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TODAY'S VERSE

2 Samuel 23:5 Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant.

Hamilton Happenings

The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will be hosting their second annual Pickleball Extravaganza on Saturday, Aug. 17. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 8:30 at Forest Park. Teams of two can register for \$60. This year the Kiwanis are using the proceeds for the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Register your team today online by searching Pickleball Extravaganza at www.eventbrite.com or using the link on the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Facebook page. For more information, contact TJ Houghtalen at (317) 373-1191 or email tj_houghtalen@greenvistalandscape.com

Three Things You Should Know

- On Saturday, Sept. 28 CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center will host "An Evening of Light" dinner at the Indianapolis Children's Museum in Indianapolis. Elizabeth Smart is the featured speaker and tickets are available for \$150 each at candlestmuseum.org.
- The Great Indiana State Fair is here and the Hoosier Lottery Town returns with Team USA spirit, fun and excitement. Throughout the fair, visitors 18 and older can visit Hoosier Lottery Town to play their favorite games including the new Olympic-inspired Team USA Scratch-off and Fast Play games, with chances to win prizes and participate in exclusive promotions.
- In case you hadn't heard, the State of Indiana closed fiscal year 2024 with \$2.551 billion in state reserves, according to State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla. That includes \$665 million in the General Fund, \$181 million in Medicaid Contingency & Reserve, \$672 million Tuition Reserve and \$1.03 billion Rainy Day Fund.

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Ask Rusty – I was Self-Employed and Don't Have Enough Credits for Social Security



Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

For a 30-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer. I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age 64, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits?
Signed: Needing Points

Dear Needing:

Social Security is an earned benefit, and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes, or Self-Employment (SECA) tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for Social Security benefits –

essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit, and you can earn a maximum of 4 credits for each year you work. The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn 4 credits). Usually, you must contribute to Social Security for about 10 years to be eligible for benefits. You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return – you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of

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Medicare Doomsday Clock Ticks Closer to Midnight

By Sally C. Pipes

One day, our grandchildren may talk about Medicare the way we talk about Bernie Madoff.

Medicare's trustees recently released their annual report on the program's finances, and things are not looking good. The entitlement spent \$12 billion more than it took in from taxes in 2023. Absent change, Medicare's Part A hospital insurance trust fund will be exhausted by 2036.

Years ago, there may have been more than enough workers to cover the cost of Medicare for many fewer

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How to Erase Negative Self-Talk and Feel Better

(StatePoint) It's been four years since the collective trauma of the pandemic created widespread grief, anxiety and isolation, but the psychological wounds of this period have not fully healed.

The American Psychological Association reports continued elevated rates of anxiety and depression among Americans, and mental health experts say that negative self-talk plays a large role in these conditions and other psychological issues. The good news? Individuals can work on subtracting a harmful inner monologue from the equation.

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Art Fair, Bluegrass String-Time on Square, Cool Creek Concert, Pool Flix



Photo courtesy of Betsy Reason of The Times

Shop at Hamilton County Artists' Association's Art Fair on the Square 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, this year moved to Federal Hill Commons.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Enjoy sitting on the lawn at the final Cool Creek Concert of the 30th anniversary season and shopping at Hamilton County Artists' Association's Art Fair at Federal Hill Commons. Also, enjoy free String-Time on the Square music series with Cornfields & Crossroads, Corvette Expo at the Noblesville Moose Lodge and watch the 2020 animated Pixar movie "Soul" at Forest Park Aquatic Center's Flix and Float Night. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Register onsite for teams of two at \$100 for double-elimination Cornhole Tournament benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Shelter No. 1 at Forest Park in Noblesville with 50/50 raffle tickets available and bottled water for freewill donation with more info at bgni.org

2. Attend the Indiana State Fair, opening today with High School Band Day, and continuing through Aug. 18 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, with entertainment, family fun park, livestock barns and buildings, Pioneer Village, Tap Room, animals, 4-H exhibits, food, free stage and more, and info at indianastatefair.com.

3. Cool Creek 30th Anniversary Music Series culminates at Cool Creek Park in Westfield

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed.

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



OBITUARIES

Daniel L. Ireland

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank
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TODAY'S QUOTE

"There are no atheists in the foxhole."
Ernie Pyle – Hoosier WWII correspondent, who was born Aug. 3, 1900

TODAY'S JOKE

Caesar was killed during the Ides of March. But did you know he expected it to be on today's date? That's right. Remember reading what he said? "8-2, Brute?"



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➔ **OBITUARY**

Daniel L. Ireland

July 27, 1948 - July 29 2024

Daniel L. Ireland, 76 of Noblesville died on Monday, July 29, 2024 at Wellbrooke of Carmel. Danny was born in Tipton on July 27, 1948 to Clarence & Phyllis (Hobbs) Ireland who both preceded him in death. He is survived by his step-father, Kenny Hine.



Danny graduated from Fishers High School in the Class of 1967 where he played football, basketball, golf, cross country and ran track. He entered the U.S. Army and served in the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam from 1968-1970. Upon his return he worked at Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo for 32 years.

Danny was a member of VFW Post 6246 and American Legion Post 45, both in Noblesville. He was an avid hunter, trapper, fisherman and he loved working in his yard and garden.

Survivors include two children, Meredith Barrows and husband Steve, Arcadia and Matthew Ireland, Noblesville; seven grandchildren, Tyler (Elizabeth) Wiltermood, Mattie (Brenndan) Rodewald. Mason Barrows, Chase, Kylie, Jonas and Juliette. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Eliana, Raelynn, Jonah and Oliver who is due in September and several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Cheryl Grant.

Danny was preceded in death by one brother, Steve Ireland and the mother of his children, Janie K. Ireland.

Funeral services for Danny will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home with Pastor Andy Marshall presiding. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery with military honors presented by the U.S. Army and the Tipton American Legion Post. Visitation will be on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Condolences for Danny's family may be left on his obituary page at www.young-nichols.com.

Etchison Foundation Makes Big Donation



Photo courtesy Noblesville Boys and Girls Club

Last week, the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville was a recipient of a generous \$5,000 donation from the third annual Tony Etchison Memorial Golf Outing at Fox Prairie in Noblesville. Funds will be used to benefit the Club's affordable after-school programs that focus on academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy, active lifestyles. The Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation is built upon his guiding principles and the way he lived each day. The primary mission of the foundation is to continue to show love, kindness, and to make a difference in the lives of community youth to empower children to reach the highest potential for their lives. To learn more, visit www.Etch21.com. Pictured, from left, are Tony's sons J.P., Gus and Tillman Etchison, Nathan Helm - BGCN Director of Development and John Stretch, Former BGCN Board Member & Memorial Foundation Board Member.

Noblesville Creates Features Lisa Macha

Noblesville Creates is welcoming Lisa Macha's *A Few of My Favorite Things* exhibit, Gal's Guide Library's *Things We Found in Books* exhibit, and HCAA's *All Our Best* exhibit in Noblesville City Hall among its other artists of the month in August. Details on *A Few of My Favorite Things*, *Things We Found in Books*, and *All Our Best*, as well as information on the August artist exhibit dates and receptions, are available below.

STEPHENSON HOUSE: Lisa Macha

"Paint what you love, and love what you paint," is a guiding theme of Lisa Macha's artistic journey. She describes herself as an emerging artist and is more interested in creating works that speak to specific

emotions, rather than in trying to accurately depict a place or object. She enjoys experimenting with techniques and color combinations to change the mood of a painting and elicit different emotional responses.

This theme will be on display in her upcoming show, *A Few of My Favorite Things* which is a homage to her artistic journey, and the people who have guided her way. Lisa credits several well-known local artists/instructors (i.e., Penny Roberson, Deb Slack, Randall Harden, and Rita Spalding), with helping her learn a variety of techniques that she combines to create unique pieces. These creations will be on display during the show, where she hopes to engage the

viewer through a bit of beauty, humor, and contemplation.

Before becoming an artist, Lisa spent nearly 30 years as a litigator in California. In 2017, her family relocated to Westfield where her husband continued his law practice and her two children finished high school.

After the children left home, Lisa had time to explore her interest in oil painting and fell in love. She enjoys experimenting with new tools, mediums, and techniques, and is currently working on combining the use of brush, palette knife, glazing and scumbling in her work.

Lisa is currently a juried artist who shows her work regularly at Art on Main Gallery and Gifts in Carmel. Also, she recently had her work juried into the Steuben Arts Scene in Angola, Indiana and the Ignite Gallery in Fishers. She is a member of Noblesville Creates and recently won "Honorable Mention" in their 2023 "Prized" competition for her oil painting "Strut."

Lisa sees her style as still evolving and looks



Lisa Macha

forward to continuing to fine-tune her distinct artistic voice so that her work is easily recognizable.

The full exhibit, *A Few of My Favorite Things*, can be seen in the Stephenson House August 2nd through the 31st, Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet Lisa at her First Friday open house reception on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus.

JUDGE STONE HOUSE: Gal's Guide Library

Have you ever lost a receipt, a note to yourself, or another piece of memorabilia? Chances are, you might have forgotten them in

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First Day of School!

Noblesville and others went back to school earlier this week. Thanks to Noblesville Schools' Marnie Cooke for sending along some nice photos from what is a moment that sticks with a lot of us forever. We especially loved the great note from Mom and Dad to their new fifth grader!



Photos courtesy Noblesville Schools



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retirees -- and sock away some extra in the accounting fiction that is the Part A trust fund. Those days are gone. Soon, Medicare won't be able to collect enough in taxes from workers to pay for the benefits that retirees are redeeming.

Sounds an awful lot like a Ponzi scheme. Preserving the program for future generations will require harnessing the power of competition to lower costs and bringing eligibility requirements into the modern era.

A new report from the Paragon Health Institute highlights Medicare's problem. The average American who turned 65 in 2020 will receive \$176,500 more in Medicare benefits than they paid in. One who retires in 2030 is on track to receive \$248,500 more than they paid in.

Some 62 million Americans were enrolled in Medicare in 2023. By 2033, that number is projected to swell to 78 million. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that by the following year, Medicare spending will account for just over 17% of the federal budget and 4% of GDP.

Medicare's growth is fueled by an aging population. Americans 65 and older will make up nearly one-quarter of the population by 2050, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

Americans are also living longer. Men who make it to age 65 can expect to log another 17.5 years; life expectancy for women who reach 65 is another 20.2 years. That's an increase of 4.5 years for men and almost four years for women, relative to 1965, when Medicare was created.

Yet Medicare's

eligibility age -- 65 -- has remained the same since the program's inception. Given improvements in longevity, raising the age at which Americans become eligible makes sense -- and would ease some of the fiscal pressure on the program.

But that's not the only way to save Medicare from insolvency. The program can institute more "means-testing," to ensure that richer beneficiaries pay for a greater share of their coverage than their poorer counterparts.

For example, lawmakers could lower the threshold at which means-testing already kicks in for premiums for Medicare Part B, which covers physician services, and Part D, which covers prescription drugs. Right now, only individuals who make more than \$103,000 a year -- and couples who make more than \$206,000 a year -- face additional costs in Parts B and D.

Policymakers need not limit themselves to income when formulating means-testing policies. As the Paragon Health Institute report points out, Social Security calculates benefits based on lifetime earnings. Medicare could do something similar.

There are any number of roads back to Medicare solvency. Medicare's choice is no longer between change and the status quo. It's between change and dissolution.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All* (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.

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Social Security tax). If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your NET earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of 4 per year. But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings -- if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum 40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you

need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's full retirement age (FRA) Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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Sheridan Public Library August Events

Preschool:
August 21 at 11am Mindful Movements (ages 3-6)

Adults:
August 6 at 3pm Adult Bingo (Sponsored by Robert Owen)
August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11am Needle Crafters
August 19 at 6pm Pinner's (Pinterest Group)
August 21 at 5:30pm Sheridan Readers Book Club welcomes local author, Cara Putnam

All Ages:
August 9 at 6pm Bingo Night; free event
August 17 at 6pm Summer Concert: Hunter Wainscott sponsored by Adams Township; free outdoor event, bring chair/blanket
August 26-31 during Library Hours Friends of the Library Book Sale

For more information on programming and services, please visit: <https://sheridan.lib.in.us>

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"Simple tools can help people break the cycle of negative self-talk and find some inner peace," says Elizabeth Scott, PhD, a wellness coach, health educator and author of "8 Keys to Stress Management."

That's why Pilot Corporation of America (Pilot Pen) is supporting the Erase Self-Negativity Initiative in partnership with key mental health and wellness experts, including Dr. Scott, and with guidance from America's largest grassroots mental health organization, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

As part of the initiative, Dr. Scott and NAMI have created a guided exercise to help individuals begin their journey toward erasing the disempowering influence that negative self-talk has on their lives. The exercises include writing down the negative beliefs one holds about themselves and then destroying or erasing the writing, a practice that has been found by research to be helpful in minimizing those beliefs.

"Simply externalizing these negative thoughts empowers us to rewrite our narrative and opens the door to giving ourselves more grace," says Dr. Scott.

Dr. Scott stresses that similar to maintaining physical health, consistency is key with

mental health. This is why every April 10 will be recognized as National Erase Self-Negativity Day and the initiative will use the 10th of each month, as a day to start or revisit the writing exercise and reflect on personal progress.

Here's what's needed to get started:

1. A quiet, restful location,
2. A desire to create change
3. Paper
4. A FriXion erasable pen, which offers more than just the ability to write and erase completely; but also symbolizes the power individuals have to change things and write more positivity into their story.

The Erase Self-Negativity Worksheet can be found by visiting eraseselfnegativity.com. For additional resources to understand how common, and treatable mental health issues can be, visit nami.org.

"While we can't control the negative messages we might receive from the outside world, we can work on what we tell ourselves. With just a few minutes of quiet time, we can harness the transformative power of writing in a way that will challenge the damaging assumptions we hold about ourselves and foster more self-compassion," says Dr. Scott.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Noblesville Plan Commission Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Application No. LEGP 0144-2024 on Monday, August 19, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by LOR Promise LLC (Owners/Applicants) is for the adoption of a "Program of Signs" for a mixed-use development known as the "Marketplace on 146th" and located adjacent to the north side of E. 146th Street between Howe Road and Promise Road, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.

Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.cityofnoblesville.org/agendas, Plan Commission - August 19, 2024 prior to the meeting date.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD PUBLIC PRIVATE AGREEMENT.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Ind. Code§ 5-23-5-9 that the Common Council ("Board") of the City of Westfield, Indiana ("City") has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, August 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to review the proposal for the operation of Grand Park pursuant to Ind. Code§ 5-23 et seq. The purpose of the hearing is to hear the recommendation to members of the Board in order to make an award of a public private agreement for the operation of Grand Park, submitted by respondent Grand Park Sports and Entertainment, LLC. The proposals submitted in response to the City's request for proposals and qualifications and the explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is made are available for inspection and copying at the Westfield City Services Building, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, during regular business hours. The Board's address is 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and the Board may be reached by telephone at 317-804-3000.

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Brews on Boulevard Saturday

Carmel is hosting its third annual Brews on the Boulevard event on Saturday from 5 - 9 p.m. in Midtown Plaza and along the Monon Boulevard.

There will be "No Parking" signs posted in designated areas and the parking restrictions will go into effect on Saturday from 8 a.m. to midnight. The street closures are as follows:

- Northbound Monon Boulevard from Walnut Street to the alleyway behind Sun King
- Southbound Monon Boulevard from 1st Street SW to Walnut Street
- Walnut Street from Monon Boulevard to Veterans Way
- Elm Street from 3rd Avenue to Veterans Way
- 3rd Avenue remains closed for construction from City Center Drive to 2nd Street SW

The city has free public parking at the following locations listed below and indicated on the map:

- Sophia Square Parking Garage (A)
- Range Line Road and 1st Street NW (B)
- 3rd Avenue SW and 1st Street Parking Garage (C)
- Indiana Design Center Parking Garage and Lot (D)
- Midtown North Parking Garage (E)
- Midtown South Parking Garage (F)

There will be no parking permitted in the event area along northbound and southbound Monon Boulevard and Elm and Walnut Streets. Please be respectful of parking in residential areas. You can take detours to navigate your way to free and open parking.

Please also be advised of the construction along 3rd Avenue from

Autumn Drive to Industrial Drive. Railyard residents can enter and exit their building parking garage onto Elm Street and can travel north onto 3rd Avenue.

Need tickets? You can pre-order VIP tickets online until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 2 at OnTapTickets | Brews on the Boulevard. General admission tickets will be available for purchase at the event with a credit card only. For more event information, please visit Carmel BrewsandBarrels.com.

Visitors are urged to plan ahead and consider using rideshare services or designated drivers for safe and convenient transportation to and from the event.

Noblesville Lions Induct New Member



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On July 24 the Noblesville Lions inducted Tomas Lopez-Pumarejo as a new member. Tomas was inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki. Tomas is sponsored by Tim Baker. From left, Lion Tim Baker, Sponsor; Lion Tomas Lopez-Pumarejo; and Lion Julia Kozicki

Ranking the best to worst football coaching jobs in the Big 10 (Plus 8)



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

As the new reality sets in on college sports, especially football, it will become apparent that the worst head coaching jobs in the Big Ten and SEC will still be better than 90 percent of the positions in the ACC, Big 12 and other conferences.

Why? Money.

The Big Ten's television contract will bring an estimated \$100 million to each of the 16 vested schools in 2025. Oregon and Washington will have to wait to receive full shares. SEC schools are receiving a reported \$78 million apiece, with that payout to increase annually over the next decade.

ACC schools are locked into a contract that disperses approximately \$30 million to each school, which has angered Florida State and Clemson enough to make a legal attempt to break the grant of rights to the conference through 2036. Schools in the Big 12 reportedly earn slightly more, nearly \$32 million apiece.

Money hasn't changed everything. There are some schools where it's easier to win than others. Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State and Southern California will always have an easier time than the Purdues, Indianas and Northwesterns.

So keep in mind that my rankings of the best Big Ten coaching jobs doesn't mean that the schools in positions 5 through 18 can't win on a consistent basis. Wisconsin and Iowa were terrible when I was growing up in Lafayette but one (or two) right coaching hires changed the

direction of those programs.

1. **Michigan** – The reigning national champions are the only NCAA Division I FBS program with 1,000 victories. Having won more than 73 percent of their games (1,004-353-36), the Wolverines hold a 39-game edge on Alabama. Michigan claims 12 national championships and 45 Big Ten titles.

2. **Ohio State** – Right behind Alabama in all-time victories with 964, the Buckeyes have almost as many Heisman Trophy winners (7) as national championships (8). Ohio State has prospered in a state that produces enough talent to fill several college rosters on an annual basis.

3. **Southern California** – Even when the Trojans have down years, their records would be cause for celebration elsewhere. Eleven national championships, eight Heisman Trophy winners, 875 all-time victories and 37 conference championships. It may take a while for USC to earn No. 38, though.

4. **Penn State** – The Nittany Lions job lost some luster from the child sexual abuse scandal that sent longtime assistant Jerry Sandusky to prison and ended Joe Paterno's 46-year tenure as head coach. But the pressure to win like Paterno remains for current coach James Franklin, whose 88-39 record over 11 seasons is mostly viewed as not good enough. Penn State has 930 all-time wins, two national championships under Paterno and four Big Ten titles since joining the league in 1993.

5. **Oregon** – The "nouveau riche" of the Big Ten thanks to Nike

co-founder Phil Knight's constant influx of cash and garishly colored uniforms and basketball court, the Ducks are soaring entering their first Big Ten football season. Since 2000, Oregon has won eight conference titles but is still seeking that elusive national championship.

6. **Nebraska** – Before moving to the Big Ten in 2011, the Cornhuskers (917 all-time wins) were a force to be reckoned with. From 1962 to 1997, Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne led Nebraska to five national championships and 20 conference championships. The program hasn't won a conference title since 1999 and hasn't recovered fully from the decision to fire Osborne's successor, Frank Solich, even though he won 58 games in six seasons.

7. **Washington** – For such a successful program (775 all-time wins, a national championship, 18 conference titles), the Huskies have had their ups and downs thanks to poor coaching hires in between successful eras. Losing Kaelin DeBoer to Alabama after last season's march to the national title game was a setback entering a much more competitive Big Ten.

8. **Iowa** – On Dec. 9, 1978, the fortunes of Hawkeye football changed when Hayden Fry was hired. Under Fry and his successor, Kirk Ferentz, Iowa has amassed five Big Ten titles and 339 victories. The program will almost certainly reach the 700-victory mark in 2024. Consistently mediocre to poor offenses are stopping the Hawkeyes from taking the next step up the college football ladder.

9. **Wisconsin** – Since Barry Alvarez came to

Madison in 1990, the Badgers have been known for a power running game and a physical defense. That style of play helped Alvarez win three Big Ten titles, three Rose Bowls and compile a 119-72-4 record. Alvarez was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010. Successors Bret Bielema (68 wins, 1 Big Ten title) and Paul Chryst (67 wins, 3 West Division titles) fell short of Alvarez's lofty standards. It remains to be seen if the first non-Alvarez protégé, Luke Fickell, can keep Wisconsin in the upper half of the new Big Ten (plus 8).

10. **Michigan State** – The Spartans' glory years of the 1950s and 1960s are faded memories in East Lansing. Six claimed national championships and three Big Ten titles were achieved during that span. Nick Saban and Mark D'Antonio had their moments (Surprisingly, Saban was 0-3 against Purdue's Joe Tiller and never won a bowl game with the Spartans). Scandal has plagued Michigan State a few times in recent years, most recently Mel Tucker losing his job amid sexual misconduct accusations.

11. **UCLA** – It'd be easy to say that all you need to know about this job is that Chip Kelly preferred to be Ohio State's offensive coordinator than Bruins head coach. It's not easy to win at a basketball school and even tougher when a national brand is located just a few miles away in the same city. But a good coach can win here. Terry Donahue (1976-95) retired as the winningest coach in school and Pac-10 history. Not one of his five successors lasted more than seven years.

The sixth, first-year coach DeShaun Foster, didn't make a good first impression at Big Ten Media Days.

12. **Minnesota** – The lack of a good in-state recruiting base lowers this ranking. The Gophers have seven national championships but none in my lifetime (I'm 63). Its most recent Big Ten title was a share with Purdue and Indiana in 1967. During the Big Two-Little Eight era of the late 1960s into the 1990s, Minnesota was an afterthought. Even Lou Holtz couldn't win in Minneapolis. Current head coach P.J. Fleck has the school's best winning percentage (.595) since Hall of Famer Bernie Bierman's .716 mark from 1932 to 1950.

13. **Illinois** – It is a mystery why a state school with such a fertile recruiting base manages to underachieve on a consistent basis. Barely above .500 (632-625-50) all-time, the Fighting Illini have won with great coaching. Bob Zuppke won four national titles and eight Big Ten titles from 1913-41. His successor, Ray Elliot, went 83-71-11 over the next 18 seasons and won the first Rose Bowl in the longstanding Big Ten-Pacific conferences series. Since 1960, the Fighting Illini have had two coaches forge winning records: Mike White (47-41-3) and John Mackovic (30-16-1).

14. **Purdue** – One could flip a coin to determine the next three spots in these rankings but we'll give the Boilermakers a slight edge based on being 44 games above .500 compared to the losing records of the schools below. The Boilermakers win when they have the right head coach and a very good to great quarterback. Jack Mollenkopf and Bob Griese/Mike Phipps. Jim Young and Mark Herrmann. Joe Tiller and Drew Brees/Kyle Orton. Competing in the Big Ten (plus 8) will be, to borrow a line from The Godfather Part II, "difficult but not impossible."

15. **Maryland** – A basketball school first and foremost, the Terrapins have showed signs under Mike Locksley that they can become a consistent winner in the Big Ten. Locksley's teams have gone 3-0 in bowl games and have put together three consecutive winning seasons for the first time in school history since Ralph Friedgen's first three seasons in 2001-03.

16. **Rutgers** – Winners of the first collegiate football game and first national championship in 1869, things have gone downhill since. One conference title in its history (2012). Current head coach Greg Schiano has the most victories at the New Jersey school. The bad news is his record is 86-94.

17. **Northwestern** – The Wildcats joined Indiana as the only NCAA Division I schools with 700 losses last season even though the Wildcats had a winning season for the first time since the COVID year in 2020. High academic standards not only make it difficult to recruit high school players, but they also limit the transfer portal market. Football is such a low priority in Evanston that the new Ryan Field capacity will be 35,000, down from 47,130.

18. **Indiana** – The first NCAA Division I program to lose 700 games, the Hoosiers are 206 games below .500. To have a winning record, IU would have to go 13-0 over the next 16 seasons. Adding to the misery is being located in a basketball state whose top football talent is raided by Notre Dame, Ohio State and Michigan on a regular basis.

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.

Back to School BASH

Thousands of Noblesville Schools families celebrated last Friday night at the 10th anniversary Back to School BASH at Beaver Stadium. The BASH featured more than 80 exhibitor areas including sports, games, giveaways, music, art, food and community organizations. School began this week on Wednesday.



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featuring the final entertainment at 7 p.m. today with Der Polkatz with \$5 admission, free for ages 12 and younger, with tickets at myhamiltoncounty parks.com

4. Enjoy live music with Juan Douglas Trio tonight, Anneliese & Ali on Saturday, Benjamin Watson on Aug. 9, Nora Reese on Aug. 10, Ciara Haskett on Aug. 16, Bomar & Ritter on Aug. 17, Marrialle Sellars on Aug. 23, Grape Harvest Festival at 3 p.m. Aug. 24 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

5. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. today, Ciara Hasket on Saturday, Hill and Oaks on Aug. 10, Donny Coyle on Aug. 16, John Beatrice Band on Aug. 17, Craig Thurston on Aug. 23. Open Mic Night for solo acoustic acts with sound provided 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday (next is Aug. 8), 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 Kids Day on Aug. 10 and Sept. 14; and Dog Day with parade, costume contest, pet portraits, agility demos, adoptions and more also on Sept. 7.

7. Shop at Hamilton County Artists' Association's Art Fair on the Square 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Federal Hill Commons.

8. Circle City Corvette Club invites the community to its annual Corvette Expo at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Noblesville Moose Lodge No. 540, featuring fine cars and fun with other Corvette enthusiasts.

9. 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 Cornfields & Crossroads this Saturday 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.

10. Enjoy Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2024 Flix and Floats nights movies on the giant LED video board at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, "Soul," Rated PG; Aug. 17, "TMNT: Mutant Mayhem," Rated PG. Plus, Ripfest Diving (club) offers free diving lessons noon to 2 p.m. Sundays in the diving pool. Plus the pool is open daily through Labor Day.

11. Noblesville 17th annual Movies in the Park, sponsored by

Logan Street Banners, features a free movie each Friday at dusk at Federal Hill Commons: "Barbie," Rated PG-13, Aug. 9; "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," Rated PG-13, Aug. 16; "Trolls Band Together," Rated PG, Aug. 23; "Elemental," Rated PG, Sept. 6; "Transformers: Rise of the Beast," Rated PG-13, Sept. 16, with light concessions, plus more info at noblesville parks.org

12. Grab a lawn chair and experience Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz with concerts 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 10 with NHS Combo with Peter Luttrull, Sept. 14 with Moontown Pickle Stompers and Oct. 12 with David Hartman Band on the Courthouse Square.

13. Enjoy free Concerts at the Commons at Federal Hill Commons 7-10 p.m. Saturdays featuring: 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.

14. Enjoy live theater at Carmel Community Players' final show of the 2023-24 season, "Woman in Black," a theatrical thriller by Stephen Malatraf based on the novel by Susan Hill, for seven performances Aug. 16-25 at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at www.carmelplayers.org

15. Shop at the ninth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville, featuring 60 unique, handmade and one-of-a-kind artisan and food vendors inside and open-air behind the historic church. Free parking at City Hall at 10th and Maple and sidestreets, family and dog friendly, live music, bake sale, Smokey Blue food truck and Stacco House by Mammamia gelato, booth rental supports church. Live music features Molly Jones on harp, 9 a.m.; Julia Keller-Welter on viola, 10 a.m.; Rhythm and Cues Cloggers, 11 a.m.; Robin and Jennifer Ruffato vocal contemporary Christian and classics, noon; Emily Ann and Kelly Thompson Celtic and American old-time, folk, bluegrass and country, 1-2:30 p.m. Vendor info at fpc-noblesville.org

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

17. Take a road trip to Tipton Park Concert Series featuring 90 Proof on Aug. 24 and 45 RPM on Sept. 21.

18. Save the date for the Front Porch Music Festival on Logan Street from 1-7 p.m. Aug. 24 in downtown Noblesville.



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19. 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.

20. Shine up your vehicle for the 14th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car & Vintage Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 31 at Forest Park in Noblesville.

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a book! The Gal's Guide Library is exhibiting all the quirky bits and bobs folks have left behind in their donated books in their August exhibit, *Things We Found in Books*.

The Gal's Guide Library is the first Women's History lending library in the United States. The organization's mission is to provide an independent women's history library to preserve, collect, share, and champion women's achievements and lessons learned. Gal's Guide strives to act as a catalyst to creators who utilize their resources to guide others to role models who have been waiting in the shadows of history for too long.

Gal's Guide was started in 2016 and opened a physical library space in March 2020. They currently run a number of monthly programs and yearly events, ranging from Walking Club to an annual Galentine's Brunch. This exhibit is the third that they have held on the Noblesville Creates campus.

Things We Found in Books will be viewable all month in the Judge Stone House gallery. Visitors can expect to explore plane tickets, handmade bookmarks, post-it notes, dedications, and more! The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

NOBLESVILLE CITY HALL: Hamilton County Artists' Association

Hamilton County Artists' Association's

exhibit, *All Our Best*, is moving from the Fishers Municipal Center to the Noblesville City Hall Gallery during the month of August. This exhibit features a wide variety of artwork from HCAA member artists, showcasing their best works over the years.

All Our Best is open for viewing now through Aug. 30. Noblesville City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOUR DAY RAY: Mark Rouse

The full exhibit, *The Thrill of Victory*, can be seen at Four Day Ray Brewing through September 27, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Visitors can meet Mark at his free open house reception at Four Day Ray on Monday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A reception is scheduled for Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Four Day Ray Brewery in Fishers.

MEYER NAJEM: Marianne Glick

See the full exhibit, *Old, New, Borrowed, and Blue*, from July 5 through September 27. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visitors can meet Marianne at her free public reception on Friday, Aug. 23 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Meyer Najem.

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Hangry - The Connection Between Hunger and Aggression



MARK HALL
Guest Columnist

It's one thing to crave a butter burger or a bottomless bag of my favorite snacks, let's say, chocolate dipped Oreos. It's another thing altogether to be so famished that you are irritable and overreact to minor annoyances. That's the difference between being hungry and being "hangry," a clever combo of "hungry" and "angry."

"There is a physiological reason why some people get angry when they're hungry," says Cleveland Clinic gastroenterologist Christine Lee, MD. When you haven't eaten for a while the sugar in your blood decreases, she explains. When your blood sugar gets too low, it triggers a cascade of hormones, including cortisol (a stress hormone) and adrenaline (the fight-or-flight hormone). These hormones are released into your bloodstream to raise and rebalance your blood sugar.

So why am I so hangry? "The release of cortisol can cause aggression in some people," says Dr. Lee. "Also, low blood sugar may interfere with higher brain functions, such as those that help us control impulses and regulate our primitive drives and behavior." So, there truly is a medical explanation for being hangry. It's a biochemical reaction due to low blood sugar — not the same thing as being crabby when you're tired, sick, or otherwise feeling out of sorts.



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67 pantries, over 11,000 meals in May 2024, more than 100 individual and 30 volunteer families.

Now that an expert has weighed in, hunger related anger is on my heart, here's why. This week a group of five neighbors stopped by to pick up food from the pantry at the office. A family stopping by isn't rare, in fact it's quite a regular occurrence. What makes this situation unique is when one of the five came to the door, knocked, and once the door was opened, berated the volunteer with a loud angry tirade, swearing and demanding more food, "YOU NEED TO GO GET ME A BOX OF FOOD, RIGHT NOW!!! THIS (EXPLETIVE) FOOD IS (EXPLETIVE) FREE!!! I NEED TO TAKE IT WITH ME!" Clearly upset, she couldn't control her fury and took it out on the very same people who provide no-questions-asked-meals for her and her family. As the confrontation was occurring, the four others gathered up almost every meal in the pantry. As a rule, we won't interact with neighbors at a pantry unless they speak first. Our volunteer felt threatened as she tried to defuse the situation and explained that we aren't built to provide a volume of many meals to individuals, rather we provide a few meals to as many as possible, to help families get by. Further, the volunteer referred the neighbor to two places where she could get a larger amount of help for her family. In the moment, our visitor noticed the security camera pointed directly at her face. Her pause allowed the alarmed volunteer a moment to calm the situation by quickly shutting and securing the door. The group of five left shortly after with as many meals as they could carry.

The entire episode has me thinking about and researching the

connections between aggressive behavior and hunger. That led to this month's column. Reference a June 2021 article Is Being 'Hangry' Really a Thing — or Just an Excuse? (clevelandclinic.org).
Are our hungry neighbors more apt to me aggressive? Reflecting on 20 plus years of food charity work, the short answer is yes, sometimes. Anger and shame are two of the potential consequences of hunger. I am not condoning the anger nor am I of the belief that a hungry neighbor should feel shame. Unfortunately, it can be the reality of a personal situation, the world is not a fair place. The neighbor was clearly out of line. The economy being what it is, more neighbors are struggling. Hunger is real and dealing with angry hungry neighbors is as real as it gets. People aren't entitled to receive Feeding Team's help; we give it freely to the best of our ability. Further, we encourage as much grace as possible as a response to Hangry situations. That's the takeaway, and that's the lesson from this week's situation. Their but for the Grace of God go all of us, kindness to our neighbors never goes out of style, but abuse and threats are not acceptable. The safety of our volunteers will not be compromised.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in our area cities. With over 40,000 food

challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, www.Feedingteam.org is a registered 501(c)3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked, free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think. In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential area location, please contact us.

Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or (317) 832-1123.

GriefShare Seminar Begins Aug. 15

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each day? Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville announces the beginning of their next GriefShare sessions open to the community.

people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps in the healing process.

The fall GriefShare weekly sessions are scheduled to meet on **Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Aug.** Participants are invited to join in anytime during the 13-weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated. (Scholarships available.)

Our GriefShare group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

GriefShare is a 13-week non-denominational group featuring Christ-centered programming that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of

To learn more about GriefShare visit www.noblesvillefirst.com or contact Coleen Albright, coleen.albright58@gmail.com or contact the church office at (317) 773-2500.

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Carmel Expands Police Department



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From left, Deputy Chief of Police Services Brady Myers, Honorable Judge Brian G. Poindexter, Carmel Police Department Chief Drake Sterling, Mayor Sue Finkam, Deputy Chief of Administration D.J. Schoeff

Last week, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam joined Carmel Police Chief Drake Sterling and other community members to celebrate the recently completed expansion of the Carmel Police Department (CPD). The renovation and expansion of the department's headquarters includes an addition that houses the Carmel City Court and Clerk's Office, formerly located in City Hall, along with the necessary programs accompanied by them, to better serve the community for generations to come.

"As our city grows, we must ensure we continue to provide high-quality services for our community," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "With the expansion of the Carmel Police Department Headquarters, Chief Sterling and all of our great officers will have the necessary resources to ensure that Carmel remains the best and safest community to live in Indiana as our city continues to grow."

The expanded facility, designed by Carmel-based Studio M Architecture and Planning and built by

Envoy Companies, fronts Range Line Road at Gradle Drive and will support the necessary growth in Carmel's police department infrastructure that corresponds with the city's increase in population over the past few decades. The former CPD headquarters was originally designed in 1988 when Carmel's population was just 25,000 residents. As Carmel's population is now more than 100,000 residents, this new facility triples the original capacity of the pre-existing structure.

"The expansion of the Carmel Police Department Headquarters gives us the tools we need to best serve our community from a centralized location," said Chief of Police Drake Sterling.

The upgraded headquarters' modern amenities and advanced technologies include expanded and modernized areas for investigations and processing, indoor vehicle and equipment storage areas, a fitness and rehab area and increased space for tactical training and education.

Carmel Installs Bison Sculpture in Park



Photo courtesy Carmel Parks & Recreation

The statue was hand-carved from a single stone. It is over 7 feet tall and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation installed a new sculpture in Central Park. The sculpture, titled "Bison & Calf," was created by artist Dominic Benhura of Zimbabwe.

Benhura is an internationally renowned sculptor whose artwork is known for exploring themes of family, the natural environment, and the relationship between them. Another of Benhura's sculptures, titled "Swing Me Higher, Mama," was installed in Carmel in 2022, located on the southeast corner of the intersection at Main Street and Veterans Way.

"This piece for Central Park is a sculpture of a mother bison and her calf. Historically, bison were found throughout Indiana and were an integral part of the state's grassland landscape, although they were all killed or migrated by 1830. The American Bison is preserved as part of our history on the Indiana State Seal, making it the ideal subject for the sculpture," said Michael Klitzing, Director of Park and Recreation.

The sculpture was hand-carved from a single large serpentine stone, using only a small hammer and chisel. It is over 7 feet tall and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds.

"Bison & Calf" is located between the lagoon and College Avenue on the west side of Central Park. The sculpture was commissioned by Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation in 2022 and facilitated by Jayne Doring, owner of Kuaba Gallery in Carmel. The 2010 Central Park Master Plan envisioned artwork along the trail surrounding the park's lagoon that would be interesting and engaging to children.

"CPPR would like to recognize former Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan and former Mayor Jim Brainard, who were instrumental in introducing us to Mr. Benhura and advocating for this effort to bring public art to Central Park," said Klitzing. "Our hope is that 'Bison & Calf' will engage parkgoers of all ages, inspiring them to explore and safeguard our natural spaces for years to come."

Sheridan's RDC Awards \$10,000 Grant



Commissioners, from left, Daniel Bragg, Garret Chesney, Andrew Porterfield and Parvin Gillim. Standing with check is the award recipient, Melinda Spear-Huff.



Photos courtesy Sheridan Main Street / Cindy Keever

Spear-Huff Studio is the first Sheridan Facade Improvement Grant recipient.

The Sheridan Redevelopment Commissioners recently presented a \$10,000 check to Melinda Spear-Huff, owner of Main Street's Spear-Huff Studio.

The check, presented July 23, is the final step for the studio in a Sheridan Facade Improvement Grant (SFIG) program launched in January. There are three additional owners working toward awards for their buildings as well.

"The Town of Sheridan has an historic business district that is the envy of other municipalities with thirty-eight buildings more than 100 years old. Maintaining and rejuvenating these structures along with their beautiful facades is not just good stewardship but is a statement of pride and economic vitality," Redevelopment Commission Chairman Parvin Gillim said. "The Commission is happy to have established a \$200,000 grant program that can accelerate and support the community's commitment to revitalization."

The program offers Main Street building owners a matching grant for preserving and revitalizing buildings within the district recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. The process — supported through a partnership between Sheridan Main Street Inc. and Ball State University's Center for Historic Preservation — includes discussion about the architectural details and historic significance of the

building. Fifteen buildings have been through the design process. Through that work, the owner and the Center co-create a design that honors the building's heritage, addresses the building's needs for long-standing preservation, and assures the building's contribution to an overall, cohesive design for Main Street. From there, an owner works through the application and approval process to secure reimbursement funds.

"We are grateful for the support from the town," Spear-Huff said in her thank you to the Commissioners. "We were able to do so much more than we originally planned knowing that there would be such a generous match. Our family is quite pleased with the results and thrilled to be a contributor to the Main Street we love."


The SFIG program is an extension of a 2023 \$100,000 matching grant program offered by United Animal Health.

Sheridan Main Street Inc., a supporting partner to both grant programs, has provided a walking map and window displays in several downtown buildings showing the designs.

Anyone wanting more information or to become involved with the community efforts may contact Cindy Keever, President, Sheridan Main Street Inc. at keevercynthia@gmail.com.

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