

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Hamilton Happenings

This weekend, the Noblesville Elks Lodge No. 576 has a rummage sale planned. It goes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the lodge, 35 S. Ninth St. This sale will be open to the public. The lodge will sell household items, artwork, tools, handbags and more. All proceeds will benefit local charitable contributions.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Some cicadas surface every 13 years; others show up every 17 years. This year, according to the entomologists, the two species are expected to join forces and show up together. According to the University of Connecticut, the 13-year Brood XIX -- the largest of all periodical cicada broods "will co-emerge with 17-year Brood XIII." They'll be showing up mainly in the Southeast and in Illinois. Biophysicist Saad Bhamla at Georgia Tech says "trillions of these amazing living organisms [will] come out of the Earth, climb up on trees and it's just a unique experience, a sight to behold. It's like an entire alien species living underneath our feet and then some prime number years they come out to say hello." Some experts call the event a "cicada-geddon"

2 The dictionary defines skijoring as "the action of being pulled over snow or ice on skis by a horse or dog or a motor vehicle, as a sport or recreation activity." In fact, it's an annual wintertime event in the Rocky Mountain town of Leadville, Colo. and this year daredevil Nick Burri donned his skis held tight to a rope pulled by a rider on a quarter horse at speeds reaching 40 mph. "It's just the pure adrenaline that gets me to do it. And then getting these two different groups of people together with the riders and the skiers. Usually they don't hang out, and getting them together, we mesh pretty well."

3 A pet parrot that goes by the name, Samba, got stranded for three days high in a tree in Lewisville, Texas. Samba survived attacks by predatory hawks before the bird's owner, Giulio Ferrari, was able to get the bird he loves down from a tree. As he put it, "It's like my soul has reentered my body. When this happened my soul left my body for three days. I haven't been sleeping well, I haven't been eating. It's been tough. I'm exhausted, physically and mentally."

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Boomer Bits



Ask Rusty – Older Husband and Working Wife Seek Guidance



Social Security Matters

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ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty:

I am 74 years old, retired and receiving Social Security. My wife will be 65 in January of 2025. Our hope was to start paying off some credit card expense by her receiving SS when she turns 65, however it appears there would be a substantial reduction to her benefits. Her work income is \$37,500 a year, and she wasn't planning on retiring from work at age 65. Because I am 11 years older, we felt it makes sense to use her Social Security as a means to lower our debt. We have \$27,000 in credit card debt, and I don't really want to use my 401(k)

funds due to taxes. We pretty much live on my Social Security and pension.

Signed: Seeking Suggestions

Dear Seeking: Your wife's full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is age 67. Because she will not yet have reached her FRA in January 2025 (when she is 65), if she claims SS to start at that time, not only will her monthly amount be reduced, but she will be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test. The earnings test sets a limit for how much

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How to Keep Feet and Ankles in Tip Top Shape This Summer

(StatePoint) Summer fun and chores alike come with potential hazards to feet. According to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, here's how to protect feet and ankles from the most common seasonal hazards:

Be DIY Safe

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Romance Scams on Rise; Elderly Particularly Vulnerable

(StatePoint) They say, "you can't buy love," but scammers have figured out a way to exploit it for profit.

Romance scams are at an all-time high and, while victims cross all demographics, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports

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Fairyville, Car Wash, Elks Rummage Sale, Babe Ruth Breakfast



BETSY REASON Columnist

Downtown Noblesville turns into Fairyville for the 14th annual celebration that continues today and Saturday. Also

have your car washed by Noblesville High School Thespians at Tractor Supply, bargain shop at Noblesville Elks Lodge's rummage sale, fill your plates at Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball Pancake Breakfast, celebrate Earth Day at Conner Prairie and more are among the things to do this weekend. Read more about happenings in The Times' list of 15 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Creates' 12th annual Fairyville event continues today and Saturday at Noblesville Creates campus (formerly Nickel Plate Arts) and other locations in downtown Noblesville, with most events free. Fairy Houses will be viewable along the Fairy Trail 1-9 p.m. today



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Gal's Guide Library creator Leah Leach greets visitors to her booth at Nickel Plate Arts Campus during Welcome to Fairyville in 2023. The Gal's Guide Library, started in 2016, houses the first women's history library in the United States.

with entertainment geared for grown-up fairies tonight with magic, acrobatics, fire and more. Start your adventure at Noblesville Creates noon to 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday with crafts, harp music, scavenger hunt, mosaic activity, fairy-themed activities, magic show, acrobatics, music, pub crawl, tea parties, fairy

parade, glass blowing, flute ensemble, dulcimer music, fairy trail, scavenger hunt, youth wool spinners, music, more. For schedule, visit https://noblesvillecreates.org/fairyville/

2. Celebrate Earth Day weekend at Conner Prairie 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month." Theodore Roosevelt

➔ OBITUARIES

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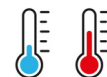
➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why doesn't the IRS tax cows? Because they've already been milked dry.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 6:59 am
SET: 8:27 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 60°F
LOW: 44°F



Today is...

- National Chicken Parmesan Day
- Bicycle Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1987 The first installment of The Simpsons is aired. The hugely popular animated sitcom debuted on the Tracey Ullman Show in the form of one-minute shorts.
- 1775 The American Revolutionary War begins. The Battles of Lexington and Concord marked the beginning of the armed conflict between the Kingdom of Great Britain and 13 colonies of British North America. The war resulted in U.S. independence.



Births On This Day

- 1987 Maria Sharapova - Russian tennis player
- 1978 James Franco - American actor, director, producer, screenwriter

Deaths On This Day

- 1882 Charles Darwin - English scientist, theorist
- 1824 Lord Byron - English poet

WPD Reaccredited from CALEA

The Westfield Police Department was recently awarded national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The agency was first accredited in 2016.

Following a multi-year self-assessment phase and a meticulous site-based assessment of community engagement, policy, procedures, equipment, and facilities by CALEA assessors, Westfield Police Department Lieutenant Brodie Houston and Captain James "Jim" Lilly attended the CALEA conference in Montgomery, Alabama. Each agency being reviewed goes before CALEA's 21-member Board of Commissioners, which reviews all findings and determines the agencies' accreditation status.

On the evening of the hearing, CALEA President Marcus Brown and Executive Director Craig Hartley awarded WPD reaccreditation, which signifies excellence in public safety and commitment to the community. This is WPD's third award of national accreditation; they now move into CALEA's four-year accreditation cycle which includes four annual remote, web-based file reviews and a site-based assessment in the fourth year.

"We've continued to tell the story that the men and women of the Westfield Police Department are some of the best in public safety, and this reaccreditation with CALEA confirms what we already knew," stated Mayor Scott Willis.

In 1979, the

Commission was created through the combined efforts of four major law enforcement organizations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

The Commission's purpose is to develop standards based on international best practices in public safety and establish and administer the accreditation process. The accreditation process is how a public safety agency voluntarily demonstrates that it meets professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

"This award of accreditation does not come easy," said CALEA President Marcus Brown. "Agencies must go through a rigorous review and evaluation of their organization and then implement the necessary policy and procedure changes. The process does not stop at that point. By voluntarily seeking CALEA accreditation, the agency commits to an ongoing review of adherence to CALEA's standards. Each community with CALEA accredited agencies should feel confident that their public safety organization is going above and beyond and operating under the highest standards in public safety."

Benefits of Accreditation
Controlled Liability Insurance Costs - Accredited status makes it easier for agencies to purchase liability insurance,



allows agencies to increase the limit of their insurance coverage more easily, and, in many cases, results in lower premiums.

Stronger Defense Against Lawsuits and Citizen Complaints - Accredited agencies can better defend themselves against lawsuits and citizen complaints. Many agencies report a decline in legal actions against them once they become accredited.

Greater Accountability Within the Agency - Accreditation standards give the Chief Executive Officer a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority, and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation.

Support from Government Officials - Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to *excellence in leadership, resource management, and service delivery. Thus, government officials are more confident in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and meet community needs.*

Increases Community Advocacy - Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum where police

and citizens work together to prevent and control crime. This partnership helps citizens understand law enforcement challenges and gives law enforcement clear direction about community expectations.

Improved Employee Morale - Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence. It requires written directives and training to inform employees about policies and practices, facilities and equipment to ensure employee safety, and processes to safeguard employee rights. Employees take pride in their agency, knowing it represents the very best in public safety.

To learn more about CALEA, please visit www.calea.org.



Used Bike Sale, Donation Day May 18 in Westfield



Photo courtesy of Recycled Cycles

Recycled Cycles repaired and gave away more than 375 bicycles to deserving families last year.

A used bicycle sale and donation day will be held Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, sponsored by Recycled Cycles at the group's repair shop at 810 E. Main St. in Westfield. The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ.

Several top-condition bikes will be offered for sale at bargain prices. Payment by check is preferred. Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other bikes. Last year,

Recycled Cycles repaired and gave away more than 375 bicycles to deserving families who might not otherwise have afforded new bikes for Christmas.

The group repairs child and adult bikes throughout the year under the sponsorship of Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. Donations of any used bike, no matter the condition will be accepted. Parts of unrepairable bikes are salvaged to make whole bikes.

Birth, Death Records Available Online

The Hamilton County Health Department has launched a new online ordering system for birth and death certificates in Hamilton County. Prior to this, all vital records had to be ordered in person or by mail-in application.

"We are thrilled to launch the Vital Records Online Ordering System," Jason LeMaster, Administrator of the Hamilton County Health Department, said. "This system aligns with our commitment to improving customer service and accessibility, ensuring that vital records are easily obtainable for our community."

Hamilton County is only the fourth county in Indiana, joining Jefferson, Ripley, and Elkhart counties, to offer the Vital Record online platform. Certified birth and death certificates cost \$15.00 per copy. All orders are processed within two business days, excluding weekends and holidays. Newborn records

however may take up to 10-14 days to become available through the Indiana Department of Health's vital records system.

Customers have the option to choose between pick-up in-office or delivery via mail. Online orders will be charged a non-refundable five-dollar service and credit card processing fee by Vital Director. Customers are notified via email or text messages when applications have been processed and are available for pick-up or have been mailed. To access the Vital Record's online ordering system and program information, residents can visit the Hamilton County Health Department's online portal.

For more information, residents can contact the Hamilton County Health Department's Vital Records office at (317) 776-8500 or health@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

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Symphony on Prairie Lineup Rocks!

Mark your calendars for summer fun at Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie!* The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra has announced a thrilling lineup for the 2024 season designed to make your summer sizzle!

Tickets for the 2024 season of Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* are available starting April 23 at 10 a.m. Concerts begin June 28 and will be offered through Labor Day weekend at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre in Fishers. See the complete 2024 schedule here. There's something for everyone with 21 concerts to choose from.

The season opens with Windborne's the Music of Queen (arranged by Brent Havens and conducted by Martin Herman) on June 28 as Broadway star MiG Ayesa delivers a fabulous rendition of Freddie Mercury's vocals, amplified by a rock band and the talented musicians of the ISO.

On June 29, conductor/arranger Brent Havens presents another can't-miss symphonic rock hybrid: The Music of Led Zeppelin featuring vocalist Randy Jackson, who captures the spirit of legendary Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant. July 3-5, the Star-Spangled Symphony is back with patriotic fanfare and fireworks, featuring conductor Alfred Savia leading the ISO.

Get ready to dance as conductor Enrico Lopez-Yañez heats up the stage with Disco Fever July 12-13. Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly brings the best of legendary film composer John Williams July 19-20. Acclaimed singer Capathia Jenkins performs the greatest hits of soul and R&B in "She's Got Soul" July 26-27, with music by Whitney Houston, Gladys Knight, Adele, and many others. The 2024 season also features the popular Face2Face with the music of Billy Joel and Elton John, plus musical tributes to ELO, Jimmy Buffett, ABBA, Bob Seger, Taylor Swift, Tom Petty, Tina Turner, and the Beatles. On Aug. 2, Evil Woman: The American ELO brings your favorite ELO songs to the stage, including "Don't Bring Me Down," "Turn to Stone," "Can't Get It Outta My Head," and more. Don your captain's hat and join Yächtley Crëw on August 10 as you sing along to soft rock hits from the 70s and 80s, including "Ride Like the Wind" by Christopher Cross and Toto's "Africa." On August 17, we call on all Swifties to sing your hearts out and sport your Taylor-inspired attire for a

sing-along party! 2024 Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* schedule
*Denotes concerts featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

June
*Friday, June 28: The Music of Queen with Windborne *Saturday, June 29: The Music of Led Zeppelin with Windborne Led by Conductors Martin Herman (The Music of Queen) and Brent Havens (The Music of Led Zeppelin), these performances are symphonic rock hybrids that invoke the spirit of the original music with spot-on vocalists, an amplified rock band, and the ISO.

July
*July 3-5 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday): Star-Spangled Symphony featuring Rhapsody in Blue With fireworks and patriotic tributes honoring our nation's founding, conductor Alfred Savia celebrates the centennial of George Gershwin's iconic Rhapsody in Blue, with foremost Gershwin interpreter pianist Kevin Cole.

*July 12-13 (Friday and Saturday): Disco Fever! With Conductor Enrico Lopez-Yañez Welcome to Boogie Wonderland! Put on your dancin' shoes and meet us on the dance floor for a groovy trip down memory lane with non-stop Disco hits including "That's the Way (I Like It)", "It's Raining Men," "We Are Family," "I Will Survive," "Stayin' Alive," "The Hustle," "Hot Stuff," and more! Vocalists Maiya Sykes and B. Slade join the ISO to celebrate Disco's hottest hits.

*July 19-20 (Friday and Saturday): The Best of John Williams with

Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly Enjoy a warm summer evening under the stars and listen to iconic soundtracks from classic movies made famous by the legendary John Williams including Star Wars, Harry Potter, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones, and more!

*July 26-27 (Friday and Saturday): She's Got Soul with Capathia Jenkins Capathia Jenkins brings her Broadway talent and harmonious vocals to Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* for an evening of soulful hits by Whitney Houston, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Adele, and many more. Maestro Everly leads the ISO in this program.

August
Friday, Aug. 2: Evil Woman: The American ELO Saturday, Aug. 3: A1A: The Official and Original Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show Friday, Aug. 9: Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA

Saturday, Aug. 10: Yächtley Crëw with Rock E Bassoon

Friday, Aug. 16: Hollywood Nights: A Bob Seger Experience

Saturday, Aug. 17: Let's Sing Taylor: A Live Band Experience

Friday, Aug. 23: Free Fallin: The Tom Petty Concert Experience

Saturday, Aug. 24: Face2Face: A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel

Friday, Aug. 30: Proud Tina: Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner

Saturday, Aug. 31: Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute



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) SS:
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
SKYLER ADRIEN GONZALEZ STACY)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION TO BIRTH FATHER)
TO: Alejandro Gonzalez Via Publication
Alejandro Gonzalez is notified that a Petition for Adoption of the minor child named Skyler Adden Gonzalez Stacy (DOB March 19, 2012) (hereinafter "child"), and who is the child of Joyce Stacy and Alejandro Gonzalez, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court No. 1, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060 under the title: In the Matter of the Adoption of Skyler Adrien Gonzalez Stacy, The Petition for Adoption alleges that Alejandro Gonzalez is the Biological Father of the minor child; however, Alejandro Gonzalez's consent is not required and/or is irrevocably implied. Alejandro Gonzalez abandoned or deserted the child at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of filing of this petition; and/or has failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the child when able to do so during the past year that the child has been in the custody of another person; and/or has knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree during the past year that the child has been in the custody of another person; and/or Alejandro Gonzalez's consent is not required because he is too unfit to be a parent to the child and the child's best interests would be served by dispensing with his consent.
If Alejandro Gonzalez seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Alejandro Gonzalez must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of service of this Notice.
If Alejandro Gonzalez does not file a motion to contest the adoptions within fifteen (15) days after service of this notice, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption for the child. The consent to the adoption of the child will be irrevocably implied and Alejandro Gonzalez will lose the right to contest either of the adoptions or the validity of Alejandro Gonzalez's implied consent to the adoption.
No oral statement made by the Petitioner or anyone else relieves Alejandro Gonzalez of his obligations under this notice.
This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5-3, but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligation under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption states.
Dated: 3/12/2024
Kathy Krag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County

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Noblesville Lions Conduct Bi-Annual Street Cleaning



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions came out this past weekend to do their bi-annual adopt a street program that helps the city keep the streets clean. They cleaned from 16th and Field Drive to Cumberland Road, then Cumberland Road to State Road 32 on both sides of the street. From left, Lions Walt Scheid, John Terhune, Hayden Parsons, Gene Beck, Ron Williamson, Gary Hipes, Steve Shaw and District Governor Julia Kozicki. Not pictured is Jeff Kozicki who took the picture.

USDA Reminds Foreign Investors of Ag Policy

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Executive Director Traci Merida in Tipton / Hamilton County reminds foreign investors with an interest in agricultural land in the United States that they are required to report their land holdings and transactions to USDA.

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires foreign investors who buy, sell or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings and transactions to the USDA. Foreign investors must file AFIDA Report Form FSA-153 with the FSA county office in the county where the land is located. Large or complex filings may be handled by AFIDA headquarters staff in Washington, D.C.

According to CFR Title 7 Part 781, any foreign person who holds an interest in U.S. agricultural land is required to report their holdings no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

"Failure to file a report or filing a late or inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," Merida said.

Foreign investors should report holdings of agricultural land totaling 10 acres or more used for farming, ranching or timber production, and leaseholds on agricultural land of 10 or more years. Tracts totaling 10 acres or less in the aggregate, and which produce annual gross receipts in excess of \$1,000 from the sale of farm, ranch, forestry or timber products, must also be reported. AFIDA

reports are also required when there are changes in land use, such as from agricultural to nonagricultural use. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership.

The information from AFIDA reports is used to prepare an annual report to Congress. These annual reports to Congress, as well as more information, are available on the FSA AFIDA webpage.

Assistance in completing the FSA-153 report may be obtained from the local FSA office. For more information regarding AFIDA or FSA programs, contact the Tipton / Hamilton County FSA office at (765) 675-2316 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

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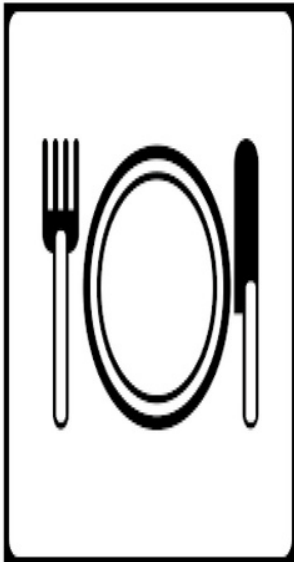


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Ken Thompson Ranks Best Purdue Recruiting Classes



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Until it is proven than building a college basketball team through the transfer portal is a superior method, high school recruiting will remain the lifeblood of successful programs.

The classes of 2020 and 2022 were the foundation of Purdue's run to the national championship game in 2023-24. It was a similar model to the one that would stock the Boilermakers' 1969 NCAA runner-up team.

In 2012, former Indianapolis Star sports writer Mark Montieth chose the top five recruiting classes in Purdue history in chronological order (1965, 1966, 1980, 1984, 1991). Since then, a half dozen sets of recruits brought in by head coach Matt Painter would arguably belong on Montieth's list.

Here's my list of best Purdue basketball recruiting classes covering the tenures of George King, Fred Schaus, Lee Rose, Gene Keady and Painter.

2020 – A two-time unanimous National Player of the Year (Zach Edey), a top five NBA Draft pick (Jaden Ivey) and Pennsylvania's Mr. Basketball (Ethan Morton).

The recruiting experts misjudged this trio, ranked 37th in the nation on the 24/7 Sports composite. Edey's No. 436 ranking skewed the overall rating since Ivey was ranked 99th overall and Morton 137th.

Edey leaves Purdue as its career scoring (2,516) and rebounding (1,321) leader. Ivey averaged 17.3 points as a sophomore before launching his NBA career with the Detroit Pistons. Morton started 29 games as a junior and will use his NCAA sanctioned COVID season at another school after entering the transfer portal earlier this week.

1965 – Two members of King's first recruiting class at Purdue, Indiana Mr. Basketball Billy Keller and Herm Gilliam, both had long professional careers after helping Purdue reach the 1969 NCAA championship game. Ralph Taylor, Keller's teammate at Indianapolis Washington, was a fan favorite and was an analyst for years on the Purdue Radio Network.

Ted Reasoner was a reserve forward on the 1969 team. Gary Bancroft, for whom Purdue won a recruiting battle against Michigan and Michigan State, died before his sophomore year in a trampoline accident. Rick Snider, Ohio's Mr. Basketball, saw his career cut short by injuries.

1966 – Rick Mount alone would have made this a great class. The three-time All-American guard is still the best pure shooter in Purdue history and held the school career scoring record for 54 years despite playing only three seasons due to NCAA rules at the time.

But 7-foot Chuck Bavis became a starter and a difficult matchup for UCLA's Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) in a pair of games. Who knows how the 1969 title game might have gone if Bavis hadn't injured a shoulder early in the NCAA tournament. An auto accident ended Bavis' career prematurely the following year.

Roger Blalock, a junior college transfer, became a starting forward before a broken ankle suffered against Butler in December 1967 ended his career. Blalock would later become a long-term Purdue athletics employee until his death in 2012. Tyrone Bedford and Jerry Johnson were frequently used reserves.

1984 – Troy Lewis, Todd Mitchell and Everett Stephens – also known as the Three Amigos – were so talented they went into the Purdue

Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010 with their coach, Gene Keady.

Purdue beat out Kansas for Lewis, a top 50 recruit out of Anderson. Lewis is one of six 2,000-point scorers in Boilermaker history (2,038). Sports Illustrated claimed in 1988 that Lewis and Stephens were the nation's best backcourt. Mitchell, like Lewis, was a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection who scored 1,699 points in his career.

Classmates Jeff Arnold and Dave Stack were reserves who were both suspended for their senior seasons.

2007 – This class raised expectations for Purdue basketball that may have been reached if not for two tears of Robbie Hummel's ACL.

Ranked fifth in the 24/7 Sports composite ratings, this class included a 2,000-point scorer (E'Twaun Moore with 2,136), a first-team All-American (JaJuan Johnson), a three-time first-team All-Big Ten forward (Hummel) and an underrated junior college transfer named Nemanja Calasan. This foursome and classmate Scott Martin helped Purdue go 25-9 and 15-3 in the Big Ten their first season in West Lafayette. Martin transferred to Notre Dame, but the nucleus of Hummel, Johnson and Moore would win 107 games and the 2009 Big Ten tournament title.

Johnson just missed joining Moore in the 2,000-point club with 1,919. Hummel finished with 1,772 career points.

2014 – It would not be hyperbole to suggest the class of Isaac Haas, Vincent Edwards, Dakota Mathias, P.J. Thompson and Jacquil Taylor saved Painter's job.

Only ranked 33rd in the 24/7 Sports composite ratings, this group helped take the Boilermakers from a last-place Big Ten finish in 2014 to third place and a 21-13 record. Over the next three seasons,

Purdue would win 83 games and a Big Ten championship.

Edwards was a four-year starting forward, finishing with 1,638 points, 779 rebounds and 403 assists. Haas was second in the run of 7-footers recruited by Matt Painter and replaced A.J. Hammons as the starting center by his junior season. Haas scored 1,555 points.

Mathias was the third 1,000-point scorer (1,140) in the class, leaving Purdue with a record 250 3-pointers. Thompson was a three-year starting point guard and is now Purdue basketball's director of player development. Taylor was a reserve center for three seasons before starting every game for Hofstra as a graduate transfer.

1980 – Gene Keady's first McDonald's All-American was Chicago center Russell Cross, who lived up to his billing. Cross won Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors and helped Keady debut with a 21-11 record and a third-place NIT finish. Cross left after his junior season and was the No. 6 pick in the 1983 NBA Draft by Golden State.

Two lightly regarded recruits out of Fort Wayne, Ricky Hall and Greg Eifert, were starters on the 1984 Big Ten championship team. Hall was Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in 1984.

A high school knee injury proved too much for 7-foot center Joe Gampfer to overcome. Jon Lawson was a reserve guard for two seasons before completing his career at Western Kentucky.

1991 – Glenn Robinson was Purdue's highest-profile recruit since Rick Mount and is listed alongside his fellow Indiana Mr. Basketball on any all-time Purdue team.

Robinson led the Big Ten in scoring during his sophomore and junior seasons after sitting out 1991-92 for not meeting NCAA academic standards. The "Big Dog" was the first Big Ten player to score more than 1,000 points in a single season and was the unanimous national player of the year in 1994.

Robinson's cousin, Brandon Brantley, was a three-year starting center for the Big Ten three-peat championship teams. But his biggest impact has come as a Purdue assistant coach, developing first-team All-Big Ten big men A.J. Hammons, Caleb Swanigan and Trevion Williams as well as two-time national player of the year Zach Edey.

Todd Foster was a key reserve guard on the three-peat teams, averaging 7.5 points as a senior.

1974 – Fort Wayne has provided its share of outstanding Purdue



Zach Edey



Jaden Ivey



Ethan Morton

Photos courtesy Purdue Athletics

basketball players, but few better than Walter Jordan and Eugene Parker.

Jordan was an instant impact player as a 6-7 forward and went on to score 1,813 points and take down 882 rebounds. Upon his election to the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, Jordan credited Parker for convincing him to be a Boilermaker.

Parker also was a four-year starter at guard and scored 1,430 points before becoming a prominent sports agent whose clients included Rod Woodson and Deion Sanders.

The third member of Purdue's "Soul Patrol" was forward Wayne Walls, whose Jeffersonville team lost to Jordan's Fort Wayne Northrop squad in the state finals. Walls also was a four-year starter who scored 1,030 points. Mark Barnhizer transferred to Auburn after one season. He currently is head basketball coach at Lafayette Jeff and his son, Brooks, is a starter at Northwestern. Michael White, a center from Peoria who Schaus said was the strongest player he'd ever been associated with in college or pro basketball, saw his playing time limited by a knee injury.

2012 – A.J. Hammons began the line of talented 7-foot centers to play for Painter, whose recruiting class was rated 15th in the 24/7 sports composite.

Ranked 74th in the nation, Hammons would become the 2016 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. A four-year starter, Hammons scored 1,593 points and hauled in 930 rebounds.

Rapheal Davis committed to Purdue as a high school freshman and played a key role in helping the Boilermakers re-establish themselves as a Big Ten contender after two consecutive losing seasons. He is held in such high regard that Davis was presented a Big Ten championship ring the season after he played his final game as a Boilermaker.

Jay Simpson's promising career as a 6-10 power forward ended when he collapsed on the court at Nebraska in 2014. Simpson was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and forced to give up basketball.

Ronnie Johnson followed his older brother, Terone, to Purdue but left after starting 59 games over two seasons. He played his junior season at Houston and his senior season at Auburn but never approached his Purdue numbers. Johnson's departure opened the door for Jon Octeus to transfer in from

Colorado State and help Purdue return to the NCAA Tournament.

2015 – Indiana Mr. Basketball Caleb Swanigan remains the highest-rated player recruited by Matt Painter, a five-star 6-9 power forward who was ranked 19th in his class.

The McDonald's All-American became a consensus first-team All-American and the Big Ten Player of the Year as a sophomore before being selected in the first round of the 2017 NBA Draft by Portland.

Former Carmel star Ryan Cline finished runner-up to Swanigan in the Mr. Basketball voting. He will be forever remembered for his career-high 27 points against Tennessee in the 2019 NCAA Sweet 16. Cline's 111 3-pointers that season rank second to Carsen Edwards' 135 (also in 2019) in Purdue history.

Grant Weatherford transferred after redshirting in 2015-16, playing for IUPUI and Georgia Southern.

To be determined

2022 – The 30th-ranked class of Fletcher Loyer, Camden Heide and Braden Smith is off to a promising start. Smith, ranked 216th nationally, set Big Ten and Purdue single-season assist records as a sophomore. Smith is the only member of the All-Big Ten first team slated to return in 2024-25.

Loyer, the highest-ranked recruit of the trio at No. 122, improved his 3-point shooting from 32.6 percent as a freshman to 44.4 percent this past season. Barring injury, Loyer and Smith will join Purdue's 1,000-point club as juniors.

Heide's athletic ability and 45 percent 3-point shooting resulted in increased playing time during Purdue's run to the national championship game. The 6-7 forward could join Smith and Loyer in the starting lineup next season.

2024 – Only Rutgers has a higher-rated Big Ten class than Purdue's six-man group. Kanon Catchings, a 6-8 forward, is the second-highest ranked recruit in the Painter era at No. 34. Gicarri Harris, a 6-4 guard, is ranked 90th in the 24/7 Sports composite.

The rest of the ninth-ranked 2024 recruiting class includes three-star 6-10 center Raleigh Burgess, three-star 7-3 center Daniel Jacobsen, three-star 6-2 guard C.J. Cox and three-star 6-6 forward Jack Benter of Brownstown.

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can be earned by beneficiaries who claim SS before FRA.

The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320. The limit for next year is not yet published (it's based on changes to the national wage index) but will be a bit higher – likely about \$23,500. Thus, I can't provide the exact impact, but if your wife's 2025 earnings exceed next year's limit, Social Security will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of the amount over the limit). So, if your wife earns \$37,500 per year, that will likely be about \$14,000 over the limit and Social Security will take back half of that (\$7,000). They "take back" by withholding future benefits, or you can repay them in a lump sum. So, you will have a choice – repay Social Security from your other assets, or they will withhold your wife's SS benefits for the number of months needed to offset her penalty for exceeding the earnings limit. The number of months they will withhold depends on how much is owed and what your wife's monthly SS benefit is. For example, if your wife's age-65 SS benefit is about average (\$1,900) and her penalty for exceeding the limit is \$7,000, Social Security would withhold your wife's benefit for 4 months to recover the penalty, but she would receive her full benefit for the remaining 8 months of the year.

Unless your wife tells them in advance that she will exceed the limit, Social Security will find out the following year (after you file your income taxes). But, in any case, your wife cannot avoid the annual earnings test for working before reaching her full retirement age. The earnings test goes away when your wife reaches her FRA of 67. Until that time, if she continues working she will have a choice to have her benefits withheld for a portion of the year, or simply repay Social Security in a lump sum (in which case her benefits would continue uninterrupted).

FYI, there is a silver lining in this, because if your wife has benefits withheld because she exceeds the earnings limit before her FRA, after she reaches her full retirement age Social Security will give her time credit for the months when benefits were withheld, which will result in her monthly Social Security payment amount increasing somewhat at her full retirement age. Thus, over time, your wife may recover the benefits which were withheld for exceeding the annual earnings limit. But to get 100% of the benefit she's earned from a lifetime of working, and be exempt from Social Security's earnings limit, she would need to wait until she reaches her FRA to claim.

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DIY projects like power washing, roofing and decking require ramped up safety measures. Always wear closed-toed shoes with traction to prevent injuries, splinters, puncture wounds and falls. Mowing can be particularly hazardous. The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates more than 37,000 Americans suffer a power mower-related injury annually.

"Lawnmower blades whirl at 3,000 revolutions per minute. Yet we see patients who've been hurt operating a mower barefoot," said Matthew Dairman, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). "Foot injuries range from dirty, infection-prone lacerations to severed tendons to amputated toes. People need to take lawn mowing safety seriously because the injuries can, indeed, be very serious."

To avoid becoming a statistic, follow these sensible guidelines:

- Don't mow a wet lawn. Losing control from slipping on rain-soaked grass is the leading cause of foot injuries caused by power mowers.

- Wear heavy shoes or work boots—no sneakers or sandals.

- Never pull a running mower backward.

- Keep the clip bag attached during operation to prevent projectile injuries.

- Use a mower with a release mechanism that automatically shuts it off when hands let go.

- Always keep children away during mowing.

- If an accident occurs, even a minor one, consult a foot and ankle surgeon right away.

Wear Sunscreen

Many people skip their feet when applying sunscreen, but did you know that the skin on your feet is highly susceptible to melanoma? In fact, it's the most diagnosed and fatal site of this form of skin cancer. Other types of skin cancer can also be found on the foot, including squamous cell and basal cell carcinoma. To keep your feet safe this summer:

- Lather up with sunscreen from head to toe—literally.

- Check your feet and toes regularly for abnormal looking moles or freckles, even under toenails and on your soles. Promptly schedule an appointment with your foot and ankle surgeon to have suspicious marks examined.

- Schedule routine exams so your foot and ankle surgeon can track suspicious, changing marks. Early detection is key.

Limit Flimsy Footwear

While it's nice to let feet breathe in flip flops and they're a great choice for locker rooms and pools to avoid fungus and athlete's foot, they shouldn't be your main footwear of choice all

summer. Flip flops lack arch support and stability, so wearing them too often can cause stress on the plantar fascia—the band of tissue extending from the heel to the base of the toes. This can result in plantar fasciitis, causing heel pain upon getting up in the morning and after inactivity. To avoid developing issues, which can take a long time to treat and subside, consider wearing structured sandals with proper shock absorption and arch support. If you can't live without flip flops, wear them sparingly to keep your feet in good shape. And if you'll be traveling, pack tennis shoes for sightseeing, hikes and other weight-bearing activities.

Be Mindful of Diabetes

People living with diabetes should never go barefoot, because their nervous system may not "feel" an injury and their circulatory system will struggle to heal breaks in the skin.

"Most patients living with diabetes know they shouldn't walk barefoot but can be more inclined to disregard this precaution in summer. However third-degree burns on the soles of feet can occur in a matter of minutes," says Dr. Dairman.

This summer, be smart. Take care of your feet so they take care of you. If you suffer a foot and ankle injury this summer, visit FootHealthFacts.org for valuable foot and ankle health information and to find a physician near you.

Westfield Announces Annual Street Repaving Projects

The City of Westfield will begin its annual street repaving projects approximately the first week of May and continue through the first week of October. More firm timelines will be announced as the summer progresses.

Each paving project begins with milling the top surface of asphalt and repaving it with a new layer about two to four inches thick. Typical milling and paving projects take three to five days to complete and require lane restrictions.

"Residents of Westfield moved here for a number of reasons, and one of those is our high quality of life. This includes having well-maintained roads in our city, and our continued investment in new roundabouts and maintaining our current roads are high on my priority list," stated Mayor Scott Willis.

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by exploring nature programs and the museum's news experience, the Trails at Conner Prairie. Meet conservation enthusiasts, take guided strolls and enjoy activities connecting with nature. Also pick up a sapling while supplies last at Treetop Outpost.

3. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville offers classes in Water Globe Tumblers at 6 p.m. today, Wheel class at 2:30 p.m. every Saturday, Paint a Thon at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sip and Paint (offsite at Twisters Soda Bar in Pendleton), Paint with Cats April 25, Ladies Night April 26 with all at the downtown shop, unless noted otherwise, with reservations at kilncreations.net.

4. Enjoy live music with Storm Crow at 9 p.m. today and Jai Baker 3 at 8 p.m. April 25 at Syd's Bar & Grill in downtown Noblesville; and Donny Coyle at 7 p.m.

today, Sam King at 7 p.m. Saturday and the fourth annual Primeval Fruhlingsfest April 26-27 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville; Jenna & Joel at 6:30 p.m. today, the Juan Douglas Trio Saturday, Ciara Hasket on April 26 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

5. Watch a moment captured in time during The Attic Theatre's production of "Meet Me In St. Louis," a play directed by Seth and Millie Lawrence, through Saturday at the Ivy Tech Noblesville campus, with tickets at theattictheatre.com.

6. The community is invited to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball's Pancake and Sausage Breakfast open to the community from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Forest Park Inn, for \$5 per person at the door, with proceeds to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball, and breakfast served by Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanians.

7. Register for Aspire to Get inShape 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m. Saturday at Conner Prairie in Fishers, at runsignup.com, featuring a bounce house, obstacle course, caricature artist, Star Wars characters, music, yard games, face painting and virtual reality games.

8. Get your car washed by Noblesville High School thespians during the NHS Theatre Car Wash noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Tractor Supply Co. in Noblesville, with donations benefiting NHS Theatre.

9. Noblesville Elks Lodge No. 576 will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Lodge, 35 S. Ninth St., in downtown Noblesville, with household items, artwork, tools, handbags and more. All proceeds will benefit local charitable contributions.

10. It's spring and time

for wedding season, so make plans to attend The Belfry Theatre's "Father of the Bride," a comedy directed by Barcia Alejos, onstage April 26-May 5 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church's Celebration Hall with tickets at thebelfrytheatre.com.

11. Enjoy live theater at Carmel Community Players' production of Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party," a comedy directed by Tonya Rave and Matt Trgovac, April 26-May 5 at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at www.carmelplayers.org

12. If you missed last weekend's Shred Day, you can still reduce unnecessary paper waste during The Farmer's Bank's paper-shredding day on April 27 at the Noblesville bank.

13. Blatchley Nature Study Club's free Spring Wildflower Walks are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125



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Nickel Plate Arts campus manager J.C. Seig (back) assists guests at the craft table at Welcome to Fairyville activities at the campus in 2023 in downtown Noblesville. The 14th annual Fairyville continues today and Saturday.

Boulder Drive, Noblesville.

14. Take Hamilton County Parks offers free guided tours of the Coxhall Mansion and Museum at 4 p.m. May 15 and June 19 with registration online at hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

15. Save the date: Hamilton County Master Gardeners' 25th annual Plant Sale is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Plus, Recycled Cycles will have a used bicycle

sale and donation day from 10 a.m. to noon May 18 at the group's repair shop at 810 E. Main Street in Westfield, at the top of the drive north of Big Hoffa's BBQ, with proceeds used to purchase parts to repair other bikes.

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that elders are increasingly targeted. Why? Because they often have retirement savings at their disposal and may be more isolated and less tech savvy.

“Romance scammers often manipulate emotions to gain trust,” says Mark Kwapiszeski, head of enterprise fraud for PNC. “Those who fall victim end up putting feelings above logic. This can create embarrassment and, as a result, these crimes are less likely to be reported.”

Scammers will create convincing profiles on dating and social media apps, reaching out to their target feigning familiarity or attraction. Things move quickly, but there is always a reason they can't meet on video or in person. They may claim to have a reason that requires them to be overseas or out of reach. They tell their target everything they want to hear, and the hook is set.

Suddenly, a crisis arises that they insist they need help financial help with to mitigate. Or maybe they need finances to set up a new life together. They ask for the money, but would prefer it be sent in a form like cryptocurrency or gift card where there is little chance of the victim ever recovering it.

Such scams are highly effective. In 2022 alone, romance scams resulted in \$1.3 billion lost, more than double the money lost in the previous year, according to the FTC.

To add insult to injury, scammers may convince their target to send them revealing photos they will later use to extort them. They may even play the long game and build trust over time, then convince their target to invest with them, without the victim ever getting any return.

“A romance scammer can invest a long time in cultivating trust, which makes these scams particularly nefarious,” Kwapiszeski says.

To protect against potential romance scams, follow these tips:

- Before sending money or sharing

financial information, consult a friend or family member. Simply talking to someone not involved in the situation is often enough to identify red flags.

- Trust your gut. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

- Beware of “love bombing,” when a person lavishes you with excessive flattery, affection and praise early in the relationship to manipulate your emotions.

- Be wary of strangers reaching out on social media.

- If you like someone, ask for a quick video chat. If they refuse or make up outlandish excuses, that's a red flag.

- Stay alert to photos or biographical details that don't match up with what someone's told you.

- Use image and name-reverse searches to validate the identity of people you meet online.

- Never send intimate photos to strangers or invest without doing your due diligence.

- Confide in family and friends if you grow suspicious.

Elders have lost homes, emptied out retirement accounts and risked lifetime savings for a love interest that never truly existed. Once the shock abates and the money is gone, the shame sets in and some have even resorted to self-harm instead of admitting to being defrauded in this way. If a loved one falls victim to a romance scam, it's important to respond with empathy.

If you believe you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud, PNC Bank's web resources, as part of its Security and Privacy Center (pnc.com), can help. After taking immediate measures to protect yourself, block the scammer on all accounts, change your passwords, and report the incident to the FTC and FBI.

The best line of defense against romance scams is awareness. Understanding common tactics can help you stay protected.

FOR THE RECORD

MEETING NOTICE
 CARMEL CLIMATE ACTION
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
 AT 6:00 P.M.
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
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NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

Monday, April 22, 2024

Noblesville Educational Services Center
 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062
 2:00 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.
- ___ (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 executive session per calendar year under this subdivision.

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Summer Author Series Set at Westfield Library



The Westfield Library Foundation is thrilled to announce that Apex Benefits, a leading provider of employee benefits consulting and services, will once again sponsor the Westfield Washington Public Library's Summer Author Series. This year's exciting lineup of literary events will include discussions, workshops, and presentations by local authors.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of Apex Benefits in sponsoring our Summer Author Series," says Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation. "Their support enables us to bring engaging and inspiring authors to our library, enriching the cultural and intellectual life of our community."

The series kicks off on June 11 with Craig Fehrman, who will discuss his latest book, still untitled, that offers a revisionary look at the explorations of Lewis and Clark. Tracy Richardson, author of *The Field and Catalyst*, will lead a writing workshop on June 13. Aaron Krowicz, a Beatles scholar and Carmel resident, will

discuss the six books he's written about the legendary band on July 9. The series will wrap up August 6 with an appearance by Westfield resident Matt Hay. Author of *Soundtrack of Silence*, Hay will recount how he committed his favorite songs to memory when he learned he was going deaf as a teen.

John Gause, CEO of Apex Benefits, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "At Apex Benefits, we believe in the power of knowledge and the importance of fostering a love for reading and learning. We are proud to support the Summer Author Series at the Westfield Washington Public Library and provide our community with access to enriching literary experiences."

In addition to the Summer Author Series, Apex Benefits' sponsorship will help fund a variety of summer reading programs at the Westfield Washington Public Library. The programs include an interactive dinosaur event, animal shows, science experiments, magic shows, and a foam party.

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