

**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*



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What makes Larry Montag smile? "My grandchildren, I have seven grandkids," said the 71-year-old Westfield resident, who was found working the box office in 2019 for a Carmel Community Players' production in Noblesville. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. He is current board president of CCP and was the playhouse's executive producer for three years. "I've been on stage twice, both of them as a bartender with no speaking; all I had to do was drink. One time, they told me I wasn't drinking enough, so I had to drink more." In community theater, actors use apple juice, cran apple juice or Vernors ginger ale in place of real alcohol, he said. Carmel Community Players' current show is "Godspell," a Rising Star youth production, on stage today through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets available at <https://carmelplayers.org/>. He grew up in Detroit and retired from General Motors, his job being transferred to Indiana in 1980. He retired nine years ago. That's when he got involved with theater, as a CCP board member. He and wife, community theater actress Beth Montag, met in 10th grade and were married in 1972. "She asked me out on our first date." The Montags enjoy their three children plus all of the grandchildren. Hobbies? Theater, golf and fixing computers for a church that sends them to Africa. He has repaired about 1,600 computers for their project.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Spartz On Durham Report: Justice Has Not Been Served**

Rep. Victoria Spartz (IN-05) raised the following key issues with Special Counsel Durham during his appearance before the Judiciary Committee: Despite numerous material failures listed in the report, not one person was held accountable; The FBI never gave appropriate consideration to the possibility that the Steele report was Russian disinformation, despite concerns that Steele's sub-sources could have been compromised by the Russians; and potential lack of rigor and initiative to determine the truth, like with CHS-1, allegedly Stefan Halper, who created a conspiracy allegation in direct conflict with his recording and misstated significant and important facts used in FISA among other things, where Durham was not able to establish his intent and could not give a legible answer why. Rep. Spartz also followed up with Special Counsel Durham to obtain recordings of his interview of CHS-1, but could not get a committal answer, which is concerning.

**2. State Representative Mike Aylesworth Endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor**

Indiana State Representative, Mike Aylesworth, has pledged his endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor. "I am excited to support Suzanne Crouch for Governor. I got to know her many years ago when we were Republican County Chairs at the same time. With her background as a County Official, Legislator, and Lt. Governor, she uniquely possesses a wealth of knowledge and expertise. I look forward to working with her as Governor," said Aylesworth. Mike Aylesworth serves District 11 in the Indiana House of Representatives. He represents portions of Lake, Porter, Jasper, and Newton counties in Northwest Indiana.

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Construction on the pedestrian tunnel is now complete!

## Reimagine Pleasant Street Recent And Upcoming Work

The City of Noblesville is sharing updates, details, and interesting aspects about the Reimagine Pleasant Street project to keep you updated on our progress. We encourage you to follow the project on Twitter and Facebook!

**Project Progress**  
Construction on Reimagine Pleasant Street recently passed the seven-month mark. Crews are installing storm sewers to handle both current and future water drainage needs. The foundation for the new bridge over the White River has been set, and retaining walls are being

installed.  
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**Pedestrian Tunnel Installed**  
Construction crews recently installed the new pedestrian tunnel, which will connect the Midland Trace Trail to the Riverwalk Trail underneath the new Pleasant Street.  
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**Road Construction and Closures**  
Construction of two new roundabouts along Eighth Street has begun, and Eighth Street is now closed between Washington Street and Mulberry Street for the next five months. While a short-term inconvenience, this

closure will make it possible for Eighth Street and Pleasant Street to reopen in November, prior to the construction of the Tenth Street roundabout. Traffic patterns are being monitored, but if you notice any issues, please contact the City Engineering Department at 317-776-6330.  
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**Teach the Teacher Event**  
Beaty Construction, USI Consultants, and Indiana Constructors recently hosted a group of teachers to the job site to show them the work being done as part of Reimagine Pleasant

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## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:17 a.m.  
SET: 9:21 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 78 °F  
Low: 63 °F

**Today is...**

- Typewriter Day
- National Pink Day
- National Hydration Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 2016 The UK votes to leave the European Union.
- 1992 Yitzhak Rabin's Labor Party wins the election in Israel.
- 1961 The Antarctic Treaty comes into force.

**Births On This Day**

- 1964 Joss Whedon American director, producer, screenwriter
- 1912 Alan Turing English mathematician

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2011 Peter Falk American actor
- 1995 Jonas Salk American biologist, physician



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

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. Saturday at Noblesville Airport, with free admission. Breakfast is ticketed. See dozens of airplanes.

## Airport Fly-in, 'Godspell,' Spark! Fishers, AC/DC Tribute



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

are among The Times' list of 20

A Noblesville Airport pancake breakfast and fly-in, Carmel Community Players' youth production of "Godspell," Spark! Fishers and an AC/DC tribute band at Federal Hill Commons

things to do this weekend and beyond.

1. Experience live theater during Carmel Community Players' Rising Star youth production of "Godspell" musical, directed by Tanya Haas, through Sunday, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with tickets at [carmelplayers.org](http://carmelplayers.org)  
2. Burning Red, a tribute to Taylor Swift, will take the stage

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## Re-Inventing Second Chances



**MIKE THIBIDEAU**  
Guest Column

If you go online and search for reentry initiatives, it is plain to see there are a myriad of initiatives in Indiana and across the country focused on connecting

justice-involved populations with employment training and vocational opportunities. Amazing partners like Ivy Tech, Indiana Wesleyan University, trade associations and labor organizations are all conducting state of the art trainings in our prison system and achieving great outcomes. I intimately recall a woman who had gone through a welding program while incarcerated in southern Indiana and came and spoke to a group of employers about her experience. That same program and participant were also highlighted that year in Governor Holcomb's State of the State address...

There remains a side of this world where these supports and programs have not yet found their way in... at least at the same meaningful scale... and that is the world of local jail and community corrections (aka work release). Due to the low average length of stay, different

paths people take, propensity of bond and/or early release, and a myriad of technology and time restrictions this population has historically been unable to connect to large-scale and impactful employment-related programming. In Hamilton County I've been told over 8,000 people engage with our justice system each year. Meanwhile in the past 12 months we had over 60,000 open positions with local employers (49,000 of which had no degree requirement and paid a median of \$18.26/hour).

Our hospitality training in partnership with Hamilton County Tourism has been working in the jail for almost a year. We've been able to place multiple candidates into positions, but even more importantly have helped show these men and women that people believe in them that they are not alone and that community partners and leaders are there to help make the next right step easier. While none of us can choose what path someone goes down, we can all play a role in helping to highlight a path to opportunity and make a step down that path the easier one to take than another driven by survival instinct, fear, and shame.

Programs in the jail like the TOWER therapeutic environment help provide wrap-around

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

Do we really have a year and a half remaining of the presidential political blabbering? I'm sick of it already. Where's My Man Mitch when you need him?



**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Age is a high price to pay for maturity."  
-Tom Stoppard

**TODAY'S JOKE**

What does a patriotic chicken say?  
Yankee Doodle Doo!

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you feel overwhelmed, write down your to-do list and prioritize it. 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).



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## Centier Bank Promotes Jessie Wylie As Carmel Branch Manager

Michael E. Schrage, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Centier Bank, is pleased to announce Jessie Wylie has been promoted to Branch Manager of the bank's Carmel office, located at 568 E. Carmel Drive.



JESSIE WYLIE

Wylie joined Centier in January 2022 after working in the retail industry for 14 years before transitioning into banking and joining the Centier team. The IUPUI and Ivy Teach alumnus said serving Hamilton County has been a part of her life for many years, whether volunteering in various organizations or lending a helping hand to local businesses.

"I aim to serve my team and our clients as a friendly, helpful, and reliable guide that represents Centier's Servant Heart Culture in our Carmel community," Wylie said. "I enjoy welcoming new clients to Centier and help-

ing my team demonstrate the personalized service and relationship-style banking we're known for!"

The Noblesville resident serves as the acting Treasurer of the Business Network International Group and is looking forward to the opportunity to join other organizations in the area.

For more information about Jessie Wylie, email [jwylie@centier.com](mailto:jwylie@centier.com), or call 317-844-5233. For more information about Centier Bank, go to [centier.com](http://centier.com).

## Duke Energy Indiana Commits To Purchase Up To 199 Megawatts Of Solar Power From Shelby County-Based Facility

Project will provide low-cost, clean energy to Duke Energy's Indiana customers.

Duke Energy is expanding its Indiana solar energy resources. The company has signed an agreement with renewable energy developer Ranger Power for up to 199 megawatts of solar power to serve the equivalent of roughly 35,000 homes.

The company has filed a request with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to approve the agreement. Pending

regulatory approval, the energy generated from Ranger Power's Speedway Solar facility will be sold to the company under a 20-year power purchase agreement.

"The emission-free solar power that this new facility generates will help us continue to diversify our generation resources and make meaningful progress toward a cleaner energy future," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana.

Construction on the 1,700-acre facility located

south of Gwynneville began in March 2023. It's expected to reach commercial operation by September 2025.

"We are thrilled to bring this significant investment in clean energy to Shelby County and the state of Indiana," said Adam Cohen, CEO of Ranger Power. "Speedway Solar will deliver significant economic and environmental benefits for decades to come - powering businesses and homes in Indiana."

Under the company's

most recent Indiana Integrated Resource Plan, Duke Energy is proposing to add 2,218 megawatts of solar power, 450 megawatts of solar with energy storage and 6,200 megawatts of wind energy. These new investments in renewable energy are in addition to the continuing operation of the company's Crane solar plant in southern Indiana, the recent expansion of its Markland hydroelectric plant and additional solar and wind power the company purchases.

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# Purdue Sports Are Heating Up With Drafts, Seeds And New Players



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Purdue men's basketball coach Matt Painter continues to lay the foundation for a potential second consecutive NCAA tournament No. 1 seed.

The Boilermakers will play in senior center Zach Edey's home city as part of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame doubleheader in Toronto on Dec. 9. The opponent? Alabama, like Purdue a No. 1 seed in the 2023 NCAA tournament.

TCU and Clemson will square off in the second game. Times and TV will be announced at a later date.

The Alabama matchup comes exactly one week before Purdue takes on Arizona in the Indy Classic. Already on the Boilermaker schedule is a home game with Xavier as part of the Gavitt Games on Nov. 13 and the Maui Invitational on Nov. 20-22. The Maui field includes Kansas, Tennessee, Gonzaga, Marquette, UCLA, Syracuse and host Chamaine.

The Crimson Tide (2)

and Boilermakers (7) combined to be ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll nine of the 19 weeks last season. While Purdue returns its top seven players from a year ago, including the National Player of the Year in Edey, Alabama lost standouts Brandon Miller, Noah Clowney and Charles Bediako to the NBA Draft.

Speaking of Edey, he could pick up yet another award as ESPN's ESPY ceremony July 12. Edey is one of four finalists for Best Male College Athlete. The others are Creighton men's soccer player Duncan McGuire, Duke men's lacrosse player Brennan O'Neil and Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams of USC.

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### NFL bargains?

For the rest of eternity, anytime someone is skeptical that a late round draft pick can become a star in the NFL, the chorus of "Tom Brady at No. 199" will ring out.

Nick Baumgardner of The Athletic lists former Purdue standouts Payne Durham and Cory Trice among 11 players picked on Day 3 who have a chance to surprise in their rookie seasons.

On Durham, who was taken in the fifth

round by Brady's former team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers: "Outside of his frame (6-5, 253, 33 3/8-inch arms), there is nothing flashy about Durham," Baumgardner writes. "He's not that fast; he doesn't have much wiggle; if he averages 10 yards per reception, you're probably doing OK with him. But if you throw him the ball 75 times, he'll probably catch 70 of them. Durham has powerful hands, a great frame, and he understands the finer points of football, which allows him to give QBs friendly throwing windows over and over again."

Durham is a solid blocker who can be a dependable, team-first chain-mover in the NFL. He's a three-down prospect who likely will start as a TE2, but there is TE1 potential here. Known at Purdue as a tone-setter because of the way he worked, Durham won't get bullied as a run blocker in training camp — a lot of rookie TEs do.

Trice lasted until pick No. 241 in the seventh round when the cornerback was taken by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"This could go in the books as one hell of a steal. Trice, a 6-3,

206-pounder with elite burst (broad jump of 11 feet) and agility (6.70 three-cone), most likely fell in the draft due to injury concerns — his 2021 season at Purdue included an ACL tear and an ankle injury, and he later suffered a groin injury. Trice, a former safety, also still has some technical issues in coverage as well.

"But why did he slide to the seventh round? I'm not coming up with a great answer there. Our draft guru, Dane Brugler, had Trice ranked No. 88 overall in the 2023 class.

Trice's traits are off the charts, and he can play anywhere on the back end. He has the goods to compete for a spot on the depth chart immediately."

Cornerback Darius Rush, a fifth-round pick by the Indianapolis Colts, also made Baumgardner's list.

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### Purdue a portal winner

In at least one category, the Purdue football program is ranked in a Top 10 with Alabama and USC.

The Athletic rated the Boilermakers as one of 10 "non-Deion" spring transfer portal winners. The ranking excludes

Colorado's mass exodus and importing of players since the legendary Deion Sanders took over as head coach.

The two newest Boilermakers singled out by The Athletic are wide receiver Jahmal Edrine (Florida Atlantic) and defensive lineman Jeffrey M'Ba, the No. 1 ranked junior college recruit of 2022 who departed from Auburn.

Louisville also made the portal top 10 for its haul under former Purdue coach Jeff Brohm. The list includes former Boilermaker offensive tackle and 2021 Indiana Mr. Football Brady Allen.

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### Quick hits

Incoming Purdue freshman basketball player Myles Colvin was selected to the USA Basketball U19 World Cup team that begins competition Saturday in Debrecen, Hungary.

The 17-year-old Colvin is the only Big Ten representative on the team. He'll be seeking to join Purdue stars Caleb Swanigan, Trevion Williams, Jaden Ivey and Caleb Furst to win a World Cup gold medal. Carsen Edwards (2017) and Edey, representing Canada in 2021, brought home bronze medals.

The six Purdue players selected to the U.S. team since 2015 is the most nationally. Oklahoma State is next with four, followed by Duke, Kentucky and Villanova with three apiece.

The 6-6 Colvin, the son of former Purdue and NFL standout Roosevelt Colvin, was ranked 51st nationally by Rivals.com and 58th by 247 Sports.

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Former Purdue guard Dru Anthrop will be part of the new Phoenix Suns coaching staff, reuniting with former boss Frank Vogel.

Anthrop, who starred at Lafayette Central Catholic, was named one of seven assistant coaches. He moves to Phoenix from the Los Angeles Lakers, where he spent four seasons as head video coordinator and player development coach.

Anthrop was a special assistant to Vogel for two seasons with the Orlando Magic. Anthrop began his NBA career as a film coordinating intern for the Indiana Pacers from 2013-15.

- 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

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# Snake Oil Still Prevalent



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I watched a show the other night on ABC called "Prisoners of the Snow," a true saga of a rugby team stranded in the Andes in sub-zero weather when their plane crashed into the side of a mountain in 1972. Also in the news, the miraculous 40-day survival of four young children stranded in the Amazon jungle.

Imagine finding yourself with no food or water in the hot jungle, or caught in an avalanche, freezing to death beneath a mountain of snow. Many of these brave people survived, but it might have been easier if they were all wearing something called the Para-cord Survival Bracelet. (Also helpful: a cell phone, your GPS, warm blankets, three month's supply of food, a Coleman stove and Netflix)

This product was the hottest thing about 15 years ago and they are advertising it once again. Technically, it's called a 550 Cord. This is confusing because that's the name of the Levi's I wear. The bracelet is 90 feet of intricately woven thread crafted into a nifty piece of rope jewelry. The material

was first used in WWII by paratroopers. The manufacturer describes it as having a "32-strand woven nylon outer sheath with an inner core of seven 2-ply yarns." I know, I know, that sounds a lot like Charmin.

Here are three uses suggested by the manufacturer:

1. Replace a broken zipper pull: Nothing would be more embarrassing than being rescued after 12 days on a deserted island and being caught with your fly open.

2. Detain a person: When you are shipwrecked in the middle of nowhere and help finally comes, isn't that the first thing you'd think about: Who do I need to tie up?

3. Fishing Line: "Our white cord will rarely catch fish in clear water," admits the bracelet company, "but you may have a chance in murky water if you have stink bait and a hook." Not a problem. A lot of hikers who forgot to bring even one protein bar have a jar of chicken guts and beef liver in their backpack.

The manufacturer is concerned that people will not want to use the rope in an emergency because making it back into a bracelet is harder than solving the Rubik's Cube with your feet. They are probably right. That's why auto safety systems do not

allow you to disengage the airbag apparatus on your own. "Push the airbag off button, Agnes. We're going to hit that truck head on, but I have no idea how to stuff that thing back into the steering wheel."

The makers of the Paracord Survival Bracelet will give you a free one if you use their product in a legitimate emergency. Simply send them the story of how you used the rope along with a photograph demonstrating the life-threatening predicament you were in.

Dear Survival Bracelet Maker,

My wife and I were recently cleaning the gutters on our roof when the ladder tipped over. As I helped her repel down the side of our house using your nifty piece of jewelry, I tried to get my cell phone out of my pocket to send a picture, thus qualifying for a free replacement. I was too slow but I am attaching a photo of her on the ground with two broken legs.

Personally, I think this bracelet is a waste of money at \$39.95. Better not safe, than sorry.

*- 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.*

# Braun, Stabenow Introduce Bipartisan Bill To Improve CMS Nursing Home Care Compare Website

Today, Senator Mike Braun, Ranking Member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and Senator Debbie Stabenow introduced bipartisan legislation to improve Care Compare's visibility and use so that consumers, their families and caregivers can compare nursing homes more easily. Care Compare allows consumers to find and compare Medicare-certified nursing homes based on a location, and comparing staffing and quality of care based on ratings. As it stands, research shows that Care Compare's five-star rating system is not easily findable online or as frequently used when compared to popular consumer review sites.

"Choosing a nursing home is a tough decision

that many older Americans and their loved ones have to make. This bipartisan bill would make the Care Compare website more accessible and up-to-date so Americans can make informed decisions about nursing home care."—Sen. Mike Braun

"When our loved ones may need a nursing home, we only want the best for them. Our bipartisan bill will make it easier for families and caregivers to make an informed decision when choosing a nursing home."—Sen. Debbie Stabenow

The SEE Care Compare Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make the Care Compare website and its data more findable

online by reviewing and updating search engine optimization (SEO) practices quarterly to include, but not limited to:

Using current best practices in indexing and searching.

Accounting for guidelines, recommendations, and other suggestions from search engines to improve findability and website ranking.

Accounting for user research that may inform website design, structure, and content.

The bill also requires CMS to submit a report on current Care Compare user analytics. A second report is due one-year later to determine if the SEO changes have been successful in improving Care Compare's visibility and use.

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**Greta Shambarger of Westfield, Isabella Bardos of Noblesville, Tatum Meadows of Westfield, Quinn Yeater of Cicero, Mason Yeater of Cicero, Jack Levine of Zionsville, Owen Yeater of Cicero, Nick Lantzer of Fishers, Joey Brandenburg of Westfield, Rachel Bush of Indianapolis, Fender Brokamp of Westfield and Quincy Russell of Zionsville enjoy the toy room as they rehearse for Carmel Community Players' summer youth production of "Godspell" musical, which runs through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.**

for an 8 p.m. free concert today during Spark!Fishers through Saturday.

3. 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. Saturday 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)

4. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, celebrating its one-year anniversary this weekend, featuring Andrew Rudick, Maria Davison, Devin M, Carter Dockerty, Mairead Thomas, Juan Arellano and Shaan Joshi tonight; and Andrew Rudick, Devin Glass, Eric Sablan, Grant Weber, Sohile Ali, Tennah McDonald and James Tanford on Saturday. All shows at 8 p.m., with \$10 admission tickets at [thebrickroom.com](http://thebrickroom.com).

5. 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.

6. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Fishers Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.

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

8. 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. Saturday 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.

9. "Dave Dugan presents Comedy at the Cat," a new series kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Cat in Carmel, with \$15 in advance online, \$20 at the door (rescheduled from June 3 due to Dugan having the flu), featuring experienced headliner Troy Davis and his daughter, CoLee Reyes, who will open the show.

10. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature eight tribute bands 7-10 p.m. Saturdays: Shoot to Thrill (AC/DC tribute), Saturday; 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.

11. Enjoy live music featuring Andy Schomburg on Saturday at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

12. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring Jeff Brown on Saturday at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.

13. Travel to the countryside to hear the Juan Douglas Trio at 6:30 p.m. today and Steve Fulton at 1 p.m. Saturday and Jennifer Mlott at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and the Bryan Bishop Duo at 1 p.m. Sunday at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Also, live music with The 78's at 6:30 p.m. June 30. Also, on Saturday morning, join the Spencer Farm Wine Run 5K benefiting Redemption Rescue at 9 a.m. Saturday at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit [spencerfarmwinery.com](http://spencerfarmwinery.com)

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

15. 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 My Yellow Rickshaw, June 27; Karma, with Ofireworks 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/>

16. 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 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.

17. Noblesville Parks and Recreation presents the free 2023 Summer Concert Series 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in June and July: Not Your Average Boy Band, June 29; Groove Smash, July 6; The Toons, July 13; Hairbangers Ball, July 20, at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Lawn chairs and blankets invited. Concessions available.

18. 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, 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)

19. 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.

20. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for Legacy Keepers Music's free StringTime Music on the Square monthly series at the Hamilton County Courthouse Square: All-Day Musicfest noon to 8:15 p.m. July 1 featuring Prairietown, Addie & Friends, Santiago Bap Trio, Limestone Nomad, Stampede String Band, Brad McCord, John Gilmore and Barrel Scrapers; Stones Crossing, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Aug. 5; Cornfields & Crossroads, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Sept. 2.

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supports and connect individuals with peers looking to better their lives through recovery. By pairing employment/career coaching with services like these we can provide a springboard on which people can identify greater opportunity. We can also centralize post-release data tracking and map which services people are truly engaging with, identify gaps and continue to move the needle on big picture issues like housing in a more informed way, while also continuing to connect to services like shoes, clothes, food, and transportation.

Invest Hamilton County will be expanding the scope of services we're providing in our local correctional ecosystem in several ways. Our team's next six months will be dedicated to making these items a reality. We are actively fundraising and convening around these priorities, and if you'd like to be involved please reach out to us.

Here is our vision... built on three pillars... Training. Connection. Coaching.

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**Training**  
Hamilton County Tourism and Invest HC have committed to run the current hospitality and soft-skills training for multiple years, with a goal being to continue it in perpetuity. Along with this current training the local workforce ecosystem and employer connections have identified construction as a field with high-performing partners and significant potential for economic mobility. Based on labor-force data, employer feedback sessions, engagement with industry partners, and the time availability of participants OSHA 30 has been identified as a training which would significantly impact placements and earnings for participants. To date all Invest HC trainings have received 5/5 rating from participants and the most consistent feedback has been, "we want more!"

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**Connection**  
Hard skills do have measured outcomes attached to employee retention but for disadvantaged populations like those with justice-involvement what matters most is helping to overcome fear. The vast majority of these individuals, if connected to the right opportunity, have the potential to excel and build a great life. Their struggles with mental health, anxiety, confidence, and employment history have a more significant effect than any hard skill will ever have on their ability to find the next right step in their path.

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**Skills-Based Career Exploration**  
Because many of these individuals have never had a true opportunity for career exploration Invest HC will work with correctional staff to expose them to all the myriad of opportunities available and help them translate their existing skills into fields that fit them well. This will not be exclusive to training program participants or exclusively target positions in Hospitality and/or Construction. Invest HC, through multiple grant awards and internal investments, maintains the SkillFit Hamilton County Career Explorer. More than a job board, SkillFit, helps individuals (through AI technology) explore the skills they possess and see how those translate into broader opportunities in the economy. Studies show that skills-based career exploration can expand the number of positions available to a candidate by up to 43%.

gain access to training that helps them progress their career. For most incarcerated individuals, due to technology restrictions, these trainings will not be available until post-release, but as they look at their "dream job" and see the gaps in skills/experience they may possess, they can then target a first and/or next job that also helps to fill in those gaps. Programming will also coordinate with local partners like Ivy Tech of Hamilton County to identify local/regional opportunity pathways and funding.

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**Employer Connections**  
Currently the TOWER program within the jail hosts one career fair per year and post-pandemic Community Corrections has been unable to pick their direct employer engagement up again. As part of this slate of programming Invest HC staff will assume responsibility for the following programming:

At least two larger career fair events in the jail and/or community corrections per year for both men and women populations

At least six individual employer engagement sessions with Community Corrections per year

Coordinate coaching sessions and mock interviews for program participants on a regular basis coordinated with release dates

At least two employer engagement events per year in coordination with local chambers and community partners

Connect participating employers with evidence-based resources and subject matter expertise regarding second-chance systems, reentry hiring, tax incentives and liability protections.

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**Coaching**  
A primary deliverable of this project will be to provide every TOWER, Project Hope, skills-training and eligible Community Corrections participant with one-on-one career coaching and navigation assistance. Individuals with a history of justice-involvement believe their vocational potential is far more limited than the reality. With proper coaching and connection, the field of opportunities available is able to expand exponentially. Coaches will assist participants with career and resource navigation items such as (but not limited to): financial literacy, digital literacy, resume writing, interview coaching and federal/state/local career and/or education grant navigation. They can also serve as referral sources for resources in areas like housing, transportation, mental health and food insecurity. Some of these coaching sessions will occur in group settings with participants and others will be managed on a more individual basis. These supports will begin during as early as their stay at the jail and engagements will scale as they get closer to release back into the community or into Community Corrections. The goal is to provide a consistent career-assistance contact they can utilize to maximize their employment outcomes and identify positions that help them navigate a career path and find purpose. The navigators will also help participants connect to state, federal and local resources and social supports. We will be kicking off this expansion in 2024. Multiple partners and funders are already engaged. If you'd like to be one of them we'd love to have you.

*-Mike Thibideau serves as the President & CEO of the Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (dba Invest Hamilton County). In this role Mike manages workforce development, talent attraction and quality of life initiatives throughout Hamilton County.*

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Street. The "Teach the Teacher" program is designed to highlight the engineering and construction profession and the job market.

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**True Connectivity**  
Providing a critical east-west connection for Noblesville is key to the Reimagine Pleasant Street project, and this project is about more than cars. Reimagine Pleasant Street will also complete a key trail network connection by linking the Riverwalk Trail, Midland Trace Trail, and Nickel Plate Trail.

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**Did You Know?**  
As part of Reimagine Pleasant Street, we will connect the Midland Trace Trail with existing trails in Hamilton and Marion Counties to create a 42-mile loop. You can visit our awesome local restaurants and enjoy some of our favorite treats like a Miller Bowl at Uptown Cafe, a braided tenderloin from Syd's, some Ooey Goey Cookies from Rosie's, or a waffle cone double scoop from Alexander's and then hit the trails for fun exercise!

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**Be Aware of River Restrictions**  
If you plan to enjoy the White River for recreational activities, please keep in mind there are water traffic restrictions. The river is open during construction, but buoys and signage have been placed in critical locations to guide users through the construction zone. We anticipate the river will remain open throughout the 2023 construction season, but there could be unforeseen restrictions and/or closures as the project progresses.

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Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County") is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested professionals for acquisition, design, construction, operation, and financing of a judicial center to be sited in the County (the "Project"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the County invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications to enter a public-private partnership for delivery of the Project. An electronic PDF and a hard copy of the Statement of Proposal/Qualifications should be emailed/delivered to the Hamilton County Auditor's office (email: [kim.rauch@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:kim.rauch@hamiltoncounty.in.gov); address: 33 N. 9th St., #L21, Noblesville, IN 46060 ATTN: Kim Rauch) by 4:00 pm EST on July 19, 2023 in order to be considered. Additional information and a document outlining submittal requirements, terms, and conditions can be obtained by contacting the County's Director of Administrations, Lee Buckingham, at [lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov), by phone (317) 776-9719, or may be picked up in person between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:00 pm at 1 Hamilton County Square Suite 157, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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**2023 Fall Ball Season**

**When:** August 12th/13th - September 23rd/24th, 2023  
7 game season to be played on weekends  
• NO GAMES played on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2nd/3rd)  
• Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts  
• Single-elimination tournament played September 30th & October 1st

**Where:** Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan and Emerson Fields Forest Park, Noblesville

**Who:** Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (based on 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment)  
• 7th - 8th Grade League  
• 9th - 12th Grade League  
\* **Note:** Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball  
• 2 Divisions in each league: Travel and Rec  
\* **Note:** Travel Division will be limited to 4-6 teams in each league on a first-come, first served basis

**Cost:** \$80 per individual registration/ \$900 per full-roster team registration  
\* **Note:** Credit card and processing fees apply and will be added at checkout

**How Do I Register?** [www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com](http://www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com)

**Registration Deadline: August 6th**



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## Gov. Holcomb Announces Largest EV Investment In State History Attracting A More Than \$3B Battery Plant



Governor Eric Holcomb

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced plans earlier this week to bring a more than \$3 billion EV battery cell plant to St. Joseph County, creating 1,700 manufacturing jobs. The new battery cell plant, a joint venture between Michigan-based General Motors and Korea-based Samsung SDI, is scheduled to begin operations in 2026.

"GM has long been one of America's most iconic brands and deeply rooted in Indiana. For decades, Hoosier communities like Marion, Bedford and Fort Wayne have been part of the production of countless firsts for family vehicles. And, now today, I couldn't be more excited to again see GM alongside one of Indiana's newest world class companies, Samsung SDI, take this giant leap and make this \$3 billion commitment that will transform the automotive industry aided by our proud Hoosier workforce," Gov. Holcomb. "This historic investment is further proof that Indiana has turned it up and shifted into a higher gear when it comes to helping create the future of mobility and more customer options out on the open road."

GM and Samsung SDI, which announced their joint venture in April, will build the plant just east of New Carlisle at Larrison Boulevard and Indiana 2 to supply GM's growing EV production needs. GM plans to install more than 1 million units of annual EV capacity in North America in 2025 and accelerate from there.

The new facility will house production lines to build nickel-rich prismatic and cylindrical cells and is expected to help significantly increase the accessibility and affordability of EVs. Once complete, the plant will have more than 30 GWh of capacity.

"This joint venture and the

1,700 people there will help supply cells for millions of all-electric vehicles for customers across North America," said Mary Barra, GM Chair and CEO. "The strong support of local and state leaders in Indiana and the combined resources and expertise of GM and Samsung SDI will help us move faster than we could on our own."

"Through establishment of a battery joint venture with GM, we are grateful that Samsung SDI can contribute to boosting the economy of Indiana and creating new jobs here," said Yoonho Choi, President and CEO of Samsung SDI. "Securing Indiana as a strong foothold together with GM, Samsung SDI will supply products featuring the highest level of safety and quality in a bid to help the U.S. move forward to an era of electric vehicles."

GM has a considerable presence in Indiana with five facilities across the state that employ more than 5,700 Hoosiers. The company recently announced plans to invest \$632 million in its Fort Wayne Assembly to expand operations and upgrade equipment to support its growing full-size truck business. GM also announced plans to invest \$491 million to expand and upgrade its Marion, Indiana, facility to support its growing EV production.

"GM and Samsung SDI doubling down on their commitment to growing in Indiana further solidifies our state's pole position in the growing EV space," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "Indiana has long been a global business destination, and our momentum continues as we further build Indiana's future-focused economy and usher in incredible opportunities for Hoosiers. Transformational projects like these not only help bolster Indiana's economy but enrich the surrounding communities and will directly benefit Indiana residents for decades to come."

Construction is planned to begin within the next year and support more than 1,000 jobs during the build. The companies plan to start production in New Carlisle in 2026.

"St. Joseph County is deeply appreciative that General Motors and Samsung SDI have

selected our community for its EV battery plant," said Carl Baxmeyer, President of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. "This project represents the largest single investment and job commitment in St. Joseph County in the last 75 years and will impact our region for decades. Our region has a long history of innovation in the automotive industry, and for generations have built vehicles or parts that have been included in vehicles around the world. As the industry evolves, we're thrilled to once again be at the center of this transformational time for the industry, and we look forward to a long partnership with GM and Samsung SDI as they move forward on their first battery plant as partners."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation is working with GM and Samsung SDI to finalize a performance-based incentive offer to support the joint venture's investment and job creation plans. St. Joseph County, Indiana Michigan Power, and Northern Indiana Public Service Company offered additional incentives.

About General Motors General Motors (NYSE:GM) is a global company focused on advancing an all-electric future that is inclusive and accessible to all. At the heart of this strategy is the Ultium battery platform, which will power everything from mass-market to high-performance vehicles. General Motors, its subsidiaries and its joint venture entities sell vehicles under the Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Cadillac, Baojun and Wuling brands. More information on the company and its subsidiaries, including OnStar, a global leader in vehicle safety and security services, can be found at gm.com.

About Samsung SDI Samsung SDI is a manufacturer of rechargeable batteries for the IT industry, automobiles, and energy storage systems (ESS), as well as cutting-edge materials used to produce semiconductors and displays. Our executive managers and staff members focus efforts to develop the next generation's growth drivers in order to secure Samsung SDI's place as a creative leader in the energy and cutting-edge materials industry.

## Attorney General Rokita Doubles Down On TikTok



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorneys at Cooper & Kirk joined Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita earlier this week in his ongoing fight to hold TikTok accountable for collecting personal data from app users — information that is then accessible to the Chinese Communist Party. Today, the Office of the Indiana Attorney General filed an amended lawsuit against TikTok.

"The district court's criticisms of the initial complaint were misguided and unfounded," said David Thompson of Cooper & Kirk, the state's lead outside counsel. "Is it considered 'irrelevant posturing' to express concern that Americans may be unknowingly posing for CCP facial recognition files?"

Even journalists at left-leaning CNN have now accepted the credibility of testimony "that the Chinese Communist Party accessed the data of TikTok users on a broad scale, and for political purposes." Recent sworn testimony of a former employee of ByteDance, TikTok's Beijing-based parent

company just one example of TikTok's insidious practices — despite the company sparing no expense to deny it to Congress, the media and American consumers.

"TikTok has engaged in a massive PR campaign in which their statements and omissions paint a false, deceptive and misleading picture for Indiana consumers that there is minimal risk of the Chinese government accessing and exploiting their data," Thompson added.

In December 2022, Rokita led the way by filing two separate lawsuits against TikTok — both related to false claims made by the company about its video-sharing app. This week, Rokita amended the state's data-privacy complaint against TikTok to reflect the recent revelations that TikTok users' data is subject to Chinese law and may be intercepted by the Chinese government.

Previously, TikTok removed the state's case to federal court, but on May 23 the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana agreed with Attorney General Rokita's office that the case should proceed in state court. The district court criticized the complaint as "posturing" — an opinion not shared by the patriots fighting against TikTok.

"Not only do TikTok's false, deceptive and misleading practices blatantly violate Indiana law — but they also endanger individual Hoosiers," Rokita said. "Too many U.S. policymakers put their heads in the

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# Voice of our PEOPLE

## Remembering John Marlowe



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Seven months ago, John Marlowe was doing CrossFit workouts, writing a weekly column for The Paper of Montgomery County and the Noblesville Times and basically enjoying life.

This week, he is dead. Cancer is an insidious beast.

If he could, John would tell people that his legacy boils down to a few things: He would hope that others would use his passing as a spur to go get their own checkups and if there is cancer, to find it early. He would also likely say that he didn't accomplish everything he wanted in this life. There's no "but" after that. He wouldn't qualify it. That's just the way he was. Humble? Certainly. Unassuming? Most definitely.

But his legacy is so much more.

Over the last few years, John won more writing awards than anyone else in our company. In the last five years, John won six state-wide writing honors from the Hoosier State Press Association, including three first places. Think about that for a minute. If this were high school basketball, John would have three state championships in five years. Think that's Hall of Fame material?

But it's not something he talked about.

For when it came to his accomplishments, John just never said much.

His actions spoke volumes.

John Marlowe was the kind of man and friend you could count on – no matter what. He and I met back in the late '70s or early '80s – neither one of us could remember the exact date. We tried a couple of times to figure it out and ended up laughing about being old men with bad memories.

The first thing that struck me about him back then was his dad. John was the son of famed sportscaster Chuck Marlowe. IU and Bob Knight fans know the elder Marlowe from IU basketball glory days.

Whereas Chuck was outgoing and could take over a room, John was quiet and laid back.



John Marlowe

That's not to say he wasn't quick with the wit. He absolutely was. A degree from Wabash College proved he was no slouch – and a role on the football team proved he was tough – much tougher than the two-year starter from Cascade High School ever let on.

Actually, he was one of the funniest guys I ever met.

I asked him what position he played in football – and he said "left."

"Left end?"

"Left out."

He wasn't.

We used to play this game where someone would say the name of a song and the object was to name the performing artist. Other than one of John's very best friends Rocky, he was the best I ever saw at that. He used to joke that when it came to knowledge of unimportant things, he was awfully good.

There's that meekness again.

From the '80s to well after the turn of the century, John and I drifted apart. A vagabond newspaper guy, I left the great Hoosier state to work in Texas, North Carolina and California. It wasn't until after starting the Little Newspaper That Could that I saw him again.

I was working at my desk when I looked up and there stood John. We laughed and hugged and he said that word of our new venture reached him all the way over in Clayton. He just wanted to come by and say hi and wish us well.

That started some long conversations where we were able to catch up and rekindle a lost friendship. It actually brought another good friend along and the three of us laughed and did a lot of remembering over lunch one day. It was there that John

said he was still looking for something fulfilling, job wise, I suggested he write for us.

He said no.

Said that he wasn't that good a writer, that he didn't have anything worth sharing, that no one would be interested in what he had to say.

Many, many writing awards later, newspaper professionals would disagree. So would readers. John's columns were always among the most read we offered.

When he stopped writing in January of this year because of the cancer – I can't begin to tell you how many people asked what happened to John. It was the main question I got for weeks. And John wouldn't let us put anything in about his cancer. He didn't want to make a big deal out of it – even though it was.

Finally, after weeks of bugging him, he finally allowed us to share with you that he had cancer and that prayers were appreciated.

He also wanted – and tried – to write a column. He told me he wanted to tell everyone to go get checked. He said he had annual physicals, but the pandemic . . . that damned pandemic . . . got in the way and he put it off. He wanted others to know not to put theirs off. But John said every time he tried to write it, the words didn't come. Later, he didn't have the energy.

John would tell you his legacy wasn't that much.

But believe me, it was. It wais more. So very much more.

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

## Are Presidential Candidates Sinners?



**GLENN MOLLETTE**  
Guest Columnist

Are the Presidential candidates all sinners? This could be a potential question for an upcoming town hall meeting or debate.

Answers by the candidates would be interesting. Would any candidate admit to being a sinner? Would some of them deny ever having sinned? Would they say something like, "I sinned a long time ago." Or, I might have sinned some as a young adult."

If any would admit to having sin in their lives, would they be comfortable explaining which sins they have committed? Probably not because any admission would become fodder for the other candidates to beat on them throughout the campaign. Of course the media would freeze the admission into print to be replayed multiple times.

What would they admit to? Do political candidates ever admit to being wrong? Doing wrong

things and saying wrong words sometimes are accidental but which of them would be willing to admit to even an accidental moral or ethical slip?

The truth is that all the Presidential candidates are sinners. If they say they have never sinned then they are liars. The Bible says "If we say we have not sinned we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us," 1 John 1:9. Another verse says "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. Jesus Christ is God's measuring stick. He's the only human the Bible says who ever lived without sin. According to the verse of scripture we have come short of Jesus Christ.

The bottom line is that we are all sinners. Thus, so are all the Presidential candidates.

Politicians like most all humans are more comfortable pointing out the failures and sins of the opposing candidate. We all do this to some extent. We point out the wrong things that others are doing. This makes us feel a little more righteous. However, when we point our finger at someone else, we always have three more pointing back at us.

How could there ever be a town hall meeting or political debate without blasting the opposition and condemning every

movement the opponent ever made? In our world it would be a difficult achievement. Most of the Republican candidates have already been criticized for not condemning former President Donald Trump enough.

Hopefully in the myriad upcoming television political speeches and discussions we will hear more about what each candidate has done and what he or she will do if elected.

Unfortunately, I am not really interested in spending endless hours listening to political rhetoric. Summer is here in its full glory. Daylight in my area starts about 5 AM and lasts until almost 9 PM. I want to be outside walking, biking and enjoying life. I'll review all the candidates and have my voting decision made by election day.

Between now and then they can hash out and beat out their failures and sins among themselves.

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## Gender Identity Tattletales?

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In 1982, my wife Barbara and I were expecting our first child. We were both apprehensive and excited. Our excitement, however, was closely matched by the obstetrician's excitement. "I just got a new machine, the latest technology for understanding pregnancy. It enables me to see inside the womb. Do you mind if I use it to see how you are doing, Barbara?"

We consented, and he performed an ultrasound scan of our first child. Ultrasounds in the early 80s were novel, so no protocol existed. The doctor asked, "Do you want to know the sex?"

Barb and I did not discuss the question much: we'd be poor parents if some person relatively unknown to us knew more about our child than we did. We were responsible for that child, not the obstetrician.

When I wrote for a parenting publication, I offered the same counsel. When parents go to a parent-teacher conference, there should be no surprises. Parents should not be told by a teacher of something important and surprising about their child's education. They should already be aware of their child's development.

Indiana Senate Bill 354 could have been guided by this view that the parents should be in the know about their children, even if, like the obstetrician, they would be hard pressed to know more about the developing child in utero without the equipment and expertise of a medical professional. The obstetrician understood, though, that he

was obligated to make that knowledge available to us.

Senate Bill No. 354 would have required "a public school . . . to notify the parent of an unemancipated minor" if the student discloses "to an employee or staff member information" concerning the "student's gender identity or gender expression." As well, notification of a parent is required if the student "changes, expresses a desire to change, or makes a request to change the student's name, attire, pronoun, title, or word to identify the student . . . that is inconsistent with the student's biological sex at birth."

In other words, Indiana's senate is grappling with problems the trans trend has created for educators. Indiana is not alone inasmuch as other states, e.g. Missouri, Wisconsin, Florida and Massachusetts are contending with the issue of disclosure. In many of those states, the matter has risen to a legal solution, not a school "fix."

The Indiana ACLU had this to say about the matter of disclosure: "This bill targets any student who may choose not to conform to traditional norms about gender by requiring school staff to share private information and even speculation about students' gender identities with other school staff and parents." The ACLU's language suggests that gender identity is a choice, implying that transitioning and sex-change operations are, like liposuction and other procedures, medically elective.

The Indiana ACLU also said "This bill forces teachers and administrators to act as 'gender po-

lice' by requiring them to monitor students for signs of gender nonconformity and report suspicions." The ACLU distorts the language — "disclosure by the student" is not the same as "monitoring."

Finally, on the matter of privacy, the ACLU overstates the case. Privacy is not an absolute right. In my teaching career, several students came into my office and talked to me about taking their own lives. I was obligated by rules and, by my reckoning, morality, to get professional help for that student. Walking the student to the counseling center was mandatory. On his graduation day, one student thanked me and said he would not be alive were it not for my help.

The ACLU overstates the case for non-disclosure but recognizes a real problem that a minor child may face, namely, hostility at home. Parents, told by school officials of their child's disclosure regarding ambivalence about biological identity and "gender identity," may deliver negative consequences to the child.

However, if the school officials do not disclose, they appear to distrust handing the responsibility for the student to the parents. If so, then they have assumed the responsibility for the student's "gender identity." I suspect they have neither the time nor budget, let alone the inclination, to assume that responsibility.

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