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TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Hamilton Happenings

A probation officer in Hamilton County was recently recognized by Chief Justice Loretta Rush for her commitment to the profession of probation and long-time service. Jennifer Swindell was presented with an honor commemorating 25 years of service at the annual justice services conference. She was one of 21 probation officers honored for years of services.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Four regions in Indiana are finalists for the 2024 Stellar program. The four are located in Dearborn, LaGrange, Wabash and Warren counties. They were chosen from 19 letters of interest. Relunched earlier this year, the Stellar Pathways program is a multi-year, multi-million-dollar initiative led by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. As finalists, each region will receive \$50,000 to put toward the development of its final strategic investment plan. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/stellar/.

2 All aerial treatments conducted by the DNR to slow the spread of spongy moth were completed earlier this week. Spongy moth is one of North America's most devastating invasive forest pests and has caused thousands of acres of defoliation across the eastern U.S. Treatments were conducted in Adams, Allen, Huntington, Starke, Wabash, Wayne and Whitley counties.

3 CenterPoint Energy is transitioning to a new billing system. Beginning July 2, customers will receive a new account number and will experience a new online interface. The update also includes a redesigned bill format, simplified program enrollments, more self-service options and additional features. Customers will find their new account number on the upper right corner of their bill, online at CenterPointEnergy.com/MyAccount on the left side of the dashboard when logged into their account or by calling CenterPoint customer service.

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Why is there a Social Security Earnings Limit?

Social Security Matters
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ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty:
I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand, and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years, and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

Signed: Working American

Dear Working American:
This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature

American Citizens (AMAC), advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS full retirement age (FRA). In AMAC's view, it discourages people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn't need Social Security to sustain

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Confused by Nutrition Labels? You're Not Alone

(StatePoint) Shopping for groceries can be like navigating a maze: so many choices in every aisle, food packages covered in marketing claims and little direction on what is truly healthy and what isn't. People want to make healthy choices for themselves and their families, but how can they when the information available to them can be so overwhelming?

For years, the Nutrition Facts label on the back of food packages has provided important nutrition information, such as the amount of calories, fat,

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How Compounding Pharmacies Can Help Patients Get Needed Care

(StatePoint) Most consumers know how a traditional pharmacy works. Far fewer are aware of an alternative option: a compounding pharmacy. Here's everything you need to know about these specialized healthcare facilities, and how they have the potential to improve your wellness.

What is a compounding pharmacy? A compounding pharmacy employs the art and science of creating personalized medications based on a patient's specific requirements, ensuring an individualized approach to healthcare.

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Airport Fly-In, Breakfast, Buffett Tributes, Live Music



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Aviation enthusiasts can see home-built, restored and military aircraft during the Noblesville Chapter 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Noblesville Airport.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Aviation enthusiasts can see home-built, restored and military aircraft during a Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in Saturday morning at Noblesville

Airport. Jimmy Buffett fans will enjoy a Concert at the Commons at Federal Hill Commons on Saturday night featuring Parrots of the Caribbean with their Jimmy Buffett tribute. Also, free classic Outdoor Movies in the Park continue tonight as well as Hamilton County Parks' 30th Anniversary Cool Creek Music Series featuring The Flying Toasters tonight. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Cool Creek 30th Anniversary Music Series continues tonight at Cool Creek Park in Westfield featuring entertainment at 7 p.m.: The Flying Toasters, tonight; 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

2. Celebrate Jimmy Buffett during Bubbles Up! At 7:30 p.m. today and July 18 at Feinstein's Hotel Carmichael in Carmel and the Human Jukebox featuring Ryan and Lauren Ahwardt during a night of music at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and July 26, An Evening of Magic and Lies on June 27, Bryan Eng Trio on June 28, and Indy Nights with Ryan Ahwardt & Friends - Special Edition - on

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

A recent study found formula-fed infants who start on solids prior to four months of age are six times more likely to develop obesity by age three. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go in the other room and read a book."
Groucho Marx

TODAY'S JOKE

What falls down but never needs a Band-Aid?
The rain!

OBITUARIES

Victor L. Walker

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OBITUARY

Victor L. Walker

August 4, 1924 - June 8, 2024

Victor Leroy Walker, age 99, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away on Saturday evening, June 8, 2024, just a few months shy of his 100th birthday. Born August 4, 1924, in Kirklintown, Indiana, he was the son of the late Maurice and Flossie (Price) Walker. He was a 1942 graduate of Kirklintown High School.



He worked for various companies as a long-haul driver. He retired from Schneider Transport out of Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1989 after 12 years with the company. He was also very proud to be a member of the Teamsters Union.

Driving was not only his career, but also supported one of his favorite hobbies. Victor loved photography, and being on the road opened the door to all the wonderful subject matter across this beautiful country. He was also very fond of technology, especially when it came to his computer.

Victor is survived by 2 sons, Randel L. Walker of Ft. Meade, Florida, and Rick A. Walker of Ft. Meade, Florida; 6 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and by his sister, Ileana Ruthann Warner of Washington state.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Flossie (Price) Walker; his brother, Glen Walker; and by his wife, Phyllis Jean (Greathouse) Walker on March 12, 2005. She and Victor were married on June 10, 1945.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana.

Noblesville Diversity Coalition Receives \$14,000 Grant

The Noblesville Diversity Coalition is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$14,000 grant from the Crosser Foundation. This generous funding will support NDC's ongoing Community Conversations series and upcoming opportunities for learning about various cultures through the Listening Series.

The Crosser Foundation's support will enable NDC to expand its efforts to provide safe spaces for dialogue and connection. Community Conversations and the Listening Series bring together residents, leaders, and diverse voices to engage in meaningful discussions on various topics of interest. When people from different backgrounds and cultures come together, they bring unique perspectives,

experiences, and ideas that open the door to learning from one another, nurturing empathy and understanding, and promoting a more inclusive and welcoming Noblesville.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Crosser Foundation for their support," said Dana Randall, President of the Noblesville Diversity Coalition. "This grant will allow us to continue our mission of educating, celebrating, challenging, and inspiring Noblesville to be a community that embraces all cultures and identities. With this funding, we can enhance our programming and reach more individuals who are eager to contribute to and benefit from a vibrant, strong, and safe community."

Heights' Youth Benefit From Camp



A three-day mini camp returned for its third year to offer students in grades 4-8, the opportunity to have fun while connecting with local professionals who serve the school district and community with law enforcement and emergency services.



Photos courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Officer Neal Hoard with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is pictured explaining the role and function of Maudie the bloodhound, a vital member of the office, before conducting a tracking exercise. Bloodhounds are trained to use human scent to track suspects and missing persons.

Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (HHYAP) and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers (SRO) from Hamilton Heights partnered for its 3rd annual mini camp held at Hamilton Heights Middle School in Arcadia. Nearly 30 students in grades 4 - 8 kicked off their summer fun at this three-day interactive camp. The camp featured demonstrations from the Jackson Township Fire Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, and the Hamilton County Emergency Management Association (EMA), obstacle course, and a variety of daily games "The camp offered an opportunity for Heights' SRO's and

YAP staff to get to know each other better, have fun with their peers and staff while learning more about emergency and law enforcement services serving their school district and community," said Mary Ann Haymaker. "We look forward to this week every year."

Hamilton Heights SRO's Josh Ireland and Jon Tindal and YAP's Mary Ann Haymaker and Summer Bailey participated in the camp. Special thanks to Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Nicole Prater, and Rachel Baldwin for helping this year. The camp is traditionally held the first or second week of June. Camp sign ups take place in May.

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them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year's earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is attained).

Historical accounts suggest that the reasoning behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that "No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless . . . he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation" - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn't need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA) would have a portion of their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test but has not advanced in the

legislative process since introduced in August 2023.

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you'll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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sodium, sugar, protein and vitamins and minerals. But all the numbers can be confusing, and they're not readily visible. Given America's high rates of diet-related disease and illness, advocates say that more must be done to make sure consumers have the information they need to make healthy choices.

That's why the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which sets standards for nutrition labeling, is developing a new labeling system that would appear on the front of food and beverage products, offering clear and concise information to help people quickly and easily identify healthier foods. Research from other countries shows that front-of-pack labeling helps consumers make healthier purchases and even gets manufacturers to make healthier products.

What could a front-of-pack label look like? More than 40 countries already require it. Some countries use stoplight colors like red, yellow and green, or a grading system like a report card - A, B, C, D, E - to indicate how healthy a product is. Other countries use a warning system that indicates whether products include high

amounts of added sugars, saturated fat or sodium. Approaches like these make it easy for consumers to understand with a quick glance what's healthy and what's not.

The success of front-of-pack labeling in other countries suggests it will help people in the United States make healthier choices that can improve well-being and reduce high rates of diet-related diseases, including some forms of heart disease and cancer. In fact, the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) recommended such a system more than 10 years ago, and national polls show most Americans support it.

The FDA plans to release a proposal for a front-of-pack food labeling system in the United States that can get everyone out of the food shopping maze. To stay informed and learn more, visit yourethecure.org/FOP

"Clear, concise front-of-pack nutrition labeling is the answer. After all, grocery shopping shouldn't require a degree in nutrition," says Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association.

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"The conventional, mass-produced, one-size-fits-all approach to medication unfortunately does not work for all patients. Compounded medications however can help ensure patients get the therapies they need safely," says Shaun Noorian, CEO and founder of Empower Pharmacy, a compounding pharmacy that specializes in men's health, women's health, dermatology, hormone replacement, weight management, IV therapy, longevity, sexual wellness, mental health and gender affirming care.

Why is this important? Compounded medications are crafted to address individual requirements, such as allergies to certain ingredients, dosage adjustments, or the need for alternative forms of medication (for example, needing a liquid instead of a pill form). In short, compounded medications deliver therapy required for individuals to live healthier, happier lives in a form that can optimize their care. These medications can also play a vital role in addressing challenges related to FDA-approved prescription medication shortages.

How common are compound pharmacies? Compounding pharmacies make up 2% of the current pharmaceutical market, but that figure is growing as more patients and providers grasp the benefits that compounded medicines provide.

How does this change the role of the pharmacist?

Pharmacists have always been an important part of patients' care teams, dispensing medications and offering advice on side effects and dosing. At a compounding pharmacy, that role also includes producing customized prescription drugs for patients, most often from raw ingredients.

Are compounding pharmacies within reach for regular patients? Some compounding pharmacies are working to prioritize access. Empower Pharmacy, for example, provides medications at an affordable cost in an effort to ensure everyone has access to the treatments they need. And because the pharmacy operates online, patients with mobility and transportation issues are able to fill their prescriptions from the comfort of home.

Are there any safety issues to be aware of? Compounded medications are not FDA-approved, making it important for patients to stick to trustworthy pharmacies that use safe compounding practices. Be sure your pharmacy has Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) accreditation.

To learn more, visit empowerpharmacy.com.

"We believe that understanding the nuances of compounding, its benefits, and its role during FDA-approved shortages helps equip patients to make informed decisions about their healthcare," says Noorian.

Spark!Fishers kicks off next week

The weeklong Spark!Fishers festival presented by Meijer returns to Fishers' Nickel Plate Cultural District this summer. Kicking off on Monday and running through Saturday, the festival offers ways for the community to celebrate Independence Day traditions while showcasing what it means to be uniquely Fishers.

This year, attendees will enjoy a new schedule of events, including the popular drone show now scheduled to close out the Tuesday concert, and a fireworks display to conclude the concert on Friday night at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Also new this year, a 1-Mile Walk/Run welcomes participants of all ages and abilities alongside the Spark!Fishers 5k.

This year's Spark!Fishers parade grand marshal is Indy Ignite, Indiana's first professional volleyball team, which will be based at the new Fishers Event Center set to open in fall 2024. Indy Ignite's debut season is scheduled to begin in

January 2025.

With the opening of the new Fishers Municipal Center, which includes City Hall and the Fishers Art Center, visitors can enjoy free programming from the Fishers Arts Council, Fishers Arts & Cultural Commission, and Fishers Art Center during Saturday's events. This includes art galleries featuring works by the celebrated Hoosier artist, writer, and cultural icon, Kurt Vonnegut Jr., alongside high-quality demonstrations, interactive activities, and performances by local performing arts groups.

For Saturday's festivities, Spark!Fishers attendees are encouraged to park at the FORUM Conference Center (11313 USA Parkway) and take the free shuttle running from 2 to 10 p.m. Shuttles will stop between 5 and 7 p.m. due to the parade at 6 p.m. Shuttles will resume at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Learn more about the festival at SparkFishers.com.



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE:

Monday: Start the Spark! Charity Golf Outing in partnership with Fishers Rotary Club

Tuesday: 7 p.m. / Free Concert featuring Uptown Funk: A Bruno Mars Tribute at the NPD AMP, followed by the drone show

Wednesday: 6:15 & 7 p.m. / 1-Mile Walk/Run and 5K Race presented by IU Health Fishers (registration required; onsite registration available until 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday: 6-9 p.m. / Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show along the Central Green at the Fishers Municipal Complex

Friday: 8 p.m. / Free Concert featuring Red: A Taylor Swift Tribute at the NPD AMP, followed by a fireworks show

Saturday: 2-9 p.m. / Street Fair, parade at 6 p.m.

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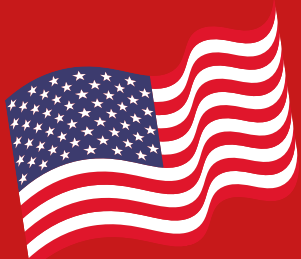
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Scouts, Elks Commemorate Flag Day

Scouting America Noblesville BSA Girls Troop 222 joined Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 for their annual Flag Day tradition of retiring the previous year's flag and raising a new flag.

Elks lodges across the United States commemorate the Birthday of the American Flag, Flag Day, each year by holding the ceremony at 6pm on June 14. Members of Troop 222 have assisted in this celebration each year since the troop was founded in 2022.

"We love connecting with the community and getting involved in this," said Jenny Sherrill, Scoutmaster. "Seeing the Scouts take charge and lead the ceremony is so encouraging."

Scouts from Troop 222, which comprises female scouts ages 11 to 17, retired the previous year's flag, carefully folded it, and presented it to Elks Exalted Ruler for presentation at a later time. They then raised the new flag, which had previously flown over the US Capitol. Brothers of troop members who belong to Troop 183 and Cub Scout Pack 315 also attended the event in uniform.

"We appreciate that the Elks continue to invite us to partner with them," Sherrill said. "They were the first community organization to invite us to join them for a patriotic activity. We appreciate their partnership."

Troop 222 for Girls is chartered by Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.



Photos courtesy of Kris Julius, Kris Julius Photography

Scouts from Noblesville's Troop 222 are joined by brothers in Noblesville's Troop 183 and Pack 315, scout leaders, and Elks at the Noblesville Elks #576 Flag Day celebration. Partnering with the Elks each year for the ceremony and pizza after is an annual tradition for Troop 222. Fourteen Troop 222 scouts joined this year.



Troop 222 Scouts Arwyn, Ellador, and Kendall salute the flag. Elks and community members gathered in Ninth Street for the event. Fourteen members of Troop 222 were joined by brothers in Troop 183 and Cub Scout Pack 315 for the event.



Troop 222's newest Scout, Evelyn, salutes the flag, while Elks members provide a thoughtful reading on the significance of the American flag. Elks lodges across the country observe the birthday of the American flag at 6pm on June 14, Flag Day.



Senior Patrol Leader Ellador, center, gives instructions to scouts as they unfold the new flag. The flag, previously flown over the US Capitol, will adorn the Elks lodge on Ninth Street for the next year.



Senior Patrol Leader Ellador, center, instructs scouts Arwyn, Robbin, and Grace as they unfurl the new flag to raise at the Noblesville Elks. Scout leaders, community members, and Elks joined the Flag Day observance on Ninth Street.



Life Scout Evelyn, on ladder, secures the halyard flying the new flag to the cleat on the Elks building on Ninth Street, while scouts Hannah, Evelyn, and Ginny steady the ladder.



Life Scout Evelyn, on ladder, lowers last year's flag to fellow troop members for folding and presentation. Evelyn and members of Troop 222 have attended the Elks Flag Day ceremony since 2022, the year the troop was founded.



Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill stands back and watches Troop 222 Scouts in the Elks Flag Day celebration. The Scouts BSA troop's scouts have participated in the ceremony since they were founded in 2022.



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July 5 featuring friends Dan Ponce, Mike Itkoff, Don Nottinham and Charlie Meching as The Order of the Old Shiny Suits featuring acapella songs, stories and laughs; and Chrome Horse Bob Dylan Tribute on July 6; and The Life and Music of Neil Diamond on July 20.

3. Enjoy the 13th annual free Outdoor Classic Movies in the Park at about dusk (9:15 p.m.) on Friday nights at Forest Park in Noblesville, courtesy of Wafford Theatre and Logan Street Signs & Banners, featuring the films, "Sabrina" (1954) tonight, and "That Touch of Mink" (1962) on June 28 at the park.

4. Aviation enthusiasts can see home-built, restored and military aircraft during the Noblesville Chapter 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Noblesville Airport. Fly-in admission free.

5. Enjoy live music with The 78s at 6:30 p.m. today, Ciara Haskett at 1 p.m. Saturday, Bomar & Ritter at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jenna & Joel at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sadie Johnson at 6:30 p.m. June 28, The Juan Douglas Trio at 1 p.m. June 30, all at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville; Euchre Night 7 p.m. Mondays at Syd's Bar and Grill in downtown Noblesville; Donny Coyle tonight, Sam King on Saturday, Open Mic Night for solo acoustic acts with sound provided 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday (next is June 27), Andy Schomburg on June 28, Ciara Haskett on June 29 at Primeval Brewing Co., in downtown Noblesville.

6. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays with live entertainment, through Oct. 12 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Special days include Dog Day with parade, costume contest, pet portraits, agility demos,

adoptions and more this Saturday; Kids Day on July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14; and Art Day Sept. 7.

7. The Little Beauty Carousel in Carousel Corner in Forest Park is closed for repairs. But 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. And play miniature golf at Tom Thumb course at Forest Park next to the carousel.

8. Take a road trip to Tipton Park Concert Series featuring The Breakfast Club on Saturday, Southern Rock Authority on July 27, 90 Proof on Aug. 24 and 45 RPM on Sept. 21.

9. Enjoy free Concerts at the Commons at Federal Hill Commons 7-10 p.m. Saturdays featuring: Parrots of the Caribbean (Jimmy Buffett tribute), this Saturday; 16 Candles Band ('80s music), July 13; No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), July 27; Crush (Bon Jovi tribute), Aug. 10; Tennessee Whiskey (Chris Stapleton tribute), Aug. 24; Hi Fidelity ('80s rock), Sept. 14; and Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Sept. 28.

10. Attend a formal dedication ceremony for 40 new banners that honor the 78 competitive swimmers, divers, coaches and volunteers who have come through Forest Park Aquatic Center and gone on to participate in the Olympic Trials over the years at 10:30 a.m. June 25 at the Aquatic Center in Forest Park in Noblesville. Representatives from USA Swimming, Indiana Swimming, USA Diving, AAU Diving and the City of Noblesville will be in attendance.

11. Make plans to attend the annual weeklong patriotic celebration, Spark!Fishers festival, June 25-29 in Fishers, with Uptown Funk

tribute to Bruno Mars at 8 p.m. June 25, 5K and 1-mile Run/Walk at 6 p.m. June 26, a Car & Art Show at 6 p.m. June 27 throughout the Fishers Municipal Complex, Red Taylor Swift Tribute at 8 p.m. June 28 at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, Street Fair 2-9 p.m. June 29 in Nickel Plate District with multiple stages

12. Gather around the Cool Creek campfire ring for various guests at 7 p.m. June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, for all ages on the north side of Cool Creek Park in Westfield with no registration required.

13. Enjoy the Noblesville Summer Concert Series 7-9 p.m. Thursdays at Dillon Park featuring: Jai Baker 3, June 27; Dave and Rae, July 11; The Doo Band, July 18; Endless Summer Band, July 25.

14. See talented young folks perform in Carmel Community Players' Rising Star production of "Anne of Green Gables," June 28-July 7 at The Cat in Carmel, featuring lots of young actors, with tickets at carmelplayers.org.

15. Bring blankets and lawn chairs while experiencing the Hamilton County Community Band's free Summer Concert Series, 6:30 p.m. June 30, July 28 and Aug. 18 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

16. Cicero's 25th Lights Over Morse Lake Festival is July 3-7 in Cicero. Noblesville Fourth of July Parade steps off at 4 p.m. July 4 and travels through downtown Noblesville, with the Noblesville Fireworks Festival to follow until 10 p.m. with Kids in America to perform on the main stage 7:30-9:30 p.m., with food, activities and fireworks at dusk, with VIP tables now available.

17. Noblesville Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks Festival kicks off at 4 p.m. July 4 with the parade traveling 16th Street

south, Logan Street west, Ninth Street north and Monument Street east back to Ivy Tech. Fireworks Festival is 6-10 pm at Forest Park with food, games, bounce houses, and fireworks at 10 p.m.

18. Grab your lawn chair and head for the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for the annual free String-Time on the Square music series at 6:30 p.m. the first Saturday night of each month, with New Augusta Bluegrass Band on July 6, Cornfields & Crossroads on Aug. 3 and The Bahler Family Golden Age Band on Sept. 7 (raindate makeup) with Noblesville teen Addie McMillan opener and co-emcee for all shows, courtesy of Legacy Keepers Music's sponsors and thanks to Legacy Keepers' director Janet Gilray.

19. Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz continues with concerts July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12.

20. Get your dancing shoes ready for Noblesville Street Dance on July 20 in downtown Noblesville.

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Enjoy Concerts at the Commons at Federal Hill Commons (Eagles tribute above) in downtown Noblesville on Saturday nights featuring Parrots of the Caribbean (Jimmy Buffett tribute) next up on Saturday.

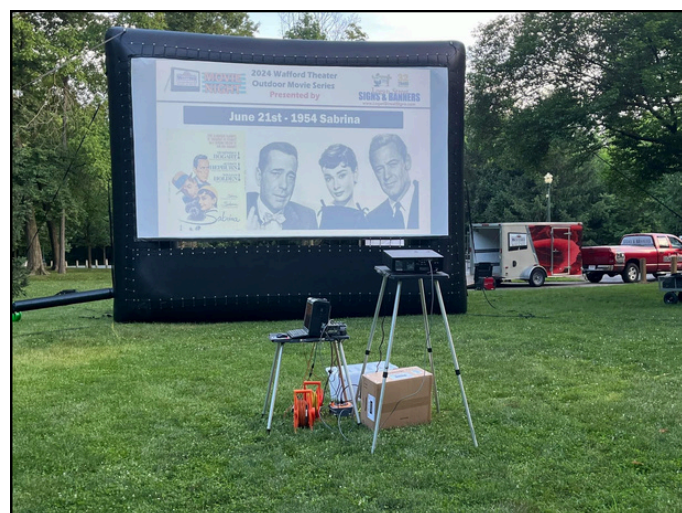


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Hall of Fames – Full of Controversy, Politics



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

A few weeks ago, I pointed out the ridiculousness of the College Football Hall of Fame rules that barring a change will keep Purdue legend Drew Brees outside its doors in Atlanta.

The old boys club running the College Football Hall of Fame have nothing on the clique that oversees the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Without checking Google, guess how many representatives from Purdue and Indiana have been enshrined?

Four Boilermakers, six Hoosiers.* (*Purdue's Terry Dischinger is enshrined as a member of the 1960 United States Olympic gold medal team. Indiana's Bobby Leonard earned his berth primarily for leading the Indiana Pacers to three ABA championships as "the best seventh game coach in the business" to quote his Naismith biography.)

The two major basketball universities in this state have had six persons elected since the 1960 class included Purdue's Ward Lambert, John Wooden and Charles "Stretch" Murphy alongside Indiana's Branch McCracken.

Walt Bellamy. Everett Dean. Gene Keady. Bob Knight. George McGinnis. Isiah Thomas. That's one every 10-plus years.

Here are notable Boilermakers and Hoosiers not in the Naismith Hall of Fame:

Purdue: Glenn Robinson, Rick Mount,

Terry Dischinger, Joe Barry Carroll.

Indiana: Bill Garrett, Don Schlundt, Steve Alford, Calbert Cheaney. The 1976 national championship team.

To be eligible for election, a player must be fully retired for three full seasons. A coach must either be retired for three full seasons or if still active, must have been in coaching 25 years and at least 60 years old. For example, current Purdue coach Matt Painter is not eligible until 2030 when he turns 60.

Mount, Dischinger and the 1976 Hoosiers are members of the College Basketball Hall of Fame in Kansas City, created by the National Association of Basketball Coaches to honor players who may be slighted by the Naismith folks because their NBA/ABA careers weren't as spectacular as their college days.

While his high-scoring contemporaries Pete Maravich and Calvin Murphy have long ago been honored in Springfield, Mount's omission is unjustifiable.

Averaging an astounding 32.3 points a game, Mount held the Purdue career scoring record of 2,323 for 54 years. A two-time consensus All-American and a three-time All-Big Ten first team selection in an era when freshmen were ineligible. Elected to the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017, Mount's fairly brief professional career (five seasons) is probably holding up his deserved recognition.

If Naismith voters are being snobbish when it comes to requiring NBA success, then what's

the excuse for Dischinger not joining Olympic teammates Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, Jerry Lucas and Bellamy with individual plaques?

Dischinger was a two-time consensus All-American who averaged 28.3 points and a school record 13.7 rebounds in his three seasons at Purdue. Before the U.S. Army interrupted his career, Dischinger won the 1963 NBA Rookie of the Year award and made three NBA All-Star teams. Dischinger joined the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019.

The same argument can be made for Robinson, a two-time NBA All-Star over an 11-year career that saw the "Big Dog" average nearly 21 points a game. That's on top of his spectacular career at Purdue, which saw him win unanimous National Player of the Year honors in 1994. Robinson also was selected to the second NBA Olympic Dream Team in 1996 but injury kept him from participating.

For all the criticism Carroll took during his Purdue and 10-year NBA career, the 7-foot center was quite productive. Carroll still holds the Purdue record for career blocked shots (349) and just saw his career rebounds record fall to Zach Edey this past season. His 2,175 points rank third behind Edey and Mount.

Carroll averaged nearly 18 points a game in the NBA and was an All-Star selection in 1987. His Hall of Fame case carries a stigma that lingers to this day: The Golden State Warriors traded NBA greats Robert Parish and Kevin McHale in 1980 to Boston for the right to draft Carroll No. 1 overall.

Even if he wasn't a great player, Garrett belongs simply for being the Big Ten Conference's Jackie Robinson, breaking the league's color barrier in 1947. Garrett led the Hoosiers in scoring and rebounding for three consecutive seasons and left as the school's career scoring leader.

The Boston Celtics drafted Garrett in 1951 but Uncle Sam had other plans for Garrett. After a two-year hitch in the Army, Garrett spent two years with the Harlem Globetrotters before becoming a successful high school coach in Indiana.

While the first sentence in his Indiana All-America biography ("The day Don Schlundt arrived in Indiana, he changed Hoosier Basketball forever.") may be hyperbole, Schlundt was the Hoosiers' first three-time All-American. The three-time Big Ten scoring champion held the IU career scoring record for 32 years until Alford came along.

Schlundt chose not to play professionally and like Garrett, died young.

Similar to Garrett and Schlundt, Alford's lack of professional success as a player has probably hurt his candidacy. But 2,438 points, a national championship and being regarded as one of the greatest free throw shooters in Big Ten history is a solid foundation for enshrinement.

Cheaney, who remains the Big Ten's all-time scoring leader (2,613 points) 31 years after his final game, was also the 1993 National Player of the Year. But like his fellow IU alumni, Cheaney's case is probably affected by a career NBA scoring

average of 9.5 points in 13 seasons.

Starting fives
ESPN.com projects incoming 7-3 freshman center Daniel Jacobsen to be in the starting lineup when Purdue basketball opens the 2024-25 season.

Writer Jeff Borzello expects sophomore forward Camden Heide to also join returning starters Braden Smith, Fletcher Loyer and Trey Kaufman-Renn.

"The Boilermakers ... return one of the best backcourts in the country in Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer," writes Borzello, who has Purdue 15th in his offseason Top 25 rankings. "Trey Kaufman-Renn is ready for a bigger role in the frontcourt. The key will be whether Smith and Loyer can take the jump from complementary to go-to players, and which reserve or freshman breaks out."

I'll disagree with Borzello's lineup. I foresee Myles Colvin as

a future star and plugging into the vacancy left by Lance Jones. Colvin could possibly be Purdue's No. 2 scorer this upcoming season behind Kaufman-Renn, who I project as the starting center.

Borzello has Indiana slotted 18th overall and second in the Big Ten with a projected lineup of transfers Oumar Ballo (Arizona), guards Myles Rice (Washington State) and Kanaan Carlyle (Stanford), and returning starters Malik Reneau and Mackenzie Mgbako. Again disagreeing slightly with Borzello, I expect Trey Galloway to retain his starting guard position.

UCLA (21st) and Rutgers (25th) round out the Big Ten teams in Borzello's rankings.

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