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TODAY'S VERSE

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)

Hamilton Happenings

Just a reminder, there will be no Noblesville Times Print or Online Edition on Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas Day. There will also be no Noblesville Times Print or Online Edition on Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The Times will publish the regular Monday and Friday Online Editions both weeks.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Incoming Indiana Governor (and current U.S. Senator Mike Braun gave his farewell speech last week on the Senate floor. "I've lived the American dream, and I want more Hoosiers to have that opportunity. Touring all 92 counties every year, I've met so many Hoosiers and heard their challenges and their victories large and small. It's a truly incredible state filled with the most goodhearted, hardworking people in the world. It was my honor to serve them here in this body, and I can't wait to continue the adventure back home again in Indiana as your next Governor." One of his colleagues, Florida Sen. Rick Scott added this: "I'm very appreciative of Mike's friendship, I'm very appreciative of their hard work. I appreciate his tenacity: I can tell you they're always going to live within their means because Mike will not waste a dime."

2 Indianapolis Airport Authority officials hit a historical record last week, with more than 10 million people traveling through the Indianapolis International Airport in 2024 to date. In the first half of 2024, more than 5.2 million people traveled through the Indy airport, setting the airport on course to track 11-percent higher passenger travel in 2024 compared to 2023 and 2019. Those first- and second-quarter numbers were driven by the NBA All-Star game in February, a busy Spring Break travel season, the Total Solar Eclipse, the Indy 500 and Memorial Day weekend.

3 Hoosiers, drive safe! A recent study conducted by personal injury attorneys Injured In Florida (https://injuredinflorida.com) has identified Indiana as the third-highest state for multiple-vehicle fatal crashes in the U.S. A total of 46.85 percent of the state's fatal crashes involved multiple vehicles. Indiana saw 4,090 fatal crashes during the study period of 2018 to 2022, with 1,587 involving two vehicles and 329 involving more than two. Only Nebraska and Delaware were higher statistically.

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Westfield Gets Nearly \$1.5M for Roads

The City of Westfield has received a Community Crossing grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The grant, totaling nearly \$1.5 million, will be used to increase funding for the 2025 road resurfacing program.

Westfield was one of 223 Indiana cities, towns, and counties that received grants. In November, the state awarded nearly \$140 million in matching funds to cities, towns, and counties across the state for local

road projects through Community Crossings, a component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program.

"We must continue to prioritize the condition of our infrastructure, particularly our main thoroughfares and neighborhood streets," said Mayor Scott Willis. "Programs like the Community Crossing grant are critical in helping us expand our capacity each year and ensure our roads are properly maintained."

To qualify for funding, the City of Westfield must provide a 50 percent match and have an asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges. According to INDOT, applications submitted were evaluated based on need, current conditions, and impacts on safety and economic development.

Information on the 2025 road resurfacing program will be available in the Spring.

Paula's Cat Writes Letter? Apparently!



PAULA DUNN From Time to Thyme

I was walking by my computer the other day when I noticed something odd on the screen. It was a letter that began, "Deer Sandy Claws. I hav bin a gud boi. . ."

Uh oh. I didn't write that.

It was pretty clear who did. That letter had the paw prints of my furry boy, Beau, all over it — so to speak.

I knew Peyton, the other furry member of the household, didn't write it. Peyton has little interest in anything that isn't edible. If HE'D been messing with my computer, I would have already discovered several cases of cat food sitting outside my front door.

Beau is another story. He could be described as a cross between Mooch, the almost human cat of the MUTTS comic strip, and Sheldon Cooper, "The Big Bang Theory" genius. He's too smart for his own good. (My cousin, the Dancing Librarian, says he has a "scientific mind.")

Just one example — when Beau came here as a kitten, he was so small he couldn't jump directly up on my bed. However, it only took him 24 hours to map out a route that would get him up there. (He jumped from a chair, to a desk, to a bookcase, THEN to the bed.)

I should have known it was only a matter of time before he turned his attention to the computer. I'm just grateful he doesn't have opposable thumbs. If he did, NOTHING in this house would be safe.

I was curious about what he had to say to "Sandy Claws," so I used a spellchecker on his letter and this is what came up:

"I've been a BIG help to Mommy this year, Santa!

"I made sure she got up on time EVERY morning. Whenever she ignored that gadget with numbers that sits by the bed, I got her attention by walking and / or lying on her. (I didn't want her to feel bad about being late getting breakfast for Peyton and me!)

"When that other thingy she calls a "phone" made

County Humane Society Names 12 Animals In Need

As the holiday season surrounds us with joy and love, the hearts of staff and volunteers at the Humane Society for Hamilton County are heavy, burdened by the reality that 12 extraordinary pets still have no place to call home.

"These sweet souls haven't been overlooked because of who they are," said Lily Darling, Community Engagement Manager.

"They've been overlooked because the right person hasn't come along yet. This holiday season, we ask the community to open their hearts and homes to these 12 amazing pets. They're not just waiting - they're hoping for a miracle, and they need you now more than ever."

Adoption fees are waived for the Featured 12 animals highlighted in the Home for the Holidays Adoption Special. Adoption of the six featured dogs will include a free training package catered to the dog courtesy of Paws & Play Dog Resort & Training Center, while adoption of the six featured cats will include five nights of free boarding courtesy of PetSuites Fishers.

All pets adopted from HSHC are spayed/neutered, microchipped, have at least one round of age-appropriate

About the Humane Society for Hamilton County

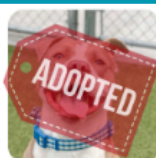
HSHC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is not a United Way Agency and is not affiliated with any other animal welfare group in the United States. The mission of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) is "Saving Lives. Educating Communities. Completing Families." HSHC serves as both the animal control facility and Humane Society for Hamilton County, and as such, receives partial funding (approximately 15%) from Hamilton County to fund the first seven days of an animal's basic care. The majority of HSHC's annual operating budget is funded by individual donations. HSHC is one of the only open-admission, truly "No-Kill" organizations in the United States in that it does not euthanize animals for time, space, treatable injuries, illnesses or rehabilitatable behavior issues regardless of age, breed, disability or special needs, for more information visit www.HamiltonHumane.com.

Meet Our Featured 12

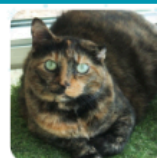
The animals below are considered to be at the greatest risk for emotional decline. They are running out of time. Adoption fees are WAIVED for the Featured 12



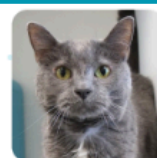
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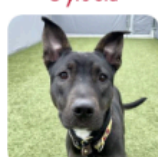
Dallas 3 yrs old



Kiki 10 yrs old



Leonardo DiCatrio 10 yrs old



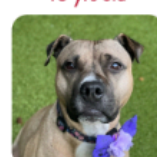
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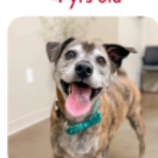
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Mia Marie 13 yrs old



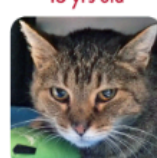
Piper 3 yrs old



Pygmy 8 yrs old



Rune 6 yrs old



Samantha 6 yrs old



Sandor 4 yrs old

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Here is a good resource that explains how the health care law affects you: Healthcareandyou.org

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



TODAY'S QUOTE

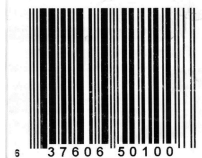
"You know you're getting old, when Santa starts looking younger." Robert Paul

TODAY'S JOKE

You believe in Santa  
You don't believe in Santa  
You are Santa  
You look like Santa  
You think all the Santas you see look young

OBITUARIES

Brian Hoffman  
Marlene E. Loomis  
Eugene Sigurd Monks



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

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# OBITUARIES

## Brian Hoffman

March 17, 1977 - December 9, 2024

Brian Alan Hoffman, age 47, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on Monday evening, December 9, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Westfield, Indiana. Born March 17, 1977, in Indianapolis, Indiana, he was the son of Charles Alan "Pete" Hoffman and Marianna (Pettigrew) Hoffman.



After graduating from Clinton Central High School with the Class of 1996, Brian hit the ground running. For 10 years he worked as an electrician with Jones Electric. He was also the owner and operator of LB Engineering, where he worked as a machinist. Brian also took great pride in his gunsmithing abilities, a true labor of love.

Brian loved everything the great outdoors had to offer, no matter what weather Mother Nature offered up. Every season had something to offer, and Brian was always ready to soak up as much as he could. Hunting (including mushroom hunting) was always at the top of the list, and there was a special place in his soul that was reserved for hitting the open road on the Harley. Brian also had a competitive side as well, and as you could have guessed, it involved being outside. Competitive shooting and tractor pulls were among his favorites.

Though he had many interests in his life, his true passion was his family. If the kids were involved in it, it became his new favorite activity. Brian loved watching and following their sporting adventures. From basketball games to Karate matches, he was always there, taking in every moment. And when it was time for some quality family alone time, trips to the beaches of Michigan were a welcomed adventure.

Brian had a deep love for the land, and an even deeper love for his family and friends. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Deanna (Fisher) Hoffman. She and Brian were married on July 14, 2007. Also surviving is his mother, Marianna (Pettigrew) Hoffman; son, Charles Waylon Hoffman of Sheridan; daughter, Morgan Irene Hoffman of Sheridan; sister, Jessica L. Hoffman of Jacksonville, Florida; 2 nieces, Kenadi Warm, and Ronna White; nephew, Drew Warm; and by his maternal grandfather, Shirley Arnold Pettigrew of Kirklint.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Alan "Pete" Hoffman; paternal grandparents, Charles A. "Chuck" Hoffman and Pauline H. (King) Hoffman-Fox; step-grandfather, Robert Fox; and maternal grandmother, Mary Arlene Pettigrew.

A celebration of Brian's life will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday evening, December 16, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 4:00 PM until the time of service. Pastor Rich Barker will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Heart Association.

## Eugene Sigurd Monks

October 19, 1934 - December 12, 2024

Eugene Sigurd Monks, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at his home. He was born on October 19, 1934 to Charles and Anna (Mealy) Monks in Oil City, Pennsylvania.



Gene was an electrical engineer and worked 30 years for Republic Steel as the superintendent for the finishing inspection and shipping departments (FIS) where he developed novel nondestructive testing systems for the inline inspection of steel bars, coils, rods, tubes, plates and billets. After retirement from Republic Steel, he did a brief stint at Lone Star Steel in Texas before joining General Electric Aircraft Engines in Evandale, OH where he was responsible for developing inspection techniques for military aircraft engines, having visited every US ally's Air Forces to train them in the inspection processes to assure air worthiness and readiness.

Gene met the love of his life, Dorothy Gallaher, in 1953 in Elwood City, PA marrying the following year on August 21, 1954. He was very proud to have celebrated their 70th anniversary of marriage this year and having turned 90 in October. Gene loved spending time with Dorothy and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was an active member at numerous churches through the years, serving many duties at First Christian Church Lansing, IL, First Church of Christ Highland, IN, White River Christian Church Noblesville, IN and finally Venture Church Noblesville, IN.

Gene is survived by his wife, Dorothy Monks; four sons, Greg (Sue) Monks, Brian (Debi) Monks, Mark (Ruth) Monks, and Jeff Monks; 22 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Monks and William Monks; sisters, Beverly Tyson and Sandra Laurain; and his grandsons, Bradley Monks and Chase Monks.

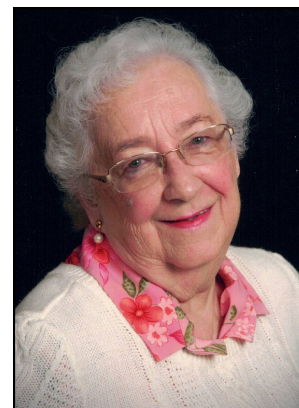
Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, with services at 6:00 pm, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Timothy Monks will officiate. Burial will be at Sylvania Hills Mausoleum in New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, PO Box 3356, Indianapolis, IN 46206-3356 (www.rileykids.org).

## Marlene E. Loomis

May 12, 1936 - December 12, 2024

Marlene E. "Mitzi" Loomis, 88, of Indianapolis, passed away December 12, 2024. She was born May 12, 1936 in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin to the late John "Jack" and Julia M. Smith. Mitzi was a 1954 graduate of Beaver Dam High School. She married



Jay Loomis October 5, 1957 and together they had four children, Laurene, Sydney, Julie and Jon. For quite some time she was a stringer for the East Troy News and had her own column. In 1969 the family moved to Noblesville, Indiana.

Mitzi was employed with Hook Drugs/CVS for 15 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mitzi enjoyed crocheting and doing crafts and was a gifted artist. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew her and loved her.

A Memorial Mass will be held Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46219, with visitation one hour prior.

Mitzi is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Jay Loomis; her children, Laurene D. Griffin of Evansville, IN, Sydney S. Loomis (Jeanine) of Cicero, IN, Julie L. McKee (Bill) of The Villages, Florida, and Jon L. Loomis of Lapel, IN; sister, Serena Fearing of Green Bay, WI; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Bashynski. www.shirleybrothers.com

## Merchants Bank Hires Agricultural Lender

Merchants Bank (NASDAQ:MBIN) announces the hiring of George Wilson as an Agricultural Lender to serve Hamilton County and the surrounding area. Wilson will be based out of the company's headquarters in Carmel.

An established specialist with more than 40 years of experience in agricultural finance, farm machinery and consumer sales, Wilson will support Merchants' lending team by advising current and prospective customers on their agribusiness and family farming needs. With a strong background in assisting clients as they navigate the demands and challenges associated with farmland management and equipment maintenance, Wilson has supported generations of farmers operating throughout Indiana and Ohio.

Before joining the Merchants team, Wilson was recently employed as a territory account manager with Redline Equipment. In this role, he was responsible for representing the company throughout several central and east central Indiana counties, building and maintaining key customer relationships. To support his clients, Wilson made weekly on-site visits to perform new equipment



George Wilson

examinations as well as assist customers with GPS programming and their short- and long-term financial planning. Wilson has also held positions with Educational Furniture, Bane Welker Equipment and Smith Implements, Inc.

"George brings a clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges that both corporate and family farmers are facing throughout central Indiana," said Dinese Watson, Senior Vice President, Ag Lending Manager. "Given his immeasurable knowledge and experience, he will certainly contribute to expanding Merchants' agricultural opportunities throughout Hamilton and neighboring counties."

Wilson is a graduate of Purdue University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics.

To learn more about Merchants Bank, visit www.bankmerchants.com or find Merchants Bank on Facebook, LinkedIn, X and Instagram.

## Reader Says LED Headlights Cause Problem

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Betsy Reason for describing this year's nighttime Noblesville Christmas Parade. Her description of many of the floats, signage and lighting put my imagination to work. Near the end of her column was a comment about vehicle head lights. She wrote, "Also, it was easier on the eyes to see the parade entries in the bright downtown area when the vehicles used their parking lights rather than their headlights."

This comment brings to mind the very bright LED headlights on all of the newer cars and trucks. Driving at night has

become a hazard due to the LED bright beam that is equal to very bright flashlights glaring straight into the faces of drivers esp. smaller to the ground halogen lighted cars. These headlights, low or high beam, are blinding, and could cause accidents for drivers just by trying to see the road ahead of them. I'm surprised that these LEDs were permitted by the auto industry. If an on-coming driver with halogen lights turns on their brights at last moment when meeting an LED headlight vehicle, know it is for their ability to see the road in front of them and not trying to blind the other driver.

Mari Briggs Sheridan

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# Timmons Touches on Hodge Podge of Items



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Notes found scribbled on the back of an autographed photo of Chuck Barris . . .

Football Playoffs have not one but two Indiana teams? Almost 20 percent of the field is from right here in the great Hoosier state – and this is football no less. We’re used to having multiple teams in the NCAA basketball tourney. But football – and IU? This is new ground!

I only wish the Hoosiers and Fighting Irish of Notre Dame weren’t pitted against each other. On the good side, that means at least one of them will make it to the next round. But with the seasons they had, and depending on the draw, there was a decent chance both of them might’ve.

**ONE LAST** sports note – can you hear Duke Tomatoe? His wonderful version of Lord Help Our Colts sure seems appropriate.

Truth to tell, I haven’t really understood the pundits who got all excited about the Denver game and maybe making the playoffs. The Colts are mediocre at best and their wins – which usually are squeakers – are against teams that are, well, in a word, awful. Why did anyone think they could beat a good team.

A lot of changes are in order in the off season. But that’s been true the last few years. Will anything be different this time?

**A LOT OF US** remember the Gong Show and the goofy host Chuck Barris. Never did figure out if the rumors about him working for the CIA were true or not. Then again, didn’t really matter. He will go down in history as the host of maybe one of the weirdest (and dumbest?) shows in TV history. It was so weird and bad it was kind of like a car wreck. You didn’t want to look, but you just couldn’t help yourself.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@the times24-7.com.*

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**WITH THE** holidays coming, it’s a good time to talk about our publishing schedule. Since Christmas and New Year’s fall on Wednesdays, we won’t have a publication either day. Part of me likes to think you’ll miss us terribly – but then I realize that faith, family, friends and just having a break probably take precedence over missing us.

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**SPEAKING OF** said holidays, New Year’s Day is the only one in 2025 that falls on a Wednesday. The other U.S. Post Office observed holidays are:

- MLK Birthday, Monday, Jan. 20
- Washington Birthday, Monday, Feb. 17
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 26
- Independence Day, Friday, July 4
- Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1
- Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 13
- Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 27
- Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 25

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**THE HOLIDAY** schedule means this is the last time this year you’ll be reading my scribbles. So Merry Christmas (Bah humbug on “Happy Holidays”) and Happy New Year to one and all!

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**WITH THE** year drawing to a close, that also means that some office holders will see their terms come to an end. This is always good news and bad. As written in this space on many occasions, we need term limits. So I can’t say I’m especially sad to see some folks who have been in office a LOOOOOONG time leaving . . . but then again, there are some awfully good folks holding office locally.

Can I waffle a little and push for term limits at the state and national levels?

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**SORRY TO** spin off into sports, but how neat is it that the College

# FOR THE RECORD

*For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Noblesville Times. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Times encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.*

## NOTICE OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CARMEL ETHICS BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Carmel Ethics Board (the “Board”) will meet in an executive session on December 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at Carmel City Hall Council Chambers, 1 Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana 46032. The meeting in executive session is being held by the Commission, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4), for the purpose of discussing whether the Board has jurisdiction regarding an allegation of alleged misconduct. No final action will be taken at said executive session and no other subject matter will be discussed.

## NOTICE OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CARMEL ETHICS BOARD

Notice is hereby further given that the Board will convene a meeting open to the public on December 19, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., local time, or immediately following the executive session referred to in the preceding paragraph, at Carmel City Hall Council Chambers, 1 Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana 46032. The public meeting is being convened to consider conducting any and all business as may properly come before the Board at said public meeting.

## CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, December 18th, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ANNUAL REPORT TO TAXING DISTRICTS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 21, 2024
4. FINANCIAL MATTERS  
Cash Flow Report  
Approval of Claims
5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
Architectural Review Committee
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1 – Approval of 2025 Budget  
Synopsis: This will approve the CRC’s budget for 2025.

Action Item #2 – Declaratory Resolution 2024-10 re: Clay Terrace allocation area  
Synopsis: This is the first step in creating the Clay Terrace allocation area.

Action Item #3 – Declaratory Resolution 2024-11 re: Lowe’s Way allocation area  
Synopsis: This is the first step in creating the Clay Terrace allocation area.

1. OTHER BUSINESS
  2. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS
- NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
1. ADJOURNMENT

## CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 6:15 P.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 21, 2024
2. OLD BUSINESS  
Ardalan Plaza Site plans  
Building plans and elevations
3. NEW BUSINESS  
Property Improvements at 320 S Rangeline Road
4. OTHER BUSINESS
5. ADJOURNMENT

# Indiana-American Water Announces Changes

**Quick Facts about Indiana American Water**

- 1.4 million Indiana Customers
- Providing water and wastewater services to over 50 communities
- Over 400 employees statewide
- 38 Surface and Groundwater Treatment Facilities
- 4 Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- 5,400 miles of water pipe
- Over 32,000 fire hydrants

American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., announced today a number of state leadership changes and the development of a key customer strategy role.

Lynnae Wilson will join American Water as Senior Vice President, Customer Strategy, a new role that will focus on the effective strategic coordination of customer service and technology. In today’s world of virtual interaction and communication, the effective utilization of technology in all aspects of providing a superior customer experience is vital. American Water’s Customer Service and Information Technology (IT) organizations will be led by Wilson, as Matt Prine, currently President of Indiana American Water, has been named Chief Customer Officer, and Deb Degillio, has been named Chief Technology and Information Officer.

Wilson has more than 20 years of extensive operations experience in the utility space. Most recently responsible for all aspects of electric operations at CenterPoint Energy, her proven expertise includes leading an integrated technical and operational team serving millions of customers in multiple states.

Prine has led Indiana American Water since 2019, and his state operational experience will enhance the connection between customer service and operations. Degillio has been working with American Water’s IT team to implement many technology-supported customer service systems. She will bring her deep knowledge of customer service processes to IT.

Barry Suits, currently President of Maryland and Virginia American Water, will replace Prine as President of Indiana American Water. Laura Runkle, currently serving as Vice President of Operations for Iowa American Water, will replace Suits as President of Maryland and Virginia American Water. Suits has led Maryland and Virginia operations since 2015 and has been with American Water since 1999, starting out with Illinois American Water. Runkle has been with American Water since



**Barry Suits**



**Matt Prine**

2010 in various roles with increasing responsibility in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Iowa. To allow for adequate transition of the various roles, particularly in state leadership, all of the changes will be effective January 13, 2025.

“This is an exciting day for our company to be able to promote highly experienced, long-time American Water employees as well as bring on someone like Lynnae, who has deep utility and operations knowledge,” said Cheryl Norton, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of American Water. “All are fully committed to our purpose of delivering safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services. They know how to build teams effectively and they understand the importance of putting our customers first while making the communities we serve stronger.”

About American Water American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water’s 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company’s national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

For more information, visit amwater.com and join American Water on LinkedIn, Facebook, X and Instagram.

# NEED

From Page A1

vaccinations, come with a starter bag of food, and a complimentary wellness exam with one of our participating veterinarians.

adoption - it's a lifeline."

Interested in adopting one of the 12? Here's what to bring:

- Completed application on hshcadoptoptions.com.
- All family members
- Dogs for dog meet and greets
- Landlord's pet policy if you rent
- Government-issued ID

"The shelter should never be where these animals spend the holidays," said Darling. "They deserve to wake up in a home, safe, loved and surrounded by people who will cherish them for the rest of their lives. This is not just a plea for

# NOW Hiring

## LIGHT DELIVERY ROUTE

Early Wednesday morning newspaper delivery route available!

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CenterPoint Energy Creates Customer Assistance Fund

CenterPoint Energy is introducing the Customer Assistance Fund, a new initiative focused on providing bill assistance to eligible customers in Indiana, to benefit customers in need.

The new fund replaces the Share the Warmth weatherization assistance program. With other weatherization programs now widely available, the CAF will address customers' needs by offering direct support to those facing financial challenges.

"CenterPoint is committed to supporting programs that meet the evolving needs of our customers," said Mike Roeder, CenterPoint's Senior Vice President for External Affairs.

The program is available to income-qualifying CenterPoint customers. Customers can apply once during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and may reapply at the start of each new calendar year.

The CAF expands eligibility to include customers who may not qualify for state and federal low-income assistance programs but still face difficulties managing their energy costs. Previously, under the STW program, eligibility was limited to natural gas customers who owned their residences; the CAF now extends support to eligible electric customers in southwestern Indiana, as well as those who

rent their residences.

Customers eligible for state and federal low-income assistance programs are encouraged to apply for those resources first before seeking assistance from the CAF. The fund complements existing CenterPoint tools, tips and programs available to help customers manage their bills and save energy.

The Salvation Army to assist with program facilitation in Indiana Administered in partnership with The Salvation Army Indiana Division, the program offers an easy and accessible application process. Customers can apply online at tsutilities.org.

The CAF will be supported by CenterPoint shareholder contributions, employee donations and voluntary customer contributions.

The launch of the CAF is part of CenterPoint's ongoing effort to enhance communications and strengthen relationships with customers. Building on the recently announced Customer Experience Collaborative in southwestern Indiana, the company remains focused on incorporating customer feedback to shape its programs and services.

For more information about the CAF, including detailed eligibility requirements and how to apply, customers are encouraged to visit CenterPointEnergy.com/CAF or visit tsutilities.org.

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noise, I'd dash to it to alert her to the fact that she needed to deal with it, just in case she hadn't heard. (That was fun, because I usually got to race her there and I always won!)

"I helped keep the house clean. I'm very good at dusting with my tail and whenever something got spilled I always pointed it out until Mommy said the magic words, "I'll take care of it, Beau."

"Keeping things clean includes Peyton. The kid - he's only four years old; I'm seven - never gets his ears clean enough, so I have to wash them for him.

"I'm also still teaching him proper litter box etiquette. He tries, but he just can't seem to get the right angle when he scratches, so I often have to finish covering up his ... um, business.

"When I had to visit my vet (it was nothing serious,) I entertained Mommy the whole way there by singing the blues as loudly as I could. It kept her from complaining about the traffic! (I may be a

tuxedo kitty, but I have a Siamese ancestor in my family tree, so I can sing REALLY LOUD.)

"At Christmas, Mommy can always count on my help wrapping packages. I've also taught her that she doesn't need a lot of decorations, like a tree or shiny, dangling ornaments, to celebrate the holiday. After all, she has ME! (okay, and Peyton.)

"Please bring lots of tuna, Santa! (CANS, not that dry stuff in those weird envelopes. Blech!! We like tuna juice!)

"(Yes, Peyton, I told him LOTS of cans. And yes, cat treats are also acceptable.)

"Meowy Christmas from Beau (okay, and Peyton.)"

And a MERRY Christmas from their mom, too!

Paula Dunn's From Time to Thyme column appears on Wednesdays in The Times. Contact her at younggardenerfriend@gmail.com

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Sen. Walker Shares Update



I recently received my committee assignments for the 124th Indiana General Assembly.

by visiting iga.in.gov. Legislative calendars, agendas, vote tallies and proposed legislation can also be found on this site.

KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

Why it matters: Committees are the first stop for a bill during the legislative process. In committees, members of the public, industry experts and lawmakers all have the opportunity to properly discuss and thoroughly examine public policy proposals before they move to the full Senate for further consideration.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community and state. Please feel free to contact me using this form or by calling my office at (317) 232-9400.

During the upcoming session, I will serve on the following Senate committees.

- Insurance and Financial Institutions, ranking member
Public Policy, ranking member
Tax and Fiscal Policy

Committee hearings can be viewed online

HELPING HOOSIERS This Holiday Season

For many people, the holiday season is filled with joy and happiness, but for some Hoosiers, it can also cause stress and increase financial burdens.

That's why Indiana offers many resources for those who may need a little extra help during the holiday season.

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

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Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 14, 2025.
Registration Fee: 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.
Player Evaluations: 13-15 year old players new to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball or 13-15 year old players wishing to re-enter the team draft need to attend the player evaluation session scheduled for March 16, 2025 from 2 pm-4 pm at Noblesville High School.
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# Noblesville Lions Present Miyamoto Fellowship Award



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

The Noblesville Lions Club presented Lion Rollin Cutter with a Miyamoto Fellowship in recognition of his many years of active service to the club recently. The Miyamoto Fellowship is an award from the Indiana Lions for Speech and Hearing and recognizes Dr. Richard Miyamoto, whose work at Indiana University helped develop the cochlear implant. Lion Gary Chastain brought the award, as a trustee of the Indiana Lions for Speech and Hearing. From left, Rollin Cutter, Gary Chastain and Lion President Jeff Kozicki

# The Red Stocking Fund



Total to Date: \$9,815  
Our Goal Is: \$10,000

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| Carolyn Karrfalt<br>In memory of loved ones.  | Dale and Marge Ostler<br>In memory of Janet Field Foell                                |
| Gary and Jo Rhodes<br>In honor of our grandchildren                                   | John Terhune<br>Enjoy your family  |
| Jack and Nancy Kenley<br>Happy Holidays to All  | Don and Suzanne McMahon<br>Merry Christmas to you and yours                            |
| Kathleen Sharp<br>In memory of all children lost to gun violence                      | Angie James<br>Merry Christmas from the James Family                                   |
| Bob Minton<br>In memory of my wife Scarlett   | Jerry and Margie Schwier<br>In honor of our children and grandchildren                 |
| Burns Family Dentistry<br>Merry Christmas from our family to yours!                   | Gary and Leslie McIntosh<br>For all the children of Noblesville                        |
| Mike and Lori Cain<br>Happy Holidays!   | Sally Crow<br>Wednesday Night Bridge Club  |
| Dan and Allison Nicholson<br>Happy Holidays!  | Chuck and Sally Crow<br>To our future, the children of today                           |
| Janet Roberts<br>Have a Blessed Christmas   | Mary Lou Martin<br>Joy and Peace to all  |
| Dr. David E. and Mary Burns<br>In honor of our grandchildren Addi, Evan, Sona and Ben | George L. Kristo<br>In memory of Dr. Linda L. Kristo, PhD, Psychologist                |
| Jane and Jon Prasse<br>Merry Christmas to all of our grandchildren                    | Lynn and Pam Lehman<br>Merry Christmas to the children of Noblesville                  |
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| Ruth E. Roberts<br>Merry Christmas to All   | Marilyn Beem   |
| Laura and Bill Shonk<br>Christmas magic of Lynleigh, Hayden, Remi, Teagan and Cooper  | Dottie Young<br>In honor of Charles and Lucy   |
| Jeffrey J. Eastes<br>Shout for joy to the LORD  | The Rinker Family  |
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|   | Kim and Marc Claussen<br>For the children of Noblesville                               |



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