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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



faces of Hamilton County

People who call our community their own

What makes Kayla Ragland smile? "Being around friends and family," said the 15-year-old, a sophomore at Noblesville High School. She was found serving pancakes with the NHS Key Club during the Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers pancake breakfast benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. She is a member of the NHS Kev Club, which annually helps the Kiwanis Club make pancakes and sausage for the fundraiser at the BGCN Community Center. The Key Club is an international service organization and is the high school branch of Kiwanis International, as a service leadership program and as a Kiwanis Youth Program. At NHS, she is also involved with Bring Change to Mind, a club that brings awareness to mental health; and Lend A Paw, a club that volunteers at animal shelters. She is the daughter of Brian and Lori Ragland. She has one older sister, Reilly, a student at University of Southern Indiana; and one younger brother, Conner, who attends The Hope Source in Indianapolis. Passions? "I do like singing, and I like the art."

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Noblesville First Responders Rescue 3 From Fire



They don't call them heroes for nothing. Shortly before 5 Friday, Hamilton County Dispatch received a call for help from someone trapped in a firstfloor Noble Manor apartment. Upon arrival, crews were confronted with thick smoke and fire in the apartment. Noblesville Fire Department and Noblesville Police Department crews worked together to safely evacuate the adult resident through a window at the back of the building.

At the same time, NFD crews entered the front of the building and rescued a 5-yearold and a 3-year-old trapped

in the apartment. All three were checked for possible smoke inhalation and were treated and released. The fire was quickly brought under control, limiting the fire damage to the kitchen area.

Intended for ISIS



The residents were alerted to the fire by functioning smoke detectors. Due to the damage, the family is temporarily displaced. In coordination with NobleAct officers and the Noblesville Trustee's office, NFD personnel secured a place for the family to stay. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The Noblesville Fire

Department reminds everyone of the importance of working smoke detectors. Working smoke detectors save lives by providing early warning of the dangers of fire. NFD provides no-cost smoke alarms, installation, and battery replacement to residents. If you need assistance with



Downtown Noblesville offers an array of

The Magic of the Holidays In Downtown **Noblesville**

Maybe it's the downtown shop windows decorated for the holidays. Or the historic Seminary Park in my neighborhood

BETSY REASON that's adorned Columnist with holiday lights.

Or the charming Santa House on the Courthouse Square. There are many reasons to

love Noblesville during the holidays. If you haven't been downtown to see the store windows at night, I recommend taking a stroll around and near the Square for some nostalgia. There are lifesize

nutcrackers, scenes with Mrs. Claus at home and Santa looking at his list with Santa's elf marking off the days until Christmas, Christmas trees, a leg lamp

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:05 am SET: 5:25 pm



High/Low **Temperatures**

HIGH: 34°F LOW: 24°F



Today is...

- Holly Day
- National Hard Candy Day
- Look For an Evergreen Day



What Happened On This Day

• 1972 Apollo 17 returns to Earth. The last mission of the United States' Apollo program spent 12 days in space and was the first human spaceflight launched at night from the United States.

• **1971** A Clockwork

Orange released. The dystopian film was directed by Stanley Kubrick and was based on a novella of the same name by British author, Anthony Burgess. Based in a futuristic London, the film opened with critical acclaim, though the centrality of violence in it drew a lot of mainstream criticism.





Births On This Day

• 1980 Jake Gyllenhaal -

American actor • 1967 Criss Angel -American magician

Deaths On This Day

• 2008 Dock Ellis -American baseball player

• 1848 Emily Brontë -English novelist



Moyad Dannon, 25, of Fishers has been sentenced to 200 months in federal prison, followed by a lifetime of supervised release, after pleading guilty to Attempting to Provide Material Support or Resources, namely, firearms, to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. His brother, Mahde Dannon was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison in October 2021, after pleading guilty to the same charges. According to court documents, in June of 2018, the Dannon brothers devised a scheme to deliver stolen firearms to a convicted felon who was cooperating with the FBI. Between July 2018 and December 2018, the Dannon brothers sold a number of illegally obtained firearms to the cooperating individual. Around the same time period, the Dannon brothers also began to manufacture untraceable "ghost



guns" by purchasing firearms process they used to parts online and assembling those parts into fullyfunctioning, .223 caliber semi automatic rifles, which they sold to the FBI undercover agent.

In late 2018, the Dannon brothers began manufacturing untraceable, fully automatic, .223 caliber rifles, using much the same

manufacture the semiautomatic rifles, and selling those to the undercover agent and confidential informant (CI). Shortly thereafter, Moyad Dannon accompanied the

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"I wish we could put up some of

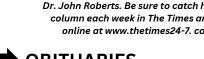
the Christmas spirit in jars and

open a jar of it every month."

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Children who regularly eat junk food during their first three years have been shown to have lower IQ scores at age 8.

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





None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Linda Busby** for subscribing!







Harlan Miller

Hanna who? Hanna partridge in a pear tree!





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BETSY From Page A1

Christmas Story,", St. Nicholas dolls, snowy polar bear scenes, reindeer, snowmen and freehand-drawn gingerbread houses. These store windows are reminiscent of Christmases past. And while you can see the store windows during the day, there is something special about strolling downtown after dark looking at store windows lit up for Christmas. Return during store hours and take time to visit some of these wonderful downtown merchants, and it's likely you'll find just the perfect gift for your special someone. Earlier this month, I missed the first-time Cookie Crawl organized by Linden Tree Gifts, which last summer moved, within walking distance, off the Square to the new Lofts on Tenth at 10th and Clinton streets. There were 16 merchants that offered cookies to fill a limited edition cookie tin, with tin artwork by local artist Rodney Reveal. (I wonder if the tins are still available for Christmas.) Santa is taking visitors at the Hamilton County Historical Society's Santa House on the Square again this year with special open hours through Christmas Eve. Santa has also visited some of the downtown shops, including Just Lagom, a year-old boutique on the north side of the Square, for Pictures with Santa in the store's event room. Just Lagom has a Holiday Open House now through Dec. 23 with unique clothing and home goodies, little ones' clothes, cranberry and popcorn garland, and Geoff Davis' unframed signs. Next door, Bash Boutique, a boutique with women's apparel and more, had a Stock the Shelves food drive at the end of last week. The Mix Vintage and New Marketplace has many vendor booths with everything from holiday blow molds to wooden snowmen and a Lilian Vernon Christmas carousel. Logan Village Mall offers an array of vendor booths with everything from 2024 watercolor calendars to gifts, furniture, decor and fashion.The Velvet Plum offers vintage Christmas trees, a collection of pottery, stocking stuffers and more. Moonshot Games has games and half a block around the corner, at

Toys, which will be closing in 2024, is following a trend and is leaning into the "experience side," opening more games rooms upstairs of Moonshot Games on Ninth Street. Also, Randy's Toy Shop has all kinds of vintage

all kinds of vintage Vintage Adventures on the north side of the Square has handmade home decor and small wall art and more. The 3 Rusty Nails Shoppe at the corner of Ninth and Conner streets, has all kinds of midcentury modern and vintagé-retro furniture and items. Across the Pond at Ninth and Maple streets, has a great selection of scarves, velvet bags and cute dog accessories. Nearby. The Wild Bohemian Boutique has prewrapped gift sets and unique jewelry and Peace on Earth & Cozy sweatshirts. Karisma women's boutique has red mohair snowflake sweaters, cozy oversized pullovers and faux fur coats. Noblesville Antiques on the Square, which has an array of collectibles, vintage clothing antique holiday items, will have Santa and Mrs. Claus taking visitors from 5-8 p.m. Saturday and those who wear their ugly sweater can enter a contest to win a gift certificate. Thistle & Thyme Home Store has antique skis, antique footstools, handmade soaps and lots of stocking stuffers, And Persimmon Avenue has unique items for the home. And don't forget Smith's On the Square jewelry. Little Petal Farm on Ninth Street offers specials from its locally gardengrown flower shop. Also, check out NobleMade for Noblesville gifts, Kiln Creations for handmade gifts that you can make and take, and Adrienes Flowers & Gifts, which will have a holiday open house this Friday, with personally made garlands and a complimentary Christmas ornament upon your visit. Noblesville's Geoff Davis has also been seen playing Santa and stopping by some of the shops in downtown Noblesville. Be sure to stop by Noble Coffee & Tea for coffees, mugs, teas and tumblers, even locally made candles. And find candies and other treats at Alexander's on the Square.





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Store windows at 72 S. Ninth Street just south of the Square are reminiscent of days gone by with scenes of Mrs. Claus at home and Santa looking at his list with Santa's elf marking off the days until Christmas.

rides. There are also holiday lights at Federal Hill Commons, the beautiful Bridge of Flowers decorated for the holidays with giant ornaments, and the ice rink at Federal Hill Commons. With only one more weekend before Christmas, some stores will be open late this Friday and Saturday, and will also be open until mid afternoon on Christmas Eve Sunday. Shop small. Shop downtown Noblesville.

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The Times photos by Betsy Reason

The 3 Rusty Nails Shoppe has lifesize nutcrackers in the store windows in downtown Noblesville.



Fishers student earns honors at Trine

Brian Beerbower from Fishers was recently honored at Trine University. Beerbower was part of a team that received honorable mention honors for Best Informative Project in Trine's seventh annual STEM Research and Design Symposium. The event took place on the school's Angola campus earlier this month.

Westfield student makes President's List

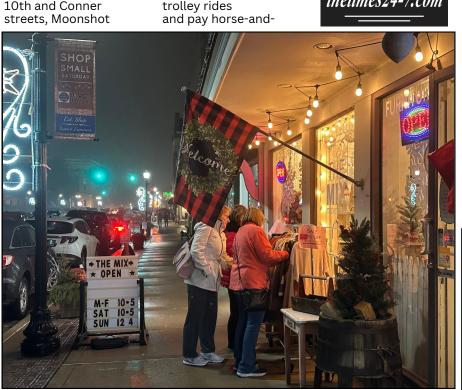
Ashlyn Moritz, a Junior Political Science major from Westfield, was among approximately 680 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2023 President's List. The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

County students named to Dean's List

The following students from Hamilton County are among approximately 800 Bob Jones University students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Tessa Leffew, a Senior Business Administration major from Fishers was among approximately 800 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List.

- Alana Muxlow, a Freshman Biology major from Noblesville
- Emma Reasen, a Junior Nursing major from Carmel
- Matthew Wiley, a Senior Premed/Predent major from Carmel
- Megan Wiley, a Junior Nursing major from Carmel
- Julianne Zirkle, a Freshman Kinesiology major from Fishers



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2025 Lucid Gravity





2024 Rolls-Royce Spectre



CASEY WILLIAMS Auto Reviews

There's something about blinking electric toys and computerized gadgets that remind us of our childhoods, a time when all things seemed possible. I felt a nostalgic tingle for our future while examining an electric sedan, crossover, and sporty coupe that you only wish existed as a

2024 Cadillac Celestiq

Straight from this year's Neiman Marcus catalog, this bespoke Caddy channels Christmases past as the sedan takes inspiration from the 1933 V16 Aerodynamic Coupe and 1957 Eldorado Brougham.

Like a hand-blown globe, the Celestia is hand-crafted at the GM Global Tech Center near Detroit and each is personally commissioned at the Eero Saarinendesigned Cadillac House. It's packed with wonders. Power doors

welcome guests to a cabin awash in handwrapped materials, choreographed lighting, burnished metalwork, and a Pantone chart of colors. There are five high-def displays, including a 55-inch pillar to pillar dash screen connected to a crystal controller embedded with Cadillac's Goddess. Little Drummer Boys thump through the 42speaker AKG Studio Reference Audio System and gaze at stars through the glass roof that allows each passenger to tune opaqueness above. Everything on the exterior that looks like metal is, including the fender-inhabiting Cadillac Goddesses milled from cast aluminum. Shadowing Clark Griswold's roof, over 1600 LEDs illuminate its surroundings. It's sleek hatchback style over 23" wheels and

finlike taillamps are the

last things seen as it

rushes into the night. The Jolly One unreins 600 horsepower to ring 0-60 mph in 3.8 seconds. Go 300 miles per feeding and replenish 78 miles per 10 minutes of DC fast charging. Adding magic is hands-free highway cruising, rear wheel steering, and adaptive air suspension. Prices start at \$340,000, and rise quickly with bespoke touches, so conjure \$975,000 for one from Neiman's.

2025 Lucid Gravity

If you're like Santa and need a large cargo hold with long range kicks for your personal sleigh, the Lucid Gravity may light your electric fantasies. Building off the success of the Air sedan, this is the brand's first electric crossover that promises to soon be the hot toy of the season. Styling is fantasy car cool with sculpted fenders, floating roof, and crystal-line lighting that stretches across the front, but step inside for an indulgent cocktail all delicious with a floating 34" curved OLED driver display over a touchscreen and glass cen

ter console. The windshield curves into the panoramic roof. When you need a break from holiday parties, the car becomes an immersive meditation No blustery sleigh, the Gravity delivers a heap of adventure and comfort for long-range

touring. Take the entire crew of up to seven adults in three rows of jet comfort seats. If luggage is preferred over humans, second and third rows stow flat, though there's a very roomy frunk to carry presents and cookies to grandma's. A little thing like battery charging will hardly slow your roll as the Gravity boasts up to 440 miles range and can add 200 miles in 15 minutes on a DC fast charger. If you're behind schedule, tap down to run 0-60 mph in a scant 3.5 seconds. Rudolf and his posse may be fleet of feet, but not in a hot snowstorm will they catch this Lucid. And, they'll struggle to match its 6,000 lbs. towing capacity. Ride smoothly on the adaptive air suspension that can get you over the river

and through the

Start your wish list

early as the Lucid

woods.

Gravity arrives late 2024 for around \$80,000.

2024 Rolls-Royce Spectre

Neither the spirit of Christmas past nor future, this electric Rolls slips through the night with silence Santa would envy. Billed as a Rolls-Royce first and an electric car

second, the Spectre is more of the former because it's also the latter. While sporting a wider stance on 23" wheels and fastback roofline taken from classic coupes and racing yachts, the widest Parthenon grille ever affixed to a Rolls paints a picture. It is one of the most aerodynamic Rolls-Royces ever as even the flying lady goes lower. A closer examination reveals 22 LEDs creating a 3D effect for the grille. Power open the rearhinged carriage doors. Each Spectre is crafted to its client's prayers from a choice of wood veneers, near infinite array of leather colors, and contrasting stitching, but each gleams with "Starlight Doors" cradling 4,796 fiber optic star points. The passenger dash spells

its own cluster of over 5,500 stars. Whether traveling near or far, passengers will ride in a fly sleigh. Seasons ago, Rolls-Royce only described horsepower as "adequate", but we have specs for this one. It recharges 10-80% in 34 minutes and travels 329 miles fully lit. Batteries and motors send a "more than adequate" 584 horsepower through all-wheel-drive to leap 0-60 mph in 4.4 seconds. Snow is boring. Four-wheel steering and adaptive suspension balance modern handling with wafting comfort. Getting Santa and his Mrs. to Christmas brunch will be no problem. Prices start at \$420,000 with further wishes granted as far as you're willing to

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Jim Banks takes gloves off in campaign ads against John Rust

By Casey Smith Capital Chronicle

In his latest campaign ad, U.S. Rep. Jim Banks yet again took aim at GOP challenger John Rust, this time spotlighting a recent federal jury's ruling that the sixthgeneration Indiana egg farmer and his business were involved in a conspiracy to price gouge eggs. Banks has repeatedly accused Rust of funding his U.S. Senate campaign with money earned from the scheme while Hoosiers struggle to make ends meet due to record inflation.

Last month, a jury found that Rust's embattled family farm, Rose Acre Farms, one of the nation's largest egg distributors, had purposefully manipulated its supply with competitors to increase the price of eggs. The egg farms have been fined millions.

Rust stepped down from the Rose Acre board earlier this year.

"Hardworking families in Indiana had to pay more to put food on the table during the pandemic because of John Rust and his megacorporation Rose Acre Farms. And now he's using that money to try to buy a U.S.

Senate race in Indiana," Banks said in the ad buy

the ad buy.
It ends with the tagline "say no to shady John Rust."

Rust told the Indiana Capital Chronicle Banks' statements amount to "pure political hogwash."

"Jim Banks is scared to death of a farmer standing up to the establishment. He is the willing lapdog of Mitch McConnell. He is scared because he knows his voting record of voting exactly opposite of what he says in Indiana is being called out. He is scared because he has repeatedly missed major votes in Congress," Rust said. "Hoosiers are sick of part-time, career politicians who only have to work two to three days per week and don't even show up for those days."

"I'm bringing the work ethic of a farmer to Washington to clean up the mess and expose the swamp," he continued. "Jim Banks gulps the swamp water of Washington, D.C. eagerly with both hands."

Rust, running to succeed U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, currently can't appear on the Republican ballot because of a law prohibiting candidates whose last two primary votes don't match the

party they wish to represent.

The candidate's underdog campaign had a win earlier this month, however, after a Marion County judge issued an injunction, finding that a state law limiting who can run on a primary ballot is unconstitutional. The court also simultaneously denied the state's motion to dismiss Rust's lawsuit

altogether.

Rust's two most recent primary votes were Republican in 2016 and Democrat in 2012 – meaning he can't appear on the Republican ballot for the 2024 May primary election. The law allows an exception, should the county's party chair grant it. Jackson County Republican Party Chair Amanda Lowery elected not to do so in this case because of the two-primary rule, according to court

documents.
The state has
already appealed the
ruling to the Indiana
Supreme Court.

Banks has already earned an endorsement from the Indiana Republican Party for his 2024 U.S. Senate bid — marking the first time in recent history that the state party has made an endorsement before primary elections for an open seat.

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prosecute national

lawful means to

Lawmakers facing wide range of topics in upcoming session

By Whitney Downard Capital Chronicle

A review of a random sampling of constituent surveys from several lawmakers appeared to show a Republican priority to tackle education topics in the upcoming legislative session, followed by fiscal concerns.

Aside from those two broad areas of concern, questions ran the gamut from health care and broadband to farmland policies and Ohio River tolls, reflecting the individual focuses of each lawmaker.

The Indiana Capital Chronicle reviewed more than 113 questions across 58 different surveys, trying to include a variety of lawmakers across the political spectrum and those with or without leadership roles within the caucus. The evaluation included the longest-serving member, Sen. Vaneta Becker of Evansville, and a smattering of new faces who will serve for the first time this year. Neither Republican caucus said they kept a databank of their members' questions and each survey notes that the inclusion of a question doesn't indicate whether a member supports or opposes any specific

However, reviewing the questions can reveal whether an individual senator or their caucus is wrestling with an issue and how to best reflect the wishes of their constituents.

policy.

Broadly speaking ...

Easily the most popular topic across dozens of surveys and in both chambers was education, especially the ongoing discussion over "reinventing high school" to include more work-based learning. Questions drilled in on whether to expand youth apprenticeship opportunities, changing graduation requirements and overall adequacy of the K-12 education

system. The next most popular category focused on fiscal policies, including taxation. Particularly in the House, Republicans seemed keen to know how voters felt about the state's use of excessive revenue and whether funds should be dedicated to cutting taxes, investing in "quality of life" projects or pay down state debt.

Only one of the reviewed House Republican surveys included a question about retaining third graders who fail to meet reading requirements. That question proved to be more popular in the other chamber, where ten of the fifteen reviewed senators included the question, "Should Indiana law require students to be held back if they can't demonstrate basic reading skills by the end of third grade?"

Despite that question's popularity, one stood out for being included in 12 senator surveys relating to the two-year task force reviewing the state's tax system. Across

several meetings, lawmakers have heard testimony about what taxes the state should and shouldn't charge, including gas taxes, income taxes, property taxes and the sales tax.

The dozen senators asked constituents which one should be eliminated or reduced; Only one lawmaker asked whether none of the above taxes should be cut or eliminated.

Spotlight on Marion County

Another popular question included in ten surveys: If a prosecutor categorically refuses to charge certain crimes, should the state give a special prosecutor authority to enforce Indiana's laws in that county?

The question appears to be referring to Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, who openly refuses to charge people within the state's population center for minor marijuana possession. His district covers roughly one in seven Hoosiers, meaning a large swath of the population wouldn't be penalized for breaking the law.

However, a broad enough law could also be applied to sheriffs refusing to enforce gun safety measures, should political fortunes shift and Democrats regain power. The General Assembly has attempted to pass a law specifically targeting "rogue prosecutors" several times but haven't yet found acceptable language.

Indianapolis Sens.
Aaron Freeman and
Cindy Carrasco go
even further in their
constituent surveys,
specifically asking if
"The Marion County
prosecutor not
charging criminals" is
one of their
constituents most
concerning crime
issues.

Carrasco unsuccessfully attempted to oust Mears in the most recent election for prosecutor and was appointed to the Senate following the death of Sen. Jack Sandlin.

It's unclear if House Republicans feel the same as their counterparts when it comes to cracking down on one locally elected official's marijuana policies. While none of the Republican Senators asked about marijuana, at least five members of the House Republican caucus asked about legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes. Two of those hold senior leadership positions.

Water, economic development get questions

One key question some legislators appeared to be considering: water transfers within the state, specifically whether millions of gallons of water should be transferred from Tippecanoe County to Boone County for the LEAP economic development district.

"Would you support or oppose legislation that would limit how much water can be taken from aquifers around the state?" Sen. Spencer Deery, R- West Lafayette, asked.
But it wasn't just
Lafayette lawmakers
interested in water
transfers. House Reps.
Sharon Negele, RAttica, and Matt
Lehman, R-Berne,
included an identical
question in their
surveys.
Rep. Kendell Culp, R-

Rep. Kendell Culp, R-Rensselaer, asked more generically about developing a statewide water policy, including whether water should move between communities — and at what price — or if water belonged to everyone and didn't need permission for transfers.

Several lawmakers asked about overall approaches to economic development in the state but one lawmaker had a surprising question about voter support for a casino to northeast Indiana: Sen. Justin Busch of Fort Wayne.

After one of their own faces potential prison time and a fine for accepting a lucrative position with a gaming company in return for legislative support, leadership said this year wouldn't be the time to consider expanding the industry.

What about the Democrats?

The analysis wasn't able to get a full sampling for every caucus. Several of the surveys for the Indiana House Democrats weren't yet available as of publication, including leadership. However, many of the survey questions available reveal similarities to their counterparts, including questions regarding marijuana legalization and water transfers from Tippecanoe County.

The smallest caucus

— the ten Senate

Democrats — was also incomplete because

Sen. Eddie Melton's replacement hasn't yet been named.

A review of 18
Democrats, nine from each chamber, included questions about expanding mailin voting, reversing the abortion ban, rolling back permitless carry and tenant protections.

Several asked their constituents about their support for ballot initiatives, a process where residents can vote directly on initiatives that advocates have used to protect abortion access and legalize marijuana in other states. Republicans didn't include questions on ballot initiatives, which Indiana's constitution doesn't permit and which GOP leaders have rebuffed previously.

House Democrats had some additional questions about creating a tax credit for parents and guardians paying for childcare or pre-K expenses along with paid family leave and collective bargaining for educators.

Deadlines for constituent responses vary by caucus and chamber so Hoosiers interested in finding their representative should visit iga.in.gov to verify their lawmaker before visiting their member's caucus page to find the survey.

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undercover agent to a location near the U.S. southwest border in an effort to market that fully-automatic rifles, to a potential buyer who was also cooperating with the FBI. During that trip, Moyad Dannon learned that the potential buyer sought to ship the weapons to a location in the Middle East, where they would be used by ISIS. ISIS is a designated foreign terrorist organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Despite learning of the ultimate destination of the weapons, the Dannon brothers agreed to manufacture and sell at least 55 additional fully automatic "ghost guns" to the buyer from the American southwest border, believing those weapons would be shipped to the Middle East, to ISIS and its members. On May 15, 2019, the Dannon brothers manufactured five untraceable, fully automatic, .223 caliber rifles from parts they had purchased online. At that time, the Dannon brothers were fully aware that the plan was to send the five automatic rifles overseas to ISIS. After building the fully automatic rifles, the Dannon brothers sold all five weapons to

undercover FBI agents

of the buyer from near

the southwest border.

The Dannon brothers

immediately thereafter

Between February and

were arrested

by the FBI.

posing as employees

May of 2019, Moyad Dannon had numerous and extensive conversations with an he believed was a member of ISIS then fighting in Syria. During those conversations, Moyad expressed his desire to travel from Indiana to ISIS-controlled areas of Syria, where he sought to utilize his knowledge of firearms and other skills to provide direct military assistance to ISIS in its' fight against the United States and Syrian government. In a search following his arrest. FBI agents located a flash drive on Moyad's keychain containing approximately 16 gigabytes of ISIS propaganda, including graphically violent videos depicting ISIS fighters beheading civilians and hostages, and ISIS snipers killing U.S. military personnel. Identical ISIS propaganda videos were discovered on a laptop computer. "Violent extremists inspired by events abroad continue to pose a threat to our local communities and to our national security. Indiana is not immune from the poison of radicalization, fueled by terrorist propaganda available online," said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "For nearly a year, these defendants

worked persistently to

terrorists with deadly,

illegal weapons. Cases

enforcement agencies

like this demonstrate the need for law

arm murderous

security threats here at home. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Fishers Police Department, these dangerous men have been held accountable for their actions and our communities will be safe from them for many years.' "The defendants in this case fused together two grave threats to Americans' security by attempting to support a brutal terrorist organization through the illicit manufacture of ghost guns," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. "Just as we've done in the fight against terrorism, the Justice Department is committed to prevention-stopping gun violence before it happens by cracking down on the illegal production and trafficking of ghost guns." The FBI's Indianapolis Field Office's Joint

Terrorism Task Force

and the Fishers Police

investigated this case.

The sentences were

District Court Judge

imposed by U.S.

Richard L. Young.

Department



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For the Record **Noblesville Schools**

AGENDA / WORK **SESSION**

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER **BOARD ROOM 18025** River Road Noblesville, Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:30 A.M.

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. BOARD **DISCUSSION:**

- TIF
- SCHOOL BOARD COMPENSATION SCHOOL BOARD **GOALS**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.



Students Earn **Dean's List** at Lee University

Lee University congratulates students who earned Dean's List honors during the Fall 2023 semester. Dean's List recognition is earned by fulltime students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement.

Josie Taylor of Noblesville

Morgan Myers of Noblesville

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Noblesville Colorectal Cancer Screening



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This week I want to talk about screening for colorectal cancer (CRC). Fortunately, screening for this type of cancer has become more common due to increased public awareness aided by campaigns such as CDC's Screen for Life Action Campaign www.cdc.gov/cancer/c olorectal/sfl/. This year it is estimated we will see 153,000 cases of CRC and about 53,000 deaths, making it the third deadliest cancer in both men (following lung and prostate) and women (following lung and breast). If caught when the disease is localized to the colon, 90 percent of patients live at least five years after diagnosis. However, only 39 percent of people are diagnosed in early

stages. The number of new cases and deaths has remained relatively stable over the last decade or so. This is an improvement over prior years, likely due to more people undergoing recommended screening, but may also be due to other factors as well. However, we are seeing a worrying trend of it appearing at younger ages. New cases of colorectal cancer increased more than 2 percent each year among people under 50 from 2012 to 2016. Actor Chadwick Boseman died at age

Colorectal cancer warning signs include blood in the stool, persistent abdominal pain, change in bowel movements (especially smaller diameter stools), unexplained weight loss, and irondeficiency anemia. An advertisement that ran in the New York Times a few years ago listed three early warning signs of colon cancer: You feel great; You have a healthy appetite; You're only 50. This was a brilliant piece, educating people that they can warning signs.

have CRC without any The risk of developing CRC increases with age (93 percent of cancers occur after age 50). A

family history of a sibling or parent with CRC or colon polyps also increases the risk for CRC, though 75 percent of CRC occurs in patients with no family history.
Inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease & ulcerative colitis) also increase the risk of CRC. Not exercising regularly, eating a diet high in fat and low in fruits, vegetables and fiber, cigarette smoking, being obese, or drinking too much alcohol are also risk factors. Colorectal cancer

usually begins as a small nest of abnormal mucus-secreting gland cells in the wall of the colon (large intestine). The cells eventually grow into finger-like projections inside the colon called polyps. These polyps are not cancerous, but they have the potential to develop into cancer. There are two types of polyps, adenomatous and hyperplastic. Adenomatous polyps may become cancerous, while the hyperplastic variety do not. The goal of any cancer

screening program is to either find abnormal appearing cells before they have turned into cancer or discover a cancer when it is very small. There are a number of different methods to screen for CRC. Different professional groups have produced various screening recommendations. Descriptions of the various screening methods can be found in the reference link at the end of this article. CRC screening tests that can detect adenomatous polyps and cancer include flexible sigmoidoscopy (a scope that visualizes the lower part of the colon), colonoscopy (a scope that looks at the entire colon), doublecontrast barium enema (an X-ray procedure where dye and air are pumped into the colon), and "virtual colonoscopy" (an X-ray study using a CT scan to construct a three dimensional image of the colon). Flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy offer the added benefit of allowing the physician to biopsy and remove polyps or suspicious lesions at the time of screening. Colonoscopy is certainly the gold standard for detection of CRC, but many patients are sometimes squeamish about having one. There are other less invasive tests that can be done, though they are not as sensitive at

detecting polyps and cancer. Less invasive tests include high-sensitivity fecal occult blood testing (FOBT) and fecal immunochemical

submitting multiple stool samples to a doctor or lab where they are tested for microscopic blood. The FIT test has, for the most part, supplanted the FOBT in most doctors' offices. It has the advantage of not requiring dietary restrictions prior to doing the test and can be performed on a single stool specimen. It is also specific for human blood proteins whereas the FOBT may detect animal blood protein that a patient consumed, yielding a false positive test. If any of these tests are positive, usually patients should have a colonoscopy to attempt to locate the source of the bleeding. The newest test to gain FDA approval is Cologuard®, a stool test that uses a combination of FIT and a test for DNA specific to colon cancer cells. This test has some potential problems including a high false positive rate of 13 percent (the test is positive, but the patient does not have cancer). The FIT test has about a five percent false positive If you are over 45 or have other risk factors, you should speak to your doctor about what test or combination of tests may be right for you. The United States **Preventive Services** Task Force gives its highest "Grade A" recommendation for screening patients ages 50 to 75, and "Grade B" recommendation for starting screening at age 45. Screening for those over 75 is generally not recommended unless a physician feels there are other circumstances that warrant it. Since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, all insurance companies are required to pay for recommended screening for CRC with no patient cost sharing such as co-pays or deductibles. However, if a patient has a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy and a polyp is found, the patient will likely incur the cost of the biopsy procedure and pathology charges to

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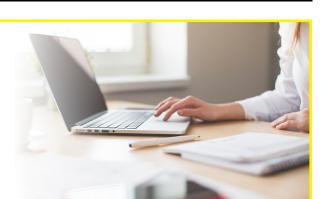
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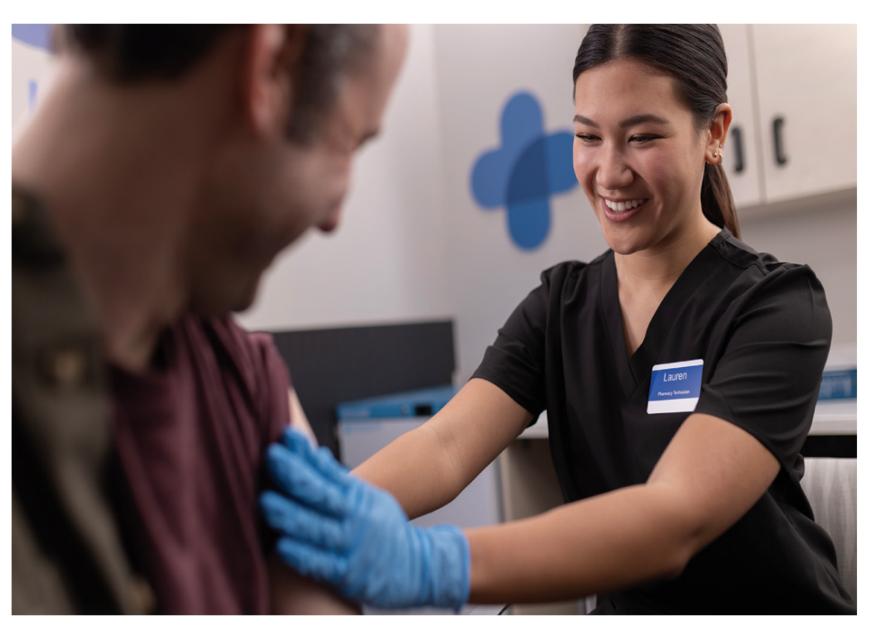
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Managing Your Family's Year-Round Health



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ow is a good time to check in and make sure your entire family is protected from infectious diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccines help create protective antibodies that fight off infections. Timely routine vaccinations, such as MMR (measles, mumps and rubeola) and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), are known to prevent around 4 million deaths annually, yet only 1 in 5 adults are up to date on their vaccines.

Convenience, accessibility and lack of trust all play fundamental parts in why vaccination numbers are low across some demographic groups and geographic regions. Community pharmacies and clinics, such as the Kroger Family of Companies' Pharmacies and The Little Clinic, have emerged as accessible and convenient options for people seeking needed healthcare services outside of traditional settings. These facilities offer a range of high-quality services, including medication counseling, health screenings and immunizations.

Routine preventive care, including vaccine administration, can take place at various points throughout the year and is not limited to a single season. Certain populations, such as people who are 60 years of age and older, those with chronic diseases and some minority populations, are more at risk for contracting certain infections and are encouraged to maintain updated vaccinations and boosters throughout the year. (For children younger than 5 years of age, check with your local pharmacist or clinician for vaccine guidelines.)

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months old and older get an annual flu vaccine. Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is a highly contagious respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs, and could lead to serious illness, hospitalization or death. Dominant flu strains are constantly shifting and protection from a single flu vaccine declines

over time. To reduce the risk of getting or spreading

the flu, it's important to get a yearly flu vaccination.

Retail pharmacies and clinics hold a unique position in the local communities they serve and are deeply committed to vaccine education and outreach. In addition to providing protection against illnesses such as influenza, vaccines also offer protection against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), measles, RSV, pertussis (whooping cough), COVID-19 and more. By equipping people with consistent, factual information, retail pharmacies and clinics empower them to make informed decisions about their health and the health of their loved ones.

Research shows schools and colleges have the potential to cultivate a higher disease transmission rate that affects all ages, from students to staff and teachers, due to the proximity of people within buildings. When students are protected against vaccine-preventable illnesses, they experience fewer absences due to illness, allowing them to fully participate in classroom activities and maximize their learning potential.

Ensuring children are current on their vaccines also creates opportunities for parents and caregivers to check their own preventive health statuses. The National Institutes of Health notes vaccine-preventable diseases cost the country approximately \$27 billion annually in lost wages and increased healthcare costs. Missing routine immunizations could result in missed work and medical bills that could prevent people from being able to provide and care for their families.

Unlike some traditional healthcare settings, retail pharmacies and clinics are easily accessible. They are often located within local communities and have extended hours that cater to busy schedules, allowing flexibility for people getting their families vaccinated. In fact, 90% of the U.S. population lives within 5 miles of a pharmacy. Options like the Kroger Family of Companies' Pharmacies and other retail pharmacies have established vaccine clinics within their pharmacy and

clinic locations, making vaccinations a seamless and convenient part of the

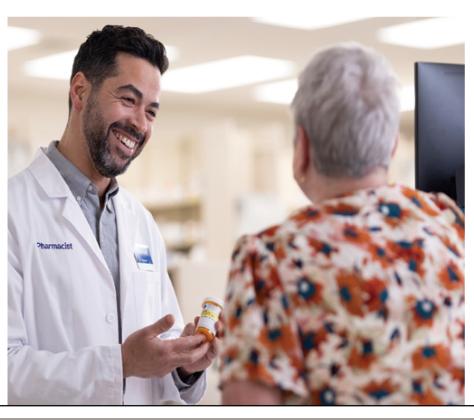
healthcare experience they provide.

Annual Gallup Polls consistently show pharmacists and nurse practitioners are among the most trusted people in the medical field. Healthcare professionals at retail pharmacies and clinics undergo rigorous training and possess in-depth knowledge about vaccines, proper storage and handling as well as administration techniques. These professionals contribute to the

confidence of their patients and the health of the community at large.

Retail providers disseminate accurate information about vaccines and address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation within their local communities. By prioritizing proactive vaccinations, retail pharmacies create an environment that supports the overall well-being of students, teachers, staff and families alike, helping communities live healthier lives.

To learn more about annual vaccination needs, visit kroger.com/vaccinations or plan a visit to a local pharmacy or clinic.



Stay Up-To-Date on Recommended Vaccines Check the boxes on this form to keep track of your and your family's vaccinations ☐ COVID-19 ☐ Hemophilus Influenzae Infant to Type B (Hib) ☐ HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) Age 15 Influenza (Flu) Meningitis (Meningococcal) COVID-19 Age 16 ☐ Hepatitis B ☐ HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) to 49 Influenza (Flu) Meningitis (Meningococcal) Td or Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) Age 50 Influenza (Flu) ☐ Shingles (Herpes Zoster) to 64 Td or Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) COVID-19 Flu (Influenza) Age 65+ Pneumonia (Pneumococcal) Shingles (Herpes Zoster) RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) For more information or to make an appointment, please visit Kroger+

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A Full Menu of *Festive Holiday Flavor*



Fresh Flavors for Holiday Festivities

With the festive season arriving, bring together family and friends for a delicious feast you can feel good about serving. One standout recipe is this Cornish Game Hen with Kale Sweet Potato Salad that pairs fresh, leafy kale with roasted sweet potatoes and tender Cornish game hens for a truly elegant meal.

Elevate your cooking during the holidays with inspiration from Fresh Express and its more than 100 varieties of fresh, healthy and convenient ready-to-eat salads like the Sweet Kale Chopped Kit. It's a perfect blend of a nutrient-dense salad mix of leafy kale, green cabbage, shredded broccoli and Brussels sprouts, as well as crunchy pumpkin seeds and dried cranberries, topped with a tasty poppyseed dressing.

Visit FreshExpress.com to discover more fresh, easy and healthy recipes for the holiday season.

Cornish Game Hen with Kale Sweet Potato Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 1 hour, 10 minutes Servings: 4

- 1 package (6 ounces) stovetop stuffing
- 2 cups chopped apples, divided 4 Cornish game hens (20 ounces each)
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, divided
- 1 teaspoon paprika 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional,
- to taste, divided 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into
- 1-inch cubes 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 package (10.9 ounces) Fresh Express Sweet Kale Chopped Kit

Heat oven to 350 F.

Prepare stuffing according to package directions. Add 1 cup apples and fluff stuffing with fork; cool

Remove anything inside hens, rinse cavity with cold water and pat dry.



In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, paprika, 1 teaspoon salt, garlic powder and pepper; mix well. Remove

Fill cavity of each hen with apple stuffing.

Place hens in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Tie legs together and tuck wings under. Baste with butter mixture.

Bake 50-60 minutes, or until thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh reads 165 F and stuffing temperature reads 165 F. Baste with butter mixture every 15-20 minutes.

In bowl, toss sweet potatoes with remaining Italian seasoning and olive oil. Arrange in single layer on sheet pan. Sprinkle with salt, to taste.

Bake with hens 25 minutes, or until tender. Remove from oven and cool. Tent hens with foil and let rest

Place greens from salad kit in large bowl. Add remaining apples and sweet potatoes; mix well. Toss with salad dressing. Add toppings; toss to combine.

Serve Cornish game hens with sweet potato

A Festive, Everyday Side Dish

While the busy holiday season can be loads of fun, you still need to get dinner on the table between parties. When you find yourself in a pinch this holiday season, squeezed for time and searching for a quick solution for dinner, turn to an easy side dish that can appease everyone. Potatoes are a nearly unanimous favorite.

Make putting dinner on the table a breeze with a solution like little potatoes from The Little Potato Company, which can help bring holiday happiness to mealtime. Ready in as little as 5 minutes, they come pre-washed and require no peeling or cutting, making them the perfect time-saving solution for the holiday season.

Ideal for this Perfect Roasted Little Potatoes recipe, these little potatoes are a tasty, fresh whole food that you can feel good about serving. Ready in lf an hour with minimal prep and a few simple ingredients, it's a perfect side dish for any occasion. Visit littlepotatoes.com for more information and holiday inspiration.

Perfect Roasted Little Potatoes

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 pounds The Little Potato Company Little Potatoes 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper 1-2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In large bowl, toss little potatoes with oil, salt and pepper until coated.

Spread potatoes in single layer on rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake 30 minutes, or until tender.

Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Tip: For extra holiday flavor, add paprika, garlic and fresh herbs.





Get Creative with Delicious, Decorative Cookies

A decadent holiday meal isn't complete without a sweet dessert to cap off the evening. When in doubt, go with a traditional treat that's perfect for

These Ornament Cookies can be shaped any way you like to celebrate the holidays. The royal icing adorning these festive favorites is made with powdered sugar and meringue powder; just use food coloring to add a personal touch.

For more than 120 years, Domino Sugar has helped millions bake special recipes like these cookies made with non-GMO, vegan, kosher and gluten-free Golden Sugar that's free flowing and easy to scoop, spoon and pour. The sugar retains a hint of molasses flavor, giving it a golden color and providing a perfect way to add less processed sweetness to your loved ones' favorite desserts.

Find holiday recipes, baking tips and more at dominosugar.com.

Ornament Cookies

Prep time: 25 minutes plus 1 hour to decorate Cook time: 20 minutes Yield: 2 dozen cookies

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, at
- room temperature 1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract 1 large egg
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon salt

- Royal Icing: 4 cups Domino Powdered Sugar
- 3 tablespoons meringue powder 1/3 cup, plus 2-3 tablespoons, warm

water, divided

desired food coloring To prepare cookies: In large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and egg; beat until well combined. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add flour and salt; beat until just combined.

Dump mixture onto lightly floured surface and divide in half. Shape each half into disks and wrap

with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Working on lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/2-inch thick. Cut cookies using ornamentshaped cookie cutter. Place cookies on prepared pans and bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool at room temperature.

To make royal icing: In large mixing bowl, combine powdered sugar, meringue powder and 1/3 cup water. Beat on low speed until combined. Increase speed to medium-high and beat 8-10 minutes, adding 2-3 tablespoons warm water, as necessary. Icing should be stiff enough to hold peak when tested.

Color royal icing with food coloring and decorate cookies.