

TODAY'S VERSE
Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?



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What makes Austin Boyer smile? "Everything in the community. I love Noblesville so much," said the Noblesville resident. He was born in Noblesville, attended Hazel Dell Elementary School and Noblesville West Middle School and graduated in 2018 from Guerin Catholic High School and in 2022 from Franklin College in Franklin, Ind., with a degree in business management. He is a property and casualty insurance agent at Gordon Insurance in Noblesville, where his mom, Dawn Boyer, is a longtime employee hired by Dick Gordon. Austin Boyer was found volunteering at the Serve Noblesville booth at the 2023 Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's Noblesville Taste of Business-Made in Noblesville event on May 10 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Noblesville. "Seeing all of this and all of the people here from Noblesville, I just enjoy it," said Boyer, who has volunteered with Serve Noblesville for almost a year. Serve Noblesville, which has grown from 100 to 1,200 volunteers, is a partnership of neighbors, faith groups, businesses and organizations whose goal is to connect compassionate neighbors by organizing community events to create a sense of pride. He helped the nonprofit roll out a new Serve Neighbor Membership at the Taste of Noblesville. Upcoming events include: May 24-31, Come Together Week (connecting neighbors); June 17, Fun Fest Downtown; June 20, Serve Week Kickoff; and June 21-24, Serve Week. Read more about Serve Noblesville and other Taste of Business folks in the Betsy Reason column in upcoming editions of The Times. For more info, visit www.servenoblesville.com

And Another Thing...

1. LANE CLOSURE - Bridge No. 246 - 96th Street over White River (east of Hazel Dell Pkwy)

Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, May 22, 96th Street east of Hazel Dell Parkway will be under lane closures for bridge patching. One lane of travel in each direction will be maintained at all times during this work. These lane closures are expected to last between 9am and 3pm. Please use caution while driving through this area.

2. Bob Grand Endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor

Former Managing Partner of Barnes & Thornburg, Bob Grand, has pledged his endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor. As managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg, Bob Grand led the firm's strategic development and execution of firmwide internal and external goals. He focuses his practice on government relations and finance. To learn more about Suzanne Crouch: <https://www.crouchforindiana.com/>

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Noblesville Indoor Percussion Ensemble placed second at State competition (above) and fourth in the Winter Guard International World Championships.

Percussion Ensemble Accomplishes Much in Director's First Year



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Noblesville Indoor Percussion Ensemble has had an amazing season.

These Noblesville students placed second at State and fourth in the Winter Guard International World Championships.

The community can experience the Ensemble's final public performance of the school year this Thursday, during a band

concert, at 6:30 p.m. at NHS. Donations will be accepted for admittance: \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Noblesville Indoor Percussion Ensemble (NIPE) is made up mostly of marching band drumline and front-ensemble performers with some additional students who join to play cymbals.

"It's open to anyone really, but they do have to try out if they aren't already a part of the drumline or front ensemble," said Michele Neal, whose son, Sam Neal, a junior, plays snare

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Graphic provided by REImagine Pleasant Street

White River Restrictions For River Traffic Are In Effect But Boating Is Still Permitted.

Approximately 2,700' south of the SR 32 (Conner Street) Bridge over the White River. Restrictions are in place now and will continue through 2024.

Construction of the new

Pleasant Street bridge in and around the White River is causing some water traffic restrictions. The river will remain

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Humbled by Community Support



MARK HALL
Guest Columnist

As a 501C3 Not-For-Profit that doesn't accept government money, fund-raisers are our lifeblood. Receiving private grants, corporate sponsorships

and cash donations keep food moving through pantries in Hamilton County.

This past month we hosted the Feeding Team volunteer and host recognition dinner. Lisa and I were blessed to be a part of recognizing dozens of neighbors who volunteer hundreds of hours annually;

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Mischievousness Is Timeless



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

I often see stories in the old newspapers that remind me of something I learned a long time ago in my history classes — although circumstances are always changing, human

nature never does. In other words, people in the past could be just as mischievous as anybody in 2023.

I offer Exhibit A: The August 29, 1879 Noblesville Ledger has a tale about a prank gone wrong, circa 1827, written by lawyer and local historian Augustus Finch Shirts.

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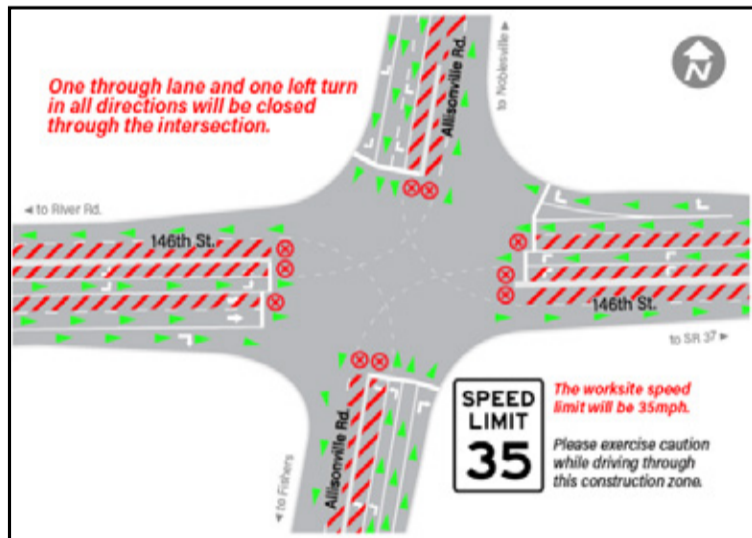
Wrapping Up Reader's Choice

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Times' annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Want MORE?

The results for winners, runner ups and honorable mentions of the following categories will be on A6!

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Graphic courtesy of Hamilton County Highway Department

LANE CLOSURES - 146th Street and Allisonville Road

Please be advised, beginning on or after Tuesday, May 16, Phase 1 of construction for the grade separation intersection improvement will begin at 146th Street and Allisonville Road. One through lane and one left turn in all directions will be closed through the intersection.

Closures of Sowers Drive and Saville Road at 146th Street will be necessary in June. Additional notifications will be provided prior to the closures.

In addition to these closures, the worksite speed limit will be 35 mph. Please exercise caution while driving through this construction zone.

We will continue to notify you of any future lane closure changes regarding this project. If you know of anyone else that is interested in being notified of project updates for this interchange, please have them join our distribution list by clicking the "Project Information" link below to sign up for our newsletter.

HONEST HOOSIER

Did you hear that on the west coast, the Seattle airport is offering mushroom coffee "to ease the stress of traveling." Let's hope the pilots don't drink it before flying.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

In addition to keeping track of what you eat, also determine how and why you eat to try and find ways to cut back.

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.



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get."
-Robert Orben

TODAY'S JOKE

Why can't pigs race in the Indy 500? They hog the road.

OBITUARIES

None

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Photo courtesy of Riverview Health Foundation

Riverview Health Foundation employees Melinda Nash, Mary Jane Polsgrove, Polly Craig and Megan Wiles pose with speaker Amy Dee at the Riverview Health Foundation Women of Vision luncheon on Thursday, April 27.

Riverview Health Foundation Raises More Than \$80,000 At 19th Annual Women Of Vision Luncheon

Riverview Health Foundation announced that it raised more than \$80,000 at its 19th annual Women of Vision Luncheon.

Riverview Health Foundation hosted its 19th annual Women of Vision Luncheon on Thursday, April 27 at Ritz Charles with more than 300 guests in attendance and raised over \$80,000 from sponsorship, tickets, and gifts from the event. Guests had an opportunity to shop from local vendors as well as hear of the impact from grants from the Women of Vision Giving Club.

CarDon and Associates was the Diamond Sponsor of this year's event.

In 2023, more than \$43,000 was awarded to the departments within Riverview Health serving women and children. These grants help to pay for car seats for families that don't have one, help for new moms with breastfeeding, purchasing supplies for volunteers to make a blanket for every newborn delivered at Riverview Health. The grants also help programs assisting women going through breast cancer with educa-

tional materials, wigs, bras or prosthetic devices that might not be covered by insurance. Proceeds from the luncheon will help fund grants to be made in 2024.

In addition to shopping and learning about the Women of Vision Giving Club, attendees enjoyed lots of laughter hearing from speaker/comedian Amy Dee. To learn more about the Women of Vision Giving Club and the impact in patients' lives and make a gift - visit <https://riverview.org/women-of-vision-giving-club/>

Apex Benefits To Sponsor Summer Author Series At WWPL

Four Indiana Authors Scheduled to Share their Work.

Apex Benefits will sponsor a Summer Author Series at the Westfield Washington Public Library. The employee benefits advisor and business consultancy has committed \$10,000 each year for the next three years to help the Westfield Library Foundation sponsor the Summer Author Series.

"Apex Benefits is thrilled to support Westfield's new library and its efforts to engage local authors in inspiring the next generation," says John Gause, CEO of Apex Benefits. "We believe this partnership will not only help increase awareness of the library's offerings, but also enhance quality of life for everyone in the community."

The public is invited to hear four authors this summer, all with Hoosier connections, as they share their work, talk about their writing processes, and in some cases, sell and sign their books.

"Bringing authors to the library is a great way to

become inspired to read and write in one's own life," says Lisa Williams, Teen Librarian. "In fact, our first author focuses on creative writing and incorporates audience participation, so that's super fun. He's very engaging and interactive."

Bryan Furness, has authored a couple of teen novels, *The Lost Episodes of Revie Bryson and Do Not Go On*. A Writer in Residence at Butler University and a board member of the Indiana Writers Center, Furness will kick off the Summer Author Series at the library on Thursday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m.

The library will follow that visit up with one from children's author John David Anderson. Anderson is the author of 12 novels for young people. A resident of Indianapolis, his newest book, *The Greatest Kid in the World* will be released this month. Anderson is set to appear Tuesday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Addi Gundry, author of the *Addie Gundry Cookbooks* series, will appear

at West Fork Whiskey on Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. Her cookbook series, which currently consists of 11 novels, came about after she won *Cutthroat Kitchen* on The Food Network. Her books include *Everyday Dinner Ideas*, *Family Favorite Casserole Recipes*, and *Festive Holiday Recipes*.

And finally, Craig Fehrman, is scheduled to appear at the library on Monday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. The Hoosier native is a journalist and historian. His first book, *Author in Chief*, is an in-depth look at the books and writings of America's past presidents.

"We are thrilled to partner with Apex Benefits on this Author's Series," says Erin Downey, executive director of the Westfield Library Foundation. "The ability to bring in different authors for all ages throughout the summer is very exciting. Apex Benefits' willingness to jump in and support the library in this way is a testament to their commitment to education and community."

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Law Enforcement Torch Run® Hosting Cop On A Rooftop Events Statewide For Special Olympics Indiana

The Hamilton County Sheriff's office is participating in annual fundraiser May 19 at local Dunkin' Store.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Indiana will host the ninth-annual Cop on a Rooftop at participating Dunkin' locations statewide. During these events, LETR officers will be stationed on rooftops to collect money that will go directly to support programming for Special Olympics athletes in Indiana.

5 a.m.-noon* on Friday, May 19 (*times may vary by location)

There are 22 partici-

pating Dunkin' locations across the state of Indiana. Local stores participating in this year's event include: 2560 E 146th St, Carmel, IN 46033. A full list of participating locations is available online.

Special Olympics families and guests are invited to join Hamilton County Sheriff's Office officials to show their support for Special Olympics Indiana. Dunkin' guests who donate to Cop on a Rooftop will receive a coupon for a free donut. Guests who donate \$10 or more will receive a coupon for a free medium hot coffee.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest

grassroots fundraising program benefitting Special Olympics throughout the world. In the first three years, Indiana LETR's Cop on a Rooftop events have raised more than \$118,000 dollars for Special Olympics Indiana. All the funds raised through Cop on a Rooftop helps support sports training and competition along with health, education and leadership program opportunities for more than 16,000 children and adults across Indiana with intellectual disabilities.

Thaddeus Thomas SOI Special Events Coordinator

Hoosier AG Todd Rokita Pushes Back On Trans-Sanity

Attorney General Todd Rokita is demanding the U.S. Department of Education treat Hoosier girls and women with greater respect by stopping efforts to open female sports teams to biological males.

"These leftist bureaucrats are hellbent on rewriting sex to mean gender identity," Rokita said. "Codifying this trans-sanity would destroy 50 years of progress toward protecting the rights of girls and women under Title IX."

This week, Rokita led a 17-state letter to U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona protesting the

Biden administration's assault on women's sports.

"I am grateful to these states, led by powerful attorneys general, for standing up to this woke-leftist trans-sanity," Rokita said.

After successfully obtaining a court injunction against earlier administration efforts to weaken Title IX through administrative "guidance," the letter states, the attorneys general are prepared to continue their fight in defense of girls' sports.

In 2022, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation to protect female athletes from being forced to compete against

biological males with natural athletic advantages.

Attorney General Rokita strongly supported the measure, which remains in effect, and has defended it in court.

The White House would use the new federal rules to nullify such state laws, Rokita said.

"The Left's assault on women's rights would undo the very protections for which Title IX was created and that we in Indiana have fought to maintain," Rokita said. "These elitist-driven proposals would harm regular Hoosiers just wanting fairness for girls and women."

Young Pays Tribute To Hoosier World War II Veteran Marion "Wayne" Saucerman

Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) spoke on the Senate floor about the life and legacy of Corporal Marion "Wayne" Saucerman, a World War II Marine veteran from Indiana.

While serving at Iwo Jima, Corporal Saucerman earned the Purple Heart after being shot three times by the enemy. When the war ended, he returned home to Indiana, where he lived and worked until he passed away on May 2.

In his remarks, Young expressed gratitude for Saucerman and all World War II veterans for their service.

Senator Young's full remarks, as prepared for delivery:

Corporal Marion "Wayne" Saucerman graduated from Dugger High School in Sullivan County in 1943.

Two days later he was a Marine, a decision he made after he listened to reports of the attack on Pearl Harbor over the family radio in 1941.

He was ready to fight.

And he did, with great valor.

In a year he went from rural western Indiana to the volcanic beaches of Iwo Jima, as part of an elite sniper platoon in the

24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division.

As they approached the shore, the battle was so fierce the Marines could barely make out the smoke-shrouded island.

Days after landing, Corporal Saucerman and his 30-man platoon reached the front lines. Only 10 returned.

While Corporal Saucerman did not raise the Stars and Stripes on Mount Suribachi, he could see it waving high in the distance from his position down the shoreline.

That American flag would not have flown over the island had Corporal Saucerman and his brother marines not been there fighting for it.

Weeks later, leading an operation to flush out Japanese riflemen hidden deep in caves, Wayne was hit three times by enemy fire: a bullet to the right hand and two more in the left leg, one of which he carried the rest of his life.

The Purple Heart was Corporal Saucerman's award for his bravery at Iwo Jima; the bullet in his leg was a reminder of his service there.

The sacrifices of those Marines and Sailors on Iwo Jima, men like Wayne

Saucerman, saved the lives of 24,000 American air crewmen from a perilous fate in the waters of the Pacific and changed the tide of World War II.

And then they came home, they built communities, they raised families, and they continued to make history.

For 35 years, Corporal Saucerman worked at Allison Transmission in Indianapolis, helping build the machines that took Americans across highways, into the air, and to the moon.

Mr. President, Corporal Saucerman passed away on May 2. He was 97.

I rise to give tribute to a life well-lived, in both heroic service to his country and dedicated service back home, with great love for family and friends. And to a Hoosier who was, in return, greatly loved.

His passing is a reminder that the ranks our World War II veterans daily grows thin.

They saved civilization by simply doing their duty.

In what time we have, with what poor power we have, let us never forget or cease to thank them for doing so.


Semper Fi.



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In the Hamilton County Superior Court
In the matter of the unsupervised Estate of Steven D. Woodward, deceased.

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 6th day of June 2023, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

29D03-2303-EU-000107
Hamilton Superior Court 3
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of James V. Doubek, Deceased. Estate Docket:

29D02-2304-EU-000183
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of Naomi L. Anderson, deceased.

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Hamilton Superior Court 3
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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County:

29D02-2305-EU-000223
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
) ss
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
MYRA J. REED, Deceased)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on May 10, 2023, Dawn M. Clinton was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Myra J. Reed, deceased, who died on April 18, 2023.

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
) ss:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NUMBER:29C01-2304-IC-000475
IN THE MATTER OF:
EW - DOB 9/21/2019
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
HEATHER WILLIAMS (MOTHER) AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING
TO: Any Unknown Alleged Father Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

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The City of Fishers Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the City of Fishers Department of Redevelopment and the City of Fishers Redevelopment District (the "District"), previously entered into a Lease Agreement dated as of June 25, 2021 (the "Original Lease"), between the City of Fishers Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee, under which the Commission is leasing from the Authority a portion of certain existing street and road right-of-way all located in the City of Fishers, Indiana (the "Fishers"), as more particularly described and identified in the Original Lease (the "Leased Premises"), which in turn has allowed the Authority to issue one or more series of bond anticipation notes (the "2021 BANs"), payable from the proceeds of Bonds (as defined herein) to be issued by the Authority.

29D01-2305-EU-000224
Hamilton Superior Court 1
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court #1, of Hamilton County, Indiana.
In the matter of the unsupervised Estate of David R. Wolf, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that William G. Wolf and Robert J. Wolf, were on May 10, 2023, appointed Administrators of the Estate of David R. Wolf, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of May 2023.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By: Carmel Clay Schools
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033
For: Carmel High School Stadium South Support Building
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5201 East Main St., Carmel, IN 46033
Until: June 6, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. (local time)
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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on May 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., local time, via Microsoft Teams. Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2304-EU-000210
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. NARDI, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Mary L. Patterson was, on May 1, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael A. Nardi, Deceased, who died on July 21, 2021.

29D01-2304-EU-000208
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT #1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2304-EU-000208
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
JAMES P. BURGESS)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2023, Bryce Patrick Burgess and Anthony Len Burgess were appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of James Patrick Burgess, deceased, who died on February 27, 2023.

29D01-2304-EU-000203
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1 FOR HAMILTON COUNTY
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF }
MICHAL SUNDERMAN, DECEASED. } CAUSE NO. 29D01-2304-EU-
ESTATE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Robin Cappert was on April 27, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Michal Sundennan, deceased, who died on April 22, 2023, and was authorized to administer said estate without Court supervision.

29D01-2304-EU-000189
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT, # 1
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) Cause No. 29D01-2304-EU-000189
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BARBARA JOAN PURVIS
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 20th of April 2023 Laura Moore is appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara Joan Purvis, deceased, who died on February 22, 2023.

29D01-2304-EU-000182
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2304-EU-000182
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
EDWARD OWEN MCCARTHY, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Heather A. Garrison, on this date April 17, 2023, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Edward Owen McCarthy, deceased, who died on March 21, 2023, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.

29D01-2305-EU-000217
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BARNES & THORNBURG LLP
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Attorneys
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
In Re: the Estate of Barbara Pashos Negley, Deceased.
Cause No. 29D01-2305-EU-000217
Notice is hereby given that Gail Mezynski and Kay Pashos were, on the 5th day of May, 2023, appointed co-personal representatives of the Estate of Barbara Pashos Negley, Deceased, who died on the 5th day of February, 2023. The personal representative is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

29D02-2304-ES-000193
Hamilton Superior Court 2
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
NO. 29D02-2304-ES-000193
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT #2 OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
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THE TIMES

New Research Underscores Widespread, Pandemic-Fueled Learning Loss In Indiana

By Casey Smith
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana students lost nearly six months of learning in math and over four months in reading as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to new research from Harvard and Stanford universities.

The new Education Recovery Scorecard released last week offers the first comparable view of district-level learning loss that occurred in Indiana between 2019 and 2022.

A new interactive map shows that data for individual districts varies widely, with many districts’ achievement losses amounting to almost an entire year in math. New research also further confirms the pandemic widened disparities in achievement between high- and low-poverty schools.

The results underscore continued concerns expressed by Hoosier lawmakers and state education officials about learning loss — especially among some of the state’s youngest students. Last year’s IREAD scores showed roughly one in five Hoosier third graders can’t read proficiently.

Other Spring 2022 tests showed that 30.2% of Hoosier students in grades 3-8 passed both the math and English sections of ILEARN. While the standardized test results were a slight increase compared to 2021, passing scores trailed 8 percentage points behind 2019’s pre-pandemic pass rates.

Key findings from the research

Researchers at the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University and Stanford University’s Educational Opportunity Project used 2022 data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), as well as Indiana’s publicly reported district proficiency rates

on their Spring 2022 assessments.

Their analysis found that Indianapolis Public School District students experienced nearly eight months of math learning loss and over five months of reading learning loss.

Meanwhile, Carmel Clay School District students experienced about three months in math learning loss and four months in reading learning loss.

In Monroe County, Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation students experienced nearly a full year in math learning loss and over seven months in reading learning loss. The small district serves approximately 2,700 students, according to Indiana’s Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard.

The larger Monroe County Community School Corporation — which enrolls more than 10,000 kids — experienced just over four months of student learning loss in math and less than four months in reading.

In Lake County, River Forest School Corporation students experienced nearly eleven months in math learning loss and nearly six months in reading learning loss. Nearby Hobart School City District students fared slightly better, experiencing just under five months in math learning loss and four-and-a-half months in reading learning loss.

South Bend Community School Corporation students experienced some of the state’s worst learning loss — nearly an entire year in math and over a school year in reading. Students in the neighboring Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation lost just over three months of math learning and less than four months in reading.

Researchers emphasized that changes in achievement scores impact later

life outcomes, including lifetime earnings, educational attainment incarceration and arrest rates.

The estimated loss in lifetime earnings per Hoosier student is \$15,150 as a result of pandemic-related learning interruptions. When multiplied by the number of public school students enrolled in the state, the aggregate loss in lifetime earnings is more than \$15.5 billion.

How Indiana compares Harvard and Stanford research indicates that the median U.S. public school students in grades 3-8 lost the equivalent of a half-year of learning in math and a quarter of a year in reading.

That means that in Spring 2022, students were about six months behind students in the same grade in Spring 2019.

Nationally, 8% of students were in districts that lost more than a year of learning in math, while 3% were in districts where math achievement actually rose.

Lawmakers send more help

Many states and districts — including those across Indiana — continue to use their portion of the \$190 billion in federal COVID-19 aid to add tutoring and summer school and extended days. But researchers cautioned that many of those efforts are not yet large enough to fully address the learning loss that has occurred.

State lawmakers passed multiple new bills in the 2023 legislative session as part of an ongoing effort to reverse learning loss and increase academic proficiency.

That included House Bill 1638, which allows current high school students to retake classes they took online during the pandemic for a better grade. Students are eligible if the new course is the same subject matter, not virtual and at the same school.

A separate GOP-led

effort will also require schools to use “science of reading” curricula approved by the Indiana Department of Education by fall of 2024.

The phonics-based literacy approach incorporates phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Education experts say it gives students the skills to “decode” any word they don’t recognize.

The state is also banning schools using the “three-cueing model,” which encourages students to make educated guesses at words using context clues. The model has been largely disproven by cognitive scientists but is still used by schools in Indiana and around the country.

The science of reading shift will be paid for from a \$111 million fund created late last year by the state and the Lilly Endowment, which donated \$60 million to K-12 science of reading efforts and \$25 million to teacher preparation programs. The state has chipped in \$26 million from the state’s federal COVID relief dollars.

Additionally, Indiana’s next biennial budget adds up to \$20 million in each of the next two years for education department’s efforts on science of reading.

Individual school districts can also apply for grants from the department for literacy coaches, textbooks and lessons, teacher and administrator training or giving students extra reading help with tutoring or summer programs.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CARMEL/CLAY BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Owner: Carmel/Clay Board of Parks & Recreation
1411 East 116th Street
Carmel, Indiana 46032
Project: River Heritage Park Forest Mitigation Project

Notice is hereby given that the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation (the “Owner”), will receive sealed bids for the above referenced Project at the Board’s Administrative Offices located at 1411 East 116th Street, Carmel Indiana 46032 on June 13, 2023 at 10:00 am local time, and as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date, the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room of the Administrative Offices. The outside of the sealed envelope in which the Bid is enclosed, shall be clearly marked “BID – RIVER HERITAGE PARK FOREST MITIGATION PROJECT”, and as otherwise set forth in the Bid Documents. Any Bid received after the designated time will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for discussion of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on May 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm local time at River Heritage Park; 11813 River Road, and, weather permitting, shall conclude with a visit to the location where the Work is to be performed. Prospective bidders are encouraged, but not required, to attend the pre-bid conference. For special accommodations needed by individuals with disabilities planning to attend the pre-bid conference or public bid opening meeting, please notify Michael Krosschell at (317) 414-7398 or krosschellm@weihe.net at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

In general, the Work for the Project consists of native plant restoration plantings, seeding, and tree protection fencing, all as set forth in the Contract Documents for the Project which, except for those items not included due to timing, size or other factors, have been assembled into a Project Manual and includes the Bid Documents. The Project Manual and any and all full size drawings may be examined at and obtained from, the office of Eastern Engineering Supply Company, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038; Phone: (317) 598-0661. The plan charge will be listed on the online plan room. Payment may be made by check, credit card, or cash. NO DEPOSITS ACCEPTED. Make checks payable to Eastern Engineering. All payments and costs of Contract Documents and related supplemental materials are non-refundable. Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets, whether hard copy or electronic, of the Project Manual and drawings and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets.

Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Project Manual, must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) Properly and completely executed Form 96 (revised 2013) prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts which includes a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work;
- (2) Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including any alternates, with a satisfactory corporate surety or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute within ten (10) calendar days from the acceptance of the Bid, the Agreement as included in the Project Manual. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be made payable to Carmel/Clay Board of Parks & Recreation;
- (3) A Non-Collusion Affidavit complying with the requirements of Ind. Code § 36-1-2-4.

Owner reserves the right to hold any or all Bids for a period of not more than sixty (60) days after the date on which the Bids are opened and, for such sixty (60) day period, all such Bids shall be in full force and effect. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of Bids but no Bidder shall withdraw a Bid within the sixty (60) day period after opening of the Bids. All bid security of unsuccessful bidders will be returned by the Owner upon selection of the successful Bidder and execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond.

In the event that the total amount of the contract awarded to the successful Contractor is \$300,000 or more, the successful Contractor must be qualified under either Ind. Code § 4-13.6-4 or Ind. Code § 8-23-10 before doing any work on the Project.

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-22-17-6, Owner reserves the right to specify in the contract with the successful bidder one or both of the following:

1. Early performance of the contract will result in increased compensation;
2. Completion of the contract after the termination or designated completion date(s) will result in a deduction from the compensation.

A Performance Bond and Payment Bond with good and sufficient surety, acceptable to the Owner and Architect/Engineer, shall be required in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Bonds may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner’s final settlement with the Contractor. Retainage will be as required by Ind. Code § 36-1-12 et seq.

All out-of-state entities must have a certificate of authority to do business in the State of Indiana. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Owner reserves the right to (1) cancel this solicitation pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-22-18-2 and/or (2) reject any offers, in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when Owner determines in accordance with applicable Indiana laws including but not limited to Ind. Code § 36-1-12-4, that such action is in the best interests of the Owner. Owner reserves the right to delay the opening of the Bids pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-1-12-4. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Owner reserves the right to waive any of the terms, conditions or provisions contained in this Notice to Bidders or the Bid Documents or any informality, irregularity or omission in the bid process or in any Bid which waiver is deemed in the Owner’s discretion to be to the advantage of the Owner and which does not afford any Bidder a material competitive advantage over other Bidders. Except as specifically otherwise provided herein and as allowed by applicable Indiana law, a contract for the Project shall be awarded in accordance with this Notice to Bidders, Ind. Code § 5-16-13 et seq. and Ind. Code § 36-1-12 et seq., to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder whose bid does not exceed the funds available for the Project. The Owner shall have the right to accept any Alternates in any order or combination or accept on the basis of the Base Bid alone, unless otherwise specifically provided in the Bidding Documents and to determine the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder on the basis of the sum of the Base Bid and Alternates accepted.

Questions regarding this Project should be directed to Michael Krosschell by email only at krosschellm@weihe.net.
Carmel/Clay Board of Parks & Recreation
Michael Klitzing, director

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sorting, stocking, cleaning, and maintaining pantries to provide thousands of meals each month. The community raised over seven thousand dollars to feed hungry neighbors. We continually are humbled by the community support for Feeding Team.

Special shout outs to Charity, Michelle, Rocky, Jeff, Bob, Shawn, Jon, the staff at The Mill Top, Nameless Catering, TalentLogistiX, JR Gaylor and EquipCon for making this event special and successful.

As has become our custom we told pantry stories. Stories of people whose paths cross someone from Feeding Team. An audience of almost 200 supporters listened to the small chapters of neighbor’s lives. We don’t use the real names of our neighbors. Folks like Martha who just had a kidney transplant and needed food before returning to work at her fast-food job. Like Beth, the daughter of an elected official, out of work and embarrassed that her situation would be discovered by her father. Like Bill, a Navy veteran who survives on pantry food plus his pension. Like Susan who lived through a frigid winter in her car with her boyfriend, surviving on food from the pantries until her life

circumstances changed.

Jon Mobley wowed the crowd with table magic and followed that with an incredible stage show. It’s no wonder he is in such high demand and performs nationally now at large venues.

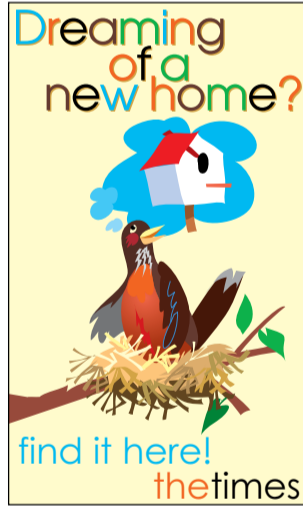
I am so proud of the team. They have hearts of gold and live to serve. I am so proud to live in Indiana where people care. I am so proud of the people of Hamilton County and how service and charity are integral in the fabric of daily life. I am convinced that Feeding Team is meant for times such as these, but also, specifically it’s meant for a place as special as Hamilton County Indiana. Thank you. With over 44,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, www.Feedingteam.org is a registered 501C3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my family, could not always make ends

meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person’s life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential area location, please contact us. www.feedingteam.org facts – 50 pantries, 10,000 meals in March 2023, over thirty volunteer families. Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or 317-832-1123.

- Mark Hall is a successful businessman, husband, father and grandfather. He is serving his first term on the Hamilton County Council.



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drum in the ensemble. As she was sending this journalist details about the Ensemble's accomplishment on the day the Ensemble returned from the World Championship in Dayton, she said her drummer came downstairs at home, telling his mom he had to go play with the drumline at the Nickel Plate Arts Campus that very day. "They are out there again doing what they love for the community," she said. "I love it." (And just minutes before her message, I actually saw the drumline performing in the Nickel Plate parking lot.)

Neal contacted me on the day the Ensemble returned home from the World Championships last month with only good things to say about their NHS percussion director, Charles "Cal" Lennon. "He has been a wonderful, positive influence on the kids along with his staff of techs," Neal said. "I certainly have always had a deep connection and love for percussion and these types of activities, but I think, more importantly, I was given a great idea of what leadership looks like, that I simply want to continue forward with," Lennon said. "Hearing others think I help their experience be so positive is one of the few reasons as to why I still feel my time is meant to be spent with these ensembles."

One of Lennon's grandfathers was a lifelong percussionist and the other was a lifelong leader and coach at the University of Notre Dame. "Along with my father and my older brother, and a couple other phenomenal directors, I know I am blessed and fortunate to have their presence be a part of me as I journey through teaching and creating relationships," he said.

NHS director of bands Eric Thornbury said Lennon "is knowledgeable and has an outstanding and unique approach to teaching percussion. He is a director immersed in the activity, both musically and visually. He is able to communicate to students in a way that teaches students and inspires them to want to achieve more," Thornbury said.

"Our percussion kids are a great group of kids," said Neal, who went on to share stories. "During football season they go to school at 7 a.m. on Fridays to march through the halls to hype the students for football games. They do send-offs for every team that goes to a State tournament or game as they board their bus. They have even led little kids in neighborhood bike parades on the 4th of July, after already marching the parade with the band. They are always there for their school and for their community because they love what they do."

Sam Neal, whose parents are Michele and Dave Neal, attended Noblesville West Middle School, started playing drums at age 4. He now plays drums for services at Northview Church in Noblesville and Northview students in Carmel. He will be the drumline section leader for next season and hopes to play in a Drum Corps International after high school. He is also in NHS Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band and Marching

Band. His mom said, "He absolutely loves playing drums."

In Lennon's first season leading the ensemble this school year, the Percussion Ensemble performed an original production called, "Unraveled," a fresh take on the Egyptian afterlife.

Thornbury said the drumline "is definitely in high demand," noting all of those activities, as well, adding that the drumline recently participated in Noblesville's Fairyville Parade.

Lennon said Thornbury, as well as co-director Jacob Crosley, "play a humongous part in allowing the drumline to be so involved... We share rehearsal space and often rehearsal hours with other sports entities and programs, and with the shared space comes a needed shared respect for one another. The band directors do a phenomenal job of recognizing this and finding windows for our performers to maintain connection to the school as a whole and not just to the music program."

Placing in the WGI World Championship was a huge accomplishment on the national level.

Lennon said Indiana has one of the most competitive and well-rounded state circuits for indoor percussion in the country. That very fact was reflected this year when Indiana had the most representatives of any state in terms of the world championship finals across all of the classes.

"Our wonderful students at Noblesville this year were able to achieve their highest placement at their state championships in their history, as well as travel to the world championships for our first time," Lennon said. "At the world championships, we were fourth place within our class, which is an extremely notable accomplishment and for something I am so proud."

It's Lennon's first year as a full-time director of percussion for NHS. He teaches five block classes, correlated with various concert band classes. Lennon is a graduate of Lawrence Central High School, where he was a percussionist, and a graduate of Indiana University. He has taught and directed both competitive percussion ensembles and marching bands, mostly in Indiana, but across the United States, for the past seven or eight years and has won four championships at three separate high schools in Indiana during this time.

Typically, he would trade his time and efforts across multiple schools during a single season or semester, whereas, at NHS, it's his first time giving almost all of his effort and time to one school. "Due to this, I feel a special connection with the Noblesville students and each and every accomplishment..."

Throughout the school year, Noblesville percussionists end up being a part of many balanced ensembles where percussion is just a cog in the machine, such as marching bands, jazz bands, pep bands, concert bands and more, Lennon said. "But indoor percussion is the ensemble where we are strictly made up of percussionists, and so the

content and the camaraderie takes on a whole new level. Think of it as 'the immediate family' for percussion at the school, since this is our opportunity to be isolated and challenge the kids percussively to new heights."

Thornbury described NIPE as "like a small marching band with percussion-only instruments."

He said, this school year, 39 students participated in the Percussion Ensemble: three snare drums, two tenor drums, two impact drums, five bass drums and eight cymbals, who march on the floor, and 19 students in the front ensemble with five marimbas, six vibraphones, xylophone, bells, two auxiliary percussion, two synthesizer, electric bass and electric guitar.

NIPE, which began in spring of 2008, has grown in skillset and volume greatly since its inception, Lennon said.

Ranging from eighth-graders through seniors, the Percussion Ensemble has a wide variety of skill sets, from beginners to advanced high school musicians, but mostly talent in the middle. They are forced to grow very quickly during the season during which the best players may be highlighted.

Students compete in Scholastic A movement against other high schools in Indiana and through the nation and even other countries.

The group rehearses three times per week for three hours plus a few Saturday and camp days. In 2023, the competition season ran Feb. 11-April 1. Groups attend invitational competitions to prepare for Indiana Percussion Association (IPA) State Preliminary competition with the hopes of making IPA State Finals. "Noblesville High School has hosted one of these invitationals the past few years right in our own high school gymnasium," Thornbury said.

"Each year, our students get better and better," he said. In 2021, NHS was the Indiana IPA Bronze Medalist. In 2022, the NHS Percussion Ensemble repeated as the Bronze Medalist for IPA and the WGI Percussion Indianapolis Regional Champion. In 2023, Noblesville placed second at the Plainfield Invitational, first at the Noblesville Invitational, first at the Indianapolis WGI Regional, first in their round at IPA State Preliminary Competition out of 21 competing groups in their class and second at IPA State Finals. At the first-ever World Championships, Noblesville participated in quarter finals, semi finals and finals, against 39 groups competing from all over the nation, including Hawaii. "Noblesville advanced to the finals for the first time in our history and placed in the Top 5," Thornbury said. The Ensemble was the IPA Silver Medalist, WGI Percussion Indy Regional Champion again and a WGI World Finalist, "placing fourth in the world." He said, "We were fourth place and only .25 of a point from the bronze medal."

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as the project progresses. We anticipate that it will remain open throughout the 2023 construction season.

The construction is part of Reimagine Pleasant Street, which is a multi-phased transportation improvement project to improve mobility and compliment the growth of

Noblesville. The critical first phase, which includes the construction of a new White River Bridge, will be open by the end of 2024. The project is expected to reduce traffic through downtown Noblesville by 20% and will also provide a link for three major trails (Nickel

Plate, Midland Trace, and Riverwalk) to connect Noblesville with Hamilton County and the greater Indianapolis area.

For more details about the project, please visit <https://www.reimaginepleasantst.com/>. You can also follow the project on Facebook and Twitter.

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According to Shirts, the first shipment of goods to a store in the new town of Noblesville included some "false-faces, lighted from the inside after night by phosphorous." This new merchandise inspired "a gentleman connected with the store" to play a practical joke on the Shirts family's hired girl.

One evening after darkness had fallen, the "gentleman" slipped on a lit mask, sneaked up on the Shirts house and stuck his head in the doorway, expecting to hear a shriek of terror.

Instead, the girl whacked him over the head with a wet broom she'd been using to scrub the floor. She smacked him so hard, she broke his false face into pieces and sent him reeling.

I doubt he ever tried that again. (I have no idea why a store back then would be selling glow-in-the-dark false faces.)

Exhibit B . . . A real stinker of a story appears in the March 13, 1940 Noblesville Daily Ledger.

In the mid-1890s the Bartholomew family of Carmel lived near a trapper who sometimes purchased raw fur which would perfume the entire neighborhood with a strong skunk odor.

The three Bartholomew sons griped about the smell so much that a neighborhood prankster decided to really give them something to complain about.

Getting his hands on a freshly skinned skunk carcass, he placed it near the Bartholomew's mare and punctured skunk's "gas tank" with a long pole.

The newspaper is torn here, but it appears he then buried the skunk's remains and beat a hasty retreat. Convinced a live skunk had gotten loose in their barn, the Bartholomews searched everywhere for it. Of course, there was no skunk to be found.

"What these boys said in their delirium [sic] was

almost unprintable." The poor horse got the worst of it, though. A local minister borrowed her a week later and upon his return, he reported that not only did the mare still reek, the smell had become even worse each time he slapped her with the reins.

Finally, Exhibit C . . . The November 15, 1918, Noblesville Daily Ledger contains an account of the wedding of Reverend Fred Wolff, the pastor of Arcadia's Christian Church. The paper noted that Reverend Wolff, a well-known practical joker, had finally gotten a taste of his own medicine.

That evening, following the wedding, the newlyweds' friends stuffed the reverend into a coffin acquired from a local undertaker and fastened the lid. (One corner was left up so their victim could breathe.)

Coffin and bride were then placed on a train headed to Noblesville.

In the meantime, their friends drove down to meet the train. When it arrived, they loaded the coffin onto their truck and rode through town, ringing a church bell like a fire alarm as they went.

The noise caught the attention of the sheriff and chief of police who stopped them.

At this point the pastor was freed, but was led off, handcuffed, to the sheriff's residence where he was forced to deliver a short speech to a crowd of onlookers while his bride was presented with a huge artificial bouquet.

Only then were they allowed to return to Arcadia.

Notable Nineties Update: Mary Waltz added herself and three of her Jackson Central classmates—Peggy Yancey, Carol Rushton and Marianna Mounsey — to the list. Congratulations!

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

WRAP

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Times brought Hamilton County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded!

We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands – so many in fact that we had to find a way to automatic the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day.

Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here.

When the final winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

Readers' Choice 2023 Results

Gift Shop Winner:

- Adriene's Flowers & Gifts
- Runner Up:** Logan Village Mall
- Honorable Mentions:**
 - Living Truth
 - Linden Tree
 - Gallery 116
 - Mercantile on Main
 - Little Gypsy Boutique
 - 3 Rusty Nails
 - Wild Bohemian Boutique
 - Persimmon Avenue
 - Thistle & Thyme

Golf Course Winner:

- Purgatory
- Runner Up Tie:**
 - Bridgewater
 - Forest Park
- Honorable Mentions:**
 - Harbour Trees
 - Fox Prairie
 - Bear Slide
 - Prairie View
 - Pebblebrook
 - Sagamore

Green House Winner:

- Gatewood Vegetable Farm
- Runner Up:** Heartland Growers
- Honorable Mentions:**
 - Hood's Gardens

Grocery Store Winner:

- Kroger
- Runner Up:** Aldi's
- Honorable Mentions:**
 - Meijer
 - Cicero Market
 - Fresh Thyme
 - Harbour Market
 - Market District
 - Trader Joe's
 - Walmart
 - Whole Foods

Hair Salon Winner Tie:

- Nancy Myers
- Twisted Sisters
- Runner Up Tie:**
 - Blown Away
 - Kiss Kiss Bang Bang
- Honorable Mention:**
 - Ciao Bella
 - Hair Doctor
 - Flirt
 - HG Salon
 - Sugar Salon
 - Viva

Hardware Store Winner:

- Ace Hardware
- Runner Up:** Sullivan's
- Honorable Mentions:**
 - Menards
 - Keeners
 - Lowe's
 - Home Depot

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