

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

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



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

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 in May at the Embassy Suites 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: June 17, Fun Fest Downtown; June 20, Serve Week Kickoff; and June 21-24, Serve Week. For more info, visit [www.servenoblesville.com](http://www.servenoblesville.com)

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Mental Health First Aid**

The Noblesville Chamber, in partnership with Invest Hamilton County, OneZone and Westfield Chambers hosts quarterly Mental Health First Aid trainings focused on employers throughout Hamilton County. Typically, this training costs at least \$250-\$400 per person, but thanks to support from the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners via the ARPA Committee, this training only costs \$5 per person. Trainings are conducted by Mental Health America of Indiana... Register Now

**2. Coffee and Connect**

Join the Noblesville Chamber's WIN Network in our 2023 Coffee & Connect Series! Network with us on the 2nd Wednesday each month from 8 am to 9:30 am. Stop in for a few minutes or stay for the entire event. There is no cost to attend for members

**3. State of the County Luncheon**

We continue our 'State of Series with our annual State of the County Luncheon. This year's theme "The Way We Were" will complement our celebration of Hamilton County's Bicentennial. There is a lot happening around Hamilton County and you will not want to miss this chance to be fully updated and in awe of the progress in our county! Join us for this valuable update and information

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## Noblesville Lions Grillin' On The Square



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd the Noblesville Lions Served up pork chops, chicken, and hot dogs for the yearly Grillin' on the Square. This included pancakes and sausage on Saturday for breakfast. Helping the Lions were quite a few wives taking charge of desserts! The Lions graciously THANK all those who came to enjoy and Sponsored the event, as this event is the largest funding activity of the year for service to kids in the area. This year's event didn't seem to match last year's event with attendance; although final numbers are still being calculated. Also helping were the Lion Leos of Noblesville High School. The Leos gave support all day and helped by waiting tables and cleaning trays. Lion John Smith is the Leo Sponsor, and is also a teacher at the high school. Lion Mark Bachar commented that the Silent Auction brought in \$1,445.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Theatrical Photography

Jim LaMonte (from left, as Charlie Aiken), Julie Dutcher (as Mattie Fay Aiken) and Sally Carter (as Violet Weston) rehearse for Main Street Productions' "August: Osage County," directed by Brent Wooldridge, onstage now through June 18, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

## 2 Plays, Jazz On Square, Eagles Tribute, Jurassic Express, All This Weekend



**BETSY REASON**  
From The Editor's Desk...

Basile Westfield Playhouse and Hyperion Players are staging plays this weekend, plus head to the Square for Music and All That Jazz and then to Federal Hill Commons for an Eagles tribute band.

What else? Here's our Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond.

1. Enjoy a tragicomedy in Main Street Productions' "August: Osage County," a play by Tracy Letts and directed by Brent Wooldridge, now through June 18, with performances at

7:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Basile Westfield Playhouse with tickets at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org)

2. Experience live community theater with The Hyperion Players' production of "Call Me Sister," an original play by Ian Hauer of Noblesville, at 7:30 p.m. today (talkback after show) and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with \$12 tickets at [hyperionplayers.com](http://hyperionplayers.com)

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

4. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and find a place on the

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Graphic courtesy of City of Westfield

## Take Me Out To The New Ball Fields

June 15 and 16 - FFA competition training: Westfield High School's agricultural science teacher will be training students for the agricultural sales contest at the FFA convention by doing mock sales calls to sell beef cattle supplements. Volunteers will play the roles of cattle producers with whom the students will need to close deals. The emphasis in this contest is the effectiveness of the sales call. The students will practice building rapport, presenting the products, and going for the sale.

June 13 - Ribbon cutting ceremony: Our community will be celebrating the official opening of our new softball and baseball fields that will be used by district teams and community teams alike. Please let me know if you'd like to attend so we can prepare space for crews. There will be community and school players throwing out first pitches and more.

## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 6:16 a.m.  
SET: 9:16 p.m.

High/Low  
Temperatures  
High: 80 °F  
Low: 50 °F

Today is...

- Donald Duck Day
- Writers' Rights Day
- National Marriage Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1967 Israel captures the Golan Heights from Syria.
- 1957 Four Austrian climbers become the first to conquer Broad Peak.
- 1934 Donald Duck makes his film debut in The Wise Little Hen.

Births On This Day

- 1963 Johnny Depp American actor, singer, producer, director
- 1961 Michael J. Fox Canadian/American actor, producer, author

Deaths On This Day

- 1870 Charles Dickens English author
- 68 Nero Roman Emperor

## Heights' Bret Bailey Selected As District 5 Middle School Principal Of The Year

Bret Bailey, Hamilton Heights Middle School Principal, has been selected as the District 5 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). District 5 is in Central Indiana. District 5 is comprised of Boone, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, Miami, and Tipton Counties.



BRET BAILEY

District Middle School Principals of the Year are elected by their peers. One middle school principal is honored from each of the 12 districts. From these 12 District Middle School Principal winners one will be chosen as the 2023 Indiana Middle School Principal of the Year. The State winner will be announced at the IASP annual award celebration in November. Bailey, who has been with Hamilton Heights for close to a decade, said he is humbled

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**➔ INSIDE TODAY**

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**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Used to be you saved up for the big things in life like buying a home, a car, planning for retirement . . . now we can add going to the gas station . . . or the grocery store.



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"When in doubt, look intelligent."  
-Garrison Keillor

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

I wish my gray hair started in Las Vegas because what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Kids who are allowed to add sugar to unsweetened cereal end up eating less sugar than those who eat pre-sweetened cereals. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**➔ OBITUARIES**

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **TRACY and STEVEN LINE** for subscribing!



## Hamilton County 4-H Fair Updates And Pertinent Info

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is scheduled for July 20 - 24, 2023; (Auction July 25, 2023). The Hamilton County Exhibition Center will be the location for many Extension and 4-H events and activities. The 4-H Fair Office is also located in this facility.

- All vendors may rent space in the Commercial Tent south of the Hamilton County Exhibition Center.
- Outside exhibitors (farm equipment, cars, etc.) will be east and north of the Commercial Tent area.
- The Food Court will be in the grassy area south of the Winks Building and west of the Annex Building and Exhibition Center.
- The Antique Tractor display area will be southeast of the Commercial Tent.

- There is an access road which can be used to drive to the display area DAILY for unloading and/or loading only. There will be no parking in this area during the fair. Disabled/handicap parking is available near the Annex and Exhibition Center.
- All other parking will be in the grassy area on the south side of the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Reservations and rental fees are now being taken for commercial display space at the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 20 - 24, 2023. Preference will be given to 2022 Exhibitors who return their application and rental fee by May 1. After May 1 spaces will be assigned on the basis of first contract returned and so forth. The Hamilton County 4-H Council reserves the right to assign commercial spaces. No contract will be accepted after July 14, 2023.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**  
-The Hamilton County 4-H Council wants to host a fair that feels as normal as possible. If there are any new guidelines in place by the dates of the fair we will keep you updated.  
-Commercial exhibitors need to furnish their own table, chairs, etc. to use in their space.  
If a location is needed to hang a banner, please request an outside perimeter space. The Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc.

has a policy that no knives, firearms, combustible materials, drug or alcohol products/advertisements, spray string, noise makers or balloons may be used as part of a display, given away and/or sold at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

-Heavy duty tent stakes are recommended to secure personal tents.

**COMMERCIAL TENT** spaces will be approximately 10' wide and 12' deep at \$200.00 per space.

Small lawn and garden equipment may be displayed in the commercial tent if the purchased space is located in a corner or along the perimeter of the tent. No animals may be displayed in the commercial tent. No ready-to-consume foods are to be sold in the commercial tent area.

**OUTSIDE DISPLAY AREAS (Not Food Court)** The Commercial Tent Committee will assign locations in the commercial area based on the size and set-up of the display. Fees are determined by size of area reserved. The fees and area sizes are as follows:

20' x 20' - \$190.00  
20' x 30' - \$210.00  
30' x 40' - \$235.00  
40' x 40' - \$250.00  
40' x 50' - \$275.00

**FOOD COURT**  
4-H/Extension related group 20' x 20' - \$190.00  
Non 4-H/Extension related group 20' x 20' - \$300.00

**CANCELLATION CLAUSE**

If you cancel your rental, your rental fee will be refunded only if your space can be rented to another renter before 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023 or if the Hamilton County 4-H Council changes the participation of vendors at the fair. Otherwise, your fee will not be refunded.

**MINIMUM RECOMMENDED HOURS** - The 4-H Council requests that commercial areas be staffed

during the following hours when the buildings are open:

- Thursday, July 20 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 21 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 22 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 23 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 24 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. (Food

Vendors)  
Food Court Vendors have the option to arrive earlier and stay later each day. Food court vendors have the option to open on Wednesday, July 19, for livestock check-in and various pre-fair activities. (Suggested hours would be 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.) Food Court vendors also have the option to be open on Tuesday, July 25, for the Livestock Auction from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Commercial exhibitors may set up their display on Wednesday, July 19 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or Thursday, July 20, before 10:00 a.m. ALL DISPLAYS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE TENT ON MONDAY, JULY 24 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Electrical wiring may be removed from the large tent on Tuesday, July 25 and the tents will be taken down on Wednesday, July 26.

All vendors will clear the 4-H Fairgrounds of all trailers, machinery, equipment, etc. by Sunday, July 30, 2023 or equipment will be towed at owner's expense. There will be no further notification of these dates and times to remove your display.

**SECURITY** will be provided from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. every day, beginning July 19. Security on Sunday, July 23 will be provided until 12:00 noon. Security will end at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023 in the commercial area ONLY. It will continue elsewhere longer.

**INSURANCE**  
Exhibitors assume liability for any loss arising from your activities in the Commercial Tent and/or Outside Display Areas, and will indemnify the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc. and Hamilton County Board of Commissioners from any liability for such loss. Each exhibitor must have a CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE on file.

- THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.  
The certificate should show Comprehensive General Liability coverage, including products, with the following limits:

- Bodily Injury Per Person \$100,000
- Per Occurrence \$300,000
- Property Damage \$50,000

Generally, there is no cost involved in obtaining a Certificate of Insurance. Homeowners insurance may not cover craft items or in-home businesses but a rider could be added to the policy. Please contact your insurance company and ask them to send the 4-H Council a Certificate of Insurance before July 14. You will not be allowed to set up your display unless the Certificate of Insurance is on file. The Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc. will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property and will not assume any liability or responsibility for any display or part of a display in the Commercial Tent Area.

**ELECTRICITY**  
Each commercial display area will have access to one 110-volt electrical outlet with 500 watts (4.5 amps). Any other voltage and/or higher amps needed above this basic service will require extra wiring by the 4-H Fairgrounds electrician. The vendor requesting the additional service must pay a charge of \$30.00 for each additional circuit installed. The Commercial Tent Committee will need to know of these extra service requests by July 7, 2023 in order to forward requests to the electrician. Any requests received after that date will be assessed a \$15.00 late fee in addition to the regular charge. Exhibitors will need to furnish their own extension cords (unless it is over 50 ft. to the outlet source).

All receptacles are ground fault protected to comply with national and local electrical codes. All appliances/equipment must have 3-wire grounded cord and may be inspected by the 4-H Fairgrounds Electrician. If any appliance/equipment causes the circuit to be interrupted repeatedly, the vendor will be asked to repair, replace or remove that piece of equipment.  
Call the Extension Office (317-776-0854) and ask for Bernie if you have questions. The 4-H Council hopes the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair will be safe and successful for all.

## Barker Cabin Grand Opening

In honor of the Hamilton Co Bicentennial, the Grand Opening of the Barker Cabin and because we have the Bicentennial Display in our museum next week we will be open extra days!

Additional Opening Days for the Museum & Cabin

Wednesday 6/14—3p-7p

Thursday 6/15—3p-7p

Friday 6/16—3p-7p

We could use additional volunteers to help keep the museum open - email us if you can help any of these days, even if it's just a couple of hours so our experienced museum volunteer has some backup and can easier keep both the museum and cabin open - email me to let us know which day/hours you can join us.

Regular Open hours on Saturday 6/17 - 10a-2p

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Team Sponsor: Gaylor

Pitcher, catcher, center field

Caden is always encouraging other players and consistently playing the game with a positive attitude. He has led the team several games with his pitching, catching and overall athleticism. He even pitched a no hitter.

Why he loves playing at Noblesville Babe Ruth: "I just love playing baseball."

**Caden Renckly**

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9th Grade  
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**7076 Willowleaf Court**  
Noblesville • \$381,000

**SOLD!**

Lovely home in Willow Lake neighborhood, home is pristine and overlooks pond, w/2BR and 2 full BA, den, sunroom, 2-sided gas fireplace, kitchen w/pantry, solid surfaces and all appliances stay. BLC#21915325

**8496 Comet Lane**  
Pendleton • \$324,900

**PENDING**

Stunning custom home. 4BR, 2.5BA, luxury vinyl plank on main, 9ft ceilings, recessed lights & gas fireplace, kitchen with quartz, subway tile backsplash, SS appliances, large pantry. Upstairs laundry, primary BR w/tray ceiling, ensuite BA and walk-in closet, 3 large bedrooms with walk-in closets! BLC#21917748

**17155 McKenna Way**  
Noblesville • \$354,900

**PENDING**

Well maintained 2 BR, 2 BA home in Willow Lake, home overlooks pond, has huge great room, double sided gas fireplace, sunroom, den, upper loft, 3 season room, kitchen w/island, eating area and kitchen appliances stay. A perfect "10". BLC#21918617

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# Indiana Adventist Camp Meeting “Experiencing the Word” Is June 12-17

Special Days for Multicultural Ministries on June 10 and 17.

“Experiencing the Word” is the theme for this year’s Indiana Camp Meeting being held June 12-17 in Cicero at the Indiana Academy campus and sponsored by the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists®. This is a family-friendly event, and the public is invited. Major speakers’ presentations will be live streamed as well and can be accessed at [www.indysda.org](http://www.indysda.org).

There are special days being held for Hispanic

families and Haitian families on June 10 and June 17 respectively.

Dia de la Hermandad (Fraternity Day) starts at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, and is being held in the Indiana Academy gymnasium/auditorium with speaker Pastor Yohalmo Saravia. Come experience the inspiring atmosphere and joyous music.

Haitian families are gathering on June 17 for their own celebration and worship at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church. Programs start at 9:30 a.m. with speaker

Abdonel Jean Philippe and a musical concert at 3:00 p.m.

The Indiana Conference has experienced great growth among multicultural groups in the last five years.

Indiana Academy is located just north of Cicero at 24815 State Route 19, while the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 24445 State Road 19 in Cicero. For more information, visit [www.indysda.org](http://www.indysda.org).

Interviews available upon request.

## Meeting Notes

### Hamilton County Plan Commission

ONE HAMILTON COUNTY SQUARE, SUITE 13  
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA 46060

DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hamilton County Commissioners’ Courtroom / County Council Chambers, First Floor, Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Noblesville, Indiana

AGENDA  
1. Roll Call  
2. Declaration of Quorum

3. Communication/ Reports:  
4. Approval of Minutes - May 17, 2023

5. Public Comment:  
6. Correspondence:  
7. President’s Report:  
8. New Business:

A) P.C.-0002-06-2023  
Primary & Final Plat- Public Hearing

CONCERNING:  
Article 27 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance to

subdivide two (2) parcels into three (3) parcels.

LOCATION: 0 East 201st Street and 0 Mystic Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana  
ZONING: A-2(s)

PROPERTY SIZE:  
Parcel no. 12-07-23-00-00-005.001 is 10.08 acres  
12-07-23-00-00-005.000 is 29.92 acres

OWNERS: Tick Ridge Investments, LLC  
OVER

B) P.C.-0003-06-2023  
Primary & Final Plat - Public Hearing

CONCERNING:  
Subdividing one (1) parcel into two (2) lots.

LOCATION: Lot 1 - 0 Victory Chapel Road, Noblesville, Indiana

Lot 2 - 20540 Victory Chapel Road, Noblesville, Indiana

Wayne Township, Hamilton County  
ZONING: A-2(s)

PROPERTY SIZE: Lot 1 is 18.44 acres / Lot 2 is 38.24 acres

OWNERS: Lot 1 - Donna J. & Kevin G. Lehman  
Lot 2 - Flanders, Lvg Trust

9. Old Business:  
A) P.C.-0001-04-2023  
Amendments to the 2022 H.C. UDO

Commissioners referred back to the plan commission

CONCERNING:  
Multiple amendments to the 2022 Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance.

LOCATION: The entire jurisdiction of the Hamilton County Plan

Commission including all zoning classifications. The Plan Commission’s jurisdiction applies to all real property located in the unincorporated areas in Adams, Noblesville, Wayne, and White River Townships that do not fall under the jurisdiction of another plan commission.

ZONING: Multiple  
PROPERTY SIZE: Multiple

OWNER: Multiple  
10) Director’s Report:  
2024 Budget approval

11) Legal Counsel Report:  
12) Next Plan Commission Meeting:  
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

13) Adjournment:

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For special accommodations for a meeting contact Steven Rushforth, the ADA Facilities Coordinator/Safety & Risk Manager, at (317-770-1976) or by email to: [steven.rushforth@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:steven.rushforth@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting or event to request an accommodation

## July 4 – Up On the Roof! An All-American Night

(Stars. Strips. Fireworks. Food. Family. Fun.)

Hamilton County Judicial Parking Garage July 4 Private Parking Event.

The Good Samaritan Network and Hamilton County announce the second annual “July 4 - Up On The Roof” private parking event from 8:30 pm until 11 pm.

This is a private parking ticketed event. A ticket purchase is per car/vehicle and advance registration is required. Limited event ticket purchases (buyers) are available.

Participants will enjoy a spectacular vista view of Hamilton County fireworks at their best! A panoramic display of Fisher’s fireworks (south),

Potter’s Bridge (north), Housing and Farms (east), and Forest Park grand display (west). Top the evening off with an amazing picture-perfect view of downtown Noblesville at night! You can see it all... Up On the Roof!

Participants will view Noblesville Fireworks from the top floor at the Hamilton County Judicial Parking Garage, 225 N 9th St., Noblesville, IN. This event ends after the Fireworks display, not later than 11 pm. Your ticket donation is made to the Good Samaritan Network and will be confirmed and receipted upon purchase.

Donations made for this event will support the Hamilton County

community - through the work of Good Samaritan Network (nonprofit) - assisting Hamilton County families in need.

Ticket types include GENERAL ENTRY with a maximum of 8 people per vehicle and ENTRY FOOD ticket with a maximum of 8 people per vehicle. A food ticket includes: an American hot dog, condiments, popcorn (unlimited), chips, and water.

Security will be provided and enforced. Participants will be able to bring their lawn chair and a cooler. However, no alcohol, no fireworks, and pets are not allowed on the premises.

Advance registration is required. Visit [www.gsnlive.org](http://www.gsnlive.org).



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# Top Ranked Baller Back For Potentially Best Season Ever



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Not since the 1987-88 season has a Purdue men's basketball team faced higher expectations than the 2023-24

Boilermakers.

If Purdue reaches those expectations - a repeat Big Ten Conference championship, another run to a Big Ten Tournament title, the school's first Final Four in an astounding 43 years - it will be because of a decision announced shortly after 9 p.m. on May 31.

Zach Edey, once the 440th-ranked high school recruit in the class of 2020 and now the reigning college basketball consensus National Player of the Year, is back for his senior season.

In addition to having a chance to accomplish a feat not seen since 1983, Edey has a realistic shot at statistically becoming the greatest player in Boilermaker history.

For 53 years, Rick Mount's career scoring record of 2,323 points has not been seriously threatened by another Purdue standout. Jerry West Award winner Carsen Edwards likely would have broken that standard with 1,920 points through three seasons. The Boston Celtics gave Edwards approximately four million reasons not to stick around West Lafayette for his senior season.

Four other Boilermakers have reached the 2,000-point plateau. Dave Schellhase (2,074), like Mount, only played three varsity seasons due to NCAA rules declaring freshmen ineligible.

Joe Barry Carroll came the closest to Mount with 2,175 points in four

varsity seasons. However, Carroll was not a starter as a freshman and scored just 220 points in 28 games.

Troy Lewis (2,038) was incredibly consistent for most of his Purdue career, scoring 589 points as a sophomore, 556 as a junior and 590 as a senior. But the 1984 co-Indiana Mr. Basketball only started nine games as a freshman while putting up 303 points in 29 games.

E'Twaun Moore, who played nearly twice as many games (140) as Mount (72) in a Purdue uniform, started 135 times on his way to scoring 2,136 points.

Edey enters his senior season with 1,533 points, 790 behind Mount. After scoring 757 points in 34 games a year ago, Edey might have a shot if the Boilermakers can avoid a first weekend upset in the NCAA tournament.

Carroll's career rebounding record of 1,148 seems more likely to fall. If Edey comes close to the 438 rebounds he collected as a junior, that would put him well over 1,200 for his career.

Edey also has a chance to be the first repeat National Player of the Year since Virginia center Ralph Sampson won his third consecutive honor in 1983.

As for those team expectations?

In 1987-88, Purdue was ranked No. 2 in the preseason and dreamed of a national championship with a senior corps nicknamed "The Three Amigos." Lewis, Todd Mitchell and Everette Stephens believed they would take the Boilermakers all the way under coach Gene Keady. Not even an early season slip-up, a stunning 104-96 loss to Iowa State in Mackey Arena, lowered those expectations. Nor did the suspensions of key reserves Jeff Arnold and

Dave Stack for the season. Melvin McCants was an outstanding center and power forward Kip Jones made up for his inability to consistently make free throws with solid defense and rebounding skills. Backup point guard Tony Jones was a future star. So was a shy 6-9 center named Stephen Scheffler, who would become the 1990 Big Ten Player of the Year.

A 16-game winning streak after the Iowa State loss restored Purdue to its No. 2 ranking, where it remained for most of the season on its way to a 16-2 Big Ten record and a three-game edge over second-place Michigan.

Similar to a potential 2024 NCAA Tournament path (Indianapolis, Detroit in the Midwest Regional), the Boilermakers seemingly had the perfect road to the 1988 Final Four. Fairleigh Dickenson and Memphis were speed bumps during the first two rounds in South Bend. In the Sweet 16 at Pontiac, Mich., Kansas State - which had lost 101-72 in Mackey Arena three months earlier - was waiting.

Purdue got off to a 10-0 lead and fans were looking ahead to an Elite Eight matchup with Kansas. But future NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond got hot, even banking in a 3-pointer in the second half, and the Wildcats pulled off a 73-70 victory.

Few losses in Purdue basketball history have been tougher than that one.

Following Edey's announcement, ESPN's Joe Lunardi installed Purdue as the No. 2 overall seed behind Kansas in his projected NCAA Tournament bracket.

"Zach Edey's ultimate return to Purdue has already reframed the 2023-24 campaign," Lunardi

wrote. "Kansas remains the clear preseason No. 1, but the Boilermakers have slipped in behind the Jayhawks as a probable repeat 1-seed with serious revenge on their minds."

Purdue will be among the Big Ten's most experienced teams with all five starters, including Westfield's Braden Smith, and seven of its top eight scorers returning. Southern Illinois transfer guard Lance Jones, redshirt freshman forward Camden Heide and true freshman forward Myles Colvin could give the Boilermakers a boost of athletic skills.

As for the rest of the conference field, Michigan State has been receiving a lot of hype from the national media for some reason. Yes, the Spartans have a veteran backcourt of Tyson Walker (14.8 ppg.) and A.J. Hoggard (12.9).

But Tom Izzo's team lost a valuable scorer in Joey Hauser (14.4) and center Mady Sissoko was no match for Edey in either of Purdue's victories over MSU a year ago. The Spartans do have a highly regarded recruiting class but as the Boilermakers learned a year ago, freshmen aren't usually ready for the physical beating they will take in the Big Ten.

Indiana, which tied Northwestern for second place, has to replace 80 percent of its starting lineup. The NCAA gifted the Hoosiers another year of guard Xavier Johnson to go with promising recruits Mackenzie Mgbako and Gabe Cupps. But the question again is, where's the outside shooting?

Northwestern retained Boo Buie (17.3 ppg.) for a sixth season but backcourt mate Chase Audige (14.1) remained in the NBA Draft. Lafayette Jeff graduate Brooks Barnhizer

could make up for most of that scoring.

Illinois kept first-team All-Big Ten guard Terrance Shannon Jr. (17.2) as well as Coleman Hawkins (9.9), but once again the Fighting Illini will be a chemistry experiment on the court. Coach Brad Underwood doubled down on his transfer-heavy recruiting with five more players.

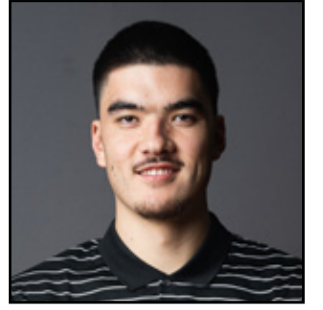
Only Michigan and Penn State were hit harder by departures/transfers than Iowa, which saw Kris Murray (20.2 ppg.), Filip Rebraca (14.1), Connor McCaffery (6.5) and Ahron Ulis (6.1) walk out the door.

Michigan second-team All-Big Ten center Hunter Dickenson followed the money to Kansas for his senior season. Add Jett Howard and Kobe Bufkin entering the NBA Draft, and the Wolverines must make up nearly 47 points a game from that trio. Michigan won't be Minnesota or Nebraska bad but an NCAA Tournament bid seems like a long shot today.

Maryland finished four games behind Purdue a year ago, but star guard Jahmir Young (15.8 ppg.), Julian Reese (11.4) and Donta Scott return. Circle the date when the Big Ten announces the Terrapins' trip to Indiana. Former Hoosiers forward Jordan Geronimo is one of three transfers into Maryland.

As for the rest of the league, Minnesota may not be much better than its 2-17 Big Ten record a year ago even with the return of Dawson Garcia (15.3 ppg.) Nebraska welcomes back fan favorite Keisei Tominaga (13.1) but the cupboard looks pretty bare in Lincoln.

Ohio State has underrated sophomore point guard Bruce Thornton (10.6 ppg.) and Zed Key (10.8),



ZACH EDEY

a good start on improving last season's disappointing 16-19 overall record and 5-15 Big Ten mark. Minnesota transfer Jamison Battle and a highly regarded freshman class will help, too.

Fans will need to buy programs to figure out who is playing for Penn State this year. Micah Shrewsbury's departure for Notre Dame triggered an exodus of talent that took Purdue to the wire in the Big Ten Tournament final. The Nittany Lions have two returning players who combined for less than five points a game in 2022-23. Eight transfers will have to figure out their roles quickly under new coach Mike Rhoades.

Clifford Omoruyi (13.2 ppg.) and Paul Mulcahy (8.3 ppg.) are two reasons why Rutgers will again be a tough victory for any visiting Big Ten team. Cam Spencer (13.2), who transferred to national champion Connecticut, is a major loss.

Wisconsin, which finished an uncharacteristic 11th in the Big Ten a year ago, mustn't be overlooked either with a veteran lineup of Chucky Hepburn (12.2 ppg.), Steven Crowl (12.1), Connor Essegian (11.7), Tyler Wahl (11.3) and Max Klesmit (8.4).

- 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.

## Hour Favorite TV Show



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I'm a big "60 Minutes" fan. I remember watching the premier show in 1968. The producer of that show was

Don Hewitt, an alumnus of New Rochelle High School where I graduated in 1965. The high school has a list of famous graduates and Don is listed along with 29 other people. I must have been number 31 because I couldn't find my name. By the way, my mother also graduated from New Rochelle High and dated Don Hewitt. This has nothing to do with what I am writing about this week, but it may be the only opportunity I'll have to sneak that into a column.

This past week "60 Minutes" did a show about Artificial Intelligence and the story focused on how some of these AI programs can mimic someone's voice and be used to trick people into sending money or giving out personal information over the phone. This freaked out my wife who is very concerned about having her identity stolen. She is not

worried about my identity being stolen because to quote Mary Ellen, "I don't think anyone would want to be you."

She is very paranoid about this kind of stuff. She shreds everything, convinced that people will riffle through our garbage to find vital information.

"Mary Ellen, why are you shredding our junk mail?"

"Dick, I don't want people to know our address."

"Well, if unsavory people are going through our trash at the curb, they can figure out where we live, because we live right behind the trash."

Now, as a result of the "60 Minutes" story, she has heightened concerns about privacy. I called her the other day to ask a question.

"Hi Mary Ellen, It's Dick. I need your social security number to fill out a form here at the bank."

There was a pause on the phone... a long one.

"Hmm, when you call you never say 'It's Dick.' You always say 'Hi, it's me.' Now, who is this?"

It's your husband. Now can you give me the social security number, please?"

"I have a couple of questions before I give out this highly sensitive

information. What is your brother's name?"

Peter, of course. And where were you born?"

"New Rochelle. Look if this is some kind of an IQ or memory test, you need to make the questions a lot tougher."

"This is my way of checking if it's really you. With all the new technology available a crook could be calling me and making his voice sound like yours."

"Okay, Mary Ellen, you may ask one more question. Make it a good one."

"Okay, Dick—or whoever you are, —when we got married, we stayed in a magnificent vacation spot in Big Sur, California. You said it was the most romantic, glorious hotel you had ever been in and it was a weekend you would never forget. What was the name of the hotel?"

"I don't have a clue."

"Oh, good it's definitely you! 897-006-0000

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

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## Red Cross: Blood Supply Facing Stress, Donors Needed

Help celebrate World Blood Donor Day June 14.

A concerning shortfall in blood donations last month could stress the American Red Cross blood supply. The Red Cross collected over 26,000 fewer blood donations than needed in May to meet the needs of patients. The need for blood is constant, with someone needing a blood transfusion in the U.S. every two seconds. Platelet donors are especially needed at this time. The public can help ensure continuity for patients by making an appointment to give blood or platelets now and in the weeks ahead.

World Blood Donor Day, gifts for donors

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day, a day meant to raise awareness of the need for a safe, diverse and stable blood supply and to recognize volunteer blood donors. This is the perfect time to give, especially for those who haven't given in a while, or who have never given before.

In thanks for taking time to help, all who come to give blood, platelets or plasma June 1-30 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice. Those who come to give throughout June will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package. Details for both offers can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/June.

Help the Red Cross celebrate World Blood Donor Day and meet the critical needs of patients. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit

RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give now at a blood drive near you.

How to donate blood  
To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Amplify your impact – volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact or visit red-cross.org/volunteertoday.

## Young, Colleagues Launch Bipartisan U.S. Senate Korea Caucus

This week, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) launched the U.S. Senate Korea Caucus to advance and strengthen the relationship and alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea (ROK). The caucus will work across the aisle to advance policies deepening economic, security, cultural, and scientific ties between the two nations. The launch of the caucus also marks the 70th anniversary of the U.S.-ROK alliance.

"I am proud to join Senators Ossoff, Sullivan, and Schatz to establish the new bipartisan Senate Korea Caucus. As threats continue to increase from China and North Korea, it's critical that the United States' relationship with Korea is not only active, but strong. This caucus will bolster the U.S.-Korea alliance, develop strategies for countering mutual security and economic threats, and advocate for greater U.S.-Korea cooperation on preserving a stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region," said Senator Young.

"I am a champion of the U.S.-Korea alliance and Georgia's 100,000 strong Korean American community. That's why we're bringing together Republicans and Democrats to launch the Bipartisan Senate Korea Caucus. I've led two successful economic delegations to Korea to attract more jobs and investment to Georgia and will continue to lead on U.S.-Korea relations," said Senator Ossoff.

"I've just returned from Korea where I was promoting our common national and energy security interests, including in the Alaska LNG Project.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and the strong, patriotic Korean-American community in Alaska to deepen and strengthen this critical 70-year old alliance," said Senator Sullivan.

"The Republic of Korea is one of our most important allies. We share a deep commitment to democratic principles, including civil rights, free elections, and press freedom, and we work closely together to protect our citizens against military threats. Our strategic cooperation includes everything from resisting economic coercion to increasing disaster preparedness in the Pacific Islands to eradicating disease in southeast Asia. And commercial ties between our nations support nearly half a million jobs. That's why we're launching this bipartisan caucus and why we're committed to strengthening U.S.-ROK relations," said Senator Schatz.

Background:  
The Republic of Korea (ROK) is a major U.S. ally, and 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1953. For 70 years, the United States and the Republic of Korea have been partners and friends.

The Republic of Korea is the United States' 6th largest goods trading partner with \$127.2 billion in total goods traded during 2020. Korea's FDI in the United States was \$61.8 billion in 2019, supporting over 94,000 U.S. jobs.

In April, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol was invited for a historic Official State Visit in Washington, D.C., honoring the strong ties between the two nations and pledging to work closer together going forward.

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## Braun, Rubio, Tillis Introduce Bill To Save Successful Veterans' High-Tech Job Training Program

Today, U.S. Senators Mike Braun, Marco Rubio, and Thom Tillis introduced the Continue VET-TEC Authorization Act of 2023 to extend and expand the VET-TEC, Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses, program which provides an alternative educational opportunity for veterans interested in pursuing a career in technology. The current program is set to expire at the end of this year. "Supporting our veterans when they come home is one of my top priorities in Washington, and VET-TEC is a proven program that helps prepare them for high-paying, fulfilling careers in technology. It's important that we save this successful program so veterans have options and opportunities to prosper as they transition back to civilian life." —Sen. Braun "The tech industry is one of the most in-demand sectors of the American economy. The VET-TEC program provides veterans with the skills they need to succeed in this field, helps our veterans find good-paying jobs and, in return, contribute to the economy. I'm proud to join Senator Braun in introducing the Continue VET-TEC Authorization Act of 2023 to ensure that the VET-TEC program can continue providing our veterans with the

technical skills to succeed in the 21st century job market." — Sen. Rubio "The VET-TEC pilot program has a proven track record of opening the door for thousands of veterans to start careers in the technology field. We must be doing everything we can to provide good job opportunities for our nation's veterans, and I'm honored to co-sponsor this legislation to reauthorize VET-TEC." — Sen. Tillis **BACKGROUND** Since 2017, more than 12,000 veterans have taken part in the VET-TEC program. As of February 2023, the program has an 84% graduation rate, a 64% employment rate, and an average salary of \$65,061. VET-TEC graduates often end up being employed by software, defense, and tech companies with potential for high job growth. The Continue VET-TEC Authorization Act of 2023 would: Reauthorize the VET-TEC program for five years (2023-2028) Expand annual enrollment for the program to from 2,000 to 6,000 to accommodate more students Enable institutions of higher education to participate in the program under the same guidelines as current VET-TEC providers Ensure costs of bill are fully offset

## 2023 Yellow Tie Gala: October 7

We are thrilled to announce this year's Yellow Tie Gala will be held on October 7, 2023, at 6 p.m., on the luxurious grounds of the Bridgewater Club. This year will be extra special, honoring and thanking Mayor Cook for all of his service and support towards WYAP.

Guests will be outdoors and will enjoy live music, a free signature cocktail, a live auction, a wine pull, a cash bar, and delicious hors d'oeuvres from The Bridgewater Club and other local establishments.

There will be additional gaming opportunities on the day of the event. Due to a change in gaming regulations, we will only be able to accept CASH for our new Plinko game. Tickets are now available, and all proceeds will benefit the Westfield Youth Assistance Program. We hope you can join us for a night of fun for a great cause!

## Westfield Chamber Announcers New Partner Benefit

Drew Lacey, an Indiana Notary Public, offers his services free to members and \$25 for non-members.

What is a Notary Public?

A notary public is a public officer appointed by state government to serve the public in non-contentious matters, usually related to the signing of important documents. A notary public attests or certifies writings, such as deeds, to make them authentic and takes affidavits, depositions, and protests of negotiable

paper. A notary public also administers oaths and affirmations, authenticates the execution of certain documents, and performs other official acts depending on the jurisdiction. A notary public acts as an impartial witness and a fraud-deterrent in transactions and documents. This benefit is completely free to all Westfield Chamber Members and a \$25 cost to Non-Members. Please reach out to info@westfieldchamberindy.com for inquiries.

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## Gov. Holcomb Makes Appointments To Various Boards And Commissions

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced several appointments to various state boards and commissions.

The governor made two new appointments to the board, who will serve until December 31, 2026:

Katy Adams (Evansville), president and CEO of Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Dr. Peter Karalis (Fishers), core faculty member of Community Health Network's Psychiatry Residency Program Department of Financial Institutions Board of Trustees

The governor made one new appointment to the board, who will serve until June 30, 2027:

John Kirk (Fishers), corporate counsel and senior executive with GVC Mortgage, Inc. Governor's Workforce Cabinet

The governor made two new appointments to the cabinet:

David Adams, former commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development, who will serve until December 31, 2024.

Richard Paulk, commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development, who will serve by virtue of his office at the pleasure of the governor. Healthy Hoosiers Foundation

The governor made one new appointment to the board, who will serve until December 31, 2025:

Lindsay Weaver, state health commissioner Indiana Business Law Survey Commission

The governor made three new appointments to the commission, who will serve at the pleasure of the governor:

Bill Barrett (Greenwood), partner with Williams Barrett & Wilkowski, LLP Joshua Hollingsworth (Carmel), partner with

Barnes & Thornburg LLP Keaton Miller (Newburgh), senior assistant general counsel and senior vice president with Old National Bancorp Indiana Election Commission

The governor made two reappointments to the commission, who will serve until June 30, 2025:

Karen Celestino-Horseman (Indianapolis), of-counsel with Austin & Jones, P.C. Paul Okeson (Indianapolis), president of Garmong Construction Services

Josh Bowman (Evansville), CEO of Bethel Wellness Community

Elaine Wilson (Huntersville), COO and administrator of Saint Anne Communities

Rick Wilson (Indianapolis), retired deputy chief of staff for former Congressman Dan Burton

State Egg Board The governor made eight reappointments to the board, who will serve until June 30, 2026:

Bryan Johnson (Orleans), representing the Indiana Farm Bureau

Darrin Karcher (West Lafayette), representing Purdue University

Thomas Klump (Aurora), representing the Indiana Retail Council

Blair Kriner (Indianapolis), representing the food service industry

Bob Krouse (Mentone), representing the Indiana State Poultry Association

Thomas Lafferty (Noblesville), representing Indiana Grocers and Convenience Stores

Alex Seger (Jasper), representing the Egg Council Department of ISPA

Margaret Titus, representing consumers

The governor made also made one new appointment to the board, who will serve until June 30, 2026:

Skye Zakrzewski (Seymour), representing federal and state inspected plants

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CICERO / JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
BZA-0623-39-40-R3  
Scott and Carrie Simpson

**LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on June 22nd, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition:  
Docket No. BZA-0623-39-R3

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted concerning Article 3.8 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: Allow a swimming pool which is an accessory structure, to be installed with a 12 foot rear setback on this parcel whereas "R3" District Standards require a 20 foot rear setback for an accessory structure.  
Docket No. BZA-0623-40-R3

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted concerning Article 3.8 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: exceed the 45% maximum impervious surface area allowed of a lot in the 11R311 district, whereas 11R311 district standards state that the square footage of all primary and secondary structures cannot exceed 45% of the lot area.  
Project Address: 840 South Main Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034  
Legal Description: Acreage .00 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 PETER CASE Lot 10 & 11  
Parcel number: 05-06-01-02-12-006.000  
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.  
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.  
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner Name: Scott & Carrie Simpson Date: June 22nd, 2023  
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**Duana Menefee (as Mary Tudor), Becky Larson (as Elizabeth Tudor) and Richard Cramer (as Sir Christopher Hatton) rehearse for The Hyperion Players' production of "Call Me Sister," onstage at 7:30 p.m. today (talkback after show) and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.**

Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza for Jams at the Junction, featuring Toy Factory at 6:30 p.m. today.

5. Enjoy live music featuring Don Clarkson at 7 p.m. today, Sam King on June 16, Hill & Oaks on June 17, Andy Schomburg on June 24 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

6. Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville is open for the season, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays, admission \$8 per person, concessions available. Morse Beach also open for the summer through Sept. 4. Pool membership includes movie nights (below), Tiny Tots Swim and Morse Beach admission.

7. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

8. Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz series, sponsored by Gordon Insurance, features live music with The Andy Schomburg Band 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; Juan Douglas Trio, July 8; David Hartman Trio, Aug. 12; Moontown Pickle Stompers, Sept. 9; and Cohen-Rutkowski Project, Oct. 14, on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

9. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature eight tribute bands 7-10 p.m. Saturdays: The Eagles Project (Eagles tribute), Saturday; Shoot to Thrill (AC/DC tribute), June 24; Crush (Bon Jovi tribute), July 8; No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), July 15; Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Aug. 12; Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute), Aug. 26; American English (Beatles tribute) Sept. 9; Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band tribute), Sept. 23; all at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville.

10. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Brent Terhune today and Saturday (sold out Saturday); Karinne Turnbow and Shawn Braley on June 16; and Andrew Rudick on June 23-24. All shows at 8 p.m., with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.

11. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring John Gilmore on Saturday, Craig Thurston on June 15, Disagreeable on June 17, Kelli Yates on June 22, Jeff Brown on June 24 at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.

12. Go out to the countryside for live music with Jamie Owens, 6:30 p.m. today; The Booze Hounds, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, The Pope & Guitarios Show, 6:30 p.m. June 17, all at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit [spencerfarmwinery.com](http://spencerfarmwinery.com)

13. Visit the Fishers Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.

14. Board the Jurassic Express for a family-friendly, 90-minute action-packed train ride with dino adventures at 1 p.m. Saturday on the Nickel Plate Express, boarding in Forest Park in Noblesville.

15. Visit Westfield Farmers Market from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through the summer at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield.

16. Come out for live music during Fishers Parks Department's Free Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in June and July at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, featuring Dude! on June 13; Jukebox Luke, June 20; My Yellow Rickshaw, June 27; Karma, with fireworks to follow, July 4; Street Pennies, July 11; Groovesmash, July 18; and Hank Ruff, July 25. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. Visit <http://www.npdamp.com/>

17. Cool Creek Park and Nature Center free Wednesday Campfires start at 7 p.m. on the north side of Cool Creek Park in Westfield, with Mark's Ark Animal Menagerie on June 14, Nocturnal Animals from Indiana Wild on June 21, Indiana Jim Reptile Experience on June 28, All-American Animals on July 5, Hoosier Owls on July 12, Baby! It's Wild Outside on July 17 and Really Dangerous Animals on July 26. Lawn chairs and blankets, extra marshmallows and bug spray encouraged.

18. Noblesville Parks and Recreation presents the free 2023 Summer Concert Series 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in June and July: Roughouse, June 15; Jai Baker 3, June 22; Not Your Average Boy Band, June 29; Groove Smash, July 6; The Toons, July 13; Hair-bangers Ball, July 20, at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Lawn chairs and blankets invited. Concessions available.

19. Experience live theater during Carmel Community Players' Rising Star youth production of "Godspell" musical, directed by Tanya Haas, June 16-25, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Thursday, and 2:30 p.m.

Sundays, with tickets at [carmelplayers.org](http://carmelplayers.org)

20. Shop at Sheridan Farmers & Artisan Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 17, July 1, 15 and 29, Aug. 12 and 26, at Biddle Park in Sheridan.

21. Head to the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for St. Michael's Episcopal Church's annual Strawberry Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17, with tickets \$8 each.

22. Grab a float and watch a flick during Movie Nights at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2023 Flix and Floats nine evening on the giant LED video board. 7:15 p.m. June 21, "Bedtime Stories," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. June 30, "Hook," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. July 3, "Top Gun: Maverick," Rated PG-13; 8:15 p.m. July 14, "Field of Dreams," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 5, "Madagascar," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 12, "Cars," Rated G; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 19, "Remember the Titans," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. Sept. 4, "Back to the Future," Rated PG, admission charged, but free to members, visit [forestparkaquaticcenter.com](http://forestparkaquaticcenter.com)

23. Burning Red, a tribute to Taylor Swift, will take the stage for an 8 p.m. free concert on June 23 during Spark!Fishers June 20-24.

24. Aviation enthusiasts can enjoy pancakes and airplanes -- including home-built, restored and military aircraft -- during a Noblesville Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 24 at Noblesville Airport, with free admission. Breakfast is ticketed. See dozens of airplanes. EAA Chapter 67 uses proceeds to benefit Young Eagles going to Experimental Aircraft Association Academy in Oshkosh, Wis. Visit [www.eaa67.org](http://www.eaa67.org)

25. Check out Jess Pearson's new book, "Imagining the Darkness," a memoir, based on the abuse she experienced as a child as well as her journey to healing, during an autograph signing event 2-4 p.m. June 24 at Gal's Guide Library, 107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, second floor of Nickel Plate Arts Campus. A small percentage of sales at the library will go to Gal's Guide Library & Nickel Plate Arts.

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and honored by the recognition, especially knowing the high caliber and talent among his peers in the other District 5 schools. Bailey earned his undergraduate degree in Biblical and Religious Studies from Huntington University in 2003; earned his teaching certification, Master's Degree in Education, and administration certification from Indiana Wesleyan University; and is currently working on his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at Indiana State University. A native of Sharpsville, IN, Bailey began his career in education as an instructional assistant at Tri-Central Community Schools in 2004.

He is married to Summer, and they have two children, Boston and Briley, enrolled at Hamilton Heights Middle School.

"I appreciate the vote of confidence and support from my colleagues, our

team at HHMS, and the IASP. Over the last nine years as principal, we have collaborated to help kids learn, celebrated success, and engaged our students in meaningful educational experiences that will help them take steps forward into their future beyond high school. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the HHSC children, families, staff, and community members each day and look forward to continuing the work of making a difference for our students."

"This is a high honor and speaks volumes about Bret's vision, leadership, dedication, and hard work for students, families, and staff at Hamilton Heights," said Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood. "I get to see the impact of Bret's work every day. I know firsthand Bret's value at Heights and the amount of time, thought,

and meaningful action he invests to foster a culture of trust with students, staff, and the community. He has successfully helped build a collaborative culture working closely with staff on professional learning communities to strengthen curriculum, innovative programming, assessments, and interventions. It's paying big dividends in positive student behavior, achievement, and outcomes. He inspires, motivates, engages, and continues to set the bar high."

The recognition ceremony is a part of the 2023 Principals of the Year Recognition Celebration that will take place during IASP's annual Fall Professionals Conference.

The Indiana Association of School Principals is a not-for-profit, professional association serving over 2,800 building level administrators in the state of Indiana.

**Former VP Mike Pence Launches 2024 bid, Criticizes Trump's Jan. 6 Actions**

By Robin Opsahl  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Former Vice President Mike Pence announced his candidacy for president to a crowd at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny, focusing on the differences between him and former President Donald Trump, who is also running again in 2024.

While Pence praised the conservative successes he and Trump achieved in office, he said he is challenging the former president because of their "different visions" for the country's future, and his promise to uphold the Constitution.

During the Capitol insurrection Jan. 6, 2021, Trump "demanded I choose between him and the Constitution," Pence told the crowd.

"Now voters will be faced with the same," Pence said. "I chose the Constitution."

Pence said he stands by his decision to ensure the "peaceful transfer of power." He said his candidacy is not just to stop Democrats from "trampling" over the Constitution, but to restore the Republican Party to the party that defends the U.S. Constitution.

"The American people must know the leaders in the Republican Party will keep our oaths to support and defend the Constitution, even when it's not in our political interest," Pence said. "I believe that anyone who puts themselves over the Constitution should never be president of the United States. And anyone who asks someone else to put them over the Constitution should never be president of the United States again."

Hitting the trail Friends, family and supporters from Indiana joined Iowans to officially welcome the former vice president to the 2024 Republican field. It's far from Pence's first time this year on Iowa caucus trail -- he has been coming to Iowa for several months, including a motorcycle ride and speech Saturday at U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst's "Roast and Ride." But his event at the community college's

FFA Enrichment Center was his first as a presidential candidate.

Pence is entering a crowded field. In addition to Trump, the former vice president will face at least nine other Republicans including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum also entered the race Wednesday.

The Indiana Republican criticized other Republicans for "retreating" on their anti-abortion positions, called for supporting Ukraine against the Russian invasion and said entitlement programs like Social Security need urgent reform.

John Paul Strong, an 81-year-old veteran from Des Moines, said he wanted to hear more from Republican presidential candidates on their plans to address veterans' issues. He said while candidates like DeSantis have brought up military service on the campaign trail, he has not heard plans to address problems with older veterans' accessing retirement or Social Security benefits, getting care at Veterans' Affairs hospitals and finding STEM job training.

Strong said he was hopeful Pence could address these issues, pointing to his track record on veterans' issues as Indiana governor when he supported multiple measures helping veterans enter the workforce. He said Pence has an opportunity to present a strong message that appeals to evangelicals that doesn't rely on "hate," contrasting with candidates like former President Donald Trump.

But Pence will have to fight to differentiate himself from the growing field of 2024 GOP candidates, Strong said.

"There are some of these people who are just running to run," Strong said. "It's going to be a matter of who drops off, and who can keep holding on."

While voters at Pence's kick-off event were supportive of the former vice president's campaign, he

may face difficulty gaining ground with people who still support Trump. Jayne Hawkes, a Des Moines resident, said at a DeSantis campaign event that she's looking for a "Christian conservative" to support, but said she was not sold on Pence.

"He has to be more bold and outspoken on some things," Hawkes said. "That's what I need from him."

Other critics say Pence may fail to gain traction because he does not have the personality and presence of GOP candidates like Trump. But Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston, when introducing Pence, said he looked forward to Iowa voters getting to know Pence. Huston said he read that someone called the former Vice President "mayonnaise on toast."

"Let me just suggest this: I think you're gonna get to know the Mike Pence that we know," Huston said. "... And there's a lot of Iowa bacon and maybe even some Tabasco sauce on that toast too."

Iowa Democratic Party chair Rita Hart said Pence will push for banning abortion, cutting Social Security and undermining "our most basic freedoms," the same as other 2024 candidates.

"Mike Pence has long championed one of the most extreme, anti-middle-class agendas in Congress and Indiana," Hart said in a statement Wednesday. "Now, after serving as Donald Trump's wingman in Washington, he's looking to take the failed Trump-Pence policies that caused average farm income to fall to near 15-year lows and weakened our middle class even further."

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## Treatment Creates Steel Alloys With Superior Strength And Plasticity

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A new treatment tested on a high-quality steel alloy produces extraordinary strength and plasticity, two traits that must typically be balanced rather than combined. Ultra-fine metal grains that the treatment produced in the outermost layer of steel appear to stretch, rotate and then elongate under strain, conferring super-plasticity in a way that Purdue University researchers cannot fully explain.

The researchers treated T-91, a modified steel alloy that is used in nuclear and petrochemical applications, but said the treatment could be used in other places where strong, ductile steel would be beneficial, such as car axles, suspension cables and other structural components. The research, which was conducted in collaboration with Sandia National Laboratories and has been patented, appeared Wednesday (May 31) in Science Advances.

More intriguing even than the immediate result of a stronger, more plastic variant of T-91 are observations made at Sandia showing characteristics of what the team is calling a "nanolaminate" of ultra-fine metal grains the treatment created in a region extending from the surface to a depth of about 200 microns. Microscopy images show an unexpected deformation of the treated steel – dubbed G-T91 (or gradient T91) – as it is subjected to increasing stress, said Xinghang Zhang, lead author and a professor in the School of Materials Engineering at Purdue.

"This is a complex process, and the research community has not seen this phenomenon before," Zhang said. "By definition, the G-T91 is showing super-plasticity, but the

exact mechanism that allows this is unclear."

Metals like steel look monolithic to the naked eye, but when greatly magnified, a metal bar reveals itself to be a conglomeration of individual crystals called grains. When a metal is subjected to strain, the grains are able to deform in such a way that the metallic structure is maintained without rupturing, allowing the metal to stretch and bend. Larger grains can accommodate greater strain than smaller grains, the foundation to a fixed trade-off between large-grain deformable metals and small-grain strong metals.

In the Science Advances paper, lead author Zhongxia Shang, a former graduate student in Zhang's lab, used compressive and shear stresses to break large grains at the surface of a T-91 sample into smaller grains. A cross-section of the sample shows that grain sizes increase from the surface, where the smallest ultra-fine grains are less than 100 nanometers in size, into the center of the material, where grains are 10 to 100 times larger.

The modified G-T91 sample had a yield strength of about 700 megapascals, a unit of tension stress, and withstood a uniform strain of about 10%, a significant improvement over the combined strength and plasticity that can be reached with standard T-91.

"This is the beauty of the structure; the center is soft so it can sustain plasticity but, by introducing the nanolaminate, the surface has become much harder," said Shang, now a research staff scientist at Purdue's Birck Nanotechnology Center. "If you then create this gradient, with the large grains in the center and nanograins in the surface, they deform synergistically. The large grains take care of the stretching, and the small grains accommodate the stress. And now you can make a material that has a combination of strength and ductility."

While the research team had hypothesized that the gradient nanostructured G-T91 would perform better than standard T-91, scanning electron microscopy images taken at intervals during the tension testing reveal a mys-

tery. Electron backscattered diffraction images taken at a scanning electron microscope at Sandia show how grains in the nanolaminate of the G-T91 change at increasing intervals of true strain, a measure of plasticity, from 0% to 120%. At the beginning of the process, the grains are vertical, with a shape the team describes as lenticular. But as strain increases, they appear to stretch into a more globular shape, then rotate, and finally, elongate horizontally.

Zhang said the images show the interface between the grains – called the grain boundary – moving, allowing the grains to stretch and rotate and enabling the steel itself to deform plastically. The team has secured funding from the National Science Foundation to investigate the rules governing this movement in the grain boundaries, which could make it possible to understand the intriguing deformation behavior of gradient materials.

"If we know how they move and why they move, maybe we can find a better way to arrange the grains. We don't know how to do it yet, but it's opened a very interesting potential," Zhang said.

"Gradient Nanostructure Steel With Superior Tensile Plasticity" was made possible with support from National Science Foundation. Research conducted at Sandia was supported by a user proposal at the Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies, an Office of Science user facility operated for the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science. Zhang and Shang were joined by Tianyi Sun, Jie Ding, Nicholas A. Richter and Haiyan Wang at Purdue, and by Sandia researchers Nathan M. Heckman, Benjamin C. White, Brad L. Boyce and Khalid Hattar, who were supported by U.S. Department of Energy Office of Basic Energy Sciences.

Zhang disclosed his innovation to the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization, which applied for and received a patent to protect the intellectual property. Industry partners seeking to further develop or commercialize the work can contact Parag Vasekar, psvasekar@prf.org, about 2019-ZHAN-68391.



## American Senior Communities

### American Senior Communities Announces CEO Succession Plan

Indiana – American Senior Communities (ASC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Donna Kelsey, in collaboration with the ASC Board of Directors, has appointed Steve Van Camp, ASC's current Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to succeed her as CEO effective June 1, 2023. Kelsey will remain with ASC and transition to a Senior Advisor role for the company.

Under Donna Kelsey's leadership for the past seven years, ASC emerged stronger, adding new benefits and technology to support employees, achieving a CMS Quality score above state and national averages, and attaining the highest levels of customer satisfaction among many other accomplishments. During her tenure as CEO, Donna was honored as one of Indiana Business Journal's 2020 Women of Influence, and under her leadership, ASC was named Indy's Top Workplace in 2020. Most recently, Kelsey was inducted into the 2023 McKnight's Women of Distinction Hall of Honor. McKnight's is the preeminent national media outlet for the senior care profession, and the Hall of Honor category celebrates female leaders who have made significant impact on their organization and the profession.

"Donna has poured everything she has into making our organization successful, during a very challenging time in health care," says her successor Steve Van Camp. "She has championed some of the most effective initiatives our company has ever implemented, and we offer her our most profound gratitude for all she has done and will continue to do as Senior Advisor."

In her new role as Senior Advisor, Kelsey will focus on leadership development and government advocacy for the senior care profession.

Taking the helm, Steve Van Camp has served ASC successfully as CFO for nearly five years, and brings over 30 years of experience in operations and finance to the role. Prior to joining ASC, Steve served as CFO of Consulate Health Care based in Atlanta, the largest operator of skilled nursing facilities in the State of Florida. Van Camp graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Manchester University, and then obtained his MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He is a CPA (non-active) and began his career at Ernst & Young.

"I am confident in Steve's ability to keep delivering quality care as the top priority for the company. He leads with passion and has a collaborative management style that will undoubtedly bring long-term value to the organization," said Kelsey.

With Van Camp transitioning to CEO, Mark Dice will step into the CFO role. Dice, a Certified Public Accountant, has been an ASC finance leader for over seven years. He brings over 25 years of experience as a CFO/Controller in the long-term care and pharmacy professions. He was a former Audit Manager at Ernst & Young and earned his Bachelors (cum laude) in Accounting from Ball State University.

About American Senior Communities:

As Indiana's largest senior care provider, American Senior Communities (ASC) has served fellow Hoosiers since the year 2000. Lifestyle and Care Options include Garden Homes, Assisted Living, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Hospice and Respite Care. ASC's mission is to compassionately serve each customer with quality care and excellence. To learn more visit ASCCare.com.

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## Timmons Retiring? He Has A Retirement Plan . . .



**TIM TIMMONS**  
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This is my final column. I am sure I will miss writing, and I hope that the eight or nine of you who regularly read these scribbles miss it, too . . . at least a little bit.

And before anyone gets any wrong impressions, no, the Journal-Review did not hire me away. Oh, they could try but after what happened with their building falling in, well, I'd be a tad worried. I'm funny that way.

The plain and simple truth is, I plan to retire from newspapers. Today, I'll also share that this isn't a result of my genius investing strategies. I've got no rich relatives who have recently left me a small (or large) fortune. And we didn't sell out to the aforementioned competition - heck,

they couldn't maintain a building; you think they have cash to buy us? C'mon!

No dear friends, this is way better than all that. This, I might boast, is an idea that appeared like a 40-watt light bulb over my head.

I'm changing how I identify!

Actually, a friend sent me the idea via e-mail. I didn't bother to read the whole thing, because after the first couple of lines I could see how this concept changes everything. And because you have been loyal readers and so kind, I am happy to share this with you. Just know that as soon as I write the next few graphs I'm getting started. I'll finish the column as soon as the plan starts coming together. For now, here's the scoop.

We all know the world is changing . . . has changed. We live in times now where there no longer exists one truth. Yeah, yeah, I know. You and I grew up going to Sunday School and listening to Mom and Dad and all our elders telling us to be good, make right choices. They told us the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. They taught us to be truthful and that liars were bad people.

Good news - that's all gone! Everyone can now have their own truth! What a great

concept! I only wish we knew that before one of those many times mom made me march out in the back yard and get my own switch off the tree!

But wait, that's not all - not even the most important part. I get to choose how I identify myself!

What a game changer. Before this struck, I was an aging fat guy with a heart condition. Now, I choose to identify as a younger, slimmer version of myself with a healthy heart!

And that's just the start. I have always loved baseball. As soon as I get off the phone with a scout, I choose to identify as the starting shortstop for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Sorry Tucupita Marcano - if women don't mind men taking over their sport I am sure you can understand me taking your job.

Lastly, I know the Pirates are going to pay me a boatload of money - after all the Major League minimum salary is \$417,000 - a measly \$8,019 per week or \$200.48 per hour. (You're starting to see why I'm retiring from the newspaper gig now, right?)

However, I'm not sure when I'll get that first paycheck from the Pirates, so I'm heading now to the bank to tell them I identify myself as a multi-millionaire so that I can take a

significant withdrawal from my new bank account.

See, I told you I would share - and now you are probably already thinking of the changes you want to make in your life. Isn't this great! So, I'm heading out and will finish this column up when I get back. I'll also share the good news of how everything came together.

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 WELL, THAT COULD not have gone worse.

I started with my heart doc. Called the office and told them I was canceling the checkup because there was no need with my new self-identification. The nurse asked a lot of questions and ultimately said that after my appointment - which she assured me I WOULD be coming in for - they had another nice doctor who would want to talk to me about some sort of psych evaluation.

I assumed I caught her on a bad day.

When I called the Pirates, I really had trouble getting anyone who could sign me to a contract on the phone. Again, it did not go at all like I expected. They in polite terms told me they could not imagine a

65-year-old fat guy being able to play one inning of

Major League Baseball, let alone a game. I kept trying to explain that I no longer identified as that guy. They were actually laughing as they hung up.

I wasn't sure if I was frustrated or angry - I just knew that these plans weren't coming together like I hoped.

I headed to the bank. Talk about not going well. The teller quickly called for a manager and that manager took me by the arm and gently led me to the door . . . all the while asking if this was an elaborate joke or if there was a hidden camera somewhere.

I offered my best assurances that I was very serious and truly identified myself as a multi-millionaire. She just smiled a little nervously, thanked me for coming in and closed the door behind me - and locked it.

I don't get it. Others get to self-identify. What am I missing?

Until I can figure it out I guess I'll keep writing. See you next week.

*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 - What If I Delay But Die Before Claiming Social Security?

Dear Rusty: Hypothetically, if I plan to sign up for Social Security at 70 and pass away before that, I will get nothing. My spouse would still get a boost in the amount she receives because I made more, but everything I put into the program vanishes. I haven't reached my full retirement age yet and I still have income, but if I sign up now at 63 my benefits will be withheld due to my income. Then at full retirement age (presuming I elected to claim earlier) a re-calculation will take place and my monthly amount would be adjusted. Well, what happens if I decide to wait until 70 but pass away before I claim? Are my contributions repaid in a lump sum, or will I (or someone else) still lose everything? Signed: Uncertain About My Future

Dear Uncertain: You are correct that if you pass away before collecting your earned Social Security benefits you won't personally get anything. Social Security has, since inception, been a "pay as you go" program where those currently working and contributing to Social Security pay benefits for those currently receiving Social Security. That means that if you die before collecting, the monies you contributed will have already been used to pay other recipients, but the contributions you made may still entitle your dependents to benefits on your record. For those who are in their early 60s, average longevity is mid-80s, meaning your spouse would likely collect benefits on your record for more than two decades, any minor children could collect



**ASK RUSTY**  
 Social Security Advisor

until they are adults, and any permanently disabled child you may have would get benefits from your record for the rest of their life as well.

The Social Security payroll taxes you contributed were not put into a private account in your name. And, on average, it is to the beneficiary's advantage the program doesn't work that way because that personal account would be depleted fairly quickly after you claim - rather

### Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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than getting benefits for the rest of your life, you'd only get benefits (plus interest) from your personal account, which would run dry pretty fast. FYI, we have researched this very carefully and found that, on average, all payroll taxes contributed to Social Security by an individual will be recovered within about 5 years of starting benefits. The actual length of time to recoup one's contributions varies somewhat depending on lifetime

earnings and contributions made, but lower earning beneficiaries will recover everything contributed through payroll taxes within about 3 years, while it could take as much as 5 years for higher earners to get back everything they've paid into the program. And for clarity, since self-employed individuals pay both the employee and employer portion of the payroll tax, it does take longer for those who own their own business to

recoup what they've contributed. Nevertheless, on average, most who claim benefits will get considerably more from the program than they paid in Social Security payroll taxes.

As to your specific question, if you die before collecting, the contributions you made weren't deposited in a personal account for you and won't be paid out in a lump sum. Rather, the payroll taxes you paid while working were used to pay benefits to beneficiaries receiving at the time, and those working and contributing after you die will fund the benefits paid to your spouse or disabled adult child until they die, or to your minor children until they are adults. The Social Security benefits you earned aren't just for you - your eligible dependents will also benefit from your record.



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