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County Surveyor Kent Ward given DoD's Seven Seals Award

The REPORTER

The Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) through the U.S. Department of Defense recently recognized Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton Ward with its Seven Seals Award.

ESGR is the lead Defense Department program promoting cooperation and understanding between civilian employers and their National Guard and Reserve employees.

Ward was nominated for the award by Sgt. First Class Scott Dykes, a Section Corner Technician in the surveyor's office and a member of the Army National Guard. Dykes recently returned from a nine-month deployment to Kuwait.

"Kent did more than just hold a job for me while I was gone," Dykes said. "The entire Surveyor's office was really supportive, even sending a couple of care packages while I was gone. Mine was the first deployment out of their office

and they went above and beyond in terms of support."

The Seven Seals Award is presented in recognition of significant individual or organizational achievement, initiative, or support that promotes and supports the ESGR mission, to include the efforts of the more than 4,500 volunteers who carry out ESGR's mission across the Nation on a daily basis.

"I like to hire veterans like Scott whenever I can," Ward says. "They know the chain of command, have a good work ethic and demonstrate initiative. Scott is a quick study and has been an excellent asset to our team."

ESGR develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the Reserve Components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws and resolves employer conflicts between the service members and their employers.



Photo provided
Hamilton County Surveyor Kent Ward (right) was nominated for the Seven Seals Award by Sgt. First Class Scott Dykes (left), who works as a Section Corner Technician in the surveyor's office.

Carmel summer school reading program gets \$20,000 grant

The REPORTER

Carmel Education Foundation was recently awarded \$20,000 by Duke Energy's Foundation for their summer school program for rising second-grade students to improve reading skills.

The award was part of Duke \$311,246 in grants to 22 different K-12 education programs in 15 Indiana counties for 2021. The grants support summer reading programs, energy, engineering and environmental education programs, and programs that support under-represented, low-income or diverse audiences.

"We all know many students missed out on several learning opportunities last year," said Stan Pinegar, Duke Energy state president for Indiana. "I am proud that we are able to offer these grants to students in communities throughout our service territory with the hope of helping those students catch up, restore their passion for learning and encourage them to meet and exceed their educational goals."



Pinegar

The Foundation makes these grants available through the company's "Powerful Communities" program, which helps power the lives of customers and the vitality of communities through charitable giving.

Fishers to honor Vietnam War veterans



The REPORTER

The City of Fishers invites the public to join in celebrating National Vietnam War Veterans Day on Monday, March 29.

The event will recognize veterans and their families who served during the Vietnam War period with a free outdoor ceremony from 10

to 11 a.m. at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive. Registration is required for this event. [Register to reserve your spot online](#) or call 317-595-3211.

Masks will be required upon entry and during the ceremony, and attendance is limited to 200 people. The event will also be livestreamed on the City of Fishers [Facebook page](#).

In the event of severe weather, the event will be moved indoors.

Due to indoor capacity limitations to accommodate social distancing, veterans who served during the Vietnam War period will have priority to attend until the indoor capacity limit is met. All registered attendees will be notified if the ceremony location changes.

The City of Fishers is a proud Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration. To learn more about the Commemoration, please visit vietnamwar50th.com.

It takes more than masks to fight off a virus

"It's a new dawn, it's a new day..."

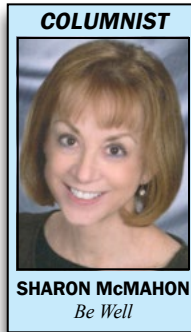
— Broadway musical, *Roar of the Greasepaint, Smell of the Crowd*, 1965

The song from which I have quoted this week has been recorded by many artists, including Nina Simone and Michael Bublé, two of my favorites. Just thinking about (however, not exactly reminiscing!) this past year as we recognize the one-year anniversary of the "official" start of the coronavirus pandemic.

One vivid recollection is an interview I watched last spring when a doctor was asked if he thought that our country could lose up to 100,000 individuals, and he said that he could not imagine that to be the case. Wow. Last count I have seen is over 530,000, and some experts believe the count is actually higher as many lost lives in the beginning of 2020 were not counted. Most of us know at least one person who has died of COVID-19 and others who have suffered from it and have lasting side effects. I feel very blessed that no one in my family has succumbed from the disease.

Masks — yes, I will be wearing mine in public for a while yet. Social distancing — again, yes for some time. Vaccinations — yay, I have mine as does my husband. So, we are feeling much more positive about the "new day" coming. A new day which may never be exactly like the "old days" as we are (hopefully) more tuned in to the science of viruses, how they work, how we can protect ourselves, and how we can move forward using the knowledge and experience we have gained from this terrible pandemic. Make no mistake: viruses and their variants are here to stay, and again, if you follow the science, the increased deforestation along with international travel and lack of personal responsibility tell a story.

So — is it a "new dawn, a new day" — yes, I believe it is in many ways. The past year has taught us that in addition to taking careful measures in crowded public areas



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission looks for way forward after "rough" meeting

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The Fishers Arts & Culture Commission President David Decker described the March 5 meeting as "rough." It is not clear why. No video of that session is available at this time.

It is clear that the commission met with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness Wednesday evening to find a way forward after that "rough" commission meeting. The mayor plans to reduce the involvement of his

staff at each commission session and allow the members of that body to create the right balance of city support for local artists and allow the Arts & Culture Commission room, finding ways to help the artists.

The mayor described a way to build a bridge between the arts community in Fishers and the city through the work of the commission.

Members of the commission expressed support for the mayor's offer to allow the panel room to grow without as much city staff involvement.

Fadness also pointed out that Tom Rich, President of the Fishers Arts Council, is part of City Councilman Todd Zimmerman's group asking for community comments on what is needed in a new city community center and how the arts will fit into that concept.

This is how the city website describes the role of the commission:

The City of Fishers Common Council established The Commission with the purpose to "assist the City in becoming a community in which

arts and cultural activities are recognized as vital components of community life, valued and promoted for their economic benefits, and represent and integral part of establishing a vibrant community and lifelong learning". The Arts & Culture Commission is the nexus between the local government and the residents of the city, bridging the public and private partnership.

The commission was established in 2018 and has been meeting every other month.

Carmel recognized as 'Tree City of the World'

The REPORTER

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Carmel a Tree City of the World.

Tree Cities of the World is a program founded by The Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to recognize cities around the globe that have committed to growing and maintaining their urban forest. Through this recognition, Carmel will join a network of like-minded cities that recognize the importance of trees in building healthy, resilient, and happy cities.

"We applaud all of the cities that have earned Tree Cities of the World designation," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They are leaders when it comes to planning and managing their urban forests. Many of the cities being recognized have gone above and beyond to use trees as part of their green infrastructure. This distinction is a celebration of their creativity and sustainability in creating healthier urban spaces."

Carmel has earned recognition in the Foundation's second year of the program. To

join Tree Cities of the World, Carmel has pledged their commitment by meeting five program standards that show their dedication and determination towards planting and conserving trees for a greener future.

When a city joins Tree Cities of the World, they show their willingness to be a sustainability and urban forestry leader. Planting trees in a metropolitan area comes with a myriad of benefits beyond the recognition of this program. Increasing the number of trees in a community can help reduce costs for ener-

gy, stormwater management, and erosion control. The program provides a network of like-minded city leaders in urban forestry to celebrate and share best practices to cultivate greenery in the community.

Tree Cities of the World aims to create more green spaces in urban areas by recognizing the cities that do it well. Planting more trees is the quickest and easiest way to improve a city's tree canopy and invest in a brighter future.

For more information, please visit TreeCitiesOfTheWorld.org.



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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update #53 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

Gov. Eric Holcomb's Wednesday announcement last week that our teachers and support staff, including classroom aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and substitute teachers, would be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning on Monday was welcome news. This is another layer of making sure that our educators and staff have additional protection, feel safer, and can continue what they do best — teach! It also is a part of an essential step in helping us on our return to pre-pandemic classroom settings.

As we move through a year of deep challenges and opportunities for transformation brought about by the health crisis, public education is facing additional challenges at the state level. There are currently a couple of bills making their way through the Indiana General Assembly that if passed, would be detrimental to public school students and our public schools. Hamilton Heights is among the public schools across the state who are advocating on behalf of their students, passing resolutions, and taking other actions related to school choice bills, specifically HB 1005 and SB 413, that if passed, will divert public tax dollars to private schools.

This coming week, Hamilton Heights will be among the school districts in Hamilton County participating in a "Week of Walk-ins" to raise awareness and encourage community support regarding the potential impact of these bills on public education. We support our educators who are passionate about their work, our students, and legislation that advances public education. Our School Board has a longstanding record of attempting to compensate HHSC teachers at the highest level possible and supports a state budget that does the same for public schools and public-school teachers.


Speaking of teachers, Hamilton Heights High School business teacher Kim Kaiser was the featured guest on the latest edition of the Hamilton County Health Department's "From the Frontlines" series. Host Tammy Sander talks with Kim about Heights' work-based, hands-on learning program and what, if any, impact the pandemic has had on student internships and co-op experiences. [Click here](#) to view. #FromTheFrontlines #ShowSomeCLASSHamCo

The Hamilton Heights Middle School wrestling team proved that even a pandemic couldn't stop them from finishing the season as champions of the MIC Conference Tournament and winners of the Hamilton County Tournament. This tournament win is the first in 16 years and the sixth time in school history the Huskies have brought home the trophy. This is an incredible achievement and a testament to the coaching staff of Rodney Case, Chris Morrison, and Aaron Sheller and a team of 19 dedicated wrestlers who, against the odds, literally wrestled their way to earn this year's tournament title. Congratulations!

While there has never been a more difficult time in my lifetime to work in public schools, this health crisis has provided an unprecedented opportunity to rethink education, see the possibilities, make lasting improvements, and create a more resilient system.

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

NEW DAY

and ramping up personal hygiene, making sure we have a strong immune system is paramount. Those with strong immune systems have more of a fighting chance against both viruses and the many germs pervasive in our world. Unfortunately, many of those people who lost their lives to the virus had underlying conditions and weak immune systems, which in many cases are due to heart conditions, diabetes, cancer, and other illnesses that affect our population.

However, most of us can institute some preventative measures to keep our bodies stronger and more resilient if we do contract a virus. We can make our bodies physically stronger by exercise and regular fitness activities. We can eat less sugar-laden snacks, fast foods, and processed foods, especially processed meats. All of these weaken our immune systems. We need to increase the amount and variety of fruits and vegetables and complex carbohydrates.

If we receive permission from our health care professionals, we can obtain increased immune support from specific supplements. Never begin taking supplements if you are on prescription medication unless you receive the go ahead from your healthcare professional!

This is a great time to start your seedlings indoors to prepare your vegetable garden as well to look forward to that delicious and abundant produce to come!

Additionally, if you have put off seeing your health care professionals due to concern about the pandemic, please consider that your mammograms, annual checkups, and other important medical exams should be a priority as we move forward into a more predictable and calm health environment.

A new dawn — yes, thanks to the vaccinations that are available now. A new day — yes, I believe so as we all want to see our family members and friends, feel comfortable dining out, and enjoy seeing smiling faces once again! Get active, stay active and be the best you possible in order to give ourselves the best opportunity to stay well, stay calm, and enjoy the renewal of spring and hopefully a more "normal" summer ahead!

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

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Child abuse reports could rise with school re-openings

By **BRENNA DONNELLY**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A local researcher is pushing for schools to re-open before the summer break – not for students’ academic or social benefit, but for their safety.

Andrew Campbell’s research was recently cited by the CDC in its recommendation to reopen schools. He says schools play an essential role in detecting domestic violence.

“The risk for abuse is about as high as it’s been, at least as far as I’ve been alive,” said Campbell. “When we look at who reports child abuse across the U.S., 25 percent of reports of substantiated abuse comes from schools.”

Campbell is quick to

say sheltering in place was important to contain COVID-19 but that it increased personal stress through isolation. That’s a risk factor for home violence but also a deterrent for people to report violence. He says victims often wait for their family member to leave the house to make a report, or they wait until they know they can secure some time away from them. That wasn’t happening for Indiana’s mandatory six-week lockdown and months of restrictions afterwards.

“We saw an increase in calls right before lockdown orders were enacted. I think that was victims knowing, and they did tell me that they wouldn’t survive a lockdown,” Campbell said.

“Unfortunately, when orders enacted, most phones went dead. Which is an eerie feeling in this field.”

Campbell says as schools closed, so did teachers’ opportunity to spot a bruise or listen to a plea for help. He says schools need to reopen to give kids a chance to reach out.

“School is their one reprieve for abuse,” Campbell said. “And so again, once kids feel sure that they’re going to continue in that environment, that it will not be taken away from them again, hopefully they’ll be more comfortable disclose what may have happened during lockdown.”

Campbell says it’s not just teachers who can help. Other family members,

neighbors, even mail carriers, garbage collectors, and home repair workers can spot abuse. In fact, several of those workers were still entering homes and spending time in neighborhoods during the pandemic.

Campbell does warn then when schools reopen, social services may be overwhelmed with new cases. He says the situation is similar to the aftermath of a natural disaster, when domestic violence reports increase.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault, call 211 for help and 911 in an emergency.

Anyone in Indiana can call the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 800-332-7385.

Support Heights Key Club in its shoe donation drive in April

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights High School Key Club will hold to a new and gently used shoe drive April 12-23 in collaboration with Soles-4Souls.

The organization donates shoes either domestically to communities or people in need, or interna-

tionally where they help create a business for a family and community to be able to support themselves, go to school, and end the poverty cycle.

To contribute, please drop shoes off at the front office of Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

Submission deadline extended for Carmel International Arts Festival

The REPORTER

Attention artists: The final application deadline has been extended to Wednesday, March 31 for the 23rd annual Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF). After going virtual in 2020 due to the pandemic, the 2021 event will take place in person on Sept. 25 and 26.

CIAF Executive Director Rachel Ferry said, “We are so excited that the Carmel International Arts Festival slated for the last weekend of Sept. 2021 will be an in-person event. We will be following the guidelines that the CDC and our local government suggest, and

we are confident that our artists, vendors and our entire community will have a safe and fun weekend experience filled with beautiful art, delicious food, and amazing music.”

Any changes due to COVID restrictions will be decided closer to the fall date.

All artists are juried to get into the festival and applications are now being accepted for those who wish to have a booth at this popular event. There is a total of



\$7,000 in prize money for the winners. The event regularly attracts more than 30,000 festivalgoers to Carmel.

On average, 400 applications are received for CIAF’s juried exhibition with 150 artists selected to compete. Applications can be submitted online at carmelartsfestival.org/artist-application and will be accepted until the extended deadline of Wednesday, March 31.

For juried selections, artists must submit four

digital images. Three of these images must be of the work the artist plans to exhibit at the show, and the final image should be of their booth setup. Artists can only exhibit art at the show that is the same style as the juried images. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and awards will be announced as soon as the judging is complete. All award monies will be mailed to the winners within two weeks of the conclusion of the festival.

Awards

- Best of Show: \$1,500
- 1st Place: \$1,000
- 2nd Place: \$750
- 3rd Place: \$500
- Best of Media (10 awards): \$150 each
- Honorable Mentions (10 awards): \$100 each
- Mayor’s Award: \$250

Media Categories

- Ceramics
- Fiber
- Glass
- Jewelry
- Original 2-D design
- Original 3-D design
- Painting
- Photography
- Wood

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz is encouraging young Hoosiers to get creative and show off their artistic talent on a national stage.



Spartz

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in each Congressional District across the nation.

“Art makes life more colorful and interesting, provokes thought, and often elicits an emotional response,” Rep. Spartz said. “Art has also been shown to have a positive impact on students’ academic, social, and emotional outcomes. We look forward to seeing what kind of impact our Hoosier-made art will have on those who view it here in Washington.”

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students in Indiana’s 5th District. The winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, and also

featured on the [Congressional Art Competition webpage](#). The exhibit in Washington will include the winning artwork from all participating districts from around the country.

The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Background

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, more than 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Rules

Artwork may not exceed 26 inches by 26 inches, 4 inches in depth, and may not weigh more than 15 pounds. Paintings, drawings, collages, prints, computer-generated art, and photography are all acceptable. Artwork must be original.

[Click here](#) to read the rules for the competition. [Guidelines for plagiarism](#) are also provided. Artwork and [release form](#) must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 23.

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Applications will be accepted at the Clerk’s Office until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021.

Online application available at: <https://tinyurl.com/y86wtbse>

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Nature-based climate solutions

By **LINDSEY BERRY**
Guest Columnist

Future generations of Hoosiers are counting on leaders at every level of government to address the problems that will impact their future before they become unsolvable.

In Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., elected officials need to step up their efforts to pass climate-friendly solutions that will help protect our environment and preserve our precious natural resources. Now is the time to scale well-proven nature-based solutions to sustainability challenges.

In that regard, it is encouraging Indiana has a leader like Senator Mike Braun working in Washington to advance thoughtful policies that will strengthen sustainability and protect our environment here at home and across the country. Last Congress, the Senator introduced his bipartisan **Growing Climate Solutions Act** and it is anticipated to be re-introduced this Congress, which would go a long way in reducing harmful carbon emissions while allowing Indiana farmers and foresters to be part of a larger solution to our world's climate issues.

The idea behind the GCSA is to simply facilitate access for farmers who are interested in adopting sustainable agriculture techniques and participate in carbon credit markets to do so seamlessly. These carbon markets are already there today, but the process can be complex and overwhelming, creating barriers that prevent farmers from accessing the right information and resources to partake in sustainable operations.

What this would do is essentially open up new revenue streams that will help provide stability for farmers – something that is needed now more than ever, particularly after the last year of uncertainty due to the pandemic – while advancing sustainability goals nationwide. By encouraging and incentivizing climate-friendly farming

and foresting techniques, we can help farmers reduce emissions, leading to cleaner air and water, and healthier, more vibrant communities for future generations.

As CEO of **Helping Ninjas**, I am proud of the work we have done to help cultivate and raise awareness about global issues among Indiana communities as well as empowering other children and families and institutions to become involved in working together to create a safe, healthy and sustainable future, where kindness and respect prevails – towards each other, oneself, and our planet.

Helping Ninjas is a movement to inspire, striving to “be the change” that we want to see is an underlying initiative. Passing smart, forward-thinking climate solutions is one way our elected officials can continue to help support our efforts on behalf of all Hoosiers.

I applaud Senator Braun for recognizing the need for these kinds of policies and for working across party lines to get the job done. Congress should pass this important legislation and help better position communities in Indiana and throughout the country to take their climate future into their own hands.

With efforts like these, Senator Braun and other elected leaders can move to enact more policies which will ensure our children inherit a clean and economically successful planet.

Helping Ninjas is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and provide opportunities for youth to learn to be highly skilled at helping the world. Lindsey Berry is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, a mother of four and an advocate for children, health and wellness, and the environment. She and her family reside in Carmel and strive to live sustainably, practicing at home plant-based and clean eating, and many zero waste methodologies. Helping Ninjas, Inc. is a proud partner of Earth Charter Indiana and Carmel Green Initiative.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra treats audiences to Baroque this spring

The REPORTER

In what organizers call “perfect timing,” a small ensemble of Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) musicians gathered on stage in early March to record a series of Baroque music videos that will be released over the course of eight weeks beginning March 24.

That “perfect timing” evolved from the gift of a harpsichord from the husband of former ISO music director, the late Raymond Leppard.

“The stars aligned,” said Katie McGuinness, director of artistic planning. “It presented a perfect opportunity to honor Raymond. We wanted to showcase this beautiful instrument while also getting our musicians safely back on stage again, and Baroque music traditionally features small ensembles and a harp-

sichord. This instrument was a very emotional and perfect gift for us. It's going to be featured in every episode.”

Associate Conductor Jacob Joyce planned the series and is serving as its conductor. According to Joyce, the series is meant to present Baroque music in a modern context: Through the presentation as a virtual docu-series, through performances on modern instruments in a historically informed style, and by examining the pieces as the orchestra plays through a 21st century historical lens. The series unfolds in eight episodes, each focused on a specific region, composer, or instrument.

“In addition to discussing the historical background behind the pieces we perform, we will also examine the current social relevance of these works,

in the hopes that the series will be appealing to a wide audience,” Joyce said. “I am particularly excited to be able to present it free to the public--this will allow viewers, both in Indiana and across the country, unique access to our fabulous musicians at the ISO.”

Sponsored by the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, each episode includes approximately 15 minutes of performance and an additional 10 minutes of interviews and commentary about the music.

Special guests include Wynton Marsalis (who made several recordings of classical trumpet with Leppard), Nicholas McGegan (music director laureate for Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale) and Jeannette Sorrell (artistic director, Apollo's Fire) as well as Marianne

Tobias, ISO program book annotator and Anne DePrez, Board Chair, Christel House Schools, representing Christel DeHaan Family Foundation.

The program topics include:

- Program 1: What is the Baroque?
- Program 2: Corelli & Rome
- Program 3: Vivaldi & Venice
- Program 4: The War of the Buffoons
- Program 5: The Concerto
- Program 6: Bach
- Program 7: Handel
- Program 8: The Harpsichord

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Braun reintroduces Student Loan Tax Elimination Act

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) has reintroduced the Student Loan Tax Elimination Act, which removes the “origination fee” that adds unnecessary debt to student borrowers’ overall student loan costs.

“Student loan origination fees are nothing more than a hidden tax that burdens students,” Sen. Braun said. “This legislation is a step forward and offers one solution to addressing our broken higher education system that fails to put students first.”

The Act also mitigates the impact of this tax to cover overall national debt.

Information provided by National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators:

Origination fees are 1 percent for Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and 4 percent for all Direct PLUS Loans where the fees offset subsidies to lenders.

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, specifies a loan origination fee of 1 percent for all Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized

Loans, and a fee of 4 percent for all Direct PLUS Loans for both parent borrowers and graduate and professional student borrowers. Origination fees are adjusted annually due to sequestration. Origination fees are a relic of the bank-based guaranteed student loan program, a program where the fees offset subsidies to lenders that no



Braun

longer originate such loans.

Student loan origination fees sends \$1.7 billion to the federal government.

Student loan origination fees generated \$1.7 billion in revenue for the federal government in award year 2017-18, and \$8.3 billion over the past five award years.

The average under-

graduate student pays \$294 and the average graduate student pays \$1,174 in origination fees.

The average undergraduate borrower in a four-year program will pay an estimated \$294 in origination fees and associated interest if enrolled in a standard 10-year repayment plan, while the average graduate student in a two-year program pays about \$1,174 in fees and interest on that fee if repaying over 10 years.

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Sheriff Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at First Watch, 1950-15 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Sheriff's Office business.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating is limited due to social distancing requirements. The public can listen in by calling (469) 998-6201 and entering conference ID 488 922 446# when prompted.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will participate in a joint meeting with other public subdivisions for the purpose of community planning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, in the cafeteria at Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating is limited due to social distancing requirements. The public can listen in by calling (469) 998-6201 and entering conference ID 342 631 867# when prompted.

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Romans 15:25-27 (NIV)

Roger Bryan Egle
March 23, 1963 – March 16, 2021

Roger Bryan Egle, 57, Indianapolis, passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel. He was born on March 23, 1963 to Eldon and Alberta (Brumley) Egle in Marion. Bryan received his associates degree from IUPUI in Indianapolis. He was a Global E-learning Specialist for RCI where he created and taught training materials and e-learning sessions for various positions at the company. Bryan attended The Garden Church in Indianapolis. He volunteered for Operation Christmas Child and participated in many walks to support local charities. Bryan enjoyed music, a glass of fine wine, going to restaurants, and attending the master gardener sale every year with his dad and brother.

He is survived by his parents; brother, Jeff (Carrie) Egle; uncles and aunts, Sharen O'Neil, David (Susan) Brumley, Albert (Carolyn) Brumley, Jr., Dale (Debby) Egle, and Bernard (Mildred) Brumley; nephew, Jeffrey (Toni) Egle; nieces, Nicole (Dustin) McGlothlin and Cassie (Brandon) Keller; grand-nieces and grand-nephews; many cousins; special friend, Amy McGrew; and many other special friends.

Bryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert and Dorothy Brumley, and Roy and Gwen Egle; and uncles, Tom O'Neil, Roger Egle, and John Brumley.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at CrossRoads Church of Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield, with Pastor Eric Lohe officiating. Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or samaritanaspurse.org/our-ministry-memorial-giving.
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Rep. Cook says full funding for virtual public school students could soon be reality

The REPORTER

Legislation to fully fund students attending school virtually due to COVID-19 could soon be law, according to State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero).

Under current law, public schools receive 85 percent of tuition support per virtual student, which is defined as a child learning 50 percent or more of their in-

struction online.

Cook said this legislation would provide 100 percent of the state's tuition support for students at public schools who have gone to virtual instruction for part or all of the 2020-2021 academic year, so long as those students weren't



Cook

already learning virtually prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our students and educators have done an outstanding job over the past year as they've quickly pivoted to help spread of this virus," Rep. Cook said. "Fully

funding our schools regardless of whether a district is operating online or in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic was a top priority for lawmakers, and now, we are one step closer to seeing this effort become law."

Senate Enrolled Act 2 now heads to the governor for consideration as a new law. Visit iga.in.gov to learn more.

Indiana School Boards Association on school vouchers and proposed ESAs

Submitted by Adam VanOsdol on behalf of the Indiana School Boards Association

The Indiana School Boards Association has released the following school choice fact sheet, as the State Senate embarks on budget hearings and prepares to take up the proposed expansion of the Choice Scholarship Program and the establishment of ESAs (education savings accounts).

- Resolutions opposing vouchers and ESAs **have been adopted** by more than 125 school boards that collectively serve nearly 500,000 students.

- Indiana **ranks fifth** in state budget support for private school choice but **39th** in public K-12 expenditures per pupil.

- Funding for private education in the **House-passed budget** increases by 23.4 percent in Fiscal Year 2022 and 29.3 percent in Fiscal Year 2023, while funding for traditional public schools increases by 3

percent in FY 22 and 1.4 percent in FY 23.

- In the first year of the ESA program, an estimated **3,203 students out of 187,000 eligible** would be expected to sign up, but there is no cap on the number of students who can participate. Parents of selected children who opt out of public schools and open an ESA would receive 90 percent of the state per-pupil funding that would otherwise go to the local public school district – about \$6,000 per child per year.

- Voucher eligibility expands to a family of four earning around \$145,000 and a family of five earning approximately \$170,000 – amounts that qualify as **upper-class incomes** in many Hoosier communities.

- House Bill 1005 requires an annual survey of parent satisfaction with the ESA program but no state reporting on measurements of actual student learning outcomes.

- More than one-third of Indi-

ana counties (33) have **zero Choice Scholarship schools**, while another 20 counties have just one. Only **8.7 percent of last year's voucher recipients** resided in rural Indiana.

- Indiana has expended **more than \$1 billion on Choice Scholarships** since the program's inception in 2011-2012. Unlike public schools, private schools are not audited by the State Board of Accounts, nor are they required to publish an annual financial report.

- A 2018 study by researchers at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Kentucky examining the first four years of the Choice Scholarship Program found students who used a voucher to transfer to a private school **experienced achievement loss in math** compared to their peers who remained in public schools.

For more information, visit **ESA Is Not OK** and follow ISBA on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.

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Lacrosse

GC boys, Miller girls win all-county matches



Noblesville's Maddie Christie (16) scored two goals for the Millers during their 15-6 win at Hamilton Southeastern on Friday. Noblesville is now 3-0 for the season. At right is the Royals' Olivia Schenck (22), who scored four goals in both of Southeastern's first two games of the season.

Reporter photos by Kent Graham

An all-county boys lacrosse match went to Guerin Catholic on Friday night, as the Golden Eagles beat Noblesville 18-4 at the Eagles Nest.

Guerin Catholic led 5-0 after the first quarter, with senior Luke Abell scoring two of those goals. Raphael Rainey, Nathan Zurawski and Andrew Jachimowicz each scored one. The Millers got on the board less than a minute into the second period after senior Skyler Tolliver found the back of the net.

The Golden Eagles answered that at the 10:03 mark of the period when junior Luke Truffer scored. Both Truffer and Abell put in two goals in the second quarter, and Guerin led 9-3 at halftime. Tolliver added a second goal late in the period, and Tyler Roberts also scored.

The Golden Eagles scored four goals in the third, two of them coming from Rainey. Guerin Catholic led 13-3 after three periods, including a last-second goal – there was 1.4 seconds left on the clock – from Jachimowicz.

"I'm very proud of how the boys played tonight," said Golden Eagles coach Charlie Barry. "It was a good bounce-back game. We had a difficult game on Wednesday. This easily could've been a trap game, coming in with a Noblesville team that's very hungry, very young but very hungry. If we hadn't played aggressive, we hadn't played hard, it could've gone the other way really easily."

In the fourth quarter, GC added five more goals, with Truffer and Rainey both scoring twice. Jacob Purvis added one more goal for Noblesville.

"We knew that our schedule is always going to be one of the toughest in the entire state," said Millers coach Mark Milam. "You had these games, and what you do is you got to learn from them. Whether it's film or whether it's guys gut-checking each other or holding each other accountable, you just learn what you can."

Guerin Catholic is 2-1 and next plays on Wednesday at Zionsville. Noblesville is 1-3 and hosts Park Tudor on Monday.

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MILLERS GIRLS BEAT HSE

The Noblesville girls lacrosse team also played an all-county game Friday, at Hamilton Southeastern. The Millers won 15-6.

Sidney Klinger led Noblesville with five goals and two assists, giving her seven total points for the third consecutive game. Klinger now has 11 goals and 11 assists for the season.

Chloe Barnett added another three goals for her third consecutive hat trick. Emma Potter had three ground balls and three draw controls; she is now the career high school record holder in both categories. Maddie Christie had two goals, forced three turnovers and picked up three draw controls, while Maddie Reel made 10 saves in addition to two ground balls and an interception.

The Millers are 3-0 and host Guerin Catholic on Tuesday.

Chloe Sztot scored three goals for the Royals, with Ava Brucik, Caitlin Carter and Ashley Springer each scoring one.

Southeastern dropped to 2-1 for the season. In their first game on March 9, the Royals beat Cathedral 14-7, with Sztot scoring five goals and making three assists, and Olivia Schenck putting in four goals. On March 11, Southeastern beat Westfield 13-3. Sztot scored five goals and dished out four assists, while Schenck added four goals. The Royals play at Guerin Catholic on Thursday.

Lauren Dean, Devyn Fortune and Claire Ireland each had one goal for the Shamrocks. Westfield is 2-2 for the season, starting with a 14-2 win over Avon March 5. Ireland and Charley Kocsis both had three goals in that game, with Ireland and Fortune both handing out three assists. This past week, the Shamrocks fell to Brebeuf Jesuit 8-7 on Tuesday, then beat Lawrence North 16-0 on Thursday. Westfield is back in action Tuesday when it hosts Heritage Christian.



Hamilton Southeastern's Stella Fisher (14) goes on the attack for the Royals. Pictured for Noblesville is Emma Potter (11).

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Noblesville athletic college signings



Noblesville's Taylor Caldwell has committed to play golf at Hanover College.
Pictured: Left to Right: Theresa Caldwell (Mother), Taylor Caldwell, Trent Caldwell (Father).

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Indiana 137, Miami 110			

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Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	28	13	.683	-
Brooklyn	28	14	.667	-
Milwaukee	26	14	.650	1.5
Miami	22	20	.524	6.5
Atlanta	21	20	.512	7.0
Charlotte	20	20	.500	7.5

New York	21	21	.500	7.5
Boston	20	21	.488	8.0
Indiana	18	22	.450	9.5
Chicago	18	22	.450	9.5

Toronto	17	24	.415	11.0
Washington	15	25	.375	12.5
Cleveland	15	26	.366	13.0
Orlando	14	27	.341	14.0
Detroit	12	29	.293	16.0

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	30	11	.732	-
L.A. Lakers	28	13	.683	2.0
Phoenix	27	13	.675	2.5
L.A. Clippers	26	16	.619	4.5
Denver	25	16	.610	5.0
Portland	25	16	.610	5.0

San Antonio	22	16	.579	6.5
Dallas	21	19	.525	8.5
Golden State	22	20	.524	8.5
Memphis	18	20	.474	10.5

Sacramento	17	24	.415	13.0
Oklahoma City	17	24	.415	13.0
New Orleans	17	24	.415	13.0
Houston	11	29	.275	18.5
Minnesota	10	32	.238	20.5

Teams in positions 7-10 in their respective conferences will compete in a play-in tournament at the end of the season.

Pacers get dominant win at Miami

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

It took 207 days, but the Pacers finally dished out some revenge against the Miami Heat after they bounced the Blue & Gold from last year’s playoffs. In the first installment of back-to-back contests against the former Eastern Conference champions, Indiana stepped into AmericanAirlines arena and walked out with a dominant 137-110 victory.

Coming into tonight, Miami (22-20) was limiting opponents to an NBA-low 44.1 percent shooting. The Pacers (18-22) dismissed that fact and shot 52-of-89 (58.4 percent) from the floor for a season-high 137 points. They also set a new season-high percentage from beyond the arc, finishing 20-of-36 (55.6 percent) from 3-point range. In contrast to past games, the squad finished the fourth quarter strong and outscored the Heat 38-28 in the final frame.

“(It was) getting stops and rebounding the ball,” Malcolm Brogdon said of the difference in the fourth quarter. “Being able to rebound the ball in the fourth quarter to close the game out, and then (knocking) down shots to finish the game – that was huge for us.”

In all, seven Pacers finished in double figures, with Brogdon leading the way with a game-high 27 points on 10-of-12 shooting. The former Virginia guard connected on seven 3-point shots, tying his career best. Justin Holiday and Doug McDermott finished with 17 apiece. Both Domantas Sabonis (13 points, 15 boards)

and T.J. McConnell (16 points, 15 assists) finished with double-doubles.

A quiet opening six minutes from both sides produced a tight battle for the rest of the first quarter. The Blue & Gold finally broke into a multi-possession lead behind a swat from Myles Turner on a Jimmy Butler layup attempt. Leading 22-19, McConnell found a cutting Doug McDermott for an easy reverse layup that gave the Pacers a 24-19 lead with 2:44 to go. The Pacers’ speedy bench was finding ways to break down Miami’s tough zone defense.

The squads exchanged a flurry of points in the paint to finish the first. With under a minute remaining, back-to-back buckets from McConnell earned a 30-28 lead for the Blue & Gold. After veteran guard Goran Dragic tied things up with a reverse layup, Goga Bitadze responded with a driving layup on the right side through a foul. Though he missed the ensuing free throw, Indiana finished the first with a 32-30 advantage.

McConnell continued to direct the Pacers’ offense to start the second. The human sparkplug notched two buckets and two assists over the first 2:30 of the period. His dish to Jeremy Lamb for a 3-point shot on the left wing sprung Indiana to a 41-32 lead and forced the Heat to call a timeout. A pair of free throws from Lamb with 7:40 to go pushed the lead to double digits, 45-35, for the first time.

The reserves widened the margin midway through the frame. After Tyler Herro notched a pair of free throws, the Blue

& Gold rattled off seven unanswered to surge ahead 52-37. The run was highlighted by Edmond Sumner’s flying alley-oop slam off a lob from Lamb.

However, Miami whittled away the lead behind an 11-2 run over a 2:01 span. A pair of free throws from Kelly Olynyk capped the run and trimmed Indiana’s lead to 54-48 with 4:18 to go.

But, the Blue & Gold clamped down on the defensive end. The squad constricted Miami to just two points over the next 3:20. Indiana finished off the half by finding points on three of its last four possessions, securing a 68-58 lead.

The Pacers quickly extended the lead to 76-58 early in the third behind a pair of triples from Brogdon and Justin Holiday. However, Miami responded with seven uncontested, including five from Kendrick Nunn, to cut Indiana’s lead back down to 76-65 with 8:09 remaining.

But the Blue & Gold remained tenacious, finding success behind the 3-point line. Treys from Turner, Brogdon, and Justin Holiday extended the lead back to 18, 87-69 with 4:46 left in the period.

Indiana’s sharpshooters continued to keep Miami from climbing back. After the Heat cut the lead to 89-76, Holiday and McDermott drilled a pair of threes to extend the lead to 95-76 with 1:38 to go. McConnell and McDermott then finished the period with buckets in the paint. Indiana led 99-82 heading into the final frame.

The duo continued their success to start the fourth. A McDermott triple from the left baseline off McConnell’s dish started Indiana’s scoring. On Miami’s next possession, McConnell picked off a

lazy pass from Herro and finished a layup through contact to extend the Pacers’ lead to 104-82 with 11:07 to go.

For a brief stint, things appeared to be going in an all-too-familiar direction for the Blue & Gold. A once 22-point lead was trimmed to 106-93 in a 2:02 span behind three straight 3-point shots. Dragic’s trey from the right wing forced coach Nate Bjorkgren to call a timeout with 8:58 to go.

But, Indiana did not stumble this time. At the 7:30 mark, the club earned four points on a single possession to keep Miami at a distance. McDermott fired a three from the left wing but was fouled by KZ Okpala. Feeling slighted, Okpala overreacted and was called for a technical foul. After Lamb sank the technical free throw, McDermott drilled his three attempts from the charity stripe to regain a 114-98 Pacers lead.

“I just think you have to credit our group,” said McConnell about regrouping after the timeout. “It’s happened many times this year where teams will punch us and we won’t respond. I think we did a really good job of responding to their run tonight.”

The four-point possession started a run of 10 unanswered Pacers points that deflated Miami’s sails for good. After Dragic ended the spree with a jumper, Brogdon added salt to the wound, firing off a pair of triples to extend Indiana’s lead to 126-100 with 4:22 left.

Miami opted to sub in its reserves to finish the game from there. The Pacers then finished off the game with ease, hoping this game will be the turning point of the season.

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