

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
People who call our community their own.

What makes Vivian Placek smile? "Horses," said the 12-year-old Noblesville resident, a seventh-grader at Classical Academy in Fishers. "I just love horses, and I love riding them. And we want to get a horse of our own. So we're trying to make a lot of money so that in a couple of years we can have a horse." The daughter of Andrew and Natalie Placek, she was found trying to raise money by selling her homemade pillow cases on Saturday at Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market, with classmate Evie Oren, 12, who made dog bandanas to sell. "I have made a couple of these before for my family," she said of the pillow cases that she held up to prospective customers at the Farmers Market. Why pillowcases? "I knew how to make them," she said. Vivian said she spent about 60-90 minutes each, making the pillow cases, sewing the cotton and cotton flannel fabrics. "They're really nice," she said. "And I thought it was cool to start a little business (which she calls Triple Knot)." She might sell the pillowcases online, and she plans to return to the final Kids Day on Sept. 16 at the Noblesville Farmers Market.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Make Plans To Join The Chamber On September 14!**

We all know business gets done on the golf course! Birdies & Brews has been a catalyst for local businesses for 8 years. Building relationships, conducting business, and connecting with partners is best done with a 7 iron in one hand and a cold beverage in the other. Birdies & Brews features businesses at every tee box with fun activities and giveaways. Every 3rd hole has the addition of breweries & distilleries offering tastings and samples! Between the on course games, give away items, and friendly faces.

**2. LANE CLOSURE - 146th St. (1800' west of Allisonville Rd.)**

Please be advised, beginning on or after Thursday, August 17, between the hours of 9am and 3pm, 146th Street from Allisonville Road to a point approximately 1,800' west of Allisonville Road (west of Renner's Body Works) will be under a lane restriction. The westbound right lane will be restricted. Please drive with extreme caution through this construction zone and help keep our workers safe during this restriction.

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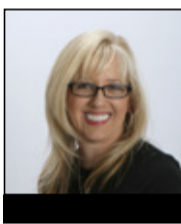
**Noblesville East Middle School eighth-graders, sisters Olivia Vektor (from left), Norah Vektor and Allie Vektor (far right), along with their friend, Stella Marucci (second from right), turned their talents for making bracelets into a pop-up storefront last Saturday morning during Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market.**



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**Vivian Placek, 12, Noblesville, sewed pillow cases, and classmate Evie Oren, 12, made dog bandanas, which they sold Saturday during Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market, pedaling her homemade pillow cases.**

## Kids-Turned-Entrepreneurs Pedal Wares At The Market



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

Four 13-year-old Noblesville girls -- including a set of triplets -- modeled their brightly colored handmade bracelets at their pop-up tent decorated with a tropical theme that included an "Aloha" sign and pink flamingos.

Noblesville East Middle School eighth-graders, sisters Olivia Vektor, Norah Vektor and Allie Vektor, along with their friend, Stella Marucci, turned their talents for making bracelets into a pop-up storefront last Saturday morning during Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market. It was the second of three Kids Days at the market this season; the third and final Kids Day will be Sept. 16.

A stop at the bracelet booth had them all talking about their creations.

"Over the summer, we started selling them in our neighborhood," Allie Vektor said.

They get together to make the bracelets, Stella said.

Allie said they made about 80 bracelets to sell at Saturday's Farmers Market.

"The sets are \$5. Those back there are \$4. And all of the other ones are \$3," Allie Vektor said pointing at the array of bracelets on display for sale.

So what do they do with their profits?

"Making more bracelets" and "splitting" the money, the girls chimed in.

Nora Vektor said it was her idea to make and sell bracelets. "I just thought it was a fun thing we could do together," she said. The triplets are the daughters of Nick and Stacie Vektor, and Stella Marucci is the daughter of Nick and Meredith Marucci.

Each is involved in different activities at school: Allie plays soccer. Stella does cheer. Olivia plays tennis. And Norah plays basketball.

Just a few yards away, Vivian Placek, 12, Noblesville, was pedaling her homemade pillow cases. "I have made a couple of these before for my family," she said of the pillow cases that she made specifically for Kids Day at the Farmers Market.

She is a seventh-grader at

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## Kenley Appointed To Hamilton East Public Library Board



BILL KENLEY

Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees on Tuesday night appointed Noblesville High School English teacher Bill Kenley to represent the district on the Hamilton East Public Library board.

The vote was 3-2 with school board members Laura Alerding and Misti Ray voting against the appointment. Kenley replaces Alerding, current library board president who supported "inappropriate" youth books to be moved to the adult section of the library. Her term ends Aug. 26.

According to district spokesperson Marnie Cooke, "Noblesville Schools has authority to appoint to the Hamilton East Public Library board because we are an important academic institution in the community."

Cooke said, "These appointments have traditionally been filled by educators, and it is unusual for a board member to hold one of the seats. While our board members typically take turns rotating committee assignments amongst themselves, a majority of the board has decided that this appointment should return to past practice and be held by an educator."

Kenley has served as a writing and literature teacher for more than 25 years and is also a published author. He is a graduate of Noblesville High School, and his writing and teaching have been recognized at national, state and local levels. Kenley is also the founder of a community literary magazine and earned a master's degree in English education and a bachelor's degree in communications. He is a Noblesville resident and the son of retired Sen. Luke Kenley of Noblesville and has children who attend school in the district.

The meeting attracted a full house at Tuesday's board meeting, with standing room only.

Earlier in the meeting, during the public comments, 26 people spoke at the podium, with their opinions about the library board appointment, and several supporting keeping the "inappropriate" books from young library users.

The next library board meeting is Aug. 24.

## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 6:59 a.m.  
SET: 8:43 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures  
High: 80 °F  
Low: 59 °F

Today is...  
• National Nonprofit Day  
• National Thrift Shop Day  
• National Vanilla Custard Day

### What Happened On This Day

- 2008 Michael Phelps Earns his 8th Gold Medal in the 2008 Olympics. The American champion swimmer won the medal in the 4x100-meter medley relay race in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. With this medal, he broke the record for the most gold medals won by a person in a single Olympic games, a record previously held by American swimmer Mark Spitz.
- 1978 Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman become the first people to complete the world's First Transatlantic Balloon Flight.
- 1970 Venera 7 launched by the Soviet Union. Launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan Venera 7 became the first spacecraft to land on another planet, Venus, and send data back to Earth. It entered Venus' atmosphere in December 1970.

### Births On This Day

- 1943 Robert De Niro American actor
- 1786 Davy Crockett American soldier, politician

### Deaths On This Day

- 1935 Charlotte Perkins Gilman American sociologist, novelist
- 1786 Frederick the Great Prussian king

## Senior Dogs At The HCHS Fetch Grant

Old dogs have something to wag about this summer, as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces the recipients of its annual grants, and dogs at The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) are among the winners.

HSHC is one of 90 animal welfare groups chosen from 370 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received \$848,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

"We have seen such an increase in owner-surrender cases of senior dogs," said Lily Pesavento, Community Engage-

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## ➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Regular exercise fights fatigue, anxiety and depression. 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 thetimes24-7.com



## ➔ HONEST HOOSIER

I miss the Diana Theater and the ABC Drive-In.



## ➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If plan 'A' doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters 204 if you're in Japan."  
-Claire Cook

## ➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Hey, where do sharks go on summer vacation?  
Finland!

## ➔ OBITUARIES

None



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank WILLIAM LYNCH for subscribing!



**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

|                         |                        |                |                        |                        |                         |                        |
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| WED                     | THU                    | FRI            | SAT                    | SUN                    | MON                     | TUE                    |

➤ Meeting Notes

## Carmel Common Council Meeting Agenda

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023  
6 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA APPROVAL

3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

- a. Welcoming of Police Officers from Jelgava, Latvia
- b. Recognition of Boy Scout Evan Manders for Being the Highest Earner in Popcorn Sales in the Carmel Community
- c. Recognition of the Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary for a Achieving a World Record

6. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
7. COUNCIL AND MAYORAL COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS
8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
1. August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
1. Payroll \$3,540,480.08
2. General Claims \$3,684,645.94
3. Retirement \$107,695.97
4. Wire Transfers \$6,121,420.99

9. ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee
- b. Land Use and Special Studies Committee
- c. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

11. OTHER REPORTS – (at the first meeting of the month specified below):
- a. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)
- b. Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly – January,

- April, July, October)
- c. Audit Committee (Bi-annual – May, October)
- d. Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual – April, October)
- e. Carmel Cable and Telecommunications Commission (Bi-annual – April, October)
- f. Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual – February, August)
- g. Library Board (Annual – February)
- h. Ethics Board (Annual – February)
- i. Public Art Committee (Annual – August)
- j. Parks Department (Quarterly – February, May, August, November)
- k. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

12. OLD BUSINESS
13. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- a. First Reading of Ordinance Z-683-23; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing the Conner Prairie Innovation District Planned Unit Development District; Sponsor: Councilor Aasen.

- Synopsis: Ordinance Establishes the Conner Prairie West Innovation District Planned Unit Development Ordinance (the “Conner Prairie PUD”). The Ordinance would rezone the real estate from S-1 Residential and Legacy PUD (Ordinance Z-501-07) to a Planned Unit Development district allowing the expansion of the Conner Prairie Museum onto the site in a style and character as depicted on the attached Concept Plan and Character Imagery.
14. NEW BUSINESS
15. AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS
16. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. City Council Appointments
1. Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability (Completing a Term that Expires on 12/31/23); One appointment.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS
18. ADJOURNMENT

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## Town Of Cicero Town Council Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 at 7 PM

- Present: Chad Blueher  
Absent: Jerry Cook Joseph Cox Eric Hayden Christopher Lutz  
Declare a Quorum

- Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk  
Treasurer: Jeff Rednour, Police Chief Lance Overholser, Fire Chief Frank Zawadzki,

- Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent Aaron Culp, Town Attorney Keith Bryant, Town Engineer Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President Dan Strong, Project Coordinator

- Approval of Agenda:  
Approval of Prior Minutes:  
Town Council Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2023, 7:00 PM  
Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2023, 7:00 PM Approval of Claims:

Hamilton County Councilman Brad Beaver Council Committee

- Reports:  
1. OTC Report –  
2. EDC Report –  
3. SWU Management Board Report –

- Legal Counsel Report – Aaron Culp: Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report  
Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant

1. Tamarack –
2. Auburn Estates –
3. Water –
4. Wastewater –

- a. BOT Report –
- b. IDEM Enforcement Meeting –
5. Tollgate Road –
6. Brinton Street Storm Water Rehab Project –

- Old Business:  
New Business: Appointment to Fire Department Merit Board  
Miscellaneous:  
Comments by Citizens:  
Motion to Adjourn:

- Signatures on Official Documents!  
The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on September 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.

## Noblesville Front Porch Music Fest Returns This August

Experience Live Music, Local Food And Drinks

The Noblesville Front Porch Music Fest returns for its third year on Aug. 26, 2023, with local musicians playing live sets from 2–6:30 p.m.

“Front Porch Music Festival gives people who love great music and food – and beer – the chance to experience the special community and people of downtown Noblesville,” said Ken Bubp, co-creator of the event. “In a world where we are so often isolated from each other, this event allows people to come together and support live, local music.

Admission is free for the outdoor event, which will span downtown Noblesville’s historic Logan Street. Twenty bands will play on 12 different porches in the community, performing music of various genres.

Attendees can purchase food from 9th Street Bistro, Debbie’s Daughters Bakery and Kona Ice during the event. Prime-

val Brewing, recipient of the U.S. Open Beer Championship gold medal, will be serving its signature beers.

Noblesville Front Porch Music Fest co-creator Jason Pearson looks forward to seeing the community embrace local music and visit the variety of businesses and restaurants on the historic courthouse square in downtown Noblesville.

“Nowhere else can you sit under the trees on a historic brick street and enjoy a wide variety of music and true community like this. Our guests continue to tell us this is their favorite event of the year,” said Pearson. “Don’t miss this year’s newest members of the Front Porch Music Fest family, Sweet Poison Victim and Rod & Tina Rose.”

The 2023 musician lineup includes everything from New Orleans jazz to classic rock to acous-



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Folks enjoy Moontown Pickle Stompers during the Front Porch Music Festival on Logan Street in Noblesville during a previous year. The Pickle Stompers return to the music festival at 2 p.m. and 4:15 pm. on Aug. 26.

tic and laid-back music.

Artists include:

- The Long Arm
- The Moontown Pickle Stompers
- Sweet Poison Victim
- The Whobilados
- John Gilmore
- D-Roq & Bulletproof Soul
- Joy Collins
- Kelli Yates
- Pork & Beans
- Ghosts on Maple
- The Problem Children
- Andy Schomburg
- Molly Milton

•Rod & Tina Rose

This year, the City of Noblesville and the Indiana Arts Commission support as Presenting Sponsors, along with Duke Energy, Pulte Homes, Lacy Arts Building, and Old Town Companies as Block Sponsors – along with many other generous community members and local businesses. To learn more about the event or become a sponsor, visit noblesvilleporchfest.com.



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1 pm - Elizabeth Lee Band

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6:45 pm - The Bumps

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# A Long Time Ago in a Sports Department Far Away . . .



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

If newsrooms are the brains and guts of a newspaper, then sports departments are surely the heart and soul.

Over the decades, some of the best writing has graced sports columns – just one newspaper vagabond's opinion. From Grantland Rice and Red Smith back in the day to Jim Murray, Bob Ryan, Frank DeFord and countless others, some of the best prose ever were printed on the pages in the sports section.

For the last couple of weeks, longtime Lafayette Journal & Courier sports editor and current columnist for your favorite Hamilton County daily Ken Thompson highlighted some of the sports writers from that particular paper. Anyone who has followed Purdue for long has read some of the scribes Thompson mentioned.

The J&C used to be one of Indiana's outstanding newspapers. If the current owners don't completely destroy it, it could rise to greatness once again. Whether it does or not though, if a history were to be written, Thompson's name would stand tall.

One thing Thompson didn't do – couldn't really – was write about his place there. It took a little prodding, but he graciously agreed to answer a few questions. I hope you enjoy reading about him as much as I did.

**Q. When did you know you wanted to do this for a living?**

I figured out by age 13 that I was not an athlete and certainly not good enough to play football, basketball or baseball for Lafayette Jeff but sports was my passion. While I wasn't a varsity athlete in high school, I will always thank Jeff High School for the opportunities it provided me with the student newspaper and student-run radio station WJEF (91.9 on your FM dial, as the promo used to say). On The Booster, I teamed up with Jeff Bonty, who went on to a long professional newspaper career at Kankakee, Ill. At WJEF, I performed all sorts of duties (newscaster, disc jockey, statistician for football and basketball games and an occasional shot at analysis on basketball games). Our instructor, Mr. William Fraser (Fraser as in eraser, he would remind people), taught me a lot about being a professional.

Just after graduating from Jeff, I inquired with publisher Martha DePoy at the Lafayette Leader to see if she was interested in having someone cover Jeff football, basketball and baseball while I was going

to Purdue. I had an "in" with Mrs. DePoy because my mother had done some advertising work for her and was one of the people who came up with the "Home Buyers Guide," a publication that provided pictures and descriptions of houses available in the Lafayette area.

I was with the Leader for about a year or so when I decided to see if a niche publication, Sport Spirit, needed anyone to cover high school sports. That is where I met photographer Frank Oliver, beginning a professional relationship that lasted decades through the J&C. Frank played a key role in allowing me to meet my wife, agreeing to take pictures of me in a flattering setting at Happy Hollow Park in West Lafayette. Those pictures ended up on a dating website and prompted my future wife to contact me.

When the Spirit went under financially just before my junior year at Purdue, I not only returned to the Lafayette Leader but I also decided to attend a callout for writers from The Exponent. In two short years, I rose to sports editor at The Exponent and forged relationships that endure to this day. I was fortunate enough to attend the Big Ten Championship football game last season with several of my Exponent friends.

I briefly returned to the Leader before joining the Journal and Courier in August 1984 just as the newspaper was converting to morning publication.

**Q. You competed against the J&C at the Lafayette Leader. What was that like?**

I was perhaps naive in the sense that I never thought of the J&C as competition. The Leader was a weekly newspaper with a niche audience. I wasn't going to be breaking any news. What I did was just be present at Jeff games and a few practices when my classwork allowed. I thank coaches Dave Knott, Don Lostutter and Mark Strader for treating me just as well as they did a J&C reporter.

**Q. Did you read the J&C growing up?**

Not really. My dad, and grandpa Thompson, subscribed to the Indianapolis Star. I would read the J&C at the Jeff library every day but my early sportswriting influences were from the Star: Bob Collins, John Bansch and Bill Benner. I also was a fan of Tom Keating.

I became immersed in the sportswriting history of the J&C during my days at Purdue. I was fortunate enough to interview Marion Crowley not long before he died. I went to athletic director Joe Heath, my Economics

teacher at Jeff, to ask about any records in the school's possession. To my surprise, there was very little. So, I took it upon myself to research Lafayette Jeff basketball history. I started with the Crawley era (1942-1967) and spent countless hours reading microfilm at the main Purdue library and the Tippecanoe County library during the summer. Next thing I know, I've got a record of every Jeff basketball game from 1911 to 1982. At the same time, I compiled the scoring totals - and in a couple of cases - rebounding totals for that period. I gave Mr. Heath one copy and kept one for myself. With the assistance of John Harrell's website, I've kept up with the season records ever since.

That research allowed me to become very familiar with Gordon Graham and his writing style. Very pro-Purdue and Lafayette Jeff (his alma maters) but also demonstrating a broad knowledge of sports.

**Q. Who were your favorite writers?**

My dad was a West Lafayette High School graduate and he always talked about the two greatest athletes to come out of there in his lifetime: Bob Friend and Bob Kriebel. My dad lived close by the Kriebel home and he always held a high opinion of Bob. As it turns out, Bob Kriebel was one of my journalism instructors at Purdue and he prepared me for what was necessary to get my foot in the door at the J&C.

Another of life's coincidences: my dad and Jeff Washburn's father, Sonny, were employed by Fairfield Manufacturing in Lafayette. I always enjoyed "Wash's" writing, especially when he would become "The Swami" and make his weekly predictions on high school football and basketball games.

**Q. When you went to work there, what was it like being with Washburn and others?**

As shy as I am in my personal life, I felt like I belonged with Wash, Tom Kubat and Bob Scott. I had to swallow some pride and accept the lowest entry job into the sports department: a part-time agate clerk and occasional high school writer. I was determined to show them I belonged. I kept my mouth shut, put my head down and did everything asked of me, eventually becoming the sports editor. There were so many people who

helped me along the way: Paula Waltz (the first female sportswriter in J&C history), Chuck Wineland (who created the girls high school sports beat at the J&C), news editor Frank Koontz, plus Wash, Tom Kubat and Bob Scott.

I also met Jim Stafford, who like me was a part-time agate clerk. Over the next 30-plus years, the two of us did everything we could to maintain the standards of the Journal and Courier when our corporate bosses could care less about communities like Lafayette.

During our heyday as a sports staff, I never thought any newspaper in Indiana (including the Star) had the depth of talent and the drive to cover Greater Lafayette more thoroughly. We had two young men who went on to successful careers at the Cincinnati Enquirer (Mark Curnutte and Michael Perry), a desk chief who went on to become an executive at the CBS station in Chicago and creator of "the weather word" for the Chicago Sun-Times (John Dodge). In time, we added Mike Carmin to cover Purdue women's basketball with the same emphasis we put on men's basketball. This is on top of having Washburn and Kubat forging a strong reputation with our readers.

**Q. Who were your favorites to read?**

I was an avid reader of The Sporting News and Sport Magazine in my teenage years. I absorbed every MLB team report. Dick Young's column was a must-read every week. I also enjoyed Dick Schapp's work, especially with the books he co-wrote with Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer Jerry Kramer. And like just about everybody else who had cable TV, the Sportswriters on TV show was a must watch with Bill Gleason, Bill Jauss, Rick Telander and Ben Bentley.

**Q. As the sports editor, you sent a lot of people on Purdue assignments. Is there one specific event you sent someone and now regret not at least going along for a sidebar or something?**

My only regret was not taking the opportunity to go to Assembly Hall in Bloomington in 2018. I've been to the Indiana campus for football but never basketball. Since Gannett was putting so much emphasis on digital and getting stories up as fast as possible, I came to the conclusion that it would be best for our readers if I stayed back in Lafayette and readied the game story for immediate publication.

Fortunately, I was able to make every home football game including the Ohio State game in 2018. I was supposed to get to the OSU locker room and get a sidebar but even 30 minutes after the game, the crowd was just too heavy to get even close to the locker room.

**Q. Did you have relationships (more than the basics we have from talking in**

**press conferences) with any Purdue coaches that bring back good memories? Bad?**

I'll start with Leon Burnett. In 1983, I was sports editor of The Exponent but he treated me with the same respect and courtesy he gave Jeff Washburn and other reporters covering Purdue. I was sorry things didn't work out in the long run. That brings us to Fred Akers, who worried about the wrong things. The only time I ever spoke to him was when he requested I not be so negative toward his team. Look at his record at Purdue and other than the 1988 win at Ohio State there wasn't much to be positive about. It was a meeting Akers set up with our sports editor at the time, and I almost felt like I was being set up as the bad guy when I wasn't even the beat writer.

Gene Keady and Matt Painter have been great to work with on a professional level. Keady will answer just about any question except when I inquired about the terms of his new contract. I cannot remember why I had to talk with him that day instead of Jeff Washburn.

If Keady liked you, you were "pardner!" to him. Painter has always made a point to stop and say hello when I've been at scrimmages or weekly media gatherings. I am still trying to grasp that his favorite music is rap. I chuckle when I think about attending a scrimmage in Mackey Arena and Fall Out Boy's "Uma Thurman" is coming out of the speakers.

**Q. Sports departments were called the "toy department" for a long time. Agree or disagree with the assessment?**

Emphatically, no! This was a real pet peeve among many of my co-workers. Jim Stafford used to say half-jokingly that if the newsroom got pizza on election night, where's our pizza for every Friday and Saturday night in the fall? Purdue sports, high school sports, numerous phone calls taking box scores and giving out scores, staff spread out covering five or six games. I retain the belief that you could put Tom Kubat, Jeff Washburn or any of our other full-time writers on newsside and the quality would not drop off. In many cases, I cannot say the same for news reporters trying their hand at sports.

**Q. What is the biggest memory that sticks out from your time at the J&C?**

It's difficult to pick one. I still remember my first night, assigned to cover a McCutcheon football game in September 1984. Nothing memorable about the game but it felt good to have Jeff Washburn saying "welcome aboard."

Being elevated from part-time to full-time when John Millman came on as sports editor in 1987 is another. Another is the night I witnessed a living eulogy for Washburn during a Lafayette Jeff football game in 2017. The game was terrible; the Bronchos won 70-0 over Muncie Central. But seeing so many people come up to "Wash" in the Jeff press box and tell him how much he meant to them and thanking him for his years of writing positively about the youth of Lafayette was touching.

One other I'd like to mention: the last football game of the 2009 high school season. I was covering Clinton Prairie at Central Catholic. The Knights were one year away from going on a run of four consecutive Class A state championships. It was 54-0 at halftime but the rules at the time required both coaches to agree to a running clock in the second half. The Clinton Prairie coach declined to agree to the running clock. This put Central Catholic in a no-win situation because it did not have a large roster at the time and IHSAA rules only allowed five quarters a week for junior varsity and freshman players. It ended up 96-0 but a sign of things to come was a freshman running back named Danny Anthrop sprinting away from tacklers for a 34-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. He became one of the greatest high school football players in Tippecanoe County history and would become a starting wide receiver at Purdue.

**Q. Is there anything that this did not touch on that you want to make sure is included?**

Even though my tenure at the Journal and Courier ended for reasons out of my control (the decline of print journalism and the budget cuts that followed), I spent 35 years doing the job I always wanted. A lot of people can't say that.

Something new happened every day inside that small newsroom in downtown Lafayette (and later on the east side of Lafayette). So many people who I was fortunate enough to work alongside.

I've been fortunate to continue my love of sportswriting through The Paper and The Times. I am grateful to your readers for their support.

*-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com).*

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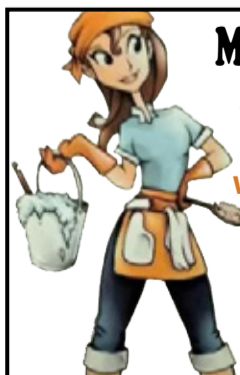
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# Stemming The Tide Of Marine Fiberglass Pollution From Boats



**Dear EarthTalk:** Is there any way to stem the tide of fiberglass pollution from aging and discarded boats fouling marine ecosystems?

It's summer vacation and you're ready to let loose on the water. Time to head out to the lake house, bring the boat out of the driveway, and cruise around the lake. Now imagine that same vessel 10 years from now, rotting away and destroying the local marine ecosystem. Nobody wants to kill off Nemo and Dory when boating on the bay, but sometimes innocent pastimes have unintended consequences. The fiberglass in these watercrafts has a rippling wave of destruction on our marine friends, damaging aquatic organisms' organs and leaching toxic chemicals into public soils and seas, affecting life even on land.

Okay fiberglass is pretty harmful, we get that, but then why is the boat industry still chock full of it? For one, fiberglass is much stronger compared to boat material alternatives like aluminum. Fiberglass simply resists adverse weather conditions better than other materials. Boats are more flexible than aluminum, giving them more maneuverability and versatility. The fiberglass allows for better hydrodynamics, increasing efficiency when venturing into the open water. In ad-

dition, boats made out of fiberglass allow for more surface area actually inside the vessel, a favorable advantage for fishermen and families alike.

To call degrading fiberglass damaging is an understatement, as the material's effects have had astounding impacts globally. The microplastics present after fiberglass breaks down over time silently enter the bodies of aquatic organisms. These microplastics can disrupt their biological organs, like the endocrine system which is responsible for regulation of hormones. Toxic chemicals like lead and copper dilute in the water and break apart precious, coastal ecosystems like estuaries and coral reefs. These same heavy metals can stay in the soil and leach into clean groundwater, contaminating healthy resources. Amplifying the problem is the difficulty of disposing of fiberglass boats. It is complicated, costly and, time-consuming. A lack of education about the true severity of abandoning vessels further contributes to a carefree release of fiberglass toxicity into our marine ecosystems.

Thankfully, the ship of environmental remediation hasn't fully sunk. Ships in good condition can be sold used, and others can be reused piecemeal as parts. Organizations can help as well. Groups like the Vessel Disposal and Reuse Foundation, U.S Coast Guard and others can help organize the recycling process.

The federal government, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has collaborated with organizations like the Lynnhaven group and has granted almost \$2 million in debris removal initiatives. There is still hope for optimism that we will solve the fiberglass issue. It is crucial to educate ourselves and our neighbors about the harsh dangers of fiberglass to really emphasize the magnitude of the issue. We can speak our minds to local legislatures for tighter regulations on the disposal of boats. While the issue of fiberglass pollution is still plaguing our waterways, we have many tools at our disposal to fight back.

*-CONTACTS: The Environmental Hazards of Fiberglass Boat Disposal, partsvu.com/blog/the-environmental-hazards-of-fiberglass-boat-disposal/; Fiberglass Pollution: Abandoned Boats A Growing Problem In VA, chesapeakebaymagazine.com/fiberglass-pollution-abandoned-boats-a-growing-problem-in-va/; Nautical not nice: How fiberglass boats have become a global pollution problem, .theguardian.com/environment/2020/aug/06/nautical-not-nice-how-fibreglass-boats-have-become-a-global-pollution-problem.*

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# PulteGroup To Bring First Mixed-Use, Multi-Generational Development To Wayne Township

The Noblesville City Council approved an economic development agreement with PulteGroup of Indiana and TWG Development to develop approximately 603 acres in previously annexed east Noblesville into a mixed-use development. The project, which is bound by 156th Street, 166th Street, Boden Road and Olio Road, is estimated to have a market value of over \$700 million when completed.

"Expanding our city's footprint in Wayne Township was the goal when we reached an amended agreement with HSE Utilities back in 2021. This project will be the first to extend a sanitary sewer to that location and will further open development opportunities in Wayne Township," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said.

The development plan consists of:

- 295 market-rate multi-family apartments, with a planned phase II of up to 200 additional market-rate units and up to 100 for sale dwelling units such as townhomes, condos, flats, stacked flats, or similar types.
- 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space with a minimum of 5,000 square feet within the multi-family project.
- 690 age-restricted single family Del Webb units.
- 535 traditional single family and 110 specialty housing dwelling units.
- A 14,000-square-foot amenity center that includes an indoor pool, along with sport courts, pocket parks, internal trail system, yoga areas, chain of lakes water feature and other passive areas.

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"PulteGroup presented us with a multi-generational development with a wide range of housing products and price points to address needs identified by the 2021 Housing Study Update and fits the Future Land Use Map of the 2020 Noblesville Comprehensive Plan," said Jensen. "This development also invests in expanding our quality of place emphasis which will allow Noblesville to attract and retain quality talent to serve our business needs."

As part of the Economic Development Agreement, PulteGroup has committed to improving the public infrastructure around

the project including the resurfacing and widening of Boden Road, 156th Street, 166th Street and Olio Road. PulteGroup also will pay the city's \$400,000 portion of the Federal Highway Matching Grant to construct a roundabout at 166th Street and Boden Road. Perimeter pedestrian paths will be constructed as part of the project, adding to public trail systems on the east side of Noblesville.

"We are excited to be part of this proposed mixed use multi-generational community and look forward to bringing Del Webb's renowned active adult living to Noblesville," said PulteGroup Indianapolis Division President Scott Mairn. "We would like to thank the City of Noblesville for their continued partnership and appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to move this project forward."

As part of the agreement, the city commits up to \$10.8 million in net proceeds to offset initial project infrastructure costs. The source of the funding will come from the project's tax increment.

# Drug Dealer In Fentanyl Death Remains Behind Bars

Attorney General Todd Rokita and his legal team prevailed this month when the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of a 53-year-old Indianapolis man who provided fentanyl to a 28-year-old co-worker from Zionsville that caused the younger man's death.

"Drug dealers continue to devastate Indiana communities and break the hearts of Hoosier families," Rokita said. "While no one can undo the grief caused by these perpetrators, I'm constantly proud of our appeals team for their excellent work in making sure that lawbreakers' criminal convictions are upheld."

Rokita's appeals team plays an important role in a larger process of making sure justice is served, he noted.

"Indiana's brave police officers are first to respond to dangerous crime scenes," Rokita said. "They conduct investigations and arrest suspects. Then local prosecutors do their part by securing criminal convictions in trial courts. At that point, our staff is honored to support and sustain the good work of police and prosecutors."

In this case, drug dealer Kurt Russell provided illegal substances to Maxwell Timbrook in 2020 after the two met while working at the

same discount retail store. Timbrook died after taking the drugs, which included fentanyl. His mother found him lying in the floor of his father's Zionsville home, where Timbrook lived. In 2022, Russell was convicted of dealing a controlled substance resulting in death and sentenced to 25 years.

After his conviction, Russell claimed the trial court abused its discretion by admitting evidence found on a cell phone. Russell also claimed the trial court failed to present sufficient evidence to prove that Russell delivered fentanyl to Timbrook and that Timbrook died after ingesting fentanyl provided by Russell.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
August 17, 2023  
Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)  
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 232-7777

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Radiant Communities Development Corporation.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
On or about September 02, 2023 the IHCDA authorizes Radiant Communities Development Corporation to submit a request to the HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

Project title: Townhomes at Stony Creek  
Purpose and Scope of Project: New construction of 51 townhomes  
IHCDA funding amount: \$750,000  
Specific project address(es): 1255 S. 16th St. Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
The IHCDA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at IHCDA, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900 Indianapolis, IN 46204 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR via email to the IHCDA, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204. All comments received on or before September 01, 2023 will be considered by the IHCDA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**  
The IHCDA certifies to HUD that Jacob Sipe in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Radiant Communities Development Corporation to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the IHCDA's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the IHCDA; (b) the IHCDA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Radiant Communities Development Corporation or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be e-mailed to HUD administration at CPD\_COVID-19OEE-IND@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
Jacob Sipe, IHCDA Executive Director  
TL20657 8/17 1t hspaxlp

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CITY OF CARMEL JAPANESE GARDEN PROJECT**  
By Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ind. Code 5-22-6 and Ind. Code 5-22-9, Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township") will receive sealed proposals from qualified providers for the furnishing of the supplies, materials, equipment, design and installation services indicated herein for the final design, construction, installation, expansion and renovation of the existing City of Carmel Kawachinagano Japanese Garden and the new construction of a connected Japanese Garden and waterfall and related improvements (the "Project"). Interested parties should submit two (2) copies of their proposal, in a sealed envelope clearly identified as "Japanese Garden Project", no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on August 23, 2023 to:

CTI Construction, LLC  
Attn: David Ford, PE, President  
1016 Third Avenue SW, Suite 200  
Carmel, IN 46032

All proposals received will be opened and the names of offerors read aloud as soon as possible after that time at a meeting open to the public in the Conference Room at the above noted address. No late proposals shall be accepted. A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for August 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the above location. Attendance is not mandatory but is recommended. The Township desires to engage an individual or firm deeply experienced in the design and construction of authentic Japanese Gardens and each offeror's relevant experience will be a significant factor in the selection process.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and three (3) references for customers receiving similar services from the offeror. All proposals must be valid for sixty (60) days from the proposal due date. It is anticipated that the Township will issue notice of award of a contract to the selected offeror no later than August 25, 2023.

Specifications for the Project are on file at CTI Construction, LLC, 1016 Third Avenue SW, Suite 200, Carmel IN 46032. Requests to receive specifications and any questions regarding the specifications can be directed to David Ford, P.E., President, CTI Construction, LLC, at dford@cticonstructionllc.com or (317)752-6656.

The Township reserves the right to waive any requirements or formalities in the RFP process, to select the proposal the Township determines, in its sole discretion, to be the most appropriate response to the Request for Proposals and/or to reject all proposals submitted. The Township reserves the right to investigate the qualifications and experience of each offeror and to negotiate additional or revised terms to those contained in any proposal in keeping with the requirement that all eligible offerors are accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. The Township may require an interview process for responsive, qualified and eligible offerors. Proposals not sufficiently detailed or submitted in an unacceptable form may be rejected by the Township. Except as otherwise required by Indiana law or under order from a court of jurisdiction, the Township may not disclose the content of proposals during discussions or negotiations with an eligible offeror to other eligible offerors  
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**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 5th day of September, 2023. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-0070-2023, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Beaver Gravel Corporation requests approval of a Variance of Use application pursuant to UDO § 8.B.2.B and Appendix C to allow sand, gravel, and mineral extraction on approximately 68 acres of the property located west of Cherry Tree Road and North of 161st Street (Parcel #10-10-11-00-00-002.002 and 10-10-02-00-00-024.003).

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, http://www.cityofnoblesville.org at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals  
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary  
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**BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF John Roe Drain NOTICE**

To Whom It May Concern and:

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the John Roe Drain on August 28, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the John Roe Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board  
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
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**Wearing a sunhat and sundress, 11-year-old Charlotte Brewer of Noblesville offers samples of her Sweet Charlotte's Mississippi Mustard and Very Berry Vinaigrette, served with croutons, and displayed on a yellow-checked tablecloth during Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market. "It was my grandmother's recipe (from Mississippi)," she said.**



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

**Gideon Brewer, 12, a seventh-grader who lives in Noblesville, shares about his fishing hobby as he shows off his custom painted fishing lures to customers during the Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market.**

Classical Academy in Fishers. What makes Vivian smile? "Horses," she said. "I just love horses, and I love riding them. And we want to get a horse of our own. So we're trying to make a lot of money so that in a couple of years we can have a horse."

Why pillowcases?" I knew how to make them," she said of the pillowcases, which she each took the time to read for the 60-90 minutes. "We're going to do the other Farmers Market (Kids Day on Sept. 16)."

Modeling a sunhat and sundress, 11-year-old Charlotte Brewer offered samples of her Sweet Charlotte's Mississippi Mustard and Very Berry Vinaigrette, served with croutons, and displayed on a yellow-checked tablecloth. "It was my grandmother's recipe (from Mississippi)," she said. "It doesn't have to be refrigerated," is among the selling points.

The daughter of Megan Brewer and Matt Brewer, Charlotte Brewer aid, "I'm earning money to go to a Lauren Daigo concert

with my mom."

What makes Charlotte smile? "When people say mmm. I love that so much."

Her brother, Gideon Brewer, 12, a seventh-grader, just a few yards away, talked about his fishing hobby as he showed off his custom painted fishing lures that he had for sale. "I like catching fish," he said.

He started painting lures about three years ago for himself. "Last year, I sold them," he said. "They all come clear and I airbrush them," said Gideon, who sells the lures for \$10 each.

The Brewer siblings both offered customers the choice of cash or electronic option with a Venmo QR code.

These kids were among dozens of young entrepreneurs who set up business between 8 a.m. and noon last Saturday.

*-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com*

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ment Manager for HSHC. "This grant will help us provide the necessary and sometimes emergency medical and dental care these dogs need. No one is more grateful or loving than an old dog, and we're looking forward to giving more senior dogs their best chance at a second chance."

Over the past 15 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$4.6 million in grants to support its vision of "a world

where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like The Humane Society for Hamilton County make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities," Grey Muzzle's Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. "Many senior dogs in Central Indiana are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of HSHC."

**Indiana Attorney General Seeks Info About Gender-Affirming Care With Subpoena-Like Demands**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office has issued at least three civil investigative demands to medical providers as he continues to seek out information regarding gender-affirming care practices across the state.

Eskenazi Health, Indiana University Health and Mosaic Health and Healing Arts are now asking a judge to quash the demands, although court proceedings are under seal.

The move by Rokita's office comes after just three medical providers responded to a March 6 request for details on care for transgender minors. He laid out more than a dozen questions, including requests for data on hormone treatments, surgeries and consent.

public records request for the latest civil investigative demands sent to medical providers.

But in the past, the office has declined to provide the demands and even tried during the legislative session to insert language making the demands confidential.

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The letters were sent to a medical practice, a university, four hospitals and Planned Parenthood's 11 Indiana locations. Eskenazi, IU Health and Planned Parenthood responded, though some with little detail. The others did not.

Spokespersons for IU Health and Eskenazi Health were unable to provide the Indiana Capital Chronicle with additional details because the matter is under seal.

Another spokesperson for the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, which is representing Mosaic in Goshen, also declined to give additional details, noting the private nature of the court proceedings.

What is a civil investigative demand?

Rokita's office has previously said civil investigative demands "act as subpoenas."

One provision in state law dictates that if the attorney general or the inspector general has reason to believe that a person has "documentary material or information relevant to an investigation involving a false claim," that state officials can issue a civil investigative demand before initiating a formal civil proceeding.

According to the law, such demands can require a person or entity to:

- produce the documentary material for inspection and copying.
- answer an interrogatory in writing concerning the documentary material or information.
- give oral testimony concerning the documentary material or information.

In a separate section in the Indiana Code specific to the attorney general, the office is granted authority to demand documentary material and written interrogatories given under oath, as long as there's reasonable cause to believe that a person has information that is relevant to an investigation of a statute enforced by the attorney general.

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# Facts & Fun



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Kosciusko

## Number

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## Stumpers

1. What percentage of people live in Warsaw?



2. How old is Kosciusko County?



3. How many live in the county, but not in Vincennes?



4. What is the population density of the county?



## %

Answers: 1. About 17 percent 2. 183 Years  
3. 63,799 People 4. 144/sq. mi.



## Did You Know?

- Kosciusko County was formed in 1836 and was named after the Polish general Tadeusz Kosciuszko who served in the American Revolutionary War and then returned to Poland
- The population in 2010 was 77,358 with 13,559 residing in the county seat, Warsaw
- Warsaw, named after the capital of Poland in tribute to Tadeusz Kosciuszko, platted on October 21, 1836. Warsaw's post office was established in 1837.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 554.39 sq mi square miles

## Got Words?

Located in the northern part of the state, Kosciusko County is close by to one of the largest cities in the state, Fort Wayne. How do you think this location might impact the people who live and work in Kosciusko County?

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## Word

## Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. KOSUICSOK

2. WWAASR

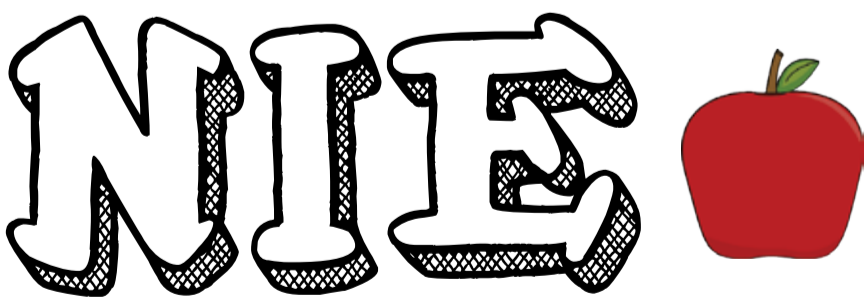
3. DLPOAN

4. NAERICMA

5. RYANIOUTLOSRE

Answers: 1. Kosciusko 2. Warsaw 3. Poland  
4. American 5. Revolutionary

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### Purdue University In Indianapolis Joins Stewart-Haas Racing For Verizon 200 At The Brickyard NASCAR Cup Series Race

Speeding toward the official launch of its first comprehensive urban campus in 2024, Purdue University is partnering with championship-winning NASCAR team Stewart-Haas Racing and driver Ryan Preece in the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard today to continue to introduce the new Purdue University in Indianapolis.

The iconic Boilermaker gold and black will adorn Preece's Ford Mustang, with Purdue University in Indianapolis serving as the No. 41 car's primary sponsor at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, one of the most prestigious annual stops on the NASCAR Cup Series calendar.

The partnership is a natural extension of Purdue's long-standing role with Indianapolis Motor Speedway – a more than centurylong relationship that began in 1919 with the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band's first performance at the Indianapolis 500.

The racing connection is a fitting one, as Purdue University boasts one of the country's most unique and innovative motorsports engineering curriculums, with Purdue University in Indianapolis having the only ABET-accredited undergraduate motorsports engineering program in the United States. Between the campuses in Indianapolis and West Lafayette, Purdue has propelled students and graduates to exciting motorsports careers at the highest levels of racing, including NASCAR, IndyCar and IMSA, as well as with manufacturers, most notably Dallara, a prominent racecar builder, and Cummins, a global power technology leader.

"Purdue University's persistent pursuit of innovation aligns well with the objectives of Stewart-Haas Racing, making



Photo courtesy of Stewart-Haas Racing

**Ryan Preece will drive the No. 41 Purdue University in Indianapolis machine during Sunday's Verizon 200 at The Brickyard at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

this weekend's partnership an ideal opportunity to showcase Purdue University in Indianapolis and the world-class engineering, computer science and technology degrees we will offer there from the start," said R. Ethan Braden, executive vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Purdue University and Purdue Global. "We look forward to serving as the primary sponsor and cheering on Ryan Preece as he goes full throttle this weekend at Indy. The iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway is just a few miles from the Purdue University in Indianapolis campus and multiple downtown locations, including our space at High Alpha in the burgeoning Bottletworks District, where we'll bring the full force of Purdue to our state's capital city."

Preece was hand-picked by NASCAR legend and Indiana native Tony Stewart to drive the No. 41 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing. Preece is a proven winner, with victories across multiple divisions, including the NASCAR

Truck Series and NASCAR Xfinity Series. In June at Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway, Preece won his first ARCA Menards Series race in dominating fashion, winning the pole and leading a race-high 50 laps en route to the victory.

"It's an honor to represent Purdue University in Indianapolis this weekend at the Brickyard," said Preece, who first made a name for himself on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, winning the championship in 2013. "Indy is filled with history and prestige, and competing there is truly special. To have the gold-and-black colors of the Boilermakers on my car just adds to that prestige, as I've come to understand Purdue's own history at Indianapolis.

"I'm impressed by the program Purdue University has for students looking to make a career in motorsports. Creative, hard-working people can thrive in racing. Knowledge is power, and the more you know, the better you are. To be able to showcase Purdue's comprehensive urban campus in Indianapolis makes me proud."

Purdue's partnership with Stewart-Haas Racing complements the university's existing motorsport portfolio, which includes the Superstar Racing Experience (SRX), a six-race series co-founded by Stewart in 2021. Purdue University in Indianapolis is the primary sponsor of the car shared by INDYCAR legends Tony Kanaan and Helio Castroneves. Preece recently joined SRX for the series' second race in July at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway, which serves as Preece's hometown track as he hails from Berlin, Connecticut.

Purdue University has achieved excellence at scale, with agriculture, graduate engineering and invention counts all among the top four in the United States and across major American research universities, as it ranks first in undergrad STEM enrollment. Now, with ambitious plans for its new Indianapolis campus, Purdue University in Indianapolis will create new knowledge and establish a strong pipeline of Boilermaker talent to the capital city and beyond.

### Indiana Farmland Prices Continue To Rise In 2023

Indiana farmland prices once again hit record highs in 2023, according to the recent Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rents Survey. Statewide, the average price of top-quality farmland averaged \$13,739 per acre, up 7.3% from June 2022. Average- and poor-quality farmland increased 5.8% and 0.7% to \$11,210 and \$8,689 per acre, respectively.

"While farmland prices reached a new peak in 2023, the appreciation rate from 2022 to 2023 was much lower than the record-high price growth observed between 2021 and 2022," said Todd H. Kuethe, the Schrader Endowed Chair in Farmland Economics and the survey's author. "Farm incomes and liquidity are playing a role in boosting price growth; however, rising interest rates continue to put downward pressure on purchases financed through mortgages."

Statewide, cash rents increased by a modest amount between 2022 and 2023, yet in nominal terms, all three quality grades are at an all-time high. Per-acre cash rental rates for top-, average- and poor-quality land exceeded the previous highs set in 2013, 2014 and 2021. Indiana per-acre cash rent for top-quality land increased by 1.99% to \$306. Cash rental rates for average- and poor-quality land increased by 2.09% and 2.50% to \$257 and \$212, respectively.

Kuethe says that it's important to note that these modest changes at the state level mask some of the larger variation across land qualities and regions. For example, cash rental rates grew by 32.8% to 47.2% in the Southeast region for top-, average- and poor-quality land, but cash rental rates

fell by 2.2% to 10.7% in the Southwest region. The highest cash rents, across all three quality grades, were observed in the West Central region. Across all regions and quality grades, rent as share of land value (the capitalization rate) held relatively steady between 2022 and 2023.

A divergence was also found in values for farmland transitioning out of agricultural production and those of farmland used for recreational purposes in 2023. Statewide, the per-acre value of farmland transitioning out of agricultural production increased by 4.1% between June 2022 and June 2023 to \$25,228. However, the value of recreational land declined by 10.4% to \$8,170 per acre.

For more in-depth analysis on the survey, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture has released a new Purdue AgCast episode. Listen as Purdue ag economists Todd Kuethe, James Mintert and Michael Langemeier discuss Indiana farmland values, cash rents and results from the 2023 Purdue Farmland Values and Cash Rents Survey. The two-part series is available for free at <https://purdue.ag/farmland-values>.

The Department of Agricultural Economics conducts the Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rents Survey each June and publishes it in the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report. The survey is produced through the cooperation of numerous professionals knowledgeable of Indiana's farmland market. These professionals provided an estimate of the market value for bare poor-, average- and top-quality farmland in December 2022 and June 2023 and a forecast value for December 2023.

### Indiana County Commissioners Present State Representative Chris May The County Commissioners Outstanding Advocate Award

The Indiana County Commissioners (ICC) are presenting State Representative Chris May, representing Indiana House District 65, the County Commissioners Outstanding Advocate Award.

"I'm honored to receive such an award, especially in recognition of my support for county commissioners across the state," said Representative May. "As a former county commissioner, I understand firsthand the significant role that commissioners play in county government. I was honored to chair the House Local Government

Committee this past session, and I will continue advocating and pushing policy that elevates local government."

The County Commissioners Outstanding Advocate Award honors leaders, like May, who have showcased their steadfast commitment to advancing the priorities of county executives across the state. The award recognizes a uniquely high degree of leadership in promoting the important role of local leaders within the state.

"It is a pleasure to present the County Commissioners Outstanding

Advocate Award to Representative May," says the ICC Executive Director, Stephanie Yager. "He is an excellent example of a dedicated advocate for local government, both as a current elected state official and former county commissioner."

In 2022, Representative May was appointed to serve as the Chair of the House Local Government Committee. Through his leadership on the Committee, he has proven himself a committed advocate for local governments across Indiana, making him a prime candidate for this award.

"Congratulations, Representative May, on this highly distinguished achievement in your career," says the ICC President and Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. "As the ICC President and a current county commissioner, I can attest to the hard work and continued success you have achieved thus far."

The ICC congratulates Representative May and will be announcing more awards to recognize achievements in local government advocacy throughout the month of August.

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