

TODAY'S VERSE
Luke 10:19 I give unto
you power to tread on
serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of
the enemy: and nothing
shall by any means hurt
you.



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

What makes Austin Davis smile? "My family and the fact that I always get to see 'him' when I come home from work," said the Old Town Noblesville resident, referring to his dog, Bruce. They were found walking on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square. "This is my buddy, Bruce," Davis said. "We are Noblesville born and raised, and we love walking around this place because it's home. It's where we know the people, and the people know us. He's a celebrity. I'm just known as Bruce's dad around these parts. He's a Doberman Pinscher. He's my best buddy. I adopted him about 8 months ago, and I could not be happier with my best buddy," Davis said, while picking up the 95-pound dog in his arms (see feature photo in today's edition of The Times). Before this, Davis was found walking Bruce, and also carrying Bruce, on the Dillon Park trail during the seventh Bryan Clauson "Strut 2 Save Lives" dog walk and fundraiser. When Davis comes home from work, he said, Bruce "always comes home to me wiggling his little nub tail, and he'll stretch and he'll come right between my hands to get his head rubbed. I gotta say, I didn't walk around town near as much as I should have until I got him, trying to get him around people." Was Bruce already trained? "I trained him a second time when I adopted him so he could bond with me," Davis said. He is a 2016 graduate of Noblesville High School and graduated in 2020 from Ball State University for elementary education. He is working as a contractor in Noblesville at Fluid Waste Services. He is the son of Andrew and Kathy Davis and the nephew of Noblesville Common Council member Mike Davis.

And Another Thing...

1. 146th St. & Allisonville Rd. Interchange

Please be advised, beginning on or after Friday, November 3, a full closure of Allisonville Road north and south of 146th Street will be in place between Chelsea Drive to 146th Street and Sowers Drive to 146th Street around 9pm for the installation of storm sewer.

2. ROAD CLOSURE / LANE RESTRICTIONS -106th St. over Mud Creek (Br. 187)

Please be advised, beginning on or after Wednesday, November 1, 2023, between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:00PM, E. 106th Street between Cumberland Road and Mollenkopf Road will be under lane restrictions and/or a full road closure. Tree clearing will take place to prepare for our upcoming bridge replacement project to come in 2024. The estimated project completion date is Friday, November 17, 2023. Please be cautious and watch for flaggers when traveling through this area.

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Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography
Kate Boice, 16, Noblesville, carries a child on her back during a performance of "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which runs through Nov. 19, at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography
Kate Boice, 16, Noblesville, dances with the Ensemble, which runs through Nov. 19, at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

NHS Teen Juggles School, Life, 53+ Shows At B&B



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Imagine being a teenager cast in a professional theater production and performing in shows every day of the week.

Add in schoolwork, extracurricular activities

and family time, along with relying on Mom or Dad to drop you off or pick you up for every performance.

Auditioning for a big show, such as "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, which runs through Nov. 19, at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is definitely a big commitment.

But Noblesville's Kate Boice makes it work, and she's made it work over and over and over.

She's performing the entire run of the show, which opened Oct. 5 and runs through Nov. 19.

That's more than 53 live

performances in front of mostly sold-out audiences who dine before they watch the show.

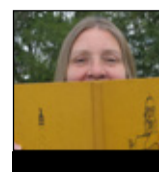
Mark and Kristen Boice try to attend their daughter's show as often as they can. But with more than four dozen performances, Kate Boice said, "It's impossible to come to all of them although they would love to be able to see all of them, because they enjoy this show and love the cast."

The 16-year-old Noblesville High School sophomore said being in a Beef & Boards show while attending school five days a week "has (actually) worked out well." She said, "It does take a lot of organization to stay on top of the workload and being intentional with communicating with my teachers. They have been very supportive and encouraging, which has been helpful in managing school work and extra-curricular activities.

At school, she's in NHS Singers varsity mixed show

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Wooly Worms, Allisonville Road And The Forest Park Cabin



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

It's another reader feedback week! On the wooly worm watch

My cousin, Nancy Lacy, said her great-granddaughter spotted three black and orange/red wooly worms while on a school outing in a woody area of Tipton County.

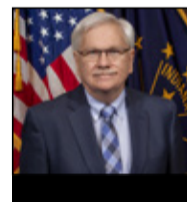
Ed Snyder sent a photo of a wooly worm with that same color scheme that he encountered in Tipton's City Park. He described his worm as mostly dark orange with a black band at its "shoulders."

I think what they're calling orange or red would be what I think of as rusty brown. Since orange and red aren't on Clara Hoover's weather sign chart, I'm guessing she'd probably consider that color just brown.

Steve Owens, who's been so good about splitting persimmon seeds for the winter forecast, wrote that his grandfather used to drive his surgeon father (Steve's great-grandfather,) all over Howard, Tipton and Hamilton counties during the early 1900s.

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An Editorial From Honorable Steve Nation



STEVE NATION
Guest Column

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

When asked by Esther Lakes to serve as Honorary Chair of Spotlight on Art, which takes place November 9th at the Hotel

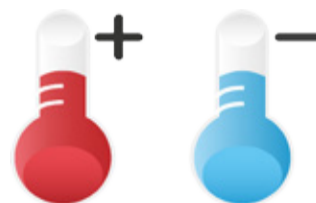
Carmichael, I immediately said yes! I know Esther is dedicated to the care of the children in our community and her belief in the importance of each child. Spotlight on Art has been her vision and dream for several years. This event is a reality because of her hard work with a devoted committee of community supporters.

The purpose of this event is to better serve families and care for our children so that they can reach their potential. This event raises funds through the sale of art, to support organizations that care for our children. Ideally, we would like it if our children were never harmed or placed in painful situations. As much as we try, sometimes these situations, including life's

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:15 a.m.
SET: 6:47 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 44 °F
Low: 25 °F



Today is...

- All Saints' Day
- Prime Meridian Day
- National Author's Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1952 First large hydrogen bomb tested by the U.S. The bomb, codenamed Mike, was part of Operation Ivy and was tested in the Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands.
- 1911 First bomb dropped from an aircraft. Prior to this, bombs were dropped using unmanned balloons. The first bomb launched from an aircraft was used by the Italians in the Italo-Turkish War.
- 1894 Nicholas II became Tsar of Russia. The last Tsar of Russia took over the reign of the empire after his father, Alexander III died. Nicholas was forced to abdicate in 1917 and was executed a year later along with his family.



Births On This Day

- 1935 Edward Said Palestinian/American theoretician
- 1871 Stephen Crane American journalist, author, poet

Deaths On This Day

- 1999 Walter Payton American football player
- 1972 Ezra Pound American poet

HONEST HOOSIER

Anticipation for Thanksgiving and the joy of preparing for the holiday season fill the air.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't go the grocery hungry. 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.



INSIDE TODAY

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TODAY'S QUOTE

In celebration of our beginning our 20th year as a media company, we're sharing some famous quotations about newspapers this month. "The newspaper is in all its literalness the bible of democracy, the book out of which a people determines its conduct" -Walter Lippmann

TODAY'S JOKE

What is black and white and read all over? Your favorite newspaper!

OBITUARIES

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **PEGGY BEAVER** for subscribing!



13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST
TUE: 26/42 COLD, P.M. SHOWERS, WET
WED: 25/44 SUNNY BUT CHILLY
THU: 27/52 MOSTLY SUNNY, NOT AS COLD
FRI: 36/60 SUN & HIGH CLOUDS
SAT: 44/63 SHOWERS POSSIBLE
SUN: 45/62 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS FALL BACK
MON: 46/60 SHOWERS

Brenda Myers Is Presented The Visit Indiana Leadership Award

Lt. Gov. Crouch presented Brenda Myers, President and CEO of Hamilton County Tourism with the Visit Indiana Leadership Award.

For over 30 years, Myers has dedicated her career to Indiana's tourism industry in several capacities from marketing director at Conner Prairie Museum, to her most recent position as President and CEO of Hamilton County Tourism.

Myers initiated the organization's first tourism product development grant and technical assistance program that has helped to reinvest \$10 million into surrounding communities. She was pivotal in providing desperately needed communication and research support during the Covid-19 pandemic. She spent time assisting other DMO leaders to help develop data and research programs, tailored to their

uses and needs. Myers is slated to retire in 2024 but leaves a legacy grant program called BEST (Business of Entertainment, Sport and Tourism) that will serve the community's needs for years to come. She was also a founding leader of the White River Vision Plan, promoting river health and responsible development. Through these astounding achievements, her dedication and so much more, Myers has inspired a higher standard of tourism marketing and development.

"Tourism in Indiana has come so far in the almost 40 years since I first joined the industry," said Myers. "The industry team is really a family, and like healthy families, we support each other. As a result, there has been such growth. It has been rewarding to be a part of it."



Photo courtesy of SERVE Noblesville

Home repair team led by Lamar Ziegler, Serve Noblesville - President Michelle Schmidt, Patrick Propst - Serve Noblesville Executive Director, and homeowner, Jenny.



Photo courtesy of SERVE Noblesville

Lisa Samuels - Sheridan Youth Assistance Program Advocate, Carrie Sutton - homeowner, Mike White - President/Owner of Temperature Services, Joe Sutton - homeowner and granddaughter, and Michelle Schmidt - President of Serve Noblesville.

Serve Noblesville And Temperature Service Join Forces To Bring Warmth And Comfort To A Local Family

Serve Noblesville and Temperature Service are proud to announce a heartwarming partnership that has warmed the hearts of a local family. This collaboration showcases the power of community and the kindness that flourishes when individuals and businesses come together to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Temperature Service, a trusted HVAC company known for its commitment to excellence, recently reached out to Serve Noblesville with a generous offer: a donation and installation of a gas furnace for a family in need within Hamilton County. Owner and President of Temperature Services, Michael White said, "Acknowledging the shared responsibility we have for our community, the team at Temperature Service was happy to provide a furnace and its installation to a local family in need. It's a simple gesture in the grand scheme of things, but it's our way of contributing to the warmth and well-being of our neighbors. We are in this together, and it's essential that we look out for one another."

Recognizing the significant impact this act of kindness could have, Serve Noblesville eagerly accepted the offer. Serve Noblesville is an asset-based organization dedicated to serving the local community by iden-

tifying opportunities and mobilizing resources to match them.

To identify a deserving family, Serve Noblesville collaborated with the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program, a non-profit organization that has been supporting families and children in Hamilton County since 2009.

Working together, these three parties - Temperature Service, Serve Noblesville, and Sheridan Youth Assistance Program - coordinated the installation of the donated gas furnace. This collaboration not only ensured a warm and comfortable winter for the identified family but also exemplified the strength of unity within the community. Lisa Samuels, Sheridan Youth Assistance Program Advocate, shared, "I was excited to find this rare opportunity for this Sheridan family. Carrie is so willing to give her time weekly to volunteer with the SYAP clothing and furniture pantry. I know they look forward to a comfortable winter season thanks to Serve Noblesville and Temperature Service for making it happen."

However, Serve Noblesville's commitment did not end there. Recognizing the importance of a complete HVAC system for the family's well-being, Serve Noblesville rallied community support and sponsorships

to secure a brand-new air conditioner for the family.

Additionally, another opportunity was revealed where Serve Noblesville was able to assist a second family in Westfield that needed some siding installed and additional home repair completed. Serve Noblesville reached out to a dedicated team of volunteers who gladly took on the home repair projects. The generosity and dedication displayed by Serve Noblesville and its partners have truly made a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve.

Westfield homeowner and mother, Jenny said, "I was coming home from work the other day and saw the entire team working on my house. At that moment, I was just so overwhelmed with gratitude and simply had no words. I felt so much love for my daughter and me in that moment. I truly don't have the right words or actions to express my gratitude because I'm so very thankful for all they have done. I've been a single mom now for 6 years and have felt so defeated with the situation with my home that I was even at the point of trying to seek something cheaper for us as I couldn't make these repairs on my own. It was all overwhelming. Thank you so much to Serve Noblesville and Westfield Youth Assistance, my daughter and I finally have a home that's

functional and beautiful too!"

You Can Make a Difference Too!

Six Points Church among others in the county also stepped in offering their financial support to help make the air conditioning installation happen. Serve Noblesville, Temperature Service, and Sheridan and Westfield Youth Assistance Program would like to express their gratitude to the local community for their continuous support and remind everyone that together, we can create a warmer, more comfortable, and compassionate community for all.

One final note, since we have begun the work on Jenny's house, we learned that they are without heat with a furnace that is not operational. The initial estimated costs for replacement and coring previously overlooked work is \$10,000. Serve Noblesville invites the community to join this noble cause and make a positive impact on the lives of local families. Your contribution, no matter the size, can help make a difference. To support Serve Noblesville's ongoing initiatives and future endeavors, please visit <https://www.servenoblesville.com/donate> or donations can be mailed to Serve Noblesville at 1900 Pleasant St #834, Noblesville, IN 46061

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NEW LISTING!
Stunning 5BR, 4.5BA in Essex of Noblesville, custom designed with in-laws quarters on main level, kitchen with quartz, butler's pantry, premium lot w/pond view, walk-out basement, 3-car garage plus storage, a must see to appreciate all this home has to offer. BLC#21949379

11256 Winding Wood Ct. Indianapolis • \$239,900
NEW LISTING!
This open concept condo is move-in ready, 2 BR, 2 BA. Family room with gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen with granite counters, breakfast bar, tile floor, pantry, appliances stay, main BR ensuite with walk-in tile shower, large 2 car garage, patio with retractable awning. BLC#21945183

18865 Wimbley Way Noblesville • \$299,900
NEW LISTING!
This 3BR, 2BA ranch is located in family friendly Fairfield Farms. Huge great room w/doors leading to covered patio & fenced back yard, kitchen w/pantry, dining area & all appliances stay. New windows, water softener & HVAC in 2020. Fence, roof & gutters 2021. BLC#21949582

10717 Upland Way Noblesville • \$349,900
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Welcome to this lovely 4BR, 2.5BA home, kitchen with center island and newer SS appliances, spacious family room with gas fireplace, park like backyard with maintenance free deck, auto-retractable awning, paver patio, basketball court and cute she shed. BLC#21949680

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXECUTION AND APPROVAL OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE FISHERS TOWN HALL BUILDING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE FISHERS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AS LESSEE

The Fishers Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Fishers Department of Redevelopment and the City of Fishers, Indiana Redevelopment District, has executed a Lease (the "Lease"), dated as of October 30, 2023, between the Fishers Town Hall Building Corporation (the "Corporation"), as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee (the "Lease"), providing for the lease by the Commission from the Corporation of all or a portion of 96th Street between Lantern Road and Mollenkopf Road, including related improvements and fixtures located thereon (the "Lease Premises").

After a public hearing on the proposed Lease held by the Commission on October 30, 2023, at which all interested parties were provided the opportunity to be heard, the Commission adopted a resolution which, among other things, authorized and directed the President or Vice President and the Secretary of the Commission to execute and deliver the Lease in substantially the form presented at the meeting and found that the rental payments to be paid by the Commission under the Lease are fair and reasonable and that the use of the Leased Premises throughout the term of the Lease will serve the public purpose of the City and is in the best interests of its residents. The Common Council of the City of Fishers, Indiana (the "City") adopted a resolution approving the Lease on October 9, 2023, and the Corporation adopted a resolution approving the Lease on October 23, 2023.

The City will loan to the Corporation all or a portion of proceeds of bonds issued by the City (the "Bonds"), and the repayment of such loan by the Corporation will be secured by and payable from the lease payments made by the Commission under the Lease. The Corporation will use all or a portion of the proceeds of the loan from the City to pay any of the costs of the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of a new mixed-use development, including multi-family residential units and commercial and office space, and the completion of related improvements and the payment of financing costs (collectively, the "Project"). The Project will be generally located on the south side of South Street, between Lantern Road on the east and the Nickel Plate Trail on the west, and completed pursuant to a Project Agreement, among Rebar South Street, LLC, the City, the Corporation, the Commission, and the City of Fishers Economic Development Commission.

Rentals under the proposed Lease shall be payable in semiannual installments. The term of the Lease will begin on the date of issuance of the Bonds and will end on a date not later than twenty (20) years after the date of issuance of the Bonds. The maximum annual lease rental to be paid by the Commission under the Lease is \$1,100,000. The proposed Lease further provide for terms concerning the use, maintenance, repair, indemnification and insurance, destruction of the premises, defaults, remedies, option to purchase and miscellaneous other matters. The lease payments under the Lease will be payable by the Commission from a special tax levied and collected by the Commission on all taxable property within the City of Fishers Redevelopment District, pursuant to IC 36-7-14-27. The Commission may, but is not required to, pay the lease payments under the Lease from any other revenues legally available to the Commission, and reasonably expects to pay such lease rentals from certain tax increment revenues received by the Commission, pursuant to IC 36-7-14-39, from all or any portion of the Downtown Allocation Area and the District South Allocation Area each of which is within the Consolidated Fishers/I-69 Economic Development Area.

The Lease is open to public inspection at the Department of Community Development, c/o Director of Community Development, Fishers City Services Building, Three Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.

FISHERS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana; hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR SMALL STRUCTURE 23023
EAST 196TH STREET OVER UNKNOWN STREAM
NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PB-21-0841

Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Hamilton County Auditor, 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, until 12:30 p.m., December 11, 2023. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(A) "Bridges: Highway Over Water" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for this item on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 1:45 p.m. local time, December 11, 2023.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents.

Bidding documents will be available beginning at 9:00 am. on October 30, 2023. Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained from SJCA Inc. or contact Sherly George, P.E., at sgeorge@sjcainc.com for further information. Cost for obtaining the Contract Document & Plans from SJCA Inc. will be \$75.00 and made payable to SJCA Inc. (by check only). Payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable. Interested parties can view the Contract Documents online at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Documents posted on the county website are for informational purposes only. It shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted online. Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through SCJA Inc. to be eligible to bid on this contract.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:

- Form 96 ■ Itemized Proposal
- Non-Collusion Affidavit ■ Receipt of Addendum (if applicable)
- Bid Bond ■ Employment Eligibility Verification
- Financial Statement ■ Drug Testing Program Compliance

Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
Dated: October 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CARMEL CLAY SCHOOL BUILDING CORPORATION AND CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR LEASE OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION

Pursuant to action taken on October 30, 2023, a Lease with the Carmel Clay School Building Corporation in the form submitted at said meeting was authorized and approved by the Board of School Trustees of Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation").

The Lease in said form was executed on behalf of the School Corporation on October 30, 2023.

Dated November 1, 2023.
CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Secretary, Board of School Trustees

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Counties Use High School Students As Poll Workers To Shore Up Staff

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

A state law allowing counties to hire high school students as poll workers fills gaps in election staff for several counties around the state — both large and small.

Under the Hoosier Hall Pass program, 16- and 17-year-old students can staff the polls, missing a school day for "a 'live' experience of democracy in action," as touted by the Secretary of State's (SOS) office.

Allen County Director of Elections Amy Scrogam said her office had roughly two dozen student workers out of 460 poll workers, with more waiting in the wings if shortages popped up.

"As soon as the legislation let us do it, we jumped on it because we thought it was a fabulous idea," Scrogam told the Indiana Capital Chronicle about hiring students.

Bringing minors to the polls

In order to participate, students must have written approval from their principal as well as guardian approval. They must finish mandatory training and maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, according to the SOS.

In Allen County, finishing the training nets the student worker \$25 and successful poll workers will get another \$85 after election day — though poll worker compensation varies from county to county. Students can work as

either a clerk, assistant clerk or assistant judge, verifying voter information or assisting voters at the voting booths. However, the teens cannot be employed as inspectors tasked with overseeing ballot counts and managing polling locations.

An estimated 4.3% of Indiana's poll workers were under the age of 18 in 2020, higher than its peer states and higher than the national average of 3%, according to an analysis from Tufts University.

According to the report, rural areas were less likely to recruit workers under the age of 25 despite their aging populations but highlighted one Indiana exception: Franklin County, where 70% of poll workers were under 25.

"Because elections happen everywhere, the opportunity to serve as a poll workers — especially when intention recruitment reaches young people — can be an excellent opportunity for youth to engage with and learn about the electoral process, including in rural committees," the report said.

A boon to rural counties, but not all

For some rural counties with declining populations, their pool of once-reliable election workers are dwindling as they age.

"These are regulars that have been doing it for years. Several of them are getting up in age and will probably in the next couple of years not be doing it anymore. I kind of suspect that we're going to have a little bit

of difficulty finding some (new poll workers) when that happens," said Penny Waggoner, deputy clerk in Martin County.

Early voting is ongoing across the state and several counties utilize vote centers on Election Day to facilitate access.

To pull a sample ballot and learn more about voting in your area, visit indianavoters.in.gov.

This election cycle requires just ten poll workers to cover the four open precincts in a handful of Loogootee elections.

Waggoner said the county has utilized student poll workers in the past but doesn't have any this year. But at least one former student worker returned to work the polls again as an adult — a plus for stabilizing staff numbers in future election cycles.

"That's probably going to be one of the things that we'll try," Waggoner said about future recruitment efforts.

But not every county has found that workforce to be reliable.

None of the estimated 100 workers across 45 precincts in Boone County are students this cycle, and the current poll workforce is consistent enough that the department has never relied on teens, said Boone County Clerk Lisa Bruder.

"We really have an issue with that — younger kids don't always show up. Whether it be they overslept ... (or) they can't drive," Bruder said. "A lot of them are in sports so then they can't work the whole day."

A few high school

students who are 18 have worked the polls but "we usually have (enough) people that come back every year so we haven't had to go looking," Bruder said.

Experience for students

Still, election workers said that the experience paid off for students as well as their departments.

In Cass County, two of their 34 poll workers were students, said Sherrel Hudson, the county's deputy of voter registration.

"One of them, I think he's leaning toward (a) political (career)," Hudson said. "So it's been good for him. And I think the other one — it's been eye-opening for her to see what we do."

In the more populous Allen County, managing 89 election locations, everyone knows that Nov. 7 will be a long day. But the students seem to lift everyone's spirits, Scrogam said.

"We've never had any disappointed students and everybody loves that they're there," Scrogam said. "All the workers and all the voters come in and I think they enjoy seeing the young students being active participants in the community."

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ACLU Of Indiana Announces Christopher Daley As New Executive Director

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana announced today that Christopher Daley, J.D., will lead the organization as its next Executive Director, beginning in January. The announcement comes after the ACLU of Indiana conducted a nationwide search following the retirement announcement of current Executive Director, Jane Henegar.

"Chris brings passion, commitment and decades of experience in advocacy and law to the ACLU of Indiana. He has been part of creating social change across civil liberties issue

areas, including advocating for children in Indiana's foster system, trans rights, and criminal legal reform," said ACLU of Indiana Board President Tamara Winfrey-Harris. "Chris has the unique experience and passion necessary to meet this moment where Hoosiers' civil rights and liberties are under increasing threats."

Daley grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University. He spent time outside of Indiana, attending the University of California, Berkley School of Law,

and upon graduation co-founded and led the Transgender Law Center in California. Daley also spent time in Washington D.C. where he collaborated with organizations on criminal legal and immigration reform in his role as Deputy Executive Director at Just Detention International.

Daley has spent the last five years traveling across every region of Indiana to advocate for children in Indiana's foster system in his role as the Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA).

"I'm excited to do this critical work, protecting the constitutional rights and freedoms of all Hoosiers," said Daley. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to work with such an important organization, with an incredible team, and with our dedicated supporters, to build on the ACLU of Indiana's storied 70-year legacy and help shape our next chapter. Together, we will build a better Indiana, where 'We The People' means everyone."

Daley was selected after an extensive nationwide search and will begin in his role on January 2.



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choir, is a Thespian Troupe officer and is co-communications director for Bring Change to Mind (a mental health organization). Outside of school, she serves on the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council, is a certified scuba diver and enjoys traveling and spending time with her three dogs, family and friends. Then there is Conner Prairie, where she is a youth volunteer in 1836 costume. "I love working with the children who come to experience it," said Boice, who is also co-captain of an Indiana State Fair Sheep-to-Shawl spinning/weaving competition team at Conner Prairie.

During her school's fall break, she didn't get to travel, but that's OK, she said. "Depending on the week, I have eight to nine shows. So, we stayed here, and I did some fun things with some friends, like the pumpkin patch and dinner and spent time with my family. It was nice to not juggle school and the show schedule."

This isn't the first time she's performed at Beef & Boards, or in "Joseph." She was in "Joseph" when she was 8 years old with her older sister, Ali Boice, now a Legacy Christian School senior.

"It was one of my favorite experiences and really started my love of theater," said Boice, who saw her sister acting in Christian Youth Theater Indy and thought it looked like fun.

"Being in 'Joseph' for the first time was absolutely magical," Boice said. "My sister and I were ... in awe of the entire production. I always loved the movie growing up and would watch my favorite songs over and over on repeat."

She is thrilled to return as a teenager in the production. "The costumes, choreography and music are like a never-ending dance party. I am honored and thrilled to be a part of this show

again and get to be in the whole run." As choir captain, she's in every performance, while three children's choirs rotate performances. Her job is to ensure the children in the choir make it onstage and in their spots on time and ready for their cues. She is available to answer their questions, offer encouragement and help them with any challenges. "I enjoy working with kids and watching them gain a love for theater and grow."

Plus, she gets to be a part of her favorite musical number, "Song of the King," dressed as a cow alongside the adults. "I am so incredibly grateful for this opportunity," she said.

It's always special to be at Beef & Boards. She loves working with the directing and production team, crew and actors.

One of her favorite aspects of Beef & Boards is the closeness of the stage to the audience, allowing the actors to make deep connections with the audience and fellow classmates.

"I feel so grateful to be in a professional atmosphere where I feel valued and can grow myself both as an actor and as a person."

Boice has performed in more than 22 productions, including playing Jane Banks in "Mary Poppins" last summer at Beef & Boards. (Actor Eddie Curry, artistic director at Beef & Boards, played her father, Mr. Banks, in the show.) Other favorite roles were Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" at Indiana Repertory Theatre, "because of the story and the actors." She said, I always went every year with my family to the show. It was extra special to be cast in it and have my family come see the production."

In fall 2022, she taught herself Hungarian for the role of Hunyak in NHS's fall musical, "Chicago: Teen Edition," her first and only high school musical. Boice said, "It

helped stretch me as an actor, and the choreography was so much fun."

She said, "And I loved the 'Music Man,' 'Matilda' and 'Mean Girls' at Civic Theatre (in Carmel) because of the incredible dancing and singing. They were very fun shows."

What does she like most about performing?

"I love to learn and grow," Boice said. "Each show challenges me to try to improve and expand my skills. I really enjoy the whole experience, from rehearsals to bringing the characters to life and connecting to other characters and seeing the audiences' experience of it."

She loves the "Joseph" musical. "I grew up listening to music, so it has a special place in my heart. I have always wanted to be in this show, because I grew up watching the movie and loved it."

With two-and-a-half more years of high school, has Boice thought about continuing her acting career? "Right now, I am still exploring and staying curious about what I want to do as a career," she said. Boice is considering studying Psychology because she said, "I really love working with children and want to specialize in pediatrics." She is, however, considering Musical Theatre. "I feel passionate about bringing stories to life through music, acting and choreography."

She loves the singing and dancing on stage and connecting with the audience.

It's when the show ends is the hardest part. "I always feel so grateful for the relationships built and memories made. Often, you get close to the cast and crew, and I miss them when it's over."

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Steve's grandfather told him that back then Allisonville Road went downhill steeply at Heady Hollow. The road followed the creek for about 100 feet, then it turned and drivers had to ford the creek before climbing the steep hill on the opposite side of the hollow.

(No wonder people didn't like traveling through there.)

Steve added that at that time Allisonville Road and Westfield Boulevard were the only two roads to Indianapolis. Keystone didn't exist and Meridian Street stopped at White River.

I have some additional information about the fate of the Forest Park log cabin.

I know a guy who knows a guy who dug up an undated information sheet prepared by the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department which shows a timeline of the actions park officials took regarding the cabin between 1993 and 1996.

(Apparently, there were so many inquiries about the cabin's disappearance, they felt compelled to produce some kind of explanation.)

I stand corrected — according to this document,

there WAS a "financial campaign to restore the cabin." It was called "Cabin Fever" and its objective was to raise \$40,000. That amount was needed to match a grant being sought from the state government's Build Indiana Fund.

To achieve this goal, a sign was placed in front of the cabin in May, 1994. The sign was removed the following January "after no money was raised through public donation."

Gee, I'm shocked no money was raised.

Seriously? They expected to collect \$40,000, just by putting up a sign? No wonder I can't remember a public campaign. If there was ANY publicity about this, even a notice that the cabin's fate was hanging in the balance, I have yet to find it. (Believe me, I've looked.)

The information sheet goes on to state that it was determined that Build Indiana Funds couldn't be used for this project because moving the cabin from its original site caused it to lose much of its "historic integrity."

Additionally, it was noted that there were already "many" log cabins in this area. (Conner

Prairie was specifically cited.)

So, to recap, Noblesville lost a historic log structure because nobody knew it was in such bad shape that it was in immediate danger of being dismantled. Moreover, it wasn't considered important anyway since there were other log cabins in the county.

Apparently, the nearly 70 years the cabin was a significant part of Forest Park's history didn't count for anything.

Unbelievable.

I keep thinking about the Westfield Washington Historical Society's recently dedicated Barker cabin. It now sports a metal roof, cement chinking and a modern floor, and has lost its loft, but they managed to find the money to restore it and they're rightly proud of it, despite the fact it's lost some of its "historic integrity."

Maybe if the Forest Park cabin had needed its renovations 30 years later, we'd still have it.

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challenges and obstacles, do occur. We want our children to be known for how they overcame their situations and not be defined or limited by them. We may never know how our efforts to help our children today will affect children not yet born. As a Judge my hope has always been that each child develops a spirit of self-reliance and understanding of their individual purpose. We must help instill in them the personal belief that if they work hard and never give up, they can accomplish anything.

This is why supporting this event which benefits Prevail, Boys & Girls

Club of Noblesville, and Children's TherAplay is crucial. These organizations have proven their commitment and ability to provide our children and their families with the tools to overcome difficult situations. They work nonstop until each child has the possibility of reaching their highest potential. Therefore, we must join to support this event, as a caring community, that is watchful of our children. I have always believed in the greatness and ingenuity of the people of Hamilton County. We have come together to provide answers for the needs of our citizens and to set a

better course. Consider joining us at Spotlight on Art benefiting children.

Thank you,
The Honorable Steve Nation

-The Honorable Steven Nation was elected to the Hamilton County Council in 2020. He is an At-Large member. Judge Nation is a native of Beech Grove and graduated from Cathedral High School. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana University and went on to graduate from the IU School of Law-Indianapolis. Nation retired as a Hamilton County Judge in 2019 after serving 24 years on the bench and 16 years as a prosecutor.

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