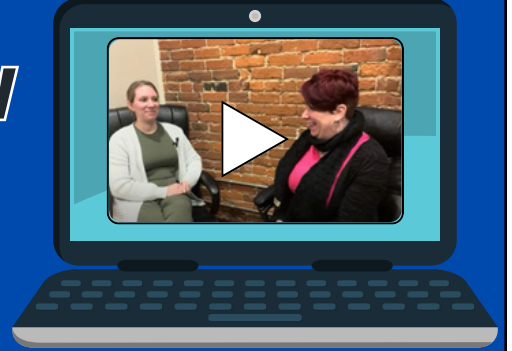


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TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

Hamilton Happenings

Carmel Utilities is conducting city hydrant flushing maintenance for the next few weeks. Flushing is a controlled, quick release of water from fire hydrants, to optimize water quality and confirm that each hydrant is operating properly every year.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Want a family friendly and absolutely fun day? Then take advantage of Explore Indiana State Parks on Sunday, May 19. On that day, all park entrance fees will be waived. Never been to an Indiana State Park? Or are you a fan and just want to get back and enjoy a wonderful day. Either way, this is a great chance to see the many state parks and learn what they have to offer.

2 Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott recently announced that he has authorized another \$5 million dollars of investments in Israel Bonds for the state of Indiana. As Indiana's Chief Investment Officer, Elliott oversees the investment of nearly \$17 billion dollars of state assets and sits on the boards of multiple state agencies that oversee state funds. "While there may be a few loud individuals on college campuses and other places that want us to abandon Israel, I believe now is the time to refocus and recommit to our most important ally," Elliott said. "We don't need to boycott and divest, but engage and invest." Indiana currently holds \$105 million dollars in Israel Bonds. The purchase is a \$5 million dollar bond at 3 years, at a fixed rate of 5.5 percent and yield at 65 basis points higher than US Treasury notes. Israel has never missed a payment on its debt service.

3 After that announcement, Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla came out in support of the additional \$5 million investment in Israeli Bonds. "What a privilege to represent a state that is offering further investment to Israel that aligns with our fiduciary duty to deliver solid yield, low risk and high liquidity with state dollars," Nieshalla said. "As an American, seeing what is happening to Israel and the Jewish people is devastating and there is a strong sense of duty to stand with our friends. As a Hoosier, I value the opportunity for our state to partner with a country that has offered us decades of innovation and security support."

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Ask Rusty – Future Retiree Worried About Social Security's Future



Social Security Matters
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Dear Rusty:
I keep reading that the SSA will only be able to pay out 75% of benefits come 2033. If congress were to do nothing and this reduction in benefits occurred, would seniors already collecting benefits in 2033 have their benefits reduced or would it only be those who have not begun to collect have their future benefits reduced? I will be collecting my benefits no later than 2027 but my wife will not reach full retirement age until 2033 and we are looking for information on whether we need to adjust savings now to account for mine or

my wife's possible reduction in benefits.
Signed: Worried Senior

Dear Worried Senior:
If Congress does nothing to prevent Social Security's reserves from depletion, Social Security – by law - will only be able to pay out benefits equal to income, which is estimated to be about 23% to 25% short of what will be needed to pay full benefits starting in 2033. That would mean everyone who is already receiving monthly Social Security benefits would

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Volunteering Can Help Combat Loneliness

(Family Features) The bonds found in friendships and other relationships are an important factor in health and wellness – even science says so.

According to the American Psychological Association, forming and maintaining social connections at any age is one of the most reliable predictors of a healthy, happy and long life. Studies show having strong and supportive

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Bootcamp for Boomers

AMAC's *Bootcamp for Boomers* is a workshop providing "the knowledge and resources to protect our constitutional freedoms, defeat the extreme leftist agenda, and take back America." The most recent Bootcamp hosted by the Association of Mature American Citizens took place

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Popular Race Put to Bed, At Least Until 2025

After thoughtful consideration, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville has decided to postpone the annual Bed Race until 2025. "Although postponing the 2024 Bed Race isn't our ideal scenario, it was the right call to make this year," shared BGCN Director of Club Operations, Abby Stutesman. "Our leadership decided that pivoting to a virtual cause campaign would still allow the community the opportunity to support youth scholarships in the spirit of the Bed Race."

BGCN and the city of Noblesville are teaming up to wave the green flag to get summer started for kids! Summer is a time where kids just get to be kids, and they deserve that. But many need financial assistance to attend safe, fun and engaging programs - which the Bed Race has been able to provide for the past decade. While there may not be hundreds of onlookers lining 9TH Street to cheer on their favorite team or favorite bed, there is still the opportunity to invest in the youth in our community through a virtual fundraising campaign-the Race Past the Construction Campaign.

"Noblesville has a well-earned reputation as a community that steps up and supports neighbors in times of need - whether that is making sure kids have resources to attend summer camps and educational programs, or supporting our businesses during construction challenges. The city is honored to partner with BGCN to support this fundraising effort and its mission of serving our kids and our community," stated Matt Light, Deputy Mayor of Noblesville.

Will you help Race Past the Construction and reach the finish line?

To support the Race Past the Construction virtual fundraising campaign and to provide scholarships to local kids, visit <https://bit.ly/3wnoxZ9>. To inquire about partnering with BGCN for this campaign, please reach out to Director of Club Operations, Abigail Stutesman at (317) 773-4372 or astutesman@bgcni.org.

BGCN is grateful for the support of the downtown businesses and encourages everyone to continue to shop local as we all navigate this busy construction season.

Victoria Spartz is Thankful: 'I Let People And God Decide'



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Two-term Congresswoman Victoria Spartz of Noblesville, who returned to Washington, D.C. on Wednesday to

vote on some issues, is now back home again, after winning the Republican primary for the Fifth Congressional District on Tuesday.

The news of her win swept the nation Tuesday night with The Associated Press calling the race by early evening. The Republican nominee now prepares for the General Election in November.

"If you think about it, this



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz of Noblesville on Election Night feeling grateful for her win after seeking the Republican nomination for her third term. She now proceeds as the Republican nominee to the General Election in November.

race is really a testament, that even if a lot of money is spent with crazy ads, a lot of people appreciate things and pay attention," said Spartz, who was dressed in red and

celebrated Election Night with family and friends at her campaign headquarters in Westfield. The Congresswoman's husband Jason Spartz and his buddies celebrated the victory with cigars latenight on the back porch.

The couple's two teenage daughters, ages 18 and 16, joined the celebration earlier in the evening. "They've become very strong individuals. That's probably good for them because life is tough," said Spartz. Their older daughter graduates high school in May, and their younger daughter was "supposed to go get her driver's license" on Tuesday and "was so upset because I couldn't go with her to get

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Research shows smokers are actually happiest when they are trying to quit.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them."
Victor Hugo

OBITUARIES

Vera Barker

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TODAY'S JOKE

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➔ **OBITUARY**

Vera Barker

December 29, 1930 - May 5, 2024

Vera Lon Barker, age 93, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Sunday morning, May 5, 2024, at Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana. Born December 29, 1930, in Boone County, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Charles Eldon "Doney" and Rena Bernice (Bailey) Wallace.



Vera graduated from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1949, and married the love of her life, Maurice D. Barker, a few months later. Maurice and Vera were married on October 7, 1949. As their family began to grow, Vera's focus was on raising her children, and taking care of everything that needed looked after around the house. On December 20, 1978, Maurice passed away, leaving Vera to not only be the keeper of the house, but also the sole breadwinner. She also helped her children (as well as herself) navigate their grief. Vera held strong to her faith, and gathered her strength from the very thing she was trying to protect... her family. Being a mom to her children was the single most important thing in her life.

Vera went to work for Dr. Manhart, in Sheridan, in 1979. This job fit her like a glove. She knew most of the people in town, and enjoyed visiting with them when they would come in for an appointment. She had a way of putting patients at ease, and that goes a long way at a place nobody particularly wants to visit. When Dr. Manhart retired from his practice in 1986, Vera went to work for Dr. Poore, and later Dr. Boone, before finding her way to Hoosier Orthopedic, where she spent the last 10 years of her career.

Trying her hand at retirement, Vera made the move to Apache Junction, Arizona in May of 1996. The Arizona winters were much nicer than Indiana, but there was something back here that even 60-degree Januarys couldn't overshadow: her family, especially her grandchildren. She eventually returned home to Indiana, and never looked back.

Whenever she had some time for herself, she loved to crochet. She made gifts for all occasions: baby afghans, toys, sweater sets, and graduation and wedding gifts. She was also an amazing quilter. Making quilts for her family was a labor of love. She enjoyed watching football and basketball, but she was always a little partial to baseball, and that's because she was a Cubs fan 1st, and a Diamondbacks fan 2nd.

Vera was a 50+ year member of the Sheridan First Christian Church, where she was active in CWF, and Hope Circle, as well as serving the congregation as church treasurer for 17 years. She was currently attending Christ Tabernacle in Sheridan, where her son Rich serves as pastor.

Vera is survived by 4 sons, Charles "Chuck" Barker (Rita) of Anderson, Jerry Barker (Janet) of Sheridan, Richard "Rich" Barker (Kathy) of Kirklintown, and Steven Barker (Jama) of Sheridan; 4 daughters, Peggy Chessmore (Clarence Todd) of Nebraska, Gloria Bacon of Sheridan, Beverly Barney (Terry) of South Carolina, and Sally Henderson (Coleman) of Sheridan; 40 grandchildren; 86 great grandchildren (plus 3 on the way); 4 great-great grandchildren; brother, Paul "Ed" Wallace (Gail) of Sheridan; sisters-in-law, Sue Wallace, and Phyllis Louise Barker; and many, many, many, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Eldon "Doney" and Rena Bernice (Bailey) Wallace; 2 sisters, Wilma Laughlin, and Jennie Mae Armentrout; 2 brothers, Chester Earl "Chet" Wallace, and James A. "Jim" Wallace (and wife Jacquelyn); 4 brothers-in-law, Meredith L. Barker (and wife Lillian), Donald E. Barker (and wife Hilda), John P. Barker, and Marvin Lester Barker (and wife Barbara); 2 sisters-in-law, Ruth Anna Roberts (and husband Leon), and Esta Mae Hunter (and husband Charles); her husband, Maurice D. Barker; and by her great granddaughter who was named in her honor, Vera Hanson.

Services will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. Vera's son, Pastor Chuck Barker, will be officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Christ Tabernacle Church in Sheridan, Indiana.

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her drivers license," Spartz said. "She was so looking forward to have her driver's license. I said, 'No, not going to happen today.'"

Spartz said it's a very tough time to be in the campaign season for her family, with school final exams, and their dad farming the fields right now. "But they've always been very strong," she said. "My husband, he's never been political in his life ... and it's hard for him, me hardly ever being home. He's really supportive. He really badly wants me to go back and fight some battles because he truly understands what very few people do."

Jason Spartz said Tuesday night, "This is a pretty big win for Victoria" He felt relieved after the election. Although he's been thinking about all of the work to remove and pack away campaign signs.

On Election Day, Victoria Spartz was out and about "early before 6 a.m.," when the polls opened. "I have a tradition. I try to cover all of the counties and make stops. And it's important."

As a Congresswoman, she represents the people of her district in the United States Congress. Her District 5 (of nine districts in Indiana) covers not only Hamilton County but also Madison, Delaware, Grant and Tipton counties.

"A lot of my opponents were competing in Hamilton County, but Hamilton County is only half of the district. I have very diverse counties. I have some of the poorest counties and the richest county in Indiana," Spartz said. She plans to change the statistics. "I don't want to have the poorest counties. I think some of the counties in my area have a lot of good people that hurt a lot. What's happening right now are bad policies ... We have to figure out how we're going to recover from that and bring good jobs"

Spartz was never worried about the outcome of Tuesday's election. "I always believe that I let people and God decide," she

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said. "If people and God decide that I need to serve the country, I'll do whatever it takes to deal with tough issues. We need to save our country."

She said, "If people decide something else, that's OK, too."

On Election Day, Spartz said, "I was pretty happy at 6 p.m.," when the campaigning was over and the polls closed. She said that voters going forward would "probably be relieved not to see all of the crazy ads and entertainment (campaign mailers)," nearly every day in the mail as the May 7 election neared.

She was "very humbled" to talk to a veteran voter, along the campaign trail in Elwood, who had saved a stack of her political advertising mailers and admitted he "still voted" for her because he believed she was strong in Second Amendment rights to bear arms.

A former Indiana Senator replacing retired longtime Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville), Spartz was elected Congresswoman for the Fifth District, taking office in January 2021. She will have served two two-year terms at the end of 2024. If she is elected in November, she would begin her third term in office.

"Sometimes, It's extremely tiring. I feel sometimes I'm the last woman standing on some of these issues," Spartz said.

She continued about the election. "I felt like I can't just abandon the country now and not even give a chance for people to decide whether they wanted (me) to do it or not. I'm very honored and humbled. It's a lot of money (that's) been spent ..."

She said, "A lot of media were obsessed with writing lies about me, nonstop A lot of them do not like people like me and

(Donald) Trump, because we're willing to tell the truth, not afraid to tell the truth and challenge the status quo ... That's why usually you don't have too many friends over there (in Washington)."

Spartz said, "As long as I have God and guys with guns at my side, I am good. That's all I need."

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Hamilton County Election Results

Hamilton County Election Office reported, of Hamilton County's 272,081 registered voters, only about 19.07 percent, or 51,896 voters cast their vote, including 36,636 on Primary Election Day May 7, 11,247 walk-in early voters and 4,013 paper absentee.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RESULTS
 President of the United States -- **Donald J. Trump, 26,949 votes, 66.39 percent;** Nikki R. Haley, 13,646, 33.61 percent.

United States Senator -- Jim Banks

Governor -- **Mike Braun, 12,784, 30.49 percent;** Brad Chambers, 12,766, 30.44 percent; Suzanne Crouch, 7,761, 18.51 percent; Eric Doden, 4,708, 11.23 percent; Jamie Reitenour, 2,302, 5.49 percent; Curtis Hill, 1,614, 3.85 percent;

U.S. Representative District 5 -- **Victoria Spartz, 16,158, 39.37 percent;** Chuck Goodrich, 14,235, 34.68 percent; Raju Chinthala, 4,103, 10 percent; Max Engling, 3,929, 9.57 percent; Mark Hurt, 971, 2.37 percent; Mathrew Peiffer, 548, 1.34 percent; Patrick Malayter, 518, 1.26 percent; Larry L. Savage Jr., 294, .72 percent; L.D. Powell, 289, .70 percent

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Magic of Square, Live Jazz Music, Mother's Day



BETSY REASON
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Noblesville Main Street celebrates the Magic of the Square with the rescheduled event tonight in

downtown Noblesville, enjoy Mother's Day jazz brunch, join Noblesville author Rhonda Parker Taylor for a book signing, and enjoy live music around town and at Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz. Read more about happenings in The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Celebrate the Magic of the Square during Noblesville Main Street's activities 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in downtown Noblesville, originally scheduled for First Friday but moved due to expected weather. The night features magicians, an exotic animal show, live music, market vendors, pizza and beer and more.

2. Laugh with comedian Stephen Taylor tonight and Saturday night, and DJ Dangler on May 17-18 at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit thebrickroom.cc for tickets

3. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and continues Saturdays through Oct. 12 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Special days include Kids Day on July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14; and Art Day Sept. 7.

4. Enjoy Mother's Day Jazz Brunch at the Noblesville Farmers Market at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Green Room at Federal Hill Commons, with reservations required at

NoblesvilleMainStreet.org

5. Join local author Rhonda Parker Taylor for a book signing of her suspense-fiction book, "Crossroads," at 11 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble in Noblesville

6. The Little Beauty Carousel in Carousel Corner is open weekends 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in May in Forest Park in Noblesville.

7. Stop by the Noblesville Parks & Recreation Department office at Forest Park Inn weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a pet treat and a photo of your leashed pet.

8. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville offers lots of classes, including wheel class at 2:30 p.m. every Saturday, Swiftie Bingo and Paint on Saturday, Mothers Day Brunch at noon Sunday, Charcuterie Board Paint and Snack

9. Enjoy live music with Sean Moore tonight, Rhino Down on June 1, Sam King on June 22 at Primeval Brewing Co., in downtown Noblesville; Obviously Incognito on Saturday, Bellbottom Cowboys on May 16, Circle City Decons on May 18, Tyler Robling on May 23, John Gilmore and Kelli Ray Yates on May 24, The Weekenders on May 25, and The Cold Hearts on May 30 at Syd's Bar and Grill in downtown Noblesville; Roadhouse at 8 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville Moose Lodge; Brad Kleinschmidt 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Marriale Sellars Saturday, the Molter Brothers on May 17, Ethan Olvey on May 18, Steve Fulton on

May 24, Strawberry Music Festival 12:30-9:30 p.m. May 25 featuring Nora Reese at 12:30 p.m., Indy Annie's Duo at 2 p.m., Aimee Eisenmann with Steve Donahoe at 4:15 p.m. and My Yellow Rickshaw at 6:30 p.m. at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville;

10. Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz kicks off the season on Saturday, with concerts continuing June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. Noblesville Street Dance is July 20.

11. 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

12. Take a tour of the Children's Garden at Coxhall Gardens at 11 a.m. May 16 and June 20, with free admission, but registration is required at myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

13. Celebrate the Indiana Peony Festival by attending events in downtown Noblesville on May 17 and 18, with Peonies in the Park fundraising event (tickets required) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 17 at Seminary Park, Indiana Peony Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18 and Brunch & Blooms brunch and retail crawl 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18 with free admission to the public, sponsored by Godby Home Furnishings.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Conner Prairie will celebrate Heritage Breeds Week with the textiles youth volunteers demonstrating spinning and weaving and highlighting wool from rare breeds 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18 and 19 at the outdoor living history museum in Fishers, with admission charged.

17. Make violet syrup, candied violets and a violet salad during Hamilton County Parks' "For the Love of Violets" program for ages 10 and older 1-3 p.m. May 18 at Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville, free with required registration at myhamiltoncountyparks.com

18. Attend Noblesville First United Methodist Church's Pipe Organ Dedication and Recital at 4 p.m. May 19 in the church sanctuary, with guest artist Martin Ellis, who served as organist and associate director of music at North United Methodist Church and at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis before moving to Portland, Ore., and who will play a variety of musical selections, including his new work, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," for which the church's chancel choir will perform. A reception will follow.

19. Get a better night's sleep and



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Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Oct. 12 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

support Noblesville High School Music Programs at their ninth annual Mattress Fundraiser, one day only, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19 at NHS Gate 5 on display in the NHS main gym. Every purchase benefits the NHS Music programs.

20. Experience live dance during Indiana Ballet Conservatory's "Phantom at the Opera" at 7 p.m. May 25 at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre in Carmel, with tickets at indianaballetconservatory.org

Enjoy a cozy evening around the fire and a short, guided hike after dark during Hamilton County Parks' Spring Evening Campfire 8-9:30 p.m. May 25 for ages 6 and older at Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville, free with registration required at myhamiltoncountyparks.com

21. Noblesville Lions Club's Grillin' on the Square 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 31 with pancakes served on the morning of June 1 with Noblesville Main Street's Duck Race on White River on June 1.

22. Cool Creek 30th Anniversary Music Series kicks off May 31 at Cool Creek Park in Westfield featuring entertainment at 7 p.m.: Mike and Joe, May 31; Turn to Stone June 14; The Flying Toasters, June 21; BroCountry, July 12; Trippin Billies, July 19; and Der Polkatz, Aug. 2, with \$5 admission, free for ages 12 and younger, with tickets at myhamiltoncountyparks.com,

23. Grab your lawn chair and head for the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for the annual free String-Time on the Square music series the first Saturday night of each month, with The Bahler Family Golden Age Band on June 1, New Augusta Bluegrass Band on July 6, Cornfields & Crossroads on Aug. 3 and raindate or TBD on Sept. 7, courtesy of Legacy Keepers Music thanks to Janet Gilray.

24. Join Hamilton County Parks' Nature Play Days, at 10 a.m. June 3 at Cool Creek Park Nature Play Area; June 4 at Prather Park playground; June 5 at Geist Park playground, June 6 at Strawtown Koteewi Park Taylor Center of Natural History; and June 7 at Potter's Bridge playground picnic area, all free with preregistration required at myhamiltoncountyparks.com

25. Put on your pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack a blanket and join Hamilton County Parks' Pajama-Rama at 7 p.m. June 7 at Cool Creek Nature Center in Westfield with free admission, but preregistration is required at myhamiltoncountyparks.com

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Heights' Softballer Signs to Play for IUPUI



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Hamilton Heights' senior Lily Roush has signed a letter of intent to play softball for the IUPUI Jaguars in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall. Roush is pictured with (l-r): Adam Rhoton, Middle School Coach; Ken Olovich, High School Coach; Kara McGill, Assistant Coach; and Eric Tropsner, Travel Coach.

Lily Roush, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play softball for Indiana University in Indianapolis this fall. IUPUI is a member of the Horizon League and a NCAA Division I athletic institution. She is the daughter of Melissa and Todd Roush.

IUPUI offered Roush everything she was looking for in determining where she would continue her education and play softball at the collegiate level. "It was close to home, a great school, and a Division 1 athletic institution," said Lily Roush, who plans to study chemistry or biochemistry to pursue a career as a biochemist at the Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly & Company.

Roush (Jersey #2) is as strong in the field as she is in the classroom. Last season, Roush shined on offense and defense for the Huskies, helping lead the team to a sectional championship and a school record of 19 wins. She holds the Hamilton Heights all time strike-out record which continues to climb during her final season at Heights. She was named Hamilton County Player of the Year and Hamilton Heights Most Valuable Player in 2023 and named to the All Conference Team in 2022 and 2023. Roush made the Indy Star Super Team in 2022. She was recognized as Rookie of the Year and received an All Conference Honorable Mention her freshman year (2021).

Roush is also active in extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America (BPA), and Spanish Club.

Roush has been playing softball since the age of six. She joined the Roundtripper Academy and took fielding and batting lessons as well as toning lessons from

Tichner Pitching for seven years. Roush is deeply dedicated to her sport. "I practice every day and never stop," she said. It is this work ethic and love of the game that helped her build her skill, be a valuable player on her teams, and prepare for play at the next level.

Roush credits her father for showing her how to be tough and strive for greatness along with invaluable lifelong lessons. In addition, she noted, her various coaches over the years deserve credit for their guidance, knowledge, expertise, and support.

"Lily understands the game and pitching at a deeper level the most college ready players I have coached," said Ken Olovich, Head Coach, Hamilton Heights Varsity Girls Softball Coach. "She understands how to study batters and exploit their weakness and how to use setup pitches to get to her 'out' pitches. She just pitches at a different level, and I look forward to catching some of her games at IUPUI to see firsthand how she will help their program. They got a good one in Lily."

"We are excited for the opportunity Lily has to continue her pitching career at IUPUI," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "She has put in countless hours in the circle and her hard work has been a major contribution to the recent success of the program. We wish her well on the next step of her journey."

"I look forward to joining the Jaguars softball program to potentially win the Horizon League and getting a berth to the NCAA Regionals," she added. "I thank God for giving me this opportunity to able to play my whole life and share great memories of playing softball."

7th Annual IMPACT Awards Celebrates Students' Success



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

From left, Jacob Boutwell, Maddie Yochum, Temperance Barrows, Keagan Moe, Vinnie Pisano, Zyon Evans, Devon Alsup, Kharma Costello Yeary, Lilli Evans, and Jordan Moloch. Not pictured: Adriann Poland.

The Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program celebrated the success of 12 amazing students at its 7th annual IMPACT Awards Dinner at Hamilton Heights Middle School. The event drew in students, their families, Hamilton Heights School Corporation personnel, and local dignitaries from the greater Hamilton County area and beyond for this special celebration of accomplishment.

The program recognizes one student per grade (grades K - 12) who successfully maneuvered through a challenge in their life. Students can be nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, or any staff member that feels a student is deserving of the award.

"I look forward to this event every year," said Mary Ann Haymaker, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Early Intervention Advocate, who was an instrumental part of creating this annual recognition program. "This time is truly about the kids and recognizing the impact they have made on their teachers and classmates. It is a special time to come together and honor their hard work, resilience, and determination of these students to rise above a challenging issue that may otherwise have negatively impacted their life."

The 2024 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance IMPACT Award Recipients along with their presenters include:

K: Temperance Barrows
1st: Maddie Yochum
2nd: Jacob Boutwell
3rd: Keagan Moe
4th: Jordan Moloch
5th: Sophia Giguere
6th: Lilli Evans
7th: Zyon Evans
8th: Kharma Costello-Yeary
9th: No 9TH this year
10th: Vincent Pisano
11th: Devon Alsup
12th: Adriann Poland

In addition, Gus (HHHS '01 and Tillman Etchison (HHHS '24) presented Stephanie McQuinn, a Special Education Teacher at Hamilton Heights High School, with the 2024 Tony Etchison Memorial Award. "Stephanie is an

exceptional teacher who does so much to help her students," said Haymaker. "She really exemplifies the traits that were important to Tony, loves everyone, be kind, and make a difference."

The event's emcee, Hamilton Heights School Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Derek Arrowood, said the event is truly a celebration of the accomplishment and triumph of these students, many of whom have overcome significant challenges in their lives. "These are extraordinary students who have shown the will and grit to overcome despite their situations," said Dr. Arrowood. "The adversities these students have faced did not limit their ability to succeed inside and outside the classroom. Their examples can be a lesson to all of us that anyone can overcome challenges in their life and become an inspiration to others."

The memorable evening was made possible, in part, thanks to the generous support of this year's sponsors: Lehman and Company, P.C., Powers Septic and Sewer, Mr. Muffins Trains, Hamilton County Sheriff Department, The Farmers Bank, Mid-Indiana Marine, Gymies Fitness Center, Specialty Tax, Purkey's Heating and Cooling, Jackson Township Trustee, Bender Homes, Mercantile 37, CSO Architecture-Interior Design, Monuments by Robinsons and Sons, Arcadia Christian Church, Noblesville Elks, Westbrook Village and Gatewood's Vegetable Farm and Greenhouse.

A special thank you to, the Youth Assistance Program Board Tricia Akers, Dr. Derek Arrowood, Sarah Buckner, Judge Michael Casati, Jeanann Dodson, Jeremy Hunt, Syd Loomis, Natasha Robinson, Emily Schmale, Zach Smith, and Perry Williams.

Also, thanks to the following for all their help making this such a successful evening: Tina Deavers, Melissa Martin, Toby Etchison, Jeanann Dodson, Summer Bailey, Amanda Hunt, and Grace Hunt.

Senior Community Breaks Ground in Noblesville



Officials and dignitaries helped break ground on the new development.



Photos courtesy City of Noblesville

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said the development expands the quality of place emphasis for residents.

Del Webb, the nation's leading builder of active adult communities, broke ground on a new community designed for those 55 and over in Noblesville.

Finch Creek is scheduled for a grand opening in the spring 2025. It will integrate into a master-planned development, offering residents the best of both worlds: a vibrant Del Webb community with all its signature amenities, coupled with a location close to essential shopping, healthcare, and entertainment options.

"We are excited to bring our award-winning ranch home designs to Noblesville at Finch Creek by Del Webb," said Scott Mairn, president of PulteGroup's Indianapolis division. "From our homeowner-only amenities to the pocket parks and wooded landscapes, residents at Finch Creek by Del Webb will enjoy year-round living to its finest."

"The Finch Creek by Del Webb development invests in expanding our quality-of-place emphasis for all residents, especially on the growing east side of Noblesville," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "As our community continues to grow, we have put thoughtful plans in place for residents to have quality options to call home, and this development will accomplish that."

Encompassing 514 acres and featuring 675 thoughtfully planned residences, Finch Creek offers discerning homeowners a

selection of three inspired GenYou™ home design collections, each meticulously crafted and pre-equipped with features and upgrades residents are seeking. Prices start in the mid-\$300's.

True to the Del Webb philosophy, Finch Creek fosters an active adult lifestyle. The expansive amenity clubhouse will become the heart of the community, boasting a state-of-the-art fitness center and movement studio, versatile hobby rooms, a cutting-edge sports simulation room, and more. Stepping outside, residents will discover a resort-style pool, dedicated courts for bocce and pickleball, miles of walking trails that weave through tranquil pocket parks to ponds, and even a designated dog park for furry companions. A dedicated Lifestyle Director will curate a calendar of engaging events and activities, ensuring every day is filled with opportunity and connection.

Finch Creek by Del Webb provides residents with effortless access to I-69 and 146th Street, allowing for easy access to a wealth of shopping and dining destinations, and a vibrant array of activities, including the Ruoff Music Center and Finch Creek Park. The adjacent Mojo Up Sports Complex offers further recreation options with its impressive 75,000 square feet of indoor turf space, volleyball courts, and batting cages. Additionally, golfers will relish the proximity to Sagamore Golf Club and Stony Creek Golf Club.

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friendships can fend off depression and anxiety, lower blood pressure and heart rates in stressful situations and change the way people perceive daunting tasks.

However, statistics show approximately half of U.S. adults lack companionship and feel socially disconnected, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community. In fact, 12% don't have anyone they consider a close friend, per the Survey Center on American Life. This "epidemic of loneliness," as coined by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, can take a severe toll on mental and physical health.

As people age, the risks of isolation increase. With America's older population growing rapidly – the 65 and older population reached more than 55 million in 2020 – discussing how older adults can combat loneliness is relevant to public health and individual well-being.

Consider volunteering, which is one of the best and most rewarding ways to combat loneliness.

Volunteering Combats Loneliness

People often volunteer to find a sense of purpose, learn new skills, improve their communities or establish new routines after retiring or becoming empty nesters. For many, making friends through volunteer work is a welcome bonus. The act of volunteering provides proven benefits for older adults.

Forming connections can make all the difference in a person's volunteer experience and sense of well-being. People who meet through volunteer work inherently share a common interest and something to bond over. These friendships can carry over outside of volunteer work and lead to bonding over other hobbies and

interests.

Connection-Focused Volunteer

Opportunities In addition to making friends with fellow volunteers, many older adults also form relationships with the people they're serving, especially if those recipients are their peers.

For example, AmeriCorps Seniors is the national service and volunteerism program in the federal agency of AmeriCorps that connects adults aged 55 and up to local service opportunities that match their interests. Its Senior Companion Program pairs volunteers with other older adults or those with disabilities who need companionship or assistance. Volunteers may help with tasks such as paying bills, shopping or getting companions to appointments. In some cases, volunteers may also provide support and respite for family members caring for loved ones with chronic illnesses.

"We often think of volunteering as 'giving back,' but we've seen firsthand that it often becomes so much more than that," said Atalaya Sergi, director of AmeriCorps Seniors. "By spending a few hours each week with another older adult in need of support, our volunteers are not only giving back to others, but they're adding meaning to their own lives and establishing new connections. They're helping to fight the loneliness epidemic one visit at a time."

Growing older can come with challenges, but some of those can be minimized with a positive mindset and commitment to remaining connected and engaged – whether with friends, relatives or fellow community members. Fostering relationships is a key ingredient to a healthier and more fulfilling life.

For more information and to find volunteer opportunities near you, visit [AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment](https://www.AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment).

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in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and included parental rights activist January Littlejohn, Former White House Deputy Press Secretary Hogan Gidley, and former Ambassador Carla Sands.

Parental Rights

January Littlejohn is a mom fighting to protect children and families from the harms of radical gender ideology. As she put it, "it used to be that when children experienced distress over their sex, it was due to trauma. Today children, are being taught the lie that they have a so called gender identity that is completely separate from their sex, and that they can choose to be a boy, girl, neither or both." She said it is an ideology that preys on the vulnerable and can seriously harm children before they have developed the mental and emotional capacity to fully understand the repercussions.

Littlejohn went on to note that she and her husband "reached out to a teacher and let her know that [their] daughter was struggling with this confusion. Well, that teacher turned out to be the LGBTQ advocate on campus." Even worse, school officials met with her daughter and socially transitioned her without the Littlejohn's knowledge or consent.

"It's really important for you to be inoculating your children and grandchildren and what that looks like is teaching them the truth from a young age, whether it's from a place of faith or not," Littlejohn said. "We are born male and female and that can never change. Children need to be told that from very young ages. It's not a matter of if they will be exposed to this ideology, it's when this has permeated every aspect of our culture from movies to children's programming. So even if you homeschool or have them in a Christian private school, they are not safe. I am working with families that are homeschooling their children where their children were exposed online. By the grace of God, my daughter is completely free of any confusion."

Ranked-Choice Voting

During the election integrity panel, experts discussed the dangers of ranked choice voting, an electoral system that allows voters to rank candidates. Andy Mangione, senior Vice President of AMAC Action, put it succinctly when he said, "ranked choice voting stinks. If your first place candidate

doesn't get a 50 percent majority, [he or she] is thrown out. Then your vote goes to the second place candidate. And, if that person doesn't get 50 percent plus one majority, they're eliminated. The process continues until somebody receives a 50 plus one majority. Here's why this stinks. Vote tabulation is a nightmare. It's complicated. It's complex. It's confusing. We're against it and we're fighting to eliminate it."

Hogan Gidley seconded Mangione's take on ranked-choice voting. "It's just completely evil. It may work at the local Moose Club chapter, but it's not gonna work for a statewide election. In fact, the two states that did it, Maine and Alaska are both trying to overturn it now because they realize how clunky and cumbersome it is.

Gidley is Vice Chair of the Center for Election Integrity at the America First Policy Institute (AFPI). As he put it, "what we saw after 2020 were a lot of rogue governors and secretaries of state and attorneys general and crazy election boards just decide to do things unilaterally without going through the proper channels. And so we built out a system where we have people all over the state in various regions, here in Pennsylvania, but also in the big swing states, Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin, Georgia, North Carolina, Michigan, et cetera. They work with legislators to educate them on the importance of having good election laws on the books that protect legal votes and legal voters. And we've passed laws in something like 32 states at this point. And if we have a state where a legislature will pass something but the governor just vetoes it, like in Wisconsin, what we did was we just said, fine, we'll take it right to the people. And we put ballot referendums out there."

How to Win in 2024

Attendees heard from one of the state's prominent citizens, Carla Sands, who was appointed the U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands by President Donald Trump. Her opening remarks received a loud cheer when she declared, "we're all in this room determined to save our country and fight to save our constitutional rights."

She said that we live in "the greatest country in the history of the world. And we're on the razor's edge of

slipping into communism and totalitarianism because of the forces on the left. It's extraordinary how fast they've moved. When we handed the keys over to Joe Biden the world was stable. America was leading on every front. We had peace in the middle East. Now we have such extraordinary disarray and chaos in every part of the world." As she put it, after the last three years of the Biden presidency "our allies look at us as weak. They look at us as weak because we have a corrupt, compromised president in the White House who also doesn't seem to be, according to the DOJ, completely cogent. It should be an easy win for President Trump, but it's not going to be because they're trying to put him in prison for 700 years. It's extraordinary. He is locked up in a courtroom, not able to campaign, not able to be out on the trail."

Before the event concluded, attendees participated in a training session empowering them to get involved and help turn our country around in 2024. As one participant left, she remarked: "I just retired after 30 years. Now I know what I am going to do to make a difference." That's what these Bootcamps are all about—enabling American seniors to be the change makers in their communities.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country.

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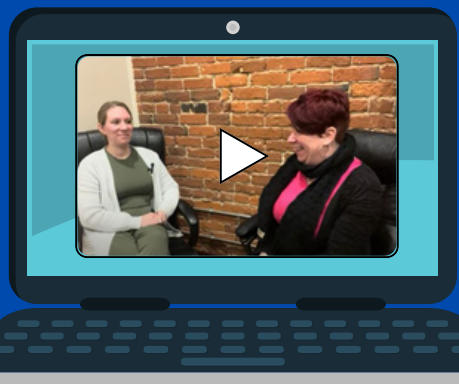
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Road Art Monday

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Doors Open at 8 a.m.
Road Art at 8:30 a.m.
Collector Cars at 9 a.m.

Dana Mecum's 37th Original Spring Classic

Sunday, May 19

Venue Tear-Down

By Casey Williams
For Sagamore News Media

You know it's May when the horses return to Churchill Downs, cars circle the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and Mecum Auto Auctions sets up camp at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. You can see them all on television, but you'll want to attend the last one in-person whether you want to buy a classic car or just enjoy watching others win their prize.

Dana Mecum's Original Spring Classic returns to the Indiana State Fairgrounds for its 37th year, running May 10-18. It's expected to draw around 3,000 vehicles plus a selection of Road Art automotive memorabilia. Last year's auction achieved \$113 million in total sales, so expect some big-dollar sales again this year.

Mecum is known for offering a wide array of American muscle cars, classics, Corvettes, trucks, SUVs, and even an occasional European micro car, exotic sports car, or hot rod. Even if you aren't planning to buy a vehicle, it's a car show beyond compare with most of the barns

full of vehicles. Interesting in seeing a 1960s Corvette? There will be more than you can count. Camaros? What year and color do you want? How about a square body GM pickup or Blazer? Take your pick, but personal collections add special interest.

Check out the Frank Micoli Collection featuring 40 cars and 17 motorcycles, including a 2011 Ferrari 599 GTO with just 3,148 miles and 2021 Ferrari 812 GTS with 37 miles. Add to that a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500XL, 1965 Pontiac GTO Convertible, and 1969 Mustang Boss 302 Fastback. Expect a selection of Ducati and MV Agusta motorcycles too.

The Apex Collection focuses on Fords, specifically a Wimbledon White 1965 Shelby GT350 Fastback that was used for Ford Public relations and a 1966 Shelby 427 Cobra Roadster driven 18,066 miles since new. Like those? Also see the nine-car Jason Dietsch collection of Saleen-modified Fords.

Showcasing the height of Chevrolet performance is the Corvette Evolution Collection offering 34

Corvettes from 1953 to 2003. Two special ones are a Bloomington Gold Certified 1964 Convertible with the J56 Special Sintered Metallic Brake Package and Bloomington Gold Certified 1970 ZR1 Convertible that's one of only 25 Vettes produced in 1970 with the ZR1 Special Purpose Engine Package putting down 370 horsepower.

Follow that with the Black Corvette Collection with seven 1960s models that includes a 1967 Convertible, one of two L79 convertibles in Tuxedo Black with white interior and factory air numbers-matching 327 350hp V8.

The list of Fords, Chevy, and Pontiac muscle cars is endless, but there are other unique rides rolling up for sale - like a 1989 Lamborghini Countach 25th Anniversary, 200-mile 2022 Lamborghini Aventador LP 780 Ultimae Roadster, and 2004 Porsche Carrera GT (one of 1,270 built). Fans of Hoosier automakers will relish a 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk offered by the original owner's grandson.

It is Indianapolis, so its

wholly appropriate to see a parade of Indy 500 pace cars cross the block. Some of the best come from Roger Penske's collection and range from the 1979 Ford Mustang to the 1984 Pontiac Fiero, 1989 Pontiac Turbo Trans Am 20th Anniversary, 1993 Camaro, 1994 Mustang SVT Cobra, and 2003 Corvette 50th Anniversary edition. The 2006 Corvette Z06, and 2019 Corvette Grand Sport Coupe are also exciting. There's even a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Calais, 1988 Chrysler LeBaron Convertible, and 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada SUV. If you love pace cars, you'll want these.

Make plans to attend. Doors open daily at 8am with auctions starting by 9am May 10-18. Monday 5/13 is dedicated to Road Art only. Tickets are \$30 for one-day admission, \$75 for three days. Bidder registrations start at \$100 with options for in-person, telephone, and internet bidding. Children 12 Years and younger enter free. If you can't make it in person, check schedules for MotorTrend, Max, and Discovery Channel broadcasts. For the latest information, go to [Mecum.com/auctions/indy-2024](https://mecum.com/auctions/indy-2024).

Donors Rally Behind CPD Initiative

The City of Carmel and the Carmel Police Department announced a significant stride in bolstering the safety and preparedness of its officers, thanks to the generosity of two local donors who rallied to support the department's initiative. Contributions from Jeff and Pamela Greenwalt and a second anonymous donor, along with Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam's commitment to public safety enabled the procurement of essential tactical gear for officers. The donation, exceeding \$300,000 in total, enabled the city to acquire crucial equipment such as rifle-rated plates and ballistic helmets, fulfilling the department's commitment to enhancing officer safety and effectiveness.



Rifle-rated ballistic plate



Plate carrier

The journey towards outfitting every officer with state-of-the-art protective gear began in 2023 when officers identified the need for rifle-rated plates to confront evolving threats. Subsequently, a proposal for ballistic helmets was submitted, further solidifying the department's dedication to equipping its personnel with the tools necessary to navigate high-risk situations safely.

"The unwavering support from our community partners has made this transformative initiative possible," said Mayor Finkam. "The acquisition of rifle-rated plates and ballistic helmets signifies a monumental leap forward in ensuring the safety and preparedness of our officers, empowering them to respond effectively to potential dangers while serving our community."

Each kit, created specifically to outfit every officer, includes two rifle-rated plates, a plate carrier adorned with police patches, a ballistic helmet and a body camera mount tailored to the carrier's specifications. The carrier, designed for seamless integration with officers' duty uniforms and soft armor, features specialized compartments for magazines, a general-

purpose pouch, and a tourniquet pouch, optimizing functionality and mobility in dynamic situations.

"The brave men and women of the Carmel Police Department stand ready to protect," said Chief of Police, Drake Sterling. "This donation helps support them and gives piece of mind if and when we are called upon to step into harms way. I can't begin to express my appreciation for these incredibly generous donations."

The rifle-rated plates, weighing approximately three pounds each, offer robust protection against common rifle rounds, ensuring officers can swiftly maneuver while maintaining essential protection in active threat scenarios. Likewise, the ballistic helmets provide coverage against pistol caliber rounds and potential hazards, enhancing officers' safety during firearms-related incidents or encounters involving dangerous projectiles.

Additionally, the donation had enough funds leftover to purchase the Carmel Fire Department 30 new ballistic helmets. This collaborative effort between Jeff and Pamela Greenwalt and the anonymous contributor materialized in 2023 following Mayor Finkam's meetings with local community groups and citizens.

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee . . . Award Recipients



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights

From left, Landon Rich, Cy Collier, Shamar Stapleton, Sam Harpham, Morgan Ottinger, Kassidy Schakel, and Adelyn Johnson. Not pictured: Katie Herbert, Esther Martin, and Christian Harville.

Hamilton Heights High School would like to recognize the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the months of March and April: Cy Collier, Sam Harpham, Christian Harville, Katie Herbert, Adelyn Johnson, Esther Martin, Morgan Ottinger, Landon Rich, Kassidy Schakel, and Shamar Stapleton.

The name and award, inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at <https://www.hhschuskiies.org/domain/82>.



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Ranking Purdue's Top 10 Football Teams of All Time Easier Than Hoops



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Last week's list of the 10 best Purdue men's basketball teams was difficult to assemble.

There were probably another 10 teams that could have made the cut.

When putting together the ranking of the 10 best Boilermaker football teams, the decisions weren't as difficult. There have only been four consistent successful eras of Boilermaker football: 1922 to 1936 under James Phelan and Noble Kizer; 1956-69 with Jack Mollenkopf; 1977-81 under Jim Young and 1997-2008 with Joe Tiller.

Perhaps not coincidentally, Phelan, Mollenkopf and Young are enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame. Kizer, 42-13-3 in seven seasons, probably would have made it four had his coaching career not been halted by what proved to be a fatal illness. Tiller's .575 winning percentage falls below the Hall's .600 standard.

In order, here's my top 10 Purdue football teams of all-time:

1979

To date, no Purdue team has matched the 10 victories won by the 1979 squad.

Coach Jim Young and quarterback Mark Herrmann were elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999 and 2010, respectively.

"If I had to single out one season, our junior year in 1979 when we won 10 games was probably the most enjoyable," Herrmann said in 2007. "We beat Notre Dame and Michigan that year. I think that's as good a team as I've played on."

Victory No. 10 came against Tennessee in the Bluebonnet Bowl inside the Houston Astrodome. Just like Purdue basketball's NCAA tournament victories in 2019 and this past April, the Bluebonnet Bowl came down to the final moments.

Herrmann rallied the Boilermakers to a 27-22 victory, throwing a 17-yard touchdown pass to fellow All-American Dave Young

with 1:30 remaining. The Boilermakers marched 80 yards in just over two minutes after the Vols had taken a 22-21 lead.

"I was very confident," Herrmann told me in 1998. "When I stepped in the huddle, there weren't any anxious faces. We felt we could move the ball on them. We were very patient."

Center Pete Quinn liked what he saw from Herrmann during the final drive.

"As soon as I saw Herrmann start that drive, the only thing I didn't know was how long it would take before we scored," Quinn said. "It was a real turning point in Mark's leadership. He took control of the huddle like I'd never seen him do before."

Herrmann would win the second of his three consecutive bowl MVP awards and set numerous Purdue and NCAA passing records.

1943

With a lot of help from Uncle Sam, Purdue fielded its most recent undefeated team.

With World War II escalating, the United States Navy and Marine Corps were using universities like Purdue to train officer candidates. As a side benefit, their recruits were allowed to play collegiate sports for as long as their training period allowed.

More than 30 players from the University of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and other schools were sent to Purdue. They included All-American guard Alex Agase and running back Tony Butkovich, both former Fighting Illini. Second-year head coach Elmer Burnham molded 26 Marines, seven Navy men and nine civilians into a 9-0 Big Ten championship team that was ranked fifth in the final Associated Press poll.

"Football is teamwork and we jelled pretty quickly," Agase told me in 2001. "The coaches – Joe Dienhart, Sam Voinoff, Cecil Isbell and of course, Elmer Burnham, did an excellent job of putting that team together. That's not easy to do, to take people who don't know each other, from various

universities and get them to jell. But it was a talented team and that is the bottom line."

Agase, the only man to earn All-American honors at two different schools, anchored an offensive line that included Fordham All-American center Lou DiFillippo and guard Dick Barwegan, "as good a football player as I ever saw," Agase said.

Butkovich won the Big Ten scoring title with 16 touchdowns and led the nation in rushing with 833 yards in just seven games before the Marine Corps called him to active duty. The 16 rushing touchdowns remain a school record, matched by Kory Sheets in 2008.

"He was so tough," Agase said. "He could run over you. He could make you miss. He could stiff arm. He had all the attributes of a great running back."

Butkovich died in action on Okinawa on April 18, 1945.

To learn more about this team, I recommend Cory Palm's book "Perfect Warriors."

1966

College Football Hall of Famers Bob Griese and Leroy Keyes were among the stars of the first Purdue team to reach the Rose Bowl.

Keyes was a sophomore who mostly played defensive back. Even though he was from Newport News, Va., Keyes was well aware how much the Rose Bowl bid meant to the Boilermakers.

"Knowing that we could be the first weighed heavily on us, but I think it weighed in a positive light," Keyes told me in 2000. "We could do something that hadn't been done before. Being the first to accomplish that mission was something we relished."

The Boilermakers finished 9-2 with a 14-13 victory against Southern Cal in Pasadena. The two losses that season were to No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Michigan State. The 1966 season began a spectacular four-year run for Purdue, which would go 8-2 each season from 1967 to 1969.

2000

One of the most memorable months in Purdue football history capped Joe Tiller's rebuilding project in West Lafayette.

A season of high expectations began with a 3-2 record and a pair of two-point losses at Notre Dame and Penn State. Then came October. A dramatic second-half comeback and Travis Dorsch's field goal in the final seconds lifted Purdue past No. 6 Michigan 32-31. A 41-28 victory at No. 17 Northwestern was followed by a 30-24 overtime victory at Wisconsin when Ashante Woodyard returned a blocked field goal 27 yards for a touchdown.

Finally, the stirring 31-27 come-from-behind victory against No. 12 Ohio State when Drew Brees threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Seth Morales with 1:55 remaining.

Thanks to its victories against Michigan and Northwestern, Purdue received its second Rose Bowl berth following a 41-13 victory against Indiana.

1929

The Boilermakers claimed their only outright Big Ten championship with this undefeated squad under coach Jim Phelan.

Purdue's first two consensus All-Americans, tackle Elmer Sleight and halfback Ralph "Pest" Welch, set the tone for the season in the fourth quarter of their second game. Trailing Michigan 16-6 after three quarters, the Boilermakers thrilled the Ross-Ade Stadium crowd by scoring four touchdowns in less than 15 minutes to win 30-16.

During the final six games of the season, Purdue recorded four shutouts and allowed just two touchdowns.

1967

This team could have been much higher in the rankings if not for a puzzling home loss to Oregon State after climbing to No. 2 in the national polls and an upset by Indiana that sent the Hoosiers to their only Rose Bowl.

Leroy Keyes and Mike Phipps began to establish the credentials that led to their induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1990 and 2006. Keyes rushed for 986 yards and was a consensus All-American.

Phipps led Purdue to the first of three consecutive victories against Notre Dame, which was ranked No. 1 when the two schools met on Sept. 30 in Ross-Ade Stadium.

"We had great players

on offense and defense," Phipps told me in 1998. "We expected to win. Notre Dame just happened to be in the way. Both programs were at a peak in those years. It meant a lot to the season of both teams."

Indiana's 19-14 victory denied Purdue an outright Big Ten championship, which it also had to share with Minnesota.

1952

The co-Big Ten champions with Wisconsin were denied a trip to the Rose Bowl when a vote of athletic directors favored the Badgers.

"They thought Wisconsin was the most representative team. We didn't agree," quarterback Dale Samuels told me in 2018 upon the occasion of his induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. "In our opinion, our non-conference games were much tougher than Wisconsin. That was a big disappointment." Purdue had to rally against Indiana to gain a share of the Big Ten. Trailing 16-14 in a downpour, Samuels guided the Boilermakers 66 yards for the winning touchdown, a Rex Brock 24-yard run with 4:22 remaining.

End Bernie Flowers was a consensus All-American pick.

1968

Purdue began the season ranked No. 1 in the nation, and Sports Illustrated featured Leroy Keyes on the cover of its college football preview.

"It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if we do not have a very successful season," coach Jack Mollenkopf said before the season opener against Virginia.

Including a 37-22 victory at No. 2 Notre Dame, Purdue was off to a 3-0 start before losing at eventual national champion Ohio State 13-0. An 8-2 season was capped by a come-from-behind 38-35

victory against Indiana. In his farewell game, Keyes scored four touchdowns and surpassed 1,000 rushing yards for the season. His 1-yard touchdown run with 1:35 remaining capped a comeback from a 28-10 deficit. 1978

These Boilermakers came within one point of being the second Rose Bowl team at Purdue. A 24-24 tie at Wisconsin cost

Purdue a three-way share of the Big Ten title with Michigan and Michigan State. Under rules at that time, Purdue would have gotten the bid due to beating MSU head to head and Michigan having been in the Rose Bowl more recently. Mark Herrmann led a talented offensive unit to only the second bowl game in school history, dominating Georgia Tech 41-21 on Christmas Day in the Peach Bowl. 1980

Riding consensus All-American seasons from Herrmann and tight end Dave Young, the Boilermakers (9-3) finished tied for second in the Big Ten at 7-1.

Herrmann won the Chicago Tribune's Silver Football as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. He set the career NCAA passing yards record with 9,946.

Herrmann led the Big Ten in passing yards and TD passes. The Carmel graduate would earn his third bowl MVP honor at the Liberty Bowl, guiding Purdue to a 28-25 victory against Missouri. Herrmann threw two touchdown passes to fellow Carmel graduate Bart Burrell and one apiece to Steve Bryant and Young.

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

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Noblesville Lions Enjoy State Convention



A few Noblesville Lions helping with the convention services



Lion Steve Craig with State Lion of the Year Nomination



Photos courtesy Noblesville Lions

25D Lion Leadership – Scott Smith, Past Dist. Gov; Julia Kozicki, 25D Dist. Gov; Rocky Simpson, 25D Gov-Elect



Lion Jeff Kozicki with Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

On the last weekend in April, the Indiana State Lions Convention was held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Noblesville. Many Lion clubs from the state of Indiana convened for partnership, and to attend the many seminars given. Attendees were treated to Saturday's luncheon speaker Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009; and at dinner J. Frank Moore, Past International President.

Two Noblesville Lions were honored at the event. Lion Jeff Kozicki was given the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to honor exemplary service named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions International. Jeff is current Global Membership Approach (GMA) 25D Coordinator. And Lion Steve Craig received a nomination for Lion of the Year.

Financial Assistance for Bradford Pear Removal in Hamilton County

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Hamilton County Invasives Partnership are proud to announce the launch of a new Callery Pear Removal Cost Share Program, aimed at assisting homeowners in the removal of landscape Callery pear trees from their properties. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to combat the spread of invasive species and promote the health and biodiversity of our local ecosystems.

encouraging proactive steps towards environmental stewardship. Additionally, three local tree companies are partnering with the SWCD to offer discounted rates on Callery pear removal. By utilizing the services of Nature's Canopy, Climbing High Tree Service, or Engledow Tree Experts, participants can stretch their grant dollars even further.

To participate in the program, homeowners must apply prior to having trees removed. Reimbursements will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to available funding. This program can be utilized in conjunction with the district's Native for Invasive Trade In Program which makes free native trees and shrubs available after the removal of invasive species. The SWCD is also offering financial assistance for larger scale invasive species removal and restoration projects. Funding is made available through a Clean Water Indiana grant.

The Callery pear tree, with varieties commonly known as the Bradford, Aristocrat, Cleveland and others, has become a significant environmental concern due to its ability to escape cultivation and spread rapidly along tree lines, roadsides, and through woodlands. In response to this issue, Hamilton SWCD is offering a cost-sharing program to incentivize homeowners to remove these trees from their landscapes.

Under the program, homeowners can receive reimbursement for half of the cost of removing landscape Callery pear trees from their property, up to a maximum of \$400. This financial assistance aims to alleviate the financial burden associated with tree removal while

For more information about the invasive species removal programs and to apply visit www.hamiltonswcd.org or contact (317) 773-2181.

Registration Open for Carmel Parks Nature Keepers Program

Carmel, Ind. (May 7, 2024) – Registration is open for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's (CCPR) Nature Keepers half-day program. Led by naturalists on CCPR's Parks & Natural Resources team the program offers a dynamic, hands-on educational experience.

Tailored for children ages 5 to 11, each five-day Nature Keepers session is hosted at the Monon Community Center Monday through Thursday and at a CCPR park location on Friday. Morning sessions run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions run from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Weekly themes will take campers from crafts and activities inside the classroom to an exploration of the outdoors. This summer's themes include:

- Fishing Frenzy
- Ponds, Creeks & Streams

- Wildlife of All Shapes & Sizes
- Things with Wings
- Get Messy!
- Nature Detectives

"We're excited to offer Nature Keepers for our community again this summer with some new and exciting changes," said Karen LaMere, CCPR naturalist. "We're offering longer sessions so we can educate campers inside the classroom and outdoors in nature, all while exploring a wider variety of themes. We'll enjoy fun activities like creek stumping, fishing, and looking for wildlife. We can't wait to get outdoors!"

Nature Keepers sessions are available from June 3 to Aug. 2, at a weekly cost of \$135 per child. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation to program locations. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

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get a payment 23% to 25% less than they were previously receiving. And without reform, new beneficiaries would get benefits similarly reduced.

The action needed to prevent those cuts from happening resides with Congress, and any program reform they enact would likely only affect those who are not yet collecting. Whether or how that would affect you and your wife as future SS beneficiaries depends on the scope of reform Congress will enact which, of course, is not yet known. That uncertainty, itself, is reason enough to bolster your savings for your future retirement.

The probability of Congress allowing the Trust Funds to be depleted, thus necessitating an across the board cut in everyone's benefit is, in my opinion, slim (it would be political suicide). Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial woes – they just currently lack the bipartisanship and political fortitude to do so. And it's doubtful any Social Security reform will happen this election year - rather, the opposing sides will likely just sling accusations at each

other in 2024. But rest assured that both sides of Congress are acutely aware that reform of the Social Security program is needed soon, and we are already seeing signs that progress on reform may be forthcoming (but not until after the 2024 elections).

Congress is notorious for waiting until the last possible moment to act, and I don't suggest you alter your Social Security claiming strategy based on the unknown. But building a bigger nest egg for retirement is always a prudent goal. Also, calling your Congressional Representative to endorse needed Social Security reform which ensures your future benefits will not be cut would be a good move.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. Russell Gloor is the, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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 Precinct Committeeman Fall Creek 04 -- **Rachel Quade, 175, 80.65 percent**; Matt Murray, 42, 19.35 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Fall Creek 16 -- **Anthony Simons, 81, 62.79 percent**; Geoff Tease, 48, 37.21 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Fall Creek 21 -- **Patricia “Trish” Poteet, 102, 54.55 percent**; Evan L. Woodruff, 85, 45.45 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Fall Creek 33 -- **Greg Jones, 97, 55.11 percent**; Tom Grinslade, 79, 44.89 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 01 - **Dan Stevens, 91, 81.25**; Martin Strother, 21, 18.75 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 10 -- **Perry Williams, 98, 56.65 percent**; Adrienne Rogers, 75, 43.35 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 17 -- **Robert C. Becker, 124, 67.76 percent**; David L. Dawson, 59, 32.24 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 19 -- **Steven C. Dillinger, 87, 61.27 percent**; Jae Ebert, 38, 26.76 percent; Craig William Monson, 17, 11.97 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 23 -- **Andy Hahn, 168, 67.20 percent**; Timothy “Tim” Cortrecht, 82, 32.80 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 24 -- **Mike Davis, 192, 58.18 percent**; Mark F. Hall, 138, 41.82 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Noblesville 36 -- **Matt Light, 135, 60 percent**; Beth Sheller, 90, 40 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Wayne 03 -- **William J. Gustin, 116, 52.25 percent**; Patrick Lima, 106, 47.75 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Wayne 04 -- **Tiffany Pascoe, 38, 63.33 percent**; Lindsay Downing, 22, 36.67 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Wayne 07 -- **Robert Gomez, 37, 66.07 percent**; Rockford V. Stites, 19, 33.93 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 02 -- **Jeffrey Larrison, 242, 52.04 percent**; Christine Pauley Meads, 223, 47.96 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 04 -- **Gloria Delgreco, 82, 50.93 percent**; Charles “Charlie” Driver Jr., 79, 49.07 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 09 -- **Michael A. Neal, 142, 57.03 percent**; Robert L. Horkay, 60, 24.10 percent; William “Bill” Dale, 47, 18.88 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 10 -- **Mike Johns, 102, 53.97 percent**; Jeff Boller, 87, 46.03 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 16 -- **Ronald T. Moore, 98, 59.04 percent**; Ronald P. Russell, 68, 40.96 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 25 -- **Jimmy Cox, 120, 58.25 percent**; Samuel J. Frain, 86, 41.75 percent
 Precinct Committeeman Westfield 31 -- **Victor McCarty, 62, 55.86 percent**; Lisa M. Everling, 49, 44.14 percent

State Convention Delegate Clay Township (10) -- Sue Finkam, 7537 votes, 9.66 percent; Jeff Worrell, 5010, 6.42 percent; Fred Glynn, 5002, 6.41 percent; Raju Chinthala, 3931, 5.04 percent; Sue Maki, 3590, 4.60 percent; Adam P. Aasen, 3316, 4.25 percent; Christine Altman, 3199, 4.10 percent; Jenny Brake, 2748, 3.52 percent; Mike Brady, 2384, 3.06 percent; John Ruckelshaus, 2258, 2.90 percent

State Convention Delegate Delaware Township (10) -- Debbie Driskell, 1341, 7.60 percent; Duane Eaton, 1261, 7.14 percent; David Giffel, 1140, 6.46 percent; John P. “Johnny” DeLucia, 1106, 6.27 percent; Emily June Allen, 1030, 5.84 percent; Greg Lannan, 994, 5.63 percent; Selena Stoller, 965, 5.47 percent; Janet S. Gaines, 929, 5.26 percent; Sharon Jackson, 915, 5.18 percent; Angela Frazier, 874, 4.95 percent

State Convention Delegate Fall Creek Township (12) -- Cecilia Coble, 2527, 5.81 percent; Doug Allman, 2162, 4.97 percent; Susan Davis, 2077, 4.78 percent; Tiffanie Ditlevson, 1910, 4.39 percent; Pete Peterson, 1839, 4.23 percent; Shelly Allman, 1779, 4.09 percent; Dawn Lang, 1775, 4.08 percent; Suzanne R. Heinzmann, 1657, 3.81 percent; Patricia “Trish” Poteet, 1529, 3.52 percent; Brian Baehl, 1,451, 3.34 percent; Pamela Dempsey, 1447, 3.33 percent; Greg Jones, 1376, 3.17 percent

State Convention Delegate Jackson Township (15) -- Robyn Cook, 970, 6.92 percent; Ray Adler, 906, 6.46 percent; Brett S. Foster, 720, 5.13 percent; Jack Russell, 672, 4.79 percent; Emily K. Pearson, 626, 4.46 percent; John L. Woods, 623, 4.44 percent; Corey Burkhardt, 568, 4.05 percent; Dennis Thompson, 563, 4.02 percent; Myrna Thompson, 554, 3.95 percent; Mary Parr, 529, 3.77 percent; Keith Troutman, 527, 3.76 percent; Sherry Troutman, 520, 3.71 percent; Chad Pfifer, 507, 3.62 percent; Melissa Stuart, 498, 3.55 percent; Jai Cook, 477, 3.40 percent

State Convention Delegate Noblesville Township (10) -- Scott Baldwin, 3686, 6.23 percent; John Ditslear, 3251, 5.50 percent; Laura Alerding, 3108, 5.25 percent; Alaina Shonkwiler, 2944, 4.98; Susan Beckwith, 2910, 4.92 percent; Micah Beckwith, 2802, 4.74 percent; Chris Jensen, 2591, 4.38 percent; Mike Davis, 2365, 4.00 percent; Joe Forgey, 2212, 3.74 percent; Trini K. Beaver, 1691, 2.86 percent

State Convention Delegate Washington Township (10) -- Jim Ake, 2015, 5.15 percent; Marla Ailor, 1971, 5.04 percent; Cindy Gossard, 1834, 4.69 percent; Kurt Wanninger, 1705, 4.36 percent; William “Bill” Dale, 1541, 3.94 percent; Danielle Carey Tolan, 1538, 3.93 percent; Danyeale Easterhaus, 1493, 3.82 percent; Karla Frei, 1478, 3.78 percent; Kate Healey Snedeker, 1460, 3.73 percent; Stephanie Carlson, 1379, 3.53 percent

State Convention Delegate Wayne Township (15) -- Jason M. McKay, 413, 6.41 percent; Karen McKay, 402, 6.24 percent; Mel Arnold, 378, 5.87 percent; Scott McNamara, 366, 5.68 percent; Tiffany Pascoe, 364, 5.65 percent; Steve Kester, 363, 5.64 percent; Robert Jones, 360, 5.59 percent; Laura McNamara, 358, 5.56 percent; Edward Jay Ingle, 351, 5.45 percent; Sharon Coffman-Jones, 340, 5.28 percent; Nyla Kester, 326, 5.06 percent; William J. Gustin, 324, 5.03 percent; Frederick Good, 320, 4.97 percent; Joshua Pascoe, 314, 4.88 percent; Matthew L. Smith, 313, 4.86 percent

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RESULTS

President of the United States -- Joseph R. Biden Jr., 8,806 votes

U.S. Senator -- **Valerie McCray, 5,994, 68.95 percent**; Marc Carmichael, 2,699, 31.05 percent

Governor -- Jennifer G. McCormick, 100 percent

U.S. Representative District 5 -- **Deborah A. Pickett, 5,020, 56.53 percent**; Ryan Pfenninger, 3,861, 43.47 percent

State Senator District 20 -- Joel Levi, 100 percent
 State Representative District 24 -- Josh Lowry, 100 percent
 State Representative District 29 -- Christopher Hartig, 100 percent
 State Representative District 32 -- Victoria Garcia Wilburn, 100 percent
 State Representative District 39 -- Matt McNally, 100 percent
 State Representative District 88 -- **Stephanie Jo Yoakum, 303, 67.48 percent**, Starr Joy Hairston, 146, 32.52 percent.

County Council member at large -- Keely J. Gladioux, 100 percent
 State Convention Delegate Washington Township (19) -- Alexis A. Lowry, 1060, 5.91 percent; Shelly Brown, 949, 5.29 percent; Josh Lowry, 920, 5.13 percent; Katherine Crider, 878, 4.90 percent; Evelyn J. Davis, 857, 4.78 percent; Cheryl L. Berry, 851, 4.75 percent; Michelle S. Smith, 845, 4.71 percent; Melissa Auciello-Brogan, 843, 4.70 percent; Monica Cannaley, 821, 4.58 percent; Jennifer A. Kocolowski, 818, 4.56 percent; Peggy Furniss, 815, 4.55 percent; Amy Salmeto-Johnson, 801, 4.47 percent; Anne Hockersmith, 794, 4.43 percent; Matt McNally, 733, 4.09 percent; Brandee L. Easterday, 729, 4.07 percent; Leanne Bertino, 712, 3.97 percent; Jamie Flemington, 634, 3.54 percent; Cary A. Fuller, 588, 3.28 percent; Christian M. Fenn, 507, 2.83 percent

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