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## TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

## Hamilton Happenings

The Hope Clinic with the Hamilton County Health Department are offering a free Mobile Health Screening on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hope Family Care Clinic, 270 W. Jackson in Cicero. Walk-ins available for the following services: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, HIV testing, Blood Sugar, Hepatitis C testing, A1C, Triglycerides Testing. The HIV & Hep C test results may take up to 20 minutes.

## Three Things You Should Know

**1** The good folks at Infographic released a list of favorite pies in every state. No surprise to most Hoosiers was the fact that Sugar Cream Pie was ours. According to the story, the smooth, creamy filling made from sugar, cream, and flour, nestled within a flaky, buttery crust is a testament to the state's agrarian roots. They also said the beloved comfort was a delicacy that pie lovers would willingly travel two hours for a taste.

**2** U.S. Sen. Mike Braun addressed the entire Senate during a speech on the floor earlier this week calling for fiscal sanity by calling for unanimous consent to pass a bill banning earmarks. Earmarks are personal pet projects that D.C. includes in spending bills to buy votes for legislation. This new spending bill has \$12.7 billion in earmarks. "It's a sad state of affairs in the sense that just a little over five years ago we were 18 trillion dollars in debt — borrowing at the tune of about a trillion dollars a year to backfill all of the things we want to do here — and ask you and your kids to pay for it. To me, that's a bad business plan."

**3** A Hoosier Congressman was recently honored by the Agriculture Retailers Association with the Legislator of the Year award. Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04) was affixed with the title for championing the needs of American farmers and agriculture suppliers. "The entire ag community benefits when leaders like Rep. Baird take a stand on policies that protect the ag retailer's right to operate and deliver essential products and services to their farmer customers," said ARA President & CEO Daren Coppock.

## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – Will My Benefit Increase if I Work While Collecting Disability?



ASK Rusty  
Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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**Dear Rusty:** I will be 64 in March and currently receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments. My full retirement age is 67, but I'm thinking about trying to return to work.

**If I work and my earnings exceed the monthly disability payment limits, but do not exceed the annual limit, how will my disability payments be affected? Will working while receiving Social Security disability payments change my Social Security benefit amount when I reach my full retirement age of 67?**  
**Signed: Mending**

**Dear Mending:** Social Security doesn't go by annual earnings when it comes to disability (SSDI) - they go by monthly

earnings. If your work earnings in any one month of 2024 exceed \$1,550, that will be a flag to SS that you are no longer disabled (\$2,590 per month if you're blind). If that happens for a few months in a row, they will most likely stop your SSDI payments. Often, this happens retroactively - they won't find out until sometime later that you repeatedly exceeded the monthly limit - but they will likely cancel your SSDI benefits and require you to repay any benefits you received in months you exceeded the monthly SSDI earnings limit, or months they deem you were capable of working without restriction. I suggest you consider

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### Spring Cleaning: Don't Toss That 'Junk,' It May Be Valuable!

(StatePoint) From baseball cards and sports equipment to postcards and photographs, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia they found when spring cleaning. A little time spent determining if items are valuable and where to sell them can pay off in the long run.

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### How to Navigate an Election Year Financially

(StatePoint) During election years, uncertainty over the future can shake investor confidence.

To help you navigate finances during this election cycle, work with a Certified Financial Planner professional and consider these tips and insights: Study the past to calm anxiety: A quick look at

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## All Things Millers Set for March 15

The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF) is proud to host their largest annual fundraiser, Miller-Palooza, on Friday, March 15, at Embassy Suites in Noblesville. This historic school spirit themed fundraiser supports all ten Noblesville Schools and will further the Foundation's mission of promoting and investing in Noblesville Schools through grants, scholarships, strategic partnerships, and volunteer support.

Miller-Palooza starts at 6 p.m. and will feature dueling pianos with Felix & Fingers, food stations, spirits, a large auction, magician Josh Cecil and awards honoring partners of Noblesville Schools. Mayor Chris Jensen will be the master of ceremonies. The dress code is casual school spirit and vintage or throwback items are encouraged. NSEF volunteers are hoping to beat last year's numbers and raise more than \$90,000 to support all ten Noblesville Schools. This is a 21+ event and tickets start at \$125 each.



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools

**Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, right, will emcee the evening. Superintendent Daniel Hile will help spur on the school spirit.**

The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation was created in 1987 to support Noblesville Schools by investing in academic excellence. NSEF is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission of funding grants, awarding scholarships, and expanding resources for Noblesville Schools.

Tickets can be purchased at bidpal.net/millerpalooza24. The Foundation expects an estimated 375 attendees and will feature many local businesses as sponsors. The top presenting sponsor of

the event is Blades Audio Video Security. Gold level sponsors are Ed Martin Automotive, Noblesville United Soccer Club, and T&T Sales and Promotions.

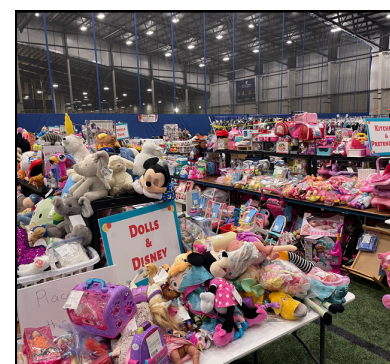
### Meet Boris Karloff's Daughter, See 'Clue on Stage' at NHS, Join Swing Dance Night, Shop Kids Sale Today



BETSY REASON  
Columnist

Meet Boris Karloff's daughter, Sara Karloff, during tonight's Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's showing of "Dynamite Dan" film

featuring Boris Karloff at Preservation Hall in downtown Noblesville. See Noblesville High School drama students tonight and Saturday night in "Clue on Stage," a madcap comedy that has the audience guessing until the final twist. Wear your dancing shoes for Noblesville Swing Dance Night tonight at The Mill gymnasium at NHS. Shop the semi-annual Indy Kids Sale today and Saturday morning at Mojo Up Sports Complex in Noblesville. This journalist shares The Times' list of 30 things to do this weekend and beyond:



**1. Shop the massive semi-annual Indy Kids (Consignment) Sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, with kids' items filling Mojo Up Sports Complex (Finch Creek Fieldhouse) in Noblesville.**

**2. Dance the night away or sit and tap your toes during Noblesville Swing Dance Night at The Mill, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in Noblesville High School gymnasium (enter at Gate 5), with swing dance lessons at 6 p.m., and music beginning at 6:30 p.m., featuring all six NHS jazz bands, with \$10 admission and concessions available.**

**3. Meet Sara Karloff in person at a showing of the 100-year-old film, "Dynamite Dan," featuring her father, Boris Karloff, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. tonight during Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 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. Admission is \$10, with complimentary popcorn. Beer, wine and water are available.**

**4. Experience Noblesville High School student theater at its best with the whodunnit play, "Clue on Stage," at 7 p.m. today and Saturday in the NHS auditorium with tickets available online for \$10 at https://nhstheatreats.weebly.com and \$15 at the door, cash only.**

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Pregnant women can get the flu vaccine.

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

"Spring is when life's alive in everything."

Christina Rosetti

## OBITUARIES

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The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank FRED L EVANS for subscribing!



## Tony Bennett's Daughter to Sing with Carmel Symphony



### Antonia Bennett

Acclaimed jazz singer Antonia Bennett, daughter of the legendary jazz icon Tony Bennett, joins the Carmel Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. April 21 in the Palladium for a concert honoring Duke Ellington's 125th birthday. Principal Guest Conductor Joel Smirnoff will lead Bennett and the orchestra through two Great American Songbook favorites, Ellington's "The River" and Gershwin's "An American in Paris." Tickets start at \$67. They're available online and at the Center for the Performing Arts box office, (317) 843-3800. Bennett's musical journey began amidst legends like her father, Rosemary Clooney, Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. In 2023, she released the single "Right On Time," solidifying her status as a vocalist with captivating prowess and style. The New York Times hails her voice as a blend of Billie Holiday and Rickie Lee Jones, with a hint of Betty Boop. "I perform songs from the Great American



Songbook and my own original music," Bennett said. "With a proven track record, these songs have shaped the American musical landscape, and resonated with diverse audiences over the years. I approach my performance with the belief that there's something for everyone." Smirnoff said audience members are in for a treat. "Antonia Bennett is a unique vocal talent and performer," he said. "Antonia appeared frequently with her father during his career and, on occasion, I had the great pleasure of sharing the stage with them both. I am thrilled that she will grace Carmel and the Carmel Symphony with her talent this April in our centennial birthday tribute to 'The Duke.' This shall be a special occasion."

Get to know Antonia Bennett:  
 Q: When did you start in your career?  
 A: I started my musical career while still in college.  
 Q: What's the biggest

lesson you've learned?  
 A: Show up prepared.  
 Q: What's one tip you want to share with our audience?  
 A: Try to find joy in everything you do.  
 Q: What are you most proud of in your work?  
 A: I always look for the sincerity in the music and try to tell the story in a way that's accessible and truthful to me. My hope is to evoke emotions and inspire others, just as the music inspires me."  
 Q: Where do you want your work to be in one year?  
 A: Everywhere music is available. In one year, I will be working on new music and putting it out everywhere music is available today. I hope the release of my new album will go well and plan to tour in support of it. Writing new music for the next album after that and pursuing new creative endeavors figure prominently.  
 Q: What's your favorite tool you use in your work?  
 A: My voice.  
 Q: What's your word for the year?  
 A: Stupendous.

## Carmel Honored for Road Safety

Carmel has received a National Recognition Award in the American Council of Engineering Companies' 2024 Engineering Excellence Awards competition for the Range Line Road Corridor Project. Deemed by ACEC as "the world's greatest celebration of engineering excellence," the award honors projects demonstrating exceptional engineering excellence at the national level. Completed at the end of 2023, the City partnered with American Structurepoint, Inc. which provided overall program management services for the design and construction of the entire corridor and design and engineering services for roundabouts, streetscape design and landscape architecture. "We are so grateful for

and proud to receive the ACEC Engineering Excellence Award in recognition of the contributions of so many at the City of Carmel and American Structurepoint," City Engineer Jeremy Kashman said. "This area is now a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly, streetscaped corridor providing improved public safety, more efficient traffic flow and inviting access to destinations where residents and visitors can live, play and work. It is also an example of the City of Carmel leading the nation in our Safe System initiatives, an approach which aims to improve safety for all road users." "Congratulations to everyone at the City and American Structurepoint for this much-deserved recognition," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "Safety

should always be a major focus for our infrastructure programs, and we are proud that the Range Line Road Corridor is a shining example of a safety-focused project that also provides high-quality design and enhances the overall desirability of our community." Kashman will attend the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on May 15 to accept the national award on the City's behalf. The Range Line Road Corridor project also received a similar award from the ACEC Indiana chapter earlier this year.

## Snelson Named Husky Hero



Courtesy photo.

Mark Snelson, HHMS/HHHS Band Director, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of January. Pictured (l-r): Melissa Martin (HHEF President/HHSC Technology Integration), Mark Snelson, baby Laken Bowen, Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), Amber Bowen, and Bret Bailey (HHMS Principal).

Hamilton Heights Middle and High School Band Director, Mark Snelson, has been named the Husky Hero for the month of January. Snelson has been inspiring the love of music and developing future leaders and musicians at Heights since 2019. "Words cannot begin to describe how honored I feel to receive this award," said Mark Snelson upon being recognized. "It was certainly unexpected. The fact that a student went out of their way to write such heartfelt words about our program, the value music holds in their lives, and the impact of our relationship is overwhelming. It is something you always hope for but never expect." "We hope that each kid in our program learns to value music in a deep and meaningful way," he continued Snelson. "We want them to know what it's like to work hard and find success. But most importantly, we have the unique opportunity to teach our students for up to eight years. This gives us a chance to facilitate important character qualities that will serve them well in our class, in school, and throughout life. THAT IS the BEST part of our job! Three Hamilton Heights Middle School eighth grader students

submitted nominations for Snelson because of his impact as a person and an educator. "He really does care for all the kids he teaches, and he definitely has a positive impact on a lot of them," said Grace Knoll. He also makes sure he teaches us very well and makes sure to always help us when we can't figure it out. He believes in us saying words that encourage us to be the best we can in life and in band." Maddy Lustig agrees. "Mr. Snelson has had a massive impact on who I am today, and how I want to pursue my future," she explained. "He has created such an awesome environment and has given us so many amazing opportunities - it has truly impacted my love for music. He has been so supportive and always encourages his students to be the best they can be. Without Mr. Snelson, I'm not sure that I would have ever been given the opportunities to one day become an amazing musician." Enzo Cerroni said Mr. Snelson is a hero because he helped him grow and learn how to play his instrument. "This has made me love to play in band. He makes the class fun, and I always am excited to be in his class," added Cerroni. "Mr. Snelson has done a great job of expanding our band offerings and

preparing our students for quality performances and experiences," added Principal Bret Bailey, Hamilton Heights Middle School. "He's deeply committed to our students and their success and puts in the time and effort to make sure they are always ready to do their best." "Mark has been instrumental (pun intended) in putting Hamilton Heights on the competitive map with our Marching Band and our Indoor Percussion Team," said Principal Jarrod Mason, Hamilton Heights High School. "I appreciate his dedication to our students and our school community. These two student programs have been welcome additions to HHHS, and it has given our best and brightest musicians a way to showcase their talents while competing at a very high level." Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at: [https://bit.ly/hhsc\\_huskyhero](https://bit.ly/hhsc_huskyhero). The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

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## Co-Alliance, Ceres Solutions Officially Now Keystone Cooperative

Indiana-based agriculture & energy co-op Keystone Cooperative has officially begun business operations as of March 1. The result of a historic merger between two strong farmer-owned cooperatives, Co-Alliance and Ceres Solutions, the newly formed Keystone Cooperative serves the interests of 20,000 farmer-owners across Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio. Keystone is centered on the valued relationships with customers, employees and rural communities that have built and grown the cooperative for 100 years. Led by a team of nearly 1,700 employees, the cooperative will serve customers in

energy, agronomy, grain, animal nutrition and swine production. "This is an exciting milestone for farmer-owners, employees, and rural communities," said Keystone CEO Kevin Still. "We are thrilled to bring together a world-class team as we double down on the longstanding commitment of farmer-owned cooperatives to serve as a trusted business partner, reliable service provider, and steadfast supporter of rural communities." With more than 196 local teams serving rural communities across four states, Keystone remains firmly rooted in the cooperative values that have served growers for 100 years. The benefits

of Keystone Cooperative will include enhanced services for farmer-members, improved benefits for Keystone employees, and increased investment in rural communities. Keystone will be focused on creating and delivering the farmer-owned cooperative that is ready to service today and tomorrow's farm families. "Keystone represents the next big step toward a vibrant future for Midwest farmers," said Keystone board chairman, Bill Peters. "Our members voted in overwhelming support of this new organization, and we remain committed to providing exceptional service and return for our farmer-owners."

## Nick Weber New Economic Development Chief in Carmel

Mayor Sue Finkam announced that she has appointed Nick Weber as Executive Director of Economic Development for the City of Carmel. With extensive experience in economic development investment for both the public and private sectors, Weber will serve on Mayor Finkam's leadership team, and lead the City's growth strategy and economic development initiatives and projects. He begins his role on March 25. "I am thrilled to welcome Nick to my executive leadership team, and excited about what we will accomplish together. The City of Carmel has seen unprecedented growth over the last several decades, and I look forward to partnering with Nick to ensure this continues in a

responsible and strategic way, with community input, for the benefit of Carmel residents for generations to come," said Mayor Finkam. For the past 14 years, Weber has worked at Faegre Drinker advising public and private sector clients in Indiana and across the country on complex economic development matters, including site selection and incentive projects totaling more than \$1 billion in capital investment. He previously served as Deputy Mayor of Economic and Workforce Development for the City of Indianapolis where he helped secure nearly \$500 million in capital investment commitments and worked to expand the City's global presence. "The mayor is charting



Nick Weber

an exciting vision for Carmel and I am honored to join her team," said Weber. "Successful economic development harnesses the assets of the community to meet the needs of its residents. I look forward to working with Mayor Finkam, colleagues, industry professionals and the community to continue building a growth strategy that works for everyone." Weber is a graduate of Indiana University and has been recognized as a Forty Under 40 in the *Indianapolis Business Journal*.

## Laura Alerding Gets Endorsement

The Political Action Committee Indiana Family Action has officially endorsed Laura Alerding of Noblesville for state representative in District 29. "We firmly believe that the family is the key institution of society, and that the overall health of any city, state, region, or nation is largely determined by the health of this bedrock institution," IFA

Executive Director Ryan McCann said. "Our organization is encouraged by (Alerding's) willingness to defend the conservative values that so many Hoosier families hold dear. Our organization applauds (Alerding) for standing for truth, liberty, and Hoosier families. I wish (Alerding) the best of luck in your campaign, and look forward to the opportunity to work

with (her) after the November election on policies that champion our shared values that will protect Hoosier children and families." In a statement, Alerding said she "is incredibly grateful and humbled by the support she's received by Indiana Family Action PAC." For more information, go to <http://AlerdingForStateRep29.info/>

## 4-H Junior Leaders Set Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the fun at the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, March 18. The hunt will be held at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St. in Noblesville. Youth ages 8 and under are invited to hunt for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Please bring your own basket. Egg hunt for ages 0-2 will begin at 6:05 p.m., ages 3-5 begins at 6:10 p.m. and ages 6-8 begins at 6:15 p.m. Farm animals will be available for petting and photos. For more information, please contact (317) 776-0854 or visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/>



Photo courtesy Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders

**Different age groups have different times set for Monday.** hamilton/ The Easter Egg Hunt is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders. For more information about Junior Leaders or the 4-H Program in Hamilton County, contact Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton/>.



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## Aspire appoints three new board members

Aspire Indiana Health has appointed three leading members of the Central Indiana healthcare and support community to its Board of Directors: Celeste Evers, Vincent Smith and Steven Warnhoff. "I am delighted to welcome three outstanding community leaders to our Board," said Michael Collette, Board Chair. "Each of them embodies true commitment and vast experience. I couldn't be more honored to serve alongside Board colleagues who bring expertise in abundance as well as a passion for our mission." Evers is a longtime advocate for building communities, serving as the Vice President of Mission Impact for Coburn Place, an Indianapolis home for

survivors of domestic violence and their children. She is an experienced social worker with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. Smith is a strategic implementation and execution specialist with nearly 20 years of experience in housing, workforce development, and community action. He currently serves as Executive Director of Building and Impacting Communities, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit that provides housing and wraparound services for vulnerable populations. The Tennessee State University alum is also a Center for Creative

Leadership Community Coalition Leadership Program graduate. Vincent is a cross-functional leader, passionate about creating strategic direction and providing leadership to achieve remarkable outcomes. Warnhoff has a deep background in educational psychology and currently serves as Director of the Hamilton-Boone-Madison Special Services Cooperative, which provides an array of services for special education classrooms to assist in meeting the needs of all youth and their families. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from



Celeste Evers

Indiana University, and his bachelor's degree from Ball State University. "We are so pleased to welcome these new members to the board,



Vincent Smith

and thank them for the time and dedication that goes into their service," said Aspire President & CEO Antony Sheehan. "This trio of outstanding individuals



Steven Warnhoff

will help guide us as the organization continues to grow and explore ways to better serve Hoosiers who face roadblocks to receiving proper healthcare."

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# Cicero Kiwanis Empowering Young Minds Through Gift of Knowledge

Research shows that just the presence of books in the home improves educational outcomes. Books are critical and access to those resources is one of the greatest contributors to educational equality. Despite all this, books are scarce for many students – meaning they are at a disadvantage from the start.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero wants to close this gap and promote a love reading, by providing free books to Hamilton Heights Elementary School students throughout the year. Through its new program “Books For a Bright Future” students will be able to choose free, age-appropriate books at the school bookfairs as well as providing books for the school district’s bookmobile that distributes books throughout the summer months to keep students engaged in reading throughout summer break.

“The goal of our Books For a Bright Future program is to help build the foundation of learning, by providing free books to these students” said Todd Clevenger, President of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero. “Literacy attainment is tied directly to academic achievement and lifetime outcomes, and we are committed to lifting up our community by raising readers and ultimately paving the way for lifelong learning and literacy.”

“The mere presence of books profoundly impacts a child’s academic achievement,” explained Dr. Derek Arrowwood, Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School District. “Regardless of how many books a family already has, each addition to a home library and books young readers can call their own, helps the children get a little further in school. When it comes to the role of books and reading in increasing achievement, the facts are indisputable. The Kiwanis Club of Cicero’s program will help us get

	<b>2 Books</b> Give a child a start at building their own library at home this year.	\$10
	<b>5 Books</b> Give a child 5 book to get the to the halfway mark for a 10 book home library.	\$25
	<b>10 Books</b> Give a child a full home library of 10 books.	\$50
	<b>20 Books</b> Give two children the gift of a full home library.	\$100
	<b>100 Books</b> Give ten children the gift of a full home library.	\$500

books into the hands of our younger students, helping to build the foundation of academic achievement.”

How important are time and engagement with books? Research shows that the difference they make is nothing short of miraculous. Engaged readers spend 500% more time reading than do their peers who aren’t hooked on books. All those extra hours inside books they love gives them a leg up in everything that leads to a happy, productive life. A deep conceptual understanding of a wide range of topics, expanded vocabulary, strategic reading ability, critical literacy skills, and engagement with the world that’s more likely to make them dynamic citizens drawn into full civic participation. Sharing books, talking about them, and reading them aloud is the greatest precursor of success for our children in all areas, especially reading.

Again and again, we find the most important indicator of or students’ success-in school and beyond-is captured in the simple question: Do they read? Nowhere is access to books and the intellectual benefits they hold more evident, than in the phenomenon known as the “summer slide” or “summer setback.” Research by Richard Allington and Anne McGill-Franzen in 2009 showed a decline in reading skills through the months when

students have no access to school or books to read. Summer reading loss accounts for at least 80 percent of the reading gap by ninth grade, according to their research.

“I read somewhere, Johns Hopkins research maybe, that children who receive and read free books over the summer experience the equivalent of attending three years of summer school, and the difference in fall reading scores is twice as high,” said Clevenger. “This obviously is a fact not lost on the Heights School District as they instituted a summer bookmobile program providing access to books for students throughout the months of summer break. The Books For a Bright Future program will also provide free books for every student, regardless of grade level, that visits the bookmobile throughout the summer.”

“The negative consequences of lack of access to books are devastating for individual students, but in reality, their collective setbacks affect us all, often leading to higher dropout rates, lost earnings and tax revenues, increased need for public assistance, and so forth,” said Dr. Arrowwood. “We need to find ways to get books into our younger students’ hands and into their homes, because it’s the right thing to do. The Cicero Kiwanis’ Books For a

Bright Future program is exactly the type of initiative to make that happen.”

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero’s goal is to raise \$10,000 to jump start this program and begin providing books at the May Elementary School bookfair. “We are well on our way to our financial goal of \$10,000 in part due to a generous grant awarded from the Kiwanis Children fund of \$4,000, as they truly believe in the mission of the program,” said Clevenger. “But we are looking for additional funding and more permanent funding to sustain the program long-term.”

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is looking for community partners such as church groups, business groups, other service organizations, local businesses, and individuals to help sponsor and fund the Books For a Bright Future program moving forward. To contribute to the program, you can go to the club’s website: [www.cicerokiwanis.org](http://www.cicerokiwanis.org) scroll down and click on the Books For a Bright Future photo half down the page and make a secure online donation. “Every dollar raised will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the lives of the young students we aim to serve,” said Clevenger. “Together, we can empower these children to unlock their full potential and create a brighter future for our community.”

## New Edward Jones Representative in Cicero

Zach Rinehart is a new representative with the Edward Jones investment company in Cicero.

“That’s one of the things that drew me to this firm,” Zach Rinehart said. “Edward Jones values the individual investor and understands that people still want to do business with someone they know and trust.” Rinehart is located at



**Zach Rinehart**

120 W. Jackson St. in Cicero.

## Sheridan, Westfield Post Offices Have Job Fairs

The United States Postal Service has set up a number of job fairs at several Indiana locations, including Sheridan and Westfield. Openings are available for rural carrier associates at \$19.94/hr. and city carrier assistants at \$19.33/hr.

The first takes place Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Post Office, 107 W 4th St. Then on Tuesday at the Post Office in Westfield (17520 Dartown Rd.) the Fair is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



### PUBLIC NOTICES

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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## Center for the Performing Arts Jam Packed for March

Here is a calendar for the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel for the month of March.

### The Irish Tenors

8 p.m. Friday, March 8

The Palladium

Tickets from \$45

Telamon Passport Series

The Irish Tenors have been the acknowledged Celtic music kings since their first PBS television special in 1998. With enchanting traditional Irish repertoire as well as interpretations of contemporary pop hits, they have released 10 bestselling albums and performed for capacity crowds at such venues as Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood Bowl. Vocalists Anthony Kearns, Ronan Tynan and Declan Kelly will be backed by a live symphony orchestra. The performance is presented in partnership with United Fidelity Bank.

### An Evening with Rickie Lee Jones

8 p.m. Friday, March 8

The Tarkington

Tickets from \$55

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Rickie Lee Jones is an American musician, storyteller and two-time Grammy winner who has been inspiring pop culture for decades, beginning with her star-making self-titled debut, followed by the seminal *Pirates*. Named the “premier song-stylist and songwriter of her generation” by *The New Yorker* and “The Duchess of Coolsville” by *Time* magazine, Jones reunited with Russ Titelman, who produced her first two records, for her Grammy-nominated 2023 album *Pieces of Treasure*.

### Bruce Hornsby and yMusic present BrhyM

8 p.m. Saturday, March 9

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Eclectic singer-songwriter and pianist Bruce Hornsby rose to fame with his Grammy-winning debut album *The Way It Is* and its title track, the most played song on U.S. radio in 1987. Since then, he has released more than 20 albums, toured with the Grateful Dead, and appeared on 100-plus records from artists including Bob Dylan, Don Henley, Stevie Nicks, Bonnie Raitt, Sting, Mavis Staples and Willie Nelson. Hornsby is touring with the New York-based classical-pop sextet yMusic, known for its original compositions as well as collaborations with Ben Folds, John Legend, Paul Simon and other artists.

### Carrie Newcomer with Pianist Gary Walters, Allie Summers and String Quartet

8 p.m. Saturday, March 9

The Tarkington

Tickets from \$60

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Award-winning Indiana-based singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer performs songs from her new and past albums in gorgeous string quartet presentations. Join Carrie, arranger/pianist Gary Walters and the Gathering of Spirits String Quartet for this unique blending of story and songs that celebrate what is sustaining and hopeful, reminding us of how even in divided times we are still connected at the center of the human heart. Described as “a prairie mystic” by the *Boston Globe*, Newcomer has released 19 albums nationally on the Philo, Rounder, Concord and Available Light labels.

### Imagination Movers

1 & 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10

The Tarkington

Tickets from \$25

Old Town Family Series

Known for their original songs and Emmy Award-winning Disney television show, the Imagination Movers promise a high-energy, interactive concert experience that captivates audiences of all ages. Whether singing about playing catch, brainstorming, or making music using buckets and cans, the group delivers witty lyrics and an eclectic pop sensibility that encourages creativity and movement. Come and experience the wonderment of live music for families in this interactive show.

### Croce Plays Croce: 50th Anniversary Tour

8 p.m. Saturday, March 30

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Following a successful tour that featured songs from Jim Croce’s 1972 breakthrough album, *You Don’t Mess Around with Jim*, multifaceted singer/songwriter A.J. Croce is on the road again to celebrate two more of his father’s legendary albums. Released in 1973, shortly before the elder Croce’s death in a plane crash, the albums *Life and Times* and *I Got A Name* included such hits as “Bad, Bad Leroy Brown,” “I’ll Have to Say I Love You in a Song” and “Workin’ at the Car Wash Blues.” This 50th Anniversary program will feature a stellar band and a moving multimedia presentation.



Photo courtesy Frances Marshall

**The Irish Tenors will be performing tonight at The Palladium.**



Photo courtesy Astor Morgan

**The Tarkington will be showcasing An Evening with Rickie Lee Jones this evening at 8 p.m.**

### **OTHER MARCH EVENTS INCLUDE:**

#### Peanut Butter & Jam: Silly Safaris – Spring Animal Babies

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2

The Studio Theater

Tickets: \$10 per child, includes two free adult admissions with each order

Animals living where there are cold seasons have their babies in the spring, when food is more abundant. Amazon John of Silly Safaris will introduce us to several of these spring animal babies as we learn how mommy animals take care of their newborns. Be sure to stick around after the show to meet the animals up close! Designed for children ages 1-7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage kids to become engaged in live performance.

#### Group Vocal Coaching

6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, March 20-April 10

The Palladium’s Shiel Sexton Songbook Lounge

Cost: \$90

Instructor Todd Neal leads this course on topics including song selection, vocal technique and interpretation. Students will gain a better understanding of performance, delivery, projection and stage presence. The class is for anyone who enjoys singing and would like to improve their vocal delivery. No previous vocal training is required.

#### JazzTalk: A Conversation with Sammy Miller

7 p.m. Monday, March 25

Online

Cost: Free

Join us online March 25 for an engaging live conversation with Sammy Miller, who is bringing his NYC-based band The Congregation to the Palladium on April 19 for a Student Matinee and an all-ages evening performance in the Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series. JazzTalk is a web-based interview series hosted by Todd Williams, veteran jazz musician and music professor at Indiana Wesleyan University.

#### Luminaries: “Making It Up” with Brandon Wilson

2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26

The Palladium’s Robert Adam Room

Tickets: \$10

For Brandon Wilson, a life/business coach and singer-songwriter, making things up is a way of life. But navigating his relationship with creativity has been quite a journey, one that kept him in trouble for most of his younger years, took him to Nashville to make a go of a career in music, landed him on a crash course with a mountain lion in Montana, and so much more. This is a journey of harnessing creativity as a positive force and turning it into a way of life. Luminaries is the Center’s weekday speaker series.

#### Live at the Center: Bullet Points

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27

Online and at the Palladium

Livestream: Free (pay-what-you-can, no minimum)

On site: \$10 (pay-what-you-can, \$10 minimum)

A local indie-rock supergroup comprising members of the Lemonheads, Extra Blue Kind, State, Beta Male and Coolidge, Bullet Points released its debut EP in 2016 and began touring the Midwest, appearing on WFYI’s *Small Studio Sessions*. In 2020, the band delivered its first full-length project, *Paso Doble*, and reached the finalist level of the MOKB Presents *Battle of the Bands*. More recently, the group has been heard on WTTS-FM’s *The Beat* with David Lindquist and seen on WISH-TV’s *All Indiana*.

## Community Band Remembering Carl Hungerford



**Carl and Susan Hungerford**

### *By Brian Wuerch*

Mark your calendars for March 17 at 7 p.m. for the annual Hamilton County Community Band Spring Concert. The concert will be held at the Noblesville High School Auditorium and is a free event. As the band’s season opener, the Spring Concert will include some more challenging pieces and feature various soloists and guest conductors. A newly commissioned piece by prolific composer Sean Sumwalt will debut. The piece, entitled “Chorale for Carl” was written to honor, late band member Carl Hungerford who was an original member and performed in the percussion section. Carl was well loved by band members and known for his “Santa” role at Christmas concerts. Sadly, Carl passed away suddenly on Dec. 13, 2023. He and his wife Susan (bass-clarinet player) had recently moved to California to be closer to family. Sumwalt will be conducting the new work. A well-known composer especially in the arena of independent filmmakers, Sumwalt’s works have been featured in the California Independent Film Festival, The Catalina Film Festival, the H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival, the

Indie Gathering, The Cleveland International Film Fest, the Terror Film Festival, and the Big Island Film Festival, among many others. Sumwalt holds a Bachelor of Music in Composition from Butler University and a Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television Graduate Certificate from The University of Southern California. He is a member of ASCAP as both a composer and publisher. He is also an adjudicator with the Central States Judges Association (CSJA). The Hamilton County Community Band, with 80-plus volunteer members, was formed on Feb. 25, 2018, with a meeting between current director, Brian Swart, Noblesville Schools Band Director Eric Thornbury, and director of the Fishers Community Chorus, Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community concert band in Hamilton County. “Our mission is to have a “FUN” atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians,” said Swart. HCCB performs multiple concerts in and around the Hamilton County area. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.



Photos courtesy Hamilton County Community Band

### **Sean Sumwalt**

*The Times*

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enrolling in Social Security's "Ticket to Work" program. While enrolled, you can work and will have a rolling 9 month "Trial Work Period" over 5 years, during which you can earn more than \$1,110/month (in 2024) without jeopardizing your SSDI benefits. If, after completing your 9 month trial work period, you are taken off of SSDI (because you're no longer considered disabled), and you again become disabled and unable to work, your SSDI benefits can resume without requiring you to go through the entire application process again. You can test your ability to work, will be able to work some and can earn more than the limit in some months, which makes the Ticket to Work program your best option. Read more about it here: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/>. As for whether working while on SSDI will improve your benefit at your full retirement age (FRA), that depends. Your current SSDI benefit is equal to your FRA entitlement from your earnings record at your disability onset date (but paid to you prior to your FRA). The method for determining your benefit under SSDI is complex and depends on the age at which you became unable to work and the number of Social Security credits you had accumulated at that time. Although SS retirement benefits normally require you earn at least 40 SS quarter credits and are based on your highest earning 35 years, those approved for SSDI can get benefits with fewer than 40 credits and less than 35 years of lifetime earnings. Since each case is unique, I cannot say whether your

earnings while on SSDI will improve your FRA amount, but Social Security will monitor your earnings and increase your benefit if appropriate. FYI, your SSDI benefit would normally automatically convert to become your regular SS retirement benefit at your FRA at the same amount you were receiving while on SSDI. It's possible that the limited earnings you may have from working while on SSDI may increase your benefit, but that's impossible for me to predict. Your benefit is based on your lifetime earnings history (adjusted for inflation), not on your contributions to Social Security while working. So, if you are on SSDI and wish to try returning to work, and you think your monthly earnings will occasionally exceed the SSDI limit, I suggest you contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213 or your local office) to explore enrolling in the Ticket to Work program. That would be your best option to avoid jeopardizing your SSDI benefits, and your benefit amount will be automatically adjusted by Social Security if appropriate.

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## Sun King Brewery First Tenant in Union Square

The City of Westfield and Old Town Companies are excited to announce Sun King as the first tenant in the Union Square development located at State Road 32 and Union Street. The development plan was approved at a recent Advisory Plan Commission meeting. Known for its commitment to brewing excellence and community engagement, Sun King has been a staple in the Indiana craft beer scene since 2019. The decision to open a Westfield location aligns with Sun King's mission to share its passion for craft beverages with even more Hoosiers. The new Sun King location in Westfield will feature a spacious and inviting taproom and an expansive outdoor patio to create a welcoming space for craft beverage enthusiasts and families alike. The taproom will showcase Sun King's diverse range of award-winning craft beers, including their signature core and seasonal releases, along with

experimental beers and handcrafted signature cocktails. "Sun King is excited about being a part of the Westfield community. The design of Sun King's taproom and food hall will offer guests a welcoming indoor space and a stunning outdoor patio and upstairs deck that share picturesque views of Grand Junction Plaza," shared Dave Colt of Sun King Brewery. "Our fans will be able to enjoy pints of Sun King beer, signature cocktails, and non-alcoholic drinks, all while enjoying local dining options." Sun King's Westfield location will boast more than 400 seats, including nearly 200 patio seating options overlooking Grand Junction Plaza. "We are thrilled not just for the Sun King team but also for the residents of Westfield, as they will have an outstanding addition to downtown. We are looking forward to seeing Sun King as an anchor of Union Square and how this will help spur future development," stated Mayor Scott Willis.

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"The sale of older sports cards, postcards and photographs can yield thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands or more for the right ones," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable sports cards and memorabilia. Crisafulli has assisted people in selling tens of millions of dollars of baseball card collections, autographs, sports equipment and more. Such sales can be life changing. In one instance, he researched a family's old baseball bat and proved it was game used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. His Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars, a figure which would top a million dollars today. Here are some of his tips to determine if your sports collectibles are valuable: The Older, the Better with Cards Vintage sports cards from the early periods of sports are collectible, especially Hall of Famers. Do you have stars from the 1960s, 1950s or earlier? Look for names like Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb. Even non-star cards can be valuable, especially in nice condition with sharp corners and no creases. Really early cards from the 1880s through the 1930s are particularly desirable, such as those by tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, American Caramel, Goudey or Diamond Stars. When determining where to sell cards and memorabilia, focus on a specialty auction house, such as Love of the Game, which employs trained experts in researching sports ephemera, and maintains bidder lists of sports collectors. More information is available at [loveofthegameauctions.com](http://loveofthegameauctions.com). Don't Overlook Memorabilia and

Equipment Cards aren't the only potentially valuable things. Look for older promotional and advertising ephemera spotlighting sports stars, especially items that promote sporting goods, food or tobacco brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but store displays, signs and premiums can be pricey. Old sporting goods and equipment, such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms, can also be valuable, especially if you had a family member who played minor or major league sports. Note that items from before the 1960s are highly collected. Also look for equipment endorsed by star players. Condition matters, but game-used equipment from professionals can be valuable in almost any condition. Save Postcards and Photographs If you have old photographs, cabinet cards or postcards of sports stars or ballparks, they should be evaluated. Those from pre-1960 can be expensive. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs. Popular stars are key, meaning original images like Babe Ruth or early ballparks can be valuable, as opposed to images of your family members playing sports or of popular vacation destinations. When examining photographs, look for markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps. Also set aside cabinet cards, which are photographs from the 1880s through the 1930s adhered to cardboard stock. "A good rule of thumb is that the older a sports item is, the more valuable it might be, especially from before the 1950s going back to the 1880s," says Crisafulli. This spring cleaning season, don't rush to haul "junk" to the curb. Examine it first.

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historical data can help you make level-headed investment decisions during a bumpy election cycle. As it turns out, fears that election results will have long-term market effects are largely unfounded, according to a U.S. Bank analysis of market data since 1948. The analysis detected only short-term volatility around election cycles. Stay the course: Even during tumultuous political times, it's important to stay the course when it comes to your big-picture financial plan. Timing the market is often a losing strategy, so avoid selling your investments, or investing less, based on election-related market hiccups. However, periodically making tweaks is a good idea. Work with your CFP® professional to revise your asset allocations as needed to ensure that your portfolio remains diversified and aligned with your risk tolerance and evolving goals. Life happens and timelines change – many factors can impact your investing inside or outside of election cycles. Consider other factors: The presidential

election is just one piece of the political puzzle as it relates to your finances. Stay abreast of financial policy changes in 2024. Tax laws, as well as legislation around student loans, Medicare and Social Security, are just some of the factors that can impact your wallet. Your financial planner will possess insights into how to reach your goals based on the latest policy changes. And of course, you should be mindful of any personal life changes you anticipate in the year ahead, such as marriage, divorce or retirement. No matter which political party is in power, a trusted financial advisor can offer you a roadmap to meet your goals and deliver personalized advice to help you fine-tune your plan. To find a CFP® professional committed to acting in your best interest, visit [LetsMakeAPlan.org](http://LetsMakeAPlan.org). During the highs and lows of an election year, it's easy to become uneasy about your financial portfolio. With historical insights, a cool head and the help of a financial advisor, you can ride out 2024 with confidence.

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# Looking Back Over Purdue's 13 Championship Seasons



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Whether it's a sign of getting older or Purdue basketball getting better, the Boilermakers wrapped up their 13th Big Ten Conference championship in my lifetime with an 80-74 victory against Michigan State last Saturday night in Mackey Arena. That total is half of the league-best 26 titles credited to Purdue since its first in 1911. Matt Painter's fifth Big Ten regular season title puts him just one behind his mentor, Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Gene Keady. Ward "Piggy" Lambert won 11 between 1921 and 1940. From Rick Mount in 1969 to Zach Edey, who is 66 points from eclipsing Mount's seemingly untouchable career scoring record in 2024, there have been memorable stories from each of the 13 Big Ten championships.

**1969**  
George King's Boilermakers led the nation at 93 points a game on the way to a national runner-up finish against John Wooden, Lew Alcindor and the UCLA dynasty in the midst of winning 10 national championships in 12 years. Mount accounted for more than a third of that production at 33.3 points a game during his junior season. Two other future pros, seniors Herman Gilliam and Billy Keller, averaged 15.8 and 13.3 points respectively. Purdue won the Big Ten by four games over Illinois and Ohio State with a 13-1 record. One Mount record that almost certainly will never be topped: most points combined by a backcourt combination. Mount scored 40 and Keller had 31 in a 120-76 victory against Indiana in the regular season finale at what was then Purdue Arena. The 120 points also remains a Purdue single-game record. One other piece of trivia: King scored more points in his collegiate career than Mount. But King's 2,535 points came in four seasons and 117 games at Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston.

**1979**  
Imagine winning a Big Ten championship and being denied a spot in the NCAA Tournament. That's what happened to coach Lee Rose's first Boilermaker squad, which claimed a three-way share with Michigan State and Iowa on the final day of the season. The Big Ten was only allotted two bids in the 40-team NCAA field. The Spartans earned the automatic bid by beating Iowa twice and splitting with Purdue. Iowa earned the second berth by beating Purdue twice. Purdue accepted a place in the National Invitation Tournament, where it would lose to Indiana in the championship game at Madison Square Garden.

**1984**  
The Boilermakers were picked to finish ninth in the Big Ten, and Keady admitted years later he was worried about losing his job. Purdue had gone 60-34 in Keady's first three seasons, reaching the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1983 and the NIT Final Four in 1981 and 1982. The pressure to win was probably more in Keady's mind than in reality. Had there been such a thing as "ESPN 30 for 30" in those days, the 1984 Boilermakers would have made a good story. A former walkon (the late Jim Rowinski) transforming his body and his game on his way to Big Ten Player of the Year honors. The rest of the starting lineup (Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Ricky Hall, Steve Reid, Greg Eifert and Mark Atkinson) weren't even given a second look by Indiana's Bob Knight, already a two-time national championship coach. But on Sunday, March 11, a CBS television audience watched Purdue win at Minnesota, 63-62. More than 1,000 fans welcomed the Boilermakers home at Purdue Airport later that evening. No matter that the NCAA, in its questionable wisdom, rewarded the Big Ten champs by sending them to Memphis to play the host Tigers, it was a season to be remembered. "This has been a miracle season by a miracle bunch of guys," Keady told Tom Kubat of the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

**1987**  
The Boilermakers set a school record for victories in a season and clinched a share of the Big Ten title at Michigan State on the next-to-last game of the regular season. But the celebration was short-lived. A 104-68 thumping at Michigan opened the door for Indiana to share the title and snare the No. 1 Midwest Region seed and a quasi-home first two games at Indianapolis. That launched the Hoosiers to Bob Knight's third NCAA title. Coming off the previous season's screw job by the NCAA Tournament committee, sent to play LSU at Baton Rouge, Keady expected the Boilermakers to be punished. He was right as Purdue was handed a No. 3 seed and sent out East to Syracuse, where it lost in the second round to Florida. "The kids had a great year tying for the Big Ten championship, but that's not enough anymore," Keady said.

**1988**  
So high were the expectations for Purdue that former Indianapolis Star sportswriter Mark Monteith joined the program for a behind the scenes look that turned into the book "Passion Play." Reaching No. 2 in The

Associated Press rankings, the Boilermakers crushed Minnesota on the final day of the regular season to wrap up an outright Big Ten title and the coveted NCAA tournament path of South Bend and Detroit. Fairleigh Dickenson and Memphis were not even speed bumps at South Bend for Purdue, which had to feel good when Kansas State was up next in the Sweet 16. The Boilermakers had crushed the Wildcats 101-72 during the regular season. Keady's first Elite Eight seemed a certainty. But Purdue wasted a 10-0 start and uncharacteristic loss of poise, plus some shot making by future NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond, resulted in a 73-70 loss that rivals Virginia in the 2019 Elite Eight for the most painful in Boilermaker history.

**1994**  
Here's an example of Glenn Robinson's greatness: Under 10 seconds to go at Michigan and the remnants of the Fab Five have a 94-93 lead. There was no doubt who would win the game or lose it for Purdue. "I was taking the shot regardless," Robinson said of the 10-footer that gave the Boilermakers a 95-94 victory and first place for good in the Big Ten with one game remaining. "If somebody else would have been open, I'm sorry but I felt this is my time." Robinson would follow his 37-point effort with 49 in his final game at Mackey Arena the following week, an easy victory against Illinois. Weeks later, one victory away from an elusive Final Four, Robinson injures his back (when it happened is still disputed) and he was not close to his National Player of the Year form in a 69-60 loss to Duke.

**1995**  
Without Robinson, the No. 1 overall NBA Draft pick by the Milwaukee Bucks, the Boilermakers won back-to-back outright Big Ten titles for the first time. "It's just a given that people aren't going to expect a lot from us," senior forward Cuonzo Martin said after the regular season finale, a 73-67 victory against Michigan. Purdue actually was one game better in the Big Ten standings (15-3) than the year before. Purdue closed the regular season with an eight-game winning streak. The Boilermakers extended it to nine with a close call against Wisconsin-Green Bay, but a last-second basket lifted Memphis past Purdue in the second round.

**1996**  
No one outside the Purdue locker room expected a third consecutive outright Big Ten championship, a feat not accomplished since Ohio State in 1960-62.

A "motley crew of misfits" as Journal and Courier sports editor Jim Lefko described a Boilermaker lineup that only had two starters – Brandon Brantley and Porter Roberts – remaining from the 1994 squad. As commissioner Jim Delany put it during the post-game trophy ceremony, "Purdue put a man on the moon since (then)." Two in fact, Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan. During the three-peat run, Purdue was 20-6 away from Mackey Arena in the Big Ten. Another close call in the NCAA tournament first round, this time against Western Carolina, was followed by a more athletic Georgia team sprinting past Purdue in the second round.

**2010**  
Purdue overcame a 2-3 start in Big Ten play to earn a share of the championship thanks to closing league play with six consecutive road victories. But this season will always be remembered for Robbie Hummel's first torn ACL during a 59-58 victory at Minnesota on Feb. 24. The Boilermakers had achieved their highest Associated Press ranking (3rd) since 1994 and were being mentioned as a Final Four contender. Following Hummel's injury, the NCAA dropped Purdue to a four seed, and the Boilermakers were eliminated by top-seeded Duke in the Sweet 16.

**2017**  
Three seasons after finishing last in the Big Ten, the transformative recruiting class of Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas, Dakota Mathias, P.J. Thompson and Jacquil Taylor helped Purdue break a tie with Indiana for the most regular season championships. That fivesome was bolstered by the additions of 2017 Big Ten Player of the Year Caleb Swanigan, eventual Jerry West Award winner Carsen Edwards and Carmel's Ryan Cline. Fittingly, the Boilermakers surpassed the Hoosiers with an 86-75 victory on senior night in Mackey Arena.

**2019**  
In hindsight, Purdue's unexpected run toward the NCAA Elite Eight began on a cold January night in Madison, Wis. Carsen Edwards scored 36 points and Grady Eifert hit the go-ahead free throws with 38.3 seconds left in an 84-80 overtime victory against the Badgers. Including that night, the Boilermakers went on to finish the regular season 14-2 and tie Michigan State for the Big Ten title.

**2023**  
The loss of three starters, including NBA Draft lottery pick Jaden Ivey, created low expectations outside of West Lafayette. What no one counted on

was Zach Edey going from good to greatness and the freshman backcourt of Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer starting from Day 1. The trio propelled the Boilermakers to a Big Ten title by three games over Indiana and Northwestern.

**2024**  
Third-ranked Purdue became the first Big Ten program since Ohio State in 2006 and 2007 to win back-to-back outright titles with Tuesday night's 77-71 victory at No. 12 Illinois. A win on Sunday's senior day game with Wisconsin in Mackey Arena, the Boilermakers will set a school single-season record for Big Ten victories with 17. Purdue has gone 7-3 in conference road games in back-to-back seasons.

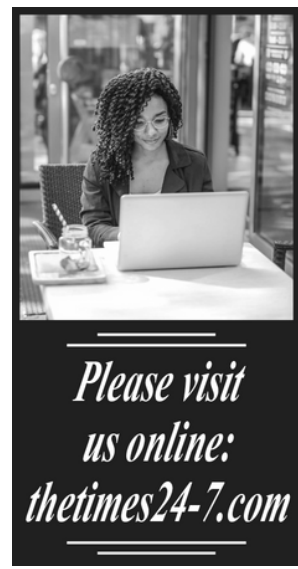
**Making amends**  
It was probably just coincidence, but not 48 hours after soon-to-be two-time National Player of the Year Zach Edey posted this on his X (formerly Twitter) feed – "If Braden's not on your All American ballot leave me off too please" – the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame corrected a major oversight. After not being among the 10 semifinalists for the Bob Cousy Award, given to the nation's best point guard, Purdue sophomore Braden Smith was among the five finalists announced Monday. The other four are seniors, one of whom – Alabama's Mark Sears – also was not among the semifinalists. The favorite may be Marquette's Tyler Kolek. The other finalists are Connecticut's Tristan Newton and Houston's Jamal Shead. Smith is the first finalist from Purdue in the Bob Cousy Award's history. He entered Tuesday night's game at Illinois as the only player in America averaging at least 13 points (13.1), 7 assists (7.1) and 5 rebounds (5.9) per game. With six assists against the Fighting Illini, the Westfield graduate broke Purdue's single-season record set by Bruce Parkinson (207) in 1974-75. Smith currently ranks sixth in the country and second in the Big Ten in assists per game, while leading the league in assists during conference games only (7.5 APG).

**Noteworthy**  
Purdue is the unanimous choice of ESPN college basketball writers to repeat as Big Ten Tournament champions. "Boilermakers center Zach Edey is not only the undeniable favorite in the Wooden Award race again, he's also a better player -- so much so that NBA prognosticators believe he can be a lottery pick in the draft this summer," Myron Medcalf writes. "But this season's Boilermakers are also more than Edey. They're one of the top 3-point shooting squads in America (40.5 percent), unlike last season's group that won the Big

Ten tournament and earned a top seed in the NCAA tournament." ...

Matt Painter became the winningest coach against Naismith Hall of Famer Tom Izzo after Purdue's 80-74 victory last Saturday night. Painter is now 17-16 against Izzo. Give an assist to Edey for helping Painter go over .500 against Michigan State. In his last three games against the Spartans, Edey has averaged 34 points, 13.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists.

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# BETSY

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5. Enjoy community 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 at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers, with tickets at [carmelplayers.org](http://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](http://www.connerprairie.org).

7. Enjoy live music with John Beatrice tonight, Jason Salyers on Saturday, Donny Coyle on March 15, St. Patrick's Day party at noon March 16, St. Patrick's 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 Saturday (final Saturday) in downtown Westfield.

9. Visit Always in Stitches and five other shops on the four-day Indiana Quilters Trail Shop Hop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 20-23, each shop

10. Kiln Creations, which has eight pottery wheels and has opened up its program for semiprivate classes with the next Saturday afternoon Pottery

Wheel classes this Saturday and March 16 at its shop in downtown Noblesville, with \$45 per class, with reservations at [kilncreations.net](http://kilncreations.net). Also, Peacock Pieces Class at 6 p.m. March 15 and Friending Frenzy at 5 p.m. March 24.

11. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Third Space on Saturday, 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](http://spencerfarmwinery.com).

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

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

14. Enjoy a Jazz Brunch hosted by Blair Clark and featuring Valerie Phelps at 11 a.m. Sunday at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel, with cabaret seating, and tickets \$20-\$40, with a \$25 food-and- beverage minimum per guest.

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

16. 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.

17. Noblesville Advisory Council will host its first-ever Disabilities Resource Fair 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Noblesville City Hall in celebration of Disabilities Awareness Month.

18. Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Business is 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 14 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, with booth space currently available. The Chamber's State of Workforce is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 10 at The Bridgewater Club in Westfield.

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

20. Donate to Noblesville Schools by attending Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's annual 21-and-older fundraiser, the 2024 Miller-Palooza, at 6 p.m. March 15 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Noblesville, with tickets at \$125 per person, dress code at "school spirit casual," and entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos from Felix and Fingers, food stations, drinks, silent auction and a brief awards program highlighting supporters of Noblesville Schools. Donate to the silent auction by emailing [adriann\\_young@nobl.k12.in.us](mailto:adriann_young@nobl.k12.in.us)

21. Enjoy a live musical during Legacy Christian Theater's Disney'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. Enjoy an Enchanted Tea at 10 a.m. March 16, with Legacy Christian School in Noblesville, with tickets available in advance.

22. Experience live theater with the locally-based Hyperion Players' production of the former Broadway play and Tony-Award nominee, "Grand Horizons," directed by Noblesville's Nicole Amsler, opening 7:30 p.m. March 15 and continuing through March 24 at Arts for Lawrence's Theatre at the Fort, with \$15 and \$20 tickets.

23. The community is invited to Noblesville High School's inaugural Indiana Show Choir Championships 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. March 16 at NHS, with 21 show choirs from 12 schools competing from all over Indiana, plus exhibition performances by three NHS show choirs, with all-day tickets for \$20, and more details at [noblesvillechoirs.org](http://noblesvillechoirs.org).

24. 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](http://eventbrite.com)

25. Mix and mingle with fellow Hamilton County Young Republicans at 5:30 p.m. March 27 at Grindstone Public House in downtown Noblesville, with appetizers provided.

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

27. Join the "Who's Bad" celebration of pop music's Michael Jackson at 7:30 p.m. April 5 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel, with tickets at \$50-\$75 with a \$25 food-and-beverage minimum per guest.

28. Mark your calendar for the Conner Prairie Total Solar Eclipse 2024 event all day April 8 at Conner Prairie in Fishers. 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.

29. Enjoy the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield with festivities 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 8, with food and drink from food trucks, a concert with 1985 Band, inflatables, Moon Pie eating contest by Westfield's Joey Chestnut, viewing telescopes onsite, special guest Dr. Mark SubbaRao, director of NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio, with pre-purchase tickets only at \$25 for standard vehicles and \$100 for campers and recreational vehicles at [www.westfieldwelcome.com](http://www.westfieldwelcome.com)

30. 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.

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