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TODAY'S VERSE

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

Hamilton Happenings

Don't forget, we won't have a Monday edition of The Noblesville Times. Like many of our readers, we'll be enjoying a long weekend and celebrating Labor Day. The holiday got its start in the 1880s when unions in New York decided to have a parade to honor their members. Did you know that the largest union today is the National Education Association with about 3 million members?

Three Things You Should Know

1 Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has reached out to Hoosier lawmakers to support efforts to tackle oppressive property tax problems. "I've had the privilege to travel to every corner of the state, and our neighbors, family members and friends are all calling for property tax relief. Me too. One of our duties at the attorney generals office is to work with legislators on their legislative priorities to ensure for instance that any resulting language is compliant with our constitution. It's critical to get this tax relief right, and we are ready to work with legislators to get it right now."

2 It's hot out there, dangerously so. It's also a time when our home cooling costs can soar sky high. Our friends at Duke Power remind us that we can reduce our bills, particularly during the afternoon hours when usage tends to peak, by setting thermostat at the highest comfortable setting; avoiding using your washer/dryer and dishwasher during the day, by closing blinds and curtains during the day to help reduce solar heat gain; to use microwaves and cooktops because they use less energy than electric ovens and consider outdoor grilling during those high-demand hours to keep your indoor temperatures lower; to remember that using a ceiling fan can make a room feel cooler than it actually is and we should remember that fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave the room. Find more tips and tools to help control energy use and costs at duke-energy.com/SeasonalBills.

3 Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is on his 25th international economic development trip. He is in Slovakia this week and goes to Italy Saturday. This marks his third and second trips to Slovakia and Italy, respectively. The cost is being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation and the travel costs in Slovakia will be paid for by the Indiana National Guard.

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Ask Rusty - Retiree Asks About His Social Security



ASK
Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I retired with a (gross) \$4600 per month Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuity from the US Postal Service in December 2022. I am 66 and will attain full retirement age in November of this year. I know at that point I will not be subject to the "earnings" test, but I will be affected by the dreaded "government offset." I HAVE earned enough quarters and will be eligible for a small social security benefit. First question: will my Social Security benefit just be reduced, or will it be eliminated? Second: will it make a difference if I apply in November or when I turn 70? I am currently working part-time and paying Social Security FICA taxes. Third: if my SS is being eliminated, do I even have to apply? Fourth and last: I am married, filing jointly and my wife is currently receiving SS benefits (only). Could I also be affected by the "windfall" provision if my wife predeceased me?

your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Upset to Offset and Downfall to Windfall

Dear Upset:

You are correct that when you reach your full retirement age (FRA) in November you will no longer be subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. But if you apply for your Social Security to start in November, your SS benefits will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) due to your non-covered CSRS pension (because you didn't pay into SS while earning your CSRS pension). As you may know, only those federal employees who retired under CSRS (Civil Service Retirement System) are affected by WEP; newer Federal employees who retire under the more recent FERS (Federal Employee Retirement Program) program are not affected.

Thank you in advance for

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Salsa on the Square, Car Shows, Live Music, More



Photo courtesy of Noble Coffee & Tea

Dance in the street at the fourth annual Salsa on the Square, a 21-and-older event from 6-11 p.m. today featuring food trucks, cocktail garden, intro salsa lessons and more.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

It's Labor Day weekend and there's lots to do. Put on your dancing shoes for Salsa on the Square in downtown Noblesville.

Watch Movies in the Plaza featuring Disney "Wish" at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield. Bring your blankets and picnic to watch a free concert by 45 RPM on the terraced, amphitheater seating at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel. Enjoy oldies music and old cars at the Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show at Forest Park and at Cicero Friends of the Parks' Labor Day Car Show at Red Bridge Park in Cicero. Visit the Noblesville Farmers Market. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Come out for the fourth annual Salsa on the Square, an age 21-and-older event, from 6-11 p.m. today featuring food trucks, cocktail garden, intro salsa lesson from Latin Expressions, music by DJ Mambo Sound, with drinks available at partners Noble Coffee & Tea and Primeval Brewing, and food available at 9th Street Bistro and Fillers Co., Platanos Venezuelan Food

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Make a grocery list and only buy what's on it.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Freedom lies in being bold."
Robert Frost

TODAY'S JOKE

The Sunday School teacher was asking to a group of kids under 10 years old which commandment was the most important in regards to their brothers and sisters. Little Johnny didn't skip a beat - "Thou shall not kill!"

OBITUARIES

Tim Coffey

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OBITUARY

Tim Coffey

December 20, 1964 - August 1, 2024

Timothy Forrest "Tim" Coffey, age 59, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away on Thursday evening, August 1, 2024, at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Born December 20, 1964, in Columbus, Indiana, he was the son of the late Charles and Mildred (Ferguson) Coffey.



He was a 1983 graduate of Westfield High School.

For 18 years, Tim worked as a heavy equipment operator for the City of Carmel. Working for the city was so much more than just a job to Tim. When anyone else would roll their eyes and sigh at the mention of snow in Hamilton County, Tim had the opposite reaction. It was time to do one of his favorite things at work: hop in a plow truck. And as the cold Indiana winters turned to spring and summer, so began Tim's second favorite activity: firing up the street sweeper. Tim took great pride in the way he was able to help the city look her best. He also enjoyed helping out with many of the special events that were held each year, including the annual Kris Kringle event.

Tim was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Lowell Beaver Post #470 in Fishers, Indiana. He loved playing poker, but he enjoyed occasions when he dealt poker at the Legion even more.

When Tim found himself with some free time, it was usually reserved for hunting and fishing, or settling down with a good John Wayne movie.

Tim is survived by his wife, Kellie Sue (Jones) Coffey. She and Tim were married in 2000. Also surviving are his sons, Jeremy Coffey (Erica) of Indianapolis, and Zach Coffey of Indianapolis; step son, Ezra Clemons of Indianapolis; step daughter, Tyra Clemons of Indianapolis; several siblings; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mildred (Ferguson) Coffey.

A celebration of life will be held from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at the Fishers American Legion Post #470, 9091 East 126th Street, Fishers, Indiana 46038.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Fishers American Legion Post #470, 9091 East 126th Street, Fishers, Indiana 46038.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana.

Hamilton Town Center Welcomes Additions

Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville recently announced a variety of new store updates, including Nordstrom Rack, Lovesac, JD Sports, Rally House and others.

Now Open:

·Lovesac: American furniture retailer, specializing in a patented modular furniture system called Sactionals is joining Hamilton Town Center. Sactionals consist of two combinable pieces, "Seats" and "Sides," as well as custom-fit covers and associated accessories. Opening this coming Summer, Lovesac's storefront will be located between Victoria's Secret and White House Black Market.

·Buckle: Newly-expanded and renovated, Buckle will now be located next to the Food Court and Versona, offering shoppers their iconic selection of denim and more.

·Hawaii Fluid Art: An exciting art-instruction activities, Hawaii Fluid Art is set to open near LOFT. Open seven days a week, Hawaii Fluid Art offers art classes, retail shopping, an art gallery, and more. The art classes are fun, fast, and easy. Liquid art is the perfect activity for all ages and skill levels,

Coming Soon:

·Nordstrom Rack: The 25,000 square-foot location is set to open this fall at Hamilton Town Center, located next to McAlister's. Nordstrom Rack is the off-price retail division of Nordstrom, Inc. and plays a critical role in

the company's Closer to You strategy, which focuses on delivering customers a more convenient and interconnected experience across its stores and digital platforms.

·JD Sports: The reimagined Finish Line is set to open this fall. JD Sports seeks to inspire the emerging generation of globally minded consumers through a connection to the universal culture of sport, music and fashion. JD Sports will be located next to Three Dog Bakery.

·Rally House: The specialty sports store, opening next month, prides itself in its ability to offer an expansive selection of apparel, gifts, home decor and other types of merchandise across local NCAA, NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL and MLS teams. The brand-new Indiana location will be found next to Maurice's.

·The Soap Factory: The Soap Factory is proud to offer high-quality handcrafted bath, body and home products, featured in timeless fragrances and made with plant-based ingredients. Located next to Hawaii Fluid Art and across from Burlap & Birch, The Soap Factory shelves are stocked with clean, simple and effective goods.

For more information on the latest updates and new additions to Hamilton Town Center, please visit <https://www.simon.com/mall/hamilton-town-center>.

Register Before Prices Go up For Race Across Reservoir

Looking to take part in the 16th annual Geist Half Race Series on Sept. 14? Then it might be a good idea to go ahead and get registered because prices go up this weekend.

The annual Race Across the Reservoir features a walker-friendly and family friendly 5K, 10K and half marathon. Join friends and neighbors for this iconic community tradition and reserve your spot at the starting line before prices increase Sunday. For more information, go to <https://www.geisthalf.com/>

What do I get as a participant?

- Experience an awesome waterside course, complete with great community support along the way.
- A unique race shirt and finisher medal.
- A free drink to cool off after the race at the post-race party (beer, NA beer, coffee, & smoothies!)
- Access to exclusive race day discounts from businesses around Fishers, including discounted (and even free!) food and drink.

Expanded Post-Race Party!

This year's expanded post-race party will be a prominent new location in the middle of Olivo Road, directly

after the finish line! Enjoy a free beer from MashCraft Brewing, non-alcoholic beer from Athletic Brewing, coffee from Java House, and smoothies from Smoothie King. Complimentary chocolate milk, water, and post-race snacks will also be offered.

Enjoy a Post-Race Breakfast from Hero Hut!

Also new this year, a post-race breakfast will be offered by Hero Hut, a nonprofit that works to build community for veterans and first responders through collaborative spaces at events nationwide. Breakfast is \$10 per person and includes pancakes and breakfast tortilla wraps. All funds will directly support Hero Hut's mission and initiatives in Indiana. Purchase your ticket ahead of time here, or onsite at the event.

Volunteer at the Start/Finish Line

Don't want to race? Join us for this annual community tradition as a race day volunteer! We still need additional volunteers for the start/finish line, navigating runners to the corrals before the race and distributing snacks and medals afterwards. This opportunity is great for families and organizations, and for kids 12 years and older. Sign up at VolunteerFishers.com.

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Severe Weather Challenging Blood Supply

The American Red Cross continues to experience a national blood emergency as remnants of Hurricane Debby and other severe weather events across the country have further complicated efforts to rebuild the nation's blood supply. Those in unaffected areas are urged to make an appointment to give now.

Weather in recent weeks has added to the summer shortfall in donations by forcing the cancellation of nearly 60 blood drives throughout the country, many of which were caused by Debby, causing approximately 1,500 lifesaving blood products to go uncollected. Annually, severe weather – such as blizzards, tornadoes, floods and hurricanes – impacts about 90,000 blood donations made to the Red Cross. In Indiana, 357 blood drives have been canceled due to weather over the last 10 years, including 22 so far this year. This

has resulted in about 666 donations going uncollected in the Indiana Region to date in 2024. Because blood has a short shelf life and can only come from volunteer blood donors, any disruptions in the ability to collect lifesaving blood can have serious consequences for hospitals and patients.

First-time donors and those who give regularly are critical to blood supply recovery. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). In thanks, all who come to give through Aug. 31 will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See RedCrossBlood.org/Help for details.

Those who come to give Sept. 1-15 will receive an exclusive Red Cross raglan T-shirt, while supplies last.

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Because of your CSRS pension, your Social Security benefit will be reduced, but not eliminated. The amount of reduction will be based on the number of years of non-government employment you had (where you paid into Social Security). Usually, those who have spent a lifetime earning a pension without contributing to SS, but who have a separately earned SS pension, will see their SS benefit cut approximately in half.

To answer your second question, your benefit will, indeed, continue to grow if you wait until you are age 70 to claim Social Security. Benefits taken after one's full retirement age earn "delayed retirement credits" (DRCs), which add to your final benefit amount. Your benefit will still be reduced by WEP, but your final amount will be more because you waited longer to claim.

Re your third question, your SS benefit will only be reduced (not eliminated), so it's always worthwhile to

apply. Otherwise, you are forfeiting Social Security money you are entitled to.

And lastly, if your wife dies before you, your CSRS pension will also cause another provision called the Government Pension Offset (GPO) provision to apply. The GPO will reduce your surviving spouse benefits by 2/3rds of the amount of your government CSRS pension, which will likely eliminate any spousal benefit you are entitled to (except the so-called "death benefit" – which is a one-time lump sum \$255 benefit paid to a surviving spouse).

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↓ EYE

Healthy Aging Month looming, the 3 RDs/pharma experts below are available to discuss nootropics as an easy, nutrition-driven way to support brain health and improve cognitive function at any age easily through one's diet.

With top celebrities being deemed 'obsessed' with cognition-enhancing 'nootropics'—including A-Listers like Maria Shriver and son Patrick Schwarzenegger actually developing brain health-fueling protein bars and Joan Lunden's daughter & wellness expert Jamie Hess advocating specific ways to maintain brain sharpness for healthy aging across generations—food and beverage-based brain health products are generating quite a buzz. From 'Smart' Chocolate, 'Focus' Pops, and 'Concentration' Gummies, to 'Performance' Coffee, 'Productivity' Drinks, and fortified water, there are hundreds of food, beverage and supplement items infused with the cognition-enhancing nootropic nutrient Cognizin citicoline to help you achieve and maintain acute mental performance.

The experts can detail how one such product – Cognizin -- can play a daily role in supporting brain health: naturally enhancing concentration, focus and mental energy; maintaining attention, supporting memory and other key benefits of optimal cognitive function. Topics can include these, and other, nutrition-based brain health and smart aging topics:

- Aging Gracefully: Maintain Mental Sharpness With Dietary Intervention
- Empowering Cognitive Vitality At Any Age
- Elevating Brain Health & Cognitive Function for a Better Quality of Life
- Diet-Savvy Ways to Maintain Sharp Cognitive Function as You Age
- Fueling Your Brain: The Nutritional Path to Peak Mental Performance
- Nutrition Strategies to Combat Cognitive Decline
- Why Promoting Brain Health Is Key At Any Age
- How to Maintain a Sharp Mental Edge
- The Aging Brain: Nutritional Intervention Enhancing Focus And Cognitive Vitality
- Cognitive Care: Dietary Approaches Upholding Brain Health at Any Age

With performance-specific cognitive health an apparent top-of-mind concern for people of all ages and interests—from healthy aging-focused seniors to career professionals

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across generations, athletes, fitness enthusiasts, college students, and much in between—throngs are turning to nutrition-based brain health solutions to optimize their productivity and results, support immune health, and improve natural age-based cognitive decline.

As consumers contend with a glut of stressors at work, home and socially—all exacerbated by the rapid-fire pace of life in general—the search for natural and lifestyle-friendly ways to improve brain health is on the rise. Overall, it is important to recognize how critical cognitive function is across all life stages, and the pivotal role it plays in every aspect of our daily lives. From the ability to perform everyday tasks to our capacity to learn and have emotional responses, Cognizin has become a readily accessible nutraingredient offering great potential to promote healthy brain aging.

About the Experts:

Karen E. Todd, RD, CSCS, EP-C, CISSN, Registered Dietitian, Vice President Global Brand Marketing Kyowa Hakko USA



Karen E. Todd is a Registered Dietitian with over 25 years of experience in exercise performance and nutritional product development and education. Karen holds Bachelor of Science degrees in both Scientific Nutrition and Food Science Technology from Texas A&M University and an MBA from the Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University. Currently, she's the Vice President of Global Brand Marketing for Kyowa Hakko, where she manages marketing and branding for health product ingredients, spanning dietary supplements, functional foods, and beverages. Beyond Kyowa, she sits on the executive board of The Council for Responsible Nutrition and chairs the Women in Nutraceuticals (WIN) initiative.

Katie Emerson, MS, RD, LDN, Senior Manager of Scientific Affairs Kyowa Hakko USA



Katie Emerson is a registered & licensed dietitian and research scientist. She earned her Master's Degree in Nutrition & Dietetics, specializing in Sports Nutrition, from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, FL. Katie also holds a

Bachelor's Degree in Science Education from Broward College, Davie, FL. Katie is a highly qualified professional with an extensive range of licensures and certifications, including a Clinical Research Coordinator Certification, a Registered Dietitian license, and a Sports Nutrition Certification. Due to her previous role as Manager of Scientific Affairs, Katie is involved in professional organizations like Women in Nutraceuticals, the International Society of Sports Nutrition and the American Society of Nutrition, sharing her insights in areas such as sports nutrition and nootropics. She's experienced with YouTube videos.

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Shine up your vintage vehicle, show car or motorcycle for the 14th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car & Vintage Motorcycle Show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Forest Park in Noblesville, with food, music and fun.



Enjoy live music with Jamie Owens at 6:30-9:30 p.m. today at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

Photo courtesy of Jamie Owens

and Latin Griller and more. This event is by Noblesville Main Street, City of Noblesville, Noblesville Street Department and Noblesville Parks and Recreation. Tickets are \$12 at eventbrite.com

2. Shine up your vintage vehicle, show car or motorcycle for the 14th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car & Vintage Motorcycle Show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Forest Park in Noblesville.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with presentation of the flag by the Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29 and singing of the National Anthem by Noblesville teen Addie McMillan at noon, with awards at 3 p.m. Open show for all cars and motorcycles. Deejay playing oldies music. Food provided by Ginger's Cafe. A \$10 entry fee with dash plaques available to the first 200 entries, with proceeds to Noblesville Masonic Angel Fund for local school children. Spectators are free. The show is on the grass with lots of shade and is in honor of the late Noblesville resident Earl "Lucky" Teter, who with his Hell Drivers were nationally known daredevils from the 1930s and early 1940s. Sponsor Story's Collision. Lucky Teter Rebel Run T-shirts available.

3. Enjoy live music with Jamie Owens at 6:30-9:30 p.m. today, The Booze Hounds on Saturday, The Pope & Guitarlos Show on Sept. 6, Marrialle Sellars on Sept. 7, Jennifer Mlott on Sept. 13, Hamilton County RISE (Rockers Impacting & Serving Everyone) Fest noon-9:30 p.m. Sept. 14 featuring Kam 'n Jett's Jammin Duet, Awooga, Curt Cannabis & The Highflyers, Audio Hyjinkz, Blues Locos, Days of My Youth, Rhino Down, Naptown

Hepcats, and Infinity at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

4. Enjoy Movies in the Plaza featuring Disney "Wish" at 7:30 p.m. today and Disney's "Flubber" on Sept. 6 at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield.

5. 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 Art Day Sept. 7; Dog Day with parade, costume contest, pet portraits, agility demos, adoptions and more, also on Sept. 7; and Kids Day on Sept. 14, free outdoor workout at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 21. Visit noblesvillemainstreet.org

6. Enjoy free Concerts in the Centerpiece at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel, with 45 RPM from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Cook & Belle on Sept. 8 and Rodney Stepp on Sept. 15. Picnicking invited.

7. Enjoy Forest Park Aquatic Center, which is open through 7 p.m. Labor Day. Visit forestparkpool.org.

8. The 33rd annual Red Bridge Park (Labor Day) Car Show is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at Red Bridge Park, 697 West Jackson St., in Cicero, an event by Cicero Friends of the Park and overlooking Morse Lake. This open show is for all makes and years, including motorcycles and rat rods. Top 30 awards as picked by judges and sponsors. A \$15 registration day of show, with proceeds to benefit Cicero Parks. Plenty of parking. Dash plaques to the first 100 entries. Craft show. Food onsite has featured breakfast donuts, coffee and biscuits and gravy,

lunch of pork chops, hot dogs, brats and more.

9. Join Noblesville Main Street on First Friday to celebrate Hoosier traditions, welcome the fall season and engage in community fun at Friday Night Lights from 4-7 p.m. in Sept. 6 in downtown Noblesville, featuring downtown sidewalk sales, live streaming of the NHS Millers football game and a live, acoustic show by Middle West.

10. Antique car owners and aficionados are invited to Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant's First Friday Cruise-in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 6 at the eatery, featuring a deejay playing classics.

11. Join the Veloce Hangar Party with an unmatched collection of wings and wheels at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in the world-class Jet Access Center at Indianapolis Executive Airport in Zionsville and is the largest, premium automotive- and aircraft-focused hangar party in Indy. The party will host more than 500 guests and showcase 50 collector hypercars and supercars, private aircraft, exceptional motorcycles and more.

12. Noblesville 17th annual Movies in the Park, sponsored by Logan Street Banners, features a free movie each Friday at dusk at Federal Hill Commons: "Elemental," Rated PG, Sept. 6; "Transformers: Rise of the Beast," Rated PG-13, Sept. 16, with light concessions, plus more info at noblesvilleparks.org

13. Artmobilia, in its 17th year, is 11 a.m. Sept. 7 in downtown Carmel and features a distinct gathering of recognized artists, 500 enthusiast and collector cars showcased on the



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Old car enthusiasts won't want to miss Cicero Friends of the Park's 33rd annual Red Bridge Park Labor Day Car Show in Cicero from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday with free admission, food for sale, music, craft fair, overlooking Morse Lake.

streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District. The show boasts one of the most eclectic gatherings of original, period-correct cars, including Supercar, exotic, sports car, classic, racers, historically preserved and more. Register or join mailing list at artmobilia.org. Also, Lotus-Palooza, presented by Gator Motorsport, is at 11 a.m. Sept. 7 in the MidTown along Monon Boulevard; and the BMW-Palooza and the Mercedes Benz Club of America Concours, is 11 a.m. Sept. 7 in the Carmel Arts & Design District.

14. Learn about archaeology weekends Sept. 7, 15, 21 and 28 at Strawtown Koteewi Park's Taylor Center of Natural History in Noblesville, and Sept. 14 at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel, and register by calling 317-774-2574 or visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com

15. Grab your lawn chair and head for the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for the annual free String-Time on the Square music series with the final concert of the season featuring Scott Nelson and the Bluegrass All-Stars of Noblesville at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7 with Noblesville teen Addie McMillan opener at 6:10 p.m. and co-emcee, courtesy of Legacy Keepers Music's sponsors and thanks to Legacy Keepers' director Janet Gilray.

16. Put on your walking shoes and bring your canine on a leash with his vaccination papers for the Brian Clauson Strut 2 Save Lives annual walk at 10 a.m. Sept. 8 at Dr. James A. Dillon Park in Noblesville

17. Support Noblesville High School Theatre during Donate With You

Dine event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 10 at Culver's of Noblesville, which will donate a portion of every sale to NHS Theatre.

18. Join in remembering fallen brothers and sisters who lost their lives while saving others at 8:46 p.m. Sept. 11 at Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial in Carmel.

19. Join En Pointe Indiana Ballet for "Dancin' in September," the school's first performance at The Toby Theater at Newfields at 7 p.m. Sept. 13, and featuring artistic directors Pollyana Ribeiro and Robert Moore. Start your evening with a walk through The Art of a Costume and learn what goes into creating the costumes on the En Pointe stage and continue your evening being swept away with a captivating performance highlighting the broad repertoire of En Pointe, from Etudes, highlighting their technical expertise, to original works featuring music by Earth, Wind and Fire and Phillip Glass highlighting En Pointe's artistry. General admission tickets are \$15, free to ages 3 and younger, at enpointeindiana.com

20. Enjoy free Concerts at the Commons at Federal Hill Commons 7-10 p.m. Saturdays featuring: Hi Fidelity ('80s rock), Sept. 14; and Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Sept. 28.

21. Experience Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz with concerts 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 14 with Moontown Pickle Stompers and Oct. 12 with David Hartman Band on the Courthouse Square.

22. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and

head for Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's free annual Shakespeare in the Park with "King Lear" Sept. 18-21 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

23. Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre production of "9 to 5 The Musical" is Sept. 20-29 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, with reserved tickets at belfrytheatre.com, with tickets at thebelfrytheatre.com with special \$10 pricing for the Thursday performance, Belfry email subscribers look for discount with promo code.

24. Save the date: Noblesville Preservation Alliance's 37th annual Historic Home Tour presented by Mary Sue Rowland is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 21 in conjunction with Noblesville Main Street's Downtown Unseen (formerly Upstairs Downtown) Tour 5-9 p.m. Sept. 20. For tickets and list of homes on the tour, visit preservationhall.org

25. Gather your papers you've been wanting to shred and head to Noblesville Shred Day 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 24 at Community First Bank of Indiana in Noblesville, limited to five boxes per vehicle.

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Chip on Shoulder Could Lead to Successful Purdue Campaign



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Ryan Walters is taking it personally.

"It" is the Big Ten Conference media predicting the Boilermakers to be the first football team to finish 18th in the Big Ten Plus 8.

"Everyone in the building has a chip on their shoulder that grows by the day," Walters told those same skeptics during Big Ten Media Days in Indianapolis.

"As much as you try not to read opinions of your program or yourself or your players, you still hear it. If you're not reading it, your folks are or your friends are and it gets back to you. I'd be naïve not to address it with the team. I mentioned there's a large chip on everybody's shoulder in the building and 18 out of 18 is a large reason why."

Walters has nearly transformed Purdue's roster since his hire on Dec. 13, 2022. With the offseason addition of 37 high school recruits and transfers, Walters has personally brought in 67 of the 85 scholarship players on this season's roster.

That being said, most of the 18 veterans remaining from the Jeff Brohm era are going to be critical for Purdue not only to prove the media wrong but to also improve on last season's 4-8 mark.

Fifth-year senior center Gus Hartwig, junior guard Mahamane Moussa and junior tackle Marcus Mbow anchor what is expected to be a significantly improved offensive line.

Junior Devin Mockobee seeks to become the first Purdue running back to eclipse 1,000 yards since Kory Sheets in 2008. Sophomores Max Klare and George Burhenn and junior Drew Biber head the deepest and most

talented position on the 2024 Boilermakers, tight end.

Fifth-year senior linebacker Kydran Jenkins was second in the Big Ten a year ago with 15.5 tackles for loss and third in sacks with 7.5. Another fifth-year senior, defensive back Antonio Stevens, has come all the way back from a devastating knee injury as a freshman to earn a starting role. Junior linebacker Yanni Karlaftis will play opposite Jenkins in certain formations, and is coming off a 55-tackle season. Former Carmel standout Cole Brevard and Mo Omonode will anchor the nose guard position.

Sixth-year senior Joe Anderson and junior Damarjhe Lewis will hold down one defensive end slot. Sophomore Joseph Jefferson is slated to back up All-American safety Dillon Thieneman. Last season's seemingly never-ending series of injuries, especially to the offensive line, spurred Walters and his staff to seek quality depth from the transfer portal.

"As far as lessons I learned in the first season, I'd be up here all day talking about them," Walters said. "There are things you anticipate or plan for but nothing can prepare you for real time problems that occur and how fast, how urgently you need to come up with solutions."

In Purdue's case, Walters hopes those solutions come from a top-10 rated transfer class. In all, 26 transfers are listed on the two-deep roster released Monday. Offensive tackle Corey Stewart was brought in from Ball State after earning first-team All-Mid-American Conference honors. D.J. Wingfield plugs a hole at right guard after transferring in from New Mexico. A healthy Jahmal Edrine is expected to be

Purdue's No. 1 wide receiver target for second-year quarterback Hudson Card.

Notre Dame transfer Joey Tanona, Indiana transfer Joshua Sales Jr., and second-year transfers Jalen Grant, Luke Griffin and Bakayne Coly potentially give the Boilermakers their deepest second-team offensive line in years.

Purdue hopes Reggie Love III, Illinois' leading rusher a year ago with 567 yards and four touchdowns, can fill the shoes of New York Giants rookie running back Tyrone Tracy. Mockobee and Tracy combined for 1,605 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2023 as the Boilermakers led the Big Ten in rushing yards (conference games only).

Jeffrey M'Ba, all 6-6 and 302 pounds of him, is part of Purdue's all-transfer three-man front alongside Brevard and Anderson. Rush ends Shitta Sillah (Boston College) and C.J. Madden (Georgia) hope to approach the production of Nic Scourton, who took the money and ran to Texas A&M.

Colorado transfer Kyndrich Breedlove and second-year transfer Markevious Brown join Thieneman and Stevens in the secondary. Australian punter Keelan Crimmins comes in from Mississippi State, where he averaged 40.9 yards per punt and only had nine of his 49 kicks returned.

Notable newcomers to the Purdue starting lineup for the Indiana State game include five-star freshman cornerback Tarrion Grant, freshman wide receiver Shamar Rigby and kicker Spencer Porath of Brownsburg. Grant and Rigby are taking advantage of camp injuries suffered by Georgia transfers Nyland Green and C.J. Smith.

Green and Smith are

expected to be ready for the Notre Dame game, according to reports by GoldandBlack.com and the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

Porath is competing for the field goal role occupied by senior Ben Freehill a year ago. Freehill battled a blood clot for part of the 2023 season and was just 6 of 11 on field goal attempts. He was 2 of 5 from 40 yards and longer.

Big things are expected from Carmel sophomore standout Will Heldt at the other rush end. High school teammate Winston Berglund is backing up Jenkins at inside linebacker.

The dire forecast for Purdue football has not deterred the fan base, showing its support by purchasing the most season tickets since 2007. It helps that the home schedule includes Notre Dame, Nebraska, Oregon and Penn State.

It's that same schedule,

plus trips to Wisconsin and Ohio State, that some believe will prevent the Boilermakers from reaching bowl eligibility.

Plus, it's almost an annual tradition that key Purdue players will suffer long-term injuries. Card missed only one game after transferring in from Texas, one that Purdue probably wins with him at Northwestern. Seldom was Card healthy, taking a beating behind an offensive line that at times was so short-handed that Hartwig had to play tackle.

Assuming healthy seasons for Card, Mockobee, Jenkins and Thieneman I'm predicting a 6-6 record for Purdue. Wins against Indiana State and Oregon State send the Boilermakers into Big Ten season with some momentum. A Homecoming win against Nebraska is a must with an October slate featuring trips to Wisconsin and Illinois before coming home to

a likely Top 5 opponent in Oregon.

Factoring in a loss to Notre Dame, Purdue enters November at 4-3. A victory against Northwestern in Ross-Ade Stadium on Nov. 2 sets up four opportunities to get that sixth win for bowl eligibility. It won't come at Ohio State on Nov. 9, nor likely against Penn State the following week.

That leaves a Friday night trip to rebuilding Michigan State on Nov. 22 and the Old Oaken Bucket game at Indiana on Nov. 30. As Purdue Hall of Fame basketball coach Gene Keady was fond of saying, it's not who you play but when you play them. The Hoosiers will be coming off a trip to Ohio State and that could make the difference in this rivalry.

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Children's concert series returns Sept. 14

Families can introduce young children to the joy of live performance through the Center for the Performing Arts' monthly Peanut Butter & Jam series, which begins a new season Sept. 14.

With fun and informal sessions designed specifically for ages 1-7, PB&J typically takes place one Saturday each month from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., in the Palladium's Robert Adam Room or across Carter Green in the Studio Theater. Tickets are only \$10 per child, which includes the option of two free adult admissions upon request, creating a fun and affordable weekend outing for families.

This season's events include:

Soulful Music and Melodies with Allison Victoria
10:30 a.m. Sept. 14
The Palladium, Robert Adam Room
Singer-songwriter, musician and teaching artist Allison Victoria will lead an interactive sing-along concert, with a sound rooted in soul music but spanning many genres.

Silly Safaris: Not-so-Scary Scary Animal Show
10:30 a.m. Oct. 5
The Studio Theater

Just in time for Halloween! Come and see your favorite "scary" animals (snakes, spiders, etc.) and learn why they aren't so scary after all.

Mariachi Sol Jalisciense de Indianapolis: Mariachi Music & Dance
10:30 a.m. Nov. 23
The Studio Theater
Talented local musicians will perform lively and colorful music and dance from the Mexican state of Jalisco.

Melchior Marionettes: Holiday Cabaret on Strings
10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14
The Studio Theater
Back by popular demand, skilled puppeteers with handcrafted marionettes perform a fast-paced, seasonal cabaret for all ages, inviting the audience to sing along with holiday classics and other favorites.

Sarah Scharbrough
10:30 a.m. Jan. 4
The Studio Theater
Enjoy singing, rhythm and movement with Indiana performer and songwriter Sarah Scharbrough, who has released six albums and collaborated with artists around the world.

Epiphany Dance

Collective: West African Drum & Dance
10:30 a.m. Feb. 22
The Studio Theater
Indianapolis-based Epiphany African Dance Collective leads an interactive journey through West African dance and music, with the audience invited to join in.

Katherine Nagy & Friends
10:30 a.m. March 8
The Studio Theater
Local singer-songwriter Katherine Nagy and her band will share familiar Irish tunes, her own Irish-inspired music, and stories from her childhood filled with Irish tradition.

Indy Opera: Figaro! The Bunny of Seville
10:30 a.m. April 5
The Palladium, Robert Adam Room
Indianapolis Opera will perform a new children's version of Rossini's famous The Barber of Seville, filled with catchy tunes, silly antics and lots of heart.

Relevations Dance Company: Let's Dance!
10:30 a.m. May 17
The Studio Theater
Join Relevations Dance Company on a journey exploring the world of expression through dance, in styles from ballet and jazz to hip-hop, tap and beyond.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel, Indiana, includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org.



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have allowed MA health plans, like Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana, more flexibility in designing specially tailored benefits that support a person's overall health and wellbeing. These supplemental benefits are unique to MA and can help address gaps in traditional Medicare. Supplemental benefits historically included "primarily health related" benefits like dental, vision, and hearing services and, more recently include services that support health-related needs such as help purchasing nutritious food and transportation to access plan benefits.

According to the National Academy of Medicine, what's typically considered "medical care" only accounts for 10% to 20% of contributors to health outcomes. Other factors that have an impact on a person's health include their access to grocery stores, relationships with friends and family, and home and workplace environments. These are known as social drivers of health, and they account for the remaining 80% to 90%.

Thanks to the expansion of MA supplemental benefits, plan members are now better able to get the help they need to improve their whole health. For example, while medically tailored meals have been offered as a conventional supplemental benefit for a while, some MA plans are now able to offer additional nutrition benefits such as grocery cards, which provide a monthly allowance that give members the ability to purchase produce and other food items at participating grocery

stores.

A study published last year found that a vast majority of a MA health plan's members used at least one supplemental benefit in 2022, with many accessing more than one benefit. In addition, members who used at least one supplemental benefit were more likely to live in areas with fewer resources, such as food deserts and areas with lower socioeconomic status, suggesting that these benefits are helping to address social drivers of health.

Another recent study suggested that use of supplemental benefits is associated with an increased likelihood of having a preventative screening or annual wellness visit and a decreased likelihood of having a hospitalization or emergency room visit for a non-emergent issue.

Today, more than 32 million people have chosen to enroll in a MA plan. That's more than half of all eligible Medicare members, showcasing the critical value that MA plans, including supplemental benefits, provide for older adults and people with disabilities.

With the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period fast approaching, from October 15 to December 7, it's a crucial time for all Medicare-eligible individuals. Take this opportunity to review your options carefully to ensure that your MA plan is working for you. Don't overlook the supplemental benefits, as these can significantly contribute to overall health and wellbeing.

Dave Mull is Medicare Market President for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana

Westfield Eyes \$124 Million Budget

The Westfield 2025 Civil City budget will be introduced to the City Council at its August 26 meeting and will be eligible for adoption at the Sept. 9 council meeting. The 2025 proposed Civil City budget totals \$124,630,158, with an operational budget of \$78,265,507, which excludes bond payments.

Mayor Scott Willis's budget aligns spending with revenue forecasts to maintain a flat tax rate while serving Indiana's fastest-growing community.

There has also been a significant change in the financial planning strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. Department leaders were tasked with implementing zero-based budgeting rather than adjusting based on the previous year's spending. Zero-based budgeting is a strategic approach requiring a fresh evaluation of all expenses incurred during the budget cycle. It ensures the budget closely aligns with the strategic objectives outlined in Mayor Willis's Advancing Westfield vision. This will ensure the budget yields the highest value for residents and the community.

"By going through this process, budget items that had been unused for years were reallocated appropriately to economic development, infrastructure, and public safety investments," stated Willis. "We also consolidated line items to gain stronger purchasing power moving forward."

Willis's 2025 proposed budget continues strategic investment that prioritizes public safety, economic development, road and infrastructure improvements, and quality of life initiatives for residents.

"The Mayor's recommended budget addresses the needs of the fastest-growing city in our state, the entire Midwest, and the sixth-fastest in the nation. It addresses the immediate and long-term objectives and

ensures strong fiscal health for Westfield," stated Council President Patrick Tamm. "The City Council will continue to work with the Mayor productively and collaboratively as this process progresses."

Key features of the 2025 budget include:

- Public Safety**
- Hiring additional personnel to both Westfield Fire and Westfield Police to meet the community's growing needs
 - Adding additional outdoor warning sirens
 - Designing and constructing a new police department headquarters to meet the expanding needs of the department

- Roads and Infrastructure**
- Increased funding for the resurfacing program
 - Design and construction of several Capital Improvement Plan projects, including roundabouts at 161st Street and Spring Mill Boulevard, 181st Street and Wheeler Road, and expansion of 191st Street from Tomlinson Road to Grand Park Boulevard

- Economic Development**
- Acquisition of land for downtown parking garages
 - Funding for a streetscape project for the Park Street area
 - Acquisition of land near Grand Park

- Quality of Life**
- Funding for new community initiatives, including a Neighborhood Grant Program for improvements
 - Continued funding for community events such as Westfield Rocks the 4th, Jams at the Junction, and Westfield in Lights
 - Completion of Simon Moon Park Phase 2
 - Constructing permanent restrooms at Freedom Trail Park
 - Funding for a new park

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