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TODAY'S VERSE

Acts 2:38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Hamilton Happenings

Cyntheanne Christian Church invites everyone to attend the Veterans and Athletes United auction on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the church, 13151 Cyntheanne Rd. in Fishers. This is an annual auction that benefits the Veterans and Athletes United organization. All proceeds will go to the Veterans and Athletes United group. Also, the Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall will be on exhibit in the church parking lot on Nov. 7. Stop by and read the names of those who served.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Don't forget that Monday is Columbus Day, a holiday that closes some places and not others. One of the impacts is your favorite Online Edition! We won't have a Monday edition next week, but will be back and better than ever on Wednesday, Oct. 16 and Friday, Oct. 18! And while we're talking about us - Readers' Choice '24 voting will be coming to an end soon. Be sure to get those last few votes in. It may not be early anymore, but you can still vote often! You know, kind of like the political types are saying about our national elections!

2 The Indiana National Guard is helping with hurricane relief efforts in Florida through route clearance, shelter management, supply distribution, and command and control. "Whether we're aiding North Carolina recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene, or assisting Floridians in the wake of Hurricane Milton, time and time again, when devastation strikes, Hoosiers of all backgrounds answer the call in helping those in desperate need," said Gov. Eric Holcomb. Approximately 400 Indiana National Guard soldiers from four units based in Terre Haute, New Albany, Lawrence and Gary mobilized to assist in recovery efforts, prevent the loss of life and reduce human suffering caused by the hurricane.

3 A new study has revealed the states most likely to get divorced. Although New Mexico and West Virginia share the top spot, Indiana isn't far behind at No. 6. Our friends at video chat roulette site Instacams.com analyzed data from the US Census Bureau to find the total number of divorced people in each state in 2023. After the top two was Nevada, Kentucky, Maine and Oklahoma. Hoosiers were tied for sixth with Montana with 12,100 divorced people for every 100,000 residents.

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Ask Rusty - Will Wife's Survivor Benefit Be Less if She Claimed Early?



ASK
Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I claimed Social Security at 70. My wife claimed her own SS at 62, and her earnings were significantly lower than mine. I understand my wife will be eligible to claim my benefit if I pass before she does, but will Social Security reduce that benefit because she didn't wait until age 65 to claim hers?
Signed: Concerned Husband

Dear Concerned:

Your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be based on two things:

- Her age when she claims her survivor benefit,
- The amount you were receiving at your death.

If she has reached her own Full Retirement Age (FRA) when she claims her surviving spouse benefit, she will get 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died (instead of her own smaller SS retirement amount). However, if she claims her survivor benefit at any time before her full retirement age, it will be reduced for claiming the survivor benefit early.

Thus, when your wife claimed her own Social Security retirement benefit (in her case, age 62) doesn't matter and doesn't affect her potential surviving spouse benefit - what matters is her age when she claims her survivor benefit. If she claims before reaching her own FRA, her survivor benefit will be reduced according to the number of months before her FRA that the survivor benefit is claimed. That reduction would be about 4.75% for each year earlier than her FRA she claims it. But if she claims her surviving spouse benefit at or after she reaches her full retirement age, she will get the amount you were receiving at your death, instead of her own smaller age 62 Social Security retirement benefit amount. FYI, your wife's full retirement age is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on the year she was born (born in 1960 or later, her FRA is age 67).

And, just for clarity, your wife's payment as your

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How to Save Medicare Patients Billions

By Dr. Jack Feltz and Dr. Michael Hagg

Most people over a certain age are familiar with going in for a colonoscopy, a routine method of screening for and preventing colon cancer. What they might not know is that the cost of the procedure can vary wildly depending on where they get it done.

The problem is that Medicare -- the taxpayer-funded health insurer for Americans 65 and above -- pays hospitals significantly more for common procedures than it pays physicians in private practices or ambulatory surgery centers.

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Data Breach Settlement With Marriott Reached

Baby Boomers tend to travel quite a bit, so news from the Indiana Attorney General's office might be of more than passing interest.

State Attorney General Todd Rokita announced that a coalition of 50 attorneys general has reached a settlement with Marriott International Inc., the result of a multi-year investigation into a massive data breach which targeted one of its guest reservation databases.

Under the settlement with the attorneys general,

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Arts Crawl, Pancakes, Final Farmers Market & More on Schedule



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



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Shop the final Noblesville Farmers Market of the season at Federal Hill Commons. Join the Arts Crawl in downtown Noblesville. Bring your lawn chairs to

sit on the lawn to listen to David Hartman Band during Noblesville Main Street's Jazz on the Square. Get a glimpse of the Headless Horseman as he rides again at Conner Prairie in Fishers. See live theater featuring Main Street Productions' "Ripcord" comedy and Carmel Community Players' "Steel Magnolias," both closing this weekend. There are plenty of activities to do this weekend in and around Noblesville. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 40 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Main Street Productions' production of "Ripcord," directed by Noblesville's Andrea Odle, today through Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org

2. Experience live theater with Carmel Community Players' production of "Steel Magnolias," directed by Elizabeth Ruddell, during the final weekend today through Sunday at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org.

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

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's critical for kids, especially teens to get plenty of sleep to help with mood, school performance and appetite.
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"A person should always choose a costume which is in direct contrast to her own personality."
Lucy Van Pelt, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

OBITUARIES

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County Councilor Shares Update on His Work



MARK HALL
 Guest Columnist

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's

to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works. As your employee, it's important that you know what is being worked on as transparently as is possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, September work included: 2025 budget hearings, a quarterly county employee insurance meeting, a Board of Commissioners public meeting, a council special work session, a Noblesville High School Internship meeting, a Cicero Town Council meeting, two Noblesville City Council meetings and two Central Indiana Water Planning meetings.

September is the 2025 budget approval month. It is when the council hears each department's budget requests. These are two exceptionally long days where we review every request for planned personnel changes, capital expenses and operating costs. This work is where the rubber meets the road in county government. It can be daunting if you let it, but breaking down line items within department budgets makes it an easier task. The total Hamilton County budget for 2025 is slightly over \$309,000,000. The total includes departments that have their own tax rates like Parks and Solid Waste. Along with several other items, this figure also includes the county general fund, and the major bridge fund. Personally, breaking things down to their smallest components better allows me to evaluate if the budget request is an actual need or if it's a want.

Final approvals of all the submitted budgets happen in October but the preparation takes place during August and the council analysis, assessment and budget modifications happen in early September. The

resulting budget submission had almost \$10,000,000 in cuts from requested department budgets. I'm pleased to say that we have submitted a budget that continues to contribute to our rainy-day fund too.

The single biggest cost increase is in personnel. Keeping up with the costs of living and remaining competitive as an employer is not easy or inexpensive. Finding the right balance between keeping employees, attracting new employees and the stewardship of our tax dollars is not simple! Frankly, I made one decent-sized mistake along the way, but thankfully collaborating with many talented people, we worked through the issue to arrive at a solution. Speaking of which, major hat tips to the Auditor's, Sheriff's and Human Resources departments. We evaluated four iterations of compensation for the public safety department. This work was not easy. It was tedious, time-consuming, and occasionally mildly contentious. My report is that no one got exactly what they wanted. Experience taught me that a result like that is a good one. One of the big takeaways is that some things done in business just do not work in government. I'm learning to be more patient in listening to key details and I've learned to be much more specific in giving budgetary direction.

We did not have a personnel committee meeting during September. Personnel requests are voted on as they occur, first, in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee. The finance committee didn't meet in September but used the data and projections we reviewed Aug. 27, for the 2025 budget request review meetings Sept. 3-4.

This month there were eleven constituent services requests. Generally, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. Many September requests were regarding undocumented immigrants being introduced into Hamilton County. My research, in speaking with public safety and city officials, has not and cannot confirm large numbers of undocumented immigrants being dropped here.

One official was adamant that this alleged influx of undocumented immigrants was merely a rumor and had no basis in facts. There is evidence at the end of July, of an out of state NGO working with a local NGO to resettle immigrants here in the area. However, these

numbers were very modest and nowhere near the numbers represented in the questions that I received. Other requests were regarding local road repair, asking for a new roundabout at the intersection of 206th and Hague Road and lastly asking about the county affordable housing project in Adams township. The two Noblesville Road questions were referred to Noblesville Mayor Jensen and resolved with communication from city officials. I answered the constituent's questions directly on the purchase price, ownership and intended use of the sixty plus acre planned affordable housing project. Also, invited the taxpayer to attend the public meeting held by the Commissioners on September the 19th.

This month, it was an honor to represent you at, the Red Bridge Park Labor Day Car Show, in meetings with the Noblesville High School Internship Directors, the Indiana Family Institute Fall Dinner, the Sheridan Adams Township Reorganization Conversation, the Parkinson's Moving Day Connor Prairie Fundraiser, the CHAMP CAMP Silver sneakers Ball, the Noblesville Party on Pleasant Street celebration, the Noblesville State of the City address, Jerry Cook's Sagamore of the Wabash award

ceremony, and at Spaghetti Cicero, a fundraiser for public safety departments in Cicero.

Of special interest this month were two meetings regarding the water supply and water usage in Central Indiana. The Indiana Finance Authority is taking the lead on this initiative. The initial conversation was with a consulting team contracted with the state to assess needs and help create a water plan that will accommodate growth in Hamilton County for the next fifty years. Frankly, I was put off by the elitest commentary of one consultant. The second time that he quipped "why would any business need to water or for that matter even have a lawn," I had to step in and explain to him that life in Indiana isn't what he is used to in Nevada, California, and Colorado. I understand that he was pushing the importance of conserving our water resources and I agree that conservation is one of many tools available to safeguard our future water supply. But, telling independent thinking Hoosiers what they can and can't do is a failed strategy. I told him so and didn't mince words. His awkward silence was proof that he got the point.

The second meeting,

was in-person and consisted of approximately forty people representing various central Indiana city water utilities, wastewater treatment plants, Representative Spartz office, Citizens Energy, County Utility Consultants, The Indiana Finance Authority and Hamilton County. The meeting was used to define the various water needs of the group and what future water success should look like. The primary takeaways were that water in Indiana is precious and becoming more so as time goes by. Secondly, we must plan for additional water discovery, proper usage, and conservation to avoid future water problems

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during September 2024. This was an especially busy month that included 2025 budget meetings. My job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget. It is important that I

understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX, Talent Logistix. He writes a monthly column in The Times detailing his work as a county councilman.

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Noblesville Man Donates to Marian



Photo courtesy Marian University

Terry Irving

Marian University announced a major gift from a Noblesville native.

Terry Irving, a Noblesville native and Marian University alumnus, said he was inspired by the need for skilled, compassionate nurses in rural communities and donated \$500,000 to the school.

Irving graduated in 2006 with his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Marian. He was inspired to donate

to Marian University's Ancilla College after growing up in rural Indiana and seeing the need for skilled, compassionate nurses to serve in rural communities.

"(The) generous financial support from alumnus Terry Irving . . . (is) transforming the lives of students in northern Indiana," said Natalie Tucker, Ph.D., vice president and dean of academics at Marian University's Ancilla College.

SAVE

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This discrepancy contributes to the swelling cost of health care in our country. It's also compelled hospitals to acquire physician practices in increasing numbers. That saps competition, results in higher prices, and leaves patients with fewer options.

Medicare pays more to hospitals for a long list of procedures. In addition to cancer screenings, these include x-rays, chemotherapy infusions, and heart-imaging procedures like echocardiograms and nuclear cardiology, as well as follow-up appointments.

The current system is good for hospitals' bottom lines. But it's bad for everyone else. Medicare serves some 66 million older Americans. Multiply the price of millions of procedures by two or more, and the cost to the federal government adds up.

This system of unequal payments has other negative impacts, too. For example, it requires Medicare to keep seniors' monthly premiums higher than they need to be. MedPAC estimated that switching to site-neutral payments -- in which the federal government pays the same for procedures no matter where they're performed -- would have saved Medicare beneficiaries \$1.5 billion in 2021.

And since private insurers use Medicare reimbursements as the basis for their own payments, premiums for their beneficiaries are higher than they need to be as well. The insurance company Blue Cross Blue Shield estimates that site-neutral reforms would save people with private insurance \$117 billion a year in premiums.

The double standard has encouraged hospitals to gobble up

freestanding clinics and small practices so that they can charge Medicare more, according to MedPAC. As soon as a hospital completes an acquisition, it starts billing for the clinic's services at the hospital rate -- without even making changes that might justify a higher price.

Ultimately, this consolidation leaves patients with fewer options to choose from when deciding on providers. And if all the health facilities in a community end up owned by the same hospital or health system, then there's no competition to drive better quality or pricing for patients.

The solution is for Medicare to establish site-neutral payments. Such reforms would disincentivize large hospital groups from buying up independent outpatient clinics or the surgery centers where doctors in private practice perform procedures.

In the bigger picture, site-neutral payments would decrease overall healthcare spending. According to the American Action Forum, adopting them would save Medicare \$153 billion over 10 years and the healthcare system as a whole \$672 billion.

It makes little sense to pay hospitals many times more than physicians for equivalent work. Implementing site-neutral payments would make patients, taxpayers, and the healthcare system as a whole much better off.

Dr. Jack Feltz is an OB/GYN and Federal Health Policy Chair for the American Independent Medical Practice Association. Dr. Michael Hagg is a urologist and President of the Pennsylvania Independent Physician Practice Association.

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Marriott has agreed to strengthen its data security practices using a dynamic risk-based approach, to provide certain consumer protections, and to make a \$52 million payment to states.

Indiana will receive over \$900,000 from the settlement.

"Protecting Hoosiers' personal data, whether they are checking into a hotel or just checking out potential travel plans, is an important priority of our office," Rokita said. "That's why we hold corporations accountable for responsibly handling consumers' information. This settlement shows once again our resolve to make sure corporations are vigilant in following security protocols."

The Federal Trade Commission, which has coordinated closely with the states throughout this investigation, has reached a parallel settlement with Marriott.

Marriott acquired Starwood in 2016 and took control of the Starwood computer network in 2016. However, from July 2014 until September 2018, intruders in the system went undetected. This led to the breach of 131.5 million guest records pertaining to customers in the United States. The impacted records included contact information, gender, dates of birth, legacy Starwood Preferred Guest information, reservation information, and hotel stay preferences, as well as a limited number of unencrypted passport numbers and unexpired payment card information.

Shortly after the breach of the Starwood database was announced, a coalition of 50 attorneys general launched a multi-state investigation into the breach. Today's settlement resolves allegations by the attorneys general that Marriott violated state consumer protection laws, personal information protection laws, and, where applicable, breach notification laws by failing to implement reasonable data security and remediate data security deficiencies, particularly when

attempting to use and integrate Starwood into its systems.

Under the terms of the settlement, Marriott has agreed to strengthen and continually improve its cybersecurity practices. Some of the specific measures include: ·Implementation of a comprehensive Information Security Program. This includes new overarching security program mandates, such as incorporating zero-trust principles, regular security reporting to the highest levels within the company, including the Chief Executive Officer, and enhanced employee training on data handling and security. ·Data minimization and disposal requirements, which will lead to less consumer data being collected and retained. ·Specific security requirements with respect to consumer data, including component hardening, conducting an asset inventory, encryption, segmentation to limit an intruder's ability to move across a system, patch management to ensure that critical security patches are applied in a timely manner, intrusion detection, user access controls, and logging and monitoring to keep track of movement of files and users within the network. ·Increased vendor and franchisee oversight, with a special emphasis on risk assessments for "Critical IT Vendors," and clearly outlined contracts with cloud providers. ·In the future, if Marriott acquires another entity, it must timely further assess the acquired entity's information security program and develop plans to address identified gaps or deficiencies in security as part of the integration into Marriott's network. ·An independent third-party assessment of Marriott's information security program every two years for a period of 20 years for additional security oversight. As part of the settlement, Marriott will give consumers specific protections, including a data deletion option, even if consumers do not currently have that right under state law. Marriott must offer multi-factor authentication to consumers for their loyalty rewards accounts, such as Marriott Bonvoy, as well as reviews of those accounts if there is suspicious activity.

RUSTY

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surviving spouse will consist of her own SS retirement benefit plus an auxiliary amount to bring her monthly payment up to what she is entitled to as your surviving spouse.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF FISHERS
FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-24-21**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at Fishers Municipal Center, FMC Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-24-21 - Consideration of a Development Standards Variance from the Unified Development Ordinance Section 3.2.3.B to increase the maximum allowed impervious surface area from 35% to 45% for a proposed pool deck.

LOCATION: 13599 LAKE RIDGE LN, FISHERS, IN 46055

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
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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, Apple Store and more, with tickets at connerprairie.org

4. Enjoy Fishers AgriPark Fall Festival 4-8 p.m. today and Saturday, with special programming 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.

5. Join the Nefarious Noblesville Ghost Walk 7-8:45 p.m. today in downtown Noblesville by unseenpress.com, with reservations required.

6. Shop the Noblesville Farmers Market open 8 a.m. to noon during the final Saturday of the season with live entertainment at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Visit noblesvillemainstreet.org

7. Support the Noblesville Marching Millers at a pancake breakfast fundraiser 8-11 a.m. Saturday 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.

8. Join the Noblesville Cultural Arts District Arts Crawl at noon Saturday 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.

9. Enjoy a safe trunk-or-treat with warm beverages and candy 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday at Independence Village Fishers South senior living community.

10. Attend the Bavarian Harvest Day packed with German-inspired food, beer, music, hayrides (noon-5 p.m.) and other activities noon-10 p.m. Saturday at Urban Apples in Westfield.

11. Join residents and staff at Harbour Manor Care Center for the third annual Fall Festival noon-3 p.m. Saturday in Noblesville, with food truck, chili cookoff, fall treats, games with prizes

and music by Sweet Tunes band.

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

13. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch at Russell Farms in Noblesville, open daily through Oct. 27 also with corn maze, petting zoo, miniature golf, kids activities, bounce houses, pedal tractors, country store and more. Admission is \$8-\$15. For schedule, visit <https://www.russellfarms.com>

14. Encounter mystical dragons, The Circle City Ghostbusters and The Sanderson Sisters from Hocus Pocus while trick-or-treating, and enjoying live music, games, hayrides, free candy and food trucks, 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday during Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park (Cool Creek Park, Carmel/Westfield), for \$5 per person with ages 2 and younger admitted free, online at myhamiltoncountyparks.com or onsite day of the event.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Enjoy the Princess and Superhero Halloween Bash 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 19 at Pinheads in Fishers, with an interactive bowling reservation special 10 a.m.-noon with snacks, character photos, plus trunk-or-treating noon-2 p.m.

18. Join the FeverDream Halloween music and arts festival noon-10 p.m. Oct. 19 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

19. Celebrate an early Halloween 2-6 p.m. Oct. 19 at Clay Terrace in Carmel during the free 12th annual Boo 'n Brew Fall Festival, with trick-or-treating, live bands Stella Luna & the Satellites followed by Toy Factory, horse-drawn hayrides, family friendly beer garden, Silly Safari animal shows, pet costume contest, corn maze and pumpkin patch.

20. 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.

21. Kids can Trunk of Treat 5-7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the First Christian Church in Noblesville.

Still time to host a trunk.

22. From Horses to Horsepower, this Halloween Burnout Event is open to trucks, cars and motorcycles beginning at 5 p.m. Oct. 19 with lawn chairs, families invited with concessions available, on 211th and Creek Road, Noblesville.

23. Enjoy live music with Jai Baker 3 at the 2024 Halloween Party on Geist at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Wolfie's Grill Geist location.

24. Bring the kids and come to Noblesville Jim Dandy for the annual Halloween Bash 5-8 p.m. Oct. 23, with prize drawings, coloring contest for a giant pumpkin full of tricks and treats, crafts, face painting and kids ages 10 and younger eat free with paying adult. Wednesday October 23 is kid's night. 5-8 pm.

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

26. Create your own Trucker Hat Bar, enjoy spiked cider, fall treats and store discounts during a Truck or Treat Hat Party 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24 at The Wild Bohemian Boutique in downtown Noblesville for \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

27. 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 trucks.

28. Dare to take the fifth annual Cicero Haunted Trail on Oct. 25-26 at Red Bridge Park, with kid-friendly hours 4:30-7:15 p.m. and frightening hours 7:30-10 p.m. All proceeds benefit Cicero Parks. Take the trolley with stops in town.

29. Ages 21 and older, put on your costume for a Halloween and Costume Party with band Living Proof at 10 p.m. Oct. 25 at Britton Tavern in Fishers.

30. Visit First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville's free Trunk-or-Treat event 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (note ending time change from 2023) Oct. 26 in the church parking lot, with kids encouraged to wear costumes and enjoy trunk-or-treating and a make-n-take craft, music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner.

31. 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.

32. Join in an

unforgettable "Night with the Witch & Famous" Halloween party with costume contest, drinks, tarot and fundraiser for Gal's Guide Library in downtown Noblesville beginning at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at Gal's Guide at Noblesville Creates at 8th and Maple.

33. Join Ahlwardts present "Human Jukebox Halloween edition" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel with Ryan Ahlwardt and Lauren. Come dressed as your favorite singer, entertainer or music group/band with prizes for best costume with tickets \$20-\$30 plus \$25 minimum food and beverage per person with doors opening at 5:30 p.m., choose your cabaret seating at eventbrite.com

34. Enjoy a free Halloween Village for the community 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church with trick-or-treating, costume contest with prizes and dancing.

35. Wear your best costume and play Halloween Bingo 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, for \$25.25 cash only for the night, early birds at 6:30 p.m. for \$5 extra.

36. Watch for the Nickel Plate Express Halloween Railbike Express, which is sold out on both Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 on the historic Nickel Plate Road in Noblesville.

37. Kids can enjoy safe trunk-or-treating 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 31, during Noblesville's trick-or-treating hours, in the parking lot of the Noblesville American Legion (on South Eighth Street), sponsored by American Legion Riders Post. 45.

38. Trick-or-treat during official hours on Oct. 31 in Hamilton County: 5-8 p.m. in Carmel and Westfield, 5:30-8 p.m. in Fishers and Noblesville, 6-8 p.m. in Arcadia, Atlanta and Cicero.

39. Join the Mystic Monster Mash at 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at Mystic Images Tattoo in downtown Noblesville, with free haunted house and indoor trick-or-treating, with "not-so-scary" soft opening for littles at 6 p.m., with spooktacular fight for the brave at 7 p.m.

40. Visit Noblesville High School Theatre's Trunk or Treat night 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov 2 in the parking lot at Noblesville High School, where high school theater students will play host to this evening for all little ghosts and goblins.

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Experience live theater with Carmel Community Players' production of "Steel Magnolias," directed by Elizabeth Ruddell, during the final weekend today through Sunday at The Cat in Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org.



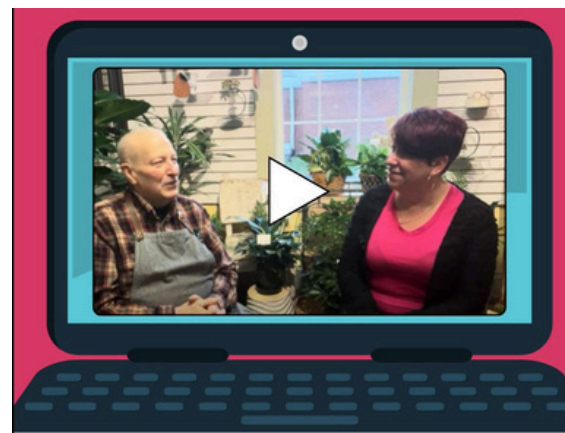
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Experience live theater with Main Street Productions' production of "Ripcord," directed by Noblesville's Andrea Odle, — featuring Tim Nehrling (from left), Scott Prill, Claire Slaven and Miki Mathioudakis today through Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org.



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Jim Flanders of Simply From Scratch mobile truck offers shoppers locally sourced food at Noblesville Farmers Market, which is open 8 a.m. to noon during the final Saturday of the season with live entertainment at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Visit noblesvillemainstreet.org



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Look Back at Memorable Ross-Ade Moments in Last 100 Years



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist
With the countdown to Ross-Ade Stadium's 100th birthday less than six weeks away, let's take a look back at some of the greatest Purdue football moments since the Boilermakers defeated Indiana 26-7 on Nov. 22, 1924.

Oct. 24, 1953

Dan Pobjewski gained revenge on his former team, scoring the game's only touchdown early in the fourth quarter as Purdue upset No. 1 Michigan State 6-0.

The loss snapped the Spartans' 28-game winning streak.

Oct. 29, 1966

Minutes after throwing his fifth interception of the day, a 93-yard return for a touchdown that gave Illinois a 21-10 lead after three quarters, Bob Griese sought redemption.

A touchdown pass to Marion Griffin capped a 63-yard, seven-play drive. With just minutes to play and Rose Bowl hopes fading, Purdue drove to the Illinois 32. Scrambling away from pursuing Illini, Griese launched a pass toward Jim Finley in the end zone. Finley's catch gave Purdue an improbable 25-21 victory.

"I was hoping he would see me, and I was praying 'please throw it to me,'" Finley said.

Nov. 23, 1968

Trailing 35-24 with seven minutes to play and facing second down and 21 at the Purdue 44, Mike Phipps passed to a wide open Leroy Keyes for a 56-yard touchdown.

Purdue would go on to win 38-35 when Keyes scored the final touchdown of his Boilermaker career, a 1-yard run with 95 seconds remaining.

Nov. 25, 1972

Much like Leroy Keyes four years earlier, Otis Armstrong ended his Purdue career in memorable fashion His final carry was a 53-yard touchdown run

that capped a record-setting day during a 42-7 victory against Indiana. Armstrong rushed for 276 yards on 32 carries. His second touchdown run of the game covered 71 of those yards.

Armstrong departed as the Big Ten's career rushing leader (3,135 yards) in just three seasons. He set Purdue single-game, career and single-season rushing records. Armstrong was the first true running back to lead the Big Ten in total offense since 1945.

"Thank God we've seen the last of him," Indiana coach John Pont said afterward.

Nov. 6, 1976

Purdue was a 30-point underdog to No. 1 Michigan, such a daunting task that a local minister told coach Alex Agase he should pray for a miracle.

Whether Rock Supan had divine intervention or just a strong right leg, his 23-yard field goal with 4:20 remaining gave the Boilermakers a 16-14 victory.

"Everybody had said all week how bad we would get beat," Agase said. Asked about the kick, Supan was matter of fact.

"I didn't have time to get nervous. The wind was blowing from left to right, and I tried to make an adjustment to allow for the wind factor. Thank goodness it was good."

Oct. 25, 1980

Mark Herrmann became the NCAA's career passing leader during Purdue's 36-25 victory against Michigan State. Fittingly, it was Bart Burrell – Herrmann's teammate at Carmel – who caught the record-setting 14-yard pass. Herrmann broke the record of 7,818 yards set by Washington State's Jack Thompson. Officials stopped play and presented Herrmann with the game ball.

Nov. 22, 1980

Linebacker Mike Marks gave most of the

record-setting 71,629 in attendance a happy ride home when he batted away the potential game-winning two-point conversion pass with 17 seconds remaining to preserve Purdue's 24-23 victory against Indiana.

Indiana pulled within a point on Tim Clifford's touchdown pass to Steve Corso. After calling timeout, Indiana went back to Clifford for the two-point try. But before tight end Bob Stephenson could haul in the pass, Marks hurled his body toward the ball and knocked it to the turf.

"This game was my last hurrah, and I couldn't let them beat us," Marks said.

Marks also tipped a desperation 59-yard field goal try to finally end it.

Oct. 6, 1984

Rod Woodson's 55-yard interception return for a touchdown would normally be remembered as the key play in Purdue's 28-23 upset of Ohio State.

But the victory wasn't secured until Ohio State quarterback Mike Tomczak lost track of the down, throwing a fourth down pass out of bounds with five seconds to play at the Purdue 34.

Nov. 22, 1986

Rod Woodson gave Purdue fans so many moments to remember during his final game in Ross-Ade Stadium.

The Journal and Courier's Tom Kubat wrote that "Woodson played like Superman, going both ways and playing almost the entire game" during the Boilermakers' 17-15 victory against Indiana. In addition to his usual cornerback spot, Woodson also alternated between running back and wide receiver on offense. He also ran back punts and kickoffs.

His 93 yards rushing on 15 attempts was a season-high for Purdue running backs. He caught three passes from Jeff George for 67 yards. Defensively, he made 10 tackles and

broke up a pass. Woodson returned three punts for 30 yards and two kickoffs for 46 yards.

"I've seen a lot of football and I've never seen a young man play a game like that," said Leon Burtnett, who was coaching his final game at Purdue after being forced to resign.

Sept. 13, 1997

Seeking its first victory against No. 12 Notre Dame in 13 years, Purdue led 14-10 in the fourth quarter. The Fighting Irish were driving when defensive end Rosevelt Colvin stripped the ball from quarterback Ron Powlus.

Adrian Beasley scooped up the loose ball and sprinted 43 yards for a touchdown that proved to be the winning points in a 28-17 victory.

"I scooped it up and all I saw was the end zone," said Beasley, a sophomore safety making his first collegiate start. "I thought it kind of broke their backs. You could see some of their heads drop."

Nov. 8, 1997

The Notre Dame victory wasn't the most dramatic win of the season. That title belongs to the stunning 22-21 comeback victory against Michigan State and Hall of Fame coach Nick Saban.

Down 21-10, Purdue got new life when Leo Perez blocked a Michigan State field goal try. Defensive end Rosevelt Colvin picked up the ball and outran the Spartans 62 yards to bring Purdue within 21-16 with two minutes left.

But wait, there's more. Chris Daniels recovered the onside kick, and All-Big Ten quarterback Billy Dicken completed four straight passes for 51 yards to give Purdue first-and-goal at the MSU 4. Edwin Watson scored on a 3-yard run with 1:10 to go. Michigan State kicker Chris Gardner shanked a 43-yard field goal try in the final seconds to end this improbable victory.

"Maybe divine intervention was on our side today," first-year Purdue coach Joe Tiller said.

Sept. 25, 1999

There's at least one Purdue record Drew Brees knows will never be broken.

His 99-yard touchdown pass to Vinny Sutherland finally put away Northwestern 31-23.

"I got behind the secondary and the pass was golden, right on the money," said Sutherland, who caught the ball at the Purdue 45 and sped away untouched. "The pass seemed like it was in slow motion. It seemed like it was Christmas before it got to me."



Mike Phipps

Oct. 7, 2000

Although he would end his college career as Purdue's most decorated kicker/punter, Travis Dorsch was not always a fan favorite.

After kicking a 33-yard field goal with four seconds remaining to beat No. 6 Michigan 32-31, Dorsch gave his student critics a one-finger response before celebrating with his teammates.

"I was just waving to some friends in the stands," Dorsch said. "They have a right to express their opinion, just as I have a right to express mine."

Oct. 28, 2000

"If you break it, then fix it!" was defensive end Ike Moore's instructions for Drew Brees after his fourth interception allowed Ohio State to take a 27-24 lead in the fourth quarter.

Two plays later, Brees saw Seth Morales run past the Ohio State secondary. Morales hauled in the 64-yard touchdown pass that moved Purdue closer to a Rose Bowl berth with a 31-27 victory.

"I kept saying, 'Seth, catch the ball. Seth, catch the ball,'" Morales said. "I didn't want to hear the crowd go 'Ooooooh' (if he had dropped it.)"

Nov. 18, 2000

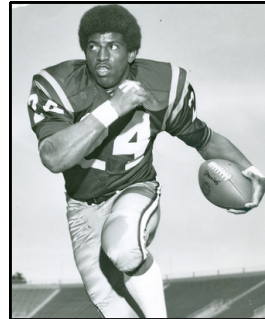
It took 34 years for roses to bloom once again in Ross-Ade Stadium. That the Boilermakers clinched their second Rose Bowl berth by smashing Indiana 41-13 made the roses smell even sweeter.

Running back Montrell Lowe went through the Indiana defense for 209 yards and four touchdowns.

Oct. 7, 2017

Maybe it was a sign from heaven. One week after the death of former head coach Joe Tiller, Purdue was struggling against Minnesota before a 90-minute weather delay. When play resumed, a rainbow appeared just beyond the Ross-Ade Stadium scoreboard. The Boilermakers responded with 18 points in the fourth quarter to rally for a 31-17 victory. The last six points came courtesy of linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley, who sprinted 76 yards with an interception.

"This one is for coach Tiller," Purdue's Jeff Brohm said. "This is the way he taught everyone to play the game, what he preached, playing tough football, finding a way to win. We're happy



Otis Armstrong

to win this one the day we honor him."

Oct. 20, 2018

The 49-20 victory against No. 2 Ohio State will always be remembered as the Tyler Trent game. But a spectacular play by freshman All-American Rondale Moore helped make Trent's prediction of a victory come true.

Moore took a short pass from David Blough, shook off a handful of tackle attempts and sprinted away for a 43-yard touchdown that gave Purdue a 42-20 lead with 3:37 remaining.

Noteworthy

Purdue men's basketball will appear on the Big Ten Network just seven times during the 2024-25 regular season, the network announced Wednesday.

The Boilermakers and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi open a tripleheader on BTN during opening night Nov. 4, tipping off at 6 p.m. from Mackey Arena.

All BTN games with the exception of Purdue's trip to Washington on Jan. 15 at 9:30 p.m. will be from Mackey Arena. The other Boilermaker telecasts are vs. Yale on Nov. 11 (8 p.m.), Maryland on Dec. 8 (noon), Toledo on Dec. 29 (6 p.m.), Northwestern on Jan. 5 (2 p.m.) and Nebraska on Jan. 12 (noon).

The Big Ten Network's schedule will also include 10 Indiana games. Four of those will be conference matchups: home and at the Palestra against Penn State, a Jan. 8 visit from USC, and a Jan. 22 trip to Northwestern.

Luckily for Purdue and Indiana fans, they won't have to subscribe to Peacock to see either matchup this season. Fox will televise the Jan. 31 in Mackey Arena at 8 p.m. The rematch in Bloomington will be on CBS Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. The streaming Peacock channel, however, will be home for at least six Purdue games. One of them will be the showdown in Mackey Arena against national championship contender Alabama on Nov. 15. A potential seventh game, against Oregon on Jan. 18, could be moved to NBC.

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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September Recalls Listed

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in September. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

“Hoosiers deserve protection from products that don’t work and should not have to tolerate them,” Rokita said. “If you purchased an item in September that has been recalled, you should immediately stop using the product and see what forms of reimbursement the company that sold or manufactured the product is offering.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in September:

- Wee Gallery Recalls Baby Tummy Time Gallery Due to Violation of the Federal Phthalates Ban
- Caframo Cabinet Heaters Recalled Due to Electrocutation Hazard; Manufactured by Caframo Limited
- Ceither Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Serious Entrapment and Asphyxia Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Inforce
- Polaris Recalls Sportsman All-Terrain Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard
- Children’s Jewelry Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Lead and Cadmium Poisoning; Violations of the Federal Lead Content Ban and Federal Hazardous Substances Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Newmemo
- Intellio Toys Recalls Bright Builder Fort Kits Due to Battery Ingestion Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Battery-Operated Toys
- MJKSARE High Chairs Recalled Due to Entrapment and Fall Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulation for High Chairs; Imported by Worldwide Windows; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
- GOETAS Pool Drain Covers Recalled Due to Entrapment

Hazard; Violation of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by GOETAS

- Glen Dimplex Americas Recalls Cadet Apex72 Electric Heaters Due to Fire Hazard
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- Delta Cycle Recalls Ceiling Hoists with Straps Due to Injury Hazard

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to September visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

Coffee Bean Award Winners!



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Several Hamilton Heights High School students were named Coffee Bean Award recipients. They are, from left, Karson Herrell, Miles Marquis, Brooklynn Bentley, James Harvey and Riley Gillam. Not Pictured was Zander Sykes. The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. You can send a nomination by visiting our Student Services page at <https://hs.hhschuskiies.org/>

Carmel Hosts Inaugural Diwali Festival



The City of Carmel and its Diwali Committee will host the inaugural Diwali Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5 - 8 p.m. in Midtown Plaza. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most popular festivals in India. It symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. The festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy, featuring vibrant decorations, the lighting of lamps and the sharing of sweets among family and friends.

“Diwali is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes Carmel so special,” said Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam. “I am proud to support the efforts of the Diwali Committee and look forward to a spectacular celebration.”

The public is invited to gather in Midtown Plaza for Diwali musical and dance performances, traditional food from

local Indian vendors, cold spark fireworks and giveaway ceramic tealights called *diyas*.

In September, the city announced the formation of a Diwali Committee, bringing together a diverse range of organizations from the Indian community to plan the city’s inaugural celebration. The committee is chaired by Carmel City Councilor Dr. Anita Joshi and reflects the city’s commitment to celebrating cultural diversity and inclusion.

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Reader Supports Crosser, Lambert, Richardson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Dear Editor, I'm writing to express my support of Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert and Bret Richardson for election to Noblesville School Board. Crosser and Lambert are running for re-election while Richardson is running for election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024.

This is a critical election and the consequences of not electing Crosser, Lambert and Richardson to our school board has never been higher. I encourage you to consider the following points prior to casting your vote on November 5th.

1. Common Sense

Leadership

As a long time Noblesville resident, 2001 NHS graduate and parent of four current Noblesville School District students, having school board members with common sense is extremely important to me. The school board's role is to ensure that the students within our community receive the very best education possible. Everything else comes after that. I can say, without hesitation, that the education my children are receiving today in Noblesville is light years better than what was provided to me just a few years ago and some of the very best in the country. I appreciate

the commonsense leadership brought to the table by Crosser, Lambert and Richardson. Their ability to prevent the crazy social issues and other nonsense from distracting their true duties is commendable.

2. Results Speak Volumes

Under Crosser and Lambert's exceptional leadership Noblesville Schools has received state and national recognition, including being named a Top Employer in America by Forbes and achieving a Standard & Poor's AA financial rating. They have also secured record salary and benefit increases for

teachers while maintaining the lowest school tax rate since 2012. Richardson is a 6th generation Noblesville resident who brings 40+ years of local business leadership and community involvement. Together these three candidates are committed to providing our students the very best resources in a fiscally responsible manner.

3. Endorsed by Noblesville Teachers

On Sept. 17th the Noblesville Teachers Forum, the exclusive voice of Noblesville Teachers announced that they were proudly endorsing Crosser,

Lambert and Richardson for School Board. It speaks volumes that our educators view these candidates as the best choice for our school district, and it's easy to see why. All three candidates are extremely involved in our school district and are Miller Ambassador Program graduates, Noblesville Schools student mentors, and serve together on the Noblesville Schools Educational Foundation with Richard serving as the current President. Crosser, Lambert and Richardson have a very strong pulse on the issues facing our school district and are committed to helping our district in ways well beyond the school board.

We are extremely fortunate to live in a community that values commonsense especially when it comes to the education of our children. Unfortunately, we don't have to look very far to see other school districts that aren't in such an envious position. Several have allowed radical social topics to divide their communities and distract from the true role of a school board. We can't allow that to happen in Noblesville and that is why I strongly encourage you to vote for Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert and Bret Richardson on Nov. 5th!

Sincerely,
Greg Conner
Noblesville Resident and
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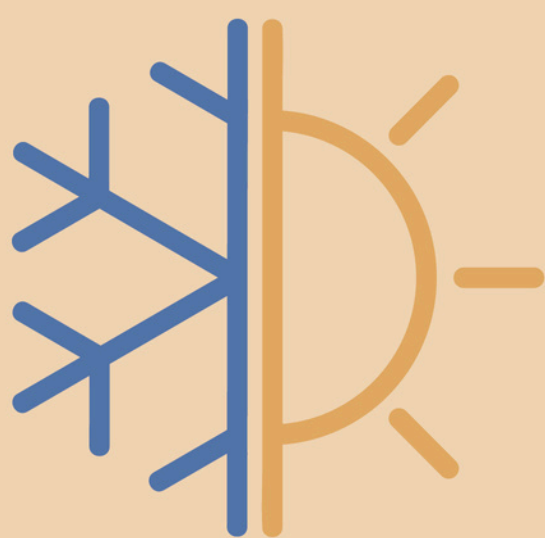
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Rep. Victoria Spartz returned from a nine-day congressional trip around the world with the House Democracy Partnership Commission, visiting key national security regions in the Indo-Pacific, Middle East and Europe.

United States is critical in these challenging times of instability around the world," Spartz said. "Congress, representing the American people with the constitutional powers of the purse and war, must play a larger role as a policymaker and a

check on the executive branch. As an immediate action, Congress needs to provide more proactive authority in dealing with terrorist groups like the Houthis, and work with our Middle Eastern allies to help Israel establish lasting peace in the region."

"The leadership of the

Carmel Native New Chief Actuary at Farm Bureau

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is excited to announce that Carmel native David Brentlinger has joined the company as chief actuary of the Life Division.

Born and raised in Carmel, he and his wife, Cheryl, still reside there. The couple has two grown daughters and recently celebrated the births of their first two grandchildren, both girls. In his free time, he enjoys golfing (he played at the collegiate level), the outdoors, exploring downtown Carmel with his family and spending time with his new granddaughters.



David Brentlinger

Bureau, Inc., the company has grown to include insurance products for auto, life, home, business and farm. Health plan benefits, banking and other financial services and products are also available through its local offices and online at

With nearly 40 years of experience in the financial industry, Brentlinger brings a deep understanding of the insurance industry to Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. Brentlinger attended Miami University in Ohio and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in actuarial science from Butler University.

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CARMEL PLAN COMMISSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 AGENDA

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS TIME: 6:00 PM

CARMEL CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR (DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM)

ONE CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN 46032

AGENDA:

A. Call Meeting to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Declaration of Quorum

E. Approval of Minutes

F. Communications, Bills, Expenditures, & Legal Counsel Report

G. Reports, Announcements & Department Concerns

1. Outcome of Projects at Plan Commission Committee

a. Docket No. PZ-2024-00028 PUD: Towne 146 PUD Rezone. Discussed and Continued to Nov. 7

b. Docket No. PZ-2024-00099 DP/ADLS: Spring Mill Shops. Discussed and Continued to Nov. 7

c. Docket No. PZ-2024-00122 CA: Meridian Trails Commitment Amendment. Sent to PC with Fav. Rec.

d. Docket No. PZ-2024-00123 & 130 V: Meridian Trails Variances. Sent to PC with Fav. Rec.

H. Public Hearings 1. Docket No. PZ-2024-00140 OA: Gramercy PUD Ordinance Amendment.

The applicant seeks approval to modify the existing PUD language to allow an urban residential development consisting of townhomes, multi-family, and neighborhood-oriented, mixed-use buildings. The 33-acre site is generally located at the southeast corner of City Center Drive and Kinzer Ave. (830 Golfview Drive) and is currently zoned PUD (Z-493-06 Gramercy). Filed by Jim Shinaver and Jon Dobosiewicz of Nelson & Frankenberger on behalf of Buckingham Properties, LLC.

2. Docket No. PZ-2024-00164 SW: Fields Market Garden Parking in Floodplain Waiver – UDO 7.13.D: No Parking in Flood Hazard Area, Gravel Parking Lot with 14 spaces requested.

3. Docket No. PZ-2024-00169 ZW: Fields Market Garden Gravel Parking Waiver – UDO 5.28.E.1: All Parking Lots Shall be Paved with Hot Mix Asphalt or Concrete, Gravel requested.

The applicant seeks a design standard waiver and a development standard waiver related to the parking lot for the Fields Market Garden at the North End development. The site is located at 270 W Smoky Row and is zoned UR/Urban Residential. Filed by Rebecca McGuckin with Old Town Companies on behalf of the Owner, Fields Market Garden, LLC.

I. Old Business

1. Docket No. PZ-2024-00122 CA: Meridian Trails Commitment Amendment.

2. Docket No. PZ-2024-00123 V: Meridian Trails Height Variance, 45' allowed, 47' and 63' requested.

3. Docket No. PZ-2024-00130 V: Meridian Trails Parking Variance, 340 spaces required, 232 requested.

The applicant seeks approval for commitment amendments and two variances to allow a new 55+ age restricted housing development. The site is located at 201 W. 106th St. and is zoned B-1/Business. Filed by Jim Shinaver and Jon Dobosiewicz of Nelson & Frankenberger on behalf of Steve Pittman and Justus Companies.

J. New Business

K. Adjournment

UPDATE: The location has changed once again for the Westfield City Council Mtg. to be held on October 28th. The meeting will be held at the Westfield Washington Public Library at 17400 Westfield Blvd, Westfield, IN 46074 (Large Mtg. Rm.)

HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

BOARD MEETING

HCPR Administration Building

400 Lafayette Road

Noblesville, IN 46060

October 15, 2024

5:30pm Special Executive Session

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 5:30 pm
2. New Business
3. Litigation
4. Land

HAMILTON COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 14, 2024, at 9:20 a.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of the disbursement of ARPA funds.

Fishers Ranked Tops in U.S.

Fishers has been named the Best Affordable Small City in America by Realtor.com. The list was compiled using a recent WalletHub ranking of the best 1,318 small cities in America, which analyzed key livability indicators such as affordability, economic health, education and health, safety, and quality of life. Additionally, Central Indiana tops the list with four Hamilton County communities scoring in the 99th percentile, more than any other state.

Realtor.com references

Fishers small town charm combined with industry of larger metro areas, along with safety, education, and quality-of-life amenities such as the Fishers Event Center, set to open next month.

“This ranking illustrates everything we have worked towards over the past decade,” said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, the first and only Mayor to ever serve the growing community. “We’re seeing the culmination of these efforts come to fruition—a thriving business community and internationally recognized Life Science Park, safe

neighborhoods close to trails and amenities, a new Event Center that will welcome national performers and sports teams, and more. There’s truly no better time to live in Fishers.”

The Realtor.com and WalletHub rankings are just a few of Fishers’ recent recognitions. Last month, Fishers was ranked #4 in USA Today’s Best Cities in the Midwest and #4 on Livability’s Best Places to Live in the U.S. Additional recognitions this year include ranking #2 in Forbes’ Best States to Start a Business in 2024 and #2 in MoneyGeek’s Safest Cities in America for 2024.

Carmel strengthens Christkindlmarkt, protects taxpayers



As the footprint for the Carmel Christkindlmarkt takes shape at Carter Green, city leaders are advancing a plan to ensure the longevity and superior quality of one of the Midwest’s premier holiday events, with an eye on protecting taxpayers.

As a city event operated by a non-profit organization, the Christkindlmarkt has enjoyed impressive growth since being formed in 2017 – in activities and offerings, number of attendees, and reputation. However, as the market has grown, so has the city’s investment, with direct costs expected to exceed \$1.5 million this year.

While the city has benefitted from the event’s success in the form of restaurant and small business sales, city leaders have never attempted to recoup direct expenses incurred by taxpayers including event set-up and the safety of attendees.

Now is a crucial time, Mayor Sue Finkam said, to establish a new governance framework for the

event that better supports its future success and defrays the significant annual investment made by the city.

Finkam said the Christkindlmarkt changes will start with the formation of an advisory board of community members representing an array of expertise to work alongside market leadership, focusing on attendee experience.

“The advisory board will help support event operations for the Carmel Christkindlmarkt that assures it continues to be a treasured attraction for our residents and for the thousands of others introduced to or reacquainted with our community as part of this event,” she said.

Executive board members have been appointed that will consider financial and staffing resources devoted to the event and how the revenue can best be directed to both the benefit of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and to supporting other vital city needs like

public safety and infrastructure.

“The Carmel Christkindlmarkt is truly a destination event that has benefited from exceptional leadership and from the generous support of Carmel taxpayers,” Finkam said. “With new city leadership in place, and a need for a reprioritization of city spending, it’s important that we protect the market’s successes while establishing guidelines for long-term sustainability.”

Emphasizing that the stellar visitor experience for the market will not be affected by the changes, the mayor praised the vision and efforts of market chief executive officer Maria Adele Rosenfeld. Finkam noted, that under Rosenfeld’s leadership, market attendance has expanded greatly in recent years, achieving a four-time top ranking by USA Today’s 10Best reader’s choice awards. It has also become a family-favorite holiday event for many Carmel residents, attracting visitors from across the state and beyond.

NHS Grads' Artwork Dresses Up Landscape

The City of Noblesville’s Utilities Department worked with Noblesville Schools to incorporate student artwork on the wastewater tanks at the treatment facility, which runs along the newly opened Pleasant Street corridor. The artwork is part of a collaboration to incorporate student artwork into our community and beautify the new roadway and trail.”

“The Reimagine Pleasant Street Project is more than an infrastructure project and the collaboration with student artists further enhances this new corridor in our community,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “Incorporating local art has been a major piece to the project, and we appreciate the students taking the time to design Noblesville-branded murals that will be displayed for the



Photo courtesy City of Noblesville

2024 NHS grads Abbie Martz and Rihanna Hartman and NHS junior Michael Taylor have their design work commemorated.

thousands of motorists and pedestrians that will pass by along this new roadway and trail.”

Noblesville Utilities Director Jonathan Mirgeaux organized efforts for students to design artwork for the wastewater tanks on the grounds of the Noblesville Utilities Department. Noblesville High School Art Department Chairwoman Livia Briar tasked her two Digital Design classes with coming up with ideas. Students needed to incorporate the city logo and make designs to the specific dimensions of the concrete drums.

“The students really put a lot of thought into their designs, and every student in my

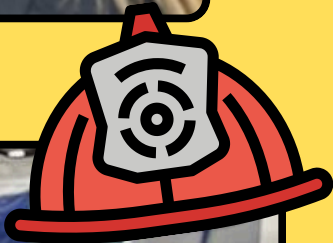
two classes submitted one. I had students who incorporated depictions of Indiana wildlife and flowers, geometric patterns, and a variety of scenes,” Briar said. “There was a ton of variety in the designs.”

Last month, the Utilities Department had volunteers come out and paint the murals on three tanks.

“I am really thrilled that the city reached out to us and gave students the opportunity to create something for their hometown. The opportunity for applying the graphic design skills they had learned in class to a real-world public art project was unmatched. And the finished paintings look absolutely amazing. I’m so proud,” Briar said.

NHS Career Fair

Noblesville Schools wish to thank the dozens of community partners who shared their time, treasure and talents (as well as information about their organizations and careers) at Noblesville High School's annual freshmen career fair.



Photos courtesy Noblesville Schools

Mayor's Grand Gala Raises \$600K+

The Advancing Westfield Foundation announced that thanks to generous sponsors and community support, the inaugural Mayor's Grand Gala raised more than \$600,000 at its event earlier this month at Grand Park Events Center.

"The inaugural Grand Gala was a resounding success, and I couldn't be more thrilled. It was a night that brought our community together, showcasing our spirit and passion for the nonprofit partners that serve Westfield so well," Mayor Scott Willis said.

Troy Pepper, voice of the Indiana Pacers, emceed the evening. More than 500 attendees gathered to celebrate, bid on more than 35 silent auction items and live auction items, and had the chance to win a two-year lease on a 2025 Cadillac CT5 courtesy of Chariot Automotive Group in Kokomo.

"I am thrilled with the success of this year's gala. The generosity displayed by our community will empower local nonprofits to further their missions and make a meaningful impact in our city," said Michelle Leonard McConnell, Advancing Westfield Foundation board president. "We

look forward to seeing their programs grow as a direct result of the grants they received."

The evening's beneficiaries were Heart and Soul Free Clinic, CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions, and the Westfield Youth Assistance Program.

Heart and Soul Clinic provides essential free healthcare services to uninsured and underinsured individuals. Grant funds from the Advancing Westfield Foundation will assist in funding a part-time Nurse practitioner who can deliver primary care, GYN, and orthopedic service care. Additionally, the funds will support the clinic's new partnership with the State of Indiana's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. This partnership enables the clinic to provide patients with vital, cost-free breast and cervical cancer care referrals.

CICOA will use the grant funds to support efforts and impact the Meals and More Nutrition Service program, which delivers meals to Westfield residents. More than 70 Westfield residents currently receive

meals from CICOA, whether through home-delivered meals or by attending a neighborhood meal site. Older adults often struggle with chronic illness, disability, feeling vulnerable and isolated, or experiencing a crisis. Those facing food insecurity often face the harsh reality of making complex financial decisions, choosing between food and housing, utilities, transportation, or medical care (Feeding America). CICOA's efforts to meet basic needs make it possible for older adults and people of any age with disabilities to remain in their homes as long as possible.

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) was formed in 2009 as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3-17 facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP takes a holistic approach to coordinating our community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. Grant funds will be used for educational tutoring resources, funding for the WYAP mentoring program, and mental health sessions for individuals and families.

Rotary Donates \$5,000 to NHS Robotics



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools

Thanks to a generous donation from the Noblesville Rotary, the Noblesville High School robotics team has been able to purchase new materials, expand opportunities to more students, apply for grants, and register for competitions. For the second year in a row the Rotary has donated \$5,000 from their BrewBBQ proceeds to the NHS team, and has designated them as a signature recipient for future donations. From left, Rotary members Darcy Poulos and Nathan Press, NHS Robotics student leader Mina Vendt, Rotary president Jeff Derda, robotics member Paela Madsen, NHS department chair of Applied STEM learning Andy Wilkins and robotics member Jackson Ahern.

Donate Blood, Maybe Win \$5,000!

Want to donate blood, especially in light of the recent hurricanes in the south and southeast? You've got a few opportunities here in the county.

The American Red Cross has the following set up for donations:

- Today from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at IU Health North Hospital, 11700 N. Meridian St. in Carmel
- Thursday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. at IU Health Saxony Hospital, 13100 E. 136th St. in Fishers
- Oct. 29 from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Sun King Brewing, 9713 District N. Dr., Suite 1220 in Fishers

- Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at TVF, Inc, 401 W. Carmel Dr. in Carmel

The Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast. Donors outside of affected areas are encouraged to make an appointment to give now and help keep the blood supply stable in the weeks to come.

The time to give blood is now. Bring hope to those in need by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the

Red Cross Blood Donor App. As the Red Cross continues to urge people to give blood now, our teams are also on the ground providing vital relief - like food, water, shelter and support - in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you're able to help those impacted by disasters big and small across the country, like Helene, please consider making a gift of any amount.

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma Oct. 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Treat.



Fishers Petty Officer Meets Top Brass



Photo courtesy U.S. Navy / MC2 (SW/AW) Isaiah M. Williams

Adm. William Houston, director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, (left) presents a challenge coin to Electronics Technician (nuclear) Petty Officer 2nd Class Riley Spilker, from Fishers during a visit of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in Newport News, Va. Earlier this month, John C. Stennis is in Newport News Shipbuilding conducting Refueling and Complex Overhaul to prepare the ship for the second half of its 50-year service life.

County Well Represented at AIC Annual Conference

			
Steve Dillinger	Trini Beaver	Mark Heirbrandt	Kent Ward
County Clerk Kathy Williams, County Recorder Trini Beaver, County Councilman Brad Beaver, County Surveyor Kent Ward and Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve			
			
Brad Beaver	Christine Altman	Kathy Williams	

Dillinger and Mark Heirbrandt were among more than 650 officials and employees who attended the Association of Indiana Counties Annual Conference Sept. 23-26 in Switzerland County.

The 66th annual conference offered a wide variety of professional development courses, as well as an opportunity to network with peers. State officials provided updates on relevant

issues facing county government.

The AIC's annual conference is the largest gathering of county officials in the state. Representatives from public agencies, private entities and local elected officials addressed issues such as retirement, transportation, public records, human resources, elections, public health funding, cybersecurity and the future of local funding.

AIC's members discussed the 2025 legislative platform, which covers key issues facing counties such as county finances, criminal justice, public safety, elections and transportation.

The election of officers was also held and Sue Ann Mitchell from the Kosciusko County Council was elected president of the AIC board. She begins her term on Nov. 1.

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