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**TODAY'S VERSE**

2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

## Hamilton Happenings

The City of Fishers plans to hire more than 100 summer positions for Fishers Parks and the Department of Public Works. Individuals are encouraged to apply for these seasonal, entry level positions at FishersIN.gov/Jobs. They are looking for summer camp counselors, lifeguards and seasonal laborers. To apply and learn more about job opportunities with the City, visit FishersIN.gov/Jobs.

## Three Things You Should Know

**1** The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) has opened the application period for the third annual Lt. Governors' STEM Scholarship Program, sponsored by ACT, to award up to \$1,000 to 12 schools nationally to support STEM-related activities for youth. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2024, with award recipients announced and funded in Spring 2024. In 2023, Linton-Stockton School Corporation (LSSC) in Greene County was one of 12 recipients awarded this scholarship. LSSC was awarded \$1,000 to create a schoolwide recycling program. NLGA will award 12 scholarships to 12 schools in 12 different states and territories, worth \$10,000 total. Instructions for applying, can be found at <https://nlga.us/strategies/nlga-state-strategies-in-stem/>

**2** Beginning Monday, hunters can apply for spring turkey reserved hunts by visiting [on.IN.gov/reservedhunt](http://on.IN.gov/reservedhunt). The online method is the only way to apply. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 17. Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. An email will be sent to all applicants when draws have been completed. Applicants will be able to view draw results online within two weeks after the application period closes March 17.

**3** According to the newly released agricultural census data from The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Indiana remains a top agricultural state, with agricultural products valued at over \$18 billion. The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land - whether rural or urban - growing fruit, vegetables or some food animals count if \$1,000 or more of such products were raised and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year. The Census of Agriculture, taken only once every five years, looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures.

## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Social Security at 68, or Wait Until I'm 70?



**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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**Dear Rusty:** I have a question regarding my SS benefits. I turned 68 this month and work part time. I earned \$28,000 last year but will probably gross \$36,000 to \$38,000 this year. My husband collects his SS, and he earned \$25,000 last year. I was told by a financial planner that I should apply for my benefits now, instead of waiting until I'm 70. I would collect \$1700/month at 68 and \$1944/month if I wait. Which is the smarter move?  
**Signed: Seeking Answers**

**Dear Seeking:** I'm sure your financial advisor would agree that your decision on when to claim your Social Security comes down to just a few basic things - 1) how badly you need the money, 2) your life expectancy, and

3) whether you will receive a spousal boost from your husband when you claim.

Because you have already passed your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 4 months, your work earnings won't negatively affect your monthly SS benefit amount. If you claim now, however, your work earnings will affect how much of your SS benefits will be subject to income tax. Assuming you file your income tax as "married/filing jointly," up to 85% of the Social Security benefits you receive during the tax year will become part of your income taxable by the IRS. If you do not urgently need the extra money that your

### Reduce Your COPD Risk, No Matter Where You Live

(Family Features) COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is a serious lung condition that affects millions of people. Also known as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, COPD causes breathing problems that can worsen over time. Anyone can develop COPD, but smokers or ex-smokers and people who live in rural areas of the country tend to be more affected. In fact, rural residents are twice as likely to have COPD as people who live in large cities. They're also more likely to be hospitalized or die from the disease compared to other Americans. To help lower your risk, wherever you live, consider these steps from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

**Avoid Air Pollution**  
Air pollution may be a concern for many who live in rural areas. If you work on a farm, in mining or in

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## Find Many Ways To Enjoy Free Time



**BETSY REASON**  
Columnist

Looking for a fun family activity this weekend? Take in a comedy at Basile Westfield Playhouse, experience Winter on the Prairie in Fishers, attend a musical at The Cat in Carmel or shop at Westfield Winter Market. This journalist offers The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. 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 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org).
2. Enjoy Winter on the Prairie 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily through March 26, except Mondays at Conner
3. Ages 17 and older can



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

**Finley Eyers (left), 13, of Carmel, and Drake Lockwood, 15, 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 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org).**

Prairie in Fishers. Program highlights the beauty of winter. Also, warm up by the hearth while taking in smells of the food on the fire, play parlor games and more. Visit [www.connerprairie.org](http://www.connerprairie.org).

enjoy live musical theater with "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," continuing through Sunday at The Cat in Carmel with shows at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m.

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➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed.

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](http://www.thetimes24-7.com)



➔ **OBITUARIES**

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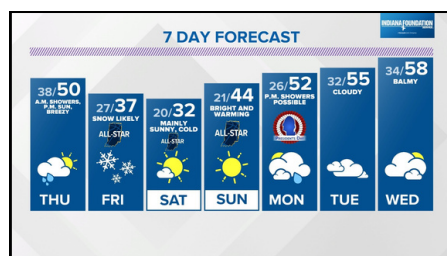
➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"All I ask is the chance to prove that money can't make me happy."  
Spike Milligan

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

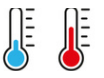
What'd the Colts' receiver say to the football?  
Oh well, catch you later.

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## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:36 am  
SET: 6:21 pm



### High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 32°F  
LOW: 16°F



### Today is...

- National Caregivers Day
- National Innovation Day



### What Happened On This Day

- **1959** Fidel Castro becomes Cuba's Prime Minister. Castro's rise to power came shortly after his "26th of July Movement" had overthrown dictator Fulgencio Batista in what became known as the Cuban Revolution.
- **1923** The burial chamber of Pharaoh Tutankhamun is opened. Howard Carter's discovery is one of archeology's best known, especially due to the myth of the "Curse of Tutankhamun" that was sparked by the death of Lord Carnarvon who was one of the first to enter the chamber.



### Births On This Day

- **1979** Valentino Rossi - Italian motorcycle racer
- **1898** Katharine Cornell - American actress, producer

### Deaths On This Day

- **2013** Tony Sheridan - English singer-songwriter, guitarist
- **1957** Josef Hofmann - Polish/American pianist, composer

## No Edition on Monday

Monday is President's Day and as such, some places may be closed. This can include banks, license branches and more. The Times doesn't publish on holidays, so there will be no Monday edition. President's Day used to be Washington's Birthday - a holiday that honored our nation's first president. Washington was born on Feb. 22. However, Abraham Lincoln was born on Feb. 12 and he was included and the name changed to Presidents' Day. It is a federal holiday and is celebrated on the third Monday of February. In most state, it is also an official state holiday.

## Coffee Bean Award Recipients Named



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

**HH Coffee Bean Award recipients, from left, Cameron Hazelwood, Brinley Flaherty, Griffin Jones, Margaret Pache, Simon Kuhn, Elyse Turner and Kendall Moe.**

Hamilton Heights High School would like to recognize the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of January. They include Brinley Flaherty, Cameron Hazelwood, Griffin Jones, Simon Kuhn, Kendall Moe, Margaret Pache and Elyse Turner. The name and award, inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names

of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut. The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at <https://www.hhsc.huskies.org/domain/82>.

## Fishers Firefighters Contain Blaze to One House, Woods



Photo courtesy Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services

**A resident across Geist spotted the blaze and called 911.**

Firefighters from Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services battled a large house under renovation earlier this week in the Breakwater subdivision off Brooks School Road. Firefighters were dispatched at 10:47 p.m. after a resident across Geist, spotted heavy flames coming from the structure and called 911. More than 35 firefighters battled the blaze, as well as the ensuing woods fire located behind the residence. Additional homes beyond the woods were a concern with fire extension,

however, firefighters were able to contain the fire without additional spread to other buildings. No injuries were reported and no one was living at the location. Because of the set back from the road for the main fire structure, and the lack of hydrants in the adjoining neighborhood, multiple engines were utilized to establish water supplies and to extend handlines into the wooded area. Investigators say it may take weeks to determine the origin of the blaze.

# Letter to the Editor

## Education Leaders Oppose Rokita Plan

Dear Editor, This week, the Indiana Attorney general launched another blatant attack on public educators. The Attorney General's "Eyes on Education" portal encourages "students, parents, and teachers to submit and view real examples from classrooms throughout the state." Upon review of the site, there are several issues and dangers with the portal. First, the documents already posted to the site have not been vetted and provide no context. They are screenshots of classroom walls, emails, assignments, and other content-related items that may not have even been generated in Indiana or used in any classroom curriculum in Indiana. With a portal that lacks any vetting process, submission requirements, or insight into an Indiana classroom, and with the ability of any person to upload documents unchecked, the portal is a farce, full of misinformation and a front for further attacks on an already depleted profession. Second, school districts were not informed of the portal's existence until it went live. They are also not informed when documents are posted, who submitted the content, and whether or not the content was ever used in a classroom. This

lack of transparency further pits communities against teachers and creates false narratives one can only assume the Attorney General would use to further his own political ideology, the very thing this site claims to be combating. Third, teachers, like other professionals, deserve a certain right to privacy. The portal violates teachers' liberties by posting their names as an intentional act of doxing, which could lead to teacher safety concerns. Furthermore, the Attorney General is weaponizing a government website for his personal benefit. This further breeds misplaced mistrust in Indiana teachers, pitting teachers against the communities they willingly serve. It doesn't empower parents in a healthy way as teachers, and school districts already go to great lengths to be transparent about providing curricula, classroom content, and access to classroom books and materials. Fourth, the government website does not provide any information about who decides which submissions get posted to the site. The website states, "Our kids need to focus on fundamental educational building blocks, not political ideology - either left or right." Since there are no

guardrails, one must assume that the Attorney General will only approve and publish submissions that he finds "inappropriate" and which don't align with his own political ideation, again, the same thing the site claims to combat. The Attorney General is choosing to push the spread of inaccurate, unfounded, and manufactured outrage for his own political gain rather than using his platform to highlight the hard work and achievement of Indiana students and teachers. "Eyes on Education" proves that the Attorney General gives no thought or priority to student well-being. This isn't about students and their achievement at all. It's about pulling a political stunt at the hands of public education, a profession that has been incessantly denigrated at the hands of the Indiana General Assembly and of the current Attorney General. At a time when there is a real teacher shortage, the Attorney General is playing politics with Indiana students and teachers. This is yet another tool used to dismantle public education, erode trust in teachers, and move toward privatization. These games must be stopped. We call on the Attorney

General to take down the "Eyes on Education" portal immediately and cease the political and vicious attacks on Indiana teachers. We also urge Governor Holcomb and the Indiana General Assembly to denounce this attack on public education, demand the portal be taken down, and show their support for students and teachers around the state. Our students deserve better, our teachers deserve better, and Hoosiers deserve better.

**Abby Taylor**  
 President, Hamilton Southeastern Education Association

**Chris Sluder**  
 President, Westfield Classroom Teachers Association

**Kara Doenges**  
 Co-President, Hamilton Heights Classroom Teachers Association

**Traci Millikan**  
 President, Noblesville Teachers Forum

**Marcie Herring**  
 President, Frankfort Education Association

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 Co-President, Hamilton Heights Classroom Teachers Association

**Desiray Scalf**  
 President, Mount Vernon Classroom Teachers Association

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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.

**Register today at:**  
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## ↓ RUSTY

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SS will provide, then waiting longer to claim will also postpone paying income tax on your received benefits, and that may be a consideration. Your life expectancy is key in making your decision on when to claim. You already know that your benefit will be \$244 per month more if you wait until you are 70 to claim. If you claim at 68 (e.g., this month), you will collect about \$40,800 by the time you reach 70. If you, instead, wait until age 70 to get that extra \$244/month benefit, it will take you about 14 years collecting at the higher rate to offset the \$40,800 you would have received had you claimed now (in other words, you would break even moneywise at about age 84). If your life expectancy is longer, then waiting to claim may be the better choice. Of course, no one knows how long they will live but, for general guidance, average life expectancy for a woman your current age is about 87. Family history and your current health are obviously influencing factors as well. If you wish to get a more personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest using this tool:

[www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/).

In the end, if you believe you will attain at least average life expectancy and you don't urgently need the money now, waiting longer will not only give you a higher monthly benefit in your later years, but also the

most in cumulative lifetime benefits. If, however, you have reason to suspect you won't achieve at least average life expectancy, or you need the SS money sooner, claiming before age 70 is likely the better move. One other thing to consider: If your benefit as your husband's spouse will be more than your own earned maximum SS retirement benefit, then you should claim your SS benefit now. Your maximum benefit as a spouse would be 50% of your husband's full retirement age entitlement and, if that is more than your own benefit will be at age 70, then claiming now to get your maximum spousal benefit would be your best choice. To get a spousal benefit from your husband, your personal FRA entitlement (not your age 68 amount) would need to be less than half of his FRA entitlement. If that isn't the case, then you should make your decision based only on your own Social Security entitlement, as described above.

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## County Gets \$71K Grant

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the State Soil Conservation Board awarded \$2,313,287 in matching grant funds to 26 projects, including one in Hamilton County, within soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and soil health organizations through the Clean Water Indiana program. Hamilton County received \$70,900. The matching grant money went to Hamilton County Invasive - The Hamilton County Invasive Partnership (HIP) is the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) for the county and is fully administered by the SWCD. Created in 2019, HIP has a demonstrated record of successfully implementing educational projects, volunteer workdays and delivering technical assistance. The project outlined in this grant focuses on delivering the financial resources needed for landowners to initiate invasive species management efforts. This project also includes a series of educational efforts dedicated to specific messages for target audiences in the county. "Providing farmers and landowners with tools and funding to keep our Indiana waterways clean and their soil structure healthy is key to keeping Indiana agriculture thriving," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This funding will allow 48 organizations across 26 projects to improve their local water systems, keep their soil healthy and keep their communities thriving. Last year's increase in Clean Water Indiana funding from the general assembly is already making a lasting impact." The Clean Water Indiana program is administered

by the state's soil conservation board. The program, led by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), provides financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups that are working to reduce runoff from non-point sources of water pollution, whether it's on agricultural land, urban areas or eroding streambanks. Once received, districts can use the funds to partner with other counties or address specific needs within their jurisdiction. Some examples include participating in a cost share program, hiring staff, providing technical assistance, implementing cover crop incentive programs or increasing watershed capacity. Gene Schmidt is chair of the State Soil Conservation Board and is looking forward to seeing the work done on the grassroots level by the soil and water districts. The Clean Water Indiana Grants Committee is Ray Chatten, Brad Dawson and Jane Hardisty. Clean Water Indiana (CWI) is managed by ISDA's Division of Soil Conservation and funded by a portion of the state's cigarette tax. Projects can be up to three years in length and grantees could apply for any dollar amount that was necessary to complete the project. Funded projects ranged from \$10,000 to \$300,000. In addition to CWI funds, each grantee is required to produce a match for their project, which can be cash or in-kind. Projects requesting staffing were required to have a 25% match for that component, while all other project areas required a 50% match. Many SWCDs will target producers not currently served by other conservation programs.

## Alerding Picks Up Endorsement



Laura Alerding

The American Family Association of Indiana PAC has endorsed Laura Alerding for State Representative in Indiana House District 29. This Hamilton County district covering primarily the city of Noblesville became an open seat when incumbent State Representative Chuck Goodrich chose to run for Congress. The May 7th Indiana Primary has a long list of races to consider including candidates for president, U.S. Senator, Governor, U.S. Representative, State Representative, State Senator and many local offices. Alerding currently serves as an elected Noblesville school board member and has served on the Hamilton East Library board. "Laura has a proven pro-family record in standing up to protect children from sexually explicit materials that were not age-appropriate," said Micah Clark, AFA-IN PAC President. "Her efforts fit with the

Republican agenda in the Indiana General Assembly where recent constituent surveys found overwhelming support for keeping explicit content away from minor children." AFA-IN said that in the current session of the state legislature, there have been six separate House bills filed to protect young children from adult content, with more than thirty legislators signed on as authors or co-authors to these bills. "Laura has a good record of political, educational, and business experience," Clark said. "More importantly, she stood up to liberal attacks for her conservative, pro-family values. She did not waver from what was best for Hoosier families and children. The Indiana General Assembly needs more legislators who are not there just to be somebody, but ones like Laura Alerding who have already proven that they will stand for common sense principles."

### Spartz at Town Hall in Howard County



Rep. Victoria Spartz (IN-05) recently held her sixth in-person town hall this year. She appeared last week in Kokomo. "I truly appreciate strong engagement of my constituents and feedback from the ground," Spartz said. "It empowers me as a legislator to fight and win important battles in Washington, D.C."

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manufacturing, you may be at risk for COPD from environmental exposure to dust, fumes or smoke, such as from wildfires. Talk to your employer about ways to limit exposure on the job. Consider air pollution at home, too. Ventilate indoor spaces and clean often to prevent dust buildup. If you are burning wood or agricultural or solid waste, make sure appropriate ventilation is in place and working properly. Avoid using products with strong odors, which may contain chemicals that could irritate the lungs. Don't Smoke or Vape Rural communities have higher rates of cigarette smoking, which could contribute to higher COPD rates. One of the most important things you can do to protect your lungs and those of the people around you is avoiding cigarette smoke. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cigarette smoking is the main cause of COPD. If you smoke, it is never too late to quit. Steer clear of vaping, too. E-cigarettes don't contain tobacco, but they may contain chemicals that are just as harmful to your lungs.

### Talk to a Health Care Provider

If you smoke or used to

smoke, work in a job that might put you at higher risk for COPD or you or someone in your family has a genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, it's important to talk to a health care provider about your risk and any symptoms you may have. These include coughing that may bring up lots of mucus, wheezing, chest tightness and shortness of breath. Early diagnosis and treatment can help you breathe better.

Because people in rural areas may live farther away from their health care providers, more hospitals and clinics now offer telehealth services, which can make it easier to get effective COPD care.

Ask a health care provider about getting vaccines for the flu and COVID-19, RSV if you're over 60 and pneumococcal disease if you're over 65. If you're at risk for COPD, you're more likely to have health problems from these vaccine-preventable illnesses. Wherever you call home, you can take action to lower your risk for COPD. Find more information about COPD from NHLBI's Learn More Breathe Better® program at [copd.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://copd.nhlbi.nih.gov).

## Sheridan Historical Society Sets Eclipse Party



Photo courtesy Sheridan Historical Society

Members of the Sheridan Historical Society are practicing their response to the April 8 total solar eclipse. They are, from left, Ron Stone, Judy Langdon, Bess Coppess, Mary Reynolds, Roberta Huff, Connie Pearson, Connie Mossburg, Brendan White, Pam Drury and Donna Jessup.

By Steve Martin  
Sheridan Historical Society

How are you going to observe the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8? We would like to invite you to come to the Sheridan Historical Society Museum and join the Observation Party and catch a piece of celestial history. We will open the Museum at 1:00 pm on that Monday afternoon and we invite the public to come in and have light refreshments and enjoy community networking. Weather permitting, we will have seating outside on the sidewalk, and weather

not-permitting you can come inside and enjoy the museum. We will also have free eclipse glasses will our supply lasts. The last total solar eclipse to cover Sheridan was in the year 957, over 1,000 years ago. I'm old, but I'm not that old, so I was not here for that one. (Neither was Indiana.) The next one beyond this year's will occur in 2153, and I doubt I'll be here for that one either. I do remember a partial solar eclipse in 2017 and a vague memory of one in the mid-1980's. Lest you think all of this is going to be free, well

think again, my friend. The cost to you will be that you give us history about your previous eclipse experiences, total and/or partial. We museum folks want to capture your thoughts on video and preserve this as a part of our oral history collection. Your great-great-great-great grandchildren just might enjoy your story, told in your own voice and picture in the year 2153. So come to our Observation Party and come prepared with a short story or two. We hope you will be able to join us for this once-in-our-lifetime event. It is something we can tell

our children and grandchildren that we did on Monday, April 8, 2024. Sheridan is expecting hundreds of visitors to our community that day and we need to give them a warm welcome. You can be a part of that. The Museum is located at 315 South Main Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County and functions as the northwest gateway to the rest of our magnificent county.

We appreciate our readers!

## Donations Help Outfit New Library



From left, Sheryl Sollars, Executive Director of Westfield Washington Public Library; Bob Bens; Jeff Larrison; Bill Nesbitt; Carrie Larrison; and Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation.

Three recent donations to the Westfield Library Foundation will help outfit the Children's Department at the new library building on the southwest corner of Park and Poplar Streets. The Duke Energy Foundation, a steadfast supporter of community initiatives, has generously donated \$4,000 to fund the installation of an interactive light wall in the Children's Department. This innovative addition promises to create an engaging and educational space for young minds to explore and learn. "Duke Energy is proud to support the new Westfield Washington Library, which will serve as a vital resource hub and gathering space for the community," said Mark LaBarr, Government &

Community Relations Manager at Duke Energy. "This grant will help create a fun and inviting space in the Children's Department that we hope will inspire a lifelong love of reading." The Westfield Lions Club has stepped forward with a \$5,000 donation earmarked for a new computer table. This contribution aligns with the Lions Club's dedication to community service and childhood literacy. "The Westfield Lions Club has always looked for ways to serve and support the citizens of Westfield," Jeff Larrison, club secretary, said. "The new Westfield Washington Library is going to be a game changer in our community and the Lions Club felt it was especially important for us to be part of that." Pence Media Group

joined the cause by contributing a Pluie self-sanitizing changing station. Pluie, a PMG client, offers the world's first and only self-sanitizing changing table for public restrooms. "Pence Media Group is proud to bring a clean, safe and comfortable spot for library attendees to change their baby's diapers with the sponsorship of Pluie," said owner and operator Nicole Pence Becker. "PMG has been a big supporter of this innovative technology for several years, and, as a mom of four myself, I believe Pluie belongs in every public restroom for caregivers on the go." To extend the impact of PMG's contribution, the Westfield Library Foundation invites community members to participate in funding the installation of two



Nicole Pence Becker, Pence Media Group, with a Pluie changing table.

additional Pluie self-sanitizing changing stations. Those interested in contributing can donate at the following link: <https://westfieldlibraryfoundation.networkforgood.com/projects/181319-wwpl-and-pluie-join-forces>. Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation, expressed gratitude for the community support, stating, "We are thrilled to see these organizations come together to invest in the future of our library. These contributions will undoubtedly enhance the library's offerings and create an even more welcoming space for our community." The much-anticipated new library building is slated to open in May 2024. The new space will provide additional parking, an expanded teen area, a massive

community room, and a coffee shop as well as outdoor activity space. Other naming rights and sponsorship opportunities are available at the new

library. Anyone interested in learning more should contact Downey at [edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us) or (317) 896-931, ext. 119.

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# No Sophomore Slump for Purdue Alum Karlaftis



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

It's not supposed to be this easy. Two seasons in the NFL, two Super Bowl titles for Purdue All-American defensive end George Karlaftis. The Kansas City Chiefs' 25-22 overtime victory against the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LVIII also gave Karlaftis an elite designation among former Boilermaker standouts. He became the 10th Purdue player to win multiple Super Bowl titles and the eighth to win back-to-back championships. The first two – Bob Griese and Tim Foley – starred for the Miami Dolphins, champions of Super Bowl VII and VIII in the early 1970s. Keena Turner earned the third and fourth Super Bowl titles of his career in San Francisco with victories in Super Bowl XXIII and XXIV. Rosevelt Colvin, Matt Light, Brandon Gorin and Gene Mrczkowski earned rings playing for New England's title teams in Super Bowl XXXVIII and XXIX. Dave Butz helped Washington capture victories in Super Bowl XVII and XXII. Rob Ninkovich started on the Patriots' Super Bowl winners in XLIX and LI. Karlaftis recovered a fumble on the game's opening drive. He finished with a half sack among his five tackles. There was no sophomore slump for Karlaftis, who shared the team lead with 10.5 sacks this season, an

increase of 4.5 sacks from his rookie season. In the postseason, he collected 19 tackles, three sacks and two fumble recoveries. A former Purdue player has been on the Super Bowl championship team 18 of the past 25 years, starting with Jeff Zgonina of the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXIV. That list includes Rod Woodson of the Baltimore Ravens in Super Bowl XXXV, David Nugent of New England in Super Bowl XXXVI, Mike Alstott of Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII and Chucky Okobi of Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XL. Gilbert Gardner and John Standeford were part of the Indianapolis Colts' championship squad in Super Bowl XLI. MVP Drew Brees led New Orleans to victory in Super Bowl XLIV. The list also features Mike Neal of Green Bay in Super Bowl XLV, Bernard Pollard of Baltimore in XLVII, Cliff Avril of Seattle in XLVIII, Ja'Whaun Bentley of New England in LIII and Brycen Hopkins of the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LVI.

**Sneak preview**  
Purdue will likely be the top overall seed on Saturday when CBS airs its NCAA March Madness Men's Bracket Preview show at 12:30 p.m. The 30-minute show will reveal the NCAA Tournament Committee's Top 16 seeds as of Feb. 16. If veteran college basketball writer Mike DeCourcy of The Sporting News and the Big Ten Network are

correct, it won't really matter if Purdue is the overall No. 1 seed alongside Connecticut, Houston and either Kansas or Arizona. Purdue's preferred tournament path would begin at Indianapolis and if successful, another short trip to Detroit in the Midwest Region. Connecticut would then get what it wants, short drives to Brooklyn and then Boston in the East Region. Houston almost certainly draws the Memphis-Dallas combination in the South Region. That leaves the West Region and Salt Lake / Los Angeles for Arizona. If it's Kansas, which did itself no favors with a 79-50 loss at Texas Tech on Monday night, the closest first round site is Omaha, Neb. On paper, Purdue will be favored in its next few games (at Ohio State on Sunday, vs. Rutgers on Feb. 22 and at Michigan on Feb. 25). DeCourcy calls that slate "the least challenging – and therefore most daunting – portion" of the Boilermaker schedule. "With more than a two-game lead in the Big Ten race and a stretch of four consecutive games coming against teams not currently in contention for the NCAA Tournament, there is the question of how Purdue manages not to assume victory will come easily," DeCourcy writes. "Most dangerous could be a Feb. 22 home game against a Rutgers team that's been transformed by the late-season addition of guard Jeremiah Williams." Williams put up 18

points, seven assists and five rebounds in the upset of then-No. 9 Wisconsin. Williams didn't join the Scarlet Knights until Feb. 3, helping them also win at Michigan and Maryland.

**Moving up**  
If a couple of NBA Draft experts are correct, Purdue center Zach Edey is improving his chances of being a lottery pick. Jonathan Givony, writing for ESPN, has Edey ranked 13th in his latest NBA Draft ratings. "Edey continues to be the most dominant player in college basketball, even if his role has decreased somewhat for a well-balanced Purdue team that is ranked No. 2 in the country," Givony writes. "Nearly unstoppable around the basket, drawing fouls and crashing the offensive glass, the improvement Edey has made with his conditioning, mobility, quickness off his feet and defensive versatility stepping outside the paint has forced NBA teams to look at him through a different lens in his fourth season in college. "He's not just a 7-foot-4 big, he's also incredibly competitive and has been extremely durable throughout his career, only missing one of 123 games (because of the flu). Opposing coaches will try to come up with ways to challenge Edey on both ends of the floor for the remainder of the season, providing ample opportunity for NBA teams to evaluate him in a variety of situations." Givony also has Indiana center Kel'El Ware at No. 23, stating "there aren't many 7-footers who can cover ground, score with explosiveness and touch around the basket, space the floor and

protect the rim." "He has significant questions to answer about his physicality, feel for the game and intangibles but his skill level, age (19) and tools should keep him in the NBA conversation for a long time," Givony writes. Gary Parrish of CBS Sports has Edey going to New Orleans with the 13th pick but does not have Ware going in his mock first round. "Edey will be one of the most polarizing prospects in the draft," Parrish writes. "On one hand, he's an unstoppable force at the collegiate level, which makes him intriguing. On the other hand, he's a non-shooter who might struggle to guard in space at the next level. Either way, I'm convinced there's a place for Edey in the NBA, and with Pelicans center Jonas Valanciunas in the final year of his contract, it makes sense that Edey's place in the NBA could start in New Orleans."

By the numbers  
Purdue's 79-59 victory against Indiana marked the first time since the 1933-34 season that the Boilermakers took both games from the Hoosiers by 20 or more points . . . In Edey's last four games against Indiana, he is averaging 29.5 points, 15.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.0 blocks per game . . . Edey ranks third in the nation in points per game (23.2), rebounds per game (11.7) and double-doubles (17). His 255 free throw attempts lead the country, and his 181 free throws rank third. Edey moved into fourth place on Purdue's career scoring list with 2,091 points, passing Dave Schellhase (2,074). He is 45 points behind

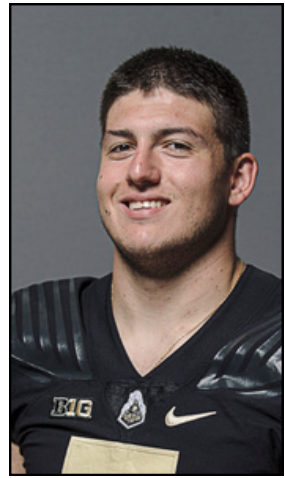


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## George Karlaftis

E'Twaun Moore for third. Teammate Braden Smith ranks sixth nationally at 7.1 assists per game. The Westfield graduate is the only player in the country with at least 300 points, 170 assists and 130 rebounds.

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

5. Enjoy a Galentine's Day Out with a permanent jewelry popup 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at The Wild Bohemian Boutique on Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville.

6. Kiln Creations, which has eight pottery wheels and has opened up its program for semiprivate classes, will offer Saturday Pottery Wheel classes 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 24 at its shop in downtown Noblesville, with \$45 per class, with reservations at [kilncreations.net](http://kilncreations.net). Also, enjoy Rapunzel Meet and Paint at 6 p.m. Saturday and Taylor Swift Trivia and Paint night at 6 p.m. March 2.

7. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Benjamin Watson 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville, with Bomar and Ritter at 7 p.m. Feb. 24, Nora Reese on March 2, Third Space on March 9, David and Pamela Ackerman on March 16, Booze Hounds Bluegrass on March 23, and Steve Fulton on March 30. Visit [spencerfarmwinery.com](http://spencerfarmwinery.com).

8. A Sweetheart Saturday bingo card, purchased for just \$5, is available at Just Lagom and G.B. Davis Folk Art and other merchants during regular business hours still today and Saturday and may be used this Saturday only in 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. (Bingo card must be submitted electronically by the end of day this Saturday).

9. Get your dragon on during Gal's Guide Library's all-ages Mommy & Me Galentine's Dragon Party 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts) with "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.

10. Enjoy Sweetheart Saturday Couples Painting 10 a.m. to 5

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Photo courtesy of Spencer Farm Winery

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p.m. Saturday at Noblesville Creates.

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

12. Unmask the stigma surrounding mental health during Ignite Transform's first Unmasked Masquerade Gala at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville with tickets at [ignitetransform.org](http://ignitetransform.org).

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

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Experience live music with Jai Baker 3 at 9 p.m. Feb. 23 at Joe's Grille in Westfield.

18. Heads up to Bingo players for Charity Bingo Nights put on by Love of Labs Inc., at 5 p.m. Feb. 25; and by Sketchy Mutts and Underdogs, at 5 p.m. March 22 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

19. Sheridan's Phi Beta Psi Sorority will serve up sloppy joes, mac and cheese, chips and dip, veggies, desserts and drinks during a Euchre Night open to the community at 6:30 p.m., with game starting at

7 p.m. Feb. 24 at The Studio on South Main Street in downtown Sheridan. Tickets are \$20, including game and food, and participants can sign up to play euchre by calling 317-418-5232.

20. Enjoy Wayne-Fall Lions Club's Chicken & Noodle Dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at Wayne-Fall Lions Club's house at Deshane and Victory Chapel, Noblesville. Freewill donations go to Hamilton Southeastern/Fishers FFA. The FFA members will serve the dinner. Menu features chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts and drinks, with chili dogs also available.

21. Dare to stroll the Nefarious Noblesville Ghost Walk 7 to 8:45 p.m. March 2 in downtown Noblesville, with reservations at [fareharbor.com](http://fareharbor.com)

22. Brides-to-be are invited to attend the Engaged Noblesville Wedding Expo, by Atomic Events, at 1 p.m. March 3 at Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville, with free admission with a limited number of \$20 VIP tickets for early access for up to four guests.

23. Join Serve Noblesville for Munch & Learn Lunch noon to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month, the next lunch March 6 at 1372 E. Cherry St., Noblesville.

24. Save the date for the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Taste of Business 4-7:30 p.m. March 14 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, with booth space currently available. Also, attend the Chamber's Eggs & Issues Joint Chamber Legislative Update 8-9:30 a.m. Feb. 23, the Chamber's Meet the Candidates February Member Luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 28 at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville and the Chamber's State of Workforce 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 10 at The Bridgewater Club in Westfield

25. Mark your calendar for the Conner Prairie Total Solar Eclipse 2024 event all day April 8 at Conner Prairie in Fishers and all day at Grand Park in Westfield. Conner Prairie tickets are \$30 for members, \$45 for nonmembers, and \$150 for VIP guests who receive reserved parking, a shuttle, eclipse viewing glasses, unobstructed viewing area, private coffee and spirits bar, lunch buffet from City BBQ and an after party. Festival grounds will turn into a haven of wonder while

guests will take in performances from musical acts, dance companies and renowned experts who will shed light on the science behind the event. Grand Park tickets are \$100 for standard vehicles and \$400 for campers and recreational vehicles and include food trucks, concert with the 1985 Band, inflatables, attractions, Moon Pie eating contest by Westfield's Joey Chestnut, viewing telescopes onsite, special guest Dr. Mark SubbaRao, director of NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio..

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## City Gets Grant to Plant Trees

The City of Noblesville announced it received the 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Grant to plant 147 street trees. The grant, which is \$106,150 in federal funds administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is part of a grant awarded to the Division of Forestry from the USDA Forest Service. The Noblesville Tree Board assisted City of Noblesville Urban Forester John Easley with the grant application. "We are committed to urban forestry in Noblesville and are grateful for this grant that will allow us to plant new street trees in our community. The opportunity to plant new trees enhances the quality of life for residents and impacts the overall environment by providing various benefits throughout the tree's lifespan," said Easley. "We would like to thank the USDA Forest Service, Division of Forestry, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, for awarding us this grant for tree planting." Each year, the city plants approximately 175 new street trees within the right of way and on city properties,

in addition to the trees that the Parks & Recreation Department plants along the trails and at the parks. In addition to the grant planting, the city will be planting an additional 150 street trees this spring as part of our annual operations and budget. The areas in Noblesville that will benefit from this grant are 9th and 10th Street between Cherry Street and Christian Avenue, Conner Street between 16th and 10th, and Christian Avenue between the 10th Street roundabout and Setser Street. Part of the objectives of this Inflation Reduction Act Grant is to improve tree canopy coverage in older areas of communities. The trees planted will be from a list of IDNR-approved native Indiana trees that will most likely survive in the unique micro-climate along city streets. We recognize that the diversity of species planted is important, and the city will install a variety of tree species. The actual species of trees installed will vary depending on the availability of trees from this list; however, maple trees are prohibited from being funded through this grant.

## Community First Cuts Ribbon in Fishers



In partnership with the OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Community First Bank of Indiana recently celebrated its grand opening and cut the ribbon for its newest banking center. The bank moved its Hamilton County Loan Production Office to this space in June of 2023 and is thrilled to now offer its full suite of banking services to customers in the area. CFB is uniquely committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. Since its founding in Kokomo, IN in 2003, the bank's rapid growth has been attributed to sincere appreciation for its distinct approach to banking – a bank that is locally owned, locally governed and staffed with experienced bankers that have their communities' best interest at heart.

"We are tremendously excited to be opening our first full-service banking facility in Fishers and our fifth new office in the surrounding area since 2019," said Robb Blume, President and CEO of the bank. In keeping with tradition with all CFB grand openings, the bank presented a major community donation. "Our bank will only be as successful as the communities we serve, so it is incumbent on us to help our communities thrive in any way we can," said Blume. A check for \$12,000 was presented to the Hamilton County Executive Director's Group, led by Lauren Guynn with the Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, to put on a 4-part Nonprofit Learning Series in 2024 in partnership with Hedges nonprofit consulting firm. "These funds will be used to put on

meaningful, requested programming for this group of dedicated Executive Directors. They work tirelessly each day to advance their organizations' missions and we're thrilled to come alongside them with these resources. Topics will include building corporate partnerships, building and evaluating programs, creating competitive grant proposals, activating board committees, protecting organizations from fraud, and more," explained Blume. The Fishers banking center's address is 9998 Crosspoint Blvd, Suite 100.l

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# Celebrating Hamilton County Scholars

A host of local students have achieved various honors at their colleges. The Times is proud to recognize these wonderful achievements.

**University of Arkansas**  
Jordyn Feiwell of Westfield was named to the Fall 2023 Chancellor's and Dean's Lists in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. Feiwell joins more than 2,500 additional Fulbright College students on the Fall 2023 Dean's and Chancellor's Lists. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours. To qualify for the Chancellor's List, students must also achieve at least a 4.00 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours.

**Augustana College**  
Margaret Huntley, a Sociology and Anthropology, Business Analytics major from Westfield and Lexi Woodcock, a Communication Studies, Multimedia Journalism and Mass Communication major from Sheridan were recently named to the Dean's List for the 2023-24 fall semester at Augustana College. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

**Aurora University**  
Aurora University has named Savion Brown of Carmel to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester. Brown is majoring in Finance and Business Administration. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

**Baldwin Wallace**  
Clare Alic of Carmel and Greyson Johnson of Fishers have committed to Baldwin Wallace lacrosse, according to an announcement from Baldwin Wallace University Women's Lacrosse Head Coach Nicholle Shoger.

**Carthage College**  
Sierra Pienkowski of McCordsville studied Geography and Biology of Nicaragua with Carthage College during its January Term, a month-long period to explore subject areas. A Carthage tradition since the early 1970s, J-Term study tours allow students to experience new cultures and ideas without committing to a full semester abroad.

**Central Arkansas**  
Seth Poriah of Westfield, IN was named to the University of Central Arkansas fall 2023 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List in a given semester, a student must earn a 3.50 or higher grade point average on a minimum of twelve hours of undergraduate degree credit with no

incomplete grades. Poriah was among nearly 1,500 students named to the Dean's List.

**Citadel**  
Gavin Coulter of Carmel and Aiden Raab of Tipton were named to the dean's list at The Citadel for the fall 2023 semester. The Dean's List is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

**Drake University**  
Harrison Stull of Noblesville, an Arts & Sciences major, was recently named to the President's List at Drake University. To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2023 semester at Drake.

**Elmhurst University**  
Ethan Mason of Noblesville and Ryan Wells of Carmel were among more than 950 Elmhurst University students named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. The Dean's List is composed of students who during the term concerned, attained a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher (out of a possible 4.00).

**Emerson College**  
Arthur Mansavage from Carmel recently participated in Emerson Stage's production of The Impracticality of Modern-Day Mastodons at the Jackie Liebergott Black Box Theatre in Boston. Written by Rachel Teagle, and directed by Joshua M. Feder, the comedic production follows the ambitious character Jess, who wants to be a mastodon when she grows up. Mansavage is majoring in Design/Technology and is a member of the Class of 2026

**Franklin College**  
Nine students from Hamilton County were recently honored by achieving either president's list or dean's list honors for the fall 2023 semester. Students named to the president's list have achieved academic distinction by earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester. President's list included Makenna Mundy, a senior, from Noblesville and Isabella Neiling, a junior from Cicero. Students named to the dean's list have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester, earning a grade point average of at least 3.5 but less than 4.0. The dean's list included Payton Seay, a freshman, from Noblesville, Amber Dawson, a senior, from Sheridan, Kaitlyn Hewitt, a senior, from Westfield, Jonathan Hicks, a junior, from Westfield, Kaylee Rhoton, a freshman, from Cicero, Owen Ogle, a senior, from Carmel and Jamie Schlieper, a freshman, from Carmel.

**Georgia State**  
Kristen Neal of Noblesville earned an Associate of Science degree in Psychology from Georgia State University during the Fall 2023 semester. More than 3,000 students earned degrees at the associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral levels, in addition to undergraduate- and graduate-level academic certificates during the semester.

**Georgia Tech**  
Several students with Hamilton County connections were recently recognized at the Georgia Institute of Technology – or Georgia Tech. Two students from Carmel, Shea Harrell and Sneha Vashistha, were among students who earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2023 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester. And two other Hamilton County students, Rob Clark of Carmel and Fanhong Meng of Carmel were among 6,300 undergraduate and graduate students earning degrees during the Institute's 265th Commencement exercises.

**Hamilton College**  
Jane Jeong of Noblesville has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2023 fall semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale. Jeong, a junior majoring in cinema and media studies, is a graduate of Noblesville High School. Hamilton is located in Clinton, N.Y.

**Harding University**  
Allie Beene, a freshman from Westfield studying English, is among more than 1,300 Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the Fall 2023 semester. The dean's list is published each semester by Dr. Marty Spears, University provost, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average and no incompletes. Harding is located in Searcy, Ark.

**John Carroll University**  
Alex Kaczmarek of Carmel has been named to the Dean's List at John Carroll University for the Fall 2023 semester. Students eligible for the Dean's List must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours within one semester and have a

quality grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**Millikin University**  
Kendallyn Davison of Westfield, Matthew Kordesh of Fishers, Rhys Deiter of Fortville and Sarah Semon of Indianapolis made the High Dean's List or Dean's List at Millikin University for the Fall 2023 semester. Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors. Davison and Kordesh made the Dean's List and Deiter and Semon made High Dean's List.

**University of Minnesota Duluth**  
Adam Bauer a freshman from Westfield majoring in Chemical Engineering at the University of Minnesota Duluth made the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2023. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.

**Minnesota State**  
Jacob Talty of Fishers made the Honor List for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Among 3,995 students, a total of 2,768 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List. Nathaniel Burgess of Carmel was named to the President's List for Fall Semester 2023. A total of 308 students were named to the Fall 2023 President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits at Southeast during an academic term and achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

**University of Mississippi**  
Four Hamilton County students were among those named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2023 Chancellor's Honor Roll – a distinction reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00. Quinlyn Jung of Noblesville majors in Risk Management and Insurance. Payton Tamm of Westfield majors in General Business, Paige Goodnight of Fishers majors in Integrated Marketing Communications and Claire Medley of Carmel is majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications. Four other local students were named to the Fall 2023 Dean's Honor Roll. The Dean's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. Paige Medley of Carmel majors in Hospitality Management, Hailey Mohr of Fishers majors in Allied Health Studies, Kathryn Lough of Indianapolis is majoring in Sport and Recreation Admin and Anna Pruitt of Indianapolis is majoring in Finance.

**Nebraska**

Lucy Elizabeth Loy of Fishers has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year. Loy, a junior majoring in accounting, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Business. More than 6,800 students at Nebraska were named to the Deans' List for the fall semester.

**Purchase College**  
Jenna Newberg has been named to Purchase College's Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. Newberg is studying Theatre Design/Technology. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits. Purchase College is located in Purchase, N.Y.

**Quincy University**  
Olivia Endris of Noblesville earned Dean's List honors for the Fall 2023 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual Dean's List. In total, 407 students received the honor during the Fall 2023 semester. Quincy University is located in Quincy, Ill.

**Samford University**  
Seven local students were among 2,122 students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester at Samford University. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. The Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester. The seven are: Norah Thompson of Cicero, Megan Coffey William Tuckis Aubrey Pridemore and Chloe White all of Fishers, Kiersten Schmidt of Carmel and Agnes Moriarty of Indianapolis.

**Seton Hall**  
Seton Hall University is pleased to announce D'Andre Davis of Indianapolis, IN has qualified for the Fall 2023 Dean's List. After the close of every semester, undergraduate students completing all courses with a GPA of 3.4, with no grades lower than "C", qualify for the Dean's List.

**University of Tampa**  
Thomas Hayes of Noblesville, Hayden Miller of Westfield, Annabelle Bork of Carmel and Sophie Bradburn of Indianapolis were named to the University of Tampa dean's list for the Fall 2023 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list. Hayes is a senior majoring in finance. Miller is a junior majoring in forensic

science. Bork is a senior majoring in marine sciene-biology and Bradburn is a junior majoring in allied health.

**Vermont State University**  
Taylor Reddick was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at Vermont State University. Dean's List designation is reserved for students who maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

**William & Mary**  
Hannah Jackson from Cicero was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2023 semester. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

**University of Wisconsin Oshkosh**  
Mackenzie Bennett of Fishers made the Dean's list at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. The term grade-point average (GPA) requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

**UW-Platteville**  
Will Rizzuto, Health & Human Performance major from Carmel, earned Dean's List honors at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for fall 2023 semester. College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

**University of Wisconsin-Whitewater**  
Betty Carew from Carmel earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement. Approximately 620 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the ceremony, held at Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center. Carew graduated with the following degree: Business Administration.

