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TODAY'S VERSE
Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with thy might.



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What makes Lilah Cross smile? "Theater," said the Noblesville resident, a sophomore at Noblesville High School. She is currently a cast member of NHS's fall musical, the Rodgers + Hammerstein's Broadway version of "Cinderella," onstage through Saturday at NHS. The daughter of Brian and Joey Cross, she has two brothers and a sister. Lilah is playing the part of the Small Woman and is featured in the ensemble. At NHS, she is a member of New Dimension unisex varsity show choir and an officer in NHS Thespian Troupe 8118. She has appeared in many productions, including at Summer Stock Stage, The Belfry Theatre, Basile Westfield Playhouse, Booth Tarkington Jr. Civic Theatre and Noblesville Schools. She has enjoyed past performances in "Tuck Everlasting," "Chicago," "Frozen Jr.," "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Shrek The Musical Jr.," "The Little Mermaid Jr.," "Annie Jr." (as Molly) and "Doris Baizley's "A Christmas Carol" (as Tiny Tim.) Lilah enjoys show choir, theater and attending Broadway shows. Break a leg Lilah! Read more about the "Cinderella" musical in the Betsy Reason columns in The Times..

And Another Thing...

1. Santa's Mailbox starts the day after Thanksgiving!
Beginning Friday, November 24, and running through Friday, December 15, drop off your letters to Santa in the special mailboxes at the following locations: Nickel Plate Trail (near 116th Street & Switch Plaza at the swings), Ambassador House at Heritage Park (10598 Eller Road) Santa's elves and the Fishers Parks team will make sure your letter gets to Santa, and you'll receive a letter in return from the big man himself! Don't forget to include a return address on your letter. Can't drop off your letter in person? Email Santa through Friday, December 22, at santa@fishers.in.us!

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.

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Enjoy more than 140 local local crafters, handmade items, pancake breakfast, live music and more at the 2023 Westfield Band Boosters Annual Holiday Craft Show 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Westfield High School. Enjoy more than 140 local local crafters, handmade items, pancake breakfast, live music, more.

Craft Bazaars, NHS Musical, Live Music, More This Weekend



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Noblesville High School's fall musical, Rodgers + Hammerstein's Broadway version of "Cinderella," is onstage now through Saturday. Craft shows, bazaars and unique vendors will be

open Saturday at Westfield High School, Noblesville Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Reynolds Christmas Barn and the Noblesville Moose Lodge. Also, reminder to buy your tickets for Merry Prairie opening this month at Conner Prairie. Here's The Times' list of 30 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Get your tickets before the clock strikes midnight for

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Highlighting The Accomplishments Of Our Students And Alumni



DEREK ARROWOOD
Guest Column

I take great pleasure in highlighting the accomplishments of our students and alumni at every opportunity. Theresa Morris ('88), an accomplished mentor and resource, has been a guiding force for students seeking opportunities in the literary field. Kelly Lewis ('88) has joined Theresa in supporting the efforts of young authors and illustrators from Heights with plans to release new books soon.

Ryan Adkins is set to release his third book with a fourth in development. His Monsters of Math series is illustrated by Lu Hubbell ('23), who has also illustrated and/or contributed to three other published works. Sarah Adkins' second book in her series, "Tasha's Adventures in Cooking," with Abi Burk ('23) as the series' illustrator along with her sister Kai Burk ('23), who contributed to that series as well as illustrating the Mama Tembo series. New author Abraham Martin's first book in a developing series about an adventurous anthropologist is set to be released in 2024. Hailey Montgomery ('21) reached out to share that she is Director of Funds for the Ball State University Dance Marathon executive board and fundraising for this year's event. She credited her interest and involvement in helping others to her experience with a Meals-on-Wheels trip her junior year at Heights. She said it was so impactful, it helped lead her to helping Riley Children and families in need at BSU. I couldn't help but feel proud of this former student who was inspired in high school to continue to do good work for others. Anyone can support her efforts for Riley here. Speaking of accomplishments, senior Camryn Runner, a University of Evansville recruit, passed Jessica Carr's ('11) career scoring record of 1,340 points on Saturday (1,347) to become Heights' All-Time Leading Scorer in the women's

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Get To The Thanksgiving Table Safe

Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership Stepping up Patrols During Peak Thanksgiving Travel



DEPUTY BRYAN MELTON

Thanksgiving is a time for families to gather. However, with more people on the roadways, there is greater potential for crashes. That is why the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is joining law enforcement agencies from across the state to make sure everyone gets to their destination safely.

"This holiday season, we expect to see a lot of traffic on the roads. Please make smart decisions by not mixing drinking and driving," said Devon McDonald, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. "Be proactive and plan for a sober driver."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), impaired driving and fatal crashes spike during the Thanksgiving holiday. In 2021, 190 people

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Community Band Christmas Concert

Are you looking for a fun and free way to kick off your Christmas Season? Put your family and friends in the holiday spirit at the Hamilton County Community Band's annual Christmas Concert. This event filled with seasonal music, will be on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Noblesville High School Theater.

The concert is free and will feature many familiar Christmas tunes including "The Twelve Days of Band Camp", along with a Gustav Holst piece, "In The Bleak Midwinter" to honor Robert W. Smith, a prolific concert band composer and arranger who passed away in September of this year. Kids will also enjoy a special visit from the big elf himself, Santa Claus!

Guest conductor, Joe Poio will take the podium to conduct Claude T. Smith's, "Symphonic Prelude On Adeste Fidelis". Poio works as an adjudicator for the Indiana State School Music Association's solo & ensemble contests, concert organization contests, and state concert band/orchestra qualifications contests. He has twice conducted the symphonic band for the Ball State University Mid-America Band Clinic and served as interim director of the Butler University Symphonic Band. He was coordinator of the Indiana State Fair Band Day Contest for 18 years. Joe currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Central States Judges Association. He has had the opportunity to judge marching band events in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio,

The Daily Almanac

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What Happened On This Day

- 2003 Arnold Schwarzenegger sworn in as Californian Governor. The bodybuilder and actor best known for his role as a cyborg in the science fiction movie, The Terminator.
- 1869 Construction on Suez Canal finished. The 120 miles (193 kms) long artificial waterway connecting the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea took 10 years to be built and was opened to ships. The canal connected Europe to Asia without ships having to go all the way around Africa.
- 1858 The start of Modified Julian Date. Mostly used by astronomers and astrophysicists.



Births On This Day

- 1964 Susan Rice American diplomat, 27th United States Ambassador to the United Nations
- 1942 Martin Scorsese American director, producer, screenwriter, actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1917 Auguste Rodin French sculptor, created The Thinker
- 1796 Catherine the Great Russian wife of Peter III of Russia

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HONEST HOOSIER
A week to go for Black Friday? Remember when shopping wasn't such a huge deal?



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. "Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism..."
-Richard Kluger

OBITUARIES
Nancy Lou Householder

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP
It's critical for kids, especially teens to get plenty of sleep to help with mood, school performance and appetite. 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.



TODAY'S JOKE
A journalism professor and a police reporter with 35 years on the beat are in an elevator when they notice the Grim Reaper riding with them. "You fell 22 floors and both were killed," the G.R. tells them. "But I'll give you each one wish to remember your life on earth before I take you." "Oh good!" says the professor. "I want to read my doctoral thesis out loud!" And the reporter says, "Take me now."

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OBITUARIES

Nancy Lou Householder

October 26, 1942, Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Nancy Lou Householder, 81, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on October 26, 1942 to C. Victor and Vera (Witcraft) Degarmo in Janesville, Wisconsin.



Nancy graduated from Janesville High School where she participated in water ballet. She also enjoyed figure skating in her younger years.

Nancy has been a member of First Christian Church in Noblesville for many years. She provided administrative assistance for the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, WI and for 14 years at the Hamilton County Courthouse. Nancy liked to play Bridge, play tennis with friends, and was an avid traveler, enjoying many cruises and adventures with her family. Nancy never missed her boys' games or events as they were growing up.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Howard Householder; sons, Chadmon Householder and Ryan (Deanna) Householder; sister, Vicki (Mark) Degarmo-Jackson; brother, Bruce (Tamara) Degarmo; nephew, Bob (Sharon) Naatz; niece, Deb (Doug) Brookins; step-grandchildren, Gage and Lila; several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Verne Degarmo; and sister, Wilma Naatz.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 8, 2023 at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville, with Rev. Dr. Brooks Barrick officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 am to the time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, <https://www.dementiasociety.org/>.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Aspire Names Sheward VP Of Business Strategy

Aspire Indiana Health has named Kevin Sheward as Vice President of Strategy and Business Development, overseeing the development and implementation of business strategy for the healthcare nonprofit.



KEVIN SHEWARD

Sheward has been with Aspire for eight years and previously held the title of Director of Grants,

Resource & Fund Development. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and an MBA, both from Anderson University.

"Kevin will be responsible for guiding the creation of a unified strategy for Aspire Indiana Health and its subsidiaries, as well as developing and strengthening partnerships with stakeholders who are essential to our mission of making health and well-being a reality," said Antony Sheehan, President & Executive Officer.

"His leadership will be instrumental in Aspire's continued desire to provide outstanding experiences to every person who chooses Aspire for their care or career. I am excited about the positive impact Kevin will undoubtedly make in this new capacity."

Under Sheward's leadership, Aspire has seen its grant funding skyrocket over the last several years, and added millions to the company's bottom line through 340B compliance and other resource devel-

opment initiatives. He has also helped launch significant fundraising campaigns and helped guide organizational growth across the organization.

"I'm truly humbled by the opportunity to serve Aspire and our communities in this new role," Sheward said. "Aspire does not do this work alone and I look forward to strengthening existing, and building new, partnerships that help meet critical needs of Hoosiers in central Indiana."

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING Board of Zoning Appeals City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 4th day of December, 2023. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-0161-2023, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Jacob Jennings requests that approval be granted to a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO § 11.C.1.D.3 to allow a ground sign on a property with an existing building that does not meet the minimum thirty-five (35) foot setback from the adjacent right-of-way on the property located at 3200 Sheridan Road.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning>, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.

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KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

There was no shortage of individual talent in the 1970s with the best recruiting class in Boilermaker history making its collective debut to begin the decade.

Nine members of the 1972 senior class played in the NFL. Five of them were taken in the first two rounds of the NFL Draft: Dave Butz, Otis Armstrong, Darryl Stingley, Gary Hrivnak and Steve Baumgartner.

Team success, though, eluded Purdue until the arrival of Jim Young from Arizona in 1977. By the end of the decade, Young had coached the Boilermakers to their only 10-win season in school history.

Purdue was one point away from sharing a Big Ten championship in 1978. That 24-24 tie at Wisconsin left the Boilermakers (6-1-1) a half-game behind Michigan (7-1) and Michigan State (7-1) for the conference title.

Best Ross-Ade games of the 1970s

Nov. 25, 1972: Purdue 42, Indiana 7 – One week after Purdue literally let a share of the Big Ten title slip away on Michigan's icy turf, the Boilermakers took out their frustrations on the Hoosiers.

Otis Armstrong, who appeared on his way to scoring the game-winning touchdown at Michigan only to lose his footing in a 9-6 loss, rushed for a Purdue record 276 yards and three touchdowns. The final carry of his Boilermaker career was a 53-yard touchdown run.

Armstrong became the Big Ten's all-time leading rusher with 3,135 to surpass 1954 Heisman Trophy winner Alan Ameche of Wisconsin. Ameche amassed his total in four years to Armstrong's three.

Nov. 6, 1976: Purdue 16, No. 1 Michigan 14 – The 30-point underdog Boilermakers stunned the Wolverines on Rock Supan's 23-yard field goal with 4:20 remaining.

Scott Dierking rushed for 162 yards on a school-record 38 carries and scored both touchdowns.

"It's the happiest day of my life," said Purdue coach Alex Agase, who was fired 20 days later after losing the finale to Indiana.

Oct. 14, 1978: Purdue 27, No. 16 Ohio State 16 – Mark Herrmann's 19-yard touchdown pass to Willie Harris in the fourth quarter clinched the victory.

It was Purdue's first victory against the Buckeyes since 1967 and a sweet win for second-year coach Jim Young, who played for Woody Hayes on OSU's 1954 national championship team.

Sept. 22, 1979: No. 17

Purdue 28, No. 5 Notre Dame 22 – A record crowd of 70,567 fans – 1,367 above Ross-Ade's capacity at the time – saw the Boilermakers rally from a 13-point deficit in the third quarter.

A pair of Wally Jones touchdown runs gave Purdue the lead entering the fourth quarter. Mark Herrmann made it 28-20 with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Bart Burrell with 8:21 to play.

Nov. 10, 1979: No. 14 Purdue 24, No. 10 Michigan 21 – Bill Kay intercepted three passes and the Boilermakers made a defensive stand in the final minute.

Kay's first interception set up a 2-yard Ben McCall touchdown run. Mark Herrmann scored only his second rushing touchdown in three seasons to make it 14-0. An interception by linebacker Mike Marks allowed McCall to score his second touchdown on a 9-yard run to up the lead to 24-6 with 10:27 to play.

Top players of 1970s Ross-Ade

Otis Armstrong – The Chicago native rushed for 3,315 yards from 1970-72 and was a first-team All-American and 1972 Big Ten Conference MVP.

Armstrong still holds the Purdue single-game rushing record of 276 yards in his final game against Indiana on Nov. 25, 1972. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

Dave Butz – Elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2014, the 6-foot-7 Butz was a consensus All-American defensive tackle as a senior and a Lombardi Award finalist.

Darryl Stingley – Like Armstrong and Butz, Stingley was an NFL first-round draft pick in 1973.

The wide receiver was elected to the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Gary Danielson – The third of three consecutive Purdue quarterbacks to play in the NFL, Danielson may have an unbreakable Boilermaker record. Danielson set the Boilermaker single-game QB record by rushing for 213 yards against Washington in 1972.

Gregg Bingham – Twice a first-team All-Big Ten selection at middle guard, Bingham went on to a 12-year career in the NFL.

Larry Burton – One of the fastest to ever wear a Purdue football jersey, Burton was a first-team All-American wide receiver in 1974.

A former world record holder in the 60-meter dash, Burton finished fourth in the 200 at the 1972 Olympics.

Mike Pruitt – His combination of power and speed (4.4 time in the 40-yard dash) made him one of the Big Ten's top running backs from 1973-75.

He earned two Pro Bowl honors during his

career with the Cleveland Browns, retiring as the team's third-leading career rusher behind Jim Brown and Leroy Kelly.

Scott Dierking – Rushing for nearly 3,000 yards at Purdue, Dierking is best remembered for his heroics against No. 1 Michigan in 1976. He went on to play eight seasons in the NFL.

Keena Turner – One of Purdue's all-time greatest defensive ends, Turner was a first-team All-Big Ten selection as a junior and a senior. He went on to win four Super Bowl rings with the San Francisco 49ers.

Mark Herrmann – During his Purdue career, Herrmann set 23 Purdue, six Big Ten and nine NCAA records. Herrmann was the first quarterback to pass for 8,000 and then 9,000 yards.

The former Carmel standout was the MVP of the 1978 Peach, 1979 Bluebonnet and 1980 Liberty bowls and guided Purdue to a 33-13-1 record in his four years as starting quarterback.

Herrmann was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

Dave Young – The first tight end to lead the nation in receptions per game, Young earned All-America honors as a senior in 1980.

Noteworthy

For the fourth time this season, Westfield graduate Dillon Thieneman has been selected Big Ten Freshman of the Week.

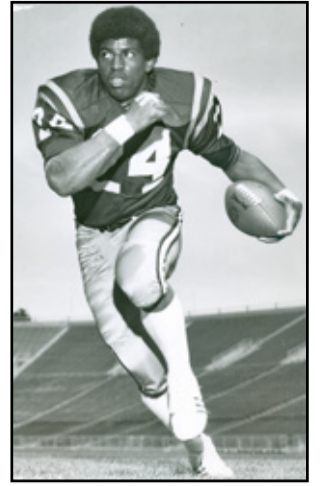


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Otis Armstrong

The Purdue safety becomes the first defensive player in Big Ten history to win the award four times. Boilermaker great wide receivers Rondale Moore (2018) and David Bell (2019) also were four-time winners on the way to being named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

Thieneman led Purdue in tackles for the sixth time, collecting nine in the 49-30 victory against Minnesota. As the nation's leading freshman in tackles (88), solo tackles (60), interceptions (3), and forced fumbles (2), Thieneman is the only Big Ten player to make the semifinal list for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.

- 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.

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Candidates Chambers, Hill Release Gubernatorial Proposals

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

One GOP candidate for governor proposed massive tax changes Wednesday while another outlined a plan to strengthen public safety.

Former Attorney General Curtis Hill has a six-point economic plan that slashes several taxes while former Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers has a seven-point proposal to strengthen support for first responders.

Candidates have slowly rolled out proposals ahead of next year's primary election in May to succeed Gov. Eric Holcomb, who is term limited. In addition to Hill and Chambers, Republican heavyweights in the race include: U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden. Nearly all five of those candidates have hefty war chests, promising an expensive race for the party nomination.

The winner will likely face former Superintendent of Education Jennifer McCormick, who previously held office as a Republican but is running on the Democratic ticket, and Libertarian Donald Rainwater, who made state history when he garnered over 10% of the vote in the 2020 election.

Hill's proposals for the state's economy

Hill's economic plan released on Wednesday targets gas taxes, corporate tax rates, income taxes and sales taxes — but not Crouch's broad call to "axe" the state's income tax for all Hoosiers, which nets roughly \$8 billion annually.

Rather, the six proposals included in "Indiana's Pathway to Prosperity" eliminates the income tax for young earners between the ages of 18 and 35 along with seniors — the latter of which would also benefit from a 3% cap on sales taxes.

When pressed, Hill's team didn't provide estimates for what such proposals would cost or suggest cuts to services impacted by the decreased revenue.

"Our plan makes mar-

ginal cuts that will ease the burden on Hoosier taxpayers. This, in turn, will boost our economy, encourage economic growth and investment, and encourage Hoosiers to work, live, and retire in Indiana. These cuts will benefit all taxpayers and businesses while also encouraging new ones to move to and invest in our state. Our plan eases the tax burden on Hoosiers while simultaneously expanding the tax base," Hill said in response to questions.

Currently, Indiana's income tax rate is 3.15%, but state lawmakers are slowly slashing that rate to 2.9% over the next few years.

The "Pathway to Prosperity" includes:

- Reducing Indiana's gasoline use tax by 16 cents, a move that would cost the state \$230 million in revenue, according to Hill. He said cutting this tax would encourage investment and expansion of commerce companies while helping the average Hoosier. Estimates provided by the budget agency during session were that one penny brings in about \$30 million to the state's coffers.

- Lowering the trigger percentage for the state's automatic taxpayer refund from 12.5% to 10% of the state's reserves. Hill's proposal is at the low end of "prudent" reserves between 10-12% and below the 15% sought by Senate budget writers. State law requires that reserves above the 12.5% cutoff are split between a pension fund — Indiana's only outstanding debt obligation — and a taxpayer refund.

- Cutting the state's corporate tax rate from 4.9% to 3.5%, which would make it one of the lowest in the nation. The move would "encourage new businesses to invest in our state, which in turn will bring new jobs, better opportunities ... and a larger tax base to accommodate such a cut without hurting the fiscal stability of our state."

- Implementing zero-based budgeting for state agencies, which Hill said would "address wasteful government

spending" to offset the proposed cuts.

- Eliminating young earners income tax for Hoosiers between 18 and 35. No estimate was given.

- Reducing sales taxes to 3% for seniors and eliminating the retirement income tax. No estimate was given.

Hill, in his release, called the cuts "calculated and fiscally responsible," saying it encouraged young Hoosiers and seniors to stay in Indiana.

"Our plan doesn't just tell voters what they want to hear. These cuts are fiscally conservative and responsible. Hoosiers are ready for a proven conservative leader who delivers for them, not just campaigns for their vote," Hill said.

Chambers on investment to public safety

Chambers released a public safety plan Wednesday that included proposals related to bail, qualified immunity and fentanyl with the goal of supporting first responders.

"Our law enforcement officers and first responders have endured relentless attacks over the past few years, all while career politicians out in Washington, D.C., call for their departments to be defunded or their legal protections to be scaled back," Chambers said in a release. "For Indiana to be prosperous, we must first ensure Hoosiers and our communities are safe — that starts by supporting law enforcement and first responders, not attacking them."

Dubbed "Protect and Serve," the seven-point plan includes detailed bullet points on his campaign website.

According to his website, actions include:

- Mandatory minimum bail for violent and repeat offenders — a recent topic in the General Assembly — saying that judicial discretion has been too lenient and put Hoosiers at risk.

- Strengthening qualified immunity for law enforcement and first responders by codifying it into state law.

- Creating regional,

multi-disciplinary and cross-jurisdictional task forces to address fentanyl overdoses and drug abuse with the power to investigate deaths attributable to synthetic opioids. These teams will be able to target "dealers and traffickers more efficiently and effectively," according to Chambers.

- Enhanced recruitment and retention efforts for first responders by working with the secretary of education and higher education institutions to create "expedited pathways" alongside out-of-state recruitment.

- Expanding existing behavioral health centers and building more as well as funding appropriate mental health treatment for offenders so they can "be placed on the path to recovery to prevent future offense." Additionally supporting first responders ability to "commit offenders in crisis to a behavioral health center."

- Identifying training gaps for local first responders and developing additional training to prepare them to address the fentanyl epidemic and mental health problems.

- Allowing licensed childcare facilities to qualify for the Indiana Secured School Grant program — which allows schools to use taxpayer dollars on school resource officers as well as firearm training for teachers.

Previously, Chambers offered online safety proposals geared for children but has yet to weigh in on hot topic social issues. Unlike his competitors, Chambers stances on public issues are relatively slim because he has never held or campaigned for public office — leaving these two plans as clues to how he'd work as an elected official.

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My Pail Memories



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I have great respect for DIYers (Do it Yourselfers). Personally, I prefer the HSE approach (Hire

Someone Else), but I must admit that when I see all these books and magazines at the hardware stores offering tips on various handyman projects, I wish I were more adept in my workshop (But I don't have one).

I peruse the rack, knowing full well that the images I see on the cover are not something attainable by an average guy like me, something I also realized about Playboy magazine by the time I was 11.

One title did catch my eye, actually several: Here just a few:

- The Five Gallon Bucket Book
- 501 Uses for a 5 Gallon Bucket
- Bucket Farming
- 5 Gallon Bucket Secrets

I took the first one off the shelf. On the cover was a bright red 5-gallon bucket with a sexy yellow lid. To a real DIYer, this is the equivalent of Miss November.

The intro to the publication begins this way: "The buckets are remarkably strong...adaptable and not easily bent out of shape. They are also easy to work with and hold up under pressure." Wow, I wish we could find someone like that to run for president! I'm not ready for a bucket to be Commander in Chief, but these containers do have some impressive qualifications.

The entire book is filled with things you can do with a 5-gallon bucket, after you un-fill it. That's right: once you have smeared on 5 gallons of putty, eaten 20 pounds of sauerkraut or done 600 loads of wash,

you have access to your project-starter. The author says the 5-gallon bucket "is the greatest thing since the wheel or sliced bread." Not sure about that wheel thing, but we all know the neat handyman projects you can do with bread.

The author teases the potential bucket-ner: "Did you know that a 5-gallon bucket can be hacked, hot-rodged and upcycled?" No, I didn't know that. And by the way, now that I do know that, I still have no idea what that means.

His list of ideas includes a shoe rack, an egg incubator, a cat litter box, a mousetrap, a trash compactor, a wine rack and an air conditioner, which is just a 5-gallon bucket of ice with a fan on the top. You can't make this stuff up. Wait, that is exactly what he did.

Each project begins with the materials you will need. The first item listed is always a 5-gallon container, a reminder for people who forgot the title of the book. Then underneath, it usually says: "Lid not needed." If you made everything in the book, you'd have about 62 lids left over. Not to worry. The writer is working on a new book of stuff you can make with just the tops. Keep a Lid Off It is destined to be another big seller. Maybe a movie.

I tried unsuccessfully to reach the author to interview him for this column. I assume he is getting on in years. He must be very busy creating dozens of new do-it-yourself projects he'd like to complete before he...what's that expression again...meets his maker? Bites the dust? Buys the farm? Give me a sec. I'll think of it.

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Noblesville High School's fall musical, Rodgers + Hammerstein's "Cinderella" musical, at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday 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/>

2. Enjoy live music with Ghosts on Maple at 7 p.m. and celebrate Primeval's fourth anniversary through Saturday, Celtic Rain on Saturday, Jason Salyers on Dec. 2, Don Clarkson on Dec. 8 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

3. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission presents a monthly Vintage Film Series, this month featuring "Little Mickey Grogan," at 8 p.m. today at The Lacy Arts Building in downtown Noblesville, with free admission. Complimentary popcorn and beverages. Before each film, Hamilton County historian David Heighway gives a brief and informative introduction to the film and explains the county connection. Visit noblesvillearts.org

4. Enjoy live comedy with headliner Abi Sanchez tonight and Tyler Ross, Daryl Hollonquest Jr., Lena Beamish and Eric Sablan on Saturday (Saturday is sold out for presales but there will be tickets at the door), at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit thebrickroom.cc for tickets.

5. Mark your calendar for the 2023 Westfield Band Boosters Annual Holiday Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Westfield High School. Enjoy more than 140 local crafters, handmade items, pancake breakfast, live music, more.

6. Find handmade crafts, bake sale, kids zone, vendors and more at the Emmanuel UMC Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Greenfield Avenue in Noblesville with pictures with Santa 10 a.m. to noon.

7. Support small local businesses at Noblesville Moose Holiday Bazaar 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

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

9. Experience the magic of the 2023 Carmel Christkindlmarkt opening at noon Saturday 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.

10. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Ciara Hasket on Saturday, 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.

11. Enjoy live music featuring Jeff Brown on Saturday, Dead Squirrels on Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Jeff Brown at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

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

13. 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

14. 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 Noblesville First United Methodist Church, with tickets at www.thebelfrytheatre.com.

15. Shop at Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25 in downtown Noblesville. The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce joins with partner organizations Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts) Noblesville Parks & Recreation, and the City of Noblesville to celebrate the kickoff to the holiday season. Support by sharing a social media post of a favorite Noblesville business and tag the Noblesville Chamber.

16. Experience the Lighting of The Square at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 25 inside the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center. (Blankets invited.) This more than 30-year-old tradition offers an hour of musical dance performances by Noblesville First United Methodist Church, North Elementary's Hand Chime Choir, EnPointe Indiana Ballet, Noblesville High School student vocalists and some surprises. At 7:20 p.m., guests will move outdoors to the Courthouse to light the square and a final song. Lights will flip on to the historical buildings, Santa House and Christmas tree. Hot chocolate will be served.

17. Santa House on the Square on Nov. 26 in downtown Noblesville,



Photo courtesy of Nicholas Shotwell

"Impossible?" With a Fairy Godmother, anything is possible!!! Noblesville High School senior Sarah Rolinson sings and plays the role of Marie, a beggar woman who transforms into Ella's Fairy Godmother, in NHS's fall musical, Rodgers + Hammerstein's Broadway version of "Cinderella," 4 performances through Saturday at NHS.

courtesy of Hamilton County Historical Society. Hours are 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 26; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2; noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 3, 10; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 8, 14, 15, 21, 22; noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 9, 16, 17, 23; and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 24. Stop by to visit Santa, snap a photo, and consider a donation that goes toward making this Santa House event possible.

18. 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.

19. 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

20. 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.

21. 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 reception at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 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.

22. Enjoy Arcadia's eighth annual Christmas Tree Lighting with Christmas Market from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2.

23. The City of Noblesville'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.

24. Celebrate at Hamilton 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.

25. Make reservations for Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Luncheon is combined with the State of the Schools presentation by Noblesville Schools Superintendent Daniel Hile and will feature Noblesville High School's varsity mixed show choir, the NHS Singers, with student musicians, and kicking off with North Elementary's Hand Chime Choir. Public invited. Reservations at noblesvillechamber.com.

26. 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

27. Experience "Moon Over Buffalo," a fast-paced hilarious screwball comedy Dec. 8-17 by Carmel Community Players at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org

28. 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.

29. Visit Hamilton County 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.

30. Moving to 2024: Originally scheduled Legacy Keepers Music's Dec. 2 Classical Guitar Series is postponed until spring 2024 due to the downtown holiday parade

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Photo courtesy of the Hamilton County Band

Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, Illinois, and Oklahoma.

Also guest conducting is Sabin Martinez. Martinez recently completed work on a dual master's degree in music performance and conducting from Butler University and served as the graduate assistant for the Butler University Athletic Bands. He was the winner of the 2021 concerto competition at Butler and frequently teaches and plays in bands and chamber ensembles in the Indianapolis area!

The Hamilton County Community Band (HCCB), with 80-plus volunteer members, was formed on February 25, 2018, with a meeting between current director, Brian Swart, Eric Thornbury, and Marc Feeney. These three men saw a

need for a true community concert band in Hamilton County. "Our mission is to have a "FUN" atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians," says Swart.

HCCB performs multiple concerts in and around the Hamilton County area. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.

Please consider supporting this community endeavor on Sunday, December 3rd in the Noblesville High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Bring the family and grandkids and kick off your Holiday season!

A free will offering will be collected to help with the purchase of new music and equipment. HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors. Information can be found at www.hamiltoncountycitycommunityband.com.

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throughout the nation died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in the holiday travel period ranging from the day before Thanksgiving to the Monday following Thanksgiving.

NHTSA data shows there are more motor vehicle traffic crash fatalities during holiday periods due to increased travel time, more alcohol usage, and excessive driving speed.

The issue is made worse by Thanksgiving Eve, also known as "Drunksgiving" or "Blackout Wednesday." On that day, there is an increase in overconsumption of alcohol.

From November 2017 to November 2021, 137 drivers nationwide were involved in fatal alcohol-impaired crashes on the night before Thanksgiving. In 2021 alone, 36 drivers in fatal crashes were alcohol impaired. The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership reminds people that impaired driving is a matter of life and death.

"The goal of law enforcement in addressing overconsumption of alcohol is not only to enforce the law but also to promote public safety, reduce accidents, and create an environment where individuals

can enjoy themselves responsibly," said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. "Education, prevention, and intervention are essential components of the approach to mitigating the negative effects of excessive alcohol consumption. We want everyone to make it their destinations safely for the Thanksgiving holiday."

Officers will be on the roads on high alert for impaired drivers. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead to get home safely by designating a sober driver or by using public transportation or a ride service like Uber or Lyft. Never drive impaired or let friends get behind the wheel if they have been drinking.

By working together, we can save lives and make sure there are no empty places at the Thanksgiving table this year.

For more information on impaired driving, please visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving>. To learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership, please visit: <https://www.hamilton-county.in.gov/502/Traffic-Safety>

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basketball program. After Tuesday night's game, Camryn now stands at 1,377 points scored for Heights. Amazing!

Interested in a career in aviation? Then you won't want to miss Aviation Career Exploration Day on December 2 hosted by Republic Airways, Leadership In Flight Training (LIFT) Academy, and The Pursuit Institute for students and their families in Hamilton County. Information and registration can be found here.

On a side note, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is administering a survey seeking input on what your household needs to be healthy and what is needed to support your well-being. Your feedback will help IDOH better serve you and others across Indiana. This survey, open through December 15, is voluntary, anonymous, and available here. Here for Spanish.

Heads up. A waterline improvement project is underway in the Town of Arcadia through the end of December. Because

there is a slight possibility that water service throughout our campus could be impacted, we are encouraging our families to be prepared for the possibility of synchronous e-learning day(s). In the event of losing water service for an extended period, communication will be sent out in a similar manner to that of a weather-related closure. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the project continues through completion without incident.

With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up next week, I can't help but reflect on the importance of gratitude in our lives. Gratitude is a powerful force that can foster a sense of well-being, improve relationships, and enhance the overall quality of our lives. Wishing you a Thanksgiving season filled with joy, love, and a profound sense of gratitude. #WeAreHuskies

- Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.



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