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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 88:2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry

Hamilton Happenings

As part of Women's History Month, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra and the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation are teaming up to present two events designed to explore how to improve the quality of life in the arts and corporate world for women. On March 3, the discussion will focus on "Navigating Mental Health and Valuing Self-care in the Arts and Corporate World." On March 17, the topic is "Preparing for Competition and Handling Pressure and Passion in our work: Perspectives from Female Musicians and Community Leaders." Both events will take place in the library's Community Room from 2-3:30 p.m. They are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register online at carmelclaylibrary.org.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Who would've thunk it . . . the Indiana State Police uniform was recently voted the 10th 'Sexiest' in America. According to a survey from Infographic, our state troopers fared very well. The top spot went to Texas. Voters said the ISP uniform combines tradition with modernity, symbolizing Indiana's blend of heartland values and contemporary design. The ensemble, cinched with a belt that nods to the state's industrious spirit, is not just about law enforcement but is also a statement of style, embodying Indiana's commitment to excellence in service.

2 Ivy Tech Community College has been named a finalist for an Award of Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges. Ivy Tech has been recognized in the Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership category for its collaboration with the Indiana Hospital Association and the IU Health system to address Indiana's critical nursing workforce shortage. The winner will be announced April 8.

3 Colorectal cancer is on the rise in younger adults, particularly among Millennials and Gen Z. Despite the increasing prevalence, there's a gap in awareness when it comes to risk factors. A new survey by The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center finds Americans are much more likely to know about the factors they can't control, namely family history than the ones they can. Experts say many young adults view cancer prevention as something they will deal with later in life, instead of something they can implement now through lifestyle habits such as eating a healthy diet, getting plenty of exercise, and avoiding smoking and heavy alcohol use.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – Why Must I Pay Into Social Security when I'm Collecting Benefits?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters
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Dear Rusty: I am collecting full Social Security benefits at age 72 and also working full time. Why is the Federal Government still taking money from my paycheck? I have written to Social Security experts on this issue, and they tell me "It's the law." That is not a good answer for me. Approximately \$4,400 was taken from my pay in 2023 for Social Security and, yes, I get a pittance of a COLA increase, but not equal to what I pay. No one has been able to fully explain the Federal Government's thought process on taxing me for Social Security when I am getting full Social Security benefits. Can you? **Signed: Working Senior**

Dear Working Senior: Far be it from me to try to explain

the federal government's thought process on anything, but I can explain why those already collecting Social Security benefits must continue to pay Social Security payroll taxes while working. It actually goes back to 1935 and the panel commissioned by President Roosevelt to create America's Social Security program. Said panel determined how the program would be financed, Congress approved it, and FDR signed it. That methodology was essentially this: Workers who earn (and their employers) must contribute to Social Security via payroll taxes to fund the program (we now know this

Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare Applauds IU Health for Lowering Prices

Indiana University Health, the state's largest hospital system, recently reported an annual income of \$343 million last year, nearly tripling income from \$121 million in 2022. Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare, a 501(c)(4) coalition founded in 2020 to advocate for policies that lead to lower healthcare prices, particularly hospital prices, in Indiana, celebrated the market leader for lowering prices. Al Hubbard, the

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Biden's Plan to Reduce Drug Prices Will Damage Innovation

By Lamar Smith
In December, the Biden Administration issued a proposal that could be very damaging to American innovation. The plan would empower the government to seize patent rights for products that the government believes in its judgment are too expensive.

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Third Annual Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast Coming in April



Photos courtesy of Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

A good crowd attended last year's Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast

April 24 is the 3rd annual Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center in a celebration of the many accomplishments of the Chaplaincy and a look forward to big things in the future. Doors open at 7 a.m. and breakfast will be served a half hour later. Last year, Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler oversaw 175 community volunteers and added a new Staff Chaplain,

Daniel Hester. They answered 2,575 requests from inmates, provided many educational classes, and administered 8 baptisms. Additionally, the Chaplaincy helped lead the Annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference and the National Day of Prayer events at the historic Hamilton County Courthouse and the Indiana State House.

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Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you don't buy it at the grocery, you can't eat it at home.

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

"The more you learn, the more you earn."
Warren Buffett

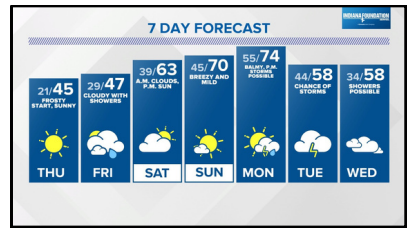
TODAY'S JOKE

What did the traffic light say to the car?
Don't peek, I'm changing!

OBITUARIES

Sharon Joan Williams

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



First Friday, Sip N' Shop, Artists' Reception, Music, Theatre, More, This Weekend



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Shop March Merchant Madness during Sip N' Shop tonight in downtown Noblesville. Check out Hamilton County Artists' Association's First Friday artists reception tonight at the Birdie Gallery. Stop by First Friday at Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts). This journalist offers The Times' list of 30 things to do this weekend and beyond:



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

1. Shop at Noblesville Main Street's March Merchant Madness Sip N' Shop event 4 to 8 p.m. today throughout downtown Noblesville.

2. Enjoy First Friday at Hamilton County Artists' Association with an exhibit opening reception 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at HCAA's Birdie Gallery in downtown Noblesville, free and open to the public.

3. Check out First Friday 6 to 9 p.m. today at Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts) in downtown Noblesville, with music, food, drink, fellowship and new exhibits, including a Noble Crossing Student Textile Exhibit, a showcase by John Cox and musicians Ivan the Gem contemporary cello player who uses modern sounds wrapped in a classic instrument.

4. Experience live music with Yellow Rickshaw at 9 p.m. today at Joe's Grille in Westfield.

5. Enjoy live theater at Carmel Community Players' musical, "Violet," based on "The Ugliest Pilgrim" by Doris Betts, with a musical approach to topics of beauty and self-image and transports audiences through number of styles, from gospel and bluegrass to Memphis blues, at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. March 7-9 and 2:30 p.m. March 10 at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers, with tickets at carmelplayers.org

6. Experience Winter on the Prairie 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily through March 26, except Mondays at Conner 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.

7. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. today, Andy Schomburg at 7 p.m. Saturday, John Saltyer on March 8, Jason Balyers on March 9, Donny Coyle on March 15, St. Patrick's Day party at noon March 16, St. Patrick's

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➔ **OBITUARY**

Sharon Joan Williams

Sept 12, 1939 - Feb 19, 2024

Sharon Joan (Fosnight) Williams, 84, of Westfield, Indiana and formerly of Sheridan, Indiana died peacefully at home on Monday, February 19, 2024.



Sharon was born on September 12, 1939, the daughter of Henry Fosnight and Madge (Alexander) Keeling. She attended Sheridan High School and graduated from Westfield High School as an adult in 1970.

On November 16, 1956, she was united in marriage to James (Jim) Edward Williams.

Sharon worked in clerical positions at Public Service Indiana and Fort Benjamin Harrison; however, spent most of her career as a full-time homemaker raising her three (3) children. She enjoyed traveling to California to visit her family with her husband, Jim, upon his retirement in 1992.

Sharon enjoyed family, reading, and was an amazing cook and seamstress.

On November 7, 2008, Sharon lost the love of her life when Jim passed away after 51 years of marriage.

Sharon is survived by her three children, sons Steven Williams (Becky Boulds) of Bridgeport, IL, James Williams of Florissant, MO, and daughter Elizabeth Roberts-Kurtt (Timothy Kurtt) of St. Paul, MN. She is also survived by a brother Jerry Fosnight (Holly Stern) of Fairfield CA; nine (9) grandchildren, Karen Garman (Kevin), Christina Miller (Otis), Rachel Tucker (Adam), Sarah Adams (Jonathon), Matthew Williams (Allison), Abigail Williams (Joshua), Paul Williams, Emily Roberts and Hannah Roberts; ten (10) great-grandchildren, Noah and Natalie Garman, Baylee and Cecilia Miller, Benjamin and William Tucker, Aiden Fiore and Eli Adams, and Samuel and Zachary Williams.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jim, and sister, Janet (Fosnight) Gates.

Graveside Funeral Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Oak Hill Cemetery, 935 East Washington Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Myers Mortuary in Lebanon has been entrusted with her arrangements for burial.

Online condolences: www.MyersMortuary.com

Justus Companies to Relocate Headquarters to Noblesville

The Noblesville Common Council recently approved an economic development agreement and designated an economic revitalization area for The Justus Companies to relocate its headquarters to Noblesville after 114 years in Indianapolis. The \$7.33 million investment is part of the Planned Urban Development Promenade of Noblesville, located on the northeast corner of Little Chicago Road and SR 32 in Noblesville. The Promenade of Noblesville PUD is a dynamic and inclusive community developed by The Justus Companies, comprising residential spaces, businesses, and recreational facilities. "The significant investment The Justus Companies is making in Noblesville will increase the overall quality of life of our residents through job creation, housing, and creating a business and pedestrian friendly environment," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We are grateful to Walt Justus (CEO of The Justus Companies) and his team at The Justus

Companies, for putting their trust and investment in the city of Noblesville as the future home of their headquarters. They parallel our commitment in making long-term investments in our residents and placing importance on being a community where everyone can work, live, and play. The Justus Companies have a proven track record of success in contributing to economic development and we are excited to welcome them to Noblesville." The Justus Companies has already made substantial investments in the Promenade of Noblesville PUD, including developing Promenade Apartments and the forthcoming Promenade Trails, an active-adult lifestyle community set to open this year. Additionally, the company has played a pivotal role in community enhancements, overseeing the construction of new roundabouts, signage, and streetlights within the PUD. The company has also successfully negotiated the placement of key establishments in the

The Justus Companies HQ relocation by the numbers:

- **\$7.33 million investment**
- **23 jobs retained, five new jobs**
- **\$72,000 average wage**
- **20,000 square foot headquarters will house executives, IT professionals, accountants, regional operations, marketing and communications, HR, construction, and administrative support.**

Promenade of Noblesville, such as the Learning-Day Care Center, Pep Boys Automotive, and the Meijer grocery store, which is scheduled to open this summer. "The Promenade Planned Urban Development has rapidly transformed into a bustling hub of activity and

opportunity," Justus said. "We are dedicated to creating a harmonious living and working environment for everyone, and we are confident that the new additions and developments will further enrich the lives of our residents and visitors."

Boys & Girls Club Big Event Tomorrow – Tickets Available

For 37 years, volunteers from the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Auxiliary have teamed together to host an annual auction to support the needs of local youth and the Club. With basketball season approaching its crescendo here in Indiana, the 38th annual event, sponsored by Wealthcare Financial, is set to bring philanthropy and Hoosier Hysteria together at Harbour Trees Golf Club Saturday evening. Hoops fans and community supporters are invited to attend the event sporting their favorite basketball team or gameday attire. Guests will have the chance to participate in a live auction to score packages such as a March Madness Experience at Gainbridge Fieldhouse

during the first round of the men's NCAA Tournament or an Indy Car Racing Experience. "We're excited for our 38th annual Auction to raise money for our Club Kids!" BGCN Auxiliary President and Club Alum, Karli Davis said. "This year's 'Club Madness' theme is a perfect way to combine Hoosier's love for basketball with raising funds, support, and awareness for the Boys & Girls Club in an always-fun and eventful night. Lace up your Converse, find that jersey or pullover of your favorite team and come support OUR team - our Club Kids, Staff and Community." Last year's Mardi Gras themed event raised more than \$153,000 to support initiatives and programs at the Boys & Girls Club while providing local

youth with meaningful experiences.

Individual tickets to attend Slam, Sip & Spend can be purchased at www.bidpal.net/bgcn24.



Auxiliary President Karli Davis



House Honors Schaibley



Photo Courtesy Indiana House GOP

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) was recently honored by her colleagues in the Indiana Legislature as they recognized her nearly decade of service as a state representative for House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties. In October 2023, Schaibley announced her plan to complete her current term and not seek re-election. She serves as vice chair of the House Public Health Committee, and as a member of the House Insurance Committee and the House Statutory Committee on Ethics.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION. Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana...

Project: Hamilton County Special Projects 2024. Bid Package: 10 Female Annex Boiler Replacement. Scope of work: Boiler and hot water pump replacements inside of the Female Annex mechanical room.

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Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-denominational faith-based organization serving public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, those housed in the jail facility, as well as all residents of Hamilton County.

Carmel Students Earn Spot in National Science Bowl Finals

A team from Carmel High School won the regional competition for the 2024 National Science Bowl and will compete in the NSB National Finals this spring, the U.S. Department of Energy announced this week.



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as “FICA” for employees and “SECA” for the self-employed). When the program first started, certain employees and their employers were required to each contribute 1% of the employee’s first \$3000 of earnings. Obviously, those amounts have risen over the decades. And, for clarity, only certain workers originally participated in Social Security, which has also changed over the decades so that now nearly everyone who works must pay Social Security payroll taxes. Starting in 1937 and still today, SS payroll taxes paid by those now working are used by the federal government to pay benefits to those who are currently receiving. Said another way, Social Security is a “pay as you go” program where income from those working (and their employer) is used to pay benefits to those receiving. Payroll taxes collected aren’t put into a personal account for the worker; rather they are used to meet current SS payment obligations. Any excess money collected is invested in special issue government bonds as reserves for future use (although current annual SS income is less than annual program costs – an entirely different topic). So, the financing method enacted in 1935 and started in 1937 still applies – those who work and earn (and their employers) must pay into the system to fund benefit payments to those who are now receiving - and that

includes those workers who are already collecting their Social Security. FYI, there was a time when, if someone worked after starting their SS benefits, they lost all of their benefits. Fortunately, that rule no longer exists, so those who are collecting SS benefits can now continue to get benefits if they work, but they must also still pay into the program from their work earnings to help pay benefits to SS recipients. I hope this provides some insight for why you must continue to contribute to Social Security even after you have started collecting your benefits. It is a result of how the program is financed – predominantly by workers through payroll taxes on their earnings (and to a lesser extent from interest on Trust Fund reserves and income tax on Social Security benefits). With very few exceptions, everyone who works helps pay benefits to those now receiving.

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In laying out this new scheme, the Administration succumbed to years of pressure from activists who argue that the plan is a legal and simple way to help lower healthcare costs. In fact, the plan is not only of dubious legality, but it would also complicate -- and seriously undermine -- the historic innovation pipeline created by the very law under which the Administration proposes to act. The Bayh-Dole Act revolutionized the U.S. system for licensing technology developed at academic institutions. Prior to 1980, the government was responsible for licensing innovations that arose from federally backed research so that these novel ideas could be turned into useful products. It was a terribly ineffective scheme. Around 95% of academic discoveries remained undeveloped. Alarmed that so much government-funded research was going to waste, Senators Birch Bayh and Bob Dole devised the framework we still use today. Their law allows universities to take charge of licensing their own patents, transferring technology to start-up partners with the skills and resources to go further. Bayh-Dole has helped to make the United States the most innovative country on the planet. Between 1996 and 2020, the tech transfer it enabled contributed \$1.9 trillion to the U.S. economy,

supported 6.5 million jobs, and spawned more than 15,000 new companies. Since 1980, Bayh-Dole has fostered the development of over 200 new medicines and vaccines. The law includes a provision that allows the government to “march in” and relicense patent rights on federally funded discoveries in certain circumstances, such as when a product is needed for a public health crisis but the company holding the rights has failed to commercialize it. Over the years, however, some have seized on this “march-in” language to argue that Bayh-Dole allows the government to use “march-in rights” to seize patents on products it deems too expensive as a means of price control. But legal experts who have studied the issue have repeatedly concluded the law was never intended to be used for this purpose. Moreover, while the Administration describes its proposal solely as an action to lower health care and prescription drug costs, it is by no means limited to medicines. In fact, the proposal describes how “march-in” would work in areas that have nothing to do with medicines: 3-D printing, reflective sign coating, and water purification. The Administration’s proposal would effectively gut Bayh-Dole, and the practical impact would be devastating. Universities will be

reluctant to accept government funding for research, since any such funding will grant the government “march-in” rights to any products developed from the research. University licensees will pay less to universities for inventions encumbered by “march-in” rights. Consumers will lose out on new products. We’ll risk falling behind in critical sectors, like renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, artificial intelligence, and biotechnology. While bowing to activist pressure and finally adopting their creative interpretation of Bayh-Dole to impose pharmaceutical price controls may be smart election year politics, it is terrible innovation policy. The Administration should shelve this proposal and keep Bayh-Dole intact.

Lamar Smith represented the 21st Congressional District of Texas for 32 years. While in Congress, he served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and the Ethics Committee. This piece originally ran in the Dallas Morning News.

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Board Chairman of Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare called on all Hoosier hospital systems to follow the lead of IU Health. “Indiana University Health continues to set a great example for hospitals across our state. IU Health has demonstrated that a hospital can lower prices and protect its bottom line if hospital leadership is committed to doing so. For too long, Indiana’s healthcare systems have raked in record profits by charging Hoosiers some of the most expensive prices in the country, all while

maintaining non-profit status. IU Health is demonstrating that there is a better, more cost-effective way to provide world class care to Hoosiers,” Hubbard said. IU Health’s commitment to lowering prices to the national average represents a meaningful step forward in addressing Indiana’s healthcare costs which find Hoosiers paying the 7th highest prices in the nation for hospital care,” said Hubbard. “We hope the insurance industry is working with IUH to pass the savings to the consumer.”

New Works Commission Winners Named

Three Indiana artists have been selected to receive cash awards and professionally produced performance opportunities through Carmel’s Center for the Performing Arts’ New Works commission project, now in its third season. The 2024 New Works Premiere Performances will take place Saturday, June 1, at the Tarkington and will be livestreamed on the Center’s website and social media accounts. Free tickets are available now at TheCenterPresents.org and (317) 843-3800. The New Works project is designed to promote and sustain the area’s

working artists and artistic communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works across all performing arts disciplines. The winning proposals selected by the judging panel are:

All of Us: An Anti-Asian-Hate Opera – Hippocrates Cheng
Cheng is a composer, music theorist and ethnomusicologist from Hong Kong. He completed his music composition doctorate and is pursuing a music theory doctorate at Indiana University in Bloomington. All of Us is an opera inspired by true stories from people of Asian-American and Pacific Islander heritage, shedding light on issues of Asian hate and emphasizing unity and empathy in our diverse society. The music, incorporating Asian traditional and Western classical elements, will be performed by an ensemble of singers and


instrumentalists. The presentation will include staging, lighting, and multimedia components.

Pathways/Caminos – Iris Rosa Santiago

Santiago is a Puerto Rican-born choreographer, professor emerita at Indiana University, and founder of Iris Rosa Dance Studio and Seda Negra/Black Silk Dance Company in Indianapolis. Pathways/Caminos is a work for 10-15 Seda Negra dancers, inspired by spiritual traditions of the African Diaspora in Caribbean and Latin American countries. The presentation will feature spoken word by Santiago and recorded music from the Indianapolis Pan-African Drum and Dance Ensemble directed by Andre Rosa-Artis, as well as costuming and visual projections designed by Filipino-American artist Kelvin Burzon.

Classical Scratch – Jared Thompson
Thompson is a saxophonist, composer, arranger and leader of the Indianapolis-based modern jazz quintet Premium Blend, which has been featured in two national award-winning documentaries and has released five studio albums. Classical Scratch is a three-part composition for tenor saxophone, piano (twin brother Joshua Thompson) and DJ (DJ Boogie Bang) that integrates classical, jazz and hip-hop music to celebrate the contributions of Black artists over the past 300-plus years. The presentation will include lighting effects and projected images of influential artists.

We appreciate our readers!



Providing an affordable and positive baseball experience for all young men ages 13-18

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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Countdown On for Edey and Rick Mount's Purdue Scoring Record



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

The headlines screamed from multiple media outlets on Monday: "Zach Edey will not return to Purdue in 2024-25." More non-news: Lance Jones, Mason Gillis and Ethan Morton aren't coming back to Purdue either. Edey's plans to enter the NBA Draft are not news to anyone in Greater Lafayette nor to anyone who pays attention to Purdue basketball recruiting. Yes, Edey could have taken his COVID season like Boo Buie at Northwestern is doing this season. Buie, by the way, at age 24 is older than both members of the Chicago Bulls' starting backcourt. Anyone with common sense should have figured that once Edey's name was being floated in the first round of mock NBA Drafts, no amount of Name-Image-Likeness (NIL) money would bring Edey back for a fifth season. Frankly, short of not leading Purdue to that elusive Final Four next month, there's nothing more for Edey to accomplish at Purdue.

Barring yet another shocking NCAA Tournament performance by the Boilermakers, Edey will surpass Rick Mount atop the career scoring list. With 35 points Sunday in the 84-76 victory at Michigan, Edey moved past Joe Barry Carroll (2,175) into second place with 2,197 points. With 125 points standing between himself and Mount, Edey is five or six games away from shattering one of the oldest Purdue basketball records. While researching another project, I discovered through Lafayette Journal and Courier archives that Mount scored 390 points in 14 games as a freshman during the 1965-66 season. Had freshmen been eligible then, Mount's career total would stand at 2,713 points over 86 games. To put that total in perspective, Indiana's Calbert Cheaney owns the Big Ten scoring record with 2,613 points over four seasons. Mount remains the gold standard for Big Ten players who were only eligible three seasons. Mount has been Purdue's scoring leader since 1970, but long-

standing scoring records are nothing unusual in West Lafayette. Joe Miller held Purdue's single-game scoring record for almost 58 years, having scored 40 points against Yale on April 13, 1902. Naismith Hall of Famer Terry Dischinger broke that mark with 43 points against Illinois at Lambert Fieldhouse on Jan. 11, 1960. Dischinger later upped his record to 52 against Michigan State on Feb. 25, 1961. That mark stood for six years until Dave Schellhase scored 57 at Michigan on Feb. 19, 1966. Schellhase stayed atop the scoring mountaintop until Mount broke the record with 61 in Mackey Arena against Iowa on Feb. 28, 1970. Mount, Schellhase and Dischinger remain the only players in Boilermaker history to score 50 or more points in a game. Mount did three times, all during his senior season in 1969-70. Iowa was probably glad to see him depart for the Indiana Pacers after "the Rocket" put up 53 on Jan. 3, 1970. That gave Mount a scoring average of 57 points that season against the Hawkeyes. The oldest major record in Purdue basketball history belongs to Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame coach Carl McNulty, who grabbed 27 rebounds against Minnesota on Feb. 19, 1951. The closest anyone has come to that mark was Dischinger, who had 26 against Wisconsin on Jan. 9, 1960. Edey's career high is 22 against Minnesota on Dec. 4, 2022. Edey, who won his Big

Ten record 11th Player of the Week honor on Monday, ranks second in the country at 23.7 points per game. He's also third in rebounds per game (11.8) and double-doubles (20). His 299 free throw attempts and 215 free throws made lead the nation. Edey is three points and 22 rebounds away from becoming the first Big Ten player with 2,200 points and 1,200 rebounds. Westfield graduate Braden Smith is next in line to eclipse a decades-old Purdue record. Smith is just five assists away from Bruce Parkinson's single-season mark of 208 set during the 1974-75 season. Smith could pass Parkinson and Brian Walker (205 assists in 1980-81) on Saturday night at home against Michigan State. One more 10 assist performance this season would break the tie Smith has with Parkinson, having recorded his sixth double-digit assists game against Michigan. Parkinson accomplished the feat in 1974 and 1975. Edey and Smith are among 40 players selected to the Oscar Robertson Trophy and All-America watch list by the United States Basketball Writers Association on Tuesday. The reigning Robertson Trophy winner, Edey is looking to become the seventh repeat selection (Robertson, Jerry Lucas, Lew Alcindor a.k.a. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Pete Maravich, Bill Walton and Ralph Sampson) since Sampson in 1983. Somehow not good



Zach Edey



Braden Smith

Photos courtesy of Purdue Athletics

enough to make the Bob Cousy Award cut, Smith is the only player in America averaging at least 12 points, seven assists and five rebounds. Smith is one of just two players in Big Ten history to compile at least 350 points, 200 assists, 150 rebounds and 40 steals in a season. The other guy? Magic Johnson. Earlier, I mentioned the size of the Purdue basketball recruiting class of 2024 as a strong indication that neither Edey nor Gillis nor Morton would be taking their COVID year. The six-man class consists of 6-9 forward Kanon Catchings (formerly of Brownsburg), 6-4 guard Gicarri Harris of Atlanta, 6-5 guard Jack Benter of Brownstown Central, 7-3 center Daniel Jacobsen of Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., 6-10 forward Raleigh Burgess of Cincinnati and 6-2 guard C.J. Cox of Milton (Mass.) Academy. As of now the 2024-25 Purdue roster includes returning starters Braden Smith, Fletcher Loyer and Trey Kaufman-Renn. Former Indiana Mr. Basketball Caleb Furst will be the only senior and could

possibly step into Edey's role. Myles Colvin, Camden Heide and 7-2 center Will Berg will have sophomore eligibility. Second-generation Boilermaker Brian Waddell will be a junior. Now, basic math tells me that's 14 scholarship players. NCAA rules only allow 13 scholarship players in men's basketball. Either someone is transferring or one of the six incoming freshmen could be placed in prep school to delay his enrollment for a season. That's why it was almost an ethical certainty that Edey, Gillis and Morton had already informed coach Matt Painter of their plans to move on after the season.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.



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with Winding Creek Friends at 7 p.m. March 16, Sam King on March 22, and Fast Cadillac at 7 p.m. March 23 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

8. Shop Westfield Winter Market open 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through March 9 in downtown Westfield.

9. Taylor Swift fans can enjoy Taylor Swift Trivia and Paint night at 6 p.m. Saturday at Kiln Creations, which has eight pottery wheels and has opened up its program for semiprivate classes with the next Saturday afternoon Pottery Wheel classes on March 9 and 16 at its shop in downtown Noblesville, with \$45 per class, with reservations at kilncreations.net. Also, Peacock Pieces Class at 6 p.m. March 15 and Friending Frenzy at 5 p.m. March 24.

10. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Nora Reese on Saturday, Third Space on March 9, David and Pamela Ackerman on March 16, Booze Hounds Bluegrass on March 23, and Steve Fulton on March 30 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com

11. Dare to stroll the Nefarious Noblesville Ghost Walk 7 to 8:45 p.m. Saturday in downtown Noblesville, with reservations at fareharbor.com

12. Brides-to-be are invited to attend the Engaged Noblesville Wedding Expo, by Atomic Events, at 1 p.m. Sunday 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.

13. 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.

14. Let the music heal and join Ukulele Friends (at a 6 p.m. singalong), Moontown Pickle Stompers (7 p.m.) and Ghosts on Maple (8 p.m.) at a March 7 benefit concert for the Bubbenzer family, whose home was lost in a fire. The event is free but donations will be accepted at Primeval Brewing in Noblesville.

15. Join vocalist Wendy Reed from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 7 at Flynn's.

16. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission presents Sara Karloff in person at a showing of film, "Dynamite Dan," featuring her father, Boris Karloff, 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 8 at Preservation Hall on Logan Street in Noblesville. The 1924 boxing movie has a romance element featuring Karloff as the villain. The silent film will have a piano accompaniment. Following the screening, Sara Karloff will give a lively presentation about her famous father and answer questions. Complimentary popcorn, charcuterie, soda, water, beer and wine.

17. Shop at Arcadia Market on Main Spring Fling at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 9 at The Coffee Shop in Arcadia.

18. See some of the best artwork across the Midwest during the third annual Midwest Juried Exhibit, a Second Saturday opening reception and awards ceremony, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 9 at Hamilton County

Artists; Association's Birdie Gallery in Noblesville. There will be live music, free refreshments and artwork on display.

19. Audition for The Belfry Theatre's "Father of the Bride" comedy, directed by Barcia Alejos, 7-9 p.m. March 10 and 12 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church's Celebration Hall, with entrance through Door 2, with show dates April 26-May 5 at the church.

20. Hamilton County will host an educational webinar about the Total Solar Eclipse at 6 p.m. March 11, with registration required, and more info to come.

21. 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.

22. Experience live music with Jai Baker 3 at 8 p.m. March 14 at Syd's Bar and Grill in downtown Noblesville.

23. Enjoy a live musical during Legacy Christian Theater's "Beauty and the Beast," the Broadway musical, at 7 p.m. March 15, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. March 16 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Auditorium in Noblesville. Tickets are \$15.

24. Enjoy an Enchanted Tea at 10 a.m. just before Legacy Christian Theatre's "Beauty and the Beast" musical, with tea Legacy Christian School in Noblesville, with tickets available in advance.

25. Join a Lunch & Learn Series called Parker Talks: All Things Noblesville, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 20 at 960 Logan St., Suite 200, in downtown Noblesville. The panel will include Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Director of Community Development Sarah Reed, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce President Bob DuBois, Noblesville Main Street executive director Kate Baker, and Director of Noblesville Creates Aili McGill. Admission is free, however, reservations are required at eventbrite.com

26. Noblesville Main Street will have a Total Eclipse Kickoff 4-8 p.m. April 5, with details to come.

27. Mark your calendar for the Conner Prairie Total Solar Eclipse 2024 event all day April 8 at Conner Prairie in Fishers and Grand Park. Conner Prairie tickets are \$30



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Enjoy First Friday at Hamilton County Artists' Association with an exhibit opening reception 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at HCAA's Birdie Gallery in downtown Noblesville, free and open to the public



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Carmel Community Players' actress Sarah Marone-Sowers of Noblesville, plays Violet in the musical, "Violet, opening tonight at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.

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.

28. Join Noblesville Preservation Alliance's Eclipse Viewing Party 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 8 at Preservation Hall on Logan Street in downtown Noblesville. Live music, refreshments and free admission, and eclipse viewing glasses available for purchase.

29. View the Solar Eclipse 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 8 at Pinheads and Alley's Alehouse in Fishers, with food and a view of the sky on the patio, with bingo noon to 12:30 p.m., and receive one pair of eclipse glasses with the purchase of any food item. Bring your own lawn chair for a view from the sand volleyball court.

30. Save the date for Hamilton County Master Gardeners' 25th annual Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

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HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hamilton County Highway Department 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. This meeting is for discussion of highway projects and any other county business as needed.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL CORPORATION

Executive Session Agenda

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Noblesville Educational Services Center

18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062

1:00 p.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

Executive sessions may be held only in the following instances:

___ (1) Where authorized by federal or state statute.

___ (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:

___ (A) Collective bargaining.

___ (B) Initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

___ (C) The implementation of security systems.

___ (D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.

However, all such strategy discussions must be necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons and may not include competitive or bargaining adversaries.

___ (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety measures, plans, and systems.

___ (4) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the Indiana economic development corporation, the office of tourism development, the Indiana finance authority, the ports of Indiana, an economic development commission, the Indiana state department of agriculture, a local economic development organization (as defined in IC 5-28-11-2(3)), or a governing body of a political subdivision.

___ (5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

___ (6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:

___ (A) To receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and

___ (B) To discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is:

(i) a physician; or

(ii) a school bus driver.

___ (7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

___ (8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.

___ (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

___ (10) When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:

___ (A) Develop a list of prospective appointees.

___ (B) Consider applications.

___ (C) Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.

Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-4(b)(12), a governing body may release and shall make available for inspection and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3-3 identifying information concerning prospective appointees not initially excluded from further consideration. An initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration may not reduce the number of prospective appointees to fewer than three (3) unless there are fewer than three (3) prospective appointees. Interviews of prospective appointees must be conducted at a meeting that is open to the public.

___ X ___ (11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

___ (12) To prepare or score examinations used in issuing licenses, certificates, permits, or registrations under IC 25.

___ (13) To discuss information and intelligence intended to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of terrorism.

___ (14) To train members of a board of aviation commissioners appointed under IC 8-22-2 or members of an airport authority board appointed under IC 8-22-3 with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. A board may hold not more than one (1) executive session per calendar year under this subdivision

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SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

10 AM - 12 PM

CARMEL CLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM

CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA APPROVAL
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OUTSTANDING CITIZENS
6. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
7. COUNCIL AND MAYORAL COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS
8. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 1. February 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - b. Claims
 1. Payroll - \$3,654,053.37 (2/9/24 payroll), \$191,915.12 (uniform allowance) and \$293,669.62 (sick vacation payout)
 2. General Claims - \$4,162,045.70 and \$35,239.68 (purchase card)
9. ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee
 - b. Land Use and Special Studies Committee
 - c. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.
 11. OTHER REPORTS – (at the first meeting of the month specified below):
 - a. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)
 - b. Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly – January, April, July, October)
 - c. Audit Committee (Bi-annual – May, October)
 - d. Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual – April, October)
 - e. Carmel Cable and Telecommunications Commission (Bi-annual – April, October)
 - f. Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual – February, August)
 - g. Library Board (Annual – February)
 - h. Ethics Board (Annual – February)
 - i. Public Art Committee (Annual – August)
 - j. Parks Department (Quarterly – February, May, August, November)
 - k. Climate Action Advisory Committee (Quarterly – March, June, September, December)
 - l. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.
 12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Seventh Reading of Ordinance D-2696-23; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Adding Chapter 8, Article 4, Section 8-44 to the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Worrell and Aasen. Remains in the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.

Synopsis:

Establishes a speed limit of 20 miles per hour within roundabouts.
 - b. Second Reading of Ordinance Z-687-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing the Andrews Planned Unit Development District; Sponsor: Councilor Minnaar. Remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee. (Meeting Date 3/6/24)

Synopsis:

Ordinance Establishes the Andrews Planned Unit Development District Ordinance (the “Andrews PUD”). The Ordinance would rezone the real estate from R-1 Residential to a Planned Unit Development district allowing the future development of a residential neighborhood laid out in the style and character as depicted on the attached Concept Plan which includes single-family homes.
 13. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. First Reading of Ordinance D-2702-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing and Approving an Appropriation of Funds from the Parks and Recreation Non-Reverting Capital Fund (Fund #103); Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Snyder and Taylor.

Synopsis:

Appropriates \$4.6 million for park capital projects from Local Income Tax (LIT) funds received from Clay Township attributable to the Central Park Bond.
 14. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. First Reading of Ordinance D-2704-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Repealing Ordinance D-2409-18, as Amended, and Removing Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 25 from the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Worrell.

Synopsis:

Repeals Ordinance D-2409-18, as amended, and abolishes the Carmel Public Art Advisory Committee.
 - b. First Reading of Ordinance D-2706-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 3, Article 1, Division II, Section 3-30 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Worrell.

Synopsis:

Ordinance amends the order of business for the Carmel Common Council agenda by removing Public Art Committee’s annual reports.
 - c. First Reading of Ordinance D-2707-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 8, Article 5, Sections 8-36, 8-37, 8-47, and 8-48 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Worell, Green, Taylor, and Ayers.

Synopsis:

Ordinance regulating the parking of motor vehicles on City streets and regulating/ prohibiting the turning of vehicles at certain intersections.
 - d. Resolution CC-03-04-24-01; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving a Transfer of Funds in the 2024 Information and Communication Systems Department Budget; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.

Synopsis:

Transfers \$69,030.00 to cover expenses incurred in the Consulting Fees line item within the 2024 Information and Communication Systems Department budget.
 - e. Resolution CC-03-04-24-02; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Regarding Transfer of Real Property to Third Party; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Aasen and Green.

Synopsis:

Resolution amending the minimum sales price for the sale of excess real property located near 96th Street and Keystone Parkway that is not needed for a public purpose.
 - f. Resolution CC-03-04-24-03; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Regarding Lease of Real Property to Third Party; Sponsor: Councilor Aasen.

Synopsis:

Resolution approves the lease of real property located at 10583 Lakeshore Drive East that is not needed for a public purpose and establishes minimum monthly rent.
 15. AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS
 16. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Engagement to Conduct Analysis of the City’s Debt
 - b. City Council Appointments

1. Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Arts (Terms expire 12/31/24, one-year terms); Two appointments.
2. Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Arts (Term expires 12/31/25, two-year term); One appointment.
- c. Request to Approve Mayoral Nominations
 1. Rosemary Dunkle, Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Term expires 12/31/2026, three-year term)
 2. Barry Simich, Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Term expires 12/31/2026, three-year term)
- d. Notice of Cancellation of Outstanding Checks for Fiscal Year 2021 - \$2,349.60 (Acknowledgement Only)
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS
18. ADJOURNMENT

NOBLESVILLE UTILITIES COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The City of Noblesville Utilities Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held in the administration conference room at the Utility Office, 197 Washington Street, Noblesville, IN at 1:30 p.m.

March 14, 2024

May 30, 2024

August 15, 2024

November 14, 2024

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Sam Mishelow Appointed to WFD Merit Board

Sam Mishelow has been appointed to the Westfield Fire Department Merit Board of Commissioners, proudly selected by Mayor Scott Willis and the Westfield City Council.

Mishelow brings more than two decades of professional experience and a strong commitment to community service to this role.

As a member of the Westfield Fire Department Merit Board of Commissioners,

Mishelow will play a vital role in ensuring the integrity and efficiency of personnel actions within the department. His duties will include reviewing hiring decisions, promotions, and disciplinary actions, thereby contributing to the safety and well-being of the Westfield community.

Mishelow has been an active and integral part of the Hamilton County community, serving on various boards and committees. He is a current Riverview Health Board Member and plays a significant role in the OneZone Chamber of Commerce as a Member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and State Advocacy Committee.

Additionally, Mishelow serves as a Board Member for the Indiana Selective Service



Commission, appointed by Governor Holcomb. Mishelow's extensive background in leadership and community engagement makes him well-suited for this position. Currently serving as the Director of Client Development at Meyer Najem, Mishelow has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to his professional career and has earned a reputation for excellence in his field. Expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the City of Westfield, Mishelow stated, "I am deeply honored to be appointed to the Westfield Fire Department Merit Board of Commissioners. I am committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and accountability in serving the community that I hold dear. I look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow board members to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents."

Todd Clevenger Tosses Hat into Ring for Auditor

Hamilton County Grant Administrator Todd Clevenger has filed paperwork to run for Hamilton County Auditor in the 2024 elections. Clevenger, who has six years of experience with the Hamilton County Auditor's Office, states that he will focus on the intricacies of the office, with a commitment to accountability, transparency, and professional expertise.

"The position of County Auditor is complex, so it is crucial for the County Auditor to possess not only the necessary technical skills, but also a steadfast commitment to accountability and transparency," Clevenger said. "I am dedicated to upholding these principles to the highest standard, ensuring that the residents of Hamilton County have full confidence in the integrity of our financial operations."

Clevenger emphasizes that he has experience in the duties of the office, which include managing revenue, budget compliance, performing accounting transactions, maintaining accurate records, tabulating

property values, grant funding, and working with the public and other officials. "As your next Auditor, I will ensure that your tax dollars are used efficiently and managed with conservative fiscal policies," he says. Clevenger has worked for the county since March 2018. Prior to that, he served as a Legislative Chief of Staff, Nonprofit Administrator, and a Partner in a Marketing and Communications Consulting Firm. Clevenger holds an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and is a graduate of the National Associations of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy. He is currently the president of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero, and on the boards of both CHAMP Camp and Arts for Learning Indiana. Clevenger and his wife, Sue, have lived in Hamilton County for almost 30 years, residing in both Carmel and Cicero. Their three sons graduated from Hamilton Heights High School. You can find out more or contact Todd Clevenger at Clevenger4Auditor.com.



Six County Cagers Among State Elite

Six girls from Hamilton County, including two from Noblesville, were selected from approximately 1,400 senior players statewide. Statistical evaluation, game observation and statewide research were conducted during the season and throughout the state tournament to determine Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60. Reagan Wilson and Ava Shoemaker will represent the Millers while Camryn Runner (Hamilton Heights), Ellie Kelleher (Westfield), Talia Harris (Fishers) and Joirdyn Smith (Fishers) complete the list.

Two sessions of the 43rd annual Top 60 Senior Workout will be hosted by Hoosier Basketball Magazine in conjunction with the IHSAA and the IBCA on Sunday at Beech Grove High School. Half of the Top 60 girls, primarily from northern and southern Indiana, will participate in the first session (1-3 p.m.). The remaining players, primarily from central Indiana, will compete during the second session (3:30-5:30 p.m.). The Top 60 Senior Workout includes the state's top four scorers — Samantha Redinger, Argos (29.8 ppg), Ava Ziolkowski, Crown Point (27.3), Runner (26.9) and Kayla Lacombe, Indianapolis Tech (26.8).

More than a dozen of the Top 60 selectees have signed with Division I Universities including the six players that were featured, front and center, on the 2023-24 cover of Hoosier Basketball Magazine. They are Alli Harness, Carroll-Flora (Western Michigan), Jordyn Poole, Fort Wayne Snider (Purdue). Chloe Spreen, Bedford North Lawrence (Alabama), Wilson (Iowa State), Faith Wiseman, Indian Creek (Indiana) and Juliann Woodard, Jennings County (Michigan State).

Former state champion coach DeeAnn Ramey (North Central-Marion) will direct both sessions assisted by Amy Selk (Beech Grove). Other outstanding Indiana girls' high school coaches from the IBCA have been invited to join the 2024 Top 60 staff— Brad Bowsman (Twin Lakes), Brian Ferris (Indian Creek), Aimee Litka (New Prairie) and Stacy Mitchell (Warren Central). KnowYourBaller will be filming the Girls Top 60 Senior Workout again this year. They will provide summary videos with all pertinent clips for participating players. Both sessions are open to the public for admission fee of \$8.

Wiles Named Dean of HCLA Class; Applications Open



Megan Wiles

Megan Wiles will serve as dean for the Class of 2025 at the Hamilton County Leadership Academy this year. In addition, the HCLA is opening applications for its 34th class of community leaders. "I am honored to be asked to serve as dean for the Hamilton County Leadership Academy's upcoming class," Wiles, vice president of the Foundation and Community Affairs for Riverview Health, said. "HCLA does such a great job of exposing its class members to aspects of our community they might never have seen. It also provides opportunities for those individuals to become engaged and continue to make Hamilton County such a great place to live. I look forward to working with the upcoming class to help them feel more connected to our community."

HCLA has been educating leaders and cultivating community networks for over 30 years. Since its inception in 1991, more than 850 community leaders have graduated from HCLA. The organization is anchored by its mission

to inspire and empower HCLA participants and alumni to drive and amplify community impact by providing them with unique access to knowledge, leaders, and organizations. The dean plays an integral role in creating the class culture and connectivity and provides meaningful insight and expertise throughout the HCLA class experience. They also serve as an ambassador for the program in the community and collaborate with the HCLA executive director and board to cultivate and maintain an engaging, dynamic, and thought-provoking learning environment. "HCLA is thrilled to have Megan serve as our dean for the Class of 2025," Diana Coyle, executive director of HCLA, said. "Megan embodies our values of community, learning, and strategic flexibility, and we are confident in her ability to bring those values to life in our class days. She has a firm pulse on the business, government, and non-profit intersections because of her professional and community leadership, and will be able to utilize that knowledge to increase the competency and connections for our cohort. We can't wait to see Megan leave her mark on HCLA's legacy." With more than 25 years of experience in the non-profit sector, in both paid and volunteer positions, Wiles is

passionate about working with others in making a difference in Hamilton County. In 2023, Wiles joined Conner Prairie's Board of Directors where she serves on the Development and Finance Committees. She has been a member of the Conner Prairie Alliance for more than 15 years. In January 2024, Wiles began her third term as a member of the Noblesville Common Council where she serves as vice president of the Council and chairs the Economic Development Committee. She previously served as president of the Council and is a member of the Finance Committee and created the Downtown District Committee. Wiles was appointed by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen to serve as co-chair of the Noblesville Bicentennial Committee in 2023. Wiles is a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and serves on the vestry and planning committee for its annual Strawberry Festival. She is a graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series and Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Class of 2000. Applications for the HCLA Class of 2025 will close April 8, 2024. The cohort will be announced in June. HCLA will also host meet-ups for those interested in joining the 2025 cohort and looking to learn more about HCLA and the

application process. Meet-ups include:

- Thursday, March 7 from 3:30-5 p.m. at The Collaboration Hub (11810 Technology Drive, Fishers)
- Monday, March 11 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Northbrook Brewing Company (119 W Main Street, Arcadia)
- Wednesday, March 20 from 8:30-10 a.m. at Hamilton County Tourism (37 E Main Street, Carmel)

To learn more about HCLA, its community impact, and to apply for the Class of 2025, visit www.hcla.net.



Photo courtesy Sheridan Historical Society

Members of The Arc of Greater Boone County recently traveled to Sheridan to visit the Sheridan Historical Society's Museum, located at 315 S. Main St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, which is just on the country side of Hamilton County and serves as the northwest gateway to Indiana's beautiful and most progressive and fastest growing county. Museum hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Special visit times can be arranged by calling ahead (317-758-5054).

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