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## TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 15:58  
Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

## Hamilton Happenings

A bill authored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) to create the Community Cares Initiative passed the Senate unanimously recently. Senate Bill 10 would establish the Community Cares Initiative, a pilot grant program to help communities improve paramedicine resources to address local mental health needs. This proposal is modeled after the City of Noblesville's NobleACT program that Mayor Chris Jensen launched to strengthen community-based response to mental health and substance abuse challenges. Mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams are comprised of peers and behavioral health professionals who are trained and skilled in responding to anyone experiencing mental health related distress. SB 10 will now move to the Indiana House of Representatives for further consideration.

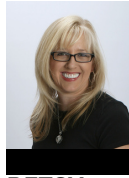
## Three Things You Should Know

**1** Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch has called for an independent audit of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) after the agency acknowledged a \$1 billion shortfall. The call for the audit came during a media availability Lt. Gov. Crouch organized to humanize the devastating impact the proposed cuts and changes will have on the FSSA's Attendant Care program.

**2** When the stars of the NASCAR Cup and Xfinity Series return to Indianapolis Motor Speedway for Brickyard Weekend on July 19-21, fans can enjoy three days of on-track action on the famed 2.5-mile oval. Practice for both the NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400 presented by PPG and the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts will be held on the afternoon of Friday, July 19. Qualifying sessions for both races will be run Saturday, July 20, followed by the Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts at 3:30 p.m. ET. The Brickyard 400 presented by PPG will start at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21. Visit IMS.com for ticket information for Brickyard Weekend.

**3** A 70th anniversary celebration of Milan High School's legendary 1954 Indiana Basketball State Championship will be held on March 23 in the town of Milan. Festivities will take place in the Milan High School gymnasium beginning at 11 am and admission is free and open to the public. The celebration will include remarks from dignitaries and feature a panel discussion with the Milan players. Following the formal ceremony, the Milan players and actors from the movie Hoosiers will sign autographs and food trucks will be on hand.

## Find Many Ways to Celebrate Valentine Weekend and Beyond



**BETSY REASON**  
Columnist

Looking for a fun family activity this weekend? A way to celebrate an early Valentine's Day? An all-you-eat breakfast benefiting the Boys & Girls Club? This journalist has returned with The Times' list of 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Experience a Songwriter Series with locals John Gilmore, Chris Baird, and Kelli-Ray Yates 7-9 p.m.

today at Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts Campus) at Eighth and Maple in downtown Noblesville.

2. Experience the funny and heart-rending play, "Lost in Yonkers," by Neil Simon and directed by Noblesville's Jen Otterman, during Main Street Productions' stage performances at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15-17 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org.

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

**Noblesville High School Key Club members serve pancakes to guests at the 2023 Noblesville Sunrises Kiwanis Club and Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville breakfast benefiting the Boys & Girls Club. This year's breakfast is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club Community Center, for \$5 per person, benefiting the Club.**

## County Earns Nearly \$20M in Interest

Hamilton County earned an impressive \$19,691,231.83 in interest during the fiscal year 2023. The sizeable interest income was generated from approximately \$392 million strategically deposited across more than a dozen banks.

County Treasurer Susan Byer said her office has been proactive in monitoring the performance of its banking relationships. "In the three years since I took office, I have personally reached out to each of the banks the county does business with to encourage them to raise their interest rates.," Byer said. "And in some cases, that has meant closing underperforming accounts and redistributing funds."

The county's proactive financial management allowed it to benefit from higher interest rates last year. In 2023, the county's average interest rate reached 3.95 percent, a significant increase from the 2022 average of 0.99 percent.

The nearly \$20 million in interest income will be directed back into the county's general funds. "The actions taken by Susan and her office align with our commitment to responsible stewardship of public funds," County Commissioner Christine Altman explained. "By diversifying our banking relationships and actively engaging with financial institutions, they have not only safeguarded our assets but also maximized returns for Hamilton County."

Altman is also president of the Hamilton County Board of Finance. She said allocation of the funds will be determined through standard budgetary processes and in accordance with the County's financial priorities.

## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – How is my Social Security Benefit Calculated?



**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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**Dear Rusty:**  
I appreciate your recent article dispelling the myth that politicians have stolen Social Security money. As a CPA, I dispel this myth repeatedly to clients who falsely claim SS funds have been raided. But another thing I deal with often is how SS benefits are calculated. I know the formula for determining each person's benefit amount is complex, but I have had to explain numerous times that those who put the most into Social Security get the lowest rate of return and those who put the least in get the highest return based on the way the benefit formula is structured. I get tired of people complaining that monthly Social

Security payments are higher for retired doctors and other highly paid individuals. Can you please explain how Social Security is weighted in favor of lower income workers?  
**Signed: Tired of the Misunderstandings**

**Dear Tired:** Please don't be frustrated. Because of the program's complexity, Social Security is prone to misunderstanding, and educating the misinformed is an important professional duty we share. Here's how each person's SS benefit is determined:  
The first thing to know is that each person's SS retirement benefit is not based on their financial

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### Pneumococcal Pneumonia Can Be Life-Threatening

**StatePoint**  
Pneumococcal pneumonia can disrupt your life for weeks and, in some cases, be serious or even life-threatening. To help adults understand how they can help protect themselves against pneumococcal pneumonia, the American Lung Association and Pfizer are partnering to share important information and patient insights about the disease. The Centers for Disease

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### 7 Misconceptions About Medicare

**StatePoint**  
There's no way around it: Medicare is confusing. While this government-sponsored health insurance helps millions of Americans each year, it also comes with many requirements, guidelines and questions. Here are seven myths about

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take family walks – it's good exercise and good for conversation.

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

"Love isn't something you find. Love is something that finds you."  
Loretta Young

## OBITUARIES

Melinda K. Haggadone

## TODAY'S JOKE

What did one cantaloupe write to the other in their Valentine's card?  
"You're one in a melon!"

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank  
**JOHN P. STOVER**  
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**7 DAY FORECAST**

41/60 WARM & WINDY FEW SHOWERS	50/63 WARM AND WINDY	48/52 A.M. RAIN, NOT AS WARM	31/45 SOME SUN, COOLER	31/37 WINTRY MIX POSSIBLE	28/43 PARTLY CLOUDY	26/41 PARTLY CLOUDY
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# OBITUARY

## Melinda K. Haggadone January 30, 1941 - January 5, 2024

Melinda K. (Buscher) Haggadone, 82 of Stevensville, Montana, died January 5, 2024 following a brief illness.



Melinda was born January 30, 1941, and was raised in Atlanta, Indiana before moving to Michigan after marriage. She graduated with a nursing degree in 1963 and practiced as a registered nurse for many years.

She is survived by her two children, Brian Haggadone of Armada, Michigan and Kimberly (Edward) Holstein of Florence, Montana, granddaughter, Victoria Fair, of Bellevue, Washington, and brothers Robert (Ann) Buscher of Plainfield, Indiana and Phil (Pat) Buscher of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Judy Buscher.

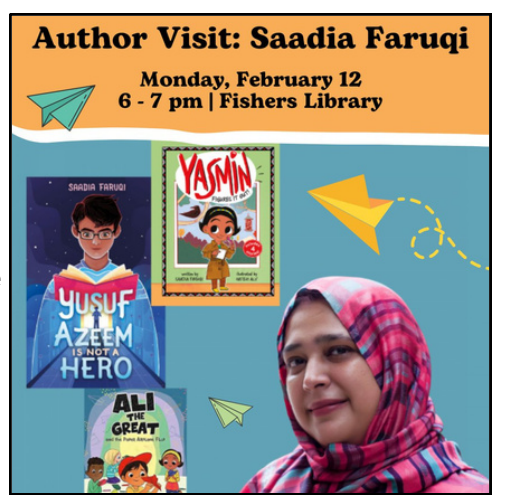
A graveside memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at Arcadia Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is assisting with local arrangements. Condolences for Melinda's family may be left on her obituary page at [www.young-nichols.com](http://www.young-nichols.com).

## Popular Children's Author Visiting Library

Saadia Faruqi, a popular children's author, will be making an appearance Monday evening at the Fishers Library from 6 to 7 p.m. Faruqi, a Pakistani American author and interfaith activist, writes the popular children's early reader series Yasmin and other books for children, including chapter books, graphic novels and picture books. Her middle grade novels include *A Place At The Table* co-written with Laura Shovan (a Sydney Taylor Notable 2021), *A Thousand*

*Questions* (a South Asia Book Award Honor 2021) and *Yusuf Azeem Is Not A Hero* which is currently nominated for a Young Hoosier Book Award. She is editor-in-chief of Blue Minaret, a magazine for Muslim art, poetry and prose, and was featured in Oprah Magazine in 2017 as a woman making a difference in her community. She lives in Houston with her husband and children. Following the program, Faruqi will be available to sign books.



LoudMouth Books will also be onsite with a selection of Ms. Faruqi's books for purchase. The event is open to all ages and no registration is required.

## Bank Really Does Put Community First

Community First Bank of Indiana recently reached an exciting milestone of donating over \$1 million to local nonprofits and community partners since the bank's inception on Feb. 3, 2003. To mark this milestone, bank employees were all invited to share their input and vote for nonprofits to receive a celebratory donation. During a spree of recent check presentations, each of the bank's eight branches presented \$1,000 to their selected organization. Recipients included Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, Humane Society for Hamilton County, Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP), Brooke's Place, Coordinated Assistance Ministries (CAM), Family Service Association of Howard County (FSA), and Kokomo Humane Society.

"As a locally owned and operated community bank, we're committed to supporting and uplifting the communities that our team lives and works in," said Robb Blume, President & CEO of Community First Bank. "Throughout the years CFB has given to local schools, hospitals, youth outreach programs, addiction recovery programs, animal shelters, domestic violence shelters and so much more. We also make it a priority to volunteer and serve on the boards of directors for the organizations. This milestone represents our continuous efforts towards meaningful partnerships and local impact." This commemorative event, along with the opening of its newest branch in Fishers on Feb. 5, wraps up the bank's 20th anniversary celebrations that began



in February of 2023. Learn more at [CFBindiana.com/marking-a-million](http://CFBindiana.com/marking-a-million).

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- CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS**
- Educational Services Center  
 5201 East Main Street  
 Workshop Session  
 Feb. 12 – 6 p.m.
- PLEASE NOTE  
 This meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center at (317) 844-9961.
- MEETING OPENING
    - Call to Order
    - Roll Call
    - Pledge of Allegiance
  - PUBLIC COMMENT
    - Guidelines for Public Comment
  - CONSENT
    - Approval of Consent Items
    - Personnel Report
    - Claims
    - Payroll
  - ACTION
    - Bid Award - Creekside Middle School & West Clay Elementary Site Renovations
  - WORKSHOP TOPIC(S)
    - Biomedical Science Program
  - UPDATE(S)
    - Reports
  - ADJOURNMENT
    - Adjourn Meeting

**CARMEL CABLE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

The Carmel Cable & Telecommunications Commission meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Caucus Room at City Hall.

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**NOBLESVILLE BABE RUTH BASEBALL**

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The 2024 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball Season begins April 8, 2024 and ends on June 18, 2024.

There will be two Leagues: 13-15 year old Competitive League and 16-18 year old Competitive League.

Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 8, 2024. A double-elimination tournament will be played June 10-18, 2024.  
 \* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

**Registration Fee:** 2024 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 20, 2024 from 8am-11am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast - more information will be sent closer to the event date. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

**Player Evaluations:** 13-15 year old players new to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball - or 13-15 year old players wishing to re-enter the team draft - need to attend the player evaluation session scheduled for March 9, 2024 from 2pm-4pm at Noblesville High School.

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contributions to the program. Social Security's purpose is to provide a benefit which replaces a portion of the person's pre-retirement income, so the SS benefit is based on actual lifetime earnings, not on the payroll taxes withheld from those earnings. Social Security has your lifetime earnings record (obtained annually from the IRS) and that record determines your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA." Your "PIA" is initially determined in your eligibility year (usually age 62) and is the amount you will get if you claim for benefits to start exactly at your full retirement age (FRA). To develop your PIA, Social Security first adjusts (indexes) each year of your lifetime earnings (up to the annual payroll tax cap) to account for inflation. They then select the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you earned the most, from which they compute your average monthly earnings over your lifetime (this is called your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings, or "AIME"). They then break your AIME into three segments, the first of which includes a majority of - and possibly all of - your AIME. They then take a percentage of each segment and total those three amounts to determine your PIA. The first segment is the largest and 90% of that first segment

contributes most of your PIA. Smaller percentages of the other two segments (32% and 15% respectively if your AIME is higher), are then added to the first computation to arrive at your full PIA - the amount you get if you start benefits in the month you reach your FRA. Note that since most of the PIA comes from the first large segment of each person's AIME, lower income workers get a higher percentage of their lifetime average monthly amount. Since benefits are based on earnings, those with lower lifetime earnings do, indeed, get a smaller benefit than those with higher average lifetime earnings, but the percentage of pre-retirement replacement income lower income workers receive is higher than for those with higher monthly average lifetime earnings. The Social Security benefit for lower income workers is typically about 40% of their pre-retirement average monthly income, while those with higher lifetime average earnings may get a benefit as little as 20% of their average monthly pre-retirement earnings. In that sense, the Social Security benefit formula is progressive and weighted in favor of lower income workers. Nevertheless, albeit a smaller replacement percentage, higher income workers receive a higher monthly SS benefit because of their

higher lifetime earnings. Even so, those higher earners did, indeed, contribute more payroll taxes from their higher earnings. So, each person's SS retirement benefit amount is a percentage of their pre-retirement income. Coincidentally, those with higher pre-retirement income also contributed more to the Social Security program than did those with lower earnings. But their higher SS benefit amount is based on their higher pre-retirement earnings, not on payroll taxes paid from those higher earnings.

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Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that this lung disease causes an estimated 150,000 hospitalizations annually nationwide. Symptoms include high fever, excessive sweating, shaking chills, coughing, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and chest pain. Some symptoms can appear quickly and without warning.

### Risk Factors

The immune system naturally weakens with age, so even if you're healthy and active, being 65 or older puts you at increased risk for pneumococcal pneumonia. In fact, adults 65 and older are over 10 times more likely to be hospitalized with pneumococcal pneumonia than those aged 18-49. In adults 19 and older, certain factors increase pneumococcal pneumonia risk compared with healthy adults of the same age. These include smoking cigarettes, chronic lung diseases like asthma and COPD, chronic heart disease and diabetes.

### Prevention

Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccination can help protect against the disease and is recommended for at-risk groups. For adults living with certain chronic health conditions and those 65 or older, vaccination helps protect against a potentially life-threatening illness. "Having asthma can

sometimes restrict me from doing things I love, so I really try to take proactive steps to help keep myself healthy, like avoiding my known asthma triggers and following my doctors' advice," says Catherine, a patient who was diagnosed with asthma in adulthood. "I didn't even think I was old enough to get vaccinated for pneumococcal pneumonia, but when my doctor recommended it, I got it because I trust him. I like the comfort of knowing it's helping to protect me against this potentially serious lung disease."

In addition to being up to date on your vaccinations, washing your hands, and not smoking are all habits that can help prevent pneumococcal pneumonia. Those with chronic illnesses should also follow the care recommendations for their condition.

### Disparities

The 2025 Vaccines National Strategic Plan has pneumococcal disease vaccination rate targets of 90% for people 65 years and older and 60% for adults with underlying health conditions at increased risk of disease. Unfortunately, current vaccination rates are falling far short of these goals - especially among Black and Hispanic/Latino communities. In 2021, pneumococcal vaccination coverage

among all U.S. adults aged 65 and older was 70.1%. However, the rate was around 60% among the Black population and around 52% among the Hispanic/Latino population of the same age group. Latino and Black adults are also at greater risk of developing certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma and diabetes, compared to individuals who are white. It's important that all adults at risk take steps to help protect themselves against infection.

### What Should You Do?

If you're at increased risk for pneumococcal pneumonia, talk to your doctor or pharmacist about vaccination. Being an active part of your healthcare team, advocating for yourself and asking questions is important. Even if you've previously had a pneumonia vaccine, your healthcare provider may recommend additional vaccination for increased protection. You can learn more, as well as take a quiz to assess your risk, by visiting [lung.org/pneumococcal](http://lung.org/pneumococcal). Pneumococcal pneumonia can be serious. Talk to your healthcare provider about how to help prevent this lung disease.

## Fishers congressional candidate gets Main Street endorsement

Conservative Republican Max Engling was endorsed by the Republican Main Street Partnership (RMSP) today in his campaign for Congress in Indiana's 5th Congressional District. "At this pivotal moment in our nation's history, it's crucial to elect leaders who put the American people first. Max Engling exemplifies Main Street values and possesses the skills needed to address the challenges facing our country. We proudly stand behind Max and believe he will work tirelessly to deliver real results for Indiana," said

Sarah Chamberlain, RMSP PAC President & C.E.O.. The Republican Main Street Partnership PAC is a leading advocate for pragmatic, principled, and fiscally responsible conservatism. Their mission is to support Republican leaders who prioritize common-sense solutions and responsible governance. They believe in the power of conservative principles to drive economic growth, protect individual liberty, and secure our nation's future.

"Congress is failing to put forward

conservative solutions that get our country back on track," stated Max Engling. "I'm excited to have the Republican Main Street Partnership join my campaign - they believe in electing governing conservatives who meet the challenges our country faces head-on. Joe Biden's policies aren't working, Hoosier families deserve better than his solutions and don't need another career politician in Congress. I'm a conservative who will put families first and who wants to get the job done."

Engling grew up in a supportive family as the

second oldest of eight children, learning early what it meant to work hard. He baled hay, detasseled corn, maintained a campground, and ran the quality control lab as the youngest hire at an industry leading fabrication business. Here in central Indiana, he earned a bachelor's degree at IUPUI while working full-time in construction and waiting tables. After graduating, he worked for a local HVAC business, but was soon drawn to public service. With Indiana recovering from the recession, the federal government was

expanding into seemingly all areas of life - Washington was more focused on telling you what to do than protecting your freedoms. To fight back, Max worked hard as a volunteer with the Republican Party and on campaigns in Indiana, making the case for limited government and fiscal responsibility. After helping Republicans secure a majority in Congress, he eagerly answered the call to serve, and started as an intern on Capitol Hill, eventually rising through the ranks to become the Director of Member Services for the

Speaker of the House. In that role, he was the Speaker's delegate with the entire Republican Conference and worked directly with every Republican Representative to guide them and their staff on how to best listen, communicate, and work effectively for their constituents. Max met his wife, Kelcey, in Muncie, Indiana and they were married in Cicero, Indiana - together they have four beautiful children. He earned his master's degree in defense and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Thank you for reading The Times!

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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING

Agenda  
 Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.  
 Council Chambers City Hall, One Civic Square  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**  
 MINUTES Minutes from the January 24, 2024, Regular Meeting  
**BID OPENING AND AWARD**  
 Bid Opening for 24-Str-01 Vault Installation; Matt Higginbotham, Street Commissioner  
**PERFORMANCE BOND REDUCTION APPROVAL**  
 REQUEST Resolution BPW 02-07-24-12 Bond Release for Be Well Medical; Right Away Erosion Control; Alderson Commercial Group, Inc  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-13; Bond Release for Courtyards if Carmel; Section 2 Signs, Section 3 Curbs, and Section 3 Asphalt Path; Epcon Carmel, LLC  
**CONTRACTS**  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-11; J.S. Held; (\$8,350.00); Additional Renovations and Services to Carmel Police Station; Additional Services Amendment Jim Crider, Chief of Staff  
 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Testing For Public Safety, LLC, (\$14,800.00); Captain and Lieutenants Process, Testing Fees-Written and Oral; Additional Services Amendment; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department  
 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Holly Vonderheit; (\$5,355.00); Communications Strategy, Planning, and Execution Support; Agreement for Professional Services; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of the Department of Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-01; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); Aaron William Whitten; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-02; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); Julia Yashchenko; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl,

Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-03; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$2,100.00); Michael Stoddard; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-04; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); Shannon Gerasimchik; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-05; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); Stephan Koch; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-06; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$500.00); Timothy Stoke Calloway; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-07; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); Titus Arensberg; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-08; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$500.00); William Maxwell Bebrowsky; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-09; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); World Class Ice Sculpture; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional

Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Resolution BPW 02-07-24-10; Request for Acknowledgment of Contract between City and Vendor; (\$1,600.00); Zachary Crossman; Ice Carving Services for Festival of Ice Event; Additional Services Amendment; Rebecca Carl, Director of Marketing and Community Relations  
 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Certified Engineering, Inc.; (\$11,620.00); 20-ENG-04-Right of Way Engineering Services College Avenue; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer  
 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; American Structurepoint, Inc.; (-\$225,945.33); 16-ENG-37-116th Street and Medical Drive at Rangeline Road; CO #6; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer  
 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CRE Consulting, LLC; (\$2,140.00); 22-ENG-13-Appraisal Services-Rohrer Road; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer  
 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; The Taylor Realty Group, PC; (\$15,710.00); 20-ENG-04-S-Second Appraisals-Parcels 2&4 and Appraisal Review for Parcel 4; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer  
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 Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Fuller Engineering Co., LLC.; (\$83,360.00); CRAC Units for Datacenter; Additional Services Amendment; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems  
 Request for Purchase of

Goods and Services; Insight Public Sector, Inc.; (\$130,284.55); IT Products and Services; Additional Services Amendment; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems

a. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Midwest Landscape Industries, Inc.; (\$81,226.800); 2024 Carmel City Flowers; Additional Services Amendment; Matt Higginbotham, Street Commissioner  
 b. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; (\$63,700.00); GroundsPRO, LLC; Mowing Services; Additional Services Amendment; John Duffy, Director of the Department of Utilities  
 1 REQUEST TO USE CITY STREETS/PROPERTY  
 2 Request to Use Midtown Plaza; Indy Impalas Send-off Celebration; April 27, 2024; 12:00 PM -5:00 PM; Evan Roberts, Indianapolis Rugby Club (Indy Impalas)-TABLED on 01/11/24-REMAINS TABLED  
 3 Request to Use Ice at Carter Green; Carmel Sensory Skate Day; February 25, 2024; 4:00 PM-7:00 PM; Meg Gates Osborn, City of Carmel

a. OTHER Request for Waiver of BPW Resolution No. 04-28-17-01; Install Brookshire Village Streetlights; Duke Energy  
 b. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 11100 Queens Way Circle; Jacob Gorden  
 1. Request for Stormwater Technical Standards Waiver; 540 N Rangeline Road; Matriarch Birthing Center  
 2. Request for Stormwater Technical Standards Waiver; 1140 Westfield Blvd; Robbins Subdivision  
 3. Request for Grant of Perpetual Stormwater Quality Management Easement; 11220 Illinois Street; Midwest Eye Institute  
 1. ADD-ONS  
 1. ADJOURNMENT

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# Fishers Bank Executive on State Board



**Nicole S. Lorch**

At its February meeting, the Indiana Bankers Association Board of Directors named a new chair, Benjamin J. Bochnowski, chairman and CEO of Peoples Bank, Munster. The Indiana banking institution also named this year's board of directors, which included Nicole S. Lorch, President and Chief Operating Officer of First Internet Bank in Fishers. Lorch was appointed president in July 2021 and has held the title of Chief Operating Officer since 2017. She joined First Internet Bank in 1999 from the financial services technology (fintech) industry. She represents the views of First Internet Bank as a member of the Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Input from Council members on regional banking conditions helps contribute to the Federal Reserve System's formulation of national supervisory and monetary policy. Closer to home, she serves her community on advisory boards for the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP) and the Hamilton County Community Foundation. Lorch earned a bachelor's degree from DePauw University and an MBA from Indiana University - Kelley School of Business. She is a 2015 graduate of the CBA Executive Banking School.



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# Purdue's Zach Edey ties one record, closes in on Rick Mount



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Inching closer to decades-long Purdue basketball records, Zach Edey added

another milestone to his distinguished college career on Monday. The 7-4 center was chosen Big Ten Player of the Week for the 10th time in his career, matching Ohio State's Evan Turner for the most in league history. Edey recorded his sixth career 30 points-15 rebounds game in a 105-96 overtime victory against Northwestern. It was Edey's 73rd consecutive double-figure scoring game, eclipsing Rick Mount. Mount had scored at least 10 points in each of his 72 games as a Boilermaker.

Terry Dischinger's school record for double-doubles fell at No. 6 Wisconsin when Edey tallied 18 points, 13 rebounds, three blocked shots and two assists in the 75-69 victory. Edey now has 55 career double-doubles. Going into Saturday night's game with Indiana in Mackey Arena, Edey ranks third nationally in scoring (23.1 ppg), fourth in rebounds (11.7 rpg), 14th in field goal percentage (.631) and 14th in blocked shots per game (2.). Just three players in NCAA history (2002-03 - Chris Kaman, Central Michigan; 1997-98 - Michael Olowokandi, Pacific; 1993-94 - Carlos Rogers, Tennessee State) have ever finished in the top 15 in all four categories.

Edey's 1,115 career rebounds places him within 33 of matching Joe Barry Carroll's 44-year-old Purdue record. With 2,065 points, Edey has climbed into fifth place in Boilermaker history. He'll almost certainly take over fourth place Saturday night, standing just nine points off Dave Schellhase's 2,074 points.

For 54 years, Mount's record of 2,323 points seemed unreachable, especially in this era of early departures to the NBA. But Edey is 258 points away from matching the "Rocket." With a guarantee of 10 games left in his career (eight regular season, one Big Ten Tournament, one NCAA Tournament), Edey has a better than average chance of catching Mount.

## Difference maker

While Edey gets much of the media attention, an argument could be made that fifth-year senior guard Lance Jones deserved the Big Ten Player of the Week award.

Jones had 26 points against Northwestern. He followed that effort with 20 points, six rebounds and three assists at Wisconsin. In those two games, Jones shot 8 of 14 from 3-point range to raise his Big Ten 3-point shooting percentage to 38.2. The Southern Illinois transfer hasn't been totally overlooked. Kevin Sweeney of SI.com rated Jones among his five "X-Factors" for national championship

contenders.

"Jones has brought a competitive fire that has helped the Boilermakers in big games," said Sweeney, who wrote this before the Northwestern and Wisconsin games. "Purdue's March bugaboos have been outside shooting and perimeter defense, with Matt Painter often bemoaning his team's struggles with smaller guards in the Big Dance. Jones can solve these problems if he keeps playing how he has of late."

## Fueling the fire

Westfield graduate Braden Smith somehow was left off the Bob Cousy Award semifinalists list despite being the only college basketball player in America averaging at least 12 points (12.4), seven assists (7.3) and five rebounds (5.4) per game.

The Purdue point guard came through again at Wisconsin, contributing 19 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals. With 167 assists going into the Indiana game, Smith is within reach of Bruce Parkinson's single-season record of 207 set in 1975.

The 10 Cousy semifinalists include Tyler Kolek of Marquette and Zakai Zeigler of Tennessee, whose schools Purdue defeated in the Maui Invitational. Northwestern's Boo Buie also is on the list for the award that honors college basketball's best point guard. Since the Jan. 29



**Zach Edey**

announcement, Smith has averaged 15 points, 9.5 assists and 5 rebounds per game.

## Purdue atop NFL passing list

With Aidan O'Connell making 10 starts this season for the Las Vegas Raiders, Purdue has widened the gap over Notre Dame for all-time NFL passing yards and passing touchdowns. O'Connell's 2,218 yards and 12 TD passes boosted Purdue's totals to 251,351 yards and 1,656 touchdowns. Drew Brees' 80,358 yards and 571 touchdowns will likely stand as Purdue's NFL standard bearer for quite some time.

Notre Dame fans won't need three guesses to figure out who tops the Fighting Irish NFL list. Joe Montana's 40,551 yards and 273 touchdowns easily outdistances second-place Joe Thiesmann's 25,206 yards and 160 TDs. Notre Dame quarterbacks have thrown for 178,319 yards and 1,144 touchdowns.

## Top-heavy Big Ten?

In case you didn't think Big Ten football was difficult enough with reigning national champion Michigan, Ohio State and Penn State at the top, consider these early 2024 Top 25 rankings with the additions of national runner-up Washington, Oregon, traditional power Southern Cal and UCLA. Pat Forde of Sports



**Braden Smith**

Illustrated has Oregon No. 2 behind Georgia. Ohio State is fifth, Michigan sixth and Penn State 11th. Washington (15th) and Southern Cal (25th) made Forde's cut as well.

Dennis Dodd of CBS Sports has Michigan (3rd), Oregon (4th) and Ohio State (6th) in his rankings that were also topped by Georgia. Dodd also has Washington 15th and Penn State 16th. Iowa (22nd) cracks the early top 25 of The Athletic's Stuart Mandel. Four Big Ten teams - Oregon (3rd), Ohio State (4th), Michigan (6th) and Washington (7th) made Mandel's Top 10. Mandel slotted Penn State at No. 18. With divisional play discarded by the new 18-team Big Ten, the top two teams will meet in the Big Ten Championship Game. Many, including myself, were concerned that most years that would result in back-to-back weeks of Michigan-Ohio State matchups. But if these national sports writers are accurate in their predictions (very unlikely), championship game options would be Oregon-Ohio State or Michigan-Oregon.

## New coaches report card

There was no grading on a curve for On3Sports.com writer Jesse Simonton, who handed out very few



**Lance Jones**

high marks for the 11 college football head coaches who made their Power 5 debuts in 2023.

One of the highest grades went to former Purdue coach Jeff Brohm, who earned a B-plus for his return to hometown Louisville. "Brohm delivered on his promise to quickly resurrect his alma mater, taking advantage of a posh schedule (no Florida State, Clemson or North Carolina in the regular season) to take the Cardinals to their first ACC Championship Game," Simonton wrote. "Louisville had Top 25 victories over Notre Dame and Duke and won 10 games for the first time since 2013." Brohm's replacement, Ryan Walters, was given a C-minus after finishing 4-8. "The program's continued transition will be interesting to see unfold in a changing Big Ten next season," Simonton wrote. Nebraska's Matt Rhule was the valedictorian of the trio of new Big Ten coaches, earning a C-plus after going 5-7. Wisconsin's Luke Fickell received a C-minus as well.

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## FOR THE RECORD

### NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. has been changed to a joint meeting with the Noblesville Redevelopment Authority. The meeting will take place in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street.

Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center Commissioner's Courtroom One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060

The public may stream the meeting by clicking on this link <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAADA-ADA-ADA> ADA Notice: Hamilton County, will upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for

qualified persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in Hamilton County's public meetings. For special accommodations for a meeting contact the ADA Facilities Coordinator/Safety & Risk Manager at (317-770-1976) at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting or event to request an accommodation.

**AGENDA**  
(Agenda subject to change. Final agenda will be posted at the meeting.)  
1 p.m. Executive Session - Conference Room 1A  
1. Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C)  
2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)  
3. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)  
4. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)  
1:45 p.m. Call to Order - Commissioners Courtroom

Declare Quorum  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of Executive Session Memoranda  
1. 2/12/24  
Approval of Minutes  
1. 1/22/24  
Bid Opening  
1. 2024 Annual Highway Bids  
Plat Approval  
1. Replat of Abraham's Blessings  
1:50 p.m. Highway Business  
1. Road Cut Permits  
2. Private Traffic Control Permits  
3. Vehicle Exemption Permits  
4. Acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit  
5. Release of Bonds and Letters of Credit  
6. Agreement/Supplements  
a. Bridge No. 310 - Pleasant Street over White River PE Supplemental No. 3 - USI  
7. Acceptance of Streets for Bridge No. 143 - Cherry Tree Road over Vestal Ditch  
9. Request Permission to

Advertise - Bridge No. 143 - Cherry Tree over Vestal Ditch  
10. Concurrence with Traffic Study Correspondence  
11. Public Works Quotation Results  
a. Bridge No. 143 Tree Clearing  
b. Bridge No. 284 Railing Repair  
c. Bridge No. 133 Railing Repair  
12. Official Actions

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## FOR THE RECORD

### HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners have canceled the Feb.9 highway meeting.

### HAMILTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Monday, Feb. 12  
Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center One Hamilton County Square Noblesville  
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**AGENDA**  
(Agenda subject to change. Final agenda will be posted at the meeting.)  
6 PM Work Session - Conference Room 1A  
1. Virtual Meeting Access: 1-219-225-8177; Phone Conference ID: 217 659 643#  
6:30 PM Public Session - Commissioners' Courtroom  
1. Virtual Meeting Access: +1 219-225-8177; Phone Conference ID: 351 700 648#  
Call to Order & Declaration of Quorum  
Approval of Minutes:  
1. January 10, 2024 President's Report  
Public Comments  
Airport Director's Report  
1. Director's Report  
Jet Access Report. Woolpert Engineering Report  
1. Engineer's Report  
Old Business. New Business  
Legal Counsel Report. County Council Liaison Secretary's Report  
1. Approval of Vendor Claims 2. Approval of Payroll Claims  
Adjournment

## ↓ MEDICARE From Page A1

Medicare and the truth you might not know from Bankers Life, a national life and health insurance brand.

### Myth #1: You Can Apply at 62

Many people think they'll be eligible to enroll in Medicare when they turn 62. However, the age of eligibility is typically 65. You'll have seven months (starting three months before you turn 65 and ending three months after the month you turn 65) to sign up — this is called your Initial Enrollment Period. There are exceptions. For example, if you have a disability and qualify for benefits through Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), you can also get Medicare.

### Myth #2: You're Automatically Enrolled at 65

If you are receiving Social Security retirement benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits, you'll be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B and will receive your Medicare card in the mail three months before your 65th birthday, or 25th month of disability. If you aren't getting either of these types of retirement benefits, it's your responsibility to enroll in a Medicare plan by calling the Social Security Administration, visiting your local office, or applying online.

### Myth #3: Medicare Will Contact You When It's Time to Enroll

Medicare won't contact you directly when it's time to enroll. If you receive an email, call or other communication claiming to be Medicare and asking for personal information, it's likely a scam. You should never:

- Give out your Medicare card, Medicare number, Social Security card or Social Security number (except to your doctor or someone else whom you know should have it)

- Accept money or gifts for free medical care

- Let anyone besides your doctor see your medical records

- Join a Medicare plan over the phone (unless you called Medicare yourself)

If you suspect you might be involved in a scam

call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

### Myth #4: If You've Never Worked, You Can't Get Medicare

For many Americans, Medicare is available at no cost because they worked for 10 or more (recent) years. However, if you (or your spouse or parent) has certain medical conditions or disabilities, you may be able to receive disability benefits and Medicare Part A. Alternatively, if you don't qualify for free Medicare, you might be able to purchase Part A. You will need to pay for it because you didn't "pay into" the federal funds that power Medicare with income tax. You'll pay either \$278 or \$506 each month for Part A, and will need to purchase Part B.

**Myth #5: Medicare and Medicaid Are The Same** Medicare and Medicaid are separate government programs. Medicare is intended for people at retirement age or who have certain disabilities, while Medicaid primarily serves people who have low income.

### Myth #6: Only Retirement Age Individuals Can Get Medicare

Medicare is available for younger people with disabilities or certain medical conditions. To qualify, you'll need to have either received SSDI for 24 months, or have either End-Stage Renal Disease, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's disease).

### Myth #7: Medicare Registration Is Always Open

You're only able to enroll in a plan during Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period, occurring each year from October 15 to December 7 and during your personal Initial Enrollment Period. Keep in mind that each enrollment period has strict guidelines about who qualifies and how to apply. Not following these requirements can result in penalties. Make sure you're playing by the rules. A financial advisor or licensed insurance agent can help guide you and answer any questions.

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3. Ages 17 and older can enjoy live musical theater with "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," opening tonight and continuing through Feb. 18 at The Cat in Carmel with shows at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with tickets at [thecat.biz](http://thecat.biz).

4. Side Splits Comedy Album Recording featuring Daryl Hollonquest Jr. and Eric Sablan will take the stage at 8 p.m. today and Saturday, and Clerical Error Productions presents "Call Me Kate," based on Katherine Hepburn's tell-all interview, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 and 24 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit [thebrickroom.cc](http://thebrickroom.cc) for tickets.

5. Those looking for both love and laughs on this pre-Valentine's Day weekend can grab their sweetheart and head for The Switch Theatre in Fishers for a gut-busting night watching The Belfry Theatre's British comedy, "One Man, Two Guvnors," at 8 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with \$5 off adult tickets with promo code EMAILG through Sunday at [www.thebelfrytheatre.com](http://www.thebelfrytheatre.com).

6. Support the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville while enjoying a hearty all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, hosted by Kiwanis Clubs of Noblesville, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club Community Center, for \$5 per person, benefiting the Club.

7. Westfield Winter Market is open 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through March 9 in downtown Westfield.

8. Put on your sneakers and head for Gal's Guide Library at Noblesville Creates for a Gal's Guide Women's History Walking Club walk, which starts at 9 a.m. Saturday from the front porch of Noblesville Creates. The group will take a walk and learn about African Nokwanda Makunga and learn about medicinal plants in the area. Stick sound for some South African Honeybush Tea. Gift your sweetheart with an experience this Valentine's Day.

9. Purchase a Sweetheart Saturday bingo card for just \$5, gift it on Valentine's Day and let them know you've got plans on the books for Feb. 17. Keep the bingo card when you're done as the front is a custom 5x7 Hamilton County Courthouse print from local artist Susanna Rose. On Feb. 17, come to historic downtown Noblesville and complete activities at the participating locations. Get a bingo to enter to win a downtown Noblesville gift basket. Complete your entire bingo card to enter to win a free night's stay at The Embassy Suites

Hotel in Noblesville. When the day is done, take a photo of your bingo card and submit it via the QR code listed on the card. Then frame your Courthouse print to enjoy for years to come. A bingo card pickup point is at Just Lagom during regular business hours between Feb. 11-17. (Bingo card must be submitted electronically by end of day Feb. 17).

10. Bring your family to a Family Valentine's Day Crafts event, with host Caravan Classes, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville Creates.

11. Put on your dance shoes and head for the Noblesville Moose Lodge, where The Bishops! Indy Premiere Party Band will perform 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, with free admission to members and \$5 admission for guests.

12. Get your dragon on during Gal's Guide Library's 21-and-older Galentine Dragon Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Primeval Brewing, with waffle and breakfast bar by Nameless Catering, juice bar, Mimosa cash bar, free homemade cookie by Debbie's Daughters, selfie spot, art session, "Dragon" presentations, "Why are Dragons So Cool" by Gal's Guide's Lea Leach and "Nurturing Your Inner Dragon" with Noblesville elementary teacher Melissa Jones, founder of Girls Positivity Club. An all-ages Mommy & Me Galentine's Dragon Party will be Feb. 18 at Noblesville Creates.

13. Midweek, celebrate Valentine's Day with a Date Night 6-9 p.m. Wednesday with a \$50 Date Night Big Ticket that includes \$10 craft from Caravan Classes, Hamilton County Artists' Association Sue Payne with a felting activity, a Loving-Kindness Meditation with Gal's Guide (registration required) donation to the Poetry Society of Indiana, two drinks and two membership mugs with cocoa and more at Noblesville Creates.

14. For the singles on Valentine's Day, a tailor-made excursion for ages 21 and older who are unattached can step aboard the Lonely Hearts Club Valentine's Express at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday during a 75-minute ride on the Nickel Plate Express, with boarding at Forest Park in Noblesville, and \$25 tickets at [nickelplateexpress.com](http://nickelplateexpress.com).

15. Enjoy Sweetheart Saturday Couples Painting 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 17 at Noblesville Creates.

16. Celebrate Sweet Art Alley by shopping with local artists and makers from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 17 in the North Alley in the 800 block of Logan Street in downtown Noblesville.

17. Unmask the stigma surrounding mental health during Ignite Transform's first Unmasked Masquerade

Gala at 6 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville with tickets at [ignitetransform.org](http://ignitetransform.org).

18. Experience "From the Heart" Find Art Exhibit all of February at Noblesville Creates.

19. All of February, enjoy Valentine's Day for All Take-Home Craft Kits available at Noblesville Creates.

20. Enjoy An Evening with Temple University Jazz, one of the best jazz ensembles in the

country, led by the extraordinary Terell Stafford 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Noblesville High School, presented by Noblesville High School Bands and admission is free.

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Finley Evers (from left) and Thom Johnson of Carmel and Drake Lockwood of Noblesville rehearse a scene from "Lost in Yonkers," by Neil Simon and directed by Noblesville's Jen Otterman, with Main Street Productions' stage performances at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15-17 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org).



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