

**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.



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What makes Jude Hensley smile? "Driving in the Pedal Tractor Pull," said the 7-year-old, a second-grader and the son of Matt and Brittney Hensley. He was found competing in the Hamilton County 4-H Fair's Youth Pedal Tractor Pull for the 6-7 age division and showing off his blue ribbon. He got to drive the tractor twice. What was easy or difficult? "The weights." It was his first time in the contest. Favorite activity at the Fair? "The dunk tank" by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department booth. Favorite food at the Fair? "Walking tacos." Online Edition subscribers! Be sure to check inside The Times last Saturday or Tuesday or Wednesday of this week for our tribute to the 4-H'ers and the wonderful Hamilton County Fair. The Times published complete results and photos looking back and memorializing the hard work the 4-H'ers did. If you are not an Online Edition subscriber, be sure to sign up. That way you won't miss any of the great content that we don't have room to fit into the Print Edition! You can subscribe by going to [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com)

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Score your tickets to see Snarky Puppy**

Have you scored your tickets to see Snarky Puppy at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater yet? Gates open at 7 p.m. for their 8 p.m. all ages show on Friday, September 8th at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater and we've got tickets on sale for as low as \$20! Snarky Puppy is a collective of sorts with as many as 20 members in regular rotation. At its core, the band represents the convergence of both black and white American music culture with various accents from around the world.

**2. September 1 & 2:**

**Fishers Blues Fest 2023**

Next up on the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater concert schedule is the 11th annual Fishers Blues Fest 2023. This beloved two-day music festival will take place on Friday, September 1, and Saturday, September 2 from 5 to 10 p.m. each night. Both nights of Blues Fest are free, and no tickets are required for entry. Chairs, blankets, and coolers welcome. NO outside alcohol. Food and beverages vendors will be on site to purchase from. Check out this year's line featuring Jackie Venson on night 1 (Friday) and Cedric Burnside to close-out the festival on night 2 (Saturday)!

**3. Break out your rave gear and GLOW with us at 21+ night!**

GLOW with Fishers Parks and 315v Street Dance Academy at Glow in the Park: 21+ Night, presented by Centier Bank, on Friday, September 22 from 8 to 10 p.m.! Experience the neon rave vibes with Live DJs, neon splash zones, food trucks, and complimentary slipmint commemorative cup for a discounted brew with Mascraft brewing. Book the sitter, and re-unite with friends for this annual spectacle in downtown Fishers. Pre-registration is required. Check out our GLOW page for all the details and Pro-tips!

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## Noblesville Lions Challenged By Lion 25-D District Governor

On Wednesday, Aug 23rd, Lion 25D District Governor Julia Kozicki spoke to the club with her challenges for the coming year. Lion Julia is also a Noblesville Club member.

Lion Julia presented the following list of challenges for the local club and district. And, with a wink, she challenged the club to increase the numbers below!

**Service:** By the end of Lion year 2023-24 perform an environmental service by each club. Also to submit a photo of project for photo contest.

**Membership:** Increase 25-D club memberships with 2 new clubs and 10% gain in membership.

**Leadership:** Increase amount of district Zone Chairs by 75% and club Officers by 25% that attend officer training.

**Lions Club International Foundation:** District individual donations to increase by 5%.

Club participation to also increase by 5%. Three clubs with 100% participation.

**Women & Family Membership:** Increase the amount of women in district clubs by 5%.

**Vision Screening:** District to host 2 vision screening trainings for the district.

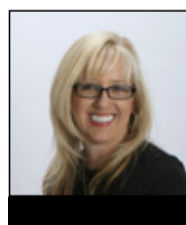


Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions  
Lion Julia Kozicki being thanked by Lion President Walt Scheid



The Times photo by Betsy Reason  
Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature tribute bands, 7-10 p.m. Saturdays. This Saturday's it's Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute),

## PorchFest, GreekFest, Car Shows, Among 25 Events Happening This Weekend



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

GreekFest, Comedy in Carmel, Westfield Aviation Day, CruiseIndy Car Show and PorchFest in Old Town Noblesville.

These are among the events in and around Noblesville this weekend.

Get your tickets for a Night of Queen at Conner Prairie or attend a free Bruno Mars tribute band concert at Federal Hill Commons, and also Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's free Summer Band Concert featuring the Indianapolis Municipal

Band at Federal Hill Commons. Read all of the details for events in and around Noblesville with our list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Attend GreekFest 2023 in its 50th year of what is one of central Indiana's oldest and largest free ethnic festivals, hosted by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Carmel and known for authentic Greek cuisine, wines and fresh pastries, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

2. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Bomar and Ritter (contemporary folk/rock) at 6:30 p.m. today, David and Pamela Ackerman at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Spencer Farm

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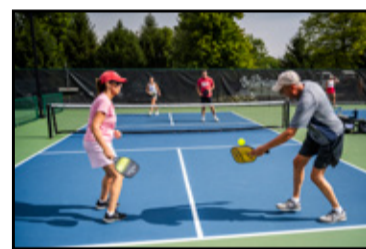


Photo courtesy of city of Westfield

## Westfield Library Foundation Raises \$22K For Library

### Pickleball Tournament Serves Up Good Times & Generous Donations

The Westfield Library Foundation raised an impressive \$22,000 in support of the Westfield Washington Public Library at its inaugural Pickleball Tournament. The event, held on Thursday, August 17 at The Bridgewater Club, brought together pickleball enthusiasts, library supporters, and community members for a day of friendly competition and charitable giving.

"I am so happy our inaugural tournament was such a success," says Erin Downey, executive director of the Westfield Library Foundation. "I loved watching the players have so much fun, all while raising funds for such an important piece of our community."

72 picklers of all skill levels converged on the courts for a round-robin tournament, ensuring that both novices and experienced players had the chance to showcase their skills. All players were invited to stay for lunch where John Morrin, a three-time US Open champion

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## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:07 a.m.  
SET: 8:32 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures  
High: 92 °F  
Low: 77 °F



Today is...

- Forgive Your Foe Day
- Kiss and Make Up Day
- National Whiskey Sour Day

### What Happened On This Day

- 2012 First Spacecraft to Enter Interstellar Space. NASA's Voyager 1, which was launched on September 5, 1977, left the heliosphere — the part of space that is influenced by our Sun — on this day. In February 1990, the spacecraft took the first overview picture of the solar system. It is the most distant man-made object in space.
- 1944 Liberation of Paris. The battle to liberate Paris, which had been under Nazi control since 1940, began on August 19, 1944, and ended on this day. The battle was fought between Nazi soldiers and members of the French resistance group, who were helped by the American Armed Forces headed by General George Patton.
- 1835 First Installment of the Great Moon Hoax is Published. The New York-based newspaper The Sun published a series of articles, starting on this day, that detailed the discovery of civilization on the Moon.

### Births On This Day

- 1949 Gene Simmons Israeli/American singer-songwriter, producer
- 1930 Sean Connery Scottish actor, producer

### Deaths On This Day

- 2012 Neil Armstrong American pilot, engineer, astronaut, first person to walk on the moon
- 1900 Friedrich Nietzsche German philosopher

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**➤ HONEST HOOSIER**

Gene Simmons of KISS turns 74 today. How did that happen?



**➤ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"I've learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."  
-Martha Washington

**➤ TODAY'S JOKE**

What's a bee do when it gets hot?  
Takes off its yellow jacket.

**➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Men who swim for exercise have lower mortality rates than walkers and runners. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



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➤ Meeting Notes

**Riverview Health Board Of Trustees Meeting Agenda**

Monday, August 28  
5 p.m.  
Hospital Board Room  
Approval Of Agenda  
Approval Of Minutes  
•July 31, 2023 Personnel & Finance / Building & Grounds Committee Requests For Information Only  
•Health Benefits  
Cheryl Schaefer / Amy Christianson  
Requests For Approval (Need approval to forward to Board)  
•Aquablation Robotics for Surgery Tammi Nash, CNO  
•HVAC Water Chiller Repair Scott Tripp, Facilities Director  
•Property Acquisition – Westfield Dave Hyatt, CEO  
Construction Dashboard  
Scott Tripp, Operations Director  
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Call To Order  
Board Chairman  
Connect To Purpose  
Introduction Of New Physicians / APPs Ap-

proval Of Agenda  
Approval Of Minutes  
•July 31, 2023 Regular Session  
•July 31, 2023 Executive Session  
Report Of The Medical Staff  
Mario Pyles, M.D., President, Medical Staff  
•Medical Staff Credentials  
Report Of The President  
Dave Hyatt, President/CEO  
•Operations Report and Pillar Update  
Report Of Chief Financial Officer  
Jayna Friend, VP/CFO  
•June 30, 2023 Statistical & Financial Report Committee Report  
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• Aquablation Robotics for Surgery  
•HVAC Water Chiller Repair  
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# Big Ten Predictions And Only Coach To Leave Bloomington With Winning Record



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Over the past 100 years of Indiana University football, only one coach left

the Big Ten football, even in Bloomington, is too much to ask for a defense that gave up nearly 34 points a game in 2022 and lost its best player when linebacker Dasan McCullough transferred to Oklahoma.

Indiana State will be a feel good game in Week 2, as will Akron on Sept. 23.

The most intriguing game in the first month is a Lucas Oil Stadium matchup with Louisville and former Purdue coach Jeff Brohm. This is not a game on paper that favors Indiana as Brohm enjoyed great success against the Hoosiers while at Purdue. If Indiana can pull off a win here, it sets up the possibility of having a 5-3 record at the end of October. At Michigan and at Penn State is too much to ask for any team that doesn't have Buckeye stickers on its helmets.

On paper, 1-3 looks like the ceiling for the month of November with Wisconsin and Michigan State at home alternating with trips to Illinois and Purdue.

With a margin so slim between victory and defeat, Allen's theme for the season is "toughness."

"We define that as a mental and physical strength to persevere," Allen says. "We had eight games last season that were decided in the fourth quarter. So for

the past seven months we've been building our toughness and developing this football team to be able to finish in those opportunities."

Just like 10 other Big Ten rivals, the Hoosiers are likely to start 2023 with a new quarterback. With Dexter Williams still recovering from a knee injury suffered against Purdue, the focus is on Tennessee transfer Tayven Jackson and redshirt freshman Brendan Sorsby.

Whichever quarterback wins the job, he will have to be as adept running with the ball as he is as a passer.

"I'm a defensive coach by trade, and I just know what gives us trouble: anytime a quarterback can extend plays," Allen says. "Moving forward that's what we want to have at that position to be able to extend those plays."

"But at the same time once you pick who that individual is, you've got to make sure you're building everything around them so they can be at their best and be able to be comfortable. Obviously (it's) going to be a younger guy that's going to have to grow up really fast."

Here's how I see the final season of the Big Ten's East Division shaking out:

**1. Michigan (11-1, 8-1 Big Ten)** – Three good reasons to pick the Wolverines: Running

backs Blake Corum (1,494 yards, 18 TDs) and Donovan Edwards (1,018 yards, 7 TDs) and quarterback J.J. McCarthy (2,719 yards passing, 22 TDs, 5 INTs).

The Wolverines could have as many as 10 NFL draft picks on the roster. That much talent, plus a schedule that doesn't look challenging until Week 8 at Michigan State, gives Michigan a slim edge over ...

**2. Ohio State (10-2, 8-1 Big Ten)** – Heaven help Ryan Day if he loses a third consecutive time to Michigan. It's not a good sign that disgruntled fans are comparing Day to former Buckeyes coach John Cooper, whose 2-10-1 mark against Michigan overshadowed three Big Ten titles.

Uncertainty at quarterback makes it too difficult to pick the Buckeyes. Former five-star prospect Kyle McCord, a junior, and redshirt freshman Devin Brown are competing for the job. The winner will be helped by an elite wide receiving corps led by Marvin Harrison Jr.

**3. Penn State (10-2, 7-2)** – Drew Allar, the top-rated quarterback in the 2022 recruiting class, is now the man after sitting a year behind Sean Clifford.

He'll be surrounded by five returning starters on the offensive line, two talented sophomore

running backs in Nick Singleton and Kaytron Allen, and a veteran defense that paved the way to an 11-2 record and a Rose Bowl victory against Utah. Another 10-win season seems likely but Ohio State and Michigan will have the Nittany Lions settling for third-best in East.

**4. Maryland (9-3, 6-3)** – A healthy Taulia Tagovailoa threw for more than 3,000 yards and 18 touchdowns a year ago. Add new offensive coordinator Kevin Sumlin, who coached Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel at Texas A&M, and the Terrapins expect to improve on last season's 8-5 mark.

The schedule could be favorable with Michigan and Penn State coming to College Park. Maryland gets a decimated Northwestern squad and avoids Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

**5. Michigan State (5-7, 3-6)** – Whoever said you get what you pay for didn't account for the crashing thud Big Ten fans heard coming from East Lansing a year ago.

Taking advantage of an 11-2 season and rumors of interest in the LSU job, Mel Tucker parlayed his first season at Michigan State into a 10-year, \$95 million contract extension.

As a down payment last season, the Spartans tumbled to a 5-7 record. Quarterback Payton

Thorne bailed and is now the starter at Auburn. Highly regarded wide receiver Keon Coleman departed for Florida State.

Buyer's remorse will spread in Spartan country unless Tucker finds magic once again from the transfer portal.

**6. Rutgers (5-7, 2-7)** – A favorable front-end of the schedule will raise hopes for the Scarlet Knights. Northwestern, Temple, Virginia Tech and Wagner come to Piscataway, N.J. during the first five weeks. A trip to Michigan won't be much fun, but it's feasible Rutgers will be 4-1 heading into October and a trip to Wisconsin.

Any hopes for a bowl game begins with finding a reliable quarterback. Evan Simon and Gavin Wimsatt combined for just over 1,500 yards, 13 interceptions and nine touchdowns. Add an ineffective running game and the Scarlet Knights put too much pressure on their defense to foresee a winning record.

**7. Indiana (3-9, 1-8)** – Until the defense proves it's no longer the Big Ten's worst, picking more than one conference victory would be optimistic.

*- 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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# Bubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I don't remember the last time I cleaned out the fridge in our basement. It's kind of my fridge. Mary Ellen keeps her

distance. She has her own upstairs. I've been heaving leftovers in the old appliance for a decade, like it is some kind of trash compactor. I don't believe in wasting food, so it was just killing me yesterday to throw away perfectly good six-month-old tomatoes and what must have once been a very crisp cucumber.

It was when I finally removed one of the vegetable bins for a quick hosing that I first set my eyes on it. Now I know the excitement Richard Leakey must have felt when he gazed upon the skeletal remains of our early human ancestors. There, wedged behind very Hidden Valley Ranch on the bottom shelf, was an unopened bottle of Three Stooges Beer. Moe, Larry and Curly were grinning at me after several years chilling out in the back of our Whirlpool. Yes, gentlemen, there once was a Three Stooges Beer. No longer. No

Curly Light or Moe Extra Dry, either. Sorry!

The bottle was part of an assortment of exotic brews I received years ago for emceeding a fund-raising event. Why didn't I know about this beer when I was in college? Why would I sprawl out on my dorm room bed with a can of Budweiser when I could have drunk myself stupid with the world's funniest threesome?

So, what happened to Three Stooges Beer? Forgive me, but I blame the ladies. Stranded in the Sahara Desert, mouth parched, near death, no woman would drink a Three Stooges Beer. You know this, of course. We all instinctively recognize that women hate anything that has to do with The Three Stooges. If they won't laugh at them, they certainly won't chug them. You might as well offer them a Jerry Lewis Chablis. In fact, that's why most of you men have never even heard of Three Stooges Beer. For years, a dedicated band of women were buying this product and dumping it at chemical waste sites.

When women shop for food, they prefer brand names likes Mrs. Paul and Sara Lee. But, honestly ladies, did your Aunt Millie or Mama Mancini ever

make you laugh?

So, in my opinion, more food should be named specifically after old-time comedians. Sadly, I don't think Madison Avenue would take the chance of alienating women shoppers. I asked my wife if she'd ever buy Abbott and Costello Jello?

"Not a chance, Dick. I don't want my food to taste funny. But I would buy Brad Pitt Olives. And I'd love some Idris Elba Macaroni. I already have stocked away 14 bottles of Paul Newman's Own salad dressing."

Personally, I'd buy Laurel and Hardy Beef Stew. Doesn't John Cleese Cream Cheese sound good? And wouldn't a bottle of Betty White Vinegar look good on your pantry shelf.

I know what you are wondering: "Dick, will you open that rare treasure and guzzle what might be the last bottle of Three Stooges Beer?"

I might. But I'll regret it. And then I'll smack myself upside the head.

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

# Indiana's Pre-Admissions: Your Path To College Initiative Launches This Fall

Students will be informed of their postsecondary education options in Indiana.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education, in partnership with the state's higher education institutions, is launching a statewide initiative to inform Hoosier high school seniors of their options for postsecondary education in Indiana. The current high school class of 2024 will be the first participants of the initiative, Indiana Pre-Admissions: Your Path to College.

The Indiana Pre-Admissions: Your Path to College initiative will launch this month with students receiving a letter introducing the initiative. In September, Indiana high school seniors from participating high schools will be pre-admitted to participating in-state public and private institutions based on their cumulative GPA and/or SAT scores, pending an official application to the institution and completing any additional requirements. This allows students to view post-graduation options prior to filling out applications. Currently, 38 Indiana public and private colleges and universities are participating in the initiative, with options ranging from short-term

and one-year certificates to associate and bachelor's degrees. For the 2023-2024 school year, 327 Indiana high schools are participating in Indiana Pre-Admissions.

To receive their official admission notification, students must apply to the institutions via the Common App or the institutions' websites. Students will also need to maintain academic performance, maintain positive disciplinary standing and meet any additional admissions requirements from the institution. Students will be directed to the Indiana Pre-Admissions web page to explore all options for postsecondary education in Indiana.

"Indiana is home to some of the best higher education institutions in the nation," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Indiana Pre-Admissions: Your Path to College encourages students to apply to institutions they might have thought were not within reach, thus giving students hope and options for their postsecondary education. The Commission will continue to lean into innovative programs and strong partnerships to address the challenges facing higher education in Indiana."

The initiative was cre-

ated to address Indiana's declining college-going rate, which currently sits at 53 percent. The Indiana Pre-Admissions initiative is informed by other statewide direct and pre-admissions initiatives implemented in Idaho, Minnesota and those being developed in other states.

Idaho has experienced considerable success with its Direct Admissions model with an eight percent increase for in-state, first time undergraduate enrollment and three percent decrease in the number of students leaving for out-of-state colleges. Students from low-income backgrounds, students of color and first-generation students have benefitted most from the implementation.

"Motivating Hoosier high school seniors to aim higher and dream bigger, the Indiana Pre-Admissions: Your Path to College initiative opens doors to a world of educational possibilities," said Dr. Dottie King, Independent Colleges of Indiana president and CEO. "By bridging the gap between aspiration and application, this statewide partnership empowers students to envision a brighter future and empowers Indiana's higher education institutions to nurture those dreams into reality."

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3. Make reservations for "Four Old Broads" comedy on stage at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at The Cat in Carmel, directed by Jan Jamison with Lori Lavalle, Tanya Keller, Susan Hill, Molly Kraus, Dottie Ostby and Chris Taylor.

4. 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 One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works, tonight and Saturday night; Aeromoth: The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute, Sept. 1; Pyromania: The Def Leppard Experience, Sept. 2, with tickets at [indianapolisymphony.org](http://indianapolisymphony.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. A Bicentennial Marker will be unveiled at 11 a.m. Sept. 9 in Clowes Commons, showcasing history of Delaware and Fall Creek townships, plus architectural tour of Conner House. Also, now through Sept. 10, enjoy Conner Prairie's sunflower field for a picture-perfect experience.

5. Enjoy live music featuring Jay Brons tonight, Donny Coyle on Saturday, Sam King on Sept. 2, Oktoberfest on Sept. 8-9, Jason Salyers on Sept. 15, Celtic Rain on Sept. 22 at Primeval Brewing 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. Learn about fellow filmmakers and potential collaborators during a free two-day workshop, "Carmel Film Forum: How Hollywood Works, the Behind-the-Scenes of Bringing a Motion Picture to the Screen." 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Carmel Clay Public Library, with registration at [www.moriartymedia.com](http://www.moriartymedia.com)

8. Westfield Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association invites the community to a Westfield Aviation Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Westfield Airport on Dartown Road. See planes and talk with pilots, with

food available.

9. The Cruise Indy Car Show and Car Cruise is 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 13325 N. Meridian St., Carmel, and offers food, music, silent auction, Indy BiPlane flyover. Registration 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., car cruise 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning at Cars & Coffee at 11611 N. Meridian St., with the car show 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with deejay, raffle, Cruise Indy swag, face painting, scavenger hunt, 50/50 drawing, with judging 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch served 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with \$7 lunch tickets and \$1 beverage tickets. Program by Folds of Honor 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Car awards, raffle winner and drawing winners and scavenger hunt winners announced at 12:45 p.m. Entry is \$20 prior to midnight today (Aug. 24) and \$25 on the day of the event, including swag. Register if want vehicle judged at [cruiseindy.com](http://cruiseindy.com), otherwise just show up and park in the "show only" zone. Fundraiser for Folds of Honor, a nonprofit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of military members who have fallen or been disabled while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

10. Noblesville Sunrises Kiwanis is hosting a Pajama Fundraiser 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at White River Christian Church in Noblesville, at \$7 per person for lunch, donations of pajamas of all sizes will be accepted and will stay in Indiana. Reservations to [kimdm@pajamaprogram.org](mailto:kimdm@pajamaprogram.org) or call or text 317-506-2954.

11. Grab your lawn chairs and get ready for the Noblesville Porchfest happening 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday with 20 bands, 12 porches, plus beer and food, on Logan Street in Old Town Noblesville. Musical lineup includes: 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 and Rod & Tina Rose.

12. 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.

13. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment's free Concerts at the Commons will feature tribute bands 7-10 p.m. Saturdays: Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute), Saturday; American English (Beatles tribute) Sept. 9; and Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band tribute) on Sept. 12, at the amphitheater at Federal Hill.

14. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission presents a Vintage Film Series in The Lacy Arts Building, featuring Hoosier Hot Shots/Moontown Pickle Stompers, at 8 p.m. Saturday; this film rights does not allow promotion in newspaper, Sept. 23; and "The Shock," Oct. 28. Complimentary popcorn and beverages are offered.

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

16. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's free Summer Band Concerts at 6:30 p.m. Sunday with Indianapolis Municipal band at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. New Horizons Band, originally scheduled for Aug. 20, is being rescheduled due to heat.

17. Antique car owners and aficionados are invited to Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant's First Friday Cruise-in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 1 at the eatery, featuring DJ Bumper playing classics.

18. Noblesville Main Street's First Friday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 1 will feature the annual Chocolate Trail while shopping in downtown Noblesville.

19. The Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 2 at Forest Park in Noblesville. This open show is for all cars and vintage motorcycles. This show is on the grass with lots of shade and is in honor of the late Noblesville resident Earl "Lucky" Teter, who with his Hell Drivers were nationally known daredevils from the 1930s and early 1940s. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with awards at 3 p.m., a \$10 entry fee with dash plaques to the first 200 entries. DJ Rocket Jockys will rock with classic oldies and rockabilly music. Food available. Sponsored by Noblesville Masonic Lodge with proceeds to benefit the Noblesville Masonic Angel Fund. Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run black T-shirts available.

20. Bring your lawn

chairs and blankets for Legacy Keepers Music's StringTime Music on the Square monthly series, which winds down with the final show on 6:30-8:15 p.m. Sept. 2 with Cornfields & Crossroads, on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square.

21. The 2023 Murphy's Pubhouse Labor Day Weekend Car Show is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 3 at Murphy's Pubhouse in Fishers.

22. The 32nd annual Red Bridge Park (Labor Day) Car Show is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 4 at Red Bridge Park in Cicero, an event by Cicero Friends of the Park. This open show is for all makes and years, including motorcycles and rat rods. Top 30 awards as picked by judges and sponsors. A \$15 registration day of show, with proceeds to benefit Cicero Parks. Plenty of parking. Dash plaques to the first 150 entries. Craft show. Food onsite features breakfast of donuts, coffee and biscuits and gravy, lunch of pork chops, hot dogs, brats and more.

23. 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 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.

24. Kruzin 4 Kids car show is 10:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Noblesville American Legion Post No. 45. Besides cars, there are raffle items, 50/50, food and live entertainment.

25. Artmobilia is 11 a.m. Sept. 9, in downtown Carmel and features a distinct gathering of recognized artists, 500 collector cars and automotive enthusiasts showcased on the streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District. The show boasts one of the most eclectic gatherings of original, period-correct cars, including Supercar, exotic, sports car, classic, racers, historically preserved and more. Register or join mailing list at [artmobilia.org](http://artmobilia.org).

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in both singles and doubles and currently active on the Senior PRO tour, shared his journey to pickleball success.

"We are overwhelmed by the incredible turnout and the generosity shown by everyone who participated in the pickleball tournament," said Sheryl Sollars, Director of the Westfield Washington Public Library. "The dollars raised at this event will enable the library to expand its collection of books and digital resources, support educational programs, and enhance the facilities at our new building."

The Grand National Pickleball Center served as the event's ACE Sponsor. Once built, the center will offer 36 indoor and 16 outdoor pickleball courts in Westfield. Other sponsors included: Ice Miller, Business Furniture, Maureen and Seth Warren, Sue Kappen Real Estate Group, Northwest Radiology, OrthoIndy, Community First Bank, Wittler Orthodontics, KRM Architecture, Medallion Partners, Meyer Najem, Copper Trace Senior Living, Baker & Taylor, and Huston Electric

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# 5 Tips to Improve Small Business Productivity

**FAMILY FEATURES**

**B**usinesses that run efficiently often find continued, long-term success. However, running a small business comes with a multitude of challenges that can hinder productivity.

Between hiring employees, managing payroll, handling customer relations, delivering products, meeting with staff and other tasks, it's important to take steps to help your business work smarter, not harder, while maintaining productivity. More efficient workdays mean more projects or tasks can be completed, giving you an advantage in a competitive marketplace.

To help improve productivity and create a more efficient work environment, consider these tips from the experts at Pitney Bowes, a global shipping and mailing company that has worked for more than 100 years to provide technology, logistics, financial services and solutions that help enterprises thrive and small business owners operate right from their homes including the PitneyShip Cube, which simplifies shipping packages and e-commerce orders while saving time and space.

**Set Goals**

Setting goals for your operation is vital to building a productive business and ensuring your employees understand your vision and how they can actively contribute to the company's success. Whether you're a startup or an established business with multiple employees, set realistic, well-defined goals that are in line with your business strategy, like investing in office tools and solutions that can help you discover efficiencies. Periodically revisit those goals to ensure you're on track to meet them and make any adjustments as necessary. For example, working from home may provide an opportunity to save on rent and enable you to allocate those savings toward upgraded office equipment.

**Delegate Less Critical Responsibilities**

Remember, you can't do it all by yourself. In the same way it's important to prioritize your list of tasks, delegation is key to improving productivity. Passing on some of the work, such as designing email templates, writing blog posts, creating white papers and more, to your employees allows you to maximize your limited

time. Think through additional ways for others to lessen the load, like using a cloud-based shipping solution to streamline the process and ensure alignment in task sharing. Even if you're a solo entrepreneur, look at what tasks you may be able to outsource to a third-party vendor to free up some of your time.

**Simplify Shipping**

If your business sells a product, shipping may be a time-consuming, expensive part of your operation. Leave the post office behind and save valuable time with an option like the PitneyShip Cube, an all-in-one, Wi-Fi-enabled thermal shipping label printer with a built-in scale. It includes companion software and can integrate with your current online store to automatically import order details then easily print the shipping labels and postage. You can weigh packages, compare discounted shipping rates and automatically share tracking notifications via email.

"One of the biggest barriers for small businesses are shipping costs," said Shemin Nurmohamed, president, sending technology solutions, Pitney Bowes. "Our goal is to allow clients to take advantage of what larger shippers get in terms of discounts while saving them the critical time they need to work on their core businesses. With the PitneyShip Cube, the first shipping label printer of its kind with a built-in scale and companion software, users are able to ship faster and smarter. This product is ideal for both e-commerce and office shippers looking to save time and space by streamlining their processes and eliminating unnecessary equipment. Plus, it can save users money as it provides a discount of 3 cents on First Class stamps, up to 89% on USPS Priority Mail and up to 82% off UPS standard rates."

By completing all the necessary tasks beforehand, you'll skip the post office line and allow yourself to focus on more profitable endeavors. You can also track parcels throughout their shipping journey with data that can be shared with customers for a smooth shipping experience.

**Streamline Software**

A quick and easy way to increase productivity and efficiency is taking advantage of technology like software as a service platforms. Particularly true in this age of hybrid and remote workers, cloud-based communications software can keep



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your team members on the same page, regardless of their location, to help your company keep up with important information such as ever-changing carrier rates to quickly identify the best shipping and fulfillment options. With available platforms that combine team messaging, video conferencing, task management, file sharing and storage, it can be simple to stay connected with your employees. Additional cloud-based software for everything from payroll to word processing and graphic design is also readily available to help further streamline your business's technology. Knowledge is power and combining all this information in one place can give you greater control over your organization as a whole.

**Learn from Your Customers**

When looking for ways to improve, start by asking your customers for honest feedback. Creating customer satisfaction surveys provides you with a fresh perspective while giving customers a voice so they can feel valued. Plus, it can help you build a rapport with customers as they know their voices are heard while you discover what's working, what isn't and ways you can improve the business.

Find more solutions for improving your productivity and efficiency in the workplace at [pitneybowes.com](http://pitneybowes.com).



# FRIDAY Voice of our PEOPLE

## Ask Rusty – When Should My Wife Claim Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:** My wife will be 65 next year, and her full retirement age is 66 years plus 10 months. Can she collect 50% of my Social Security benefit at her full retirement age and then get her own higher personal amount at age 70? Her own amount at her full retirement age is \$1,100 per month but her age 70 amount is \$1,800. My Social Security is \$2,300. Suggestions welcome. Signed: My Wife's Helper

**Dear Helper:** Your wife cannot separate her spousal benefit from her personal Social Security retirement benefit – whenever she claims she will be automatically

deemed to be filing for both her own benefit and her spousal entitlement. Thus, she cannot claim her spousal benefit first at her full retirement age and defer claiming her own SS retirement benefit until she is 70. When your wife should claim is, essentially, a decision which should consider the urgency of her need for the money, her life expectancy, whether she will be eligible for a spouse benefit from you, and whether she is working.

If your wife claims before her full retirement age (FRA) and is working, she'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

before some SS benefits are taken away (Social Security's earnings test goes away at FRA).

Average life expectancy for a woman your wife's age is about 87. If your current \$2,300 benefit is a result of you taking your Social Security at your full retirement age or ear-

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

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lier, then your wife will receive a small "spousal boost" from you. If she claims at her full retirement age, your wife's total Social Security payment will be 50% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA and that will be her permanent amount, except for annual

COLA increases. However, from what you've shared, your wife's age 70 amount is considerably more than her maximum spousal benefit so, if her life expectancy is long, that suggests she may wish to consider waiting until age 70 to claim her own maximum benefit.

By doing so, your wife will get more in cumulative lifetime benefits if she achieves average life expectancy.

The unknown factor is your life expectancy because, as your widow, your wife will be entitled to 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death, instead of the smaller amount she is receiving on her own or as your spouse. If life expectancy is long for both of you, then your wife maximizing her own benefit by waiting until age 70 to claim is a prudent choice. But if your, or your wife's, life expectancy is shorter, then your wife claiming at her full retirement age would be a better decision.

## Butch Recalls A Day In The Summer Of 1966



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

We can never predict what will happen in our lives...During the summer of 1966, I started working at the Allison's division of GM in Indy. I had graduated from high school in May and was fortunate to have received a scholarship to attend General Motors Institute that fall. My goal was to become an electrical engineer, and I was told that a high paying lifetime position with GM was guaranteed when I completed my four year degree.

One hot day in July, after I had returned home from Indy, I drove our old station wagon to Darlington to buy a bottle of Choc-Ola at Timmon's DX service station. Sitting on the bench out front was a friend, a former teammate of mine on the basketball team. He had a bottle of Coke and a bag of peanuts...just relaxing and watching the cars drive by. He had graduated a year ahead of me and had just served six months duty in the local National Guard unit. He told me that he was working temporarily for an equipment company on a nearby construction project. The job paid well, but it was not a job he wanted to do full time.

I told my buddy that I was starting to have doubts about my plans for the future. I had watched the engineers at Allison's sit at their desks all day, drawing engine parts. I had also found out that I would likely have to move to a large city when I joined their company. I loved Montgomery county and really didn't want to live anywhere else. My Dad farmed and also

had other part-time jobs... driving a school bus, measuring government ground, and selling seed corn. He seemed to be very happy doing several jobs at once. Dad had also told me that before I decided what I wanted to do in life, that I should decide where I wanted to live. That made a lot of sense to me.

My friend nodded his approval, and he mentioned that several people had suggested to him that he should get hired at R.R. Donnellys, as it was a good company. He could work there all of his life, make a good wage, and have great benefits. But he just couldn't see that happening, thinking he would likely get bored working for the same company for 40-50 years. After a few seconds, he suggested that we both make a pact...We would not work at the same job all of our lives, and we would only take jobs that we enjoyed...not jobs based on pay or benefits.

As I drove home that evening, I felt certain that I could find another occupation that would better fit my personality and interests. I didn't want to tell my parents, as they might be disappointed. I had to somehow break the news that I might not attend GM Institute after all.

The next day after I had arrived home from work, my Dad told me that a terrible tragedy had occurred. Two boys had died in a construction accident at the new Cherry Grove elevator that was being built on US 231 north of Crawfordsville. They had fallen 95 feet from a scaffold, which had collapsed at the top of a silo. One of the boys was Don Evans, a straight-A Wabash College student and exceptional athlete from Waveland, who I had played against in baseball and basketball. What a terrible loss of life!

Dad hesitated, and then told me the other boy was

Joe Mahoy, my friend and former teammate... the boy I had shared the bench with at Timmon's service station the preceding day. I just could not believe it. I was at a loss for words. I just sat there in stunned silence. I couldn't sleep that night... thinking about all of the good times that Joe and I had spent together in sports.

Three days later, I served as one of the pallbearers at Joe's funeral in Thorntown. His parents, his brothers...the entire community, were still in shock over his death.

Sometimes in a person's life, incidents happen that change one's plans and outlook on life. I started college that fall, but changed my mind after attending school in Flint, Michigan for just two weeks. I came back home, married my longtime girlfriend, and enrolled at Purdue for the second semester. I eventually became a teacher, police officer, and librarian...all jobs that I have enjoyed. I stayed right here and raised a family in the community that I love.

The lives of Don Evans and Joe Mahoy had ended much too soon. I never could understand how God could allow such tragedies to occur to such good, decent human beings who had their entire lives ahead of them. Later in my life, as a police officer, I saw similar tragedies many times when investigating fatal accidents. I have no answers.

Joe was never able to attain the goal we had agreed upon that summer day in July, 1966. I was lucky. And I am grateful to God that I was able to keep my promise to my friend.

*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.*

## Use The Day Today



**RANDALL FRANKS**  
Southern Style Columnist

As I awake, I turn off the alarm, I turn and plant my two feet firmly upon the floor.

It is another day, I thank the Lord for another chance to serve Him.

This day will be a blessing to someone, maybe God will use me to me a tool in that blessing.

If not, then it is still a chance for me to be blessed a I serve.

I rise and after getting ready, I begin my work as everyone does to put food on the table.

No matter what may be your vocation in life, along your path someone will cross your way that needs some inspiration.

Life is weighing them down.

There bills are too high; their job is filled with stress; their family is seeking respite from all

that ails them.

How can you make a difference?

Just listen. If someone complains in passing, take a moment, ask them about what they said.

If they truly need to express what's bothering them, they will, and you will have the chance to hear, and if its possible respond in a comforting way. If there is nothing God inspires you to say, or you have no avenue of solution for their situation, then you just need to say five words: May I pray with you?

God will give you the words to say to Him. By saying them, you will not only uplift the need of the person you are with, but also your own Spirit will rise in saying them.

You can both then move further along the path God has set you upon.

Let's say you are not blessed with the ability to pray in public.

Do you know someone that can? In hearing the description of their problem, did a person or entity you know pop into your head? That may be a sign that you are to pass this person's name along to another or send them to someone else for encour-

agement.

Sometimes we have within us what is needed, sometimes we are simply just the road map that shows them the next turn.

There are always bumps in every road and pot holes that need filling. Perhaps you are meant to be there to smooth the road up a bit so people's system is not shocked as badly.

So, today as you plant your feet on the floor, equip you mind and body to be a conduit for the encouragement you are capable of sharing with whomever God sends your way.

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