage and backstage, representing Noblesville High School, Hamilton Heights High School, and homeschool families. The Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission and Marion Community School of the Arts are lending costumes for the show, and Emmanuel United Methodist Church is hosting rehearsals.

“Producing original shows with community support is a central part of Hyperion’s vision,” said Hauer. “We can produce the best plays in the state, but as a community theatre, if we’re not partnering with others and lifting up our community, what’s the point?”

**Call Me Sister is scheduled for only five performances:**

Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. (including a cast/crew talkback after the show)

Saturday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 11, 2:30 p.m.

All performances will be at the Ivy Tech Auditorium, 300 N. 17th St, Noblesville. Audience members should enter through door 1.

Ticket sales open Friday, May 5. Tickets are \$12 each. More information about the show is

available at <https://www.hyperionplayers.com/tickets/>.

**SHOW SYNOPSIS**

It’s Christmas 1550 when the young king Edward VI welcomes his half-sisters, Lady Elizabeth and Lady Mary – the latter, daughter of a Catholic – back into his Protestant court. The evening sours when Mary confronts the king’s adviser for harassing her younger sister, resulting in their removal from the line of succession. After the king dies, Mary vies for her God-given right to the throne and to restore the nation’s ties with Rome. But Elizabeth, a Protestant sympathizer, has ambitions of her own, and refuses to stay silent as “Bloody Mary” earns her moniker. The play contains thematic elements and brief peril.

**CAST** (in order of appearance)

Lady Alice – Renee Lopez (Noblesville)

Lady Sarah – Emily Hauer (Noblesville)

Sir Christopher Hatton – Richard Cramer (Xenia, OH)

Sir James Locke – Joshua Minnich (Noblesville)

Archbishop Thomas Cranmer – Brad Stages (Indianapolis)

King Edward VI – Hope Oetjen (Indianapolis)

Mary Tudor – Duana Menefee (Cincinnati, OH)

Elizabeth Tudor – Becky Larson (Zionsville)

Duke of Northumberland – Steve Stone (Noblesville)

Baron Thomas Seymour – David Johnson (Plainfield)

Lady Jane Grey – Caroline Stone (Noblesville)

Philip II of Spain – Jaron Hilger (Noblesville)

Duke of Savoy – Bailey Hunt (Noblesville)

Doctor Caius - Bill Smith (Elwood)

Guard – Nathaniel Taff (Noblesville)

Guard – Owen Hilger (Noblesville)

Courtier – Alaine Sims (Plainfield)

Herald – Joshua J. Dekker (Sheridan)

**CREW**

Director – Ian Hauer (Noblesville)

Assistant Director – Clayton Cina (Indianapolis)

Stage Manager – Karyn Dekker (Sheridan)

Assistant Stage Manager & Properties Manager – Elizabeth Vos (Indianapolis)

Costumer – Karen Smith (Elwood)

Assistant Costumer – Callie Cox (Lebanon)

Hair & Makeup Design – Monya Wolf (Carmel)

Lighting Design – Adam Fike (Indianapolis)

Lighting Operation – Ben Hilger (Noblesville)

Scenic Designer – Ian Marshall-Fisher (Indianapolis)

Sound Design – Zach Catlin (Indianapolis)

Sound Operation – Emmy Taylor (Noblesville)

Graphic Designer – Will Smith (Elwood)

House Manager – Kristin Hilger (Noblesville)

# Land Betterment’s ekō Solutions Welcomes First 5 Residents To ekō Village Of Pike In Pikeville Kentucky

Land Betterment Corporation (“Land Betterment” or the “Company”), an environmental solutions company fostering positive impact through upcycling former coal mining sites to create sustainable community development and job creation, announced today that its ekō Solutions division has welcomed the first 5 residents into its ekō Village of Pike located just outside Pikeville, Kentucky. This marks the completion and full lease up of Phase 1 of ekō Village of Pike.

Mark Jensen, Executive Chair of Land Betterment stated, “This is big moment for our company! In February of 2020 we set out on an ambitious journey when we founded Land Betterment Corporation. We knew there was a better way to help communities in transition. This milestone is proof of concept that you can transform former coal mining sites into sustainable housing communities. As a solution-based company, our ekō Villages are bringing real sustainable, environmental and social solutions to a region in need. We continue to work on additional site locations within our pipeline and look forward to bringing ekō Solutions’ modern, ecological and sustainable housing option to other nearby communities.”

ekō Village of Pike is located on a 4-acre controlled development site, 8 miles from downtown Pikeville, Kentucky. ekō Solutions’ parent company, Land Betterment Corporation, acquired control of the land, which was a former industrial site once utilized by the coal industry. Since February of 2020, the Company has been remediating the land so that it is safe, flat and livable. Now complete with ekō container-based homes, it is welcoming residents.

“We are thrilled to complete Phase 1 of ekō Village of Pike and even more excited to welcome its new residents,” said Pete Rodriguez, President of ekō Solutions. “Our ekō homes are the perfect solution for Pikeville, as well as the entire Appalachian region, as their economies transition away from coal mining and diversifies into new industries which are bringing more jobs and employees to the area.”

This low cost housing property is invaluable to local organizations such as the Pikeville Medical Center, University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine as we all other organizations in the area which historically have struggled to provide housing as the Pikeville

economy continues to diversify. Having these homes available will enable a needed workforce to better work and live in the Pikeville area.

“Our ekō homes are sustainable and efficiently manufactured to the highest of standards which eliminates on-site construction constraints,” Rodriguez said. “We can have these homes set up and running complete with utility hookups in approximately 4-6 weeks. ekō homes are designed to be high-quality, durable, energy efficient and affordable to live in and maintain.”

Phase 2 consists of 8 homes including 4 two-story models. These homes are currently being developed with anticipated leasing during summer of 2023.

The Phase 3 development of ekō Village of Pike is anticipated to commence in spring of 2024, and when fully built out, will have a total of 23 low-cost, modern ekō homes made from recycled steel shipping containers which are strong, energy efficient, weather, insect and rodent resistant and available for rent. These ekō homes provide transitioning and traditional communities with a safe, affordable and sustainable housing solution.

Details about the ekō Solutions models currently located in the ekō Village of Pike are as follows:

The Loggia

- 640 square foot open floor plan
- 2 bedrooms
- 1 full bathroom
- Single story w/ two connected 40’ standard containers side-by-side
- 40’ L x 16’ W x 8” H

The Two’s Company

- 480 square foot open floor plan
- 2 bedrooms
- 1 full bathroom
- 2 story lay out with rooftop deck
- 40’ L x 8’ W x 9’6” H with 20’ standard container for 2nd floor

The Tide

- 320 square foot open floor plan
- 1 bedroom
- 1 full bathroom
- 40’ L x 8’ W x 8’ H

The Agora

- 320 square foot open floor plan
- 1 bedroom
- 1 full bathroom
- 40’ L x 8’ W x 8’ H

ekō Solutions offers an extensive line of shipping-container housing solutions to include mobile workstations, mobile bathrooms, mobile dog grooming, containerized food stands, RVs, ekō farms, hunting retreats and homes. ekō Solutions dispatched its models to Western Kentucky in 2021 to provide housing for displaced families impacted by the deadly December tornado outbreak.

## Noblesville Lions Thank Ginger’s Café in Appreciation for Support and Service to the Lions Club



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions (J. Kozicki)

Last Wednesday evening the Noblesville Lions Club gave a big “thank you” to Ginger’s Café for hosting the club twice a month, and providing a meal to the members. The effort provided by Mikki Perrine, the Owner, is outstanding. Meals are great, and restaurant is very accommodating for the meetings. Lion President Gordon Resler, Mikki Perrine (Ginger’s Owner), Monica Wilbur (Ginger’s #1), and Jake Doll, Lion Marketing

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# Big Ten pits conference opener against Friday Night Lights



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

and alumni to gather at their high school's football game.

Bonfires, fish fries and post-game dances helped form lifelong memories for teen-agers.

Like many good things, money comes along and spoils everything.

Case in point, Wednesday's announcement by the Big Ten that Purdue football would host Wisconsin in the conference opener on Friday, Sept. 22 in Ross-Ade Stadium.

In the previous 135 seasons of Boilermaker football, Purdue had never hosted a Big Ten opponent on a Friday. The last time Purdue played a home game on a Friday night, beating Ohio 44-21 to give Jeff Brohm his first victory as head coach, the athletic department made amends by offering to host a high school football doubleheader the following day.

Lafayette Jeff beat Harrison 49-39, while West Lafayette fell to Crete-Monee (Ill.) 44-29. Neither story in the Lafayette Journal & Courier mentioned attendance figures, but it's likely every young man

who played that day will be bragging for years that they played in Ross-Ade Stadium.

Purdue-Wisconsin is just a down payment on what's coming down the road with the Big Ten partnering with Fox, CBS and NBC. Once USC and UCLA join in 2024, don't be surprised if the Big Ten will agree to a Thursday night game, a Friday doubleheader and Saturday kickoffs ranging from noon to 10 p.m.

Thanks to John Harrell's website, here's some of the high school football games competing for attendance:

- Just five miles down the road from Ross-Ade Stadium, Harrison welcomes Lafayette Jeff. On the other end of Tippecanoe County, McCutcheon is at home against Kokomo.

- In The Times' readership area, Noblesville is at Franklin Central. Guerin Catholic takes on Chatard, Carmel clashes with North Central and Hamilton Southeastern travels to Zionsville.

The Purdue-Wisconsin storyline will be an interesting one for viewers. It will be the Big Ten coaching debut for Purdue's Ryan Walters and Wisconsin's Luke Fickell. With both offenses shifting to a variation of the late Mike Leach's Air Raid attack, it probably won't be a dull game.

For Walters and the Boilermakers, the Wis-



Graphic courtesy Purdue Athletics

**Drew and Brittany Brees helped bring Tiller Tunnel to reality.**

consin game comes in the midst of a potentially favorable schedule. Four of the first five Purdue games this fall will be at home, including the Sept. 16 matchup against Syracuse. Fresno State comes to West Lafayette for the Sept. 2 opener and the month closes with Walters' former employer, Illinois, coming to town Sept. 30.

Tiller Tunnel  
This September 30th will mark the sixth anniversary of Joe Tiller's death. Almost from the moment of his passing, his family and players have been working with Purdue officials for a suitable tribute to the winningest football coach in school history.

Thanks to another gift from Drew and Brittany Brees, the new tunnel linking the locker room inside Kozuch Football Performance Complex to the Ross-Ade Stadium field will be named in Tiller's honor.

The Boilermaker football legend and his wife matched donations to the Tiller Tunnel campaign during Purdue's Day of Giving on April 26. Three giving levels - \$5,000, \$25,000 and \$100,000-plus - will also be publicly recognized on the entrance wall to Tiller Tunnel.

Under Tiller, Purdue went to 10 bowl games, including the 2001 Rose Bowl as Big Ten champi-

ons. Tiller sent 53 players to the National Football League and coached three major award winners (Brees, Maxwell Award as college football's best player; tight end Tim Stratton as the first John Mackey Award winner and punter Travis Dorsch, Ray Guy Award).

"Coach Tiller was an important person in my life and to so many other guys who played for him. He did so much more than teach us how to win,"

Drew Brees said in a statement announcing the Tiller Tunnel initiative. "He taught us life lessons and how to be great leaders and men. We hope to inspire others to join us in donating to Tiller Tunnel to honor a man who did so much for so many Boilermakers." Big Ten basketball schedules

It will seem like déjà vu for Purdue basketball when it starts Big Ten play in December.

Tuesday's announcement of the single-play and home-and-away conference opponents revealed the Boilermakers will play the same schedule it had in 2019-20. That season will be remembered for Purdue's struggles (16-15) and its sudden halt due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

In addition to its protected rivalry with Indiana, Purdue will have home-and-away games with Illinois, Iowa, Michigan,

Northwestern, Rutgers and Wisconsin. The Boilermakers' lone contests with Michigan State, Minnesota and Penn State will take place in Mackey Arena. Purdue drew Maryland, Nebraska and Ohio State for road-only games.

Indiana will have to travel to Illinois, Michigan and Rutgers for its single-play road games. The Hoosiers went 2-1 away from Assembly Hall against that trio in 2022-23, falling to the Scarlet Knights in one of their worst performances of the season.

Iowa, Michigan State and Northwestern come to Bloomington for IU's home single-play games.

A quick glance at schedules for possible contenders for the Big Ten title seems to favor Ohio State. In addition to Purdue, the Buckeyes get Illinois and Maryland as home single-plays. Iowa, Michigan State and Northwestern are their road single-plays.

Michigan State drew the double-whammy of only playing Indiana and Purdue on the road. At least the Big Ten threw the Spartans a bone by making the third road single-play a trip to Nebraska.

- 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.

## Don't Bury The Hatchet



**DICK WOLFISIE**  
Funny Bone

Recently in this column I admitted that the

decided to opt for brevity. The sign of a good humorist is knowing the value of being succinct. Here's my employment history in a few words:

- Hired
- Fired
- Hired
- Fired
- Rehired
- Fired again
- Hired
- Retired

A few days later, I did send one addendum. I had forgotten to mention that I had recently been elected to the Indiana Broadcasters Hall of Fame. I wanted my GW friends to know this as soon as possible. I was concerned that by the time I got to the reunion, they might take back the award.

That brief bio above was just my first 15 years of employment. After that I settled down to 30 years at WISH-TV. I compare this to my friend Seth who after graduation from GW in 1968 went on to visit 46 countries enjoying all the different cultures based on his interest in anthropology. Another classmate became an executive editor of the Chicago Sun Times. The more I read these mini-resumes the more I knew that being a goofy field reporter and a humor columnist was not going to get me selected to address the group on the topic: How working on The GW Hatchet led me to experience the world and do my part to make it a better place.

By the way, I saw an old girlfriend from back in the '60s on the invitee list who I hadn't seen or heard from in 55 years. I sent her an email telling her I hoped she was coming to the reunion.

"I'm sure I will recognize you after all these years," I told her.

"I bet you will," came the response, "I'm still 6'2" with a full-length beard."

I had sent the email to Seth by mistake.

Just a final note. Ten years ago, a similar reunion was held. My wife and I were excited to return to DC for a visit. I made the hotel arrangements, which I seldom do because I always mess something up. A week before the trip, Mary Ellen asked me to confirm the reservations and to be sure we were located near The White House, a site we planned to visit and close to the restaurant where the reunion dinner was to be held. I called...

"I'm just confirming our rooms and I wanted to know how far we are from The White House."

"About 3,000 miles," he told me.

I had booked a hotel in the state of Washington.

- Dick Wolfisie 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 Wolfisie@aol.com.

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**BETSY** From Page A1

9. Hamilton County Theatre Guild's The Belfry Theatre presents "Crimes of the Heart," directed by Jen Otterman of Noblesville, opens Saturday and continues through May 7 at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort in Indianapolis, with tickets at 317-773-1085 and at [www.thebelfrytheatre.com](http://www.thebelfrytheatre.com).

10. Enjoy a free Spring Wildflower Walk 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville.

11. Board the Nickel Plate Express for the Peony Brunch Express at 10 a.m. Saturday for a 90-minute ride with brunch by Andy's Housepitality, leaving Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot in Noblesville.

12. Support the Noblesville Babe Ruth by attending a Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Forest Park Inn in Noblesville, with \$5 tickets at the door.

13. Enjoy the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Loyalty Day Celebration on Saturday at the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246 in Noblesville, with a block party, vendors, kids activities and entertainment, with bands through the day featuring Craig Thurston, Fast Cadillac and Tone Lab Society.

14. Celebrate the 50th reunion of the Noblesville High School class of 1973 at the NHS Alumni Banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday at NHS, at \$22 per person, with reservations by calling Peggy (Baldwin) Beaver at 317-372-2674 or email [bvrhut@aol.com](mailto:bvrhut@aol.com); or Janice Robinson at 317-773-3425 or [bbop1950@yahoo.com](mailto:bbop1950@yahoo.com).

15. Enjoy the music of 2022 International Singers-Songwriters Association Entertainer of the Year Jennifer Mlott at 3 p.m. May 5 at Parks Place Pub in Fishers.

16. Calling all wizards! Join Noblesville Main Street and Moonshot Games for "Magic of the Square," a family event in its second year, a magical day in Noblesville filled with live magic shows, exotic animals from Silly Safari, and its very own Diagon Alley from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 5 in downtown Noblesville. Attendees can also enjoy listening to a wizard rock band and climb aboard the Nickel Plate Express' caboose as it's transformed into Noblesville Hogwarts Express.

17. Fishers High School's Theatre Fishers presents "Radium Girls," a play by D.W. Gregory, at 7 p.m. May 4 and 6 at Fishers High School, with 22 cast members plus another two dozen crew. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

18. Underdog Theatre presents "Second Chances," a play that follows life on Mars long before life existed on Earth, featuring Noblesville High School students and directed by NHS grad Clay Howard at 7 p.m. May 5 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 6 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, with tickets at the door.

19. Noblesville Farmers Market opening day is 8 a.m. to noon May 6 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

20. Pre-1960 car owners are invited to display their cars at a free antique car show on May 6, organized by Sheridan Historical Society, in conjunction with the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission, at Veterans Park, 99 S. Main St., Sheridan, where public spectators are welcome to view and vote on their favorites. Cars should be model year 1960 or earlier and be in mostly original condition. At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the local

Model T Car Club will put on a demonstration of how to assemble a Model T in record time. Lawn chairs and picnicking are invited, plus food will be available for sale. For information, call Ron Stone at (317) 758-5170 or email [rm-stone@ndwave.com](mailto:rm-stone@ndwave.com).

21. Join the Street Party on May 6 during the Porch Street Music Fest, featuring the Moontown Pickle Stompers at 8 p.m. and special guests Ghosts on Maple at 6:30 p.m., on 13th Street between Hannibal and Division streets in Old Town Noblesville.

22. Legacy Keepers Music's new 2023 Classical Guitar series, a part of the Bicentennial Celebration, will present the second concert in the series at 7 p.m. May 6 in the Historic Courtroom at the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville, featuring Brett Terrell and Friends, then Nov. 4 with Nolan Winters and Dec. 2 with John Alvarado. Tickets are \$20 each at the door.

23. Enjoy music, adult beverages and a good time while supporting Noblesville Youth Assistance Program, during Music for Millers from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. May 6 at Wolfies Waterfront Grill in Noblesville, for ages 21 and older, featuring all-request Dueling Pianos, and \$25 tickets, on the Noblesville Youth Assistance Program Facebook page.

24. Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's "The Taste of Business-Made in Noblesville is 4 to 7:30 p.m. May 10 at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville, with tickets at [noblesvillechamber.com](http://noblesvillechamber.com) and at the door.

25. En Pointe Indiana Ballet in Noblesville presents "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland" at 7 p.m. May 12 and 2 p.m. May 13 at Reardon Auditorium in Anderson with tickets starting at \$10. Also, join Alice and her friends for high tea 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at \$25 per guest. Visit [enpointeindiana.com](http://enpointeindiana.com)

26. Charity Ride for American Veteran Riders Association is at 8:30 a.m. May 20 beginning at the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246.

27. Hamilton County Master Gardeners annual Plant Sale is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 20 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

28. The Indiana Peony Festival is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 20 at Seminary Park in Noblesville, with peony judging, floral arrangements, floral growers and installations, food trucks, vendor booths, live music, kids activities and more.

29. The Attic Theatre's production of "Shrek The Musical" is on stage June 1-3 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

Save the date: Noblesville Lions Club's annual Pork Chop Festival, with pork chops, chicken and hot dogs, on June 2 with pancakes the morning of June 3 on the Courthouse Square.

30. Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's 2023 Darlington Bed Race in its 11th year is June 2 on Ninth Street at the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players youth production will have auditions for ages 5-18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. June 4 and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 5 at EnPointe Indiana Ballet in Noblesville, with more information and a downloadable audition packet at [thebelfrytheatre.com](http://thebelfrytheatre.com)

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**ARROWOOD** From Page A1

discovery. They make a difference in the well-being and long-term success of our students even under the most stressful, and at times, difficult, and fluid conditions. Our principals and teachers are true superheroes whose commitment and dedication to their field and their students is unmatched.

Our school environment is one where both students and staff thrive, and everyone belongs. I sing our employees praises whenever I can because of their positive impact on our students, large and small, from the office to the classroom, to the field. The work of many of our staff and volunteers is unseen but not unnoticed. Every person in every role contributes to the collective educational experience of our students. Human connections and interactions are at the heart of education and throughout our campus.

There is truly no place like Hamilton Heights. I am so proud of the people who choose to work here in every capacity and equipping the next generation of graduates with the skills, knowledge, and experiences to be successful in whatever direction they choose after high school.

Even at its most challenging, our work matters more than ever today. I am a proud Heights graduate and proud to be the Superintendent at Hamilton Heights. I am grateful for the chance to make a difference alongside a talented team that feels as passionate about public education as I do.

Thank you for your continued involvement, support, and partnership. #WeAreHuskies

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

**Noblesville Lions Learn About The Civil War And Indiana**



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions

**Last Wednesday evening the Lions Club hosted speaker Kevin Yaney and his Civil War history lesson. Kevin spoke in great detail about the war and its connection to Indiana. He detailed how cotton was a great financial factor to the country, and in 1860 was largest of US exports. He spoke on the many sacrifices of people and the states in the war, including Indiana. A Civil War is something the country never wants to see again. Kevin does marketing consulting, and has written books on the war. He can be seen at [www.yaney.net](http://www.yaney.net).**

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**TRAIL** From Page A1

Judge and former Hamilton County Prosecutor who founded the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program for at-risk students.

"Naming this trail after Steve just made good sense," says Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. "He has dedicated his life to connecting people and bringing them together as a community, just like this trail will connect and build community between our northern towns in Hamilton County."

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb's Next Level Connections initiative provided Hamilton County with \$1.04 million to build out the trail. The program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. "Trails are a vital investment in our communities across the Hoosier State," said Dan Bortner, DNR director. "The DNR is proud to partner with Hamilton County to complete this major trail extension."

**WPO** From Page A1

Project engineers believe the grade separated roundabout interchange will improve safety by eliminating angle crashes and reducing crash severity. The pedestrian crossings will only occur through Hazel Dell Parkway and the ramps to 146th Street, which have lower speeds than 146th Street.

The Indianapolis MPO

is comprised of the cities, counties, and towns in central Indiana (Marion and surrounding counties). The MPO award was based on a highly competitive process that identified the significant improvements to congestion along with safety improvements for pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists as the justification for the award.

**Tobacco Companies Continue To Pay Indiana Annually**

Attorney General Todd Rokita continues Indiana's battle to help Hoosiers stop smoking and decrease the number of youth smokers throughout the state by holding tobacco manufacturers accountable.

Last week Indiana received more than \$136 million from tobacco product manufacturers under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

"The harmful effects of tobacco take the lives of thousands of Hoosiers every year," Rokita said. "My office is working hard to ensure our kids live a long and healthy life and they avoid the dangerous path of smoking."

Under this agreement, Indiana receives annual payments as long as the tobacco manufacturers continue selling cigarettes in the state.

The agreement also forbids participating cigarette manufacturers from targeting youth, imposes restrictions on advertising and promotional activities, and product placement in media, branded merchandise, free product samples, and sponsorships.

The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement remains the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. The funds received by Indiana under the settlement agreement go to health-care, prevention, and reduction of smoking.

The TMSA payments received during Rokita's administration totals to more than \$433 million. Cigarettes cause cancer and other diseases, as the Surgeon General first concluded in its historic 1964 report. So, improving Hoosiers' health remains a priority of the Attorney General, as it should for all elected officials.

For more information on quitting smoking, call Indiana's Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QuitNow.

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## ‘Purdue Innovates’ Launches One United IP Commercialization & Startup Creation Network



Building on world-renowned strength in innovation by its faculty, staff, students and alumni, the Purdue Research Foundation and Purdue University have formed Purdue Innovates, a comprehensive system to streamline access and strengthen support to both (a) technology commercialization resources, such as intellectual property licensing and protection, and (b) startup support resources, including programs and funds to launch, scale and invest in Purdue-connected startups in one cohesive structure.

In recent years, Purdue has consistently ranked among the world leaders in bringing innovation to the marketplace. As one of the nation’s most innovative universities and the only university ranked among the world’ top 50 most innovative companies or nonprofits, Purdue never stops in the persistent pursuit of the next giant leap. From world-class research that is foundational to drugs that receive FDA approval to Purdue-connected startups changing the world, Boilermakers think big and push the boundaries of innovation. That excellence at scale is why Purdue is ranked 6th in the world for the number of issued U.S. utility patents and the only university from the state of Indiana to be ranked among the top 50 patent-receivers, and has produced some of the most visible startups from the Midwest. Purdue innovates.

“Purdue Innovates streamlines and strengthens the ecosystem for Boilermaker innovators in two ways,” said Purdue President Mung Chiang. “One is the generation and licensing of intellectual properties such as patents, where we have continued to be among the nation’s best. The other is the creation of startup companies by our students, faculty and alumni, where we are rolling out new strategies and new funds, broadening outreach to alumni across the country, and simplifying an impactful support system for Boilermaker entrepreneurs. Purdue Innovates will elevate excellence at scale for both investors and entrepreneurs.”

“We wanted to create an ecosystem that embraced all Boilermakers by supporting

both Purdue-owned intellectual property and startups that have their own intellectual property but have some other connection to Purdue, such as an alum,” said Brooke Beier, senior vice president of Purdue Innovates. “Solidifying the university core while engaging and leveraging the Boilermaker network is key to enhancing Purdue’s ability to become the preeminent university in commercialization and startup success.”

The Purdue Innovates network houses:

- Office of Technology Commercialization, where Purdue innovators disclose new ideas for evaluation for intellectual property protection and commercialization via licensing to industry and startups.
  - Incubator, which consists of resources to 1) assist early-stage, Purdue-connected startups via programming and funding opportunities; and 2) de-risk Purdue innovations to increase the technology readiness level for licensing opportunities to industry and startups.
  - Startup Foundry, which helps with funding, programs and services focused on getting investible Purdue-connected startups ready to raise first-round funding. The Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship is now part of the Startup Foundry.
  - Purdue Ventures, which makes early-stage investments in Purdue-connected startups and gives guidance on raising capital to get startups late-stage funding and positioning them for an IPO or acquisition.
- The strength of Purdue’s existing commercialization and entrepreneurship efforts will continue and collaborate with the above units. These include:
- I-Corps, where Purdue is the Midwest hub’s co-lead
  - Entrepreneurship certificate and courses
  - Digital Innovation in Agriculture Systems Lab (DIAL)
  - John Martinson Entrepreneurial Center (JMEC)
  - Student organizations such as Anvil

Key partnership programs like Silicon Valley Boilermaker Innovation Group (SVBig), High Alpha with DIAL, and others remain an integral part of the Purdue Innovates startup ecosystem, where they help advance and fund high-value startups.

By establishing this front door to the commercialization and startup creation ecosystem, it takes the guesswork away from entrepreneurs and innovators as to where to go for assistance, Beier said.

Purdue Innovates has developed a strategic plan that emphasizes the importance of collaboration, proactive investment in promising research and targeted outreach to key stakeholders through

new initiatives and events at the university. Some examples include:

Purdue University proactively reaches out to faculty members who have research with startup potential. To bridge the gap between research and commercialization, new funds will be created in the coming months. This will encourage the development of new ideas and facilitate the translation of research into real-world solutions. As one example, the John Martinson Entrepreneurial Center (JMEC) will partner with Purdue Innovates’ Purdue Ventures to manage the JMEC investment fund.

To support Purdue alumni entrepreneurs, the Inaugural Entrepreneurial Alumni Reunion is added to the fall 2023 calendar. This entrepreneurship-themed event will take place in November, providing a platform for networking, collaboration and talent resources for startups, industry, alumni, investors, students and faculty. By building a community of Purdue entrepreneurs, Purdue Innovates is fostering future Boilermaker successes that will solve the world’s greatest challenges. Learn more about the event here: [org/entrepreneurial-alumni-reunion](http://org/entrepreneurial-alumni-reunion)

Purdue Innovates will be promoted and communicated through new-student orientations and events like Boiler Gold Rush and new faculty orientation.

The success of Purdue Innovates is reliant on several key metrics.

The impact on intellectual property generation and impact can be assessed through metrics like invention disclosures, licensed technologies, filed patents, issued patents and license income.

For startup creation, metrics include the amount of private capital raised by startups formed by Purdue alumni, students and faculty, the number of successful Series A round companies, and the number of Purdue students hired by early-stage startups as interns or full-time employees.

A unified entrance for each part of Purdue Innovates:

Intellectual Property Commercialization: Translating ideas into impact begins in the Office of Technology Commercialization, where Purdue innovators can file technology disclosures. Contact [Dis-close@prf.org](mailto:Dis-close@prf.org) to get started.

Startup Creation: Whether validating and de-risking an idea in the Incubator, finding early-stage support in the Startup Foundry or securing investments through the Ventures team, Purdue Innovates is the entrepreneurial front door for faculty, students, alumni and investors. Contact [Startups@purdue.edu](mailto:Startups@purdue.edu) to begin that journey.

Commercialization – IP Generation and licensing

Purdue University innovations can be found in all 50 U.S. states and in over 100 countries around the world. Millions of people benefit from the cutting-edge research that takes place at Purdue. The Office of Technology Commercialization is the conduit for Purdue research to create new markets, solve real-world problems and drive new revenue streams for current and future Purdue innovations.

Hundreds of Purdue innovations are licensed and optioned every year, and OTC has a streamlined process for licensing so a company can get a new product into market quickly. The team offers different types of licensing agreements where thousands of Purdue innovations are available – ranging from the world’s whitest paint and digital forestry to smart concrete and cancer therapies, to name a few.

Licensees of Purdue IP include companies large and small. For example, GeniPhy raised a \$6 million Series A round, and the company was founded by Sherry Harbin, a Purdue professor who holds a joint appointment in the College of Engineering and College of Veterinary Medicine. GeniPhys’s polymerizable collagen innovation addresses unmet needs across a variety of potential markets after it worked with the Office of Technology Commercialization to license the intellectual property.

Startup creation – entrepreneurship mentorship and investment

In 2013 the Purdue Foundry was launched by Purdue Research Foundation to amplify the impact of the intellectual property being developed at Purdue. It served as a hub for practical entrepreneurial support that helped Purdue entrepreneurs turn their ideas into successful businesses, taking their innovations out of the laboratory and academia and into the global market. Since the inception of Purdue Foundry, PRF has helped launch more than 350 companies, which raised more than \$877 million.

Purdue was also ranked third nationally in startup creation by IPWatchdog Institute in 2020. Such resources led to many successes for Purdue-connected startups. For instance, Socio, a social media application developed by a group of Purdue University undergraduate students, including Joe Watkins, earned the founders a Forbes 30 Under 30 award in 2020. In July 2021, Cisco acquired Socio, now known as Webex Events.

“We are proud of our past accomplishments but strive to raise the bar a level higher,” Beier said. “We want to continue seeing Purdue technologies make an impact on the world via our commercializa-

tion and licensing partners, as well as our Purdue-connected startups receiving Series A investment and beyond, and our students getting exposure to startup internship and employment opportunities during their time on campus. Purdue Innovates is the culmination of all these past successes, and we will continue to build on them.”

What they’re saying at Purdue Innovates:

Brooke Beier, senior vice president of Purdue Innovates: “We want the Purdue community to see the real-world success stories of commercialization and entrepreneurship coming out of Purdue Innovates and be inspired to take on the process themselves.

“We will be here to assist in that journey, whether they choose to embark on it as a Purdue student, faculty member or later in their career as an alum. Boilermakers are some of the most loyal and entrepreneurial-minded alumni, and Purdue Innovates welcomes the opportunity to engage and discuss how it can assist with the mission to make Purdue the most preeminent university for technology commercialization and startup creation.”

Abhijit Karve, director of business development and licensing in the Office of Technology Commercialization: “The partnership between the various units of Purdue Innovates will be paramount to the success of getting Purdue technologies to market whether via industry or startups.”

Justin Renfrow, new director of Incubator: “I’m eager to bring my experience in product development and my enthusiasm for assisting early-stage technologies and startups to the Purdue Innovates team. The Incubator will play a key role at the top of the funnel for advancing technology readiness levels, startup creation and de-risking, and engagement with student startups.”

Tyler Mantel, new director of Startup Foundry: “We foster an environment of support for founders while cultivating meaningful and productive connections with investors and dedicated alumni mentors. By uniting Purdue founders, funders and friends, we fuel the flight of innovation.”

Eric Steager, new director of Purdue Ventures: “Purdue Innovates has a clear and identified pathway from idea, through early scaling, to what I do in terms of early-stage investment. So it allows these companies to be better formed. Their pain points are articulated. They’re just in a better position for investment.”

To learn more about Purdue Innovates, where Boilermaker innovations and startups are forged, go to [purdue.edu/innovates](http://purdue.edu/innovates) and explore your next giant leap.

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## Timmons Sharing A Little Modern Humor



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

For the eight or nine of you who regularly read these scribbles, you know I don't tend to pass on the modern version of the mimeographed office

jokes we used to get back in the '70s. But sometimes I get one or three that are just worth sharing. I am sorry I don't know the author, but this one sure feels worth sharing.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain
- Why the early bird gets the worm
- Life isn't always fair
- And maybe it was my fault

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to

do in disciplining their unruly children.

Things got worse as churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims, and when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense lost the will to live when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion, or if a student wanted to change genders.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents,

Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason.

Survivors include six step-children: I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim; Pay me for Doing Nothing; and It's My Body, My Choice.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com).*

## An' The Gobble-uns 'Il Git You....



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

When I was a small fry, my Dad would often recite a portion of the "Little Orphant Annie" James Whitcomb Riley poem before I went upstairs to bed...

"Wunst there was a little boy wouldn't say his prayers--An' when he went to bed at night, away upstairs, His Mammy heard him holler, an' his Daddy heard him bawl, An' when they turn't the kivers down, he wuzn't there at all! An' they seeked him in the rafter-room, an' cubby-hole, an' press, An' seeked him up the chimbley flue, an' ever'wheres, I guess; But all they ever found wuz thist his pants an' roundabout--An' the Gobble-uns 'Il git YOU...ef you don't watch out!"

Of course, you might know my bedtime prayer was..."Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." With goblins and the thought of possibly dying in my sleep on my mind, you can understand why I requested a night light!

Well, I can't totally blame Dad for me being frightened at night, because I did watch a few scary movies at the Sunshine Theater in Darlington. I loved westerns and the Ma and Pa Kettle movies, but in 1955, when I was 7 years old, I watched my first science fiction movie, "Tarantula," which was about a 100-ft. tall spider that devours people. The next day, when I was mushroom hunting in the woods located about a half mile behind our house, I just

knew that damn giant tarantula was coming after me...and I ran all the way to the house as fast as I could!

I didn't go to any more scary movies until two years later, when I saw "The Incredible Shrinking Man." After being enveloped by a strange fog which changes his molecular structure, main character Scott Carey starts to shrink in size...gradually to child size, then to doll size, then so tiny that he lives in a matchbox. Could that really happen? I had Dad measure me the next day. He proclaimed that I had shrunk a half-inch! Oh my God!...Well, thanks, Dad, for causing paranoia again in a small child!

That same year, in 1957, I watched "The Deadly Mantis," a movie about a 200-ft long preying mantis that had been trapped in the Arctic ice for millions of years and now enjoyed munching on humans. At the age of 9, I now realized that this could not happen. After the movie was over, however, some boys caught three real preying mantises in the library bushes nearby and released them in the drug store. All of us kids...even the high school girls...were screaming and hiding under the booths! I still can't stand to look at those creepy-looking insects.

One of the most frightening movies that I watched was "The Fly," which came out in 1958. The plot was about a transporter science experiment which goes wrong, with the scientist having the head and arm of a fly. I wasn't too afraid until the very end, when a fly, with the scientist's head and arm, is discovered trapped in a spider web...screaming "Help me! Help me!" I did not sleep very well that night! Whoever said, "you are afraid of a fly" was correct!

That same year I also watched "Attack of the 50-ft. Woman," which was about an alcoholic woman who encounters an alien spacecraft and is exposed to radiation. She becomes a giant (albeit an attractive, scantily clad beauty dressed only in bed

linens), and seeks revenge on her philandering husband and his mistress. This movie made me wonder if I should still stick my feet in the shoe department X-ray machine at Dellekamp's store in Crawfordsville. Although my Dad wore a size 10 shoe, I ended up with size 13 feet. I blame radiation on that. I also learned that it would not be wise for a husband to have an affair if his wife was 50-ft. tall and drank excessively.

The last horror movie I watched at the Sunshine theater was also in 1958..."The Blob," starring Steve McQueen. The "blob" was a giant red bundle of slime which trapped, covered, and chemically absorbed humans, becoming larger after each "meal." I wasn't afraid of it because I just knew I could outrun that gooeey thing. It could not be killed, but eventually the military was able to freeze it and transport it to the Arctic...no longer dangerous as long as the Arctic remains cold. Well, with people now claiming climate change is warming the earth, we may be in trouble yet.

The Sunshine theater closed in 1959 when I was a fifth-grader. Since then I have watched very few horror movies. When I watched "The Exorcist" in 1973, and the main character Regan MacNeil (played by Linda Blair) vomited and turned her head all the way around, that did it for me. I'm done!

Well, some people love horror movies. Not me..."Hoosiers," "High Noon," "Grease," and "Forrest Gump" suit me just fine. Throw in an occasional 1930's or 40's love story or musical every so often, and I'm good! But I miss the old theater. It was a special time in my childhood. And guess what? I recited the Little Orphant Annie poem to all four of my kids. Serves 'em right for being born into a nutty family!

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## REAP The Benefits Of The Inflation Reduction Act

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Rural small businesses and agricultural producers looking to save money by reducing energy costs may be eligible for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

With a boost in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the program is offering \$1 billion in grants and guaranteed loans to assist with investments in renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. This may include the installation of hydropower, geothermal, wind, or solar energy systems, updating heating and cooling systems, or switching from a diesel to an electric irrigation motor.

Projects previously funded through REAP include the installation of a solar array at a turkey farm, a wind turbine at a rural small business, and upgrades to energy-efficient coolers at a grocery store.

Wondering if you're eligible? To qualify, agricultural producers or rural small businesses must meet the following criteria:

- Agricultural producers:
  - Earn at least 50% of their gross income from agricultural operations.
  - Income may come from product sales, production contracts, crop insurance, commodity payments, and similar

matters.

- May be located in rural or non-rural areas as long as the project is associated with an on-site production operation.
- Small businesses:
  - Be located in a community with a population of fewer than 50,000.

- May be a private for-profit entity, a cooperative, an electric utility serving rural customers independent of government control, or a Section 17 tribal corporation or business of that tribal corporation.
- Must have a net worth of less than \$15 million and a net average income of less than \$5 million for the two previous years.

Additionally, applicants must provide matching funds if applying for a grant and 25% of project costs if applying for a loan. All projects require an environmental review and energy efficiency projects require an energy audit or assessment.

For more information, visit [rd.usda.gov](http://rd.usda.gov). The next application deadline is June 30.

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