

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Kate Baker smile? "The kindness of others, my nieces and nephew, laughter, my dogs, the ocean. There are so many things that bring me joy." She's "an incredibly proud aunt, the best title I've ever had," and "a proud mom" to her two sweet huskies, Dakota and Dasher. Since coming on to the job as Noblesville Main Street's executive director, Baker feels right at home. She invites everyone to stop in. "I love hearing about what people value about Noblesville Main Street and, of course, what they'd like to see from us in the future," she said. In Noblesville, Baker grew up singing and loving theater. She was involved in high-school drama productions and sang with Noblesville High School's NHS Singers and New Dimension show choirs, and she still sings in the chancel choir at Noblesville First United Methodist Church. Currently, she's preparing for Noblesville Main Street's First Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in downtown Noblesville. The event, "Magic of the Square," and the season opening of the Noblesville Farmers Market, which is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, and continues a total 24 Saturdays, through Oct. 14, at Federal Hill Commons. Read more about these events in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

1. Hamilton Town Center Hosts Outdoor Workout

Kick off a healthy weekend with a workout from ISI Elite Training, a fast-paced, strength-based workout. Following the workout, guests are invited to connect with multiple health organizations including Peak Cryo, Athletico Physical Therapy, Central Indiana Orthopedics, FC Pride Soccer Club, Peacock Chiro, Well Infused, Life Defined, StretchZone, OMI Orthodontics, Qc Kinetics, KidStrong, SoGility Soccer Training, ISI Elite Training and more. Guests will also have the opportunity to participate in raffle prize giveaways. Please R.S.V.P to secure a spot. Event Starts at 10:30 am Saturday at the Hamilton Town Center on 13901 Town Center Blvd.

2. Gov. Holcomb to attend celebration for Indiana's longest recreational trail

Quick! Know where Indiana's longest recreational trail is? Here's a hint. It and Gov. Eric Holcomb will be in the same place this morning. Give up? The 62.3 mile Monon South Trail connects seven communities and five counties. The trail runs from near Bedford in southern Indiana almost all the way down to the Ohio River. Approximately 440,000 people live within 10 miles of the trail's path, providing a key recreational and economic boost for the region.

3. Be A "Very Important Peony Person"

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.

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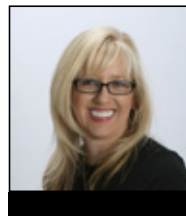
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Brooke De Tie, as Shitra, the main character, and Nick Adams, as the evil Dr. Mazz, the antagonist, rehearse for Underdog Theatre's "Second Chances," a play written and co-directed by Noblesville High School Clay Howard, and on stage at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville First United Methodist Church.

Underdog Theatre's 'Second Chances' Visits Life on Mars



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

When local playwright Clay Howard wrote "Second Chances," he wanted the play to be "hauntingly familiar."

The 2022 Noblesville High School graduate said, "As a writer, you want to

move people, oftentimes without them realizing they're being taught a lesson."

Such as when the audience is watching his latest play, "Second Chances," on stage at 7 p.m. today (Friday) and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday in Celebration Hall at Noblesville First United Methodist Church.

Howard described the play, which follows Shitra (played by Brooke De Tie), a powerful and

Want MORE?

What: The Underdog Theatre presents "Second Chances," an original play written and co-directed by Clay Howard, a 2022 Noblesville High School graduate, and featuring NHS students.

When: 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

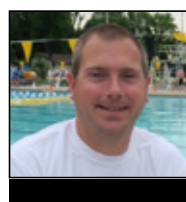
Where: Noblesville First United Methodist Church in Celebration Hall, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville.

How much: \$10 at the door. Info: www.underdogtheatre.org

religious woman as her planet, what we now know as Mars, is slowly being destroyed. Shitra faces her twin brother and chief of the people, Shuku (Stevie Miles), in an effort to prevent

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Forest Park Aquatic Center



GREG CONNOR
Guest Column

I'm commonly asked why I care so much about the Forest Park Aquatic Center? It's a great question and one that I love answering.

The Forest Park Aquatic Center has been a part of my life for over 30 years. I was 7-years old when I jumped in the 50-meter long competition pool for the first time in 1990. As a first-year member of the Noblesville Swim Club, I remember thinking that first lap would never end!

Growing up in Noblesville, competitive swimming and the Forest Park Aquatic Center provided so many great life lessons. I learned that nothing in this world comes without hard work, lots of practice and unwavering

commitment. I learned how to race, compete, and have fun doing so.

In the mid-90s I saw the facility fall into a terrible state of disrepair and was inspired by a group of volunteers that called themselves "The Friends of Central Pool". The impact this not-for-profit group has had on my life can't be understated. I witnessed firsthand a group of passionate and committed individuals do something absolutely extraordinary - literally save the Forest Park Aquatic Center from the wrecking ball. Even more amazing, the group has kept doing this for the past 26 years!

I joke that I've really only had 2 employers in my life - The Forest Park Aquatic Center and Bastian Solutions. I couldn't be more fortunate! Just like our Mayor, Chris Jensen, my first job was working at the Forest Park Aquatic Center. Each

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Westfield Creates New Sports Commission

The City of Westfield announced today the newly created Westfield Sports Commission. Its mission is to work alongside the City of Westfield and community sports organizations to lead the continued development of Westfield's status as a leader in the sports tourism industry.

In making the announcement, Mayor Andy Cook said, "The new sports commission is a natural progression of Westfield's leadership in the sports tourism industry built around Grand Park and the Grand Park Events Center. 3.5 million people visited the campus in 2022. The newly-formed commission further enriches our residents' quality of life while driving economic development through sports."

The Westfield Sports Commission will operate independently of the city to promote Westfield as a destination for sports tourism and serve as the organizing body developing the business of sports. According to William Knox, the CEO of Legacy Sports Group and a non-voting Board member of the Sports Commission, "This organization will go beyond just promoting Grand Park and other sports facilities in Westfield but will also interface with the business community to develop relationships and sports related business opportunities for the Westfield community."

The Sports Commission will be the fiduciary for state grants for Westfield organizations seeking to secure dollars through the state bid fund. It will work to develop further the Grand Park Research and Development Hub for the city. Additional strategies will be produced as the Commission explores expanded opportunities.

Board members of the Westfield Sports Commission include the following individuals:

Joseph Loftus, Partner, Barnes and Thornburg LLP.

Patrick Tamm, President, Tamm Capital Group.

Christine Hill, AVP, Global Customer Experience Strategy, Eli Lilly and Company.

Matt Deck, Chief Operating Officer, Tradewinds Logistics.

LeAnne Zentz, Associate Broker, Berkshire Hathaway.

Non-Voting Members:

William Knox, President, Legacy Sports Group.

Karen Radcliff, Director, Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Hamilton County Sports Authority.

The Westfield Sports Commission, a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3), will continue working with Team Indiana, the Hamilton County Sports Authority, and similar organizations to secure grant funding from the state and will also work with the Westfield business community to develop events and membership programs to fund the organization.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:37 a.m.
SET: 8:43 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 71 °F
Low: 46 °F

Today is...

- Cinco de Mayo
- Revenge of the Fifth
- Museum Lover's Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1980 The British Special Air Service (SAS) terminate the Iranian Embassy siege in London.
- 1955 West Germany regains full sovereignty after World War II.
- 1904 Cy Young pitches the first perfect game in modern major league baseball.

Births On This Day

- 1988 Adele English singer-songwriter, musician
- 1818 Karl Marx German philosopher

Deaths On This Day

- 1995 Mikhail Botvinnik Russian chess player
- 1821 Napoleon Corsican/French military officer, political leader

Noblesville Chamber's Taste Of Business Takes Place May 10



The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce is welcoming the public to attend the 23rd annual Taste of Business | Made in Noblesville business expo from 4-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The event will return to the Embassy Suites (13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060) for its sixth year at the conference center and the City

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: If shutting down Russia's pipeline crippled their economy and drove gas prices up, why did we shut down ours?



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."
-Marie Curie

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What kind of underwear do Indy 500 drivers wear?
Speedos, of course!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit - apply it to stings to destroy the venom. 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.



➔ OBITUARIES

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Photo provided by Leigh Petersen

"Mind's Eye" by Leigh Petersen

Nickel Plate Arts Features Artist Leigh Petersen During The Month of May

Nickel Plate Arts is featuring Leigh Petersen in the Stephenson House during the month of May. Information on the exhibit dates, receptions, and artist details for Petersen and the other NPArts featured artists are available below.

STEPHENSON HOUSE:

Leigh Petersen loves to use art as a way to "escape" and "unwind," to get in touch with her thoughts, dreams, and inner self. She has always been creative; even as a child, everyone assumed she would become some sort of artist.

In high school, Petersen chose to enroll in summer school and completed as many required courses as she could so that she had more room in her schedule for art classes during the school year. By the time she was a senior, she had taken every art class the school offered; thus, the school created "independent" art classes for her to fill the void. When she graduated, she wasn't committed to any single medium and enjoyed drawing, painting, fashion design, and photography.

"I moved to New York City and got a job at a small graphic design firm as one of my first 'real' jobs," Petersen says. "From there, I was hooked on graphic design because it was a place where I could draw from all of my favorite mediums and experiences . . . and I just never looked back."

Petersen worked as a design apprentice in NYC before moving back home to Indiana and shifting to production and advertising design. Because she did not go to college, Petersen learned as she worked and was able to work her way up as a result of her admirable performance

and achievements. During that time, she found her creative spirit in other aspects of art—specifically photography and music—and she did not go back to her roots of drawing and painting until she left the corporate design world to work as a freelancer.

Working as her own boss gave Petersen more time to dedicate to traditional creative pursuits; she discovered her passion for creating curves, lines, spirals, and shapes that don't really mean anything to her in a sketchbook until she starts to "see" something that inspires the goal of the piece. Because of this, most of her work is surreal and abstract. The pandemic was also a turning point for Petersen's career, as the uncertainty and chaos served as creative inspiration for her pieces during that time.

"Art has always been a means of escape for me, a way for me to disconnect from my day-to-day stress and worries and delve more deeply into my thoughts and feelings," Petersen says. Everything she draws or paints comes from within, as she allows her eyes, hands, and mind to disconnect and lead her in the "right" direction. Although her work is often classified as fantasy or surreal, to her, each piece of art is a visual representation of some piece of her inner self.

"They come from the chaos within," she says. See Leigh Petersen's full exhibit, *The Within*, in the Stephenson House Wednesday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can meet Petersen in person at her free public reception on Friday, May 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Nickel



LEIGH PETERSON

Plate Arts campus.

Exhibit Dates: May 5 to 27, 2023

Images provided – Mind's Eye Headshot, Leigh Petersen

MEYER NAJEM: Mark Timmis

The full exhibit, *Mark Timmis: One Man Show*, can be seen at Meyer Najem, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers on the 2nd floor, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can meet Timmis at his free public reception on Friday, June 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery.

Exhibit Dates: April 3 to June 29, 2023

FOUR DAY RAY: Joy Tilson Cobb

Joy Tilson Cobb's full exhibit, *Free Flowing*, can be seen at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. You can meet Tilson Cobb at her free public reception on Monday, May 22 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Four Day Ray, featuring live music by Party of Two with Steve Bogard on guitar and Tilson Cobb on vocals.

Exhibit Dates: April 1 to June 29, 2023

Noblesville Schools Announces 2023 Teachers Of The Year

Noblesville Schools has named four educators as 2023 Teachers of the Year. The teachers were nominated by their principals and were selected for the honor by a committee of administrators. The winners are:



MARIO DONHERT

their own goals, interview for classroom jobs, and regularly show significant academic growth.

Betsy Lange, Seventh Grade Math Teacher, Noblesville East Middle School (middle school winner)

Betsy has a way of supporting students while holding them accountable that leads to success and ownership of learning, even beyond her math class. Strong relationships are at the center of her teaching, and she is known for making engaging connections with her students. As chair of the math department, she leads curriculum development,



EMILY GRIGGS

Emily Griggs, K-2 Teacher, North Elementary (elementary winner and overall district winner)

Known for her patience, caring, and gestures to cheer others, Emily's strong relationships with challenging learners are second-to-none. A voracious learner herself, she is always the first to grow her professional skills and is a leader who is sought out by her peers. She pushes her students to be the best they can be, and they think of her as their mom at school. Always a cheerleader for others, Emily's life purpose is to empower her students to succeed.

Mario Dohnert, Fourth Grade Teacher, Hazel De Elementary (elementary winner)

A "game changer", a coach, a club leader, and a tutor,

Mario uses engaging real-life events and creative opportunities to bring learning alive for his students. Whether dropping off forgotten homework at a student's house or attending their events outside of school, he is 100% focused on his kids. A data-driven educator with success serving all, Mario's students set



BETSY LANGE

professional learning, and new instructional practices, and is a well-respected leader and role model among other teachers and staff.

Michelle Tharp-Taylor, French Teacher, Noblesville High School (high school winner)

In Michelle's class, students know that they matter thanks to her love and care. Funny, social, energetic, and wise, she eats lunch with students

who don't have others to sit with and makes time to watch students at after-school events. Some have reported that they have learned more from her than any other teacher they've ever had. Throughout her career, she has fostered a passion for language among her students and a deep admiration among her colleagues.

The four educators were selected to represent different academic levels, with two teachers chosen at the elementary level to reflect the fact that 50% of Noblesville Schools teachers are in elementary



MICHELLE THARP-TAYLOR

schools.

One of this year's elementary school winners, Emily Griggs, was further distinguished as the overall district winner.

Selection focused on master teachers who excel at putting Noblesville Schools' mission and vision into action and whose accomplishments align well with the Indiana Department of Education's state Teacher of the Year criteria.

The winners regularly demonstrate the highest levels of quality instruction for their students and leadership among their peers. They will be honored at a Noblesville Schools Education Foundation recognition dinner in May.

As the overall district honoree, Griggs will also participate in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 700 teachers.

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Purdue Football Players Drafted In 2023 NFL Draft



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

When Jalen Graham's name was called by the San Francisco 49ers early Saturday evening, the linebacker



DURHAM PAYNE

became the fifth former Purdue football standout selected in Rounds 4-7 of the 2023 NFL Draft.

All-American wide receiver Charlie Jones, quarterback Aidan O'Connell, tight end Payne Durham, cornerback Cory Trice and Graham gave the Boilermakers their highest representation in an NFL Draft since 2004. If these five athletes have the same good fortune as the nine Purdue standouts taken 19 years ago, they will enjoy several seasons in the NFL.

Nick Hardwick, Stuart Schweigert, Gilbert Gardner, Landon Johnson, Shaun Phillips, Niko Koutouvides, Kelly Butler, Craig Terrill and Jacques Reeves lasted between three seasons (Butler) and 11 (Hardwick, Phillips) in the NFL.

Schweigert, Phillips, Terrill, Gardner and Johnson started on defense for Purdue in the 2001 Rose Bowl. Koutouvides and Reeves also saw action at linebacker and cornerback, respectively, against Washington. Hardwick, inspired by Drew Brees and the Rose Bowl run, joined the Boilermakers in 2001 as a walk-on. Butler was a highly regarded recruit out of Grand Rapids, Mich., who entered the NFL Draft after three seasons as a starting tackle.

The only Big Ten Conference schools with more players drafted were no surprise: champion Michigan (9), Ohio State (6) and Penn State (6). Indiana was the only Big Ten school with no draft picks.

The Cincinnati Bengals made Jones the first Boilermaker selection with the 131st overall pick. That extended a run of three consecutive Purdue wide receivers drafted, follow-

ing fellow All-Americans Rondale Moore in 2021 and David Bell last season.

Jones, a transfer from Iowa, led the nation with 110 receptions and set the Purdue single-season record with 1,361 receiving yards. The yardage ranked second nationally and his 12 touchdowns were fourth among receivers. His eight 100-yard games also broke a Purdue record shared by Bell, Moore, John Standeford and Steve Griffin.

The pick drew praise from ESPN's team of analysts.

"He can play inside or outside at 5-11, 175 pounds, Todd McShay said. "He ran a 4.4 in the 40-yard dash. I love his quickness just as much as his speed. He's kind of a little sneaky, one of those kind of a pain in the butt receivers."

Added Louis Riddick: "He plays big. Don't be misled. He's not just a slot guy. He will burn your rear end on the outside. I saw him whip every defensive back he went against this year."

Troy Walters, the Bengals' receivers coach, told team radio broadcaster Dan Hoard that Jones is a technical route runner.

"If it's a 15-yard route, he's going to run 15," Walters said. "If it's 12 yards, he's going to get 12. He knows how to manipulate coverages and defenders at the top of his route. He just knows how to get open."

"Joe (Burrow) wants you to be in the right spot at the right time and that's what Charlie does. He's someone that Joe can count on."

The Bengals are loaded at wide receiver with Ja'Marr Chase, Tee

Higgins and Tyler Boyd so Jones could return to his collegiate roots as a return specialist at first.

"It's something I want to do, and something I've loved doing," Jones told Hoard. "I want to be able to come in and make an impact any way I possible can."

Jones' childhood pal,



GRAHAM JALEN

O'Connell, became the first Purdue quarterback selected since Curtis Painter went to the Indianapolis Colts in 2009. O'Connell leaves as Purdue's all-time leader in completion percentage (66.7), passing efficiency (141.8) and 500-yard passing games (2). His 9,219 passing yards are sixth in school history, and his 65 touchdown passes rank fifth.

According to Levi Edwards of raiders.com, general manager Dave Ziegler saw O'Connell as a prospect since midseason of 2022.

"The one thing about quarterbacks that you don't get to see if you're just watching tape or if you're just watching games, I'd say over 50 percent of their success rate is really about what they're made of from the neck up," Ziegler said

of evaluating O'Connell. "Intelligence, ability to process, those type of intangibles, leadership. Felt like he has a lot of those different intangible qualities that we think are really, really important to have any chance to be successful in the league at quarterback."

"A lot of the things that he did at Purdue, some of the things that he showed - there's areas to grow into - but he showed a lot of the things we wanted from

the quarterback position."

ESPN's McShay agrees with the Raiders about O'Connell's intelligence.

"He will learn the offense fast and be ready to go as No. 2," McShay said. Durham is one of only three Purdue tight ends drafted during the past 15 years, joining Dustin Keller in 2008 and former teammate Brycen Hopkins in 2020. Only All-American Dave Young caught more touchdown passes as a tight end (27) than Durham's 21.

"He's one of those guys that does everything well," director of player personnel Mike Biehl told Scott Smith of buccaneers.com. "I wouldn't say he's elite



JONES CHARLIE

at anything, but he does everything really well."

ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. likes Durham's 6-5, 253-pound frame.

"At Purdue he evolved into a heck of a target," Kiper said. "I thought he played faster than the 4.87 time at the Combine. He will run you over once he gets his hands on the football."

Trice ended a seven-year drought of Purdue cornerbacks in the NFL Draft since Dallas took Anthony Brown in 2016.

"This guy could be a steal," Kiper said of Trice, who some draft forecasts had going as high as the third round.

Trice, like future teammate Joey Porter Jr. of Penn State, seems to fit what the Steelers are looking for from their cornerbacks.

"He played a lot of press coverage and that's huge," secondary coach Grady Brown told Teresa Varley of steelers.com. "Just the way that he plays press,

being able to go down and ... just use that frame to just take up a lot of space and make guys work on the line of scrimmage."

Graham played both safety and linebacker at Purdue, a versatility that impressed 49ers general manager John Lynch.

"When we took Dee Winters (a sixth round pick from TCU), there was some discussion about who we wanted: Dee Winters or Jalen Graham," Lynch said. "For Jalen to still be there at the end of the draft, we talked about bringing him in as a free agent but we said let's have some certainty to this. Jalen is a guy we really like and are intrigued by."

With its top offensive weapons now playing professionally, Purdue's cupboard of NFL prospects may resemble Old Mother Hubbard's.

The roster at purduesports.com lists 21 seniors. However, 15 have two seasons of eligibility remaining thanks to the NCAA's COVID-19 ruling that made 2020 not



O'CONNEL AIDAN

count against the eligibility clock.

Thanks to some recruiting misses by former coach Jeff Brohm's staff, the football class of 2023 would be even more lean without a handful of transfers. Former Iowa wide receiver Tyrone Tracy is now a running back. Jamari Brown (Kentucky) is a two-year starter at cornerback. Outside linebacker Scotty Humpick (Murray State), offensive tackle Daniel Johnson (Kent State) and 2023 transfer Isaiah Nichols (defensive end, Arkansas) are also entering their final season of eligibility.

The sixth true senior,

three-year starting safety Cam Allen, has something to prove after struggling with tackling in 2022. If he rebounds under first-year coach Ryan Walters, Allen is the best bet to be an NFL Draft pick.

Allen was part of Brohm's best-rated recruiting class (25th in the 247Sports composite) in 2019. That class was led by George Karlaftis (first round pick in 2022 by Kansas City), David Bell (2022 third-round pick by Cleveland) and Jalen Graham.

Karlaftis and Bell were among five four-star recruits. Wide receiver Milton Wright and safety Marvin Grant also became starters at Purdue. Academics ended Wright's career at Purdue. Grant transferred to Kansas before the 2022 season.

The fifth, defensive tackle Steven Fauchaux, never saw the field and transferred to Marshall, where he was converted to offensive tackle.

Only six members of that 27-man recruiting class remain at Purdue. Three - Allen, wide receiver T.J. Sheffield and tight end Garrett Miller - are likely starters this fall. Quarterback-turned-tight end Paul Piferi caught 10 passes for 143 yards and a touchdown in 2022. Linebacker Jacob Wahlberg was seventh on the team with 41 tackles. Defensive end Sulaiman Kpaka made



TRICE CORY

19 tackles in a reserve role.

- 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana ("City"), pursuant to Ind. Code §6-1-18-5, hereby provides NOTICE that the City's Common Council ("Council") will conduct a public hearing during its May 15, 2023 regularly scheduled Council meeting for considering the following additional appropriation(s) in excess of the budget for the current year.

	Addition	Reduction
Sewer Availability Fund-Capital Expenses	\$850,000	\$0
Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Fund-Supplies	\$500,000	\$0
Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Fund-Professional Svcs.	\$500,000	\$0
Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Fund-Capital Expenses	\$500,000	\$0
Total	\$2,350,000	\$0

The Council meeting will take place at 7:00pm at the Huston Theatre, Launch Fishers, 12175 Visionary Way, Fishers, IN. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have the right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2023
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Lisa Bradford
City Controller
Hamilton County, Indiana

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Civil Town, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the Town of Sheridan, at their regular meeting place at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN, at 6:00 P.M., on the 16TH day of May 2023, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

1101 GENERAL FUND	\$138,800.00
Total	\$138,800.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Elizabeth Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC
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10 Things I Recently Read



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Funny Bone

Did you know that when you prepare asparagus you probably make 12 mistakes? Hold on a few minutes while I explain why I am asking this question.

Three ways you make your bed incorrectly. I was surprised to find that putting the fitted sheet on top of the flat sheet was not included as a no-no. I did that once when Mary Ellen was on a business trip. In the morning, I was an hour late for work because I couldn't get out of bed.

Five pickles you need to avoid. Your wife finds you have an extra cell phone with 75 calls to a Denise. That's one pickle you are in. Avoid it.

Five names of men who are usually jerks. According to an actual survey, women claimed that certain male names often meant the guy was going to be a jerk. One of those names was Frank.

Nine pick-up lines you should never use. According to bartenders surveyed, one of the worst is: "Hi gorgeous, my name is Frank."

Okay, let's get to those asparagus. The first thing they mention is that people forget to peel the spear. Apparently, peeling makes the vegetable more edible. I am no expert, but I believe this is also true of bananas. Don't trim off too much? Also good advice for people mowing their lawns, barbers cutting hair and doctors doing circumcisions.

Don't ignore the great diversity of asparagus. There are, says Smart News, over 300 varieties including Jersey Giant, Colossal and Atlas. Sound familiar? Those are also the names of three championship wrestlers.

Finally, and I am not making this up. Don't cook your asparagus with the rubber band still on the stems. Yes, if your spears are exceptionally chewy one night, I think you have discovered the culprit.

Five things you do wrong in the shower. One of the things people do wrong is not washing their feet. With my aching back, I can't reach my feet. That's why there are seven bars of soap on the shower floor.

Six things you do wrong when loading the dishwasher. If you are a man and don't want to bother reading the list just load the dishwasher in front of your wife. You will quickly find out there are SEVEN things you are doing wrong.

Why I read these blurbs every day is baffling to me. It just gives me more stuff in my life to obsess about. Let's take a look at just a few of these:

6 things you do wrong when making your bed

6 mistakes you make with your toaster

7 things you are doing wrong with artichokes

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State Budget Includes \$1M To Combat Veteran Suicide

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Lawmakers quietly included \$1 million each year to address veteran suicide prevention efforts in the new state budget — a tiny portion of state spending that could provide much-needed help as thousands of veterans die across the country each year at higher rates than their civilian peers.

Even as deaths remain stubbornly high after decades of effort, discussions about suicide and mental health overall still have a stigma in the military, said Matt Hall, the program lead for veteran resources group Indy Warrior Partnership.

"I've served almost 30 years in the Army and even I find it difficult to adhere to my own guidance and talk about it," Hall said. "We get put in certain situations that are difficult and complaining or looking for help... only heaps it onto somebody else and makes their burden twice as much."

Hall said military resilience classes now encourage creating a small network of friends to call in times of crisis, and is "lightyears" ahead from when he started. But some training still emphasizes the importance of carrying your own load and continuing without complaint.

"That's great when you're carrying a rucksack over 25 miles. However, when you're having suicidal ideations, it's not a great idea," Hall said.

While the state's mental health crisis received a lot of attention in the 2023 legislative session, veterans were the only group singled out by lawmakers for funding. Indiana's veteran suicide rates are higher than the national average, particularly for the state's youngest veterans.

Director Dennis Wimer, whose Department of Veterans Affairs would oversee the monies, said the funding would go a long way toward expanding ongoing efforts with hiring and outreach.

"You can't hire somebody when you don't have money. And you really can't do something unless somebody is dedicated and active," Wimer, an Air Force veteran, said. "That money will come July 1 and we're in the process of putting out all of the job descriptions and getting those all ready internally so we can get some postings out... to have an employee start as quickly as possible."

Taking on the 'Governor's Challenge'

Funding will also go to local organizations — like Hall's Indy Warrior Partnership — through another \$1 million line item for veterans services. Previously, suicide prevention wasn't among the services covered by the grant, something the General Assembly amended in House Bill 1056.

These organizations are already working to decrease Indiana veteran suicide rates while compiling data. Currently, the state agency relies on two-year old data, undermining its effort to meet the nation-wide "Governor's Challenge."

The Governor's Challenge — shorthand for the Governor's and Mayor's Challenges to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families — embodies a partnership between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Holcomb, a Navy veteran, signed on in September 2020, kickstarting a planning process that now moves into the second, implementation phase, as outlined by SAMHSA. Accomplishments for the challenge include: reducing suicide among service members, veterans and their families; increasing access to services and support; expanding state capacity; identifying critical data; and more.

The VA's National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report runs two years behind, meaning the 2022 edition details what veteran suicide looked like when Holcomb signed his proclamation in 2020. Between 2001 and 2020, the rates for veteran deaths by suicide outpaced civilian deaths every year, becoming the 13th leading cause of death among veterans overall in 2020 but the second leading cause in veterans under 45. In 2020, 6,146 veterans died by suicide, a rate of 31.7 deaths per 100,000 veterans.

In Indiana, 150 veterans died that year by suicide, for a rate of 36.5 deaths per 100,000 veterans — higher than the national rate.

But the state's youngest veterans, those between 18 and 34, had a suicide rate significantly higher than the national average for the same age range in 2020 — 73 Hoosier deaths per 100,000 veterans vs 46.1 national deaths per

100,000 veterans.

"As we work with the Governor's Challenge, one of the key parts is going to be identifying the metrics that we want to impact," Wimer said. "It's hard to wait for two years to get a number that you're going up or down and then be reactive to that."

If you or a loved one are experiencing suicidal ideations, call 988 and then press 1 for veteran-specific support. The Veterans Crisis Line also offers the option to text at 838255 or chat online.

Hall noted that the VA released stats show that just over 60% of veterans who died by suicide had no recent engagements with VA health services, meaning they weren't connected to specialized resources. Outreach, and identifying veterans in local communities, is a vital part of reducing veteran suicide rates.

"We don't want veterans to be in a struggle or in a situation where they don't feel that they have a support network," Hall said.

This lack of connection is the foundation for Priority Area 1 of the Governor's Challenge — identifying and screening service members — and Priority Area 2 — promoting connectedness and improving care transitions.

Interventions range from storage locks to 988

But the challenge includes a third priority — increasing lethal means safety and safety planning — that Hall said is sometimes misunderstood, even though it impacts the vast majority of veteran suicides.

Firearm-related veteran suicide rates grew by 45% between 2001 and 2020, peaking in 2018, according to the national report. While firearms are used in just over half, 53.2%, of non-veteran suicides in 2020, firearms are used in 71% of veteran deaths by suicide.

In Indiana, the rates are slightly higher with 60% of all suicides involving a firearm, increasing to 74% for veteran suicides in 2020 — according to the VA's data.

To reduce that number, veterans across the country can get firearm storage locks for free, introducing a barrier that could save a veteran's life.

"Then, if you have an issue or you're having (suicidal) ideations, you can just give keys instead of having to give away a \$1,000 gun," Hall said. "We're finding that if it is locked, that the time it creates for a veteran to go and

find the key, go and take the lock off and then load the gun creates that time for the veteran to calm down and possibly change their mind."

The additional budget monies could be used to promote the program, Hall observed, and combat the idea that someone wants to "take their guns."

"It's more of an effort to create that time and space to give veterans a chance to rethink their decision," Hall said.

"They don't know"

One of the key resources offered, no matter where a veteran lives, is the opportunity to connect with other veterans. Among veterans, Hall said "they just don't know" is a common refrain when describing interactions with civilians.

"They just don't know what happened over there; they just don't know the things that we've dealt with," Hall said. "It's hard to explain to people (who) were not there in the moment — I did the best with what I had."

As technology changes, so have the ways in which veterans can gather.

"It's a different society. A lot of those Vietnam guys, they are used to going somewhere and having a beer," Hall said. "A lot of the younger veterans now are getting online (to) socialize through social media."

Hall said that Indy Warrior Partnership could serve veterans across the state but Wimer suggested an additional, localized resource: county veteran's services officers.

Every county had one, Wimer said, though some counties might share resources or have someone physically available only a few days a week. Larger counties may have multiple officers, as listed on the department's website.

"But that really is one of the first places for veterans to... know about because that individual or that group of individuals know their community better than almost anybody else," Wimer said. "Those are the individuals that really have that frontline engagement for all of our veterans across the state."

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CLAY HOWARD

the inevitable. Along the way, Shitra deals with betrayal from those she loves, causing her to question who is on her side. The evil Dr. Mazz (played by Nick Adams) is the main antagonist, or "bad guy" in the play. Six more characters round out the cast, Tonewick, played by J Herold; Mockna, played by Lilah Cross; Friends 1 and 2, played by Lucy Stambaugh and Andrew Rivera; and ensemble, played by Devin Ruse and Jay Crider.

Howard said, "Life on Mars is eerily similar to life on Earth. The leaders of Mars have made grave mistakes that led to the planet being in the condition it is in the show. While Earth isn't quite to the point of no return, I believe there is a lot we need to do to preserve our planet."

He said, "It is my hope that the audience will see the same similarities of Mars' culture to Earth's and feel motivated to take action. Having written some deep and often dark material, I wanted 'Second Chances' to have a lighter tone to it, walking the line between entertaining and informative. I believe this show does that, and I hope the audience will agree."

The play is co-directed by Howard and NHS junior and drama student Sean Wood (who played the role of Roxie in NHS's 2022 fall musical, "Chicago: Teen Edition.")

Underdog Theatre was founded in 2015 by Rylan Deer -- a 2016 NHS grad who participated in NHS Thespians drama club, National Honor Society and NHS orchestra -- and who started the theater as a student project at NHS.

Howard got involved with Underdog Theatre his freshman year. "A friend of mine encouraged me to audition for a show, 'She Kills Monsters,' and from there I stayed involved, and eventually was given the role of director in 2020," Howard has said.

Underdog Theatre is a community theater for local high school and college-age students. "We strive to create an environment for young and inexperienced actors, giving them a chance they won't find elsewhere," Howard has said, quoting Underdog's website. Underdog also gives experienced

actors the chance to break their typecast. Since its formation, Underdog has passed down its directorship, giving students the chance to perform a variety of roles.

Underdog Theatre usually meets after school and is planned around students' busy NHS choir and theater schedules.

Auditions took place March 25 with the first read-thru the following day, then after the two-week Noblesville Schools' spring break, rehearsals began in mid-April after school and two Saturdays at Green Valley Church of Christ in Noblesville, with this week the cast and crew moving into Noblesville First UMC for tech rehearsals (lights and sound) and dress rehearsals (with hair and makeup). Performances will take place in First UMC's large and beautiful Celebration Hall.

The cast and crew feature several returning actors and crew as well as some newcomers, Howard said.

Most of the theater's actors have only been in one or two productions or have only ever been given ensemble roles in school or other productions, he said.

That's why the theater is called the "Underdog Theatre." Howard has said, "It's very important to me that Underdog gives the 'underdog' a chance as it did for me back in high school."

The crew features NHS students, Trevor Greenlee, stage manager; Kenzie Wood, lighting technician; Max Midkiff, sound technician; Olivia Talevski and Sage Wilson, make-up artists; Hair, Maddux Morrison; costumes, Addie McMillan; promoters, Parker Wood and Hannah Ropte; and house staff, NHS grad Olivia Talevski.

"Second Chances" is among 10 to 15 plays that Howard has written, each varying from 10-minute plays to one- and two-act plays.

"I won't say I'm a great writer, but I do believe I have a lot of important things to say," Howard has said. "...I have a lot of concepts that challenge what is right and wrong."

Howard once told me: "I know my stories won't appeal to everyone, but if I can make someone challenge their preconceived ideas or even just think, then I feel like I have made a difference."

Tickets are \$10 at the door. Visit www.underdogtheatre.org

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Betsy's List Of Things To Do In Hamilton County



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From The Editor's Desk...

A family event in downtown Noblesville filled with live magic shows, a Belfry Theatre play, a bluegrass jam in Sheridan, an art opening, a Fishers High School play, an antique car show, a porch fest in Old Town Noblesville, the season opening of Noblesville Farmers Market, and Legacy Keepers' new Classical Guitar Series in the Historic Courthouse are among the plethora of things to do this weekend and beyond. Here's our Times' list of 20 things to do.

1. Enjoy the music of 2022 International Singers-Songwriters Association Entertainer of the Year Jennifer Mlott at 3 p.m. today at Parks Place Pub in Fishers
2. Calling all wizards! Join Noblesville Main Street and Moonshot Games on First Friday 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. today 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.
3. Enjoy Sheridan's First Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Sheridan Historical Society featuring a bluegrass jam session and other activities along Main Street.
4. Join the First Friday and reception for Leigh Petersen's "The Within" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nickel Plate Arts Campus in Noblesville, with work on display through May 27.
5. Hamilton County Artists' Association invites the community to the art opening of its latest exhibit, "Artistic Blooms," at the Hamilton County Art Center and Birdie Gallery from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Every original artwork will

be on display with a flower theme. Also, the first 100 people to attend will receive a free flower stem, provided by Noblesville's Little Petal Farm. Free light refreshments will be served. Other days to take in the free exhibit are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, May 6, 13 and 20.

6. 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. today and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, with tickets at the door.
7. Hamilton County Theatre Guild's The Belfry Theatre presents "Crimes of the Heart," directed by Jen Otterman of Noblesville, through Sunday, with performances at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort in Indianapolis, with tickets at 317-773-1085 and at www.thebelfrytheatre.com.
8. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Phil Pointer and Sohile Ali today and June Dempsey, Lucious Williams and Kyle McGlothlin Saturday, Adam Minnick on May 12, Stewart Huff on May 19-20, Dyke Michaels on May 26, Lee Kimbrell on May 27, all shows at 8 p.m., with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.
9. Come see a traveling exhibit while learning about our Hamilton County Bicentennial themes, through today at Jackson Township Trustee Office in Arcadia.
10. 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.
11. Watch the unveiling of a "Waiting on the Bus Downtown" mural unveiling at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Sheridan Historical Society in downtown Sheridan. Sheridan Historical Society and Sheridan Township Representative partnered with local artist Melinda Spear-Huff to create an 8-foot-tall mural on the side of her studio. Mural portrays transportation history in Sheridan, spe-



Photo courtesy of Brett Terrell
Legacy Keepers Music presents Brett Terrell and Friends during the 7 p.m. May 6 Classical Guitar Series concert in the Historic Courthouse in downtown Noblesville.

cifically the bus line that had a stop right next to the artist's studio. Event also features a Model T and antique car show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dedication of new veterans banners and Sheridan alumni banquet at 5 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary (call 317-758-5170). Museum open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

12. Fishers High School's Theatre Fishers presents "Radium Girls," a play by D.W. Gregory, at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fishers High School, with 22 cast members plus another two dozen crew. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.
13. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring Jeff Brown on Saturday, Kris Huntley on May 11 and John Gilmore on May 13 at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.
14. Noblesville Farmers Market opening day is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.
15. Pre-1960 car owners are invited to display their cars at a free antique car show on Saturday, 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 rmstone@ndwave.com.

16. Join the Street Party on Saturday 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.
17. 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. Saturday in the Historic Courthouse 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. Series spans all 200 years of Hamilton County history. Cost is \$20 at the door.
18. 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. Saturday 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.
19. 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 and at the door.
20. 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

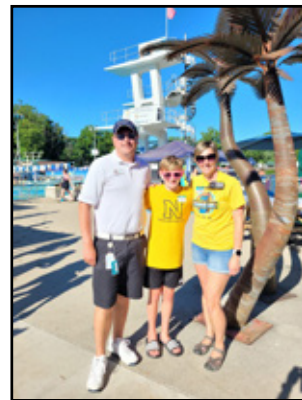
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summer I returned, working as a lifeguard, head lifeguard and eventually as the manger when in college. I credit these summer experiences for propelling my professional career. It was at the Forest Park Aquatic Center that I had the opportunity to learn how to calm a frustrated customer as well as hire, motivate and unfortunately, on a couple occasions, terminate employees. The decisions I made back then may not have always been the right ones, but they provided an unbelievable opportunity for me to learn and develop.

Today I'm as motivated as ever to help the Forest Park Aquatic Center so that others can have the same opportunities that were provided to me. Our community is incredibly



lucky to have such an amazing facility and even more fortunate to have an administration and city council that continues to provide unwavering support.

I'm often asked, how can I support the Forest Park Aquatic Center and the Friends of Central Pool? The answer is easy. If you are not already a member, consider purchasing a summer membership. <https://www.forestparkpool.org/2022-membership> There is no better value in town! If you are already a member or can't visit enough to justify a membership, consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Central Pool. I can assure you that each and every dollar goes directly into ensuring this amazing facility continues to be a point of pride for our community.

In just a few days we will usher in the start of the 92nd year of having a swimming pool in beautiful Forest Park. There are very few (if any communities) that have anything close to what we have in the Forest Park Aquatic Center. Here's to making this summer the best ever!

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of Noblesville Economic Development Department returns as the Presenting Sponsor of the event.

"Taste of Business is the chamber's signature event to celebrate and showcase the breadth and quality of the Noblesville business community. Where else can you sample chef specialties from area restaurants, meet local artists, peek behind the scenes of local manufacturers, network with impactful non-profits, and meet business leaders from more than 50 different industries, all while showcasing your business to potential customers?" stated Bob DuBois, chamber president/CEO. "We appreciate all the support and involvement from the business community and the partnership with Noblesville Economic Development Department as our Presenting Sponsor. With this support we create a fun, powerful, marketing and connection event."

Exhibitor booths sold out in record time for this year's event, with over 100 exhibitors expected, including over 13 food vendors. Attendees will have plenty of opportunity to connect with various types of businesses and experience menu items from area restaurants, including local favorites such as Matteo's Restaurant Italiano, Aspen Creek, and The Nesst of Noblesville, as well as new restaurants including Raising Cane's and Outlaws Steaks, Burg-

ers & Brews. General public tickets are available to reserve in advance and can also be purchased at the door. Discounted advance tickets are \$5 per person and available through May 8. Tickets purchased after May 8 are \$7 per person and will be available at will call at the event or can be purchased at the door.

"As the presenting sponsor, the Economic Development department looks forward to this event and enjoys the opportunity to connect with the business community and showcase the city's innovative products and services," Economic Development Director Andrew Murray said. "We appreciate our partnership with the chamber to support and continue to grow this event."

In addition to providing marketing and networking opportunities, Taste of Business serves as the chamber's largest fundraiser to help provide business resources, educational programs, and future growth opportunities for members of the Noblesville business community. The chamber would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the event: City of Noblesville Economic Development Department, SkyView Dental, Gaylor Electric, and Armstrong Accounting Solutions, Inc.

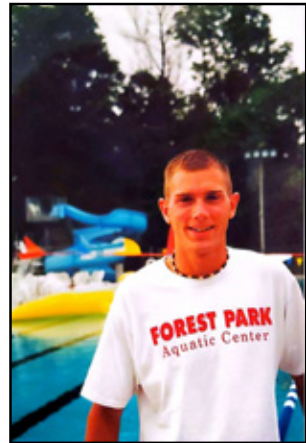
For more information about the event please visit www.noblesvillechamber.com or contact the Noblesville Chamber office at 317-773-0086.

Nearly \$10 Million In Grants Available To Train Teachers In 'STEM' Subjects

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is accepting applications for the STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund grants until Friday, June 2, 2023. The grants are awarded to local organizations and colleges to support programs that recruit, prepare, place and retain educators in schools with teacher shortages in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subject areas.

"We are pleased to continue increasing the number of high-quality STEM teachers in Hoosier classrooms," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Indiana currently faces an unprecedented demand for talent within STEM fields. It is imperative that we advance student exposure to these high-demand careers and bolster the overall quality of STEM instruction to meet the

state's current and future needs. The STEM Teacher Recruitment grants are a proven tool to do both." The full grant application and budget worksheet are available on the Commission's website. To be eligible for the grant, organizations must present programs that result in individuals becoming licensed or trained to teach science, technology, engineering or math in Indiana public K-12 schools. Individuals receiving program support through this grant must seek employment in an eligible Indiana public school. The STEM Teacher Recruitment grants have supported thousands of new educators in high-demand STEM fields since the Commission began administering the program in 2015. Winning entries will be announced on June 30, 2023.



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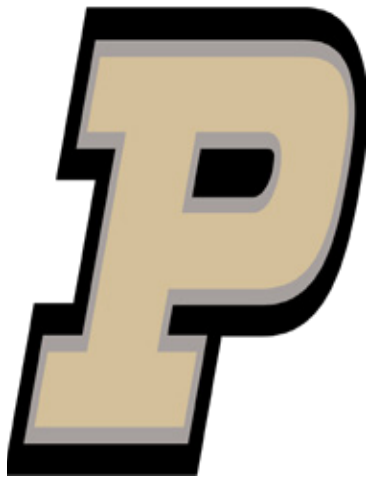
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Purdue Jumps To The Top 5 Of Global Leaders In US Patents Received



Exciting and dynamic inventions discovered and developed by Purdue University researchers are improving people's lives around the world.

A system that processes agricultural field images for remote phenotype measurements. A 3D printer that continuously prints structures as small as 100 nanometers. A process that produces butylene, propylene and ethylene from natural gas liquids in shale gas. These are just a few influential Purdue innovations that were patented in 2022, further cementing Purdue's place as a global leader among its peers in protecting intellectual property.

In 2022, Purdue Research Foundation received an impressive 192 patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), placing it fifth internationally. The top-five breakthrough comes on the heels of Purdue's No. 6 ranking in both 2020 and 2021, when it received 175 and 169 patents, respectively. The newest ranking was released Wednesday (April 26). The reporting includes

multiple campuses in the same system as one (e.g., the University of California system, with 10 campuses, and the University of Texas system, with eight campuses), and international universities (e.g., King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia). In terms of single American university campuses, the top 5 are Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Purdue University, Stanford University, Harvard University, and California Institute of Technology.

The information was published in a report from the National Academy of Inventors.

"In achieving our highest annual ranking of U.S. patents so far, Purdue, along with MIT, stand out as single American campuses without medical schools that count among the most active in inventions," said Purdue President Mung Chiang. "Boilermaker inventors are colleagues and students who translate their knowledge creation through a foundation for direct impact to society. Half of the equation in the recently launched Purdue Innovates is to provide the best support for them to disclose inventions, apply for and receive patents, and license and deploy these patented inventions."

The Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization manages the technology transfer process to vet, protect and license innovations developed by university researchers, including filing patent applications. Its technology portfolio covers innovations in subject areas including agriculture, biotechnology, chemistry and chem-

ical analysis, computer technology, engineering, food and nutrition, green technology, micro- and nanotechnologies, and more.

Brian Edelman, president of Purdue Research Foundation said, "Purdue Research Foundation provides resources to support faculty, staff and student researchers across all academic disciplines and campuses who want to commercialize their inventions. These commercialization resources bring this leading-edge and most modern work to the public, where it can strengthen quality of life and economic and workforce development."

Brooke Beier, senior vice president of Purdue Innovates said, "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. 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."

Among the 2022 patents were:

- "Augmented reality platform for collaborative classrooms" by Karthik Ramani, the Donald W. Feddersen Distinguished Professor in Mechanical Engineering and professor of electrical and computer engineering, College of Engineering.
- "Collagen compositions and methods of use" by Sherry L. Harbin, professor, College

of Engineering and College of Veterinary Medicine.

- "Furniture and methods of storage" by Tong Jin "TJ" Kim, professor, College of Liberal Arts.

- "Immune receptor conferring broad spectrum fungal resistance in sorghum," Tesfaye D. Mengiste, professor, College of Agriculture.

- "Methods of analyzing crude oil" by Graham Cooks, the Henry B. Hass Distinguished Professor of Analytical Chemistry, College of Science.

- "Modified glucagon molecules" by Elizabeth M. Topp, professor, College of Engineering and College of Pharmacy.

- "Multichannel pulsed valve inlet system and method" by Hilikka I. Kenttämä, the Frank Brown Distinguished Professor of Analytical Chemistry and Organic Chemistry, College of Science.

- "Multipurpose solar drying tray assemblies and methods therefor" by Klein Iteleji, associate professor, College of Agriculture and College of Engineering.

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- "Proactive customer care in a communication system" by Sonia Fahmy, professor, College of Science.

- "System and method for using a solar cell in wireless communication" by Walter

Daniel Leon-Salas, associate professor, Purdue Polytechnic Institute.

In fiscal year 2022, the Office of Technology Commercialization reported 157 deals finalized with 237 technologies signed, 379 disclosures received and 169 issued U.S. patents.

In the 2022 fiscal year, the Office of Technology Commercialization:

- Received 379 total disclosures from Purdue innovators: 361 invention disclosures and 18 copyright disclosures.

- Filed 699 patent applications with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and international patent organizations.

- Received 239 U.S. and international patents.
- Executed 157 licenses and options.

- Received \$6.77 million worth of gross revenue in royalty and licensing income (\$4.26 million net).

- Helped establish 9 startup companies.

Since 2001, the Office of Technology Commercialization has:

- Received 6,306 invention disclosures from university researchers.

- Applied for 9,759 patents from U.S. and international organizations.

- Received 2,871 patents from U.S. and international organizations.

- Executed 2,359 licenses for businesses to commercialize Purdue innovations.

- Helped create 288 startups based on Purdue innovations.

From 2006-22, OTC has received more than \$84 million in net revenue from licensing activity.

Korean Supplier Joins Indiana's Growing Electric Vehicle Ecosystem

Jaewon Industrial, a South Korea-based supplier of chemicals and allied products, announced plans last week to establish operations in the United States, locating a new chemical recycling plant in Kokomo to serve lithium-ion battery manufacturers and the growing electric vehicle (EV) supply chain. To support this growth, the company plans to create up to 100 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2024.

"Indiana's electric vehicle ecosystem continues to accelerate, and we're excited to welcome JWA to our growing, future-focused economy," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "With the addition of JWA, Hoosiers will be supporting the full lifecycle of energy storage and electric vehicle production – from R&D to production to recycling – helping usher in the global energy transition and shared sustainability goals."

The company, which is headquartered in Yeosu, South Korea, has established a subsidiary, JWA Co., Ltd., to serve the U.S. battery and EV market. JWA will invest \$102 million to locate its first operations in Indiana, purchasing 30 acres of land at 100 East in Kokomo. In its first phase of construction, the company will construct a 65,000-square-foot facility to disperse conductive slurry and will build a recycling facility to recycle n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP), enabling JWA to recycle up to 100,000 tons of NMP once at full capacity. The company is also finalizing plans for its second phase of construction, which will include building a second, 150,000-square-foot facility to disperse conductive slurry. JWA's new Kokomo site will serve the electric vehicle industry, recycling chemical waste to electric grade and supporting battery manufacturers' ESG initiatives.

JWA plans to break ground on its new Kokomo operations in June 2023 and expects to begin operations in 2024, serving battery manufacturers in Indiana, including Stellantis' and Samsung SDI's new gigafactory joint venture, and across the U.S. The company will hire for plant managers, engineers and operators once the facility is up and running.

"The secondary battery and semiconductor industries in North America have been seeing rapid growth over the last few years," said Jaewon Shim, CEO of Jaewon Industrial.

"By establishing a presence in Indiana, we hope to help secure Indiana as the center of the North American secondary battery and semi-conductor supply chains. Jaewon Industrial is also committed to investing in R&D as well as innovation of leading environmentally friendly solutions for businesses."

The announcement comes on

the heels of Sec. Chambers' trip to South Korea in March where he led Indiana's participation in the InterBattery Conference – Korea's leading battery exhibition. Indiana, which was one of eight states invited by the U.S. Embassy in Seoul to exhibit within the conference's U.S. pavilion, highlighted the state's competitive business climate, innovation ecosystem and growing battery and electric vehicle ecosystem to industry partners and prospects like Jaewon Industrial.

"We are honored that Jaewon Industries has faith in Kokomo and its local workforce," said Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore. "This latest investment shows how the EV industry continues to have an impact on our community. Kokomo and its workers are up to the task."

Based on the company's job creation plans, the Indiana Economic Development Cor-

poration (IEDC) committed an investment in JWA of up to \$2 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$500,000 in training grants. The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$500,000 in Manufacturing Readiness Grants, which are designed to help companies invest in smart manufacturing and new technologies. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The city of Kokomo supports the project.

About Jaewon Industrial
Jaewon Industrial Co LTD, established in 1987 in Yeosu, South Korea, has been involved in electronic material production for semiconductors, electronic displays and secondary batteries for many years – a process that requires an extremely high standard of purity and usage of advanced distillation technologies for value-added production.

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Can We Pump Brakes When It Comes To Children?



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Let me be clear – I don't give a damn if someone is straight, gay, bi, trans or any of the other adjectives we toss about so casually these days.

I. Don't. Give. A. Damn.

What you do in the privacy of your life is between you, anyone who may be with you and God. I am nowhere in that equation, nor do I want to be.

But when it comes to children, well, that's a whole different story.

Let me be equally clear – any adult – parent, relative, friend or whatever – who encourages any sort of thought or action regarding what gender a kid is should be identified as

a child abuser and dealt with accordingly.

Perhaps they need counseling? Perhaps they need law enforcement.

That answer is for others to figure out.

What does not need figuring out – what should be as plain as the nose on a face – is that kids are not fodder in this ridiculous political mish-mash. Actually, I don't know how the entire idea of men becoming women is a discussion. I don't understand how women, who fought for equal rights when I was in school, are OK with allowing men to not just step into, but start taking over their world. I don't know how anyone with half a brain can wrap their heads around the idea that we can actually change our sex.

But just because I don't know does not give me the right to tell you what you can or cannot do. If you want to be something you're not . . . knock yourself out. It's your life. Do with it as you will. If I agree or disagree matters not even a little.

Not the same when it comes to kids.

To borrow from the immor-

tal Shakespeare, ay, there's the rub. Because the folks who work in Madison Avenue advertising have apparently decided that they need to highlight the LGBTQ community in a significant number of advertisements. Forget the data that says the alternate lifestyle population represents maybe 8 or 9 percent of the U.S. The point is the recent influx of ads and images is extremely disproportional.

So what, you say. Why should we care? Because Madison Avenue has always had a major influence on trends in America.

Always.

Major.

Are you old enough to remember when cigarettes were not just prevalent in society – they were wholesome?

Hey kids, remember Fred Flinstone and Barney Rubble smoking in a Winston commercial? Winston sponsored the Flintstones.

Remember that newscasters smoked – and newscasters were sometimes sponsored by tobacco companies. Remember Johnny Carson? He and his guests routinely smoked.

Television, movies, society

in general . . . kids saw adults smoking all the time.

Smoking was everywhere. By design.

Several generations grew up thinking it was not only OK to smoke, it was good. Kids started smoking because they believed it was cool.

Decades later we found out otherwise.

Now we're doing the same with the LGBTQ movement.

And for whatever reason, too many of us are sitting back and not saying a word. Why? Because when something is said attacks follow. From the White House press secretary to Hollywood to woke groups all over the place, you get labeled as a bigot, homophobic, transphobic, a hater and worse. On one hand you are asked to be tolerant of different lifestyles, but on the other hand there is no tolerance for your beliefs.

Let me repeat, I don't give a damn what choices adults make about their own lifestyles. And I don't say that mildly. I mean c'mon, all I have to do is look in a mirror at the big scar down the middle of my chest. Not that long ago I was cut wide open, my heart was taken out and laid

on a table. Why? From poor choices I made eating fries, mayo, red meats and such. Could someone disagree with my lifestyle? Absolutely.

This is not about adults and their good or bad choices. This is about children. It is time in this country for the majority of people to demand better. It is time for a lot of us to put our foot down and end this ridiculous debate about children.

We need to protect our children, to not brainwash them the way Madison Avenue did using Fred and Wilma enjoying the good life with a cigarette.

And if the media or anyone else wants to say that is intolerant, tell them they are wrong. This is not an argument about adult behavior. It's a fight about protecting children. Surely to God most of us can agree on that, can't we?

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 timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

Ask Rusty – About Social Security Benefits For My Minor Children

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits? Signed: Father of Two

Dear Father of Two: Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is - unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife). Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the

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lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Se-

curity's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are with-

held for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.



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