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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Hamilton Happenings

Hamilton County was well represented at the recent Indiana Cheer Championship State Finals in New Castle. The Indiana Cheer Championship is a series of competitions exclusively for Indiana school cheerleaders. In the Varsity Co-Ed Division, Carmel took the top honors in the state with Fishers second. In the Varsity A division, Hamilton Southeastern finished third and in the High School Time-Out category for large schools, Southeastern again finished third in the entire state. The competition featured 33 HS Time-Out teams and 25 Varsity cheerleading teams from around the State of Indiana that reached the State Finals after scoring in the top 60 percent of the Preliminary contest.

Three Things You Should Know

1 This week has been Global Entrepreneurship Week in Indiana. The IEDC released its third edition of Entrepreneurship Indiana. This entrepreneurial yearbook, published in partnership with PATTERN, honors the state's entrepreneurial ecosystem and aims to inspire future founders and innovators. Indiana is committed to investing in the growth and success of the state's entrepreneurial ecosystem, which continues to inspire entrepreneurs, fuel new innovations, create quality jobs for Hoosiers and attract record levels of capital investment.

2 The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications has filed disciplinary charges against Putnam Superior Court Judge Charles D. Bridges. The commission alleges Judge Bridges demonstrated an inability to perform judicial and administrative duties competently, diligently, promptly and without bias or prejudice. The commission charges two counts of misconduct. In one count, the commission alleges Judge Bridges violated the Code of Judicial Conduct, which requires the judge to act without bias or prejudice and to refrain from harassment based upon gender. In the remaining count, the commission charges that Judge Bridges violated the Code of Judicial Conduct and Rules of Trial Procedure by ruling on motions before allowing the opposing party to respond by deadlines and also by failing to rule on other motions. The Supreme Court has final authority to determine what, if any, judicial misconduct occurred.

3 Indiana currently ranks 40 out of 50 states with an alarming 37.7 percent of Hoosiers considered obese. And type 2 diabetes and obesity are closely related conditions. So much so that the new medical term "diabesity" has been used to describe what's becoming a worldwide epidemic which impacts every state in the U.S.

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Ask Rusty - Older Veteran Asks about Special Social Security Credit

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Dear Rusty: I served in the U S Army from January 1958 to Feb 1961. What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran: First, thank you for your military service! I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service" which are available to some who served in in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving

between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service. That means for 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served. FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967 (as in your case) you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214 (your discharge papers). SS

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What Seniors Need to Know About Changes to Medicare Part D

By Dr. Kenneth Thorpe

Congress recently made a number of changes to Medicare's "Part D" prescription drug benefit. The changes were part of President Biden's signature legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act. The legislation was intended to make it easier for seniors to afford their medicines.

Some of the changes will indeed help seniors. But other changes could inadvertently raise seniors'

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Older Adults Can Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls With These Doctors' Tips

(StatePoint) Among older Americans, falls are the number one cause of injuries and death from injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Not only are seniors more at risk for falls, but when they do fall, they are at a greater risk for injuries, hospitalization and complications. Medical

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From Creepy & Kooky to Just Plain Cool!



Photo courtesy of Carmel Community Players

Experience live theater at Carmel Community Players' production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," the comedic story of how Peter became Pan, opening tonight and continuing through Nov. 24 at The Cat in downtown Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org.



BETSY REASON Columnist

Join the creepy and kooky audience experience at Noblesville High School's fall musical, "The Addams Family." Skate at Federal Hill Ice Plaza in Noblesville and attend the opening of Ice Ribbon and a tree lighting at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield. Shop at Christkindmarkt in Carmel. Experience live theater during Carmel Community Players' "Peter and the Starcatcher" play. H. 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 30 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. 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. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville High School Auditorium, with ticket link at https://noblesvillechoirs.org/events/musical-2024/ and Noblesville High School Choir Parent Organization Facebook page

2. Experience live theater at Carmel Community Players' production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," the comedic story of how Peter became Pan, continuing through Sunday at The Cat in downtown Carmel, with tickets at carmelplayers.org.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you want to get more exercise, consider getting a dog and walk it regularly.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." Epicurus

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!)

Knock knock! Who's there? Hanna Hanna who? Hanna partridge in a pear tree!

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Cicero Kiwanis Learn About One Child at a Time



Photo courtesy Cicero Kiwanis

Last year, SFK raised more than \$12,000 and provided almost 60 children with an unforgettable shopping experience.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero recently hosted Dustin Dixon, President of Shop For Kids, at their weekly meeting. Members learned about the remarkable impact of this community-driven organization, which has been quietly transforming lives in Hamilton County for the past 15 years.

Founded in 2009 by Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Todd Green, SFK began as a simple idea. While patrolling the streets of Northern Hamilton County, Deputy Green recognized that, despite the county's affluence, there were families who needed a

helping hand, especially during the holiday season. Partnering with his father, Bud Green, he approached local businesses for donations to take children shopping for Christmas gifts — and thus, a cherished tradition was born.

Last year, SFK raised over \$12,000, providing almost 60 children with an unforgettable shopping experience. "We collaborate with organizations like Good Samaritan Network, Youth Assistance Programs, local schools, churches, and rely on word of mouth to identify families in

need," explained Dixon.

Each child is paired with a law enforcement officer from the Indiana State Police, Cicero, Sheridan, and Arcadia Police Departments, with the Department of Natural Resources joining this year. Before the shopping spree, the children and their officer "elves" bond over lunch, games of ping pong, and foosball. The event culminates in an exciting police-escorted drive, complete with lights and sirens, to a local Target store.

"We make sure to understand the children's needs by talking with parents,"

Dixon shared. "But the real joy for the officers is fulfilling the children's wishes."

"Shop For Kids has a dual mission," said Kiwanis Club of Cicero President Mark Bailey. "It not only brings holiday cheer to children in need, but also strengthens the relationship between law enforcement and the community."

This year's event is set for Saturday, Dec. 7. For more information, to nominate a child, or to make a donation, please contact shopforkidshc@gmail.com or visit Facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC.

Boys & Girls Club Has Big Donation Ready to Match



Now through Dec. 3, the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will be participating in #GivingTuesday; a global day of giving that encourages and celebrates philanthropy worldwide. The Club is hosting a campaign to create "Limitless Possibilities" for thousands of local kids. The first \$20,000 in donations to the campaign will be generously matched thanks to George Kristo and Tim & Beth Meister.

"We are immensely grateful for the incredible generosity of our donors. Their selfless contributions not only provide much-needed support but also serve as a testament to the power of compassion and community," said BGCN Executive Director, Becky Terry. "Together, we are making a meaningful impact and creating positive change. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every donor for their kindness and commitment to providing youth with opportunities to succeed and excel. Kids today need people to see their potential and help them achieve it — and the Boys & Girls Club is here for that reason."

This year, the Club's

goal is to surpass last year's total of \$43,000 that was raised through #GivingTuesday.

In 2023, BGCN served 2,086 local youth with its affordable, high-impact after school programs while serving more than 27,000 healthy snacks and nutritious meals. As a community staple for 73 years, the Club has offered local kids after school programs and opportunities to experience new things and be themselves in a place they can call their own.

A peer-to-peer fundraising campaign is taking place now through December 3rd. Donations can be made by calling the Club, dropping off a donation, or donating online by visiting www.bit.ly/BGCN2024.

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, we provide opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. We are dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential

Santa Tours Back in Carmel



Photo courtesy Carmel Fire Department

Mark your calendars as Santa returns to Carmel this holiday season with his friends from the Carmel Fire, Police and Street departments. The tours begin Sunday, Dec. 24 and include 10 dates with 10 different routes through Sunday, Dec. 15. Each tour time will be from 5-8 p.m. on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Santa Tours will also incorporate senior living facilities, schools and parks for those who don't live along one of the neighborhood routes.

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experts say that for people of all ages, a ground-up approach to fall prevention starts with healthy feet.

“Painful foot conditions, such as osteoarthritis, calluses, bunions, hammertoes and diabetes complications, can make it difficult to maintain balance and coordination when walking or standing,” says Bryn J. Laubacher, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ACFAS). “Compounding the issue is that when you are suffering from a painful foot condition, it can be more difficult to engage in the strength and balance exercises that ultimately reduce fall risk.”

Experts say that eliminating foot pain can lessen one’s chances of experiencing a life-altering fall. That’s why the foot and ankle surgeons of ACFAS offer these steps for keeping feet and ankles strong and healthy:

Don’t ignore pain: Foot pain is not just a normal consequence of aging, so don’t ignore aching and suffering or resign yourself to it. You likely have a treatable condition. See a foot and ankle surgeon when you experience pain for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Examine your feet: Regularly inspect your feet. If you notice any bumps, lumps or other changes, make an appointment with your foot and ankle surgeon for evaluation.

Exercise: Simple stretching exercises can help you maintain

strength and mobility in your feet and ankles, as well as provide pain relief. Talk to your physician about appropriate exercises for you.

Protect: Wear cushioned insoles or any special footwear you are prescribed, along with comfortable, well-fitting and supportive shoes, every day – even around the house.

Consider advanced options: Know that at times, surgery is the most appropriate treatment for a given condition. Fortunately, many surgical techniques today can be performed on an outpatient basis. There are also more options than ever before.

According to Dr. Laubacher, new medical technologies and ground-breaking surgical interventions, such as bioengineered scaffolding for reconstructive surgery, minimally invasive techniques and stem cell regeneration, are helping patients restore functionality and get back to normal faster than ever before,

For more ways to keep feet and ankles healthy and prevent falls, and to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the ACFAS patient education website. Foot and ankle surgeons are experts in providing both conservative care as well as surgical approaches to foot and ankle healthcare.

“Remember, just one fall can have a major impact on a person’s independence and quality of life. That’s why it’s so important to prevent falls by taking care of your feet and ankles,” says Dr. Laubacher.

Franciscan Hosting Free AFib Webinar

Franciscan Health is hosting a free, live webinar aimed at helping patients and their caregivers learn more about atrial fibrillation, commonly known as AFib.

The heart is the center of the body’s electrical activity. When the heart’s electrical system malfunctions, it may signal AFib. Arrhythmias like AFib can cause lightheadedness or the feeling of butterflies in the chest and can increase the risk of stroke.

Philip George, MD, a Franciscan Physician

Network electrophysiologist practicing at Franciscan Health Indiana Heart Physicians in Indianapolis, will lead the webinar. Dr. George will help participants learn more about AFib including common symptoms, when to see a specialist, treatment options and lifestyle changes that can help prevent it.

The one-hour webinar is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3. The webinar is free, but registration is required. Registration is available online at fran.care/afibwebinar.

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costs, reduce their access to medicines, and stifle the development of new treatments.

With open enrollment season just around the corner -- it'll run from October 15 to December 7 this year -- every senior should know about the Inflation Reduction Act and how it has impacted Medicare.

First, the good news. Seniors using insulin now have their costs capped at \$35 each month. This has already made a huge difference for those living with diabetes.

Starting next year, seniors' yearly out-of-pocket Part D drug costs will be capped at \$2,000. Seniors will also have the option to spread these costs out over the entire year through a new program called the "Medicare Prescription Payment Plan." Both of these changes can help seniors who rely on multiple brand-name medicines and those on fixed incomes.

But right now, very few enrollees are aware of this new program. Medicare could do more to alert seniors to this new feature, especially since seniors interested in this benefit will need to opt in. During open enrollment season, seniors should consider contacting their Part D insurers if they'd benefit from spreading out their pharmacy costs.

Because of the Inflation Reduction Act, Medicare can now set prices on some covered drugs for the first time

ever. Unfortunately, this policy has had some unintended effects on the development of new medicines. Thus far, it has already resulted in the discontinuation of at least 36 research programs and 22 experimental drugs.

The Inflation Reduction Act has also resulted in higher premiums for seniors. This year, standalone Part D plans were on track to cost 21% more than they did last year, on average. As a result, many seniors switched to lower cost options. The number of plans available has also dropped, down about 25% since 2020.

Because of the law, many insurers have also shifted some medications to "non-preferred" or "specialty" tiers that require higher out-of-pocket costs, restricting beneficiaries' access to previously covered drugs. Some insurers have also created rules that make it harder to get the drugs your doctor recommends, like making patients first try cheaper options.

It is important that seniors learn about these changes -- and the impact they're having on their access to medicines.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is chairman of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. He is chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.

Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus at Sheridan Library

It’s that merry time of year! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Bring your list and enjoy some Christmas cheer! Santa will be handing out craft bags with wooden toys and books (available while

supplies last). Thank you to Carmel Kiwanis for donation of these toys. Enjoy the Holiday Workshop with hot chocolate, donuts, fun games, reindeer food making station, family photo opportunity and more! We look forward to seeing you. Happy Holidays!



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would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may – or may not – affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime (adjusted for inflation). If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the “special extra credits for military service” would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay (including those special extra credits) for any year is more than you earned in

civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the “For Veterans” section of our AMAC Foundation website interesting (www.amacfoundation.org)

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HHSC Counselors Honored With Gold Star



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

From left, counselors’ April Baugher, Jessica Cantlon, Lori Watson, Chelsea Pacheco, Sabrina Duncan, Tricia Rudy and Nikki Wert after being presented with the Gold Star Carrying the Torch Award for their buildings.

The Indiana School Counselor Association presented Hamilton Heights School Corporation counselors with the *Gold Star Carrying the Torch Award* for each of their schools last Friday.

Receiving this status demonstrates that Heights’ schools have a comprehensive and accountable school counseling and guidance program, aligned to Indiana School Counselor and Student Standards and American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards. Participating schools and school counseling programs will implement a plan that includes the establishment of a program vision and mission, data-based accountability, standards-driven student guidance activities, counseling

and advocacy, program management, the alignment of resources and an annual improvement plan.

Because Indiana is one of six states in the nation to earn reciprocity with ASCA’s Recognized ASCA Program (RAMP) for the state’s Carrying the Torch to Student Success Comprehensive School Counseling Initiative, the Gold Star status also qualifies each building for RAMP recognition!

Congratulations to Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy at the Elementary, Sabrina Duncan and Chelsea Pacheco at the Middle School, and Lori Watson, Jessica Cantlon (also nominated for High School Counselor of the year), and April Baugher.

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Tree Planting Grant Program Back for 2nd Year

The City of Noblesville, SMC Corporation of America and the Noblesville Tree Board announced the second year of the Tree Planting Grant Program. The city marks 34 consecutive years of being named a Tree City USA recipient by the Arbor Day Foundation. SMC will donate \$2,500 to the grant program, and the City of Noblesville will match that donation.

The city and SMC have forged a strong partnership, harnessing the power of our community to drive economic growth, workforce development, and attraction strategies. We have extended this collaboration to environmentalism, announcing a partnership for the second year for the tree-planting grant program to coincide with Earth Day and Arbor Day. The Tree Board leads the tree planting grant program to increase the tree canopy cover in our community.

"Noblesville is grateful to have a community partner like SMC Corporation of America who invests in the long-term growth and sustainability of our city," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "We appreciate the collaboration with SMC and Noblesville Tree Board to launch the grant application program for the second year, furthering our commitment to maintaining our natural resources."

Last year, SMC Corporation donated \$2,000 to the tree planting grant program, which was matched by the City of Noblesville through Mayor Jensen and the Common Council. The inaugural grant recipients in 2024 included Same As U, Deer Creek Elementary School, Mill Grove, Deer Path, Pebble Brook Villas, and Verdure Sciences.

"At SMC, our commitment to sustainability and community support is at the core of everything we do," said Kelley Stacy, President, and CEO of SMC Corporation of America. "We are proud to once again partner with the City of Noblesville and the Tree Board for this year's Tree Planting Grant Program. This continued collaboration underscores our dedication to environmental stewardship and reflects our investment in the long-term health and vibrancy of our community. By nurturing this program, we aim to foster a legacy of sustainability and growth that will benefit Noblesville for generations to come."

The Tree Board is responsible for the development of a master plan for the care, preservation,

pruning, planting, removal, and disposition of street trees in the City of Noblesville. They will coordinate its efforts with related projects of such groups as the Park Board, Plan Commission, and the Street Department.

"The Noblesville Tree Board is proud to partner with SMC and the City of Noblesville as we continue to look for ways to increase the tree canopy cover of our fair city. Trees provide many valuable economic, health, environmental and aesthetic benefits to our community. From reducing energy bills, to air quality improvement, to increasing property values and lowering stress; trees are the only part of our working infrastructure that actually increases in value over time. This grant offers our community the opportunity to work together to plant trees on private land in partnership, which will benefit all for years to come," said Ashley Mullis, Noblesville Tree Board.

In 2024, the City of Noblesville announced it received the 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Grant to plant 147 street trees. The grant, which is \$106,150 in federal funds administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is part of a grant awarded to the Division of Forestry from the USDA Forest Service. In addition to the city's commitment to tree planting through the tree planting grant program, the grant received in 2024, the city plants approximately 175 new street trees within the right of way and on city properties, in addition to the trees that the Parks & Recreation Department plants along the trails and at the parks. In addition to the grant planting, the city will be planting an additional 150 street trees this spring as part of our annual operations and budget.

Apply for a Grant:

- The applications are open until Jan. 3, 2025, and can be found online at <https://bit.ly/NoblesvilleTreePlantingGrant>.
- Grant Awards
 - Applicants may apply for a minimum of five (5) trees and maximum of 20 trees.
 - The trees will be 15-18-gallon size which are approximately six to eight feet tall. In addition to the trees, applicants will receive training and guidance from the Noblesville Tree Board which includes two certified arborists as well as volunteers on the day of planting. The annual Arbor Day Proclamation may take place at a project site as well to celebrate.
- Grant Timeline
 - Nov. 2024 - Applications are live on the City of Noblesville website and can be submitted through Jan. 3, 2025.
 - Jan. 3, 2025 - February 28, 2025 - Review committee will evaluate the Applicant's projects.
 - March 2025 - Approved Project(s) will be announced and plans will be finalized.
 - April 2025 - Weather depending, trees will be delivered at the project site during the last two weeks of April. Plantings will be scheduled for the last two weeks of April with the approved Applicants, with consideration of Arbor Day, City availability, and volunteer availability.

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Noblesville Lions Induct New Members



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As part of the Noblesville Lions Veterans night meeting, they inducted four new members to the club. They were inducted by Lion DG Rocky Simpson. The Lion family is growing! From left, Lion DG Rocky Simpson, Lion Jeff Kozicki sponsored Todd Thurston, Lion Julia Kozicki sponsored Kate Baker, Bruce Moss sponsored by Lion Larry Jacobi (not pictured), and Lion John Einsfeld sponsored Scott Willis.

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3. Enjoy live music with Ciara Haskett tonight, Sam King on Nov. 29 and Dec. 27, John Beatrice Band on Nov. 30 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

4. The Federal Hill Commons Ice Plaza will be open Saturday with hours through Jan. 6, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville with skating passes and more info available at noblesvilleparks.org, with the free Holiday Walking Tour opening every night beginning Saturday at Federal Hill, and carriage rides, with or without Santa, will be available in December, with reservations at noblesvilleparks.org.

5. Join the grand opening celebration 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday for the Ice Ribbon skating season at Grand Junction Plaza in downtown Westfield.

6. Shop and eat and experience musical talents at the annual Carmel Christkindlmarkt, which opens Saturday and continues through Dec. 24, 4-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursdays, noon-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, noon-8 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays and Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, special hours noon-9 p.m. Nov. 27, 4-9 p.m. Dec. 16-17, noon-9 p.m. Dec. 23, noon-4 p.m. Dec. 24 at carmelchristkindlmarkt.com

7. 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.

8. 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, with registration at <https://www.michaeltreinenfoundation.org/>

9. 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. Also, Christmas Eve shut-in delivery available.

10. 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

11. Shop at the Suburban Indy Holiday Show Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Grand Park in Westfield with tickets at suburbanindyshow.com

12. Shop Small Business Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 30 in Downtown Noblesville.

13. Attend the Cicero Tree Lighting Festival & Parade at 4 p.m. Nov. 30 through downtown Cicero, with activities to follow at Cicero Park with Santa and Mrs., pet a reindeer, warm up by the fire, dine on chili and enjoy holiday filled activities.

14. Attend Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's annual Lighting of the Square tree lighting with live entertainment, at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville.

15. 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

16. Experience live theater as Main Street Productions' "Greetings!" holiday comedy Dec. 5-15 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org

17. Shop at the Janus Holiday Shoppe 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13 at Janus Developmental Services on Westfield Road (Indiana 32) with items that include new birdhouse designs, tree skirts, stockings, dog leashes and collars, pacifier clips, lanyards, beaded mobiles, mixed media and upcycled art, clay jewelry and desk decor, with Janus participants making a commission on art pieces sold with more info at janus-inc.org.

18. Celebrate Noblesville Main Street's First Friday with Deck the Downtown events 4-8 p.m. Dec. 6 in downtown Noblesville with transportation to Lights Over Seminary Park, ice skating at Federal Hill Commons, The Birdie Gallery and Noblesville Creates (formerly Nickel Plate Arts) and the sounds of

Hinkle Creek Carolers, with midnight madness shopping until midnight.

19. Experience the annual outdoor, drive-through, Living Nativity 5-8 p.m. Dec. 6 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Fishers.

20. Join the Downtown Noblesville Cookie Crawl, in its second year, by pre-ordering a cookie tin (\$40) before Dec. 7 and then pick up your tin and map on Dec. 7 at Linden Tree and walk around the downtown collecting cookies to fill your tin at participating businesses with more info at lindentreegifts.com or by calling 317-773-3238.

21. Visit the Llamas at Hamilton Town Center noon-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville.

22. Enjoy Santa's Soiree 4-7 p.m. Dec. 7 at Village Green near the Christmas Tree at Clay Terrace in Carmel, with Santa's arrival at 4 p.m., Gian Snow Globe, live music with the Elf Band, beverages from Upland Brewing, Christmas tree lighting just after sundown, carriage rides 4:30-7:30 p.m., selfies with Santa's Friends, roaming entertainment, face painters and more.

23. Enjoy live music with Jeff Brown at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jennifer Mlott on Nov. 23, Mike Partin on Nov. 30, Ciara Haskett on Dec. 7, Juan Douglas Trio on Dec. 21, Third Space Duo on Dec. 28 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

24. 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



Photo courtesy of Noblesville High School 2024 grad Tyler Cohen

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. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

parking and \$5 tickets at the door and at handmadevintagemarket.com.

25. 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.

26. 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 3-6 p.m., with more at westfieldwelcome.com

27. 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.

28. 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

29. Shop at Grace Care Center's annual Christmas Store 1-5 p.m. Dec. 21 and 22 at Grace Church in Noblesville, created to help local families find gifts, providing more than 10,000 gifts and serving more than 1,000 families, with reservations for time slots available in advance, with more info at gracechurch.us/christmasstore.

30. Santa is coming to town and families can ride with him starting Dec. 21, for private 15-20-minute carriage rides through downtown Noblesville, for \$125, with reservations at noblesvilleparks.org

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Breaking Down Boilermaker Basketball After Win Streak Broken



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

It was just a matter of when Purdue basketball's amazing 39-game non-conference winning streak would end this season.

That it was Tuesday night at Marquette instead of last week against then-No. 2 Alabama came down to one statistic: turnovers. Just like last season's national runner-up, turnovers will likely be the cause of most Boilermaker defeats in 2024-25.

Purdue tied a school record low with three turnovers against Alabama, the highest-ranked non-conference opponent to come to Mackey Arena since the facility's dedication game against top-ranked UCLA in 1967. Purdue officials welcomed 23 NBA scouts representing 21 teams for the Alabama game, which an athletic department believed was the highest figure at a game in 30 years.

The 87-78 victory against the Crimson Tide marked the 25th consecutive win for Purdue in November. Tuesday's 76-58 loss at Marquette, aided by 15 turnovers accounting for 18 points, was the first non-conference regular season defeat since Dec. 8, 2020, at Miami, Fla. That was the freshman year for two future NBA lottery picks named Jaden Ivey and Zach Edey.

As amazing as that 39-game non-conference winning streak was, Purdue's stretch wasn't close to the NCAA record of 52 set by Syracuse from Dec. 17, 2008 to Dec. 17, 2012.

Junior point guard Braden Smith of Westfield surpassed Tony Jones (1987-90) and Everette Stephens (1985-88) for third place on Purdue's career assists list after handing out 10 against

Alabama. Smith (492) is now 80 assists behind second-place Brian Walker (572).

Smith also had 17 points and six rebounds while committing just one turnover. It seems just a matter of time that the 2022 Indiana Mr. Basketball will become the second Boilermaker in school history to record a triple-double, the other being All-American Joe Barry Carroll.

As Smith and fellow juniors Fletcher Loyer and Trey Kaufman-Renn go, so will the Boilermakers it seems. Entering the Marquette game, the trio combined to average 50.5 points and 15.3 assists per game. The last time Purdue had three players average at least 15 points a game? The ill-fated 2009-10 season with Robbie Hummel, JaJuan Johnson and E'Twaun Moore.

Kaufman-Renn scored a career-high 26 points to go with eight rebounds and four assists against Alabama. Loyer put up 17 points on just nine shots.

Kaufman-Renn (16), Loyer (13) and Smith (11) combined for 40 of Purdue's 58 points against Marquette.

With 7-4 freshman center Daniel Jacobsen out for the season with a freak broken tibia, the Boilermakers' ceiling will be determined by the continued growth of sophomores Myles Colvin and Cam Heide. Colvin has improved defensively and while going scoreless at Marquette, he did snare a career-high eight rebounds. Heide sank a pair of 3-pointers and finished with eight points.

Freshman guard C.J. Cox reminded some Purdue fans of Willie Deane and Carsen Edwards with his quick scoring ability against Alabama. Cox sank a trio of 3-pointers in 52

seconds during the second half to turn a two-point deficit into a seven-point Purdue lead.

But Cox and fellow freshman guard Gicarri Harris are still freshmen, as the loss to Marquette reminded us. Cox and Harris each were 0 of 4 shooting and did not score.

These stats don't lie Now that the home portion of the disastrous 2024 Purdue football season is in the books, let's look at why the Boilermakers went 1-5 inside Ross-Ade Stadium.

Three of those five losses came to No. 1 Oregon, No. 4 Penn State and No. 6 Notre Dame. Not surprising, but no one expected the Fighting Irish to hand Purdue the worst loss in school history, 66-7, before a CBS audience.

However, take away the 49-0 victory against Indiana State in the season opener, and Purdue was outscored 204-47 in Ross-Ade.

The Boilermakers are closing in on some all-time worst defensive statistics with two games remaining. Opponents are averaging just under 200 yards per game rushing, 246.6 yards passing and 37.8 points a game.

Putting this in perspective, Darrell Hazell's last as Purdue head coach in 2016, the Boilermakers allowed 38.2 points and 238.4 rushing yards (both school records for opponents) and 207.4 passing yards on the way to a 3-9 mark.

Sophomore safety Dillon Thieneman of Westfield, an All-American a year ago, once again has had to make too many tackles. His 83 total

tackles are 20 more than the next Big Ten defensive back. Thieneman's average of 5.6 solo tackles per game ranks seventh nationally and second in the Big Ten.

But more telling is his interception total: zero after recording six as a freshman. Purdue's defense has just four interceptions in 10 games, three by Kyndrich Breedlove.

There have been a few bright lights in the season that may cost second-year coach Ryan Walters his job. Transfer Keelan Crimmins is on pace for the second-best punting average (45.0) in school history. On his way to winning the 2001 Ray Guy Award, Travis Dorsch averaged 48.1 yards per punt.

Junior running back Devin Mockobee passed Leroy Keyes (2,094) for 10th place on Purdue's all-time rushing list. At 2,431 yards, Mockobee needs 69 to become just the eighth Boilermaker with 2,500 career rushing yards.

Speaking of Walters, footbalscoop.com foresees Purdue making a change after Indiana thrashes the Boilermakers 73-0 in Bloomington. The site noted that in the history of the Purdue-Indiana series, the largest margin of victory was 68-0 by the Boilermakers in 1892.

Footbalscoop.com predicts Marshall's Charles Huff to be the next Boilermaker head coach after leading the Thundering Herd to the Sun Belt championship.

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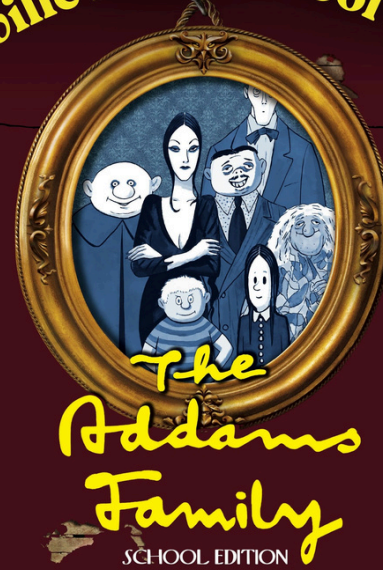
Noblesville and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

The Lions Clubs from Noblesville and Carmel recently served 169 families, or roughly 680 people, at Grand Park with food, courtesy of Gleaners. Lions from the Carmel Club were Paul Cardinal, Bill Ryan, Betty Yunker, Jason Randlett and Bob Yunker. Lions from the Noblesville Club were Bruce Moss, Jerry Baker, Jeff Kozicki, Rollin Cutter, Steve Shaw, John Einsfeld, Ron Williamson, Linda Williamson, Larry Jacobi, Maryanne Jacobi. More from the Carmel club were Mark Hallett, Linda Hallett, Norm Steele, Christal Steele, Don Collins, and Jim Kagler. Not pictured was Carrie Larrison.

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Join many of the businesses in Carmel's central core on Saturday, Nov. 30 and kick off the holiday shopping season with Shop Small Shop Carmel on Small Business Saturday. Participating businesses will have Shop Carmel swag bags containing give-away items from each of the stores.

Shop Carmel is also running a social media promotion - take a selfie while shopping, tag the business and use #ShopCarmel to be entered to win a gift basket that includes items from the Shop Carmel businesses. Participating Businesses Include:

ARTS & DESIGN DISTRICT

- Art on Main Gallery and Gifts, 111 W. Main St., #140
- Bash Boutique, 30 N. Range Line Rd.
- Bub's Burgers & Ice Cream, 210 W. Main St.
- CCA Art & Gift Gallery, 111 W. Main St., #135
- Circle Gallery, 30 W. Main St.
- Goodness Gracious Kitchen & Cupboard, 24 N. Range Line Rd.
- Holder Mattress, 200 S. Range Line Rd., #119
- Hue Salon and Spa, 630 N. Range Line Rd., A
- Indiana Artisan Gallery & Gifts, 22 N. Range Line Rd.
- Greek's Pizzeria, 120 E. Main St.
- Joe's Butcher Shop, 111 W. Main St., #110
- Magdalena Gallery, 27 E. Main St., #100
- Metalmark Fine Jewelry, 211 W. Main St., #100
- Regalique, 110 Main St., #120
- Silver in the City, 111 W. Main St., #150
- The Olive Mill, 10 S. Range Line Rd.

CARMEL CITY CENTER

- Fringe & Form, 736 Hanover Place, #100B
- Her MD, 885 Monon Blvd., #118
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- Kernels, 254 Veterans Way, Unit F
- Penn and Beech Candle Co., 145 W. Elm St.
- Sun King Brewery, 351 Monon Blvd.
- Wine & Rind, 254 Veterans Way, Unit G

HOP ON THE HOLIDAY TROLLEY!

Enjoy a spin around the city's entertainment districts and hop on and off at seven stops along the way. The trolley is free of charge and runs the following dates:

- Nov. 23, 29, 30
- Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21
- Fridays, 5 - 9 p.m.
- Saturdays, 2 - 9 p.m.

Trolley stops are shown on the map to the right.

Holiday Trolley Map

Park in the Arts & Design District

- Dine and shop on Main Street
- Take the trolley or walk the Magnificent Monon to Midtown

Park in Midtown Plaza

- Dine, shop, take photos on the Plaza
- Take the trolley or walk the Magnificent Monon to City Center

Park at City Center

- Grab a drink and a show at Hotel Carmichael
- Dine and shop at City Center
- Glide on The Ice at Carter Green

Park at City Hall

- Visit the holiday trees at Civic Square
- Take the trolley or walk the Magnificent Monon to the Christkindmarkt

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Fishers Man in Service Spotlight



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Seaman Gabriel Blankenship from Fishers uploads ammunition into a Mark .38 25 mm machine gun system during routine operations aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Milius (DDG 69), in the Pacific Ocean, Nov. 14, 2024. Milius is forward-deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th Fleet's principal surface force.

Fishers Nursing Home Honored for Care

U.S. News recently conducted their annual assessment of nursing homes across the United States and recognized eight American Senior Communities locations in their rankings, including Creekside Village in Fishers for its short-term care quality.

In the 2025 rankings, almost 15,000 nursing homes across the USA were evaluated, with only 2,836 (19%) meeting the criteria for recognition in one or both areas.

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Farm Service Agency County Elections Open

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) mailed ballots last week for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections to all eligible agricultural producers and private landowners across the country.

Elections are occurring in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these committee members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. Producers and landowners must return ballots to their local FSA county office or have their ballots postmarked by Dec. 2, 2024, for those ballots to be counted.

"Voting in the county committee elections ensures that the voices of local farmers and ranchers are heard in shaping policies that directly impact their livelihoods," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "By participating, you help guide decisions on critical programs like disaster assistance, conservation and other critical financial and technical support programs, making sure that the needs of your community are represented."

Producers must participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits. Additionally, producers who are not of legal voting age, but supervise and conduct farming operations for an entire farm, are eligible to vote in these elections.

For purposes of FSA

county committee elections, every member of an American Indian tribe is considered an agricultural landowner if the land on which the tribal member's voting eligibility is based is tribally owned or held in trust by the U.S. for the tribe, even if the individual does not personally produce a commodity on that land. Tribal agricultural landowners 18 years and older can contact their local FSA county office to register to vote.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. Each committee has from three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms, and at least one seat representing a LAA up for election each year. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as making decisions on county office employment and other agricultural issues. They help ensure inclusive representation on committees and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their jurisdiction.

Ballots must be postmarked or delivered in person to the local FSA office by close of business Dec. 2, 2024, to be counted. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2025. Producers can identify LAAs up for election through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections and may confirm their LAA by contacting their local FSA office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office.

Thank you for **subscribing!**

Grinch Shows Softer Side for Youth in Noblesville

This holiday season, the Grinch is turning over a new leaf and spreading cheer in Noblesville! The Noblesville Youth Assistance is excited to announce the return of the annual Stuff Your Stocking event that partners with Noblesville Main Street, Deck the Halls, a unique fundraising opportunity that combines holiday spirit with community support.

Stuff Your Stocking is a festive "trick-or-treat" style tour for families, offering a fun and engaging way to create lasting holiday memories. Here's how it works:

- Purchase your \$15 event ticket: The first step is to secure your spot! Tickets are available now online at [link to ticket site](#).
- Pick up your stocking and map: On Dec. 6, from 5-8 p.m., head to CCH+A Law Office, located at 2 North 9th St. in Noblesville, to receive your stocking and a map highlighting participating businesses.
- Fill your stocking with goodies: Follow the map and visit participating businesses marked with a sparkly stocking. At each stop, children and adults can fill their stockings with treats, small toys, and other festive surprises!

This event is more than just fun; it's for a good cause! Stuff Your Stocking supports Noblesville Youth Assistance, Holiday Assistance. By participating, you're not only creating a cherished tradition for your family, but also contributing to a worthy cause within the Noblesville community. "We're thrilled to have the Grinch's support this year," said Michelle Schmidt at Noblesville Youth Assistance. "The Grinch's transformation embodies the spirit of the holidays – it's never too late to spread joy and make a difference."



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Michelle Schmidt and the Grinch himself took time out to help promote an event that supports Noblesville youth.

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