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Still Time to Enjoy the Holiday Activities, Last Night for Prairie



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Horse-drawn carriages take riders for a private 15-minute carriage ride through downtown Noblesville from Federal Hill Commons.

See the lights on the last day of Merry Prairie at Conner Prairie, enjoy the last few days to share your holiday wish list with Santa at the Santa



BETSY REASON
Columnist

House on the Square, make some more Santa visits, take in the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, go ice skating and see holiday lights before Christmas. Here's The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Shop at the Winter Market at the VFW from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today only at the VFW on South Ninth Street, featuring 14 vendors.
2. Santa is coming to breakfast in Fishers 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Another Broken Egg in Fishers. Eat,

take pictures and be merry.

3. Federal Hill Commons temporary Ice Plaza in Noblesville is open daily, hours 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturdays

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Dr. Rachel Kartz Leads Ivy Tech in County

This week, Ivy Tech Community College announced the appointment of Dr. Rachel L. Kartz as the new chancellor of the Hamilton County campus, effective immediately. Kartz recently served as interim chancellor and vice president for academic affairs for the campus. "In her near decade of service to Ivy Tech Community College and our students, Dr. Kartz has proven herself to be a dynamic and effective leader," said Dr. Sue Ellspermann, president, Ivy Tech Community College. "We are confident that with Rachel at the helm, the Hamilton County campus will continue to flourish as the engine of workforce development for this rapidly growing county."



Dr. Rachel Kartz

Kartz has more than 15 years of experience in higher education. She joined Ivy Tech in 2014 as the assistant department chair and assistant professor of English for the Indianapolis campus. She was named English department chair in 2016 and dean of the School of Arts, Sciences and Education in 2019. In 2021, Kartz was named Ivy Tech Hamilton County's inaugural vice chancellor for

academic affairs, where she led the implementation of over twenty academic programs, the development of testing, tutoring, and library services, the renovation of a \$1.75 million health care lab, and the transition back to campus amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to Ivy Tech, Kartz taught at the University of Indianapolis, Gonzaga University, Spokane Falls Community College, and Eastern Washington University. "I am honored and excited to continue serving the Ivy Tech Hamilton County community in this new capacity," said Kartz.

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Sunlight increases your risk of developing cataracts – wear sunglasses that block UVA and UVB.

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 QUOTE

"Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."
Oren Arnold

➔ OBITUARIES

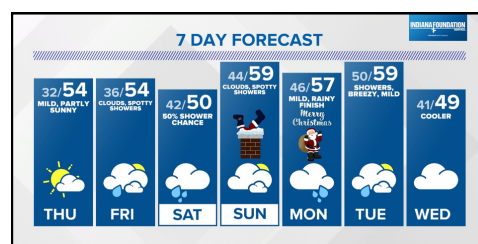
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The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **KENNETH MOE** for subscribing!



➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Igloo.
Igloo who?
Igloo Susie like I knew Susie, oh what a gal!



➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.



Faces of Hamilton County

People who call our community their own

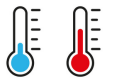
What makes Mrs. Claus smile? "I have worked with children since I was 15 years old, and that's what makes me smile." Judi Stanley Shuck plays Mrs. Claus at the Hamilton County Historical Society's Santa House on the Courthouse Square in Noblesville. She is married to Robert Shuck, who plays Santa. While they've known each other since they were young, it wasn't until 1999 that they found each other again and got married and moved back to Westfield. "This is my first-grade sweetheart," said Shuck, a fifth-generation Westfield resident, who turned toward her husband who plays Santa Claus in the Santa House. "We met in the first grade and were neighbors for a while, too, in Westfield," she said. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1965. She was a baton twirler and was part of a drum and baton corps in Noblesville. She's now part of the Westfield Preservation Alliance. "We try to preserve our history. I like to research history, and that's what got us involved in the Hamilton County Historical Society." She said, "I live in an historic home in Westfield that I've lived in all but six years of my life ... on Main Street ... the only house left on Main Street." She said, "Our home is on the National Register of Historic Places. Our grandkids love to come back at Christmas." She continued, "Our family were Quakers and professors and teachers at Union High in Westfield. We have eight children, we have 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren." See Santa House hours in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of The Times.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:07 am

SET: 5:26 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 49°F

LOW: 42°F



Today is...

- Abilities Day
- National Cookie Exchange Day



What Happened On This Day

• **1937** Lincoln Tunnel opens. The 1.5-mile-long (2.4 km) long tunnel passes under the Hudson River and connects New Jersey to New York City.

• **1882** First Christmas tree to be illuminated by electric lights displayed. Edward H. Johnson, an associate of inventor Thomas Edison and the Vice President of the Edison Electric Light Company, became the first person to decorate a Christmas tree with electric lights at his home in New York City.



Births On This Day

• **1989** Jordin Sparks American singer-songwriter, actress
• **1912** Lady Bird Johnson American wife of Lyndon B. Johnson, 38th First Lady of the United States

Deaths On This Day

• **1914** Joe Cocker - English singer-songwriter
• **1942** Franz Boas - German anthropologist

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through Noblesville Schools holiday break; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays; special holiday hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and 31. Closed Christmas. Rates are \$13, \$11 for ages 12 and younger. Also take private 15-minute carriage rides through downtown Noblesville.

4. Experience the magic of the 2023 Carmel Christkindlmarkt daily through Sunday 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. Hours are noon-9 p.m. today and Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Entertainment: Stevens Puppets noon-9 p.m. today; Ellie Buening, noon-12:45 p.m. today; Jeff Russell's Christmas favorites on the accordion, 6-6:45 p.m. today; Duke Tumatote & The Power Trio, 7-8:45 p.m. today; Singer Breanna Faith, noon-12:45 p.m. Saturday; Sweet Tunes Band, 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday; Sarah Scharbrough Trio, 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday; Jay Fox & The Jammin' Germans, 7-8:45 p.m. Saturday; Ellie Buening, noon-12:45 p.m. Sunday; acoustic folk and blues musician Elliott Ferguson, 1-1:45 p.m. Sunday; Blackjack Davey and the Rhythm Kings, 2-2:45 Sunday; Christopher Burrus, 3-3:45 p.m. Sunday. Visit carmelchristkindlmarkt.com

5. Experience Merry Prairie at Conner Prairie, where visitors can explore Historic Holidays and immerse in the magic of Prairietown by candlelight and see the beautiful Reynolds Farm

Equipment-sponsored lighting display from 5:30-9:30 p.m. today (last day) at the Fishers living history park. Ride a vintage carousel, enjoy the 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. Tickets for all at www.connerprairie.org

6. Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides 5:30-7:30 p.m. today with pickup in front of Meridian Music in Clay Terrace in Carmel, first-come, first-served.

7. Santa listens to gift lists at the Santa House on the Square on select dates in downtown Noblesville, courtesy of Hamilton County Historical Society, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Stop by to visit Santa, snap a photo, and consider a donation that goes toward making this Santa House event possible.

8. Experience Lights Over Seminary presented by the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Preservation Alliance during this walkable light display in Seminary Park at Hannibal and 10th Street in downtown Noblesville display 5-11 p.m. nightly through December.

9. Enjoy White River Christian Church's free musical light display 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31 in the south lawn of the church on Allisonville Road in Noblesville.

10. Experience the holiday tradition of White River Ballet Co.'s 42nd annual "Nutcracker" ballet at 7 p.m. today at Noblesville High School, with the Nutcracker Prince performed by special guest dancer, Nick Hagelin, who trained at School of American Ballet at Lincoln

Center and went on to dance internationally with Carolina Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and The Kirov. Tickets at the door.

11. Enjoy live music with Tommy Baldwin at 7 p.m. today at Union Brewing Co. in Carmel.

12. Follow clues to solve puzzles and find holiday lights and fun during Rudolph's Run scavenger hunt-style game, event by Danger Run, played in your car at 7 p.m. today and 5 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton Town Center with \$30 per carload.

13. Enjoy live comedy with Zain Zaidi and Dustin Burkert, Jonathan Pfenner, Eric Sablan and Val Werner at 8 p.m. today and Spotify Wrapped Roast show where comics roast each others' most played songs from 2023 without knowing which comic they are roasting at 8 p.m. Saturday at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit thebrickroom.cc for tickets.

14. Experience live music with John Beatrice tonight, Sam King on Saturday, Donny Coyle on Dec. 29 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

15. Participate in the 17th annual Donut 5K Holiday Run & Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday starting at Carmel Racquet Club.

16. Hop aboard the Nickel Plate Express for an array of excursions, including upcoming Holiday Cheers Express for 21 and older tonight, Reindeer Express on Saturday and a New Year's Eve Masquerade Express at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 (\$200 per person/\$350 per couple). Tickets at nickelplateexpress.com.

17. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Bomar and Ritter on Saturday, Jeff Brown on Dec. 30 at Spencer

Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com.

18. Enjoy live music featuring Jeff Brown on Saturday, and Disagreeable on Dec. 30 at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

19. Come have brunch in your pajamas and paint something fun during Kiln Creation's Christmas Eve Brunch noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. A \$40 ticket covers a table of four to come and enjoy, plus pay for what you pick the day of, ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

20. Learned Stained Glass for Beginners in a three-hour class by Fishers Parks with classes daily Dec. 26-30 at Maker Playgrounds on 106th Street in Fishers at \$99 per person at playfishers.com.

21. Enjoy live music with Jai Baker 3 at 8 p.m. Dec. 29 at Four Finger Distillery North in Westfield, Dec. 30 at Wolfie's at Geist, and Jan. 4 at Syd's Bar & Grill in Noblesville.

22. Celebrate New Year's Eve with the Pickle Stompers starting at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 at Syd's Bar & Grill in downtown Noblesville.

23. Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Noblesville Moose Lodge at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 featuring Left of Center band. Free with valid membership card and \$10 nonmembers, with champagne toast and party favors with dinner of steak, past and regular menu until 9 p.m. by Serendipity Catering.

24. Shop the New Year's Day Sale at Always in Stitches from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 1.

25. Westfield Winter Market opens on Jan 6 and is open 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through March 9 in downtown Westfield.

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Mike Schneider Band performs German and Christmastime favorites during the 2023 Carmel Christkindlmarkt, which offers traditional German food and goods under the twinkling lights at this one-of-a-kind holiday experience, daily through Sunday at Carter Green next to the Performing Arts Center of Carmel.



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Inside this Santa House on the Square in downtown Noblesville, courtesy of Hamilton County Historical Society, Santa listens to gift lists 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Today is the final day to experience Merry Prairie at Conner Prairie, where visitors can immerse in the magic of Prairietown by candlelight and see the beautiful Reynolds Farm Equipment-sponsored lighting display from 5:30-9:30 p.m. today at the Fishers living history park. Tickets at www.connerprairie.org



16698 Birdbrook Road
Noblesville • \$589,900



Stunning 5BR, 4.5BA in Essex of Noblesville. Custom designed with in-laws quarters on main level, kitchen with quartz, butler's pantry, premium lot w/pond view, walk-out basement, 3-car garage plus storage, a must see to appreciate all this home has to offer. BLC#21949379

18865 Wimbley Way
Noblesville • \$289,900



This 3 BR, 2 BA ranch is located in family friendly Fairfield Farms. Huge great room w/doors leading to covered patio & fenced backyard, kitchen w/pantry, dining area & all appliances stay, new windows, water softener & HVAC in 2020. Fence, roof & gutters 2021. BLC#21949582

11256 Winding Wood Ct.
Indianapolis • \$239,900



This open concept condo is move-in ready, 2 BR, 2 BA. Family room with gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen with granite counters, breakfast bar, tile floor, pantry, appliances stay, main BR ensuite with walk-in tile shower, large 2-car garage, patio with retractable awning. BLC#21945183

10717 Upland Way
Noblesville • \$349,900



Welcome to this lovely 4 BR, 2.5 BA home, kitchen with center island and newer SS appliances, spacious family room with gas fireplace, park-like backyard with maintenance free deck, auto-retractable awning, paver patio, basketball court and cute she shed. BLC#21949680

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'Tis the season for a Red Cross blood donation

When blood products are fully stocked on hospital shelves, patients don't have to wait for critical care. Giving blood with the American Red Cross in December can help those in need make more holiday memories with loved ones. This is a busy time for many. Holiday gatherings, travel and seasonal illnesses can all impact donor availability, making it hard to collect enough blood. Unfortunately, trauma patients in the emergency room, those undergoing cancer treatment and new parents in need of lifesaving transfusions can't take a holiday break. Donors are needed every single day.

Those who come to give blood Dec. 18, 2023-Jan. 5, 2024, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. To extend a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood, platelets and plasma during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-31, National Blood Donor Month, will be automatically

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl. Making and keeping appointments throughout the month can help safeguard the national blood supply into the new year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Riverview, Ascension Among Hospitals Recognized for Excellence in Infant and Maternal Health

The Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Gov. Eric Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP, recognized Indiana birthing hospitals this week for their commitment to infant and maternal health at IHA's fourth annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program. Among the hospitals honored was Riverview Health and Ascension in Fishers and Carmel. INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health's (IDOH) Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

"The daily work of our delivering hospitals makes a monumental impact on the lives of so many Hoosier moms and infants in every corner of our state," Holcomb said. "These caregivers are much needed and appreciated, and we will continue to partner with them to support our shared goal of a healthy Hoosier tomorrow." "Our birthing hospitals work tremendously hard to make sure all babies born in Indiana have the best start at life,

while caring for the mothers who delivered them," said Dr. Weaver. "Reducing infant and maternal mortality requires a continued multi-pronged approach over the course of many years to see impactful change. It is heartening to see the progress we've made but we must continue to adopt best practices so that we can celebrate more first birthdays in Indiana."

This year, 95 percent of Indiana's delivering facilities received recognition. Hospital award recipients earned either an INspire Hospital of Distinction or Category of Excellence recognition based on their performance in seven key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage, maternal hypertension and social determinants of health.

"The leadership and support of Governor Holcomb and Dr. Weaver are unmatched as we continue to find new ways to reduce infant mortality," said IHA President Brian Tabor. "We are grateful for the progress made and look forward to finding new ways to build on our successes to further improve our metrics across the state."



Santa Claws is Coming to Town

Give the gift of comfort and joy to the animals of the Humane Society for Hamilton County by purchasing an item from our Christmas wish list. Your generosity can make a world of difference for these homeless pets, especially during the holiday season.
Will you help us out this season with a few donations?

All items can be found on our Amazon Wish List
Search: Humane Society of Hamilton County



DNA Health Kit
Brussel Sprout already knows he's a 'good boy', but he wants to know more about his breed! Give him and other pups the gift of answers this holiday season.



Hoover Commercial Vacuum
We see A LOT of pet dander throughout the year. Help us keep our staff and animals healthy with this commercial-grade vacuum. The dander won't stand a chance!



Rescue Disinfectant
Rescue is the only floor cleaner guaranteed to kill Parvo (a virus that is deadly to dogs). This cleaner keeps our facility safe, and most importantly our dogs safe.



Soap Refills
These foam hand soap refills are used in our facility restrooms. Help us keep our staff healthy and prevent the spread of disease by purchasing a few!



L-Lysine Powder
Alayna wants YOU to buy her some L-Lysine powder! Think of it like Vitamin C for cats - it keeps them healthy and strong, especially during winter.



Clippers & Blades
Being an open-admission shelter, we see many neglect cases in need of proper grooming. Help us keep animals comfortable with these clippers and blades.



Align Probiotics
Our girls, Jade & Opal, need a little more support than other pups for their digestion. Give them the gift of a healthy gut with these digestive probiotics.



Rawhide Twists
What's so special about these simple twists? We use them for temperament tests for all the dogs in our care as they are a shelter dog favorite.



Zep Floor Cleaner
This concrete-safe, no-rinse disinfectant is used to clean the public areas of our facility. Purchase a bottle to help us destroy germs while keeping our floors spotless.



Instant Film
You know you can't resist this face! Instant film packs allow the HSHC team to send adorable photos of adoptable pets in letters to our donors and supporters.



Paper Towels
These paper towels are used in our facility restrooms. Our staff and volunteers need to be healthy in order to care for our animals, and clean hands need to be dried somehow!



Trash Can & Dolly
Our volunteers depend on these commercial-grade trash cans and dollies to collect dirty laundry from all over the facility. Without these items, we'd be overwhelmed with laundry!

We appreciate our readers!

The Times wishes you a very merry Christmas!

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Wrapping up 2010 through 2020 with Purdue Football



KENNY THOMPSON Columnist

This is part 10 of a series celebrating 100 seasons of Purdue football at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Purdue football has been anything but stable during the past 13 years. Counting interim hires, the Boilermakers have been led by seven head coaches in that time span. Late athletic director Morgan Burke pulled the plug on his coach-in-waiting experiment, firing Danny Hope at the end of the 2012 season with a 22-27 record. Interim coach Patrick Higgins guided the Boilermakers in the Heart of Dallas Bowl, which saw Oklahoma State dominate 58-14. Just when fans thought the period between Jim Young and Joe Tiller was as low as Purdue football could go, along came Darrell Hazell.

Burke threw millions at Hazell, a one-year wonder at Kent State, to come to Purdue after Butch Jones used Burke's unusual public interest to get a better job at Tennessee. Heading a so-called "all-star coaching staff," Hazell staked a claim for worst football coach in Big Ten history. Hazell had just three Big Ten victories in three-and-a-half seasons before being fired by new athletic director Mike Bobinski midway through the 2016 season. Interim coach Gerad Parker, now the new head coach at Troy University, went 0-6. Bobinski hit a home run when he brought in Jeff Brohm following three 10-win seasons at Western Kentucky. From his first game, a close loss to Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson and Louisville at Lucas Oil Stadium, it was clear Brohm would get the Boilermakers turned around. Dramatic bowl victories against Arizona and Tennessee. The first nine-win season at Purdue since 2003 came in 2021, followed up by eight wins and two Associated Press Top 5 upsets in 2022. But the inevitable happened when the Louisville job came open for the second time in five years and Brohm departed for his alma mater. His brother, Brian, served as interim coach in the disastrous 63-7 loss to LSU in the Citrus Bowl.

Nearly all of the Boilermakers' best players opted out of the bowl game despite not a single one of them being projected to be taken in the first three rounds of the NFL Draft. Time will tell whether Ryan Walters will break the Purdue jinx of not having consecutive winning coaches since 1930. Injuries at key positions make it difficult to totally blame Walters and his young staff for a 4-8 season.

Best Ross-Ade games of the 2010-2020s

Nov. 12, 2011: Purdue 26, Ohio State 23 (OT) – Robert Marve's quarterback sneak gave the Boilermakers the victory. Bruce Gaston made it possible by blocking an extra point that left the game tied at 20 with 55 seconds to play.
Nov. 25, 2017: Purdue 31, Indiana 24 – Markell Jones rushed for 217 yards to help Purdue earn a Foster Farms Bowl berth in Jeff Brohm's first season. Jackson Anthrop had touchdown runs of 5 and 4 yards. Quarterback Elijah Sindelar, playing with a torn ACL, found Anthony Mahoungou for a 49-yard TD and Isaac Zico for a 4-yard score to give the Boilermakers a 31-10 lead early in the fourth quarter.
Oct. 20, 2018: Purdue 49, No. 2 Ohio State 20 – To

be forever known as "the Tyler Trent game," the Boilermakers denied the Buckeyes a national championship shot with an overpowering upset. The terminally ill former Purdue student was profiled earlier in the day on ESPN's GameDay and predicted a Boilermaker victory. Purdue recorded its highest point total against Ohio State in series history. D.J. Knox rushed for three touchdowns, including runs of 42 and 34 yards. Rondale Moore turned a routine pass into a 43-yard touchdown as Ohio State defenders bounced off the speedy freshman. Columbus native Markus Bailey capped the victory with a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown.
Nov. 6, 2021: Purdue 40, No. 3 Michigan State 29 – Aidan O'Connell shredded the Spartans' pass defense, going 40 of 54 for 536 yards and three touchdowns. For the first time since 1960, Purdue defeated two top-five teams in the Associated Press poll in the same season. In October, the Boilermakers won at No. 2 Iowa.

Top players of 2010-2020s Ross-Ade

Ryan Kerrigan – A unanimous All-American defensive end in 2010, Kerrigan led the Big Ten in sacks (12.5) and tackles for loss (26) as a senior.



Aidan O'Connell



David Bell

Photos courtesy of Purdue Athletics.

He was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. A first round draft pick by Washington, Kerrigan went on to play 11 seasons in the NFL.
Kawaan Short – A two-time first-team All-Big Ten defensive tackle, Short was a second-round draft pick by Carolina and played eight seasons in the NFL.
Rondale Moore – Only the third true freshman consensus first-team All-American in college football history (Herschel Walker, Adrian Peterson), Moore also won Big Ten Freshman and Wide Receiver of the Year honors in 2018.

Moore owns the school record for most all-purpose yards in a game (313) and season (2,215). He was a second-round pick by Arizona in the 2021 NFL Draft.
David Bell - In three seasons, Bell collected 232 receptions for 2,946 yards and 21 touchdowns. Like Moore, Bell earned Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors in 2019 and was the league's Receiver of the Year in 2021. A two-time first-team All-Big Ten

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

Each year I devote two columns to review what I wrote about during the previous eleven months. For example, last winter I wrote about a cruise we took to Puerto Rico. Getting on the ship's elevator required us to scan our room card. I kept swiping but the elevator door didn't open. A fellow passenger walked by. "You're scanning the hand sanitizer," he told me.

One night I carried the TV remote onto the veranda outside our room that overlooked the ocean. The device slipped out of my hand when the ship rocked and it landed in the Atlantic. "That's never happened before," said the steward. "What were you doing when you dropped it?" "I was channel surfing," I told him.

I made reservations for our trip to the nation's capital to attend a college reunion. Mary Ellen asked me to call and confirm that our

hotel was close enough to walk to some of the area highlights. "How far are you from the White House?" I asked the clerk. "About three thousand miles," he told me. I booked a hotel in Washington, alright. In Seattle Washington I was frustrated that a website rejected some new passwords, so I just ran my fingers haphazardly across the keyboard. VERY STRONG, said the prompt. Please remember to write it down. But I had no idea what I had typed. Was it K\$DFJHG%\$ or was it YQW%KW?O&? Then I tried something simpler. I tried HERCULES, but it was rejected as WEAK. Then I tried SAMPSON. This time it said VERY WEAK. The people at this website have not read their mythology. But it did answer the age-old question of who was stronger.

I asked an AI program to write an essay on why Dick Wolfsie was not funny, just to see what it would come up with. My wife was not impressed when she read it. "Dick this is outrageous; it's full of inaccuracies. You didn't bore people for thirty years on TV." "Thank you, Mary Ellen." "Wasn't it closer to 40?"

With all the Artificial Intelligence warnings, my wife is paranoid that someone might steal one of our identities. Recently I called Mary Ellen to get her Social Security number for a

form I was filling out. That's when she gave me a little quiz to be sure it was me....like what's your brother's name? What was the name of your first dog? She still wasn't convinced. "Mary Ellen, you may ask one more question. Make it a good one." "Okay, Dick—or whoever you are,—when we got married, we stayed in a magnificent vacation spot in Big Sur, California. You said it was the most romantic, glorious hotel you had ever been in and it was a weekend you would never forget. What was the name of the hotel?"

"I don't have a clue." "Okay, it's definitely you."

This past spring, we went downtown to a cute little Bed and

Breakfast to celebrate our wedding anniversary. The owner took us upstairs to show us the room, which was very quaint. There was one tiny bed. I'd say, it was a double bed. But, barely. "Do you like your accommodations?" asked the proprietor. "I love it," said my wife, "but where is my husband going to sleep?" The woman winked at me. "This is your romantic anniversary. I'm sure you will make it work." "Even on our honeymoon, this wouldn't have worked," said Mary Ellen.

A few more next week.

Ready for Christmas



Photo Courtesy Steve Martin and the Sheridan Historical Society

The good folks at the Sheridan Historical Society took a moment to pose for a holiday picture and extend their gratefulness for all the support given this year. They ask us to pass along their best wishes to everyone for a joyful Christmas and blessed New Year.

246th Street Open Again

For those motorists who have been patiently – or not-so-patiently – waiting for the re-opening of 246th Street – Merry Christmas! The bridge has been repaired and the road is open once again! The Hamilton County Highway Department says that 246th Street between SR-213 and Brehm Road is open to all traffic.

FOR THE RECORD

Carmel Common Council
A Special Claims Meeting of the Carmel Common Council will take place in-person at City Hall, One Civic Square, on Friday, Dec. 29 at 8 a.m. The meeting will be on the second floor

Fall Creek Township
Fall Creek Township Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at 11595 Brooks School Rd. in Fishers. On the agenda is election of officers.

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"I am committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment, in partnership with our world-class faculty and staff, that empowers our students to excel and meets the urgent workforce needs of employers in Hamilton County and beyond." "We are thrilled to officially welcome Rachel Kartz as the chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College's Hamilton County campus," said Chuck Haberman, chair of the Ivy Tech Hamilton County campus board of trustees. "Rachel's leadership while serving as interim chancellor

was vital to the continued growth of Ivy Tech Hamilton County, and I look forward to seeing all she accomplishes on behalf of students, employers and our community." Raised in Milwaukee, Wis., Kartz was the first in her family to attend college. She has a bachelor's in business administration and human resources from Marquette University, a master's in creative writing from Eastern Washington University, and a doctorate in higher education leadership from Indiana State University.

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County Students Make Dean's List

Three dozen students, including seven from Noblesville, made the Dean's List at Belmont University for the Fall 2023 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours (exclusive of audit and pass/fail courses this semester) and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C (inclusive of audit, pass/fail courses and zero-credit courses).

The local students are:

Noblesville: Leah Spurlock, Grace Wiles, Ella Williams, Brooke Wood, Amelia Wray, Gillian Frazier and Reese Ryan.

Westfield: Anthony Vaiana, Ryan Witzman, Emily Rhodes and Sarah Banks.

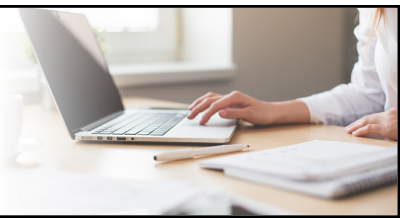
Fishers: Thomas Woodring, Abigail Roach, Madison Keller, Grace Bicknell, Zachary Clar, Emilee Ernster, Amanda Finke, Laine Schwegman and Ty Schwegman.

Carmel: Isabelle Wood, Kinsen Beutler, Mark Bisbecos, Kylie Cunningham, Bethany Ducat, Jessica Godfrey, Kensington LaMotte, Audra Marchese, Logyn Molloy, Gavin Morrow, Amber Poziviak, Jessica Quadrini, Anna Sears, Rylan Spomer, Aubrey Umphrey and Brooke Waldal.



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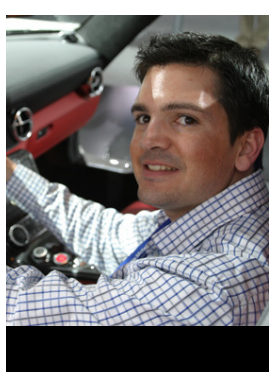
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2024 KIA SELTOS BRINGS UPSCALE VIBE TO AFFORDABLE CROSSOVERS



Like many automotive journalists, the Kia Telluride full-size crossover is high on my list of vehicles for its upscale British style and lush luxury interior. While an excellent value against its competition, if you've priced a Telluride, you know they aren't exactly affordable for many drivers. The Kia Sorento and Sportage are also stylish, but can still post big stickers. No worries because the 2024 Kia Seltos brings all of that upscale vibe to a more affordable crossover.

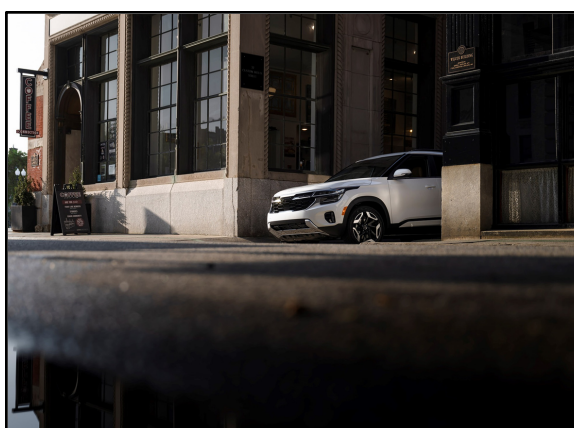


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The interior does too, but economies had to be made. The twin flatscreens, contrasting color seats, and redundant physical controls for climate and audio look like they came from an EV6, but the screens are a little smaller, seats are SynTex faux leather, and the automatic climate control only has one zone. Doors are mostly made of hard plastic, but stitched material on the doors and dash are ravishing. A power sunroof and rear hatch up the posh. No economies were made on the rest of the interior. Our SX edition boasted Bose audio, leather-wrapped flat-bottom steering wheel, and heated/ventilated front seats. Wireless phone charging, navigation, and easy

Bold Upscale Styling

Styling of our SX trim level is more Sorento than Telluride, but there's also a bit of Cadillac to give it an upscale look. The front is dominated by a mesh grille, thin horizontal LED headlamps, and light bar that stretches across. There's plenty of gray plastic around the wheelwells and lower body to lend a hint of capability, but it all looks suave with its sculpted bodysides, floating roof, and sporty 18" wheels. Around back, lights that hint at fins and a full-width element could have come from any recent Cadillac. It all looks expensive.



connections with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are included. The driver even gets power lumbar. Safety is enhanced with adaptive cruise, lane following assist, automatic emergency braking, and rear cross path warning.

Turbocharged Scooting Power

Putting the scoot in this baby penthouse is a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine delivering 195 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque. That's all routed to the torque-vectoring all-wheel-drive system through an eight-speed automatic transmission. Drive modes allow for quicker throttle response and sharper shifts for a sportier feel, or a more relaxed behavior to save fuel, but neither conjures a

change in horsepower. Drive gently to see 25/27-MPG city/highway. There's nothing cheap about how our Seltos drives. There's a bit of turbo lag on initial throttle tip in, but there's plenty of power to move this little crossover with gusto when it spools up. Stomping onto freeways, slipping through traffic, or running flat-out on the Interstate provide little challenge. While front-drive models get a torsion beam rear suspension, our AWD employs a multi-link independent arrangement that flat embarrasses many more expensive models in its ability to absorb rough pavement and still provide agile handling. I think the name is stupid, but the Seltos is not. It looks, feels, and drives every bit like a smaller version of its upscale



siblings. There's plenty of space for four passengers and their stuff and they'll enjoy a cabin loaded with the latest technology. I even enjoyed driving it and parking was a snap. A super affordable base price of \$24,390 rises to just \$33,085 with every conceivable luxury option. Competitors

include the Buick Encore GX, Ford Bronco Sport, VW Taos, and Subaru Crosstrek.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

Likes	Dislikes
·Beautiful interior	·Hard plastics
·Turbo engine	·Single-zone auto climate
·Crisp handling	·Thirsty MPG's

2024 Kia Seltos SX
Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 1.6-liter T4, 8-spd trans
Output: 195hp/195 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Fuel economy: 25/27 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Gwangju, Korea
Base/as-tested price: \$24,390/33,085

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selection and a consensus All-American, Bell was taken in the third round of the 2022 NFL Draft by Cleveland. **George Karlaftis** – The most recent member of Purdue's Den of Defensive Ends, Karlaftis was a starter from Day 1 after helping West Lafayette High School win a Class 3A state championship. As a junior, Karlaftis earned first-team All-Big Ten honors after leading Purdue in tackles for loss (11.5) and sacks (5). He was a first-round draft pick by the Kansas City Chiefs in 2022 and earned a Super Bowl ring as a rookie. **Charlie Jones** – A transfer from Iowa, where he had won Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year honors in 2021, Jones made the most of his opportunity in Jeff Brohm's passing attack. Jones earned second-team All-America and first-team All-Big Ten

honors in 2022. His 110 receptions for a school record 1,361 yards led the nation during the regular season. Jones also caught 12 touchdown passes.

Aidan O'Connell – From eighth-string walk-on to a fourth-round draft pick of the Las Vegas Raiders, O'Connell is the most accurate passer in Purdue history (66.7 percent completions). His five career 400-yard passing games and 14 career 300-yard performances trail only Drew Brees in the Boilermaker record book. As a senior he led the Big Ten in passing yards per game (290.8) and completions per game (26.7) while ranking second in total passing yards (3,490) and third in passing touchdowns (22).

– *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.*

Noblesville, Carmel Locations Awarded Grants

Indiana Humanities and the Indiana Center for the Book announced the awardees for the 2023-2025 One State / One Story statewide reading program -- and that included two places in Noblesville and one in Carmel. Hamilton East Public Library and Gal's Guide to the Galaxy in Noblesville, as well as Carmel Clay Public Library, were among the 30 places recognized for the One State / One Story signature program of Indiana Humanities. This year, there is a focus on Advancing Racial Equity programming, which supports discussions of history and memory and how engaging with the past can help Hoosiers understand contemporary injustices and strive for racial equity. The program offers grants of \$750, copies of the book and promotional swag to organizations that agree to host a series of three or more programs that explore the themes and ideas of the book selections. This will be the first cycle to feature two titles: All That She

Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles is the high school/adult selection, and Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan is the children's selection. "We look forward to the insightful, engaging programs to come in 2024," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "Each of the Community Read host organizations has proposed a program series sure to encourage important conversations based on the stories and perspectives in each of the One State / One Story selections." Throughout the year, events at schools, libraries and elsewhere will continue the exploration of both Miles' and Bryan's books by organizing events like family history pop-up exhibits, film screenings with similar themes and thoughtful book club discussions.

The following 30 organizations have been awarded Community Read grants to implement a series of three or more programs about the book.

- * Batesville Memorial Public Library, Batesville
- * Brightlane Learning, Indianapolis
- * Brown County Public Library, Nashville
- * Brownsburg Public Library, Brownsburg
- * Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis
- * Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel
- * Center for Inquiry at School 84, Indianapolis Public Schools, Indianapolis
- * Clinton Public Library, Clinton
- * Crown Point Community Library, Crown Point
- * Delphi Public Library, Delphi
- * Fulton County Public Library, Rochester
- * Gal's Guide to the Galaxy, Noblesville
- * Hamilton East Public Library, Noblesville
- * Levi and Catharine Coffin House, Fountain City
- * Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis
- * Indy Reads, Indianapolis
- * Johnson County Public Library, Franklin
- * Kendallville Public Library, Kendallville
- * Lake County Public Library, Merrillville
- * Ligonier Public Library, Ligonier
- * New Albany Floyd County Public Library, New Albany
- * North Manchester Public Library, North Manchester
- * Osgood Public Library, Osgood
- * Peabody Public Library, Columbia City
- * Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute
- * Ruthmere Foundation, Elkhart
- * Syracuse Public Library, Syracuse
- * Trustees of Indiana University (Herron School of Art and Design), Indianapolis
- * Trustees of Indiana University (IU South Bend), Bloomington
- * Tyson Library Association, Versailles

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