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TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:6,7 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight



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

What makes Ron Wilson smile? "When I get phone calls from widows that I've helped get VA benefits, and my grandkids," said Wilson, 77, Noblesville. Wilson is a 1964 Noblesville High School veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam from 1965-71 and is a member of the American Legion Post 45 in Noblesville. The retired insurance man and substitute teacher is past State Commander of Indiana Squadron and is currently Senior Executive Officer of the National Staff of Navy Club USA and, as a past Commander of Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29, Wilson now serves as a Trustee. Formerly, he loved to scuba down in Florida and in the Midwest when he wasn't working with veterans. That was until he had a stroke on Valentine's Day in 2014. Now, he said, "After I had my stroke, I had to give up scuba diving. Spending my time now in community service." He and his wife, Sharon, have been "hitched" for 55 years and they have four kids and six grandkids. He also has enjoyed devoting time to youth, as scout leader and youth football and baseball coach. He is president of Hamilton County Veterans and is usually found on Memorial Day and Veterans Day reading the names of veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery in downtown Noblesville. All veterans and friends of veterans are invited to a Military Veteran Celebration & Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville Schools Community Center on Field Drive in Noblesville, featuring 60 vendors with free information on VA benefits, mental health, housing, employment, insurance, retirement, education and more. The Hamilton County Veterans Corp and the Hamilton County **County Bicentennial Commission** are celebrating our military veteran community at this event.



Noblesville Lions Thank Veterans



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions members invited Veterans they knew to a Thanksgiving dinner at Ginger's Café. Eight visiting Veterans were able to attend. In the photo: Eight visiting Veterans along with the Lion Member Vets



The Times archive photo by Betsy Reason James Martin traditionally emcees the annual Veterans Day ceremony program, put on by the VFW and American Legion, a a.m. this Saturday at the Hamilton County War Memorial on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. Community invited.

Heroes Run Another Huge Success!!!





Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:25 a.m. SET: 5:37 p.m.



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Today is... International Accounting Day

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And Another Thing...

1.Concrete for a Cause

From Nov. 13-17 this year, Culver's restaurants nationwide are coming together once again to offer support to those in need through the Concretes for a Cause fundraiser, donating \$1 from every Concrete Mixer sold to local food banks and hunger relief initiatives. Concretes for a Cause will take place in all 900+ Culver's restaurants across 26 states. In the fundraiser, each restaurant donates their proceeds to the local hunger relief charity of their choice following the four-day event. In 2022 alone, guests rallied to support their communities by purchasing 414,535 Concrete Mixers during the fundraiser period. Concretes for a Cause is part of Culver's Give Local program, in which Culver's restaurants support organizations and causes in the communities they call home. Culver's also supports the creation of a nutritious and sustainable food supply through its Thank You Farmers® Project, which has raised over \$4 million since 2013.

2. NPT Night Lights kicks off December 1!

Head downtown as Fishers Parks lights up the night on the Nickel Plate Trail to celebrate the coming winter and holiday season! Through the month of December, enjoy NPT Night Lights, a light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, presented by Centier Bank! Come out from 6 to 8 p.m. December 1, 2, or 3 as the trail gets activated with food, music, photo opps, and more! Plan a night downtown with friends or family to start your holiday festivities for free! Access to the Nickel Plate Trail is always free, and no registration or RSVP is required for NPT Night Lights. Lights will turn on dusk nightly through the end of December.

Veterans Day Events, NPA Family Paint Day, Holiday Market, More

It's Veterans Day weekend with activities planned today and Saturday in and around Noblesville. Noblesville Preservation REASON Alliance has a Family Paint Day, plus lots Editor's Desk... of live music including

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From The

the Rugged Brothers at the Noblesville Moose Lodge on Saturday night. Also, reminder to buy your tickets for Noblesville High School's fall musical, "Cinderella," coming up Nov. 16-18, and Merry Prairie opening this month at Conner Prairie.

Here's The Times' list of 30 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Experience a Second Friday Reception 6 to 8 p.m. today for the Watercolor of Indiana exhibit with 74 paintings by 30 artists, live music, refreshments, art from across the state, interviews and free admission at the event in the Fishers Arts Council Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation. Meet the artists, see their works. Enjoy live music by Happy Accident, a duo featur-

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ing Jim and Angela Sullivan, with snacks and a cash bar. In addition, FAC board member Pat Grabill will interview WSI's executive director and member artist Tanya Roberts at 6:45 p.m.

2. Laugh yourself silly with "Junie B. Jones Jr." in this Broadway Junior adaptation of Barbara Park's beloved series, at 7 p.m. today, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sun-day at True North Homeschool on North Street in Arcadia with \$12-\$15 tickets at eventbrite. com

3. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. today, Craig Thurston at 7 p.m. Thursday, Ghosts on Maple at 7 p.m. Nov. 17, Celtic Rain on Nov. 18, Jason Salyers on Dec. 2, Don Clarkson on Dec. 8 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

4. Enjoy live comedy with Thaddaeus McKee tonight and Mark Bookwalter on Saturday at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit thebrickroom.cc for tickets.

5. Noblesville Preservation Alliance presents a Family Paint Day 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

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HONEST HOOSIER God bless all our veterans - and I'm taking off tomorrow so I can go to the celebration and say thank you!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

soaking the area in cold water for at 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.



Photo courtesy of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation hosted the third annual Heroes Run at Strawtown Koteewi Park (Noblesville, IN) on November 4th, 2023. The race involved a 5K, 1-mile family stroll, virtual opportunity and a free 40-foot inflatable obstacle course for children. This year's race honored 911 public safety dispatchers! The entire event was tremendously successful, and the fall weather was beautiful!

Two hundred and sixty-five brave men, women and children registered for the race. Their ages ranged from three to eighty-four years old. Additionally, many participants brought their super cute canine companions to walk in support of the cause. The courageous group embraced the great outdoors and showcased the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Special thanks to the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation, White River Township Fire Department, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni Association for gra-

ciously supporting the event. The HCSO Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which creates opportunities for the community and law enforcement to support each other. The funds generated

Want MORE?

Look inside on A5 for photos from the event and more!

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TODAY'S QUOTE

In celebration of our beginning our 20th year as a media company, we're sharing some famous quotations about newspapers this month. "Freedom of the press, or, to be more precise, the benefit of freedom of the press, belongs to everyone - to the citizen as well as the publisher . . . The crux is not the publisher's 'freedom to print,' it is, rather, the citizens' right to know." -Arthur Hays Sulzberger

TODAY'S JOKE

The boss subscribes to a lot of newspapers. Last winter, The Times was laying on his front step, but had been frozen over in an early sleet storm. The boss came out and promptly slipped on it and fell down the steps. You could say he fell on hard Times!



On This Day • 1969 Sesame Street

premieres. Sesame Street, the long-running American children's television series, premiered on TV stations.

• 1898 Wilmington riots begin. Thought to be one of the only incidents of insurrection against a local government in the United States, the Wilmington Race Riots of 1898 or

the Wilmington Massacre of 1898 began after an

election voted in a biracial city council.

• 1775 US Marine Corps is created. The elite military force capable of operating on land, sea and air was founded in Philadelphia during the American Revolutionary War.



Births On This Day • 1960 Neil Gaiman English author, illustrator, screenwriter • 1483 Martin Luther German monk, priest, leader of the Protestant Reformation

Deaths On This Day

• 2007 Norman Mailer American author, journalist

• 1982 Leonid Brezhnev Soviet politician

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OBITUARIES

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State Of The Schools Luncheon

Westfield came together on October 26th for the State of the Schools Luncheon. The community was encouraged by superintendent, Dr. Paul Kaiser who spoke at the event along with other officials, highlighting the district's success as well as plans for the future.

The event also shared success stories from inside the schools. The "Foodies Rock" program, a culinary arts course at Westfield High School, and Chris Kaufman's "Future of Farming," were just two of the elite programs mentioned.

Thank you to our title sponsor, Riverview Health, along with all of the other amazing companies who partnered with the Chamber to make this luncheon a success! Join us for our November Luncheon on Thursday, November 16 to hear about the history and growth of Indy Eleven from the President and CEO, Greg Stremlaw.



The happy Leo Club back packers

Noblesville Lion's Leo Club Create Backpacks For The Homeless

This past week, the Lion Leo Club at NHS put together 62 back packs to be distributed to the homeless in the greater Indianapolis area. The back packs included, water, warm clothing, food, socks, hand

warmers, coloring books, crayons, markers, lotions, toiletries, and notebooks. This has been a yearly event for the NHS Leo Club. Lion John Smith is a NHS teacher and the advisor to the Leo Club.







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Remembering Bob Knight And 2024 Big Ten Football



KENNY THOMPSON <u>Columnist</u>

Big Monday and Super Tuesday were must watch TV.

The Purdue-Indiana rivalry really hasn't been the same since 2000, when Knight was fired by Indiana University president Myles Brand. From Gene Keady's introduction to the rivalry in January 1981 to his last meeting with Knight in February 2000, Purdue-IU just felt different than more hyped rivalries such as North Carolina-Duke.

In the eyes of Purdue fans, Keady was someone who would take no nonsense from any rival. Especially Knight.

Keady's bulldog, ready to fight spirit no doubt inspired the Boilermakers to some of their greatest moments. Keady's successor, Matt Painter, confirmed that belief with his statement following Knight's death on Nov. 1.

"He made us better," Painter said of Knight. "In competition, especially with rivalries, you get everybody's best. He always got Purdue's best. We knew when we played Indiana ... it was going to be a great battle. You also knew they were going to have a great game plan. They're always going to be prepared.

"That's what great coaches and great competition does. I think he brought the best out of everybody in this league. They were the standard. I think coach Keady would totally agree with that. In terms of having somebody you constantly have to beat whether it's in recruiting, in games, to win the Big Ten championship.

"His knowledge of the game and his understanding of the game and what he passed on to a lot of people made the game pretty enjoyable to watch. He really affected the game and he affected a lot of people with his knowledge.'

If you want a profane example of Knight's competitive spirit, especially toward Purdue, Google has links to an 80-second recording from the 1990-91 season that someone secretly - and bravely - recorded. Here's a sanitized excerpt of Knight's remarks:

"Now, I'm tired of this (expletive). I'm sick and tired of a (expletive) 8-10 record. I'm (expletive) tired of losing to Purdue. I'm not here to (expletive) around this week. Now, you may be, but I'm not."

Knight lost to Purdue and Keady 21 times in 41 meetings. But there was mutual respect between the two, even to the point when Knight accompanied Keady to a Purdue function during their retirement years. That was likely to tweak the noses of Indiana University brass, for whom he held a grudge for many years.

"Bob was one of those guys that had everyone's respect as a coach, but he was a great friend to me,' the 87-year-old Keady said in a statement. "He was special in my career because although we had many battles, we always respected each other and the game. When you faced his teams, you had to be at your best and try to get your team to its best too. Lot of great memories of our time together. It's a sad day for me and for college basketball."

Here's a look at some memorable Knight-Keady matchups:

Jan. 31, 1981: Indiana 69, Purdue 61 and Feb. 7,

1981: Purdue 68, Indiana 66 - The 1980-81 season was a preview of what was to come between two fierce competitors.

Keady drew two technical fouls less than two minutes into the game at Assembly Hall after watching Knight grab an official who he believed was blocking his view of the court.

"I have all the respect in the world for Bobby, but you can't grab an official and get away with it," Keady said in his postgame press conference. "Nobody will intimidate me. I don't give a damn who he is.

Purdue rallied to split the season series on two free throws from Kevin Stallings with five seconds left.

In the days following Purdue's victory in Mackey Arena, Boilermaker guard Roosevelt Barnes claimed that Indiana's Isiah Thomas punched him near the end of the game in Bloomington. Knight vehemently denied that happened and while defending his star coined the phrase "Purdue mentality."

Purdue athletic director George King complained to the Big Ten, charging Knight with unsportsmanlike conduct. When King refused an invitation from Knight to appear on his weekly TV show, Knight decided to get the last word.

"I had a guy call me when he read that King wouldn't come on our TV show and told me he had a guest for us that if we'd like to use him would probably express the same kinds of views ... and be very, very symbolic of a lot of the thinking at Purdue," Knight explained to show host Chuck Marlowe, the father of late columnist John Marlowe.

"His first name is Jack. Chuck, I'll let you figure out the last name." The camera panned to

a mule in a Purdue hat, bridled by a man wearing a flannel shirt and a straw hat.

Feb. 23, 1985: Purdue 72. Indiana 63 – Forever known as "the Chair' game, there was an early sign this wasn't going to be a typical Purdue-Indiana game.

Instead of his usual checkered sports coat and tie, Knight came out wearing a striped polo shirt. Five minutes of game time and three technical fouls later, Knight was ejected after throwing a chair across the playing floor.

Purdue guard Steve Reid is teased to this day about his reaction to the chair toss. Standing at the line ready to shoot the technical free throws, Reid watched the chair bounce past him. Likely acting on instinct, Reid ran to retrieve the chair.

Reid and Pat Keady, the coach's wife, were later struck by coins thrown from the stands. Mrs. Keady was hit in the eye with a dime and left Assembly Hall wearing an eye patch.

Perhaps intimidated by Knight, Indiana athletic director Ralph Floyd and university president John Ryan left his punishment to Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke. Knight missed one game, which pretty much sums up the power he held in the mid-1980s.

Jan. 30, 1988: Indiana 82, Purdue 79 – The reigning national champions ended second-ranked Purdue's 16-game winning streak.

The Boilermakers rallied from a 21-point first half deficit to take a 71-69 lead with 5:51 to play. Jan. 13, 1990: Purdue

81, Indiana 79 (OT) -Ryan Berning's two free throws clinched Purdue's first victory in Assembly Hall in five years.

The Boilermakers had trailed the 13th-ranked

Hosiers by 16 points in the first half.

March 15, 1992: Purdue 61, Indiana 59 – The stunning upset cost the fourth-ranked Hoosiers a share of the Big Ten Conference title and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Fans rushed the court, never expecting the Boilermakers to be in the game after losing 106-65 at Assembly Hall six weeks earlier.

Jan. 18, 1994: Purdue 83, Indiana 76 (OT) -Glenn Robinson scored 22 of his game-high 33 points in the second half as the 12th-ranked Boilermakers overcame a 10-point deficit to the eighth-ranked Hoosiers.

Feb. 25, 1996: Purdue 74, Indiana 72 – The seventh-ranked Boilermakers moved within a win of clinching their third consecutive Big Ten championship thanks to Chad Austin's 3-pointer with 13.7 seconds remaining at Assembly Hall.

Feb. 18, 1997: Purdue 89, Indiana 87 (OT) – Chad Austin once again hit the game-winner, this time with six-tenths of a second remaining at Assembly Hall.

"Chad Austin Does It Again" would be made into a BTN "The B1G Moment" documentary 25 years later.

Feb. 9, 1999: Purdue 86, Indiana 81 (OT) -This time, Jaraan Cornell provided the heroics at Assembly Hall, sinking the go-ahead 3-pointer with 33 seconds remaining in overtime to lead the 21st-ranked Boilermakers past the 17th-ranked Hoosiers.

Feb. 29, 2000: Indiana **79, Purdue 65** – No one in Assembly Hall could have imagined this would be the final time Knight would coach against Purdue.

The loss would cost Purdue a share of the Big Ten championship.

Big Ten football 2024

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With 2023 a season not to remember for Purdue and Indiana, the Big Ten Conference finally released a 2024 schedule that will include USC, UCLA, Oregon and Washington for the first time.

The Boilermakers will open league play at Ross-Ade Stadium against Nebraska on Sept. 28. Purdue gets one last chance to break a long losing streak to Wisconsin when it travels to Madison on Oct. 5. The two schools will play each other just once in the next five seasons.

October also brings a trip to Illinois (Oct. 12) and Oregon coming to West Lafayette for just the third time on Oct. 19. November brings Northwestern (Nov. 2), a trip to Ohio State (Nov. 9) and a home finale against Penn State (Nov. 16) Trips to Michigan State (Nov. 23) and Indiana (Nov. 30) wrap up the season.

Indiana will play five Big Ten home games among its eight contests in Bloomington. The Hoosiers avoided back-to-back road games.

UCLA will welcome Indiana to the Rose Bowl on Sept. 14, the first time both teams will have played each other. It also marks the Hoosiers' return to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1968.

Maryland (Sept. 28), Nebraska (Oct. 19), Washington (Oct. 26), Michigan (Nov. 9) and Purdue comprise the home schedule. Road games include Northwestern (Oct. 5), Michigan State (Nov. 2) and Ohio State (Nov. 23).

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

Meeting Notes – City Of Noblesville Board Of Public Works And Safety

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 9 a.m. Call meeting to order Pledge of allegiance Petitions or comments by citizens who are present approval of agenda Bid opening: 2023

pavement preservation Bid opening: 10th street sewer realignment project

Consent agenda For approval #1 Approval Of Executive Session Memorandum: October 24, 2023

#2 Approval Of Minutes: October 24, 2023 #3 Board To Consider **Temporary Street**

Closures For The Michael Treinen Turkey Trot 5k Run And 3k Walk (René Gulley)

#4 Board To Consider Secondary Plat For The Replat Of Lot 18 In Cumberland Pointe **Commercial Subdivision** (Joyceann Yelton)

#5 Board To Consider Acceptance Of Warranty Deeds And Temporary Highway Easement Grant For Pleasant Street Phase II Project (EN-324-02) (Sacha Lingerfeldt)

#6 Board To Consider Acceptance Of Warranty Deed And Partial Release Of Mortgage For Pleasant Street Phase III Project (EN-325-02) (Sacha Lingerfeldt)

#7 Board To Consider **Release Of Erosion** Control Bonds And Acceptance Of Bond **Covering Remaining** Erosion Control For Flagstone Ridge, Sections 1, 2, And 3 (Michael Pouch)

#8 Board To Consider Release Of Performance Bond For Common Sidewalk And Monumentation For Flagstone Ridge, Section 3 (Michael Pouch)

Contracts/Purchases Under \$50,000 (Approved By Mayor Or Director)

#9 Maintenance Agreement With CM Buck & Associates/ **ASCO** Power Services

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For The Emergency Power Equipment At The Utility (Jonathan Mirgeaux) #10 Services Agreement With Wessler Engineering, INC. For Engineering

Planning Study For Proposed Schulley Road Lift Station (Jonathan Mirgeaux) New Items For

Discussion #1 Board To Hear An Update On The Village At Federal Hill Project (Shaun Barcelow, Justin Tischer)

#2 Board To Consider Request For Sick Leave Bank Hours On Behalf Of A City Employee (Holly Ramon)

#3 Board To Consider Agreement With Keep Noblesville Beautiful For Donation Of Labor At Riverside Cemetery (Evelyn Lees)

#4 Board To Consider Purchase Of Skate Shak From Recreation Unlimited For Federal Hill Ice Rink (Amber Mink)

#5 Board To Consider **Emergency Storm Water** Pipe Repair (Jonathan Mirgeaux)

#6 Board To Consider Permission To Advertise For Bids To Design And Manufacture Four Digest Mixers For The Wastewater Treatment Plant (Jonathan Mirgeaux)

#7 Board To Consider Supplemental Agreement NO. 1 With Acuity **Environmental Solutions** For Pleasant Street, Phase II (EN-324-04) (Alison Krupski) #8 Board To Consider On-Call Services Agreement With Terracon For Geotechnical Support (EN-378-01) (Alison Krupski)

#9 Board To **Consider Supplemental** AGREEMENT NO. 1 With Shrewsberry & Associates, LLC For Federal Hill Commons To Forest Park Trail (EN-363-01) (Andrew Rodewald) ADJOURNMENT



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at Kiln Creation in downtown Noblesville. Donate to the nonprofit and have fun with your family.

6. A Veterans Day ceremony open to the community will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County War Memorial on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. Following the new American Legion Frank Huntzinger Post 45 will have ham and bean soup with cornbread provided free by the post's auxiliary. The evening will feature a 7 p.m.-10 p.m. live performance by AM Radio. The Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246 in Noblesville will also serve a meal after the ceremony.

7. Army veteran and award-winning entertainer Shawn Richards is live at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Ralph Lehr VFW Post in Noblesville with a celebration of our U.S. military veterans. Come out to the VFW for a night of dancing, singing and a show from one of Indiana's premier live entertainers.

8. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with The Booze Hounds on Saturday, Ciara Hasket on Nov. 18, David and Pamela Ackerman on Nov. 25, The Molter Brothers on Dec. 2, Jennifer Mlott on Dec. 9, all at 7 p.m., at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com. 9. Visit Hamilton Coun-

ty Artists' Association art exhibit, "Good Things Come in Small Packages" art exhibit continuing through December at HCAA's Birdie Gallery in Noblesville. Featuring smaller works of art with budget-friendly price tags.

10. Enjoy live music featuring John Gilmore on Saturday, Craig Thurston on Nov. 16, Jeff Brown on Nov. 18, Dead Squirrels on Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Jeff Brown at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

11. Head to the Noblesville Moose Lodge for live music with the Rugged Brothers 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, 21 and older after 9 p.m. 12. Shop local gifts,

clothing, jewelry, crafts, woodworking, decor, food and more at the Holiday Extravaganza Market from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

13. Attend Tinsel & ails Holiday Petacula ails

Community Center and St. Louis deMontfort in Fishers. (No sit-down meals.)

19. Tickets are now on sale for Merry Prairie at Conner Prairie, where visitors can explore Historic Holidays and immerse in the magic of Prairietown by candlelight Nov. 24-Dec. 17 and Dec. 21-22 at the Fishers living history park. Ride a vintage carousel, enjoy thrill of Polar Bear Plunge tubing hill and warm by a fireplace while showing off your sock-skating skills at Frosty's Sock Skating Rink, plus pose for a selfie with Santa. Plus, reserve your seats for Breakfast with Santa Nov. 25, 26, Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17. Tickets for all at www. connerprairie.org

20. Enjoy live theater during Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre holiday production and comedy, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," Nov. 24-Dec. 3 at Nobles-ville First United Methodist Church, with tickets at www.TheBelfryTheatre. com.

21. Shop at Small Busi-ness Saturday on Nov. 25 in downtown Noblesville.

22. Shop at the Noblesville Flower Market, presented by Indiana Peony Festival and sponsored by Keep Noblesville Beautiful, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 30 in the east alley of downtown Noblesville.

23. Enjoy live theater during Main Street Productions' "Inspecting Carol," a comedy directed by Kelly Keller of Fishers, Nov. 30-Dec. 10 at Basile Westfield Playhouse. A man who asks to audition at a small theater is mistaken for an informer for the National Endowment for the Arts, everybody caters to the wannabe actor, and he is given a role in the current production, "A Christmas Carol." For tickets, visit www.westfieldplayhouse.

org 24. Hop aboard the Nickel Plate Express for an array of excursions, including upcoming Reindeer Express, BBQ Express, Holiday Cheers Express coming up with tickets at nickelplateexpress.com.

25. Hamilton County Historical Society, located in the Sheriff's Residence and Old Jail, invites members and the community to the Historical Society's annual meeting and dessert at Noblesville Preservation Alliance's Preservation Hall on Logan Street in Noblesville. County historian David Heighway will present a program, with Historical Society members to pay \$5 and the public for \$7. 26. The City of Nobles-ville's Holiday in Lights Parade at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 through downtown Noblesville that starts at 16th and Harrison streets and ends at Federal Hill Commons on Logan Street. Deadline to register is Nov. 18 at noblesville.org/parade. 27. Celebrate at Hamil-ton County's Bicentennial Bash from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville. This free open house-style event includes free food, live music, short film, raffle with a canned food drive, art show in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, displays from nonprofits, more. 28. Enjoy live theater at Attic Theatre's "White Christmas" musical on Dec. 8-9 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville, at theattictheatre.com 29. Experience "Moon Over Buffalo," a fastpaced hilarious screwball comedy Dec. 8-17 by Carmel Community Players at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org 30. Enjoy "An En-Pointe Christmas" during EnPointe Indiana Ballet's holiday performances on Dec. 16 and 17 at Noblesville High School with tickets at www.enpointe. yapsody.com.

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DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

"I'm not surprised, "I responded. "I was walking in the park just yesterday and the kids were driving me crazy with their screaming and complaining and fighting...'

"Dick, what are you talking about? The headline said Indianapolis has the 15th highest number of rats."

"Oh, sorry, I thought you said brats.'

Yes, Mary Ellen was right. We are number 15 on a list of major cities that are rat-infested. I'm sorry I have to tell you some of the other cities because you may be planning a little winter's vacation there and that might make you really nervous eating at a restaurant or dangling your feet from a movie theater seat.

Also reported: Los Angeles moved up to the #2 ranking while New York rounds out the top three spots. Jumping up 10 spots this year is Houston to #20, and Greensboro, N.C., moves up 17 spots to take #50. Wow, that's more complicated than a March Madness bracket.

The number one city for rats is Chicago, which is a little bit too close for comfort. This is the ninth year they have won. It is scary when the Rats have a better record than the Cubs. The nation's capital was fourth with a half million rats, 500, 535 if you count Congress. By the way, I don't know how they make those estimates, but it seems to me while you are counting rats, you might as well dispose of them.

The people at Orkin, who publish this research annually, market clothing that heralds Chicago as NUMBER ONE IN RATS. Shirts come preshrunk and pre-gnawed. The back of the garment should have a picture of Jimmy Cagney saying, "You dirty rat." Although his exact line was: "You dirty yellow-bellied rat." Shirts are selling well, even in the nicest rodential part of Chicago.

Years ago, there was a famous YouTube video of a rat in New York City (Number 3 on the list) scampering down the steps of the subway with a slice of pizza in his mouth. The camera followed him on his long journey back to his nest. You would never see that sight in Indy because even rats here know if you want really good thin pizza, you have to make a road trip to the Big Apple.

Remember now, Chicago is number one. Rats living there apparently prefer the famous deep-dish pizza which is more of a casserole. You'd need a whole pack of rats just to move one slice crosstown.

After I finished reading the article, Mary Ellen and I headed out for dinner so we could stop obsessing about the fact we were number 15 on the list. But I couldn't erase this image from my mind. That's why I ordered the ratatouille.

By the way, the Indianapolis area is the 13th best city to raise a pet bunny. That is absolutely true, so help me Internet. I thought I'd end with some good news.

You're welcome!

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Nov. 16 at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel, featuring a silent auction, dinner, golden ticket raffle and presentation of the year's most amazing rescue stories at \$175 per ticket with tables available and tickets at hamiltonhumane.com

14. Reserve your tickets now for Noblesville High School's fall musical, Rodgers + Hammerstein's "Cinderella" musical, at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 and 17, and $\hat{2}$ p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Noblesville High School. Midwest Language Services will provide ASL interpreters at the Saturday matinee. All performances will be interactive. Tickets are \$10 to \$16, all reserved seating. Visit https://noblesvillechoirs.org/

15. Mark your calendar for the 2023 Westfield Band Boosters Annual Holiday Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 18 at Westfield High School.

16. Shop at Reynolds Christmas Barn from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 18 at 21097 Durbin Road, Noblesville, with unique vendors and tasty treats

17. Experience the magic of the 2023 Carmel Christkindlmarkt opening at noon Nov. 18 and continuing through Dec. 24 at Carter Green next to the Performing Arts Center of Carmel. Enjoy traditional German food, shop handmade German goods under the twinkling lights at this one-of-a-kind holiday experience, ice skate on an outdoor rink, visit German artists at work, find fun in the kids corner, enjoy live entertainment, with free admission.

18. Community Thanksgiving Day free drive-thru meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23 at White **River Christian Church** in Noblesville, Sheridan

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help reach the following goals throughout the year:

• Provide financial aid and help for those in need in our community, particularly children.

• Support hard-working employees at the Sheriff's Office.

• Build stronger relationships between deputies, correctional officers and staff with all members of the community.

Thank you to everyone who answered the call and signed up for the race.

You are a HERO! Please save next year's tentative race date: November 2nd, 2024. In the meantime, check out our social media and website for upcoming exciting events:

• https://www.facebook.com/HCSOCommunityFoundation

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Gov. Holcomb Announces
Canadian Solar Building New
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Governor Eric Holcomb today announced plans for a new solar photovoltaic (PV) cell production facility in Indiana. Canadian Solar's new plant, which will be the company's second solar module production facility in the U.S., will create approximately 1,200 new jobs in Jeffersonville over the next several years.

"Indiana's strong advanced manufacturing sector positions the state to help lead the global energy transition, developing and powering new solutions in batteries, solar and hydrogen," said Gov. Holcomb. "Canadian Solar's new U.S. location in Jeffersonville will put our skilled Hoosier workforce at the center of cultivating solar power, making energy efficient panels more accessible to consumers across the country."

Canadian Solar, an integrated provider of solar power products, services and system solutions, will invest a projected \$800 million to construct and equip a state-of-the-art PV cell manufacturing plant at the River Ridge Commerce Center in Jeffersonville. The new plant will produce an annual output of 5GW – equivalent to approximately 20,000 high-power solar panels per day – and ship the finished cells to the company's new module assembly facility in Texas, announced earlier this

Indiana, Clark County, and the city of Jeffersonville for their critical support and we look forward to working with them as we grow."

Canadian Solar plans to begin hiring for new positions in mid-2024 and will ramp up hiring in early 2025 to fully staff the Jeffersonville plant. This facility joins the global manufacturing facilities in Canada, China, Brazil, Vietnam and Thailand.

"The city of Jeffersonville is pleased that Canadian Solar has chosen River Ridge Commerce Center as home for their newest critical production facility in the United States," said Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore. "Not only are they making a large financial investment into our community, but they will also become one of the largest single-site employers in the Greater Louisville region. When in full production, their total employment base will include over 150 engineers at this facility. We are thrilled to see a global industry leader join our community and provide a product with enormous potential."

"This is a historic investment in River Ridge and Southern Indiana," said Jerry Acy, executive director of the River Ridge Development Authority. "The technologies of the future are being built right here at River Ridge, I want to thank Dr. Shawn Qu and his team at Canadian Solar for their commitment to our region. We look forward to a successful partnership that will launch the next generation of solar power." Based on the company's job creation plans, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation committed an investment in Canadian Solar of up to \$9.7 million in the form of conditional tax credits and up to \$400,000 in conditional training grants.

The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$2 million in conditional redevelopment tax credits based on the company's investment plans and up to \$200,000 in Manufacturing Readiness Grants. These incentives are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim state benefits once investments are made and employees are hired and trained. The City of Jeffersonville and the River **Ridge Development Authority** offered additional incentives.

About Canadian Solar

Canadian Solar was founded in 2001 in Canada and is one of the world's largest solar technology and renewable energy companies. It is a leading manufacturer of solar photovoltaic modules, provider of solar energy and battery storage solutions, and developer of utility-scale solar power and battery storage projects with a geographically diversified pipeline in various stages of development. Over the past 22 years, Canadian Solar has successfully delivered around 88 GW of premium-quality, solar photovoltaic modules to customers across the world. Likewise, since entering the project development business in 2010, Canadian Solar has developed, built and connected around 8.8 GWp in over 20 countries across the world. Currently, the Company has approximately 574 MWp of projects in operation, 6.7 GWp of projects under construction or in backlog (late-stage), and an additional 18 GWp of projects in advanced and early-stage pipeline. Canadian Solar is one of the most bankable companies in the solar and renewable energy industry, having been publicly listed on the NASDAQ since 2006. For additional information about the Company, follow Canadian Solar on LinkedIn or visit www.canadiansolar. com.

BBB Tip: Shop Safe And Shop Smart This Holiday Season

The 2023 holiday shopping season promises to be an unpredictable one. High inflation rates and increased prices of consumer goods are already throwing a wrench into holiday shopping. Electronics, toys, and other products will be (or already are) in short supply, and retailers are struggling to staff up as the shopping season nears.

Just like in 2022, people plan to start their holiday shopping early. Watch out for deals well before Black Friday sales. Retailers are also expecting to see even more people shopping online.

Product shortages and increased online shopping will likely result in more online purchase scams this year. These scams accounted for nearly a third of all scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022, according to the 2022 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. Shortages are likely to make purchase scams even more common as desperate shoppers turn to shady websites in hopes of finding this year's must-have gift.

BBB recommends the following tips to "Shop Safe, Shop Smart" this holiday season:

• Research before you buy. Use BBB.org and shopper reviews to do your homework before paying.

• If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. The price was the top motivating factor for people who made a purchase and lost money. Don't shop on price alone. • Beware of fake websites: Check the URL, watch for bad grammar, research the age of the domain, and search for contact information. • Professional photos do not mean it's a real offer. Respondents reported that website photos motivated them to engage with scammers, especially for pets/pet supplies, clothing/accessories, and vehicles. • Make sure the website is secure. Look for the "HTTPS" in the URL (the extra s is for "secure") and a small lock icon on the address bar. Never enter

payment or personal information into a website with only "HTTP" – it is NOT secure.

• Be careful purchasing sought-after products, especially during the holiday season. The risk of online purchase scams rises during the holidays because more people are making online purchases, and scammers offer the most popular products for the season at great prices.

• Beware of making quick purchases while scrolling through social media. Scammers have access to tools they need to learn about your buying behaviors, offering exactly what you want at enticingly low prices.

• Look for the BBB seal. BBB Accredited Businesses pledge to uphold the BBB Standards for Trust and to deal fairly with consumers. If a business displays a BBB seal, verify it by going to BBB.org.

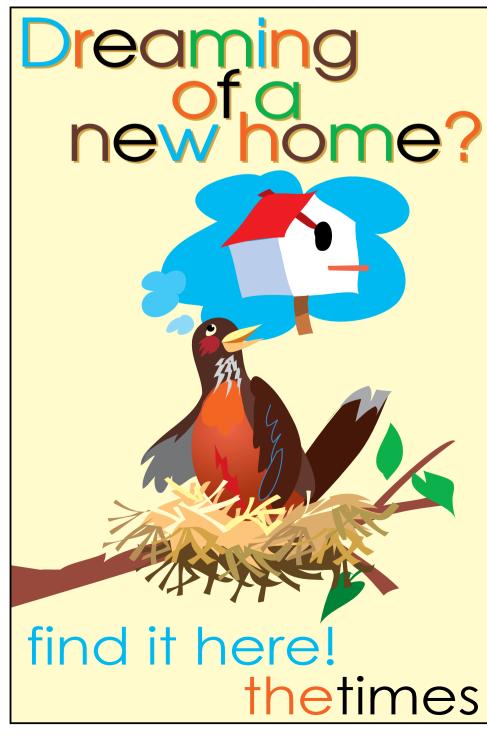
• Use secure and traceable transactions and payment methods. According to BBB's research, those who paid with a credit card were less likely to lose money. Be cautious when using digital wallet apps, prepaid money cards, or other non-traditional payment methods.

• Shipment tracking information can be faked. Look closely to make sure it is a legitimate business. Avoid clicking on the tracking link; go to the 'shipper's website and type in the code to see if it is real.

• Report unsatisfactory purchase experiences to BBB. If you are unhappy with a purchase, file a complaint at BBB. org/complaints. If you never got what you paid for, consider reporting it to BBB Scam Tracker to help other consumers avoid being scammed. For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google "BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams". If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at ReportFraud. ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams

year. Production is expected to begin by the end of 2025.

"Establishing this factory is a key milestone that will enable us to better serve our U.S. customers with the most advanced technology in the industry," said Dr. Shawn Qu, founder and CEO of Canadian Solar, emphasizing the importance of this new facility. This is the second of the anticipated long-term investments we expect to make in the U.S. as we think strategically about a sustainable and resilient clean energy supply chain. We thank the state of



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Facts Being Left Out In Conversations



TIM TIMMONS **Two Cents**

Scattershooting while wondering whatever happened to Arlene Francis

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WHAT'S THE old saying about those who live in glass houses? Most days we put out a couple of newspapers with a lot, I mean A LOT, of words. So I shouldn't be throwing any stones about mistakes.

Sometimes I just can't help myself.

Here are a couple of examples of things that got momentum on social media recently. Did you hear about the wife of Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Olena Zelenska? She reportedly went on a million-dollar-plus shopping spree

in fancy-schmancy New York shops.

With her husband begging the U.S. government for money to fight the Russians, you can imagine that didn't set very well with a lot of folks. Social media went wild, people passionately screaming how wrong it was for her husband to be asking for U.S. taxpayer dollars while his wife was buying stuff you and I couldn't afford in a lifetime.

Except it didn't happen.

Then there's the one about NFL star Travis Kelce and musical superstar Taylor Swift. The two apparently are dating and Swift has gone to some of Kelce's KC Chiefs games. Out of that came the social media report that Travis' mom didn't like Taylor . . . and that set off big fireworks. Taylor's fans – called Swifties – verbally ripped Kelce's mom. How could anyone not like their beloved Taylor? It went on and on.

Did anyone stop and get the facts? Of course not. From all the quotes and videos this reporter

found, Kelce's mom never said any such thing.

Or how about protests on college campuses today ripping Israel? No, I'm not talking about the lunacy that comes from Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ayanna Pressley (and we could throw Indiana's Andre Carson in there as well), I'm talking about college professors, schools and students taking ill-informed stances regarding the Israel-Hamas war.

Are their two sides to this issue? At least. The Palestinian people and Israelis have a long history of conflict and it's a fair debate if you want to argue the rights and wrongs from that region for the past couple thousand years. But nothing, and I mean nothing, justifies what the terror organization Hamas did on Oct. 7 – killing men, women, children and babies.

Never mind that a Hamas official walked off a BBC interview when he was asked why the terrorist group killed innocents. He started out saying that Hamas conducted a military

operation and added he could "confirm and assure again and again that there was no command to kill any civilians." He added that Hamas "had no intention or decision to harm civilians.'

But the interviewer, God bless him, kept pointing out the fact that civilians -a lot of them were indeed killed. Hamas' own cameras recorded the atrocities.

What'd the official do? Ripped off the microphone and stormed out the door.

Did that slow down the campus protests? Not even close.

The sad truth is that we have become a soundbite society – forget the facts. The lessons of yesteryear are mostly lost. We've tossed God out of our schools, common sense out of the public square and facts from our arguments.

And we are worse off for it. * * *

TODAY IS Nov. 1 and we're only three weeks and a day from Thanksgiving. I hope you don't mind, but this year we are giving our employees a little extra time off and we are not publishing a Thanksgiving or Black Friday newspaper. We'll be back on Saturday, just in time for Party Night in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville!

FORGIVE THE old sportswriter in me, but the fact that the Colts are finding new ways to lose games is driving me nuts (OK, OK, it's only a short walk).

When rookie sensation Anthony Richardson went down with a season-ending shoulder injury, so did most reasonable expectations for the season. However, after the Colts beat the Titans on Oct. 8 to improve to 3-2, some of us started to think that perhaps all was not lost. Even after Jacksonville thumped us the following week to even the record at 3-3, we didn't give up. After all, Jax just seems to have our number, right?

But then came Cleveland and New Orleans, two very winnable games. And then came a flurry of turnovers and two losses . . . and very questionable play

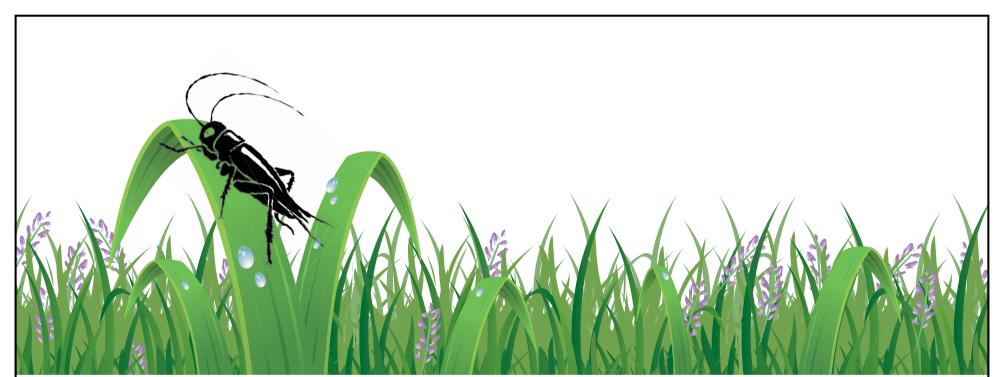
calling. Could anyone explain how two of the best running backs in the NFL get basically left out of the game plan when the outcome was still in doubt?

Sigh.

Next up is Frank Reich's Carolina Panthers. If the Colts manage to lose that one, then could someone call Duke Tumatoe and ask for a 2023 version of Lord Help Our Colts? * * *

SOME OF you remember Arlene Francis, right? She was an actress and entertainer who also was a regular on a slew of 1960s game shows - including What's My Line, the Match Game, Password and To Tell the Truth. She was pretty, witty and wise . . . to swipe a phrase. She passed away at the age of 93 in 2001.

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