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TODAY'S VERSE

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

Hamilton Happenings

The inaugural Mayor's Grand Gala in Westfield is tomorrow at Grand Park Sports Campus. "This gala presents a unique opportunity for our residents and business owners to come together, celebrate our shared vision, and contribute to the continued growth of our city," Mayor Scott Willis said. On tap are a DJ, silent and live auctions and food from a variety of Westfield restaurants. The Gala supports the efforts of not-for-profit partnerships through the Advancing Westfield Foundation. Tickets start at \$200 and are available at westfieldgrandgala.com.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Harvest season is officially under way for Indiana's 94,000 farmers, which means more slow-moving farm equipment will be on Indiana's rural roads and highways. To keep Hoosiers safe this year, state agencies are asking motorists to be alert and patient as they share the road with farm equipment this fall. In 2022 four vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in one death, according to the National Highway Administration. For everyone's sake the Indiana Department of Agriculture and this newspaper urge you to use caution on the roads!

2 The Indiana Destination Development Foundation (IDDF) and Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch invite musicians to capture the fun and excitement of our state in the form of a musical jingle and win \$10,000. There are rules and regulations to go by, but if your jingle is judged to be the winner, you could walk away with a cool \$10K! Find out more at Information@IDDC.IN.gov

3 October is Liver Awareness Month. This month recognizes the importance of liver health and the causes of liver disease. There are more than 100 different liver diseases caused by viruses, genetics, autoimmune disease, excessive alcohol use, poor diet and obesity and reactions to medications, street drugs or toxic chemicals. Symptoms can include nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain, fatigue, yellow-colored skin and eyes, dark urine and weight loss; however, symptoms can vary depending on the specific disease or cause of damage. Find out more at www.cota.org.

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Ask Rusty - Veteran Asks About Special Credits for Military Service



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty: I just learned that if I served in the military during an active-duty period, I could get extra earnings for Social Security and that these benefits would be automatically added to my record, but I was never asked by the SS employee who calculated my benefits if I was in the military. I took benefits at age 62 (2013) due to health reasons. Should I ask for a recalculation or is it too late?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran: Thank you for your service to our country, for which you have every right to be proud. You likely heard about "Special Extra Credits for military service," which applies to those who served in the military during certain periods earlier than the year 2001. This rule can add up to \$1,200 per year to your Social Security earnings record for the years you served and, since your SS benefit is based on your lifetime earnings record, your military earnings may have been included when

calculating your Social Security benefit. But the rules for getting that "extra earnings credit" are a bit complex, and how much extra earnings credit you receive depends entirely on which years you served. Here's a quick summary:

- SS taxes have been withheld from military pay since 1957, so your actual military earnings are already included as part of your lifetime SS earnings record.
- If you served between 1957 and 1977, an extra \$300 for each quarter of active-duty service would be added to your military pay, up to \$1,200 per year maximum.
- If you served between 1978 and 2001, an extra \$100 would be added to your military pay for each \$300 of active duty pay received, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year. FYI, no additional earnings are added to your military pay for service years after 2001.

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Ready for Open Enrollment?

(StatePoint) With so many Medicare options available, selecting a plan can seem daunting. This year you may be wondering how news of Medicare drug price negotiations, economic uncertainties and other factors may impact your coverage in 2025.

Medicare is the government health insurance program for Americans 65 and older and others who qualify, providing hospital coverage (Part A) and physician visits (Part B) to beneficiaries. Additionally, there are a variety of options that coordinate with original Medicare, such as Medicare Supplement plans and Prescription Drug Plans, or replace original Medicare with Medicare Advantage (MA) plans combined with Prescription Drug Plans.

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Witham Hosts Dementia Program

The Witham Pastoral Care Department and the Central Indiana Council on Aging are hosting the Dementia Friends education at Witham Wednesday in Lebanon. The Dementia Friends Indiana movement seeks to advance education and awareness of dementia, reduce the stigma associated with the disease, and create community environments that are welcoming and conducive for those living with dementia. Indiana became the 10th state with a Dementia Friends

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First Friday Fall Fest, Headless Horseman And More on Tap



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Come see the firetrucks, meet the firefighters and play the interactive activities during Noblesville Fire Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the Noblesville Fire Station at Ninth and Maple in downtown Noblesville with all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and coffee.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Attend Noblesville Main Street's First Friday Fall Fest in downtown Noblesville with trick-or-treating, restaurant-supported soup cook-off and more. Vote on

scarecrows in the downtown contest. The Headless Horseman rides again at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Enjoy Noblesville Creates First Friday activities. See live theater featuring Main Street Productions' "Ripcord" comedy and Carmel Community Players' "Steel Magnolias." Enjoy live music at an all-day Fall Music Festival at Spencer Farm Winery. There are plenty of activities to do this weekend in and around Noblesville. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Experience the magic of fall during Noblesville Main Street's First Friday Fall Fest 4-8 p.m. today in downtown Noblesville with trick-or-treating, restaurant-supported soup cook-off and more. Also, enjoy the annual Noblesville Main Street Scarecrow Design Contest with installation of scarecrows today and online people's choice voting through Oct. 13.

2. The Headless Horseman rides again during Conner Prairie's annual Headless Horseman Halloween program now through Oct. 27 in Fishers, featuring hayrides, Trail of Terror, fall-themed activities,

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Limit TV and computer time for kids - let them discover their imaginations.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Deep into the darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."
Edgar Allan Poe

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Noblesville Creates Thanks Community

Noblesville Creates hosted its 12th Annual Anniversary Gala on Sept. 19, 2024. The event featured the Noblesville Creates Awards Ceremony, dinner and drinks, live music, hands-on arts experiences and both silent and live auctions.

Noblesville Creates is thankful to those who made the event possible, including Embassy Suites in Noblesville, where the event was held, various sponsors and donors, and to everyone who attended, including sponsors Spencer Farm Winery. Church Church Hittle + Antrim, Duke Energy, Stewart Imagery, Peterson Architecture, Gaylor Electric, Fishers Arts Council, Efrogmson Family Fund, HamCo Live, PSW, Bedrock Builders, Visit Hamilton County Indiana, Studio Thirteen, Avalon Wealth Advisory, Christi and Craig Crosser, Esther Lakes, Michael Levine, Randall Scott Harden, Beth Forst, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, Visit Hamilton County Indiana, Smith's Jewelers, the City of Noblesville, Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts

"We are deeply moved by our community's commitment to supporting and growing the creative economy," said Noblesville Creates Director Ailithir McGill. "The generous support for our Gala proves that arts and culture are a vital part of what makes our community a healthy and vibrant place for residents and businesses, and it was wonderful to spend an evening together having fun, while also gathering support for our organization's work."

This year, the Gala brought in more than \$73,223 worth of value and support for the mission of Noblesville Creates, which is 21% higher than the total raised last year.

Money raised from ticket sales and the silent auction this year will go toward developing the Creative Economy, which aims to make an economic impact in the Noblesville region through arts and culture. The funds will also help Noblesville Creates host their major events in 2025,

including Comic Book in a Day, HATCH Fest, Day of the Dead, and Fairyville. Additionally, the money will provide essential professional support to artists, graphic designers, singers, actors, and many other creative small business owners.

In 2023, Noblesville Creates' program and services served nearly 19,000 people, supported 37 FTE jobs, and drove nearly \$726,650 in household income in Hamilton County.

Some of last year's money raised from the fund-a-need portion of the Gala went to help develop Noblesville Creates' first ever Arts Crawl coming up on Oct.12.

Noblesville Creates would also like to give further congratulations to the winners of the awards ceremony, who were honored as visionary leaders who are expanding and enhancing opportunities for artists and art enthusiasts throughout Central Indiana.

WINNERS:

Artist of the Year:
 Boxx The Artist

This award recognizes established artists who excel in their chosen medium, increasing our community's reputation and strengthening our creative economy through their work and dedication.

Emerging Artist of the Year: Laura McCormick

This award recognizes artists who have been working for 5 years or fewer in their current field or medium and who have demonstrated professionalism, creativity, artistic excellence, and leadership.

Artist Leader of the Year: Riwo, Executive Director of Gal's Guide Library

This award recognizes people who harness their talent and love for the arts to make an impact on our community and who, through their artistic work, create change and catalyze growth.

Arts Advocate of the Year: Pat Grabill

This award recognizes individuals who have dedicated their time to



promoting the arts and highlighting how the arts create a positive impact for all.

Arts Patron of the Year:
 Brenda Myers

This award recognizes individuals who have invested significant time, talent, and treasure into our local arts economy to grow and strengthen our community.

Corporate Arts Partner of the Year: Star Bank

This award recognizes companies that have significantly supported and/or made an investment in our local arts community.

There was also a special Board Emeritus award given to Gino Johnson, who recently retired from the Noblesville Creates board. This award recognizes all that Gino has done for both Noblesville Creates and the overall arts community during his time on the board.



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• Those who served on active duty before 1967 should inform SS when applying for benefits about their military service (e.g., provide a copy of DD-214). For those who served after 1967, the “special extra credits” were automatically added to their military earnings record when they applied for SS benefits.

It’s important to note that the “extra credits” are additional earnings added to your military pay record – not an additional benefit amount added to your Social Security payment because of your military service. If, however, your military pay was included in the 35 years used to compute your Social Security benefit when you claimed, then your military pay affected your SS payment amount.

In any case, if you served in the military after 1967, the special extra earnings credits were automatically included in your military pay record and, thus, were automatically included when calculating your Social Security benefit when you applied. If your non-military working career consisted of over 35 years during which you earned more than you did while serving, your

years in the military wouldn’t be included when computing your Social Security benefit anyway (only your highest earning 35 years of earnings are included when calculating your SS benefit).

Although it’s never “too late” to request a recalculation, if you served after 1967 your military pay during your service years was automatically increased by SS to account for your military service. If you served before 1967, you could contact Social Security to ensure that the extra credits were included when calculating your SS benefit. FYI, here’s a copy of the Social Security rules on this topic: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf.

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program in 2017, starting with communities in central Indiana.

As the number of Indiana residents affected by dementia continues to grow, so does the need for communities to better understand dementia and better accommodate the challenges of those affected by the diseases that cause it.

A Dementia Friend is someone who wants to make a positive difference in the lives of people living with dementia through increased awareness and support. A Dementia Champion will host the meeting. The session is interactive, so you can

share stories, ask questions, and learn together.

The program begins at noon Wednesday in the Jack Jones Community Room of the North Pavilion, Entrance B at Witham Health Services, 2605 N. Lebanon St. in Lebanon. There is no cost to participate. The registration deadline is Monday, and seating is limited to the first 40 participants. All training materials will be provided and light refreshments will be offered.

For more information about the program or to register, please contact Amy Mitchell, Director of Pastoral Care at Witham (765) 485-8175 or by email at amitchell@witham.org.

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During this year’s Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), which takes place between Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2024, here’s what Cigna Healthcare, which serves millions of Medicare customers nationwide, wants you to know:

1. Check for plan changes: If your current plan is working for you, you can likely keep it. However, it’s a good idea to review your plan every AEP, especially if you’ve experienced major life, health or financial changes. Any changes to your current plan will be outlined in your Medicare plan’s Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letter, which you can expect to receive in September.

2. Research your coverage: There are a few key things to watch for when shopping for a plan. One of them is whether your favorite providers and specialists will be in-network. You should also review each plan’s formulary – that is, the list of drugs covered under the plan. You’ll want to find a plan that will cover your current medications and any you anticipate your doctor prescribing over the course of the year ahead. Finally, carefully consider your total spend for your prescription drug plan coverage (i.e., premiums plus pharmacy costs) since the maximum out-of-pocket costs for drugs you utilize will be capped at \$2,000 in 2025.

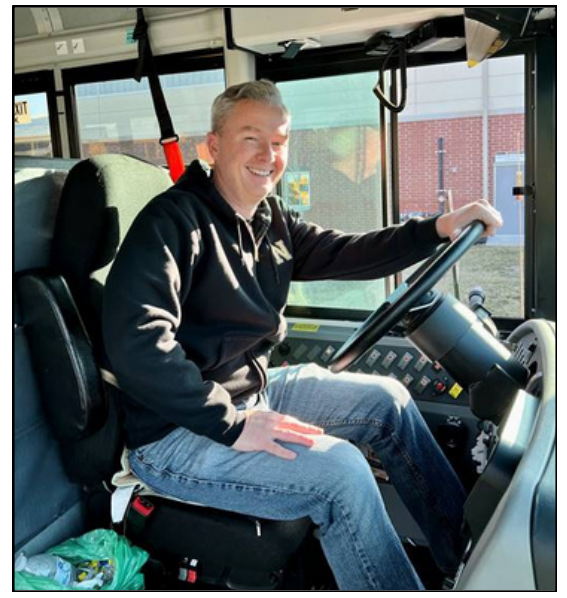
3. Look for value: No matter what the economic outlook is,

it’s wise to select a plan that provides great value. To that end, you may want to consider an MA plan, which offers quality and affordability. MA plans cover everything original Medicare does, plus more; most also include dental, vision and hearing benefits, prescription drug coverage, and other extras like over-the-counter drugs, transportation to doctor’s visits and pharmacies, healthy grocery purchases, and fitness services. MA plans are often available with \$0 premiums, but you’ll also want to check on what your annual out-of-pocket costs could be based on your health status.

4. Understand your plan: Before enrolling in a particular plan, make sure you understand its ins and outs. Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24/7; TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. Or, visit the Medicare Plan Finder website at Medicare.gov/plan-compare. For local assistance, refer to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program at www.shiptacenter.org. You can also contact individual Medicare plans, including Cigna Healthcare at CignaMedicareInformation.com.

“AEP is your opportunity to assess your budget and your health needs and find an option that will work for you and your lifestyle in 2025,” says Ryan Kocher, chief growth officer for Cigna Healthcare Medicare.

Take a Bus Out for a Test Drive!



Noblesville Schools superintendent Dan Hile test drives a bus – and encourages you to as well! Noblesville Schools are looking for paid bus drivers. Get behind the wheel of one of these babies Saturday and see if this might be the right fit for you! If hired, you’ll get paid training, benefits and an attractive salary. Be at Noblesville Schools Transportation Center (19790 Hague Rd.) Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and go for a spin! One key note, applicants must have a valid drivers license and be at least 21 years of age.

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barrel train ride, Sleepy Hollow Marionette Show, Mis-Fortune telling with Carl Voyant, live deejay and live music performances from Sweet Tunes, live shows, food and more, with tickets at connerprairie.org

3. Attend today's grand opening of Chapter Book Lounge bookstore and cafe at 10th and Conner streets in downtown Noblesville.

4. Attend Noblesville Creates' October First Friday activities 6-9 p.m. today with new art exhibits, refreshments, cash bar featuring local bar and wine and special musical guest Emily Ann Thompson. View "Dreamscape & Belief" exhibit featuring original work from various community artists, grab a drink of appetizer before strolling next door to the Stephenson House gallery and more.

5. Experience live theater with Carmel Community Players' production of "Steel Magnolias," directed by Elizabeth Ruddell, today through Sunday and Oct. 10-13 at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org

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8. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturday with live entertainment, and continues Saturdays through Oct. 12 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Visit Noblesvillemainstreet.org

9. Welcome a new season at this fall's juried Handmade Vintage Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville featuring 70 local small businesses, with \$5 admission and free parking.

10. Get ready to kickstart the holiday season with the return of Fishers High School Band Boosters' "Christmas in October" Craft Fair 9 a.m.-2 pm. Saturday at Fishers High School, with \$5 admission for adults, \$3 for teens and senior citizens and free to ages 12 and younger. This juried craft fair features 135 craft vendors and artisans with handmade

crafts, decorations and gifts. Proceeds go to Fishers High School band programs.

11. Hamilton County Parks' annual free Potter's Bridge Fall Festival is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Potter's Bridge Park in Noblesville and featuring live music, more than 100 arts, crafts and food booths, KidZone,

12. Enjoy a Fall Music Festival at 12:30 p.m. Saturday featuring Jeff Day who plays a unique guitar style and good rock music at 12:30 p.m.; Midwest Originals Duo at 2 p.m. featuring husband and wife acoustic duo; HT3 at 4:15 p.m. performing original and cover music; and Dream Slice 6:30-9:30 p.m. featuring R&B, alternative, funk, rock, plus food trucks and Bier Brewery at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville, featuring a restored 1883 farmhouse and winery celebrating five years in October.

13. Join in with a Fall Festival at the Vines in Westfield, celebrating the season 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Urban Vines Winery & Brewery

14. Pick a date, Oct. 8-12, to enjoy Fishers AgriPark Fall Festival 4-8 p.m. each of these five days, with special programming each day at 4 p.m. Activities include a scarecrow trail, campfire and s'mores, pumpkin painting, animal encounters, inflatables, games, crafts, music, food trucks and more with registration at \$5 per person for residents.

15. Experience Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz with concerts 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 12 with David Hartman Band on the Courthouse Square.

16. Experience the songwriter duo, The 78's, playing originals and covers 6-9 p.m. Oct. 8. Dance, jive and have the time of your life while celebrating the Swedish pop supergroup, ABBA, at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17; then join Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra to celebrate "Sweet Caroline: The Life and music of Neil Diamond" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel, with food and beverages available.

17. Support the Noblesville Marching Millers at a pancake breakfast fundraiser 8-11 a.m. Oct. 12 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, sponsored by Noblesville Band Boosters and Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers with proceeds to go directly to the Fuel a Miller food fund, ensuring marching band members stay fed with dinner, snacks and drinks throughout the season.

18. Whether you're a seasoned expert or just starting out, this Sewing/Quilting Seminar shares various techniques and begins at 8:15 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in

Noblesville with presentations and demonstrations 9 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch included in \$20 registration fee due by today by completing registration at extension.purdue.edu or call 317-776-0854 for more information.

19. Join the Noblesville Cultural Arts District Arts Crawl at noon Oct. 12 in downtown Noblesville, by following Arts Trail to find unique art, music, food, drinks, shopping and more, featuring activities by Noblesville Creates, Hamilton County Artists' Association, Kiln Creations, Caravan Classes, The Workshops of G.B. Davis and Looking Glass Pottery. Musicians include Fast Cadillac, The Dead Squirrels, Steve VandeWater, David & Pamela Ackerman, Kelli Ray Yates and Chris Baird. Other entertainment features Bill Wilkinson, Entertainment from the Fairy Ball, The Dancin' Place and En Pointe Indiana Ballet. Drinks and merchandise specials for \$99 VIP tickets.

20. Make plans to attend Noblesville Preservation Alliance's Radio Theater program for one of 1939's best known radio shows, "Arsenic & Old Lace," Oct. 17-20 at Preservation Hall on Logan Street in Noblesville.

21. Attend a Fall Fest with live music, food trucks and more 6-9 p.m. Oct. 19 at Providence & Cafe Jardin Coffee Shop in Noblesville.

22. Kids can Trunk of Treat 5-7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the First Christian Church in Noblesville. Still time to host a trunk.

23. Save the date for this year's first-time Fall Floral Gala 6-9 p.m. Oct. 23 at Mustard Seed Gardens in Noblesville.

24. Bring the family to Noblesville Parks & Recreation's Frights at Forest Halloween event 5-9 p.m. Oct. 25 at Forest Park. Take a spooky (not scary) trail filled with trick-or-treat stations, wear your best costume for a chance to win in a costume contest, and also enjoy hayrides, inflatables and food.

25. Join Fishers free Boo Bash 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers and enjoy live, interactive stage entertainment with 31SVN, themed costumes and decorated booths, Halloween goodies, games, photo opps, costume parades, recurring shows and more.

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Westfield's Braden Smith leads Big Ten Plus Eight Preseason Basketball Honors



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

The only major college basketball offer Braden Smith had going into his senior season at Westfield High School came from Purdue and head coach Matt Painter.

Flash forward three years to Tuesday, when the Big Ten Conference's coaches and media unanimously voted preseason Player of the Year honors upon Smith.

Smith was the only unanimous selection on the 10-person preseason All-Big Ten team. He follows former teammate Zach Edey as preseason Player of the Year.

The 2022 Indiana Mr. Basketball, Smith established Purdue and Big Ten records as a sophomore with 292 assists while helping the Boilermakers reach the national championship game for the first time since 1969. Smith averaged 12.0 points, 7.5 assists and 5.8 rebounds per game while shooting 43.1 percent from 3-point range.

"He's evolved as one of the best point guards in the country, if not the best point guard in the country," Painter said following Purdue's victory against Tennessee that sent the Boilermakers to the Final Four for the first time since 1980.

"Just his ability to pass and see things. He's very knowledgeable, very instinctive, makes good decisions, but somebody you want the ball in his hands. He's been fabulous."

Bruce Parkinson's career assists record at Purdue could be within Smith's reach this

season, needing 245 to break the standard set in 1977. Smith's 445 career assists rank only behind Magic Johnson's 491 in Big Ten history through his first two seasons.

Lafayette Jeff's all-time leading scorer, Brooks Barnhizer of Northwestern, is also a part of that 10-man Big Ten squad. Ten of the newly expanded 18-team Big Ten schools are represented on the honor team.

Surprisingly, Indiana junior Malik Reneau was bypassed in favor of newly arrived Oumar Ballo. Less surprising were the selections of Iowa's Payton Sandford, Minnesota's Dawson Garcia, Ohio State's Bruce Thornton and Penn State's Ace Baldwin Jr.

Highly regarded Rutgers freshman Dylan Harper, Oregon's Jackson Shelstad and Utah State transfer Great Osobor of Washington round out the 10-man team.

On Wednesday, the Big Ten sportswriters predicted Purdue to three-peat as league champions. The Boilermakers garnered 20 of the 33 first-place votes to outpoint Indiana 572-549. The Hoosiers received seven first-place votes. UCLA (2 first-place votes), Illinois (2) and Michigan State (1) round out the media's top five. Eighth-place Ohio State earned the remaining first-place vote.

Now the bad news Smith's honor came two days after Purdue head football coach Ryan Walters dismissed offensive coordinator Graham Harrell. Harrell, who was Walters' first hire as head coach in December 2022, was the highest-paid

assistant football coach in Purdue history. His three-year contract was worth \$2.85 million, and Purdue will be on the hook for \$1 million next year.

"Obviously, not an easy conversation," Walters said. "But this is a business. It has nothing to do with anything personal. I think Graham's a great coach, just, you know, for whatever reason, it wasn't working here."

Since whipping Indiana State 49-0 in the season opener, Purdue (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten) has been shut out in the first halves of losses to Notre Dame and Nebraska. Including a loss at Oregon State, the Boilermakers have been outscored 83-17 over the first three quarters of each defeat. Worse, after his nearly perfect season opener, quarterback Hudson Card has thrown as many pick-6s (3) as touchdown passes during the three losses.

Purdue ranks 15th in the Big Ten Plus Eight in total offense (322 yards per game) and scoring offense (21.8). In fairness, Walters' defense has been lousy too, dead last in points allowed (33 per game), total defense (399) and rushing defense (242) in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers are the only program in the nation without a single forced turnover this season.

Former Noblesville and Ben Davis head coach Jason Simmons was elevated from his analyst role to assume play-calling duties for the rest of the season.

"I believe we have a better team than we've been showing the last three weeks and there's a lot of football still to be played," Walters said. "I feel like if I

didn't do anything right now, it would be kind of like waving a white flag on the season and nobody in that building is ready to do that. So if a change was going to be made in December, I just didn't think it would be fair for everyone involved."

After leading Ben Davis to semistate appearances from 2019-2021, Simmons spent the 2023 season as running backs coach at Miami (Ohio).

Simmons' first task? Finding a way to end Wisconsin's 17-game winning streak against Purdue.

Harrell's dismissal hasn't taken the pressure off Walters, who was placed atop the Big Ten coaching hotseat list this week by CBS Sports writer Tom Fornelli.

Rest in peace, Pete Rose

Growing up a Cincinnati Reds fan in the 1970s was a lot of fun. Given the nickname "The Big Red Machine" by Cincinnati sportswriter Bob Hertz, the Reds of this era were a threat nine of the decade's 10 years to win at least a division title. Johnny Bench was the greatest catcher of all-time. Joe Morgan made the offense go. Tony Perez always seemed to get the big hit. Somehow, manager Sparky Anderson kept the team's oversized personalities focused on winning ahead of fame and fortune. There should have been a fifth Baseball Hall of Famer from this squad, but Pete Rose's baseball story was never predictable. Rose died unexpectedly Monday at age 83 in Las Vegas, one day after attending an autograph show in Nashville, Tenn., with Perez and fellow Big Red Machine teammates Dave Concepcion, George Foster and Ken Griffey Jr.

The Clark County (Nevada) Coroner's Office confirmed to The Cincinnati Enquirer that Rose died of

hypertension (high blood pressure) and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (plaque buildup blocking blood flow to the heart).

Rose only got a chance to play professional baseball because his uncle, a scout for the Reds, convinced team officials to give the hometown kid a tryout in 1960. It became the best \$7,000 the Reds ever invested.

It took Rose three seasons to reach the major leagues, winning National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1963. That same year he earned the nickname "Charlie Hustle" from New York Yankees legends Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford, who believed Rose was showing off by sprinting to first base after a walk during a spring training game.

Rose never slowed down, even when age finally eroded the switch-hitting skills that carried him to a record 4,256 hits. He became the first singles hitter to earn a contract for \$100,000. Rose would hit a Major League record 3,215 singles from 1963 to 1986. He also owns MLB records for games played (3,562), at bats (14,053) and plate appearances (15,890).

Rose's other numbers are just as staggering. Three-time World Series champion with the Reds (1975-76) and Philadelphia (1980). National League MVP (1973) and World Series MVP (1975). Three-time National League batting champion. A 17-time All-Star.

All of that, though, was overshadowed when he agreed to a permanent ban in 1989 for gambling on Major League Baseball. That became Rose's epitaph when the news spread of his death. Rose always pleaded that if the game he loved would give him a second chance, he wouldn't need a third. Three commissioners refused Rose that second chance despite



Braden Smith

pleas from Bench, Morgan and former Phillies teammate Mike Schmidt.

Commissioner Bud Selig did allow Rose brief pardons from the ban, notably permitting Rose to be part of the on-field All-Century Team celebration in 1999. Selig also allowed Rose to attend on-field ceremonies when the Reds retired his No. 14 and placed him in the team's Hall of Fame.

I met Rose one time in Indianapolis. I was a young sportswriter for the Lafayette Journal and Courier and my sports editor, knowing my passion for the Reds, sent me to meet the Reds Caravan during one of its many stops across the Midwest trying to sell tickets and build up fan enthusiasm.

Player-manager Rose was his usual gregarious self. But the non-players accompanying Rose on the caravan gave me pause. I didn't know it then but a couple of them would become part of baseball's investigation that led to Rose's downfall. The day after Rose's death, ESPN (a television partner of MLB) posted a story on its website touting "props, picks and futures" in its Major League Baseball wild-card round betting guide.

Oh, the irony.

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

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Sen. Walker Shares Update



KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

While national defense is primarily the responsibility of the federal government, Indiana Senate Republicans have been working to protect Hoosiers from foreign adversaries like China, Russia and Iran.

As part of these efforts, the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) recently completed a \$1.2 billion divestment from Chinese government-controlled assets.

This effort stems from a new law I supported that required INPRS to divest from these entities because I believe Hoosiers' tax dollars should not be invested in companies controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

This year, I also supported laws that:

- Protect public colleges from influence by foreign adversaries;
- Ban foreign adversaries from purchasing or leasing agricultural land; and
- Prohibit foreign adversaries from purchasing or leasing any land within a 10-mile radius of a military installation.

CELEBRATING RITCHEY
Woods Nature Preserve

The Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve will celebrate the park's anniversary on Oct. 12 beginning at 10 a.m. I plan to be in attendance and speak on how Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve is a cherished sanctuary for the city of Fishers that offers a vital connection to nature, preserves local wildlife and provides the community with a peaceful escape to explore and appreciate Indiana.

The event will take place at the shelter located at 10410 Hague Road.

DONATE TO COATS
for Kids

The Salvation Army is now accepting products for the Coats for Kids program.

Donations of new or gently used winter coats in all sizes are being accepted through Oct. 19 at any Classic Cleaners location. Collection boxes are located at the front of each store.

The Coats for Kids distribution event will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds' Blue Ribbon Pavilion.

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

County Engineering Tech Clara Furst Recognized

Clara Furst, Engineering Technician with the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office, was among 12 people who received their Institute for Excellence Certification at the Association of Indiana Counties' Institute for Excellence in County Government program.

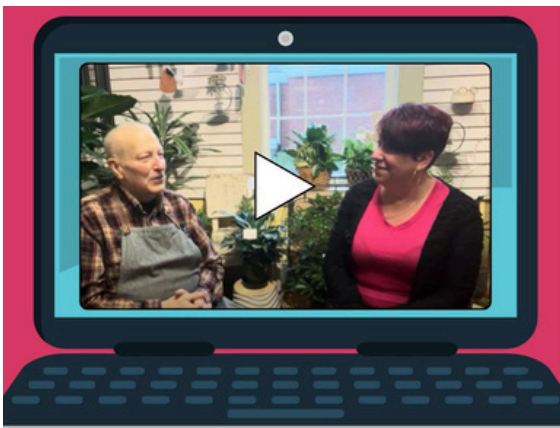
Furst completed 30 credit hours to qualify for the accreditation.

With the many facets and complexities of government, ongoing education is needed to ensure that government functions run smoothly. With the support of Bliss McKnight, Inc., the AIC has devoted its resources to improving government through its educational program called Institute for Excellence in County Government. The Institute was established in 1993 to allow officials and county employees access to training which is geared specifically to county

government.

The AIC is dedicated to assisting county government officials and employees in becoming more efficient, solving tough problems, and finding the resources they need to serve their constituents well. The AIC believes education is the beginning of any successful endeavor, especially within the public service sector.

The AIC Institute is made available to all elected county officials and staff. After accruing 30 or more credit hours of study within three consecutive years, program participants qualify for various levels of AIC Institute Certificates. Continuing education certificates are awarded to those who have previously earned an Institute Certificate and have completed an additional 20 hours of coursework within one calendar year.



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Fishers Event Center Looking for Help

A variety of part-time jobs are available as the Fishers Event Center, a new state-of-the-art 7,500-seat capacity ultra-modern entertainment venue in Fishers, is preparing to open its doors in November. The new arena will serve as a home to three professional sports teams (Indy Fuel Hockey Club of the ECHL; Indy Ignite of the Professional Volleyball Federation; and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League), while offering a uniquely intimate setting for the community to experience shows and concerts, private events, and much more.

Specifically, the following positions are available:

Bartender, Ticket Seller, Guest Services Coordinators, Premium Crew, Concert Runners, Ice Crew, Zamboni Drivers, Operations Crew, Cooks, Suite Attendants, Dish Washer, Warehouse Runner, Suite Runner, Culinary Supervisor, Food & Beverage Supervisor, Premium Services Supervisor and Ticket Office Supervisor. LAZ Parking is hiring an Event Ambassador and Event Supervisor for Fishers Event Center. And Andy Frain Services is hiring 24-hour security and event staff for Fishers Event Center.

The Fishers Event Center will host a wide variety of community events and concerts spanning genres

including theater, sports, comedy, family, country, rock and more. The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as newer artists on the brink of big success. Upcoming events include:

- Country band Turnpike Troubadours (Friday, Nov. 22)
- Viral violinist Lindsey Stirling (Friday, Nov. 29)
- Comedian Leanne Morgan (Saturday, Nov. 30)
- Nitro Circus (Sunday, December 1)
- AEW professional wrestling (Wednesday, Dec. 4)
- Indy Fuel hockey opening weekend (December 6-7)
- Legendary country rock band Alabama (Monday, Dec. 9)
- The annual Mudsock Rivalry Basketball Game between the Fishers High School Tigers and the Hamilton Southeastern Royals (Friday, Dec. 20)
- Cirque du Soleil's acrobatic ice experience CRYSTAL (January 23-26, 2025)
- Country star Megan Moroney (April 24, 2025)
- ...and much more to be announced soon.

For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, visit FishersEventCenter.com. Fans can sign up for the venue newsletter to stay informed of event announcements and presale options.

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Carmel Receives \$280,000 Safety Grant

The City of Carmel has been awarded a \$280,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program to support the development of a comprehensive Safety Action Plan. This grant, announced earlier this month by the Federal Highway Administration, will enable Carmel to improve roadway safety for all users, while also positioning the city to pursue future funding opportunities to implement safety improvements.

The grant allows Carmel to analyze its roadway network with a focus on identifying safety enhancements that protect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. By developing a detailed Safety Action Plan, the city aims to make roads safer and reduce accidents and fatalities.

"This funding is an important step in ensuring the safety of all of our roadway users," said Jeremy Kashman,



Jeremy Kashman

chief infrastructure officer for the City of Carmel. "With this grant from the Federal Highway Association, we'll be able to closely examine our roadway network and identify key areas for improvement. The creation of a Safety Action Plan makes our roads safer and increases our competitiveness for future implementation grants, should the SS4A program continue."

The SS4A program, established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is a \$5 billion initiative aimed at reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Over the five-year period from 2022 to

2026, the program will fund regional, local and Tribal projects designed to make roads safer. To date, the SS4A program has awarded a total of \$2.7 billion to more than 1,400 communities across the national 50 states and Puerto Rico. Through this federal grant, Carmel joins other cities in their commitment to roadway safety, guided by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy. The goal of the SS4A program and the Safety Action Plan is to work toward zero roadway deaths by adopting a Safe System Approach.

More information on the SS4A program, including details on eligibility and funding opportunities, can be found on the U.S. Department of Transportation website.

About the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program

The SS4A program provides funding for both planning and implementation grants. Planning and Demonstration Grants, like the one awarded to Carmel, support the development of Action Plans that identify significant roadway safety concerns. These Action Plans are a prerequisite for applying for Implementation Grants, which fund the execution of specific safety projects and strategies.

For more information about Carmel's safety initiatives or the new Safety Action Plan, please contact the City of Carmel Engineering Department at engineering@carmel.in.gov.



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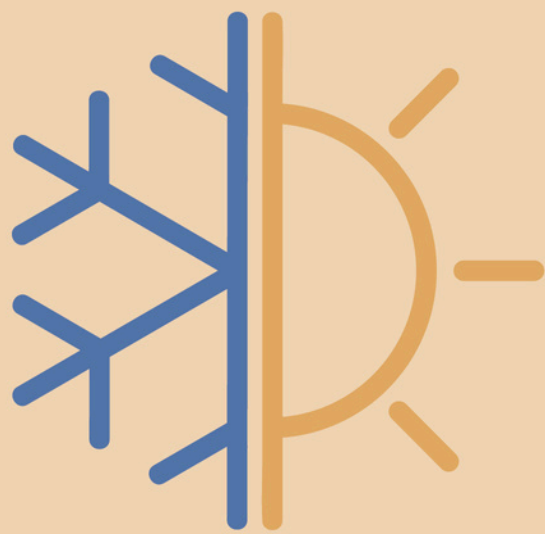
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Noblesville Creates Showcases Artists

Noblesville Creates is featuring three artists of the month in October. The artists of the month include Skye VanWinkle, Michael Jack, and Jerry Mannell, and each of their exhibits will be featured at a different Noblesville Creates showcase location. Noblesville Creates is also welcoming the exhibits *Dreamscape & Belief* in the Judge Stone House and *Members Only* in Noblesville City Hall. Information on the exhibit dates, receptions, and artist details are available below.

STEPHENSON HOUSE: Skye VanWinkle

Skye VanWinkle is a world traveler and an artist. Growing up with her father as a landscape painter gave her the tools to look at the world in a different way, while traveling has opened her eyes to new people, places, and perspectives. Her October exhibit in the Stephenson House Gallery, *Reflections*, will showcase scenes from her European adventures.

"My dad was an artist" she recounts, "A full time social worker but he did art as a hobby." She remembers art always being all over the house and credits his work as her first real influence. Her father painted primarily landscapes, however, while Skye was drawn to old family photos for source material. She would paint from 1960's-70's

photographs for a long time.

After obtaining a Bachelors in Arts from Purdue, Skye sought to attend grad school with the hopes to eventually teach college level classes. This led her to the Herron School of Art and Design where she earned an Arts Education degree. Following her graduation, she taught K-12 art classes in Kokomo schools for 23 years. Skye notes that she competed mostly commissions while teaching and her eventual retirement was to focus on her fine arts career.

The shift from teaching to creating full time allowed Skye to travel and discover new inspirations. "I was captivated by all the old buildings, I loved the history, it affected me profoundly," she says of her early travels. She soon began painting from the photographs she would take on her trip. And the more trips she went on, the more she figured out what sort of photographs to take, what would make interesting subject matter, what called to her: a moving tourist bus, a church, and more.

Skye's current goal with her acrylic paintings is to work realistically, but enhance color and shapes to bring out the intriguing beauty she sees. She often works in complementary color combinations to make

certain details pop. A building could be painted in yellows and purples rather than their true hues, but it will match how Skye feels the piece should feel. Compositions might also be shifted from the original photograph to bring together a cohesive image. In the end "it's all about people" Skye says, affirming that the individuals she meets are her core inspiration.

The full exhibit, *Reflections*, can be seen in the Stephenson House Oct. 4-26, Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet Skye at her free First Friday reception on Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus.

Exhibit Dates: Oct. 4 to 26

Reception Date: Oct. 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Noblesville Creates campus)

FOUR DAY RAY: Jerry Mannell

Fans of Noblesville Creates will certainly recognize the unique style of artist Jerry Mannell, who combines the surreal, the abstract, the colorful, and the unusual into his iconic paintings.

"I've hit a groove a couple of years ago and have been pursuing that," artist Jerry

Mannell notes of his latest work, which will be featured in his end of year exhibit at Four Day Ray Brewing in Fishers. The exhibit, *Mindful*, will showcase his latest work exploring intentional design through abstract painting.

Mannell's creative process varies, sometimes starting with a composition, other times with an image in his mind, resulting in a unique and conceptual style that is somewhere between the surreal and pop genres.

Jerry employs his knowledge from his career in graphic design and a fine arts degree to maintain interesting compositions with conceptual overtones. Disparate elements are related with color and shape to suggest subject matter and maintain visual interest. "I have my own repertoire of abstract structures, mixing organic with inorganic representations to reference both the natural and man made world. Hopefully people will connect those shapes or colors in a thematic way. I like to keep ambiguity so these interpretations [allow viewers to] engage with the art as opposed to just recognizing the aesthetic involved."

See the full *Mindful* exhibit at Four Day Ray Brewing, 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. You can meet Jerry at his free public reception, date and time to be determined. Stay tuned!

Exhibit Dates: Oct. 4 to Dec. 28

Reception Date: Date and time to be determined

MEYER NAJEM: Michael Jack

Michael Jack is a lifelong learner, explorer, and storyteller. His upcoming showcase exhibit at Meyer Najem's 2nd Floor Gallery will primarily cover images from the Northwestern US including the Palouse region, in addition to other coastline travels. His love for the Palouse region of Washington State—a location Jack has deemed as either a bucket list destination for photographers or an unknown name and location to those unfamiliar with it—has proven to serve as the inspiration behind much of the work he has produced since retiring from his career as a Corporate Controller in 2008.

Photography has been an ever developing pursuit. Upon retirement, Jack was able to fully shift his energy to it; now a well-recognized landscape photographer, the elegant lines and

natural light and shadows exhibited in his work can be appreciated in many galleries. He has also been part of the Photographic Society of America since 2018 and the National Photographers Enthusiasts Group. It's in such groups that he keeps up to date with new industry developments and continues to sharpen his skills.

Michael's overall process remains largely unchanged over the years. Every photo may require different methods of both capturing and follow up help. Some may need digital help to reduce visual noise, enhance color, or heighten contrasts. This produces singularly unique images that furthers his goal; showing significant local geographical features and expressing what he sees and feels in the moments of the snapshot. A windy day, incoming rain, or the crash of waves on the beach.

The *Stories from the Coast* exhibit will majorly showcase the Palouse region - some of the beauty as well as some of the deterioration resulting from the consolidation of farms. The Columbia River Gorge area of Oregon is noted for its waterfalls and scenic beauty. Visitors can expect to view this showcase to capture the relationship between geographical features from Michael's adventures and the history behind them.

See the full exhibit, *Stories from the Coast*, from Oct. 4 through Dec. 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 Michael at his free open house reception on Nov. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at Meyer Najem.

Exhibit Dates: Oct. 4 to Dec. 27

Reception Date: Nov. 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Meyer Najem 2nd Floor Gallery)

JUDGE STONE HOUSE: Dreamscape & Belief

In a dreamscape, which is a strange or mysterious landscape or scene often characteristic of dreams, there are no rules. Up can be down, color can be more or less vivid, physics and perspective can change with your mind's will – your perception of the world is open to imagination! Dreams can help us process our abstract emotions, can be indicative of our belief systems, and can even teach us about ourselves and others.

Dreamscape & Belief



Skye VanWinkle



Michael Jack



Jerry Mannell

will be viewable from Oct. 4-26 in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: Oct. 4 to 26
Reception Date: Oct. 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Noblesville Creates campus)

NOBLESVILLE CITY HALL: Members Only Exhibit

The *Members Only* Exhibit is moving from Noblesville Creates to Noblesville City Hall during the month of October! This annual exhibit shines a spotlight on the Noblesville Creates Learn, Promote, Showcase, and Lead level Artist Members.

Noblesville Creates Artist Members lift each other up, advance the communities they take part in, and are incredibly talented. They hold offices, raise families, sing, dance, paint, sculpt, weave, weld, carve, draw, cook, photograph, film, act, and so much more.

The *Members Only* Exhibit will be viewable from Oct. 4-25. Noblesville City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Heights Superintendent Shares Update



DR. ARROWOOD
Guest Columnist

Wednesday was Custodian Appreciation Day. It's my true honor to shine a spotlight on our custodial staff's hard work, dedication, and tremendous impact on our school. Their tireless dedication to maintaining a clean and safe environment for students and staff cannot be overstated.

They include - High School: Trevor Cunningham, Jason Dobbins, Bruce Kaiser, Taylor Kendall, Brady Kendall, Byoung Kim, Teresa Pena, Tanya Southard, and Chong Woo

Middle School: Steve Cunningham, Trystan Hileman, Kathy Lee, Tammy Rednour, and Mike Wilham

Elementary School: Erin Hileman, Tim Jenkins, Sarah Jefferies, Cortney Jefferies, Matt Jones, and Daniel Zell

Student Activity Center & Subs: Ike Gibbons, Hailie Johnson, and Keri Stern & Tia Bowman

They are invaluable members of our educational community whose role and function extend beyond the classroom. Thank you to our amazing custodians for the crucial role you play in shaping our students' educational journey.

This month marks the recognition and celebration of another dedicated group of individuals serving our district - our school principals. We are

fortunate to have Julie Griffey and Ken Watson (HHES), Bret Bailey, Jill Landers, and Andy Smith (HHMS) and Jarrod Mason, Whitney Gray, and Mitch Street (HHHS) at the helm of their buildings. They bring knowledge, experience, an unwavering dedication, and exceptional leadership to Heights at every level. Their passion and commitment to their profession, this district, and most importantly, to the children in our classrooms, is commendable and deeply valued. You make a difference every day. Thank you!

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Fall Foliage Tour on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. hosted by the Hamilton County Historical Society. This year, participants will travel to northern Hamilton County to enjoy the fall scenery and learn from local historians about the history of the area with stops at The Roberts Settlement Chapel, Hamilton Heights Historical Hall, and Arcadia Depot Museum. RSVP to (317) 770-0775 or email info@hamiltoncoinhs.com before Oct. 16. The event will occur rain or shine and is free.

It's Homecoming Week at Heights. This is one of my favorite weeks of the year. The spirit days, athletic games, pep rally, homecoming parade, football game, and half-time festivities bring our Huskies together in the kind of energy, enthusiasm, and pride that can be seen and felt in every way throughout the campus and our community. Nothing

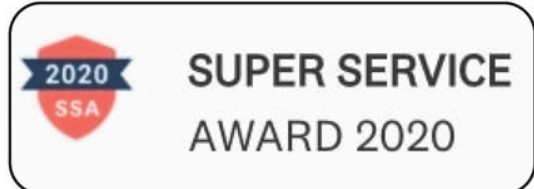
brings the community together quite like a Homecoming celebration!

Be sure to join us at the Homecoming Parade and football game where the Huskies host the Twin Lakes Indians under the bright lights of the Husky Field. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. The award-winning Hamilton Heights High School Band and Amber Guard will lead the parade with the school song and impressive flag routine through the streets of Arcadia. The parade line-up begins at 3:00 p.m. in the north/west high school parking lot. The parade starts at 4 p.m.

Halftime festivities include recognition of alumni from the classes of '75, '85, '95, '05, and '15, followed by the presentation of the 2024 Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen. On Saturday, we will induct the Class of 2024 to the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame which includes four incredible student athletes and one amazing team. This year's honorees include Tony Cook ('69), Hamilton Heights' Undefeated Football Team ('70), Tracey (Money) Million ('88), Zack Bardonner ('98), and Austin Etherington ('11).

Enjoy the rest of this year's homecoming celebrations! Go Huskies! #WeAreHuskies

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His columns appear periodically in The Times.



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Noblesville Diversity Coalition Creates Student Advisory Board Positions

The Noblesville Diversity Coalition is excited to announce the creation of two new student advisory board positions for the 2024-25 school year. These roles are open to high school students (grades 9-12) who live in or attend school in Noblesville, including public, private or homeschool students. NDC is seeking young leaders passionate about fostering a more inclusive and welcoming community in Noblesville.

Selected student board members will provide fresh insights into youth-related issues, help shape NDC's programming and serve as advocates for the coalition's mission. They should demonstrate a commitment to community service, active participation in extracurricular activities and a desire to contribute positively to

Noblesville's future.

"Noblesville's youth are integral to our community's future," said Dana Randall, Advisory Board Chair of NDC. "By welcoming student voices to our advisory board, we're giving them a platform to advocate for the changes they want to see while also giving them invaluable leadership experience."

Students interested in applying must submit their applications by Oct. 30. Application materials include a completed application form, a letter of interest to the selection committee, a recommendation letter and a signed commitment agreement from the student and their parent/guardian.

For more information or to apply, students can visit www.noblesvillediversitycoalition.org or email info@noblesvillediversitycoalition.org.

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CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA APPROVAL
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OUTSTANDING CITIZENS
6. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
7. COUNCIL AND MAYORAL COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS
8. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes 1. September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting b. Claims 1. Payroll - \$3,669,660.93 (9/6/24 payroll) and \$3,746,226.11 (9/20/24 payroll) 2. General Claims - \$6,147,361.29 and \$24,139.89 (purchase card) 9. ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS a. Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee b. Land Use and Special Studies Committee c. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category 11. OTHER REPORTS – (at the first meeting of the month specified below): a. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly) b. Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly – January, April, July, October) c. Audit Committee (Bi-annual – May, October) d. Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual – April, October) e. Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual – February, August) f. Library Board (Annual – February) g. Ethics Board (Annual – February) h. Parks Department (Quarterly – February, May, August, November) i. Climate Action Advisory Committee (Quarterly – March, June, September, December) j. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category. 12. OLD BUSINESS a. Eighteenth Reading of Ordinance D-2696-23; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Adding Chapter 8, Article 4, Section 8-44 to the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Worrell and Aasen. Returning from the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee. Synopsis: Establishes a speed limit of 20 miles per hour within roundabouts b. Third Reading of Ordinance D-2726-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving and Adopting a Third Amendment to Interlocal Agreement; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Snyder and Taylor. Remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee. Synopsis: Third Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. c. Second Reading of Ordinance D-2729-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Carmel Redevelopment Authority Lease Rental Bonds to Finance Various Road Improvements and Other Capital Projects in the City and to Refinance Certain Outstanding Bonds; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell. Returning from the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee. Sent to the Land Use and Special Studies Committee. (Next meeting 10/03/24.)

Synopsis: Ordinance approves the issuance of Carmel Redevelopment Authority lease rental bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$110,000,000 for the purpose of financing various local and arterial road and street system and other capital projects in the City and refinancing certain outstanding bonds, together with the related financing Leases, which Leases are payable from a special benefits tax to be levied on all owners of taxable property in the City. 13. PUBLIC HEARINGS a. First Reading of Ordinance D-2731-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing and Approving an Additional Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund #101 to the 2024 Carmel Fire Department Budget; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell. Synopsis: This ordinance appropriates funds into the Carmel Fire Department's 2024 budget that were received from grant money for the Department's participation in the WorkOne Central Indiana Recruit Academy. b. First Reading of Ordinance D-2732-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing the Appropriations for the 2025 Budget; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Establishes 2025 appropriations for the City of Carmel.


14. NEW BUSINESS a. Resolution CC-10-07-24-01; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving a Transfer of Funds Between the Grant Fund (#900) and the General Fund (#101); Sponsor: Councilor Worrell. Synopsis: Transfers \$50,000.00 from the Grant Fund (#900) into the General Fund (101) in order to appropriate grant funds received from WorkOne Central Indiana. b. Resolution CC-10-07-24-02; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving a Transfer of Funds in the 2024 Information and Communications Systems Department Budget; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell. Synopsis: Transfers \$65,000.00 to cover expenses incurred in the Other Contracted Services line item within the 2024 Information and Communication Systems Department budget. c. Resolution CC-10-07-24-03; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Transferring Funds from the General Fund #101 to the Rainy Day Fund; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen.

Synopsis: Transfers \$1,740,590 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund, pursuant to Carmel City Code Section 2-110(d), which requires that the Rainy Day Fund balance on January 1, 2024, must equal or exceed ten percent (10%) of the 2024 General Fund budget adopted by the Council in 2023. d. Resolution CC-10-07-24-04; A Preliminary Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Personal Property for Tax Abatement – The Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services Power Marketing, LLC; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Joshi and Worrell. Synopsis: A preliminary resolution that designates the real property located at 4140 W 99th Street, Carmel, Indiana as an economic revitalization area and grants a partial abatement of property taxes attributable to certain eligible equipment installed therein.

e. First Reading of Ordinance D-2734-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the Carmel City Court for the Year 2025; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Snyder, Minnaar and Ayers. Synopsis: Establishes 2025 maximum salaries for employees of the Carmel City Court. f. First Reading of Ordinance D-2733-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Deputies and Employees of the Carmel City Clerk for the Year 2025; Sponsor(s): Councilors Aasen, Ayers and Taylor. Synopsis: Establishes 2025 maximum salaries for employees of the Carmel City Clerk. g. First Reading of Ordinance D-2735-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Carmel, Indiana, for the Year 2025; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Establishes the 2025 maximum salaries for employees of the Executive Branch. h. First Reading of Ordinance D-2736-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Carmel, Indiana, for the Year 2025; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Establishes 2025 salaries and all years thereafter for Carmel's elected officials.

i. First Reading of Ordinance D-2737-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Creating the Carmel Surtax Fund and Imposing a Motor Vehicle License Excise Surtax; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Creates the Carmel Surtax Fund and Imposes a Motor Vehicle License Excise Surtax. j. First Reading of Ordinance D-2738-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Creating the Carmel Wheel Tax Fund and Imposing a Municipal Wheel Tax, Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Creates the Carmel Wheel Tax Fund and Imposes a Municipal Wheel Tax. k. First Reading of Ordinance D-2739-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Article 4, Sections 2-94, 2-106 and 2-150 and Adding Sections 2-154 and 2-155 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilors Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Amends the Law Enforcement Aid IV Fund (Fund 911), Urban Forestry Fund (Fund 501) and Non-Reverting Code Enforcement Fund (Fund #924), and adds a Non-Reverting Carmel Surtax Fund (Fund #258) and a Non-Reverting Carmel Wheel Tax Fund (Fund #259). l. First Reading of Ordinance D-2740-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 1, Sections 2-1, 2-3, 2-6, 2-10, 2-12, 2-13 and 2-14 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilors Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Ordinance clarifying purpose and duties of components of government. m. First Reading of Ordinance D-2741-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 6, Sections 2-301, 2-302 and 2-303, of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Synopsis: Ordinance amending budget procedures of the City of Carmel. n. First Reading of Ordinance D-2744-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Refinance Certain Capital Equipment Leases and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance and Sale of the 2024 Bonds and Appropriating the Proceeds Derived from the Sale of Such Bonds; Sponsor: Councilor Taylor. Synopsis: This ordinance authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the City, to be payable from ad valorem property taxes, for the purpose of refinancing certain outstanding capital equipment leases in order to provide interest cost savings to the City and paying costs of issuance of such bonds. o. First Reading of Ordinance D-2745-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Adding Chapter 6, Article 5, Section 6-84 to the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Worrell, Minnaar, Joshi, Ayers and Taylor. Synopsis: Ordinance prohibiting reckless driving exhibitions.

15. AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS 16. OTHER BUSINESS a. DORA Signage Approval Remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee. 17. ANNOUNCEMENTS 18. ADJOURNMENT



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