

**TODAY'S VERSE**

Matthew 11:28 - 30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



**FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Greg Nordhoff smile? "My family," said the 50-year-old Noblesville resident. He was found on Election Day working the polls, as a trained inspector at the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville polling site. Election traffic? "Steady but not heavy. We had about 10 people come in right at 6 (a.m.) But outside of that, it's been a slow trickle." He is a sports marketing CFO. Born in Jasper, Ind., he moved to Noblesville for a job. He has a wife, Melissa, and two sons in college, Chris and Alex, at Purdue and Indiana universities. Hobbies? I play golf, not very well." Why he wanted to be an Election worker? "My dad ran the elections in southern Indiana when I was growing up. At this point, we're empty nesters, so I thought it would be a great time to start."

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Real Estate Market**

The residential real estate markets in both Hamilton County and Noblesville cooled down in October, with home prices continuing to rise. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average home sale price in October for Hamilton County was up 14.1% to \$477,522. Available inventory increased significantly - by 177.6%; however, pending home sales were down 23.3% compared to this time last year.

In Noblesville, the average home sale price increased 6.7% to \$408,759. The number of home sales closed in October, however, decreased 33.9%, and homes stayed on the market 133.3% longer than this time last year, selling in 28 days.

Central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices continued to increase; Hamilton County had the highest average year-to-date home sale price in the region at \$477,522. Homes sold in 18 days on average, which is 5.3 percent faster than in 2021. Hamilton County homes left the market 22.2 percent, or four days, more quickly than in 2021 - selling the fastest in the 16-county central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced a 68.8 percent increase in overall available home inventory in October 2022, with 1,981 more homes available for sale than in October 2021. Hamilton County had the largest inventory increase - up 177.6 percent compared to October 2021.

**2. Connor Prairie Event**

Conner Prairie is celebrating Native American Heritage Month with a special "Curious Conversations" webinar at 1 p.m. today featuring a discussion with Mike Pace, a Conner Prairie interpreter and Lenape descendent, other members of the Delaware Tribe of Native Americans and Conner Prairie's Curator of Native American History & Life, Sara Schumacher. The Curious Conversations online webinar will discuss the Delaware Tribe's material culture, which are the objects produced, used and traded by a group of people. The webinar is free, and registration is available online at [us02web.zoom.us/j/81225200000](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81225200000).

**3. Mitchell Statement**

Indiana's current State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell offered the following statement in response to Daniel Elliott's election as the next Indiana Treasurer:

"I congratulate Daniel Elliott on his victory in yesterday's election, and acknowledge from personal experience the many months of hard work he and his opponent invested in this important race. Daniel's understanding of local government and his decades of civic engagement will serve him well in the wonderful journey he is about to embark upon. The Office of the Indiana Treasurer of State provides essential services for all Hoosiers, and I look forward to working with Daniel through the next weeks to ensure a smooth transition of duties."

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**James Martin, a member of the Noblesville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6246, traditionally emcees the annual Veterans Day ceremony program, put on by the VFW and American Legion Post 45, at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton County War Memorial on the Square in downtown Noblesville.**

## No Edition of The Times for Veterans Day

We'll miss you tomorrow! As you celebrate America's heroes this Veterans Day, don't forget that The Times does not publish either a Print Edition or an On-line Edition on Postal Holidays. We will be back with our usual Saturday edition without fail though.

The next time you won't see our regular smiling faces will be on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 - but like this week, we'll be back that Saturday! Enjoy the holiday!

## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:23 a.m.  
SET: 5:31 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
HIGH: 75 °F  
LOW: 51 °F

**Today is....**  
• Area Code Day  
• USMC Day  
• Sesame Street Day

**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1954 U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower dedicates the Iwo Jima memorial in Arlington Ridge Park  
• 1958 The Hope Diamond is donated to the Smithsonian Institution by New York diamond merchant Harry Winston  
• 1975 The 729-foot-long freighter SS Edmund Fitzgerald sinks during a storm on Lake Superior, killing all 29 crew on board

**Births On This Day**  
• 1483 Martin Luther German monk, priest and leader of the Protestant Reformation  
• 1968 Tracy Morgan American comedian and actor

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 1982 Leonid Brezhnev Ukrainian-Russian general, politician and 4th Head of State of the Soviet Union  
• 2007 Norman Mailer American author and journalist

## Activities, Perks to Honor Veterans



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

It's time to celebrate our military veterans and thank them for their service.

Veterans Day will be celebrated Friday during an array of events in Hamilton County.

On Friday, most county government offices will be closed.

Here at the county seat in Noblesville, a Veterans Day program will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hamilton County War Memorial on the Square in downtown Noblesville.

It's put on by American Legion Post 45 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6246.

James Martin, a member of the VFW, traditionally emcees the program.

A laying of the wreath is usually followed by a 21-gun salute by the Legion and VFW. Names of the deceased veterans are also usually read at Riverside Cemetery and Crownland Cemetery.

The community is invited to a free meal of Philly steak sandwiches and fries and "stunning custom cake" following the Veterans Day ceremony at the Noblesville American Legion, 1094 Conner St. The night's entertainment will be Mississippi Raglips and the River Dogs at the Legion, a joint event with Noblesville VFW.

Thanks to the Nickel Plate Express, veterans and their families can enjoy free 30-minute caboose rides on Veterans Day. Guests will ride on the historic Nickel Plate Road in the little red caboose. Patriotic music will be enjoyed as veterans board the caboose.

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## Ed Martin Toyota Wins Major Award



Ed Martin Toyota was recently presented with the prestigious Board of Governors Award from Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (TMNA). Each year, TMNA presents the award to Toyota dealerships that exhibit outstanding sales and maintain Toyota's high standards for customer satisfaction.

The President's Board of Governors Award pays homage to Toyota dealerships throughout the U.S. that achieve high

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## City of Fishers to Host Veterans Day Ceremony Tomorrow

The City of Fishers and Fishers Armed Services Commission will host their annual Veterans Day ceremony tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Knowledge Services at 9800 Crosspoint Blvd, Indianapolis. Knowledge Services is located at the former Marsh Headquarters along I-69.

This year's guest speaker is MG Richard Chegar, US Army (ret). General Chegar graduated from West Point in 1962. Following Infantry, Airborne and Ranger training, Chegar served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Okinawa and Vietnam.

During his career, he was decorated for valor and distinguished service. In retirement, Chegar has served as CEO of the Patton Museum Foundation at Fort Knox and has been inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame

The ceremony is free and open to the public. A live stream will also be provided on the Fishers Magazine Facebook page.

**About the City of Fishers:**  
The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County, and is consistently nationally ranked as a top place to live. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Faddness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes.

With a population of 101,171, Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

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**OBITUARIES**

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**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Read to your child every day instead of sitting her in front of the TV. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**HONEST HOOSIER**

As we approach Veterans Day, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to Bill Mauldin and his wonderful Willie & Joe cartoons!



**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility."  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

**TODAY'S JOKE**

An officer looks at a PFC and asks if he has change for a dollar.  
"Sure, buddy," the PFC says.  
The officer screams back: "That is not how you address an officer, soldier! Try again."  
The soldier snaps to attention: No sir!"

**WTHR 13 7 DAY FORECAST**

50/75 NEAR RECORD WARMTH	50/56 COOLER, BAIN RISK	28/38 WINDY, LIGHTS	23/38 SUN WIND, CHILL IN PM	23/43 PARTLY CLOUDY	23/39 CHANCE OF RAIN/SNOW	23/40 STILL CHILLY
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## OBITUARIES

### Barbara Jean Dodd

July 24, 1935-November 8, 2022

Barbara Jean Dodd, 87, of Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 at her home.

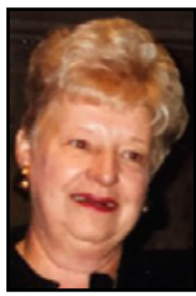
She was born on July 24, 1935 to Maurice and Marie Hoffman in Vincennes, Indiana.

Survivors include her son Bill (Sandy) Dodd; and 3 grandchildren Christina Dodd, Jacob Dodd and Recee Dodd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William E Dodd.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

Online condolences may be made at [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



### Robert Leslie Pettijohn, Sr.

June 27, 1937-November 8, 2022

Robert Leslie Pettijohn, Sr., 85, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville.

He was born on June 27, 1937 to William and Helen (Burriss) Pettijohn in Indianapolis.

Mr. Pettijohn proudly served his country in the United States Army.

For over 30 years, he worked for General Motors as a linesman. He enjoyed fishing and watching sporting events. Mr. Pettijohn was a proud and involved grandpa to his grandkids. He loved their visits and time together with his family.

Survivors include his daughter Brenda (James) Christenson; 3 grandchildren Jacquelynn Marie Christenson, James Zachary Christenson and Jacob Andrew Christenson; 3 step-daughters Pam Langford, Jimmie Sue Rogers and Billie Vaughn; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie Vaughn Pettijohn; son Robert Leslie Pettijohn Jr.; sister Martha Louise Pope; and brother Charles Pettijohn.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., noon, with services scheduled to begin at 12 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. The Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, WEB PO Box 97075, Washington, DC (mda.org); or American Cancer Society, PO Box 681405, Indianapolis (cancer.org).

Online condolences may be made at [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



### Garry M. 'Buff' Scherer

April 29, 1953-November 7, 2022

Garry M. 'Buff' Scherer, 69, of Lapel, passed away on Monday, November 7, 2022, at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born on April 29, 1953, in Anderson, Indiana to Woodrow and Thelma (Gray) Scherer.

Mr. Scherer graduated from Lapel High School in 1972. He retired from Brockway Glass in 2014 after more than 30 years of employment.

He was a member of the Lapel Eagles Aerie 4323.

Mr. Scherer was the former president of Lapel Little League and a former member of the Lapel Town Council. He was an avid fan of IU Basketball and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved hotrods and rock music.

Survivors include his daughter Tarra (Shane) Kernode of Lebanon; 2 grandchildren Chyanne (Alexander) Mason and Brady Giguere; 2 brothers Tom 'Steve' (Becky) Scherer of Farmland and Jay (Jovy) Scherer of Anderson; 2 great-grandchildren Haiden and Adaleisa; and several nieces and nephews.

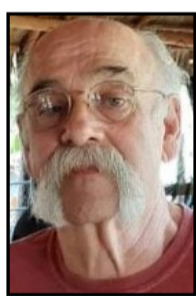
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years Marsha (Ballard) Scherer; son Douglas Scherer; and sister Shirley Scherer.

A memorial service is scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, 1010 North Main St., Lapel.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday Nov. 14, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lapel Little League.

Share online condolences at [hersbergerbozell.com](http://hersbergerbozell.com)



# Going from Bad to Worse to . . .



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

When it comes to health, I have always considered myself a lucky guy. When I tell my family that, they roll their eyes and ask if I'd forgotten that my heart was laying on a table while some nice medical folks played around inside my chest earlier this year.

Oh pshaw, I say. My daughter says that's like saying, "other than that, how was the play Mrs. Lincoln?"

Kids. And like a lot of guys, I do tend to ignore some things. I've always figured if it's serious enough we'll figure it out sooner or later. Until then, I don't want to dwell on every little ache and pain.

Except the other day. I had this pounding headache that hurt all the way from the top of my head down to the corns and bunions below.

I opened my desk and was looking for the bottle of aspirin - nuclear strength - when the phone rang so loud it rattled my wisdom. (No, I didn't leave out the word teeth.)

"Paper, Timmons."

"This here is your lucky day my good man," a very loud and very twangy voice boomed into my ear. "This here is Bob Eubanks and we are calling some of the original contestants from The Newlywed Game with a free prize! All you have to do is answer the following question, when is the best time to make whoopee?"

Good Lord! That twang

and the stupid gimmick could only mean one thing. Bubba Castiron was calling me . . . again!

Did I mention how badly my head hurt?

"Bubba, first off - the Newlywed Show was on in the 1960s. My wife and I may have been together for 40 years, but we didn't even know each other back then. And second off, when we make whoopee is none of your business."

"Don't happen very often, huh?" Bubba cackled. "Doggone Timmons, I thought for sure the Bob Eubanks thing would get you. I figured at your age you'd just believe you forgot being on that show."

"Bubba, listen, didn't we just talk a couple of weeks ago? You only call every few months, if that often. Why are you calling so soon?"

"I got to tell you, Timmons, that hurts my feelings. I mean I think a lot of you and value your opinion and all. Why you got to be so cross?"

Inside my head a thousand tiny men with jackhammers were pounding away on the back side of my eyeballs. And now, on top of everything else, I was feeling guilty about being short with Bubba.

"Ah, look, Bubba. I didn't mean to."

"Ha!" Bubba shouted. "I was just yanking your chain. The only time my feelings get hurt is when the store is out of Falstaff beer."

"Bubba! Listen, I really am busy and it really is a bad day for this," I steamed back. "Exactly what is it I can do for you?"

"Dang, Timmons, you really is in a mood today, huh? You know what you need, son? What you need is what my great-grandpappy used to call an altitude adjustment."

"Attitude?"

"Huh?"

"Never mind."

"Timmons, you just got to open your eyes to the wonders of the world, to a meridian of possibilities."

"Myriad?"

"Huh?"

Why do I bother?

"Look, I'll tell you what Timmons. You play along with me on this and I will stop bugging you for the day, AND I promise you that you will feel better. I am going to pry your eyes open to the wonders of the world like a metal key opening a can of Spam."

Prying my eyes actually might help with the pain. And even though I had no illusions that whatever Bubba had up his sleeve would be worthwhile, I was willing to do darn near anything to end this conversation.

"Fine, Bubba. I'll play your silly game. What is it?"

"OK, Timmons. Good deal. Now, what if I could show you something that you have never, ever seen before and will never, ever see again. Would that make you change your crappy outlook today?"

Bubba, I am old enough to be on Medicare. I have worked from one coast to the other and have seen an awful lot. I seriously doubt that you can show me something that A) I have never seen before and B) will never see again. It just isn't possible."

"Yeah, OK, Mr. Know-It-All, that's just fine," Bubba said. "If I can do that, will you admit you're wrong and adjust that attitude?"

I just wanted this to be over. "OK, fine, Bubba."

"Then here's what I want you to do, Timmons. Close your eyes."

How would he know? I just sat there.

"Dang it, Timmons. No cheating. Now close them eyes!"

Sigh. I closed them.

"OK, now I want you to imagine we are in a movie

theater. And imagine me holding a big tub of hot buttered popcorn. Got it?"

"Yeah, yeah, I got it Bubba. But if you're thinking about a movie, that won't work. You said that you're going to show me something I've never seen before and will never see again. You can show me a movie I've never seen, but nothing would prevent me from seeing it in the future."

"Would you relax, Timmons," Bubba said. "Stop getting ahead of yerself. Just keep those eyes closed."

The pain in my head wasn't getting any better.

"OK, now focus on the big ol' tub of hot-buttery popcorn. Can you smell it, Timmons?"

I've got to admit that I was starting to think about how good that would taste. Warm butter/ A little salt . . .

"OK, Timmons. Now I reach my hand way down in the tub and pull out one popped kernel from the bottom. Can you see it?"

"Yeah, Bubba. I know what a popcorn kernel looks like."

"I pop that puppy in my mouth and there you go! You never saw that kernel before and you'll never see it again! Now open them eyes Timmons and stop overthinking everything. Maybe you just oughta be thankful for what you got!"

Just like that, Bubba was gone. The pain wasn't, but it didn't feel quite as bad.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Thursdays 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 [timmons@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:timmons@thetimes24-7.com).*

## Carmel Parks' Summer Camp Series Awarded ACA Accreditation



Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's (CCPR) Summer Camp Series was awarded accreditation from the American Camp Association (ACA) for its proven commitment to the well-being of campers and staff.

ACA is the only national accrediting body for camps of all types. ACA's accreditation standards focus on health, safety, and risk management, and are used as benchmarks by government entities. ACA accreditation pro-

vides public evidence of a camp's commitment to the well-being of campers and staff.

"Earning ACA Accreditation is a great honor," said Jennifer Brown, CCPR Summer Camp Series Director. "It validates our team's dedication and efforts to make summer camp a safe, engaging environment for

children. This achievement demonstrates our excellence in operations, especially in the area of camper and staff safety."

The Summer Camp Series annually serves more than 6,000 children. Each year, the Summer Camp Series offers 12 camp options for ages 5-15 years ranging from specialty to traditional camps.

In addition to ACA Accreditation, CCPR has been nationally accredited since 2014 through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). CAPRA Accreditation evaluates an agency's overall quality of operation, management, and services to the community, giving residents confidence that all areas of the park system, including camps, are managed based on established best practices for parks and recreation.

## Darrell Mitchell Elected President of NARR Board

Darrell Mitchell, Vice President of Recovery Communities for Aspire Indiana Health and Executive Director of Progress House, has been elected as board of directors President of the National Alliance of Recovery Residences.

A longtime advocate for Hoosiers with substance use disorder (SUD), Mitchell has served on the NARR board for several years, most recently as Vice President, in addition to other recovery leadership roles on the state and national level. He led Progress House, Indiana's oldest and largest recovery residence, for many years as its chief executive before it joined operations with Aspire in 2019.

NARR is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding the availability of well-operated, ethical and supportive recovery housing. Its standards for the operation of recovery residences are a national benchmark for



Darrell Mitchell

the industry, with over 3,500 certified recovery residences throughout the U.S.

"I'm excited that Darrell has become our Board President. It's been a pleasure and privilege working with him since 2016 when he led the founding of INARR, our Indiana affiliate," said Dave Sheridan, NARR Executive Director.

"He exhibits exceptional leadership skills, along with an ability to work with diverse stakeholders including elected officials, state and federal agencies, residence providers and

perhaps most importantly with individual residents.

"Darrell brings experience, passion and unique insights to this role, including strong recovery principles. We're very fortunate that he is part of our leadership team."

Beth Fisher Sanders, CEO of Hope Recovery Resources, called Mitchell "a natural choice for leadership of NARR."

"He first caught the attention of the NARR Board of Directors when he founded and evolved the Indiana Association of Recovery Residences (INARR) to effectively align with the state to create and quickly grow a vital network of certified recovery residences. We look forward to Darrell bringing his forward thinking and dynamic leadership to NARR in his role as president," she said.

In 2016, Mental Health America of Indiana presented Darrell with the "Heroes for Recov-

ery Consumer Advocate Award." In 2018, he was honored with the prestigious "Leadership Award" by the Indiana Housing & Community Development and the Indiana Affordable Housing Council.

About Aspire: Aspire Indiana Health is a fully integrated nonprofit health system serving central Indiana that addresses behavioral health, primary medical care, substance use disorders, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran programs, abused/neglected children and social drivers of health such as housing and employment.

Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities and generous benefactors. Those interested in partnering with Aspire in making health and well-being a reality in central Indiana are encouraged to contact us at: [info@aspireindiana.org](mailto:info@aspireindiana.org).

## Heartland Growers

### Open House

Saturday, November 12th

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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This open house is open to friends, families, and the public. You will be able to tour the facilities of Heartland Growers and see the beautiful poinsettia plants in full color. Take your Christmas family picture amongst the poinsettia plants. Poinsettias will also be available for sale. At the end of the day, a donation will be made to the Midwest Food Bank, Indianapolis.



# Ivy Tech Foundation's Women in Philanthropy Circle of Ivy Awards More Than \$260K to Campuses

Ivy Tech Foundation's Women in Philanthropy Circle of Ivy awarded \$263,649 to 84 projects at its seventh annual Circle of Ivy Gathering last Friday.

The initiative raises funds to diminish barriers to higher education for Ivy Tech Community College students. Circle of Ivy has a statewide reach, with a focus specifically on campus needs and projects that positively impact students.

Since its inception in 2015, Circle of Ivy has grown to more than 1,000 members. In seven years, the members have raised more than \$1 million to assist with 384 projects.

"This organization has done so much over the years and continues to provide transformative experiences for Ivy Tech students. When women join together, we are a force for good. We are so proud of all the projects that have been funded by the Circle of Ivy," said Courtney Roberts, President of the Ivy Tech Foundation.

Each campus voted on submitted proposals and the following projects will be funded:

- The Hamilton County Campus – The New Tutoring Center at Ivy Tech Hamilton County, Building Community One Slice at a Time, CliftonStrengths Champions, Metacognition: The Key to Acing Courses (and Life) By Dr. Sandra McGuire
- Anderson Campus – IvyCares (Student Emergency Aid Assistance), Give and Take Food Pantry, General Scholarship Fund
- Bloomington Campus – Alternative Spring Break Professional Development, Stone Carving Tools for Students, Accelerated Program Trip to Chicago, Oculus Quest Virtual Reality and Learning Headset for Olcott Library, Bloomington E-sports Computer Upgrades, Expansion of Outdoor Learning



- Columbus Campus – "Corner of Community" Project, Literacy Library, Workbench for Machine Tools, TV in Aviation Courses, Welding Ergonomics, Precision and Layout Tools, Summer Camp Supplies, Mirrorless Camera for Still Photography and Video, Science Education and Health Care, Precision Ag Drone, Hub Programs, Arduino Kits for IoT (Internet of Things)
- Evansville Campus – Study Abroad Funding, Technology for Advising, Adult Education and Literacy Programs, Ivy Success: Look GOOD! Feel GOOD! Do GOOD!
- Fort Wayne Campus – Helping Hands Emergency and Rent/Utility Funds, DSS Sensory Positive Study Room, Coffee with a Professor
- Indianapolis Campus – Teaching Equipment for Medical Assisting, Integration of the Writing Center in the LRC Library, Teach-2-Grow English 111 Servicing Learning Course, Writing in Harmony: Summer Writing Retreat, Active Learning Classroom Resources for the School of Nursing, Elevate: "Change Starts Here"-Justice Involved Program, IvyCARES (Caring Assistance Resources for Every Student), Heat Engine Lab Equipment for the Physics Department, Re-establishing the Visual Communication Collaboration Lab, Entrepreneurship Multi-Cohort Network Building
- Kokomo Campus – Cash for Completers, Hispanic/Latinx Education Coalition, CastleBranch Record Portal for Nursing and Health Science Students, ASAP Enrichment Fund-A-Friday, New Beginnings
- Lafayette Campus – Mother's Room, Dual Credit Student Recognition, Medical Evaluations for Students

Needing Disability Services, Single Mom Student Success Tuition for IVYT111, Veteran and Homeless Community Project

- Lake County, Valparaiso, Michigan City Campuses - Road to Graduation!
- Lawrenceburg Campus – Nursing Student Refrigerator, From Garbage to Garden: The Ivy Tech Service-Learning Compost Trail, MST Trainers, Placed-Based Junior Ranger Program, ASAP Goodwill Hunting
- Madison Campus – Career Development Etiquette Dinner
- Marion Campus – Student Emergency Funds
- Muncie Campus – Rudi's Success Net, Student Emergency Fund
- Richmond Campus – Amnesty Scholarships, NCLEX Fee Scholarship
- Sellersburg Campus – Reducing Road Risk for Commuters, Food Pantry Supplies, IvyCares Holiday Programming, Active Learning Programming, Breakthrough Ambassador Program including Mind & Body Workshops, Hot Stone Massage Equipment, Funding to Prepare Students for the Next Generation NCLEX
- South Bend/Elkhart Campus – Style Ivy; Dress for Success Initiative, Fine Dining Service Evaluation for Hospitality's Customer Service Class, Ivy Academy & ASAP Activity Supplies, Respiratory Therapy Student Lab Bags, Employee Engagement & Recognition Committee Events Fund, The Ivy Quill Publication, Career Awareness Program at the Charles Black Center
- Terre Haute Campus – Dual Enrolled Scholarships
- Warsaw Site – Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-box, Emergency Transportation Funds, Helping Hands Emergency Funds, Basics Bank Supply Pantry

To learn more about Circle of Ivy visit [ivytech.edu/circleofivy](http://ivytech.edu/circleofivy)

# Leo's Honoring Veterans at All Three Locations Tomorrow

Leo's Market and Eatery, with locations in Noblesville, Greenfield and McCordsville and is proud to honor all veterans this Veterans Day with free coffee and free cookies all day long. In addition, Leo's is excited to partner with Indy Honor Flight, a non-profit organization which honors Indiana's veterans for their service and sacrifice, by hosting a Dine to Donate at all three Leo's locations from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 20% of all Leo's Eatery proceeds will go directly to support Indy Honor Flight which transports WWII, Korea and Vietnam service men and women veterans on a



no-cost, one-day trip of a lifetime or 'Honor Flight' to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor.

"We have always worked to give back to the communities where we operate, which give so much to us," said Leo's Market and Eatery president Stephanie White-Longworth.

"Supporting our veterans, our heroes, is indeed a soft spot for us. We are grateful for our veterans' service and sacrifices and beyond proud to have the

opportunity to show our appreciation on Veterans Day."

Leo's Market and Eatery hosts monthly Dine to Donate events in its eateries, during which 20 percent of proceeds are donated to the organizations represented. The business also provides regular donations to community nonprofits and gifts to a variety of local organizations.

Since opening its first location in 2019, Leo's has given over \$35,000 in monetary donations and gifts in the communities of Greenfield, McCordsville and Noblesville.

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# BBB Warning: Protecting America's Veterans from Scams

Before President Eisenhower's proclamation establishing Veterans Day in 1954, Nov. 11 was known as Armistice Day, a celebration acknowledging the end of fighting during World War I at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). In recognition of the sacrifices and honor due to military veterans, official ceremonies take place in the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. with the laying of a presidential wreath, often directly from the hands of the sitting U.S. president.

In addition to defending the country, the military community also must also defend themselves against predatory business tactics, con artists and government impostors. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), veterans and military retirees have lost more than \$87.8 million to fraud, with a median loss of \$750, since 2018.

According to data generated by BBB Scam Tracker, US veterans have reported being scammed out of \$3 million dollars since last Veteran's day.

**To help protect Indiana veterans from falling victim to scams, BBB provides the following tips:**

- **Do your research.** The first line of defense is often the strongest. Spend the time to research a company before purchasing their services or goods. Review business profiles on BBB.org and check government websites if the service is required to be licensed, such as interstate moving companies or companies using pesticides.

- **Avoid aggressive selling tactics.** Companies and businesses that pressure consumers to immediately contract their services without allowing time to obtain quotes or estimates from competitors should be handled cautiously. While companies must follow up with



potential customers and clients to achieve success, aggressive selling tactics may signify that the company is not invested in the consumer's interests.

- **Beware emotional**

**appeals.** Exercise care when engaging with businesses that use targeted emotional reactions to entice donations or contributions from consumers. Consumers should focus

on what an organization is doing to address an issue with an emotional appeal, not just the fact it exists. For example, donations to assist homeless veterans are very popular surrounding the Veterans Day holiday. However, it should be apparent what the organization is doing to impact homeless veterans and its effect. Consumers can use BBB's Wise Giving Alliance to find a list of accredited charities on Give.org.

- **Never wire money to strangers.** Money that is sent via wire transfer is extremely difficult to track and nearly impossible to have reimbursed. BBB recommends using a credit card for online purchases whenever possible. Charges on credit cards are easier to dispute and be refunded when engaging with a business that does not provide the purchased service or goods.

Visit [BBB.org/Military](http://BBB.org/Military) for more tips and resources to protect active-duty and veteran service mem-

bers from engaging with fraudulent businesses.

The FTC provides resources focused on military consumer protection at [MilitaryConsumer.gov](http://MilitaryConsumer.gov).

Current and prior military service members who have been victims of a scam are encouraged to report their experience to BBB Scam Tracker. Information provided may prevent another person from falling victim.

**About BBB Serving Central Indiana:**

The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

# Flu Season Could Impact Red Cross Blood Supply; Help Out by Donating

The American Red Cross urges blood and platelet donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts a serious spread of flu this year and is already reporting an early spike in cases in several states. When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage over the holidays.

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter. Donors - especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets - can help bolster the blood supply now by

making an appointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or by calling 1 (800) 733-2767. Learn more about flu safety and prevention at [redcross.org/flusafety](http://redcross.org/flusafety).

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering several opportunities to donors this month:

- All who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details are available at [rcblood.org/perks](http://rcblood.org/perks).
- Those who come to give over the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 23-27, will get a Red Cross knit beanie, while supplies last.
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Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire

online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

**Amplify Your Impact - Volunteer:**

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience. Volunteers can also

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**About the American Red Cross:**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmerica.org](http://CruzRojaAmerica.org).

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# Indiana Receives \$150K in Funding from National Governors Association



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Indiana's proposal to develop statewide Learning Employment Record (LER) systems has been fully funded for \$150,000 from the National Governors Association (NGA). LER systems are digital resumés that show individuals' skills, educational experiences and work histories.

LERs may make career pathways more accessible and equitable by providing jobseekers with detailed, verified and secure records of their skills, as well as educational experiences and work histories. This information can better match employers with potential employees.

"It's a tremendous win for Indiana to receive funding to develop Learning Employment Record

systems," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery.

"As our state's economy continues to evolve, it's critical for Hoosier employers to have a pipeline of workers with the right skills and credentials. And we are excited about the opportunity to develop an effective tool that provides Hoosiers with the opportunity to record, present and share relevant skills, achievements and credentials to employers."

Indiana has several initiatives already underway that can speed the development of LERs in the state, including the Commission's Indiana Credential Registry and e-Transcript initiatives, the Indiana Department of Education's development of the Indi-

ana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS), the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's Workforce and Talent initiative, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Workforce Excellence and Western Governors University's Indiana Achievement Wallet.

Indiana is one of only two Midwestern states, and six states overall, to receive an NGA grant — the other states include Arkansas, Colorado, North Dakota, Virginia and Washington. Representatives from the Governor's Office, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Western Governor's University and the Indiana

Chamber of Commerce join the Commission in leading this work.

## About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education:

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.

Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at [in.gov/che](http://in.gov/che).

# State Works To Protect Veterans from Scams

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning veterans and their families to be alert to scammers who target the military community.

"On Veterans Day, we Hoosiers pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served in our U.S. armed forces," Rokita said. "Unfortunately, scammers lurk among us who endeavor not to honor our veterans but rather to take insidious advantage of them and their loved ones."

The Attorney General's office prioritizes bringing criminal fraudsters to justice. At the same time — by providing education and raising awareness — this helps would-be victims avoid falling prey to con artists' schemes in the first place.

Recent scams for which veterans and military service members should be on the lookout include bogus military charities, calls, texts or emails attempting to impersonate the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, copy-cat recruiting websites, and crowdfunding scams.

For the most part, Rokita said, military personnel and veterans should follow the same preventative steps as other consumers. In addition, however, they should pay particular attention to the possibility that scammers may use misleading photos or language to falsely imply an association with a branch of the military or veterans group.

Following are tips on protecting personal and financial information:

- Place an active duty

alert on credit reports at no cost. An active duty alert requires businesses to take additional steps before granting credit in the name of the active duty personnel serving overseas.

- Carefully inspect email addresses in all messages landing in your inbox.

- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails, and be wary of email attachments.

- Purchase goods and services from trusted vendors. Use trusted, legitimate websites when doing business online.

- Don't reveal personal or financial information via email or text message.

- Verify the authenticity of a charity before donating money. You may research charities at the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance website at [give.org](http://give.org).

- Pay by credit card for all transactions. This enables you to file disputes with your credit card provider if you encounter fraudulent sellers. Do not wire money to purchase items. Never pay with gift cards.

- Do not follow payment instructions that take you outside of the payment services of legitimate websites with which you are familiar. This is generally a phishing attempt to steal credit card information.

- Take your time. Never feel pressured to act immediately to sign a contract or make a transaction.

If you believe you've encountered a scam, file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at [www.indiana-consumer.com](http://www.indiana-consumer.com).

## BETSY

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In tradition, Cicero American Legion Post 341 members have put up American flags through Cicero and across the causeway on Wednesday.

In Cicero, area veterans are invited to a Cicero Kiwanis Club breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at United Family Wesleyan Church, 210 Washington Ave., Cicero. There will be a guest speaker and students from Kiwanis Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids. Veterans may make reservations by calling (317) 420-4823 or email [cicerokiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:cicerokiwanis@gmail.com).

The City of Carmel will conduct its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at noon today (Thursday) at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, 3 Center Green, Suite 200, Carmel. Participants include Cherry Tree Elementary School Choir, Actors Theatre of Indiana, remarks by Mayor Jim Brainard and Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Michael Beresford, recognition of "Saluting Our Heroes" student poster and essay contest and VFW/American Legion honor guard.

The Sheridan American Legion Post No. 67 will present a members-only Veterans Day Dinner on Saturday.

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville is having a special Veterans Day service at 10 a.m. Sunday. All veterans and their families are invited. The service will include patriotic music and a special guest speaker, Chaplain Samuel Cabrera from Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. The church is at 1207 Conner St., with the main entrance and parking behind the church. For questions, call 317-773-2383 or email [secretary@fpc-noblesville.org](mailto:secretary@fpc-noblesville.org)

Earlier this week, Noblesville Lions Club offered a dinner for invited local veterans, on Wednesday at Ginger's Cafe, where veterans were given a chance to share stories.

Veterans can also enjoy many perks:

- All veterans are invited to enjoy lunch Friday and free coffee and donuts on Saturday at all Prime car wash locations. All current nonmember veterans receive one free month of unlimited Elite washes and all current members that are veterans receive a free hand wax detail service.

- Veterans and active-duty military get a free Lunch Combo at participating Little Caesars from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday in stores.

- Active-duty military, veterans, Reserves, and National Guard receive a free meal when dining in from a special menu at Applebee's on Friday. And when dining in on November 11, military guests will receive a \$5 Bounce Back Card to redeem for dine-in, To Go, or delivery within a three-week redemption window.

- Current and former military members receive a free meal Friday from a select menu at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Noblesville, dine-in only.

- Veterans and active-duty military get a free meal from a select menu on Friday at Bob Evans, dine-in only.

- Veterans and active-duty service members get a free meal from a select menu on Friday at Chili's, dine-in only.

- Veterans get a complimentary slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake, in-store or online, Friday at Cracker Barrel.

- Veterans and active-duty military personnel can enjoy a free meal between 3 and 6 p.m. Friday from a special menu at participating Logan Roadhouse restaurants.

- Veterans and active-duty military get a free meal when you dine in on Friday at participating O'Charley's.

- Veterans and active-duty military get a free Magnificent Seven Meal on Friday with valid ID at Perkins.

- Veterans and active-duty military get a free Red's Tavern Double, with free refills of bottomless steak fries, when dining in on Friday at Red Robin.

- Starbucks will offer a free tall (12-ounce) hot brewed coffee or iced coffee for veterans, military service members and military spouses on Friday.

- Veterans and active-duty military receive a meal voucher on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; vouchers are good for dine-in or carry-out and can be used until May 30.

- Active-duty military and veterans get a free breakfast combo 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at Wendy's.

- Veterans and active-duty military get a free Combo Meal or Breakfast Combo Meal on Friday when dining at a participating White Castle restaurant

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- Jeffersonville, the county seat, has an estimated population of 47,124 people.
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- In 1819 the first shipbuilding took place in Jeffersonville and had a major impact on the county's economy.

## Got Words?

Clark County has had numerous economic opportunities because of its proximity to the Ohio River. Since it was found, the county has played a major role in trade. How do you think a variety of trading opportunities benefits and hurts a community?

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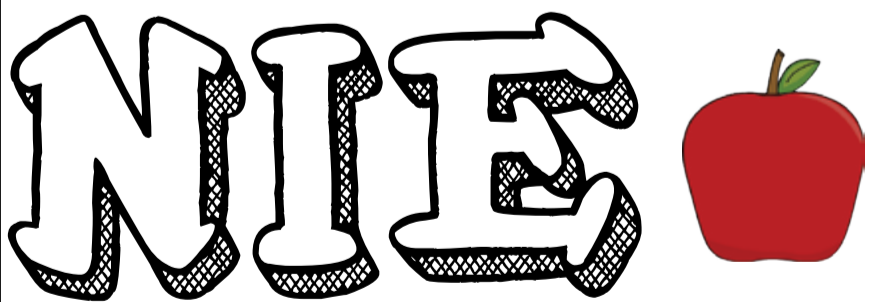
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