

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Nick Boland smile? "Flying," said the 63-year-old Noblesville resident. The president of the Noblesville Chapter No. 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association was found volunteering in the food-serving line at the chapter's June Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast at Noblesville Airport where aviation enthusiasts could see home-built, restored and military aircraft among the 70 small aircraft that flew in, flew out (above) and were on display during the event. He said more than 1,100 meals were served during the three-hour breakfast. On the following day, the chapter's Young Eagles program had 80 youth, ages 8-17, signed up to attend at the Airport, where all would have the opportunity to take a free airplane ride with local pilots, however, the event was canceled due to weather. EAA has a program called AeroEducate, designed for youth that helps educate youth through STEM activities, with aviation as the inspiration. Boland was born and raised in Illinois and came to Hamilton County nearly 30 years ago for work as a software engineer. Retired from his day job, he spends his time as a flight instructor at Sheridan Airport just north of Sheridan. He has a wife, Jeanette, of more than 25 years, and three children, a U.S. Army Apache helicopter pilot, a computer programmer and one in software quality for Epic Systems. He is part of the Commemorative Air Force and flew in a yellow PT-26 during the EAA fly-in. He also has a pink Sierra aircraft and is co-owner of an Aerona Champ. Why does he like to fly? "I always wanted to be an astronaut. My uncle was a Huey helicopter pilot in Vietnam when I was tiny, and I think that inspired me. It's unique, special." The next fly-in is 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, with the next Young Eagles Rally at noon Sunday at Noblesville Airport. Money raised at the fly-ins sends youth to the EAA Air Academy.

And Another Thing...

1. Brad Chambers for Indiana

Brad Chambers, who recently resigned his job as the Secretary of Commerce for Indiana, filed formal paperwork with the Indiana Secretary of State to establish his campaign committee for Governor of Indiana. This is the first step in the formal process of running for governor. "As Indiana's Secretary of Commerce, the last two years, I have witnessed firsthand how important leadership, vision, urgency and aspiration are to the future of Indiana," Chambers said. "I am running for governor because I want Hoosiers of today and Hoosiers of tomorrow to believe that Indiana offers an opportunity for an excellent life. I am ambitious in my vision for Indiana, and I look forward to talking with Hoosiers about the best way to continue making our state the envy of many."

2. Indiana State Fair Honors Governor Holcomb with Harvest Award

The Indiana State Fair surprised Gov. Eric Holcomb with the distinguished Harvest Award during the annual Harvest Dinner at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum this week. The Harvest Award is given annually at the Harvest Dinner to an individual, organization or company that has made a significant contribution to the growth of the great Indiana State Fair with a focus on agriculture, youth and education. The Indiana State Fair's annual Harvest Dinner honors the traditional harvest dinners bringing together family and friends for celebration and fellowship at the end of a long planting season. These important traditions are the culmination of months of hard work, commitment and stewardship. They are the very essence of what it means to be a farmer in Indiana.

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Noblesville Preservation Alliance presents "Best of 1930s and 1940s Comedy" featuring the live comedy of Abbott & Costello (portrayed by Tom Smith (left) and Malachi Bush in above photo), Burns & Allen, Jack Benny and Stan Freburg at 7 p.m. today, 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at Preservation Hall in Noblesville, with free admission, reservations at preservation-hall.org



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Aviation enthusiasts can see home-built, restored and military aircraft during the Noblesville Chapter 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. this Saturday at Noblesville Airport.

## See Actors Recreate Old Radio Shows, Among 15 Happenings This Weekend



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

I've been seeing the red posters around downtown Noblesville promoting the Noblesville Preservation Alliance "Best of 1930s and 1940s Comedy" show that's this Friday through Sunday at NPA's Preservation Hall.

The show features the comedy of Abbott & Costello, Burns & Allen, Jack Benny and Stan Freburg.

At first glance, I wondered if NPA would be showing old television or movie clips from comedians' appearances. But then I looked closer, and was fortunate to receive an invitation from my Westfield theater friend Tom Smith, who was sending out social media invites for folks to come see him perform live in the show.

Each performance -- at 7 p.m.

today, at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday -- presents five different acts featuring actors portraying these famous comedians.

"We are reenacting original radio shows from those comedians," Smith told me. He portrays Bud Abbott from the comedy duo Abbott & Costello, the most popular comedy team of the 1940s and 1950s.

"We will be in costume, and it will be as though you are looking at us putting on a radio show," said Smith, who'll perform at the Saturday and Sunday performances. Being that there are two actors assigned to every role, the actors won't be playing the same part at every performance. For instance, Josh Elicker, who is in the show with his wife, Melanie, will play Jack Benny on Sunday afternoon. "They are fantastic," Tom Smith said.

Dennis Smith, who is unrelated to Tom Smith, is the director and producer of the show. He's worked in radio for more than

## Welcoming New Families To Hamilton Heights



**DEREK ARROWOOD**  
Guest Column

I would like to welcome our new families to Hamilton Heights. We are excited to have you and share the many amenities and opportunities Heights has to offer. It won't

take you too long to feel as we do that Heights is a special place for all children.

We are also excited to welcome the newest educators to Hamilton Heights for the 2023-24 school year. They include:

- HHES: Tara Mueller (Music), Jenny Fleck (2nd Grade), Jenna Goodspeed (3rd Grade), Morgan Hogue (2nd Grade), Tori Holt (2nd Grade), Jenna MacNulty (3rd Grade), and Ainsley Wehrle (1st Grade).
- HHMS: Jill Howell (MS/HS Choir Teacher), Missy Kikta, (7/8th Grade Math Teacher), and Michelle Rose (5th Grade Math/Science).
- HHHS: Amy Adame (Special Education Teacher), Alicia Culbertson (Math Teacher), Jill Howell (MS/HS Choir Teacher), and Jay Matthews (Social Studies).

Garrison Brege and Coby Woodring are college students who are spending the year with us working in our buildings as teacher residents. This is in thanks to a grant through the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and in collaboration with our partners at Indiana University - Kokomo.

This group joins a passionate and talented team of outstanding educators and amazing support staff who create the foundation for your child's academic success during their journey at Hamilton Heights. Thank you for selecting Heights to start or continue your career.

I have a couple of shout outs to share. Mark Snelson and Billy Cox led the Marching Huskies Band to a strong showing at the Indiana State Fair Band Day Competition. They placed 20th out of the 37 bands completing in Class AA category. The Band won first in the percussion performance! Under the direction of HHMS Cheer Coach, Nikki Myrick, five Cheerleaders (Iliana Bowyer, Grace Reynolds, Kolby Weaver, Ashley Woodruff, and Rylee Worland) recently earned the title of All American Cheerleader from Universal Cheerleading Association. Congratulations!

Looking for Husky-themed spirit wear? The Husky Fan Shop, our high school student-run enterprise, has just what you need. Spirit wear and accessories from the Husky Fan Shop are available for sale at every home football and basketball game. The "Back-to-School" online special is underway and will run through Friday, August 25. A "Back-to-School" 10% discount will apply to any items ordered here and will be available for pick up/delivery in

## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:00 a.m.  
SET: 8:42 p.m.



High/Low  
Temperatures  
High: 78 °F  
Low: 57 °F



Today is...

- National Fujita Day
- National Bad Poetry Day
- National Kool-Aid



What Happened On This Day

• 1920 The State of Tennessee Passes the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. This action by the Tennessee legislature brought the number of states passing the 19th amendment to 36 and provided the necessary majority to ratify the amendment, which extended universal suffrage to women.

• 1877 Martian Moon Phobos is Discovered. One of the two natural satellites of Mars, Phobos, was discovered by American astronomer Asaph Hall. Hall also discovered Deimos, the other Martian Moon.

• 1612 The Pendle witch trials begin. 11 people - 9 women and 2 men - are tried for practicing witch craft in one of UK's most well documented and followed witch trials. The trial lasts for two days and 10 of the accused are found guilty and executed on August 20.

Births On This Day

- 1933 Roman Polanski French/Polish director, producer, writer, actor
- 1750 Antonio Salieri Italian composer

Deaths On This Day

- 1990 B. F. Skinner American psychologist, author
- 1227 Genghis Khan Emperor

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Good luck to all our local football teams, as well as the rest of the prep athletes this school year!



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without."  
-Confucius

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
August.  
August who.  
A gust of wind sure feels hot in Indiana in August!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When walking on a road, walk on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic. 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.



➔ OBITUARIES

None

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Letters

**Stop The Embarrassment!**

Dear Editor,  
It seems little ol' Fishers has gone from sleepy suburbia to national embarrassment in pretty short order (Hamilton East library board member targeted for removal (indystar.com) and then quickly backtracked on that action. The recently elected MAGA members to the HSE board wanted to remove a respected deputy prosecutor because he wouldn't join with the MAGA appointees of the HamCo County Council to censor / ban books on the HEPL board.  
This all started when the HamCo County Council appointed, behind some very dubious methods, controversial MAGA pastor Micah Beckwith. There was legitimate public concern he might go full "anti-woke" (Hamilton East library board: Pastor brings conservative perspective (indystar.com). He certainly has confirmed that fear and coupled with the second CC appointee, Tiffanie Divelton, the two of them are bringing shame to our community with their actions on the HEPL board. HamCo

school, library boards reexamine controversial book policies (indystar.com) Thankfully it appears cooler heads might prevail after a flurry of activity over this last weekend and the Noblesville School Board removed their appointee and replaced her with an actual educator.  
But the core problem remains. I am calling for the HamCo County council to admit they made a mistake (two actually) and rescind these two appointees from the HEPL board ASAP. I realize this would be an extremely unusual action but these two have caused extremely unusual harm to our community.  
Lastly, the County Council is not on the upcoming November ballot. However, there is a candidate on the upcoming ballot this November that is in the middle of regretful action, Tiffanie Ditlevson, for City Council At Large. If you are embarrassed by the recent actions of the HEPL, then she surely does not deserve to be elected to our city government.  
Bill Smythe  
Fishers

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# New Teams Added To Big Ten, Could Be Worse



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

The good news for Purdue and Indiana regarding the surprising addition of Oregon and Washington to the Big Ten Conference in 2024 is that it won't cost either school one dollar of its share of new TV money from Fox/NBC/CBS.

The Pac-12 refugees agreed to a reported half share of TV proceeds the first year and \$1 million increases over the following five years of the Big Ten's contract with the three networks. Media outlets have reported that Fox put up the extra money to persuade reluctant Big Ten schools into inviting the Ducks and Huskies.

The bad news was delivered by Urban Meyer, the national championship coach at Ohio State and Florida and now a Fox college football analyst.

Speaking during the Big Ten Network's special report on the addition of Oregon and Washington, Meyer didn't sugarcoat what this means to schools like Purdue and Indiana.

"The Big Ten championship game, it really is just a 1 vs. 2 without conference divisions," Meyer said. "That probably is what it should be. But you're talking about now a large number of teams that will never, ever even have a chance to play in that championship game."

"When you had the East and West, you knew you could compete on your side and somehow find a way. The West had multiple teams make it to the championship game. The East primarily had the Wolverines, Ohio State and Penn State. You start adding these teams ... if you're middle of the road or higher middle of the road team in the Big Ten your job just got much harder.

Washington, Oregon, USC and UCLA ... those are real teams coming into this league."

Looking at football only, since this has driven the expansion era that turned the Big Ten into the Big 18, and the SEC/Big 12 into 16-team leagues, here's a breakdown of the Big Ten's balance of power.

**First tier**  
Ohio State  
All-time record: 845-264-36  
National championships: 8 (1942, 1954, 1957, 1961, 1968, 1970, 2002, 2014)  
Big Ten championships: 40  
Heisman Trophy winners: 7 (Les Horvath, Vic Janowicz, Howard Cassady, Archie Griffin\*, Eddie George, Troy Smith)  
Purdue vs. the Buckeyes all-time: 15-41-2  
Indiana vs. the Buckeyes all-time: 12-79-5  
\*Griffin won in 1974 and 1975

**Michigan**  
All-time record: 963-345-35  
National championships: 9 (1901-04, 1918, 1923, 1933, 1948, 1997)  
Big Ten championships: 43  
Heisman Trophy winners: 3 (Tom Harmon, Desmond Howard, Charles Woodson)  
Purdue vs. the Wolverines all-time: 14-46  
Indiana vs. the Wolverines all-time: 10-61

**Penn State**  
All-time record: 898-398-37  
National championships: 4 (1911, 1912, 1982, 1986)  
Big Ten championships: 4 (joined league in 1993)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 1 (John Cappelletti)  
Purdue vs. the Nittany

Lions all-time: 3-16-1  
Indiana vs. the Nittany Lions all-time: 2-24

**USC**  
All-time record: 783-322-40  
National championships: 9 (1931, 1932, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1974, 1978, 2003, 2004)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 7 (Mike Garrett, O.J. Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen, Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart, Caleb Williams)  
Purdue vs. the Trojans all-time: 1-3  
Indiana vs. the Trojans all-time: 0-4  
Second tier  
Wisconsin  
All-time record: 731-506-52  
National championships: 0  
Big Ten championships: 14  
Heisman Trophy winners: 2 (Alan Ameche, Ron Dayne)  
Purdue vs. the Badgers all-time: 29-52-8  
Indiana vs. the Badgers all-time: 19-41-2

**Iowa**  
All-time record: 653-544-34  
National championships: 1 (1958)  
Big Ten championships: 12  
Heisman Trophy winners: 1 (Nile Kinnick)  
Purdue vs. the Hawkeyes all-time: 50-40-3  
Indiana vs. the Hawkeyes all-time: 28-46-4

**Michigan State**  
All-time record: 603-397-30  
National championships: 3 (1952, 1965, 1966)  
Big Ten championships: 9 (joined in 1953)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. the Spartans all-time: 29-36-3  
Indiana vs. the Spartans all-time: 16-50-2

**UCLA**  
All-time record: 607-404-31

National championships: 1 (1954)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 1 (Gary Beban)  
Purdue vs. the Bruins all-time: 0-3-2  
Indiana vs. the Bruins all-time: 0-0

**Oregon**  
All-time record: 615-467-34  
National championships: 0  
Heisman Trophy winners: 1 (Marcus Mariota)  
Purdue vs. the Ducks all-time: 1-2  
Indiana vs. the Ducks all-time: 0-2

**Washington**  
All-time record: 655-437-32  
National championships: 1 (1991)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. the Huskies all-time: 2-7-1  
Indiana vs. the Huskies all-time: 5-1  
Third tier

**Nebraska**  
All-time record: 877-392-38  
National championships: 5 (1970-71, 1994-95, 1997)  
Big Ten championships: (joined in 2011): 0  
Heisman Trophy winners: 3 (Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier, Eric Crouch)  
Purdue vs. the Cornhuskers all-time: 6-5  
Indiana vs. the Cornhuskers all-time: 10-9-3

**Illinois**  
All-time record: 617-617-49  
National championships: 2 (1923, 1927)  
Big Ten championships: 15  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. the Fighting Illini all-time: 47-45-6  
Indiana vs. the Fighting Illini all-time: 26-45-2

**Minnesota**  
All-time record: 711-527-42  
National

championships: 6 (1934-36, 1940-41, 1960)  
Big Ten championships: 18  
Heisman Trophy winners: 1 (Bruce Smith)  
Purdue vs. the Gophers all-time: 34-41-3  
Indiana vs. the Gophers all-time: 26-40-3

**Purdue**  
All-time record: 626-585-48  
National championships: 0  
Big Ten championships: 8  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. Indiana all-time: 76-42-6  
Purdue vs. Indiana (Old Oaken Bucket games): 62-32-3

**Maryland**  
All-time record: 577-529-30  
National championships: 1 (1953)  
Big Ten championships: 0 (joined in 2014)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. the Terrapins all-time: 2-2  
Indiana vs. the Terrapins all-time: 7-4

**Indiana**  
All-time record: 479-681-38  
National championships: 0  
Big Ten championships: 2  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Fourth tier

**Rutgers**  
All-time record: 492-510-22  
National championships: 0  
Big Ten championships: 0 (joined in 2014)  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. the Scarlet Knights: 0-2  
Indiana vs. the Scarlet Knights: 5-4

**Northwestern**  
All-time record: 550-689-40  
National championships: 0  
Big Ten

championships: 8  
Heisman Trophy winners: 0  
Purdue vs. the Wildcats: 53-33-1  
Indiana vs. the Wildcats: 35-47-1  
A couple of things about this ranking. Each tier is in no particular order and is more of a "class" system among the Big Ten members.

Nebraska was a very tough call. If I was writing this in the mid-1990s, the Cornhuskers would be in the first tier with Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State and USC.

But these aren't the Bob Devaney-Tom Osborne Cornhuskers. Misguided firings of Frank Solich (because Nebraska was "slipping into mediocrity" following a 9-3 season in 2003) and Bo Pelini ("we weren't good enough in the games that mattered" despite a 67-27 record) set this program back. Sometimes, "the next level" can be downward.

Minnesota also has a resume that indicates it belongs on par with bitter rivals Wisconsin and Iowa. However, those six national championships were earned before I was born and only one Big Ten title in my lifetime.

As for scheduling Oregon and Wisconsin in 2024? The easiest path would be to keep the Flex Protect Plus model in place and add a 10th conference game for 2024-2025.

Expect opposition to this from Ohio State and Michigan, citing it would be a disadvantage in College Football Playoff rankings against the eight-game SEC schedule that allows Alabama to play a patsy like Chattanooga in November.

*- 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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# Finding Lost Friends!



**DICK WOLFISIE**  
Funny Bone

It's very difficult to find friends nowadays. I don't mean make friends, that's easy. I mean find them. Like, where the heck are

they?

When I was a teenager living just outside of New York City and I wanted to meet a buddy at Grand Central Station, I simply said "See you under the clock at noon." This was where everyone met. On some days several hundred people were crammed under the iconic timepiece looking for friends, lovers and drug dealers.

There was never any question about what you meant by "The clock." If you did ask which clock, there was a good chance you'd be accused of being an alien from another planet. It was like saying, "Now, which Empire State Building do you mean?"

But things are not so easy nowadays.

I was meeting my friend Bob for coffee the other day at one of my favorite places for breakfast, Le Peep. I told Bob to be there at 9:00 am sharp because I had a doctor's appointment at 10:30. It was 9:15. Where was he? He'd never been late before. When I told the waitress that I was waiting for a friend, she suggested he might have gone to a different Le Peep by mistake.

"Does that happen often?" I asked.  
"Oh yes. Every day. You see, here in Indy we now have several Le Peep."

"I told him to meet me at the Le Peep just off 82nd Street."

"Well, we have a few that are just off 82nd Street. How about an omelet while you wait?"

"Could you call and see if he went to a different Le Peep?" I asked. He's not answering his cell phone."

"Which Le Peep should I call?" she asked. "Which one did he go to?"

"Well, if I knew that I wouldn't be here now."

I tried his cell again... "Hello, this is Bob."

"It's Dick, where are you?"

"I'm at Le Peep. Where are you?"

"I'm at Le Peep, also," I told him.

"I don't see you."

"I'm at the Le Peep next to Kohl's."

"Which Kohl's," he asked. "The one next to the Walmart or the one next to Kroger?"

"The one next to Kroger."

"The Kroger near The Monon or the Kroger near CVS?"

"The Kroger near CVS."

"The CVS across from McDonald's or the one next to Dairy Queen?"

We finally determined his location...

"Bob, I'm running late but I'll come to the Le Peep where you are. I'll have to hurry so I can still make my appointment."

"Should I order for you?"

"No. I'm bringing an omelet with me."

By the way, in this column I am trying to make a very serious point about the importance of accurate and precise communication. Be exact, leave no room for doubt and you will avoid any confusion. I would be happy to explain this to you in person. Let's meet at Starbucks tomorrow at 9:00 am. Don't be late.

*- Dick Wolfisie 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 Wolfisie@aol.com.*

## BETSY From Page A1

40 years and moved here from Lexington, Ky., area in 2021 to be near his children.

"In Kentucky, I was part of a group that staged old radio shows just like we're doing here," he said.

When he and his wife, Sandra, moved to Noblesville, their daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Tim Parker, encouraged him to join the NPA board, which he did.

"Knowing we need ways to raise funds to further the work of NPA, I suggested we do some old-time radio shows. The first one was this past October, when we did 'War of the Worlds.' For this production, we've been blessed with a great group of talented people. We plan to do more shows in the future, including a Christmas show," he said.

Included in the show are Abbott & Costello's "Who's on First" and "Abbott & Costello go Lion Hunting." One of Jack Benny's most memorable gags was known as "Your Money or Your Life," one of radio history's funniest moments, Dennis Smith said, and will be featured.

The show also pays homage to George Burns and Gracie Allen with "Gracie runs for President." One of Stan Freburg's best skits, "Saint George and the Dragon Net," will also be featured, poking fun at the former radio and TV show, "Dragnet."

The cast features more than a dozen actors and actresses, including Chuck Kelly, Malachi Bush, Curtis Bittle, Renee Lopez, Deana Ro Mickels, Tom Smith, Tim Parker, Josh Elicker, Melanie Elicker, Enoch Gamoion, Jaclyn Owens, David Shetterly, Fred Margison and Dennis Smith.

Sandy Stewart, NPA board member, said, "Dennis is an experienced and meticulous producer and director, so guests can expect a rollicking good time."

While admission is free, reservations are required at preservationhall.org. Donations are also accepted.

Also, this weekend, in other events in and around Noblesville, get your tickets for the Marshall Tucker Band at Conner Prairie and Noblesville Rotary Club's BrewBQ at Federal Hill Commons, attend Noblesville Chapter 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in at Noblesville Airport and the Red Geranium Artisan Market at the Presbyterian Church in Noblesville, and also Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's free Summer Band Concert featuring the Horizons Band at Federal Hill. Read all of the details for events in and around Noblesville with our list of 15 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Preservation Alliance presents "Best of 1930s and 1940s Comedy" featuring the live comedy of Abbott & Costello, Burns & Allen, Jack Benny and Stan Freburg at 7 p.m. today, 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at Preservation Hall in Noblesville, with free admission, reservations at preservationhall.org

2. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with The Juan Douglas Trio tonight and Jennifer Mlott on Saturday night at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com

3. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and pack a picnic for Conner Prairie's Symphony on the Prairie, which continues every weekend through the summer. This weekend features Marshall Tucker Band, tonight; Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Show, Saturday; One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works, Aug. 25-26, with tickets at indianapolis-symphony.org. Earlier in the day, 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.

4. The Indiana State Fair continues through Sunday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds with The Last Blast Open Car Show beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and Sheep to Shawl contest 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the Home

& Family Arts building. Youth Talent Contest is at noon Sunday. For a complete schedule, visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com)

5. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Improv Weekend with Old Saints and special guests Sohile Ali at 8 p.m. today and Wille Bostic on Saturday on Maple Avenue in downtown Noblesville.

6. Shop 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Noblesville Farmers Market 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. Aviation enthusiasts can see home-built, restored and military aircraft during the Noblesville Chapter 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. this Saturday at Noblesville Airport, with a Young Eagles Day at noon Sunday. Admission is free to the fly-in. The pancake breakfast is \$8, \$5 for ages 10 and younger.

8. Shop at the eighth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville, featuring 50 unique, one-of-a-kind juried booths indoors and outdoors, plus free admission and parking, live music, bake sale, food trucks, pet friendly to benefit local, state and international mission projects supported by the church.

9. Noblesville Rotary Club's BrewBQ is 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with good BBQ, adult beverages and music, with proceeds to go to supporting local students who attend Ivy Tech Noblesville Campus with scholarship funds. A BBQ tasting contest allows attendees an opportunity to taste some of the best BBQ around. Breweries include: Primeval Brewing, Bier Brewery, Upland Brewery, Chapmans Brewing, with wine provided by Spencer Farms Winery. Tickets are \$55 for food and drink in advance, \$65 at the gate, if still available, with designated driver \$40 and \$50.

10. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles car club invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

11. Grab a float and watch a flick during Movie Nights at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2023 Flix and Floats evenings on the giant LED video board, with the next movie at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, "Remember the Titans," Rated PG; and 7:15 p.m. Sept. 4, "Back to the Future," Rated PG, admission charged, but free to members, visit [forestparkaquaticcenter.com](http://forestparkaquaticcenter.com). Pool is open through Labor Day with \$8 daily admission.

12. Enjoy live music featuring Sam King on Saturday and Sept. 2, Tay Brons on Aug. 25, Donny Coyle on Aug. 26, Oktoberfest on Sept. 8-9, Jason Salyers on Sept. 15, Celtic Rain on Sept. 22 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

13. Enjoy live music featuring Disagreeable on Saturday, Jeff Brown on Aug. 26, Dead Squirrels on Sept. 2, Craig Thurston on Sept. 7, John Gilmore on Sept. 9, at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

14. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's free Summer Band Concerts at 6:30 p.m. Sunday with New Horizons Band and Aug. 27 with Indianapolis Municipal band at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

15. Grab your lawn chairs and get ready for the Noblesville Porchfest happening 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 with 20 bands, 12 porches, plus beer and food, on Logan Street in Old Town Noblesville.

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## Grants Up To \$100K Available From IDEM's Community Recycling Grant Program

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management recently announced the availability of grant funding for recycling and household hazardous waste collection and disposal from the agency's Community Recycling Grant Program.

Indiana counties, municipalities, solid waste management districts, universities, schools, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to submit a Community Recycling Grant application requesting \$1,000 to \$100,000 in funding.

The CRGP is accepting applications from Aug. 21, 2023 - Sept. 29, 2023.

Eligible projects should focus on education and promotion of recycling, processing of recyclable materials, waste reduction

or HHW and organics management (including yard waste management and composting).

The Community Recycling Grant Program is funded through IDEM's Solid Waste Management Fund. Grant funding is intended to create successful, cost-effective, and sustainable programs. Applicants must demonstrate a direct or indirect increase in waste diverted from landfills as a result of the project.

To apply, visit IDEM's website at [idem.IN.gov/recycle/2543.htm](http://idem.IN.gov/recycle/2543.htm). For additional information, contact

800-451-6027 or [crgp@idem.IN.gov](mailto:crgp@idem.IN.gov).

Final funding determinations will be made in late-December 2023.

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### Gov. Holcomb Recognizes Hoosier Entrepreneurs And Businesses For Longevity, Impact

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today awarded 38 Indiana companies and organizations with the Governor's Century or Half-Century Business Award in recognition of each company's longevity and service to its employees, community and the state.

"Every year, the Century and Half-Century Awards remind me of the dedication and perseverance Hoosiers across the state bring to their businesses, and each year it is truly an honor to recognize these organizations that have withstood the test of time, navigated economic uncertainties and demonstrated unconditional commitment to their employees and communities across Indiana."

The Governor's Century and Half-Century Business Awards honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for a minimum of 100 or 50 consecutive years and have demonstrated a commitment to community service. More than 1,200 Indiana companies have been recognized during the award's 32-year history.

2023 Century Award honorees:

- Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory (Funeral Services)
- 128 years; Morgan County
- F.A. Wilhelm Construction Company (Construction)
- 100 years; Marion County
- Feichter REALTORS® (Real Estate)
- 140 years; Allen County
- Frain Mortuary Inc. (Funeral Services)
- 156 years; Pulaski County
- Fratco Inc. (Manufacturing)
- 100 years; White County
- George C Rogge Agency Inc. (Automotive Insurance)
- 100 years; Lake County
- Goshen Stamping LLC (Metal Stamping)
- 100 years; Elkhart County
- Phend and Brown Inc. (Construction)
- 101 years; Kosciusko County
- Shipshewana Trading Place Auction & Flea Market (Flea Market)
- 101 years; LaGrange County
- Shurr Insurance Agency

- (Insurance)
- 100 years; Porter County
- Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M. (Working Lodge)
- 204 years; Vigo County
- The North Salem State Bank (Financial Services)
- 100 years; Hendricks County
- Tonn and Blank Construction LLC (Construction)
- 101 years; LaPorte County
- Woodard, Emhardt, Henry, Reeves and Wagner LLP (Legal Services)
- 144 years; Marion County
- 2023 Half-Century Award honorees:
- Alcohol & Addictions Resource Center (Rehabilitation Services)
- 61 years; St. Joseph County
- Alliance Architects (Architecture)
- 51 years; St. Joseph County
- Burt's Termite & Pest Control Inc. (Exterminating & Pest Control)
- 50 years; Bartholomew County
- Clunette Elevator Co. Inc. (Agricultural)
- 72 years; Kosciusko County
- Crisis Center Inc. (Individual & Family Services)
- 52 years; Lake County
- Crown Point Swim Club Inc. (Athletics)
- 55 years; Lake County
- Don Ayres Honda (Automotive Industry)
- 53 years; Allen County
- Eastern Engineering Supply Inc. (Business Products & Services)
- 51 years; Delaware County
- Foegley Landscape (Landscape Services)
- 64 years; St. Joseph County
- FPBH Inc. (Engineering Services)
- 51 years; Jennings County
- Haggard & Stocking Associates (Industrial cutting tools & supplies)
- 51 years; Marion County
- Holiday Liquors Inc. (Liquor Store)
- 58 years; Dubois County
- KJMD Enterprises/Alig Shell (Retail Trade Services)
- 85 years; Dearborn County
- Kropf Industries Inc. (Travel Trailer & Camper Manufacturing)

- 77 years; Elkhart County
  - Kwiatkowski Masonry Inc. (Masonry Contracting)
  - 77 years; Lake County
  - Louie's Tux Shop (Formal Wear)
  - 75 years; St. Joseph County
  - Professional Eyecare Associates (Optometrists)
  - 50 years; Dubois County
  - Singer Optical Co. Inc. (Ophthalmic Goods Manufacturing)
  - 75 years; Vanderburgh County
  - S&H Metal Products Inc. (Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing)
  - 51 years; LaGrange County
  - Tackle Service Center (Sporting Goods)
  - 51 years; Morgan County
  - Top Quality Building Products Inc. (Building Material & Supplies Dealer)
  - 55 years; Dearborn County
  - Trent Auto Sales Inc. (Automotive Industry)
  - 58 years; Knox County
  - Utterback Supply Inc. (Fasteners)
  - 56 years; Marion County
  - Warsaw Chemical Holdings (Chemical Product Wholesaling)
  - 82 years; Kosciusko County
  - At today's award ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse, Gov. Holcomb also recognized a number of recipients from 2020, 2021 and 2022, celebrating each business or organization's longevity, resilience and contributions to Indiana's economy and communities.
- About IEDC**  
The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) leads the state of Indiana's economic development efforts, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit [iedc.in.gov](http://iedc.in.gov).

### Boiler Business Exchange Announces 'An Evening With Mitch Daniels,' Hall Of Fame Inductees

The Boiler Business Exchange of Indianapolis Inc., in partnership with the Purdue for Life Foundation, will present "An Evening With Mitch Daniels" on Sept. 7 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana. Proceeds will benefit Purdue Polytechnic High Schools, which prepare students to succeed in technical, STEM-related postsecondary programs and high-tech careers.

Individual tickets are \$200 and can be purchased online. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and special programming, including a keynote address by Daniels, Purdue president emeritus who led the university from 2013-22.

Formed in 2013, the Boiler Business Exchange helps raise Purdue's profile in Indianapolis while keeping its members engaged with the university. The group's Hall of Fame induction ceremony and the presentation of the Father Phil Bowers Award will take place during the dinner.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include:

- Norm Blake (LA '65, M LA '66, HDR M '95), a former CEO who turned around three Fortune 500 companies in different industries and ran the U.S. Olympic Committee. Blake began his career at General Electric, where he served as executive vice president in charge of operations of GE Capital. Cited by Fortune and BusinessWeek magazines for his leadership, he has served

on the boards of several major corporations.

- Mark DeFabis (A '77), CEO of Integrated Distribution Services. DeFabis earned his law degree before becoming president of Trans-City Terminal Warehouse, chief operating officer of Logisco and president of Paradym Technical Enterprises Inc. A leader in the Midwest logistics field, he serves on the board of Conexus Indiana, which develops and grows the state's advanced manufacturing and logistics industries.

- Tom Morales (CE '75), co-founder and chairman of Morales Group, a talent-sourcing agency that bridges resources and opportunities to the Hispanic community. Since its founding, the company has placed more than 175,000 workers across multiple locations in the Midwest and has been consistently cited by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce as one of the state's best places to work. In 2020 Morales handed the company's reins to his son, Seth, while he continues to serve on several Indianapolis-area community boards.

The recipient of the Father Phil Award — named in honor of the late Phil Bowers, a beloved priest of more than five decades — will be announced during the evening's program. The award recognizes the heart and dedication of public servants in the nonprofit sector who work to improve the quality of life in Indiana.

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## Ask Rusty – Why is Social Security Withholding My Monthly Payments?

**Dear Rusty:** I have been working since I started collecting Social Security when I turned 62. Last year I was apparently overpaid because of my job. I made \$37,000 and now the Social Security Administration says I owe them \$8,800 dollars because I made too much, and they have withheld my \$2000 monthly SS payment. I am close to the maximum allowable again already this year. So, I am looking at quitting my job so I don't go over, but they are holding my payments so then I would have no money. Any help would be appreciated. *Signed: Frustrated by Social Security*

**Dear Frustrated:** You are being affected by Social Security's "earn-

ings test" which applies to everyone who collects early Social Security and also works before reaching their full retirement age (FRA). If your earned income exceeds the annual limit (which was \$19,560 for 2022), Social Security will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you earned \$37,000 in 2022 you were more than \$17,000 over the limit and owe half of that back to Social Security. They usually recover what you owe by withholding your future benefit payments, so they won't pay you benefits until they have recovered that \$8,800, after which your benefits will resume - but only for a while.

If you are working full time and also collecting early Social Security benefits, the earnings



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

test lasts until you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 8 months. The earnings limit goes up a bit each year - for 2023 it is \$21,240 - but if you continue to work full time, you'll receive another overpayment notice and have more benefits withheld. A better approach might be to contact Social Security in advance and tell them what your 2023

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

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earnings are expected to be, thus permitting them to suspend your benefits in advance and avoid overpaying you. I'm afraid there is no way around this - collecting early benefits while working full time means the "earnings test" will affect your benefit payments.

The "good news" in all of this is that when you reach your full retirement age, you will

get time-credit for all months your benefits were withheld. By that I mean they will, at your FRA, recalculate your benefit entitlement as though you had claimed later (later by the number of months you had benefits withheld), which will result in a higher monthly payment after your FRA. In that way, you may eventually recover some or all of the benefits withheld by

receiving a higher monthly amount for the rest of your life, starting at your full retirement age.

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or at your local office) and tell them you want to provide them with an estimate of your 2023 earnings because you are working and collecting early Social Security benefits. They will work with you to suspend your benefits for an appropriate number of (additional) months to avoid another overpayment situation. Note, you'll likely need to do this each year you continue to work full time, until the year you reach your full retirement age when the earnings limit more than doubles. The earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

## Butch Asks, "Who Are The Real Heroes?"



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Most youngsters can list people who they consider as their "heroes"...actors, singers, sports stars, and other celebrities... along with their parents and grandparents... people they look up to and admire. When I was growing up in the 1950s, I had several heroes... major league baseball players like Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews, TV characters such as Wyatt Earp, the Lone Ranger, and Superman. Of course, I loved Elvis and I had a crush on Liz Taylor. Then in the 1960s, I admired President Kennedy, and I thought the Beatles were the greatest. I watched astronaut Neil Armstrong land on the moon, and later saw him in person at Purdue. And of course, my Dad and Mom, along with my grandparents, topped the list.

But through the years I came to realize that there is a difference between a real hero and a person who is just a celebrity, a make-believe character, or an idol. So what is a true hero?

In my opinion a true hero is someone who knowingly and voluntarily does something good for the betterment of society or their family... who does not seek praise or financial rewards for their achievements...who makes a positive impact and contributes something beneficial to our everyday lives...who rises up in times of need or under difficult circumstances or in dangerous situations... and embodies the highest level of human behavior.

A rock singer is not a hero. A sports star is not a hero. Actors and actresses are not heroes. Politicians are not heroes. Wealthy businessmen are not heroes. These are people you might admire, but they should not automatically be considered as heroes. Many people consider people in uniform, like soldiers, firefighters, and police officers, to be heroes. In a way they are because these are noble and dangerous professions, but it takes more than a uniform or a title to be a real hero. What a person does and how they act after they put on the uniform is what counts. The 403 firemen and police officers who lost their lives on September 11, 2001...trying to save lives by rushing into the burning buildings...were certainly real heroes.

Many heroes are just everyday people in our lives who make a difference...the teacher who voluntarily stays after school to help a student...the doctor who performs his services for free to a needy family...the businessman who sells his product at cost, or even gives it away for free, to those in need...the mother who gives up her high-paying job to raise her children...the father who turns down his "dream job," located in a large city, so that his kids can stay in the smalltown community that they love...the brave soldier who risks his life to save a fellow soldier...a homeless person who struggles to have enough to eat, but shares what he has with a starving dog...parents who raise their handicapped child without complaining...the youngster who helps his elderly neighbor and requests no compensation...the Sunday school teachers who devote hours and hours of their free time to guide children on the straight and narrow...The police

officer or fireman who endangers his life to prevent a tragedy...These people are true heroes. And there are many more examples who you can name who made a positive difference in your life or the lives of others.

My parents were not famous. They were not wealthy. They won no awards. They received no honors, no trophies, no commendations. But they were heroes to me because they cared about me and my siblings. They sacrificed their time and their ambitions to raise us and provide for us. I consider many of my former teachers to be heroes because they loved their jobs and they truly cared about me as an individual. Many of the police officers who I worked with through the years, including two of my boys... Neil and Brett, who also serve the public as police officers, are my heroes. My son Clark, who joined the army after 9-11 and fought in Iraq, many times under enemy fire, is my hero. My daughter Shelle, a dedicated teacher who truly cares about her students, is my hero. And my wife Connie, who is a great wife, mother, and grandmother, and has served the public as a teacher's aide and jail matron, is my hero.

True heroes are the kind of people who help all of us realize that money, big houses, high-paying jobs, awards, praise, acclaim, and political power...are not the most important things in life. And a true hero can show everyone that what is important is what is inside each individual...and that anyone can become a true hero, too.

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

## Change You Community For The Better



**RANDALL FRANKS**  
Southern Style Columnist

Across our country we are coming to the time when cities will host elections for the council members and mayors.

Often, as Americans, we look towards the big races taking folks to Washington or the state capitols around the country but we forget about those positions that are closest to us. We forget those that really have the greatest impact on our daily lives - those who run our cities, counties and school systems.

They collect and spend money that we actually see as we drive down our streets or walk along our sidewalks. When we turn on our faucets or flush our toilets, they are often responsible for delivering those services.

They hire the men who dig in the ground and install the pipes and make sure they keep flowing.

They hire the folks who run the water and waste water treatment plants.

The trash trucks which roll by our houses, they often buy them and em-

ploy those working to use them.

The police, fire and ambulances that respond to our emergency calls, they are the ones that spend our money to buy them, employ and train those coming to help.

The school buses, the teachers, the principals, the schools, the football and baseball fields, they are the ones that buy or build them for us and decide about what our children are taught and do in those places.

They build the parks and recreation facilities with our money and then decide whether to charge us to use them.

In odd years, we are mainly dealing with city officials, but they sometimes run the schools in their communities.

Ultimately, the men or women that you choose to run your city or your town control millions of dollars. They decide whether they will tax you more or charge you more for services. They decide how the money is spent. Are they spending it on things you need or pet projects to feather their credits for a higher elected goals?

Friends, I urge you to wake up and pay attention to who you are electing to run your lives. They are not always what they appear to be or what they say they are.

If you are not pleased with the ways things are going in your town. Step

up and run for an office. At least attend your council meetings and share your opinions on the topics that are important to you.

If we do not make the effort to create the communities we want to live in, then we and our families will be the worse for it.

Please pay attention to your city and town council elections. Just because someone has been in office doesn't mean they are the best person for the job. There are many who serve just because no one else better is willing to run and endure the slings and arrows of public life.

I have been there. I have served as an elected council member. You can too, that is, if you want to improve where you call home.

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