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## TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?" (NASB)

## Hamilton Happenings

Three cheers for the HSE system cheerleaders . . . literally! Cheer squads from Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers fared very well in the 2024 Indiana Cheer Championship's Junior High, Freshman and Junior Varsity Contest at Warren Central High School recently. Fall Creek Junior High in Fishers finished second in the Junior High Large School Division. Fishers High School finished third in the Freshman Division and HSE High School won the Junior Varsity Division! Two bits, four bits . . .

Thank you to all veterans for your service!



The Times will not have an edition on Monday, November 11th. We wish you a very Happy Veterans Day!

## Three Things You Should Know

**1** All veterans and active-duty military personnel, and everyone in their vehicle, will be admitted free to DNR-managed state parks, reservoir properties, state forest recreation areas, and off-road state recreation areas on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11. "We appreciate the sacrifices and service of our veterans and active-duty military and look forward to recognizing them with a day to explore some of the best outdoor places in our state," said Terry Coleman, director of Indiana State Parks. Veterans and military personnel should simply let the gate attendant at the property they visit know that they are either a veteran or serving and on active duty.

**2** Christmas Nights of Lights, the largest drive-thru light show in Indianapolis, is back at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Running through Dec. 31, this enchanting event promises to dazzle visitors with over a million lights synchronized to holiday music. This year, visitors will see a new and stunning 180-foot-long, two-story-tall display featuring colorful images, classic holiday scenes that bring the magic of Christmas to life and a patriotic display that adds to the festive atmosphere. Pricing is \$35 per car (up to 8 passengers), \$55 for 9-15 passengers, \$80 for 16+ passengers. All passengers must ride together in a single vehicle. Hours are 6-10 p.m. weekdays with extended hours on weekends.

**3** Don't let the post-Thanksgiving meal stop you from exploring Indiana's great outdoors. On Friday Nov. 29, Indiana State Parks will offer free admission to explorers daring to opt outside. Share a photo of your day's outdoor experience on social media with #OptOutsideIN2024 or complete a scavenger hunt for a chance to win prizes.

Times readers can submit an entry to win two free tickets to the Christmas Gift & Hobby Show that runs through Sunday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Send name, contact phone number and why you want to attend the show, to Betsy Reason at Betsy@TheTimes24-7.com. When you're at the show, please take a selfie and send it back to us so we can share with all our readers!



# The TIMES



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## Boomer Bits



### Ask Rusty - Why Does the Government Raid Social Security?

**Social Security Matters**  
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**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:**  
The Social Security program is funded by employees and their employers. The federal government does not contribute to the program, right? So why does the federal government feel they have the right to raid the fund? All the money sent to Ukraine and other unnecessary programs could have been used to pay back what they owe to Social Security.

**Signed: Disgruntled Senior**

**Dear Disgruntled Senior:**  
You are correct that the Social Security program is mainly funded by payroll taxes on employee earnings and by employers who match those employee contributions. FYI, some additional SS revenue is received from income tax on Social Security benefits, as well as from interest on the special issue government bonds held in the Social Security Trust Fund. But the assertion that the Federal Government used (raided) the Social Security Trust Fund for any other purpose is a myth. All Social Security revenue received since the program

began in 1937 has been accounted for, and all excess funds are contained in a special Trust Fund in the form of interest-bearing government bonds, reserved to pay future benefits. FYI, the interest on those bonds contributed about \$67 billion to the Trust Fund reserves in 2023.

Social Security revenue, today, is not adequate to pay all benefit obligations, and the extra money needed to pay full SS benefits for everyone is obtained by redeeming Trust Fund reserves. Redemption of those Trust Fund bonds is how the federal government "pays back" the cash loaned to it by Social Security. The excess SS money received from contributions was loaned to the Federal Treasury by the SS Trust Funds, interest-bearing bonds were issued by the government in return for the cash received, and the bonds issued are redeemable as needed by Social Security to pay benefits. FYI, the average

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### New Medicare Reforms Can Help

By Marvell Adams Jr.  
CEO of Caregiver Action Network

October 15th marked the start of Medicare's annual open enrollment period. Seniors can choose to stay on their current plan or switch to a new one. But this year, that choice is far more important -- and complex -- than usual.

Medicare's prescription drug benefit, also known as "Part D," has undergone major changes that could save seniors hundreds or even thousands of dollars on prescriptions.

However, an important change that allows seniors to "smooth" their cost-sharing over the course of

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### Holiday Gift Ideas for Gardeners

By Melinda Myers

It's time to begin tackling that gift list for the holidays. Consider gifting your favorite gardener something practical and attractive to enjoy for months and even years. No matter your budget, you can find the perfect gift to generate a smile immediately and throughout the garden season.

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## Election Unofficial Results

The following are the unofficial election results from Hamilton County where a little more than 70 percent of registered voters turned out. Results will not be official until after they are certified.

President and Vice President - Donald Trump/J.D. Vance (R) 102,296, 51.74 percent; Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz (D) 90,366, 45.70 percent; Chase Oliver/Mike Ter Maat (L) 1,817, .92 percent; Robert F. Kennedy Jr./Nicole Shanahan (WTP) 1,912, .97 percent; write-in, 1,325, .67 percent. United States Senator -- Jim Banks (R) 99,829, 54.89 percent; Valerie McCray (D) 77,735, 42.74 percent; Andrew Horning (L) 4,221, 2.32 percent; write-in, 84, 0.05 percent.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor -- Mike Braun/Micah Beckwith (R) 100,200, 51.16 percent; Jennifer McCormick/Terry Goodin (D) 89,579, 45.74 percent; Donald Rainwater/Tonya Hudson (L) 6,025, 3.08 percent; write-in, 53, 0.03 percent.

Attorney General -- Todd Rokita (R) 97,414, 53.69 percent; Destiny Wells (D) 84,022, 46.31 percent.

U.S. Representative District 5 -- Victoria Spartz (R) 102,098, 53.42 percent; Deborah A. Pickett (D) 80,254, 41.99 percent; Lauri Shillings (L) 4,612, 2.41 percent; Robby Slaughter (I) 4,110, 2.15 percent; write-in, 55, 0.03 percent.

State Senator District 20 -- Scott A. Baldwin (R) 43,873, 59.90 percent; Joel Levi (D) 29,374, 40.10 percent.

State Representative District 24 -- Hunter Smith (R) 21,523, 55.30 percent; Josh Lowry (D) 17,398, 44.70 percent.

State Representative District 29 -- Alaina Shonkwiler (R) 22,787, 63.37 percent; Christopher Hartig (D) 13,169,

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

One or two sugary drinks a day can increase your risk of developing diabetes by 25 percent.

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



## TODAY'S QUOTE

"You're off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting, so get on your way."  
Dr. Seuss

## TODAY'S JOKE

Forgive us, but we're in the spirit of Christmas so we're starting the Yule jokes a little early this year (hey, with all the strife in the world, can't we all use some holiday cheer!)

Why does Santa have three gardens?  
It's so he can Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!

## OBITUARIES

None

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# Veterans Stars of Weekly List of Things to Do



**BETSY REASON**  
 Columnist

See Grace Church's family friendly "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" musical. Join the Civil War Veterans Walking Tour at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville with local author Kevin Yaney. Dance to the tunes of The Bishops at the Noblesville Moose Lodge. Celebrate Veterans Day with an array of ceremonies and activities. Test your trivia during Noblesville Schools' Education Foundation Holiday Movies Trivia Night Fundraiser. There are plenty of activities to do this weekend and beyond in and around Noblesville. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 35 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Help Steve and Moffett Craig celebrate Adriene's Flowers & Gifts' 45 years in business during a Holiday Open House 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Saturday at the shop on Conner Street in downtown Noblesville, with refreshments, prizes and more.
2. See Grace Church's family friendly "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" musical opening tonight and continuing through Nov. 17, directed by Carmel High School grad Amy Christie, with seven performances at the Noblesville church, with \$16 tickets at [gracechurch.us/theatre](http://gracechurch.us/theatre).
3. Join the Civil War Veterans Walking Tour at 11 a.m. Saturday at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville with local author Kevin Yaney. Free to attend but registration required at [civilwarveteranswalkingtour.com](http://civilwarveteranswalkingtour.com) or [fourthofjulybook.com/#contact](http://fourthofjulybook.com/#contact). Yaney will also appear at the Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel.
4. Experience the American Legion Flag retirement, Veterans Ceremony and Nelson's Chicken Fundraiser 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Fishers American Legion, hosted by Troops 303 and 330, with music by Crossroads of America Scout Band.
5. Help pack the house and dance to the tunes of The Bishops, featuring Noblesville grad Bryan Bishop, 7:30-10:45 p.m. Saturday at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, with \$5 admission for non-members.
6. Join A Grinchmas Fundraiser to benefit Carmel Apprentice Theater at 1-4 p.m. Sunday at The Cat in Carmel with story time with The Cat, ornament creation station, photos with The Grinch, Seuss-filled snacks, raffle for "Seussical The Musical" tickets, with tickets at [zeffy.com](http://zeffy.com)
7. Celebrate Veterans Day at 11 a.m. Monday at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hamilton County War Memorial at the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville, coordinated by the Noblesville American Legion and Noblesville VFW, with a meal to follow.
8. Veterans who visit the Noblesville Elks Lodge on Veterans Day Nov. 11 will receive a free beverage. The Lodge is raffling a quilt, for \$10 per ticket, with raffle to be awarded on Nov. 16, after the Elks' Thanksgiving dinner, with proceeds to go to veterans charities.
9. Eat breakfast with military veterans during the City of Westfield's Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony, with breakfast at 7:45 a.m. and Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Monday at The Bridgewater Club in Westfield, with live performances, keynote speakers and gifts for each veteran attending. Free and open to the public. Student winners of the poster and essay contest will present their work during the ceremony. For

more information, email [communications@westfield.in.gov](mailto:communications@westfield.in.gov).

10. The City of Fishers will have a free Veterans Day Ceremony open to the public at 11 a.m. Monday at Fishers City Hall Theater. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required at <https://fishersin.gov/>
11. Test your trivia during Noblesville Schools' Education Foundation Holiday Movies Trivia Night Fundraiser at 5 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Bier Brewery on South 10th Street in Noblesville, with trivia to begin at 6:30 p.m., with raffles, holiday-themed prizes, food and drink, with all proceeds to NSEF to help fund school programs, scholarships, student mental health support, classroom grants, more, with tickets at \$35 each or team of eight for \$250, with tickets at [noblesville.schoolseducationfoundation.org](http://noblesville.schoolseducationfoundation.org)
12. Ages 18 and older can join the Bingo Night at Red Bridge at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 at Red Bridge Park Community Building in Cicero, with proceeds benefiting Cicero Parks.
13. Join in Hamilton County Theatre Guild and The Belfry Theatre's 60th anniversary celebration with dinner and entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church with \$25 tickets at [belfrytheatre.com](http://belfrytheatre.com).
14. Experience live theater at Carmel Community Players' production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," the comedic story of how Peter became Pan, Nov. 15-24 at The Cat in downtown Carmel, with tickets at [carmelplayers.org](http://carmelplayers.org).
15. Shop at the Noblesville Moose Holiday Market 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.
16. Help celebrate Primeval Brewing's fifth anniversary noon-11 p.m. Nov. 16 at the downtown Noblesville brewery.
17. Sons of the American Legion Post. 341 in Cicero will play host to the annual Dart Tournament open to the public beginning at 4 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Legion in Cicero, with \$10 entry and a blind draw for partners. All-you-can-eat chili is \$10, with bonfire and deejay, pull tabs and more with proceeds to local scholarships.
18. Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Noblesville East Middle School Drama Club's "The Wizard of Oz - Young Performers Edition" at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Nov. 17 at Ivy Tech Community College Auditorium in Noblesville with \$5 tickets at [nems-drama-club.ticketleap.com/wizardofoz](http://nems-drama-club.ticketleap.com/wizardofoz)
19. Audition for The Belfry Theatre's "Little Women" drama, for a cast of 10, will be 5-8 p.m. Nov. 17 and 7-9 p.m. Nov. 18 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, with readings from the script, no monologues required, with more info and an audition packet at [belfrytheatre.com](http://belfrytheatre.com)
20. See dozens of talented students - - creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky -- perform Noblesville High School's production of "The Addams Family Musical: School Edition" with four performances at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 23 at Noblesville High School Auditorium, with ticket link at <https://noblesvillechoirs.org/events/musical-2024/> and Noblesville High School Choir Parent Organization Facebook page
21. The Federal Hill Commons Ice Plaza will be open Nov. 23-Jan. 6, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville with skating passes and more info available at [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org), with the free

- Holiday Walking Tour opening every night beginning Nov. 23 at Federal Hill, and carriage rides, with or without Santa, will be available, Dec. 6-23, with reservations at [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org).
22. Join the grand opening celebration 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 23 for the Ice Ribbon skating season at Grand Junction Plaza in downtown Westfield.
23. Come out and enjoy a fun evening with live music from Glenn Seland while supporting Noblesville's Flower Market 5-8 p.m. Nov. 27 at Seminary Park in Noblesville, presented by Indiana Peony Festival.
24. Put on your running shoes and warm clothes for the 17th annual Michael Treinen Foundation Turkey Trot at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28 in downtown Noblesville.
25. Hamilton County Good Samaritans' annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year will be a drive-thru meal 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 28 at White River Christian Church in Noblesville, Sheridan Community Center and St. Louis deMontfort Catholic Church in Fishers, with meal delivery available. Good Samaritans' Distribution is Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 14 for Christmas baskets, with annual Festival of Trees on Nov. 23 with tickets at [gsnlive.org](http://gsnlive.org). Also, Christmas Eve shut-in delivery available.
26. Enjoy a Merry Prairie Holiday 2024 at Conner Prairie in Fishers 5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 29-Dec. 22 with thousands of lights, a visit to Prairietown, games, food, activities and more, with tickets at [connerprairie.org](http://connerprairie.org)
27. Shop at the Suburban Indy Holiday Show Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Grand Park in Westfield with tickets at [suburbanindyshow.com](http://suburbanindyshow.com)
28. Attend Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Lighting of the Square tree lighting with live entertainment, at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 with doors opening at 6 p.m., at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville.
29. Get in the holiday spirit at Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Luncheon at 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville and featuring entertainment by Noblesville High School Choirs, with reservations at [noblesvillechamber.org](http://noblesvillechamber.org)
30. Experience live theater as Main Street Productions' "Greetings!" holiday comedy Dec. 5-15 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org)
31. Celebrate the season at the Handmade Vintage Market Holiday Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville with free parking and \$5 tickets at the door and at [handmadevintagemarket.com](http://handmadevintagemarket.com).
32. Shop at Noblesville Main Street's Holiday Market 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 7 outdoors at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville, with ice skating open and food trucks and more.
33. Celebrate the kickoff of the holidays at Westfield in Lights 3-6p .m. Dec. 7 at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield with a tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m., plus food and retail vendors, Frosty the Snowman, carnival games, llama walking, with more at [westfieldwelcome.com](http://westfieldwelcome.com)
34. Make plans to attend City of Noblesville's Holiday in Lights Parade, in its second year, at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 through downtown Noblesville, with \$25 registration, free to nonprofits, by Dec. 2

registration deadline at [cityofnoblesville.org/parade](http://cityofnoblesville.org/parade).

35. Experience Noblesville's North Pole at Santa's Village 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 14 in Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville, with life reindeer, crafts, elf training, plus vendor booths, plus sign up for Breakfast with Santa in the Green Room at [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org)

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*The Times archive photo by Betsy Reason*

**Celebrate Veterans Day at 11 a.m. Monday at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hamilton County War Memorial at the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville, coordinated by the Noblesville American Legion and Noblesville VFW, with a meal to follow.**



*Photo courtesy of The Bishops*

**Help pack the house and dance to the tunes of The Bishops, featuring Noblesville grad Bryan Bishop, 7:30-10:45 p.m. Saturday at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, with \$5 admission for non-members.**



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*Photo courtesy of Grace Church*

**Cast members rehearse for Grace Church's family-friendly "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" musical, which opens tonight and continues through Nov. 17 at the Noblesville church, with tickets at [gracechurch.us/theatre](http://gracechurch.us/theatre).**

## Community First Offers Free Meal to Local Veterans

Community First Bank of Indiana is hosting a free sit-down lunch to say 'thank you' to all Veterans in and around Hamilton County on Monday, Nov. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. Veterans can enjoy a steamed bagel sandwich from the locally owned Bearded Bagel at Carmel VFW Post 10003 located at

12863 Old Meridian St. This lunch is provided by Community First Bank Employees through their Casual for a Cause program. Please note that limited supplies are available. Call (765) 236-0600 with any questions or visit [CFBindiana.com/veterans](http://CFBindiana.com/veterans).

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interest on the 2023 bonds in the Trust Funds was about 4.125%, whereas the average rate of return on all bonds held in reserve was about 2.387%. This transaction is the same as for any other investment vehicle, except the bonds in the Trust Funds are redeemable at any time without penalty. Said another way, all excess money ever received by Social Security is/was invested in special-issue government bonds, and resides in reserve to pay future benefits, as needed.

"Paying back" the money represented by bonds held in the Trust Funds would not be a wise financial move because it would eliminate all future interest earned by those bonds (again, that interest was about \$67 billion in 2023). Federal money spent for other purposes (e.g., Ukraine) is from the general U.S. Treasury and not from the Social Security Trust Fund, which is held totally separate from the U.S. Treasury. Since inception, all money ever contributed to Social Security has been (and is) used for one purpose (and one purpose only) – to pay Social Security benefits to those eligible (which, by the way, does not include "illegal aliens" or anyone else who is not a legal resident of the United States).

For clarity, Social Security does have a future financial issue because annual benefit obligations are now greater than annual Social Security revenue, and money from the SS Trust Fund is now used to make up the difference. Unless the program is reformed soon, the Trust Fund reserves (about \$2.8 trillion as of 2023) will be depleted and benefits for all Social Security recipients will be cut by about 23% starting in 2033 or 2034 (according to the Trustees of Social Security and the Congressional Budget Office).

Congress needs to act soon to enact Social Security reform to restore the program to fiscal solvency. The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is steadfastly lobbying Congress to enact the needed Social Security reform as soon as possible.

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## NEW

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the year requires Medicare beneficiaries to opt in. Additionally, right now, a large share of seniors -- and their caregivers -- simply aren't aware of the new policies.

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Congress established a new \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap on prescription drug spending. Beginning in January, Part D enrollees will no longer have to spend more than \$2,000 of their own money on covered medications in a single year.

This one policy could prove life-changing for millions of Medicare beneficiaries. According to one recent analysis by the Department of Health and Human Services, some 3.5 million Medicare beneficiaries struggled to afford their medicines in 2019.

For many of these enrollees, life is about to get a lot easier. In fact, a separate HHS report estimated that 18.7 million Medicare beneficiaries will see some sort of out-of-pocket savings from the IRA Part D redesign.

In addition to the \$2,000 annual cap, the IRA also included a "smoothing" provision called the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan, allowing beneficiaries to spread their out-of-pocket drug costs evenly over the course of the year. This can help make monthly medication costs more predictable for seniors on tight budgets and fixed incomes.

To understand the immense impact of the \$2,000 cap and the smoothing provision, consider a recent case study from researchers at the University of Pennsylvania.

The study imagines a 73-year-old patient named John Doe who is suffering from chronic myeloid leukemia, a slow-progressing but devastating form of bone cancer. John

takes a cancer medication which costs nearly \$167,000 a year.

Normally, John would end up paying more than \$10,000 out-of-pocket for this one medication. But not anymore. With the new out-of-pocket limit and smoothing option, he would pay just \$167 a month, or \$2,000 over the course of the year.

But unlike the \$2,000 annual spending limit, the smoothing provision is optional. Beneficiaries will need to know about this new policy to opt in, but few seniors are aware of it.

A recent poll found that around three-quarters of adults don't know about the new \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap. It's reasonable to assume a comparable -- if not larger -- number of people are in-the-dark about smoothing.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services needs to be doing more to inform patients about the benefits of smoothing. This is also an area where the caregiver community has a significant role to play.

As a caregiver myself, I understand the invaluable role that we play in helping patients make informed decisions about their health. Caregivers can make an enormous difference in the lives of Medicare beneficiaries by understanding the new reforms and making sure their loved ones opt in to smoothing when right for them.

National Family Caregivers Month in November is an important reminder of the critical role America's caregivers play in supporting the health of their loved ones. We can't forget to provide caregivers with the information they need to guide their loved ones in the healthcare system.

*Marvell Adams Jr. is the CEO of Caregiver Action Network. This piece was originally published by PennLive.*

## GIFT

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decorative tin with small but essential items that are handy for any gardener. A can of twine that prevents tangling yet keeps it convenient is useful for securing plants, marking gardens, and much more. Include garden clips that secure plants, hold row covers in place, or serve as a third hand when tackling garden tasks. Every gardener needs a snip for deadheading and grooming flowers.

Encourage your gift recipient to stay healthy when gardening. Gift a water bottle so they are more likely to stay hydrated. This is more important than ever with the increase in extreme summer temperatures. Consider gifts that protect eyes and skin from the sun's intense rays. Add a container of sunscreen or a wide-brimmed hat. Include a pair of tinted safety glasses that provide UV protection to help protect their eyes from dirt, pollen, sticks, and branches when gardening.

Keep them gardening longer with items that protect their joints and muscles. Protect knees with kneelers or kneeling pads. The Burgon & Ball® Kneelo® Garden Kneelers and Kneeling Pads ([coronatools.com](http://coronatools.com)) come in various colors that are easy to find in the garden or shed. Filled with a shock-absorbing foam sandwiched between two layers of memory foam, they will allow your gift recipient to garden longer. If they walk a lot in the garden, gifting kneepads with equally good cushioning and comfortable straps may be the better choice.

Encourage your gift recipient to protect and support their hands with gloves that fit, provide support, and are fashionable. Burgon & Ball® Love the Glove™ garden gloves come in various designs and more importantly, are durable and comfortable. The padded palm provides extra protection, and the two-way stretch keeps hands cool while improving dexterity. They are machine washable and don't get stiff after getting wet in the garden.

Add a hand pruner, a snip like the Burgon & Ball® RHS® British Meadow Fruit & Flower Snip, and a weeding tool to the gloves and set them inside a small bucket to place near the front or back door. You'll save them time looking for tools and allow them to take advantage of small blocks of time to weed, deadhead, or pick a flower bouquet to enjoy.

You'll also find many options for the indoor gardeners on your list. Look for a quality houseplant pruner designed for isolating the leaf or stem to be removed. An attractive indoor plant mister from Burgon & Ball® is available in stainless steel, charcoal, or stone. It fits any décor and the spritz to their plants will wash off dust, discourage insect pests, and boost humidity.

And the gift of time is always welcome. Offer to help with garden cleanup, planting, or weeding. Together you'll create new memories while accomplishing items on their gardening to-do list.

Gift items that last will remind the recipient of your friendship every time they put it to work. And you'll be happy knowing you made it easier and more enjoyable for them to continue gardening.

*Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise in writing this article. Myers' website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).*

# THE TIMES

## Teacher Of the Year!



**Congratulations to Noble Crossing's Amy Brown on being named the Indiana Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year! Amy joins an elite group of several Noblesville Schools employees who have been recognized at the state and/or national level in recent years for their outstanding professional accomplishments. She was honored by the Indiana Society of Health and Physical Educators and will be a presenter at their next state conference.**

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## Addams Family Musical Takes Stage at NHS



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Gomez, Morticia and Wednesday Addams are played by Nick Sizelove, Jade Youree and Kate Boice, all seniors at Noblesville High School.

By Casey Patrick  
Punch Content

Noblesville High School proudly presents its 2024 fall musical, “The Addams Family School Edition” at 7 p.m. Nov. 21, 22 and 23 and 2 p.m. Nov. 23 at Noblesville High School Auditorium, 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

This exciting production includes 86 cast, ensemble and crew members, and 26 student musicians. Shantel Morris is the show’s director. John Neubauer is the music director, and Julianne Fowler is the choreographer, who together lead the NHS choral department. Connor Buhl is the show’s producer. David Hartman is conductor of the pit orchestra.

The community is warmly invited to attend this family-friendly performance. Concessions, \$10 goodie bags featuring treats for kids and a VIP Experience will be available for purchase.

“The Addams Family School Edition” is a new musical by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, and orchestrations by Larry Hochman. It is based on characters created by Charles Addams. The original award-winning musical opened on Broadway in April 2010 and featured Nathan Lane as Gomez and Bebe Neuwirth as Morticia Addams.

### NEW! VIP Experience

The Noblesville High School Choir Parent Organization is offering a kid-friendly VIP Experience at both Saturday performances! With limited tickets for both the matinee and evening show, this is a chance to enjoy the show like never before.

- Goodie Bag full of surprises
- A photo opportunity with the cast after the show
- A themed cookie – a special treat just for you!
- Join the cast on stage during intermission for an interactive dance!

Add the VIP Experience to any new online ticket orders at checkout. Existing ticket holders can purchase the VIP Experience online or at the Saturday performances (while supplies last).

The NHS cast features the following students:

- Nick Sizelove as Gomez Addams
- Jade Youree as Morticia Addams
- Kate Boice as Wednesday Addams
- Cutter Bechtle as Pugsley Addams
- Leo Kenley as Fester Addams
- Joshua Thurber as Lurch
- Charlotte Wiggins as Grandma
- Andy McGrew as Lucas Beineke
- Alaina Wadsworth as Alice Beineke
- Matthew Hunt as Mal Beineke

They are joined by an ensemble of 42 Addams Family ancestors playing such characters as a samurai, 1970s tennis player, sad mime, samba dancer, and many more.

Tickets range from \$10-\$15 and may be purchased online at [www.noblesvillechoirs.org/events/musical-2024/](http://www.noblesvillechoirs.org/events/musical-2024/).

org/events/musical-2024/.

“The Addams Family” is a family-friendly comical, musical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that weren’t upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents. (“The Addams Family” School Edition has been adapted from the original Broadway production.)

## Outdoor Refreshment Area OK'd in Westfield

The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission has officially approved the establishment of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area for downtown Westfield, an initiative to enhance community engagement and be an economic driver for restaurants and businesses.

“We are excited that we’ve received DORA approval for downtown Westfield,” said Mayor Scott Willis. “This initiative will foster a sense of community downtown and showcase our local establishments. It’s a win-win for our residents and businesses by creating a unique outdoor experience.”

The Downtown Westfield DORA, approved by the City Council earlier this year as Ordinance 24-34, will officially be

implemented in mid-January 2025. There are several steps that the city will take, including a marketing campaign promoting safe and responsible consumption, installation of boundary signage, and working with approved designated permittees for proper signage.

As part of the approved ordinance, several regulations will be put in place, which include:

- The Downtown Westfield DORA is in effect Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, Monday through Thursday from noon to 10 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- Only specific plastic cups with the DORA logo are permitted to be used for DORA beverages.

- A maximum of two beverages can be served at a time.
- DORA beverages are allowed only within the DORA boundaries
- Exit signage is placed at the boundaries of the DORA, and DORA beverages are not permitted outside of these exit points.
- DORA containers must be disposed of before entering another bar or restaurant, including those that are Designated Permittees and those businesses displaying a “DORA beverages are not permitted” decal in the window

For more information on the downtown Westfield DORA, visit [westfield.in.gov/DORA](http://westfield.in.gov/DORA)

## Sen. Walker Shares Update



**KYLE WALKER**  
Guest Columnist

That’s why [Senate Republicans](#) have worked to reduce the chronic absenteeism rate in Indiana.

The state recently found that 17.8% of students were considered chronically absent from school during the 2023-24 school year. While this number is slightly lower than previous years, it is still too high.

This year, I supported a new law that requires schools to reach out to parents for a meeting if a student meets certain criteria, including being on track to miss too much school.

Last month, the Interim Study Committee on Education approved several recommendations to continue getting to the bottom of the student

absenteeism problem, which include:

- Study the rationale used by local schools to differentiate between excused and unexcused absences;
- Study the basis for student suspensions or expulsions categorized as "other" by schools;
- Consider preventing districts from suspending or expelling students who are chronically absent; and
- Have schools use the state’s early warning dashboard for students at risk of dropping out.

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### HELPING HAMILTON County

The Merciful Help Center is collecting supplies for Thanksgiving baskets for over 500 families in Hamilton County. The baskets include

Thanksgiving-type foods, staples, and personal hygiene items.

Thanksgiving items include all the necessary things for a family for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Pantry staples to make other meals are included, like a meal of spaghetti and meatballs, tuna and noodles, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chicken and rice, cereal, oatmeal, French toast, pancakes and desserts.

The basket also includes items that are not covered by food stamps, like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, cleaners, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, vitamins and more.

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

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# Familiar Refrain Could Mean Another Great Year for Favored Boilers



It's a familiar refrain to Purdue basketball fans.

**KENNY THOMPSON** "Purdue will be just another team without Caleb Swanigan."

"Purdue will miss Carsen Edwards' scoring."

"Purdue won't be able to overcome Jaden Ivey's departure to the NBA."

"Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer won't be as good without Zach Edey drawing all the attention."

The first three declarations were unfounded, and it's a good bet Smith and Loyer will prove the naysayers wrong during the 2024-25 season that kicked off this week.

To be fair, the Boilermakers have received some respect entering Matt Painter's 20th season as head coach. They were chosen by the league's media as the favorite to win a third consecutive league title. Purdue is the highest-ranked Big Ten (Plus 8) team in The Associated Press preseason poll at No. 14

Smith has been selected the Big Ten Conference's Preseason Player of the Year. He's also on the Naismith Player of the Year and Bob Cousy Award watch lists.

Loyer made the first cut for the Jerry West Award, given to the nation's best shooting guard. Carsen Edwards took home that honor in 2018.

Initially snubbed by the Cousy Award selection process a year ago, Smith forced his way among the five finalists with a record-breaking sophomore season. The Indiana Mr. Basketball winner from Westfield set school and Big Ten records with 292 assists.

Smith was the only player in America to average at least 12 points, 7.5 assists and 5 (5.8) rebounds per game. He also shot 43.1 percent from 3-point range, one of the reasons why Purdue was the second-best 3-point shooting team in the nation behind Kentucky.

"He can really manipulate the defense with his ability to see the court and to be able to pass and to make plays and make shots, but he is also someone who defers to others at times," Painter said during Big Ten Media Day. "We need him just to be more aggressive. Fletcher Loyer, same thing. Just a winner. Knows how to play. Tough. Hard-nosed. Makes shots. They will have more of a responsibility."

Bruce Parkinson's career assists record is within Smith's reach this season, needing just 245. Only Magic Johnson (491) has had more assists in Big Ten history through his sophomore year than Smith's 445.

Purdue's 1,000-point club also is well within reach for Smith, who has 808.

Smith also seems likely to join Joe Barry Carroll as the only

Boilermakers to record a triple-double. Smith came close in Monday's 90-73 victory against Texas A&M Corpus Christi, putting up 12 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds.

Loyer and Ohio State's Meechie Johnson are the only Big Ten players on the 20-man Cousy List. Loyer shot 44.4 percent from 3-point range and 86.1 percent from the free throw line to rank among the nation's leaders in both categories. Loyer's 48.5 percent 3-point shooting in Big Ten games only topped the conference.

It may be a race to 1,000 points between Smith and Loyer, who stands at 807 after putting up 21 against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Not to be forgotten is the third junior starter returning from last year's national finalist team. Trey Kaufman-Renn may have been the fifth scoring option last season behind Edey, Smith, Loyer and Lance Jones but he showed flashes of the ability that earned him Indiana's Gatorade Player of the Year honors in 2020 while at Silver Creek High School.

During a rare game with Edey in foul trouble, Kaufman-Renn put up 23 points in a victory against No. 9 Illinois in Mackey Arena.

"I think Trey Kaufman will really step in to where he will be one of the best big guys in our league," Painter said.

If Purdue is to extend its 22-game winning

streak in the month of November, the second-longest in college basketball behind Arizona, it will be on the backs of that trio. Purdue was the only Big Ten school not to add at least one player from the transfer portal.

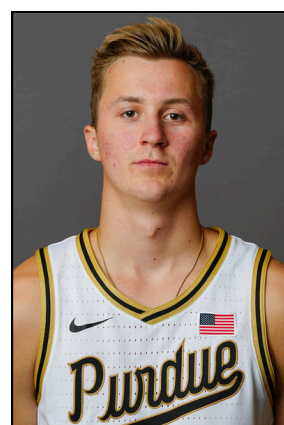
Once again, the Boilermakers have a loaded non-conference schedule. Preseason No. 2 Alabama comes to Mackey Arena on Nov. 15, a game that for reasons I cannot fathom has been exiled to the Peacock streaming service. A trip to Marquette comes four days later, followed by a Final Four rematch with North Carolina State in the Rady Children's Invitational in San Diego on Nov. 28. Either BYU or Mississippi await the next evening. That schedule will force Purdue's freshman class to grow up quickly. Gicarri Harris, the third son of Boilermaker great Glenn Robinson, was in the opening night starting lineup. So was 7-4 center Daniel Jacobsen, who flashed his potential with 13 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots in 25 minutes against Corpus Christi.

Sophomore guard Myles Colvin came off the bench to score a career-high 14 points. If Colvin doesn't crack the starting lineup, he could be instant offense in a reserve role.

Athletic sophomore forward Camden Heide could be a key player when the Boilermakers go smaller with the 6-9 Kaufman-Renn playing center. Freshman guard



**Braden Smith**



**Fletcher Loyer**

Photos courtesy Purdue Athletics

C.J. Cox and 6-11 classmate Raleigh Burgess will have roles as will 6-10 Caleb Furst, the Boilermakers' lone senior. Freshman forward Jack Benter, a 2024 Indiana All-Star, will redshirt.

Will Berg, the 7-2 center from Sweden, and former Carmel standout Brian Waddell will have to battle for the limited minutes available assuming Smith, Loyer and Kaufman-Renn average more than 30 minutes a game.

Jacobsen and Berg extend Purdue's streak of having a 7-footer on the roster to 13 consecutive seasons. High on the list of goals is a third consecutive outright Big Ten title, which would match the 1994-95-96 Boilermakers and the

1960-61-62 Ohio State Buckeyes as the only teams to achieve that feat. During the past 10 seasons Purdue's 125-48 record in league play is 15 games better than second-place Michigan State.

"We're excited about this group," Painter said. "We also know that it's going to be very hard. That's the one thing when you play a challenging schedule like we have, you know, in nonconference that you have to get yourself prepared because it is such a bear when you get to Big Ten play."

*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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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL BONDS
\$6,250,000 (Preliminary, Subject to Change)
CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, INDIANA
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice given by telephone, electronically or otherwise on behalf of the Carmel Clay Schools, Indiana, (the "School Corporation"), prior to ninety (90) days from the date of the second publication of this notice, separate electronic and sealed bids will be received on behalf of the School Corporation in care of the School Corporation's municipal advisor, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor"), 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240, (317) 465-1500 (telephone), bids@bakertilly.com (e-mail), in the manner as set forth herein for the purchase of the General Obligation Bonds of the School Corporation designated as "Carmel Clay Schools, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024" (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of Six Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$6,250,000) (preliminary, subject to change), bearing interest at a coupon rate not exceeding five percent (5.00%) per annum.

TYPES OF BIDS ALLOWED. Bidders may submit a bid for the Bonds as set forth in this Notice. Bids may be submitted via the PARITY® web site ("PARITY®") or by email to the Municipal Advisor at bids@bakertilly.com. Bidders may access the sale at the PARITY® website via the sale link at Internet Address www.newissuehome.i-deal.com between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (applicable Eastern Time) on the date identified in the notice given by, or on behalf of the School Corporation, not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the sale of the Bonds. To bid via PARITY®, bidders must have both (1) completed the registration form on PARITY®, if not previously registered, and (2) requested and received admission to the School Corporation's sale, as described in the Registration and Admission to Bid and details set forth below. As an alternative to PARITY®, bidders may submit a bid to the Municipal Advisor by e-mail to the Municipal Advisor at bids@bakertilly.com until 11:00 a.m. (applicable Eastern Time) on the date identified in the notice given by, or on behalf of the School Corporation, not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the sale of the Bonds. It is currently anticipated that sealed bids will be requested to be submitted on November 21, 2024.

POTENTIAL BIDDER QUESTIONS. If a potential bidder has questions related to the School Corporation, the financing or the submission of bids, questions should be submitted by electronic mail to the Municipal Advisor at the addresses set forth in this notice no later than 11:00 a.m. (applicable Eastern Time) on November 20, 2024. Any question submitted after such date and time or not submitted via electronic mail to the Municipal Advisor at the addresses set forth in this notice will not receive any response. To the best of the School Corporation's ability, all questions submitted on or before such date and time and submitted via electronic mail to the Municipal Advisor at the addresses set forth in this notice will be addressed by the School Corporation and sent to all potential bidders, including all bidders requesting the 24 hours' notice of sale, no later than 5:00 p.m. (applicable Eastern Time) on November 20, 2024. Additionally, upon request, the written responses of the School Corporation will be sent via electronic mail to any other interested person or entity requesting such written responses. Potential bidders should review the information in this notice as well as the Preliminary Official Statement for information regarding the School Corporation, the financing and the submission of bids prior to submitting any questions.

FORM, MATURITY AND PAYMENT OF BONDS. Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of twelve (12) thirty (30)-day months for a three hundred sixty (360)-day year and shall be payable semiannually on January 15 and July 15 in each year, commencing no earlier than July 15, 2025. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds in either certificated form or in book-entry-only form (as selected by the successful bidder) in either denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof or minimum denominations of \$100,000 each and any multiple of \$1,000 above such minimum denomination, as selected by the successful bidder, not exceeding the aggregate principal amount of such Bonds maturing on the applicable principal payment date, and when issued, will be registered in the name of the successful bidder or if the successful bidder determines to have such Bonds issued in book-entry-only form, then in the name of CEDE & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. If book-entry-only form is selected by the successful bidder, the purchasers of beneficial interests in the Bonds (the "Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of bond certificates and ownership by the Beneficial Owners will be evidenced by book-entry only. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds as nominee of DTC, payments of principal and interest will be made directly to such registered owner, which will in turn, remit such payments to the DTC Participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners. Neither the School Corporation nor the financial institution selected by the School Corporation as the registrar and paying agent (the "Registrar" and the "Paying Agent"), shall have any liability for the failure of DTC or any DTC Participant to remit the payment or provide any notice to any Beneficial Owner.

The Bonds shall be numbered consecutively from 2024R-1 upward, shall bear an original issue date which shall be the date the Bonds are issued and shall mature on the dates and in the amounts as follows:
Maturity Date\* Principal Amount\*
7/15/2025 \$ 580,000.00
1/15/2026 595,000.00
7/15/2026 2,505,000.00
1/15/2027 2,570,000.00

\*estimated, subject to change
The School Corporation reserves the right to adjust principal amounts within maturities of the Bonds to achieve approximate level annual debt service levies of the School Corporation based upon the rates bid by the successful bidder, the School Corporation's current debt service levy and the School Corporation's anticipated debt service levy during the term of the Bonds. The School Corporation also reserves the right to reduce the principal amount of the Bonds to be issued in order to receive no more than \$6,250,000 in proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, and in the event of such principal amount reduction to adjust principal amounts within maturities of the Bonds.

Except as may be agreed to by the School Corporation and the successful bidder, all payments of interest on the Bonds will be paid by check or draft mailed one business day prior to each interest payment date, to the registered owners of the Bonds at the address as it appears on the registration books kept by the Registrar and Paying Agent as of the first (1st) day of the month of the interest payment date or at such other address as is provided to the Registrar and Paying Agent in writing by such registered owner. Except as may be agreed to by the School Corporation and the successful bidder, principal on the Bonds will be payable at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) so long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid directly by the Paying Agent to DTC by wire transfer on the interest payment dates and principal payment dates in accordance with the procedures required by DTC, and (b) so long as all of the outstanding Bonds are held by one accredited investor, principal of and interest on the Bonds may be paid directly by the Paying Agent to DTC by wire transfer on the interest payment dates and principal payment dates without presentation of the Bonds.

The Bonds may be transferred or exchanged at the office of the Registrar, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Bonds.
REDEMPTION PROVISIONS. Unless otherwise noted in the twenty-four (24) hour notice of sale received by all interested bidders prior to the sale date of the Bonds, none of the Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. Upon the election of the successful bidder with respect to the Bonds, any of the Bonds may be issued as term bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on January 15 and July 15 of the year set forth above at 100% of the face value in accordance with the schedule set forth above. If any of the Bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, the Paying Agent shall credit against the mandatory sinking fund requirement for any term bonds and corresponding mandatory sinking fund redemption obligation, in the order determined by the School Corporation, any term bonds maturing on the same date which have previously been redeemed (otherwise than as a result of a previous mandatory redemption requirement) or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or purchased for cancellation by the Paying Agent and not theretofore applied as a credit against any redemption obligation. Each term bond so delivered or canceled shall be credited by the Paying Agent at 100% of the principal amount thereof against the mandatory sinking fund obligation on such mandatory obligations and the principal amount of that term bond to be redeemed by operation of the mandatory sinking fund requirement shall be accordingly reduced, provided, however, the Paying Agent shall credit such term bonds only to the extent received on or before forty-five days preceding the applicable mandatory redemption date.

Notice of any mandatory sinking fund redemption will be mailed by first class mail by the Paying Agent not less than 30 days prior to the date selected for redemption to the registered owners of all of the Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books of the Registrar; provided, however, that failure to give such notice by mailing or a defect in the notice or the mailing as to such Bonds will not affect the validity of any proceedings for redemption as to any other Bonds for which notice is adequately given. Notice having been mailed, such Bonds designated for redemption will, on the date specified in such notice, become due and payable at the then applicable redemption price. On presentation and surrender of such Bonds in accordance with such notice at the place at which the same are expressed in such notice to be redeemable or as otherwise agreed to by the School Corporation and set forth in the Bonds, such Bonds will be redeemed by the Paying Agent for that purpose. From and after the date of redemption so designated, unless default is made in the redemption of such Bonds, interest on such Bonds designated for redemption will cease.

INTEREST RATES. Each bid submitted must be for all of the Bonds and must state the rate or rates of interest therefor, not exceeding the maximum per annum interest rate hereinbefore specified. Such interest rate or rates must be in multiples of one-eighth (1/8) or one-one hundredth (1/100) of one percent (1.00%). Bids specifying more than one interest rate must also specify the amount and maturities of the Bonds bearing each rate. All Bonds maturing on the same date shall bear the same rate of interest. Although not a term of sale, it is requested that each bid show the total dollar cost to final maturity and the true net interest cost on the entire issue to which such bid relates.

BIDDING DETAILS. Any person interested in submitting a bid for the Bonds may furnish written notice of such intent along with such person's name, address and telephone number, on or before 11:00 a.m. (applicable Eastern Time), November 20, 2024, to the Municipal Advisor at the address set forth above. The person may also furnish a telex or e-mail address. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person or entity registered in PARITY® will be automatically deemed to have complied with the foregoing requirements for so long as such person or entity is registered in PARITY®. In addition to sending the notice on PARITY®, the School Corporation will cause each person so registered to be notified of the date and time bids will be received for the Bonds not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the date and time of sale. The notification shall be made by telephone at the number furnished by such person and also by telex and electronically if a telex or e-mail address has been furnished. No conditional bid or bids for less than ninety-nine percent (99.0%) of the par value of the Bonds will be considered. The School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bid. If no acceptable bid is received on the date fixed for sale of the Bonds, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter without further advertisement for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, but if so continued, no bid will be accepted which offers a net interest cost which is equal to or higher than the best bid received at the time fixed for the sale.

A bidder for the Bonds may purchase bond insurance to guarantee the repayment of the debt service of the Bonds from a bond insurance company; provided, however, the payment of any premium for any such bond insurance will be paid by the successful bidder from its discount bid, and will not be paid by the School Corporation.

Each of the bids for the Bonds not submitted via PARITY® shall (i) be sealed in an envelope if mailed, or with a cover page if sent electronically, marked "Carmel Clay Schools, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024"; (ii) be on the form approved by the School Corporation, without additions, alterations or erasures, which form may be obtained from the Municipal Advisor at the address set forth herein; and (iii) be delivered to the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the School Corporation at the applicable address set forth above.

While it is not a requirement for the successful bidder, the School Corporation encourages the successful bidder to make a good faith effort to offer the Bonds to be purchased by residents of the School Corporation.
INTERNET BIDS. If using PARITY®, bidders must first visit the PARITY® web site where, if they have never registered with PARITY®, they can register and then request admission to bid on the Bonds. Only NASD registered broker dealers and dealer banks with DTC clearing arrangements will be eligible to bid via PARITY®. Any questions pertaining to the PARITY® web site may be directed to PARITY® at (212) 849-5021.

RULES OF ELECTRONIC BIDDING. The "Rules" of PARITY® can be viewed on its website and are incorporated herein by reference. Bidders must comply with the requirements of PARITY® in addition to requirements of this Official Notice of Intent to Sell Bonds if the bidder is using PARITY®. To the extent there is a conflict between the Rules of PARITY® and this Official Notice of Intent to Sell Bonds, this Official Notice of Intent to Sell Bonds shall control.

CLOSED AUCTION. Bidders may change and submit bids as many times as they wish during the sale period for the Bonds, but they may not withdraw a submitted bid. The last bid submitted by a bidder prior to the deadline for the receipt of bids will be compared to all other final bids to determine the winning bid. During the sale, no bidder will see the status of their bid relative to other bids (e.g. whether their bid is the leading bid).

AMENDMENTS. The School Corporation reserves the right to amend any information contained in this Official Notice of Intent to Sell Bonds. The School Corporation also reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the date established for the receipt of bids on the Bonds. Any such amendment or postponement will be announced in the same manner as the notice of the sale from the Municipal Advisor as described in "BIDDING DETAILS." If any date fixed for the sale is postponed, any alternative sale date will be announced at least 24 hours prior to such alternative sale date.

BASIS FOR AWARD. The sale of the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein and which produces the lowest Net Interest Cost to the School Corporation. The Net Interest Cost is determined by computing the total interest on all of the Bonds from the date of delivery to the date of maturity or mandatory sinking fund redemption, if applicable, and deducting therefrom the premium bid, if any, or adding thereto the amount of any discount. In the event of a bidder's error in net interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates and premium, if any, set forth or incorporated by reference in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

In the event that the School Corporation fails to receive a bid on the Bonds from at least three Underwriters (as hereinafter defined), the School Corporation shall so advise the successful bidder for the Bonds (such successful bidder, the "Purchaser"). If the Purchaser is an Underwriter intending to resell all or any portion of the Bonds to the Public (as hereinafter defined), the Purchaser must, prior to acceptance of its bid by the School Corporation, either (i) agree in writing to neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for each maturity of Bonds during the Holding Period (as hereinafter defined) for any maturity of the Bonds or (ii) request in writing that the School Corporation treat the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the 10% test) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. For purposes of this Notice of Intent to Sell Bonds, (a) the term "Public" shall mean any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter, (b) the term "related party" means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly, (c) the term "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the School Corporation (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public), (d) the term "Underwriters" means more than one Underwriter, and (e) the term "Holding Period" means the period starting on the date the School Corporation awards the Bonds to the Purchaser (the "Sale Date") and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds to the Public at prices that are no higher than the initial offering price for such maturity of the Bonds. Any underwriter executing and delivering an Official Bid Form with respect to the Bonds agrees thereby that if its bid is accepted by the School Corporation (i) it shall accept such designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with all participating underwriters of the Bonds for purposes of assuring the receipt of each such participating underwriter of the Final Official Statement. The Purchaser shall be responsible for providing (i) in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Municipal Advisor as and at the time requested and (ii) a certification verifying information as to the bona fide initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public and sales of the Bonds appropriate for determination of the issue price of, and the yield on, the Bonds under Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as and at the time requested by the School Corporation's bond counsel.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT. The Purchaser will be required to provide to the School Corporation a good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the form of cash, a certified check or a cashier's check or a wire transfer in the amount of one percent (1.00%) of the principal amount of the Bonds to be issued. The Deposit must be provided to the School Corporation no later than 3:30 p.m. (applicable Eastern Time) on the business day immediately following the award of the Bonds. All checks shall be made payable to "Carmel Clay Schools", against default by the Purchaser in complying with the terms of this Notice and of its bid. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds awarded to the Purchaser.

In the event the Purchaser fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of the bid and this Notice, the Deposit shall become the property of the School Corporation and shall be taken and considered as liquidated damages of the School Corporation on account of such failure or refusal.

The Purchaser will be required to make payment for the Bonds in Federal Reserve or other immediately available funds and accept delivery of the Bonds within five (5) days after being notified that the Bonds are ready for delivery, at a bank designated by the School Corporation. Any premium bid must be paid in cash at the time of delivery as a part of the purchase price of the Bonds. The Bonds will be ready for delivery within sixty (60) days after the date on which the award is made, and if not deliverable within that period, the Purchaser will be entitled to rescind the sale and the Deposit will be returned. Any notice of rescission must be in writing. At the request of the School Corporation, the Purchaser shall furnish to the School Corporation, simultaneously with or before delivery of the Bonds, a certificate in form satisfactory to the School Corporation regarding the price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of each maturity was reoffered to the public.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its bid. No CUSIP identification number shall be deemed to be a part of any Bond or the contract evidenced thereby and no liability shall hereafter attach to the School Corporation or any of its officers or agents because of or on account of such numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing or typing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the School Corporation. The Purchaser will also be responsible for any other fees or expenses it incurs in connection with the resale of the Bonds.

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE. The Bonds are issued under the provisions of the Indiana Code to provide the School Corporation with funds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2024 General Obligation Bond Project as described and defined in the resolution adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation on October 28, 2024, as more fully described in the Preliminary Official Statement, together with the expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith, including the expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The principal of and interest on the Bonds are a general obligation of the School Corporation payable from ad valorem property taxes on all taxable property within the School Corporation as described in more detail in the Preliminary Official Statement.
BOND DELIVERY. At the time of delivery of the Bonds, the approving opinion of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana, Bond Counsel, as to the validity of the Bonds, together with a transcript of the proceedings for the Bonds, the printed Bonds and closing certificates in the customary form showing no litigation, will be furnished to the Purchaser at the expense of the School Corporation. In addition, unless bond counsel is able, on the date of delivery, to render an opinion to the effect that (1) under existing laws, regulations, judicial decisions and rulings, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for federal income tax purposes, and (2) the interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation in the state of Indiana for all purposes except the state financial institutions tax, the Purchaser shall have the right to rescind the sale, and in such event the Deposit will be returned.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT. A copy of the Preliminary Official Statement prepared at the direction of the School Corporation may be obtained in limited quantities prior to submission of a bid by request from the Municipal Advisor at the address set forth above. Said Preliminary Official Statement will be in a form deemed final by the School Corporation, pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), subject to completion as permitted by the Rule. The Preliminary Official Statement when further supplemented by an addendum or addenda specifying the interest rates of the Bonds, and any other information referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of the Rule, shall constitute a "Final Official Statement" of the School Corporation with respect to the Bonds, as that term is defined in the Rule. By awarding the Bonds to the Purchaser, the School Corporation agrees that, no more than seven (7) business days after the date of such award, it shall provide to the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate to which the Bonds are awarded, if applicable, up to ten (10) copies of the Official Statement at the School Corporation's expense, any additional copies to be at the expense of the underwriting syndicate. The School Corporation designates the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate to which the Bonds are awarded, if applicable, as its agent for purposes of distributing copies of the Final Official Statement to each participating underwriter. Any underwriter executing and delivering an Official Bid Form with respect to the Bonds agrees thereby that if its bid is accepted by the School Corporation (i) it shall accept such designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with all participating underwriters of the Bonds for purposes of assuring the receipt by each such participating underwriter of the Final Official Statement. The Purchaser shall be responsible for providing (i) in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Municipal Advisor as and at the time requested and (ii) a certification verifying information as to the bona fide initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public and sales of the Bonds appropriate for determination of the issue price of, and the yields on, the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as and at the time requested by the School Corporation's bond counsel.

In order to assist bidders in complying with paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule, the School Corporation will undertake, pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Contract which shall be delivered to the Purchaser at the closing on the Bonds, to provide annual reports, certain financial information, and notices of certain events as required by Section (b)(5) of the Rule. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the Final Official Statement.
If bids for the Bonds are submitted by mail, they should be addressed to School Corporation in care of the Municipal Advisor at the address listed above.
The School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and for no reason at all and to waive any and all informalities, defects or requirements set forth in this notice or any bid submitted in response to this notice.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2024.
CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Secretary, Board of School Trustees
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS
The City of Noblesville, Indiana is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested professionals for construction, operating, and financing services for the Noblesville Public Safety Building Project. In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Mayor's Office and Board of Public Works and Safety invite any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications, under a public-private partnership, to obtain financing, construct, and furnish the project, in Noblesville, Indiana. Six (6) Hard copies of the Development Team's qualification packet, including one thumb drive of the same, should be delivered by 9:00 am EST on December 17, 2024 to the City Clerk's Office, Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 in order to be considered. Any proposals received after that time will be returned unopened. Additional information and a packet outlining submittal requirements will be available at the Office of the Deputy Mayor and may be requested.
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Meet Me on Main' in Carmel
Join the fun on Saturday for Allied Solutions' Meet Me on Main in the historic Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 - 8 p.m.
on hand and local galleries will be aglow with talented artists and an array of media.
The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including The Indiana Design Center, art galleries, restaurants, boutiques and creative service providers, the District promises to stimulate the senses. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.
Enjoy live music throughout the District, gallery and merchant specials and a variety of retail and restaurant options for shopping and dining. This month features in part Lisa Pelo with a fun and creative event where you can make your very own glass pumpkin form.
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36.63 percent. 100 percent.

State Representative District 32 -- Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D) 15,776, 50.51 percent; Patricia Bratton (R) 15,457, 49.49 percent.

State Representative District 37 -- Todd Huston (R) 24,207, 100 percent,

State Representative District 39 -- Daniel "Danny" Lopez (R) 21,158, 53.73 percent; Matt McNally (D) 18,221, 46.27 percent.

State Representative District 88 -- Chris Jeter (R) 6,601, 57.86 percent; Stephanie Jo Yocum (D) 4,807, 42.14 percent.

Judge of the Circuit Court 24th Judicial -- Andrew R. Bloch (R) 131,788, 100 percent.

Judge of the Superior Court No. 1 -- Michael A. Casati (R) 131,004, 100 percent.

Judge of the Superior Court No. 6 -- Stephenie K. Gookins (R) 131,745, 100 percent.

County Auditor -- Todd Clevenger (R) 127,874, 100 percent.

County Treasurer -- Susan Byer (R) 128,893, 100 percent.

County Surveyor -- Gary Duncan (R) 104,580, 57.21 percent; Thomas William Davis (D) 78,221, 42.79 percent.

County Commissioner District 2 - Steven C. Dillinger (R) 131,754, 99.68 percent; write-in, 423, 0.32 percent.

County Commissioner District 3 -- Mark E. Heirbrandt (R) 132,590,

County Council Member At Large -- Sue Maki (R) 85,893, 26.74 percent; Brandon "Brad" Beaver (R) 85,204, 26.52 percent; Steven R. Nation (R) 77,201, 24.03 percent; Keely J. Gladieux (D) 72,928, 22.70 percent.

Carmel Clay School Board at Large (NP) -- Jon Shapiro 27,765, 30.00 percent; Kristina "Kris" Wheeler, 26,113, 28.22 percent; Robin L. Clark, 20,530, 22.19 percent; and Dina Ferchmin, 18,127, 19.59 percent.

Hamilton Heights School Board, Jackson Township (NP) -- Kevin Cavanaugh, 69.38 percent, 4,196; Elizabeth Fouch, 1,852, 30.62 percent.

Hamilton Southeastern School Board, White River Township (NP) -- Gretchen S. Pennington, 5,344, 100 percent.

Hamilton Southeastern School Board, Delaware Township (NP) -- Greg Lannan, 21,614, 45.86 percent; Latrica A. Schooley, 25,516, 54.14 percent.

Hamilton Southeastern School Board, Fall Creek Township (NP) -- Suzanne Thomas, 29,411, 60.90 percent; Terry Tolle, 18,880, 39.10 percent.

Hamilton Southeastern School Board, Wayne Township (NP) -- Sarah E. Parks-Reese, 27,965, 58.14 percent; John F. Stewart, 20,132, 41.86 percent.

Noblesville School Board At Large (NP) (Vote for 3) -- Stephanie Lambert, 15,209, 20.32 percent;

Christi Crosser, 14,637, 19.56 percent; Bret Richardson, 12,568, 16.79 percent; Alison Hanley, 12,079, 16.14 percent; David L. Dawson, 10,453, 13.97 percent; and Bradley A. Helvey, 9,889, 13.21 percent.

Sheridan School Board Marion Township (NP) (Vote for 2) -- Dan Fleming, 1,617, 41.78 percent; John Hunt, 1,546, 39.95 percent; Eric Nyberg, 707, 18.27 percent.

Westfield Washington School Board, District 1 (NP) -- Carrie Larrison, 20,669, 100 percent.

Westfield Washington School Board, District 3 (NP) -- Carl Mike Steele, 57.47 percent, 12,187; Matthew Hullinger, 9,020, 42.53 percent.

Retain Indiana Supreme Court Judge Rush - Yes, 111,516, 74.30 percent; No, 38,582, 25.70 percent.

Retain Supreme Court Judge Massa -- Yes, 105,918, 71.57 percent; No, 42,072, 28.43 percent.

Retain Supreme Court Judge Molter -- Yes, 107,618, 73.12 percent; No, 39,557, 26.88 percent.

Retain Court of Appeals District 4 Judge Pyle III - Yes, 107,618, 73.12 percent; No, 39,557, 26.88 percent.

Public question, Constitutional Amendment: Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders who shall discharge the powers and duties of the governor if the

office of the governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant? -- Yes, 99,432, 55.73 percent; No, 78,990, 44.27 percent.

Public question, Town of Sheridan: Shall the Town of Sheridan and Adams Township reorganize as a single political subdivision? - Yes, 1,180, 72.88 percent; No, 439, 27.12 percent.

Public question: Adams Township -- Yes, 780, 61.86 percent; No, 481, 38.14 percent.

In Hamilton County, 81,441 registered voters voted on Election Day; 20,146 voters voted by paper absentee ballot; and 98,092 voters vote by walk-in early voting, totaling 199,679 voters, with a turnout of 70.51 percent, of the 283,202 registered voters, in 220 precincts. R - Republican; D - Democrat; L - Libertarian; I - Independent; WTP - We the People; NP - Non-Partisan

# Carmel Receives DNR Grant



Photo courtesy Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

## The \$25k grant will be used to plant trees and remove invasive species in Central Park.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation was awarded a \$25K grant by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry.

CCPR was one of ten organizations/communities to receive a portion of the \$238,000 grant to support tree planting and maintenance, education, tree inventory, and management projects.

The projects were selected by the DNR Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) program and are funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, Urban & Community Forestry program.

CCPR will use the grant to plant trees and remove invasive species across 36 acres in Central Park. Removing invasive species from parks and replacing them with native plants helps better the ecosystem and provide food and habitat to

wildlife. Invasive species are non-native to a particular area, meaning they were intentionally or accidentally introduced. Invasive species outcompete native plants for resources such as water, sunlight, and soil nutrients. This displacement of native species causes harm to the environment, public health, and the economy.

Carmel Clay Parks Foundation will donate the grant funding match.

"This project reflects our commitment to ecology and conservation. Central Park is our largest and most-visited park, and our citizens trust us to continue restoring its wide variety of native environments," said Michael Klitzing, Director of Parks and Recreation/CEO. "We value Indiana DNR's recognition of our work and welcome their support and involvement."

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## Library Hosts Epic Fandom Event



Hamilton East Public Library is thrilled to announce its first ever LibraryCon!, a day dedicated to all things fantasy, fandom, and geeky goodness! This one-of-a-kind event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fishers Library located at 5 Municipal Dr. in Fishers. Fans of all ages are invited to come dressed as their favorite characters and join fellow enthusiasts for a day filled with a variety of workshops, live performances, games, crafts, vendors, artists and unforgettable experiences.

Whether you're a wizard, Jedi, superhero, or Pokémon trainer, this event will have something for everyone. Highlights include:

- **Trivia Showdown:** Want to test your trivia chops? Compete in categories ranging from Pokémon, Harry Potter, Star Wars, and more. The top three teams will win fantastic prizes, so bring your A-game and prepare for a fun-filled challenge!
- **Craft Activities:** Unleash your creativity with craft activities, where fans can make a dice bracelet, craft a no-sew cape for your inner hero or villain, make a manga-themed button or magnet, and more.
- **Artist and Vendor Marketplace:** Visit the Artist and Vendor Marketplace in Ignite Studio to purchase fandom art, memorabilia, games, and more! Visit the Friends of the Library Book Shop for a special LibraryCon! sale—50% off select items. Check out the “Random

Fandom” art exhibit in the lower lobby featuring fan art from over 15 local artists.

- **Photo Opportunities:** Want to take a picture of your amazing cosplay? Check out the 360° photobooth and selfie stations throughout the library for memorable photo ops.
- **Cosplay Contest and Parade:** Show off your totally awesome attire! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, everyone is welcome. From superheroes to villains, anime characters to video game legends, let's see your best interpretations. Win amazing prizes and bragging rights!

“We are excited to give people a way to connect through their favorite fandoms,” said Erin Weir, Teen Program Coordinator. “Fandoms are communities that share their love of stories and characters in books, media, and art. This event will let fans of all kinds meet, celebrate, and learn from each other in a fun, welcoming space for all.”

Attendance and activities are free, aside from the artist and vendor marketplace and on-site food trucks. The event is open to all ages, and families are encouraged to attend. RSVP is not required, though some workshops and activities require day-of onsite registration and are on a first-come, first served basis.

For more information about LibraryCon!, visit HEPL's website at [hamiltoneastpl.org](http://hamiltoneastpl.org).

## Staffing Firm Celebrates Anniversary

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SRG is located on Fishers Landing in Fishers and is owned by Lee and Shannon Wenninger.



## Witham Has Job Fair

Witham Health Services will host a virtual job fair on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Attendees may join the online meeting at any point during this timeframe. They are asked to come with their camera on and be ready for an on-the-spot interview.

Witham is seeking to fill several positions at the health system's locations in Lebanon, Frankfort, Crawfordsville and Zionsville. Open positions for front desk, LPN, MA, RN, security, environmental services and more can be found at [www.witham.org/careers](http://www.witham.org/careers) where those interested may also register for the virtual job fair.

Attendees who join at noon, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m., can also participate in a 15-minute session to discover why Witham may be the right fit for them, along with tips on avoiding common resume errors and preparing for interviews. Witham recruiters will also be on hand for recruiter

meet and greet sessions, so that attendees can gain insights into the health system's hiring process and learn more about career opportunities at Witham.

Witham has been named a Top Work Place in Central Indiana by the Indianapolis Star every year since 2017 and a Platinum Level Fit-Friendly Worksite by the American Heart Association since 2010. Witham employees are eligible for health, dental, and vision insurance, short and long-term disability insurance, life insurance, PTO Exchange, employee discounts on gym memberships, phones, travel and more. Savi Public Student Load Forgiveness Assistance, retirement savings and employee assistance programs. Anyone interested in applying for a role at Witham or participating in the virtual job fair on November 19, should visit [www.witham.org/careers](http://www.witham.org/careers) to search open positions and register for the job fair.

## Spotlight on Art Donates \$50K Again

Last November, Esther Lakes, Chairwoman and Founder of Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children and her team of community leaders, once again provided \$50,000 of support to Prevail, Inc., the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc. Building off of two years of success, the event committee is looking forward to hosting another spectacular Spotlight on Art this November 14th.

“A sincere thank you to all who helped make our second Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children a success: our sponsors, the award-winning artists, the teachers and students who donated children's art, and especially those who attended and purchased art,” said Lakes. “Because of the community's generosity, the Spotlight on Art committee has been able to donate \$100,000 in two years to three youth-serving organizations that are making a positive impact in our community.”

This premier evening of art and philanthropy will be held at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel again this year. Guests are invited to attend and have the opportunity to support children who face life's challenges by shopping with local award-winning artists as well as artwork from local student artists. Each will be selling pieces that may enrich the lives of the purchaser while enriching the lives of the local children that need this support the most.

“When I was asked by Esther Lakes to serve



**Steve Nation**



**Esther Lakes**

as Honorary Chair, I again immediately said yes, because I know how she cares for the children of our community and her belief in the importance of each child,” returning Honorary Event Chair and retired judge Steve Nation said. “The purpose of this event is to better serve families and care for our children so that they can reach their potential. If we fail to help prepare pathways for our children to enable them to overcome the situations in their lives, then they may never be able to find out who they are or what they can be. This is what we are supporting through this event, Prevail, Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, and Children's TherAplay.”

“We invite everyone to attend this premier evening of art and philanthropy that supports children's charities, thanks to the talent of local and student artists,” stated Lakes. “With a bit of support from many, enriching the lives of these diverse groups of children, it's possible to make so many dreams come true!”

To purchase event tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://spotlightonart.home.qtego.us/>, or follow the event on Facebook and Instagram.

## Sheriff's Department Says Heroes Run a Success



Photos courtesy Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

More than 300 people took part in the race.



Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush and a participant.

### From Captain Scott Goff Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation hosted the fourth annual Heroes Run at Strawtown Koteewi Park on Nov. 2. The race involved a 5K, 1-mile family stroll, virtual opportunity. This year's race honored EMS and was a tremendous success!

About 330 brave men, women and children registered for the race. Their ages ranged from two to eighty-five years old. Additionally, many participants brought their super cute canine companions to walk in support of the cause. The courageous group embraced the great outdoors and showcased the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Special thanks to the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation, White River Township Fire Department, Riverview Health, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni Association for graciously supporting the event.

The HCSO Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which creates opportunities for the community and law enforcement to support each other. The funds generated help reach the following goals throughout the year:

- Provide financial aid and help for those in need in our community, particularly children.
- Support hard-working employees at the Sheriff's Office.
- Build stronger relationships between deputies, correctional officers and staff with all members of the community.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the race. You are a HERO! Please save next year's tentative race date: November 1st, 2025. In the meantime, check out our social media and website for upcoming exciting events: <https://www.facebook.com/HCSOCommunityFoundation> <https://www.hcsogivesback.org/>

Lace up those shoes and we'll see you at the park...especially Strawtown Koteewi Park!



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## What's the Point? Abuse and Control



**MARK HALL**  
Guest Columnist

We get incredible support from the community. Our family of donors, volunteers, pantry hosts, companies and churches invest time each month to make sure food is available in pantries across Hamilton County. Occasionally I'll get a report from a frustrated volunteer, "my pantry was just decimated" or "someone took everything". Inevitably that leads to follow-up questions that go something like this. Why do people abuse our pantries? What's the point if some people are selfish and take it all? Isn't there something we can do to control the abuse?

This conversation can be challenging. It's better to have over a cup of coffee, so pour yourself a cup, find a spot in your most comfy chair and let's get real for a few minutes.

When explaining the behavior, we start with the fact that while the Feeding Team has wonderful intentions, there are some people who will never understand why we do what we do, this is tricky to realize. There are people who can't or won't respect the free will nature of our "Take What You Need, Give What You Can" business model. I'm not talking about those with willful bad intentions and let's set aside for a minute, the kids whose mischievous vandalism gets taken out on a pantry, I'm not talking about them. I'm talking about our neighbors who like most of us, need some help from time to time.

First things first, people that shop in our pantries have a secret. It's not rocket science, but it is their secret burden to carry through this chapter of their life. Here's their secret, they're afraid. Afraid of being embarrassed, afraid of not having a meal for their family, afraid of being seen as a fraud, afraid of food insecurity, afraid of failure, afraid of desperation, or simply afraid of the unknown. Fear makes people behave differently. Fear drives the decision to raid a pantry or shoplift from a supermarket. What's the Point? Our point, and our purpose, is to make food available for those in need. Undaunted by the small percentage of troublemakers, the point is to have multiple places where if someone is hungry, they can always find a meal. It's not elegant, the fact is the point is simple. We work to meet a need head on.

Do we condone the abuse? Not at all. Can we be at all 73 locations at once, acting as the pantry police? Nope. We choose to accept the fact that we can't control people's behavior. We choose to accept the fact that some people will abuse the system. We also choose to believe that for every one neighbor that is misguided, there are many who respect the model, appreciate the service to the community that pantries offer, and choose to benefit from what Feeding Team does.

A few weeks ago, a weathered road weary man in his thirties knocked on my office window after getting a few meals from the pantry at our office. I was startled at first, but he just wanted to thank us for what we do. He described how he walks from his place near downtown Noblesville a few times each week to get food. Food that he describes as live saving. His comment "I don't know that I'd be able to survive if this wasn't here for me", should make us all pause, be thankful for what we have, and realize that the working poor are among us. Our lives are inextricably intertwined with theirs, whether we admit it or not. Now that he spoke to me, I see him regularly during the day selecting food from the pantry.

What we do is simple and what we do is hard. Raising money, acquiring food, distributing it, watching it vanish knowing that it helps many families and then repeating the process again and again. It's the cycle of service and the heartbeat of what we do.

If you find yourself in need, maybe occasionally you are like I was, a member of the working poor, then Feeding Team Pantry's are especially for you. They are here for you, 24-7-365. They are completely anonymous, no shame and no guilt. We take no information and have no expectations of you other than you merely take only what you need please. Leave food for others that are also in need.

Some future day, we hope that you consider giving what food you can and sharing your blessings with others that could use some help.

The Feeding Team launched pantry 73 recently, with location 74 already secured, it will be deployed in the coming weeks. We are grateful for the

support of our community, volunteers, sponsors and donors. Thank you.

With over 40,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, [www.Feedingteam.org](http://www.Feedingteam.org) is a registered 501C3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked, free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us. [www.feedingteam.org](http://www.feedingteam.org) facts - 73 pantries, over 12,000 meals in September 2024, over one hundred individual and thirty volunteer families. Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at [lisa@feedingteam.org](mailto:lisa@feedingteam.org) and [mark@feedingteam.org](mailto:mark@feedingteam.org) or 317-832-1123.

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