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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Hamilton Happenings

More cone zone news. From now through mid-January, **236th Street will remain closed from U.S. 31 to Deming Road.** Bridge work just east of Anthony Road is anticipated to be complete mid-January 2025. The road will open then, but the remaining construction work will resume as weather allows, tentatively April 1, 2025. At that time, 236th will be closed through the completion of the project. Project completion is estimated to be early Fall 2025.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is planning to visit to all 92 Hoosier counties again in 2025. These visits are designed to strengthen community engagement, build valuable partnerships, and highlight office initiatives. Secretary Morales will travel across Indiana to meet with mayors, local officials, business leaders and Hoosiers in each county. After a week into the new year, Morales had already visited several counties with more stops planned throughout the week and month. This is his third official round of visiting all 92 counties. In 2023, he visited all 92 counties within 6 months. Last year, he broke his own record and did it within 3 months.

2 FEMA is accepting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council until March 3. YPC is a program that brings teens together from across the nation who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in grades eight through 11 are eligible to apply. Youth interested in applying must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted no later than March 3, 2025. To access the application materials, the Youth Preparedness Council page on FEMA.gov.

3 The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is taking applications and nominations for the 2025 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. Do not miss this opportunity for your business, organization, government office or an individual to get this recognition and honor. Citizens, government agencies, businesses, organizations, and educational institutions are invited to submit nominations on behalf of others. Self-nominations (applications) are encouraged. Eligible projects must have occurred in Indiana and been implemented in 2023 or 2024. The deadline for nominations is March 7, 2025. Nomination forms and instructions are available at idem.IN.gov/partnerships/governors-awards-for-environmental-excellence

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Ask Rusty – I Use only VA; Can I Get Back Medicare Taxes Paid?



Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:
I'm 72 years old with 20 years of military service. I am retired collecting Social Security, my military pension, and State retirement benefits. According to my SSA statement, over my working lifetime I paid \$14,302 into Medicare, but I never used that medical plan. I only bring in \$33,000 in annual income. Can I get those Medicare taxes back somehow? I've run into dead ends at SSA, Medicare and IRS websites.
Signed: Veteran Seeking Answers

Dear Veteran Seeking Answers:
First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. You may find the "For Veterans" section of our www.amacfoundation.org website of interest.

Regarding the contributions you have made over the years to federal Medicare, I'm afraid you cannot get any of those taxes back even though you have never used Medicare healthcare services. That's because Medicare, like Social Security, is a "pay as you go" program where all contributions received from workers are used to pay for benefits for current beneficiaries (contributions aren't put into a separate account to pay for your coverage). It's also important to know that your Medicare taxes were used only to fund Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Those contributions (via payroll taxes) did not entitle you to outpatient healthcare services, as provided by

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Expert Tips for Staying Healthy This Winter

What older adults and caregivers need to know

(Family Features) As the colder winter weather settles in, rates of respiratory illnesses like flu, COVID-19 and RSV can rise. These infections pose higher risks for older adults and can cause severe illness and hospitalization.

"We all like to gather indoors in the winter because of the cold weather," said Kari

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Be a Weather Watching Gardener

by Melinda Myers

Each gardening season seems to offer new growing challenges. Our gardens are exposed to more drastic and variable weather with changing weather patterns. Floods, droughts, wind, temperature extremes, and unseasonable weather episodes can have immediate and long-term impacts on our plants.

Monitoring and noting these occurrences will help you

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Spotlight On Churches Debuts Today

The Times, Hamilton County's oldest newspaper, is proud to share another new feature.

Find this new feature on page A7 of today's edition!

Spotlight on Hamilton County Churches debuts today on the back page of The Times. Periodically, we will shine the spotlight on our local churches to share not only the good word, but to go into a little more depth on the church itself. This can include spiritual messages, church history, background, photos and other pertinent information.

And not to worry about fake news, this information is coming straight from the churches themselves. The Times has worked with retired pastor, the Rev. Bonnie Zickgraf to reach out to local churches and make them aware of this opportunity. For churches that would like to participate, they can either reply to Pastor Zickgraf or contact Times publisher Tim Timmons at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Today, we're excited to premier the first offering, shining the spotlight on Noblesville's Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

Want Free Tickets to Home Show?

The popular Indianapolis Home Show begins today – and The Times has free tickets for you!

The Home Show runs through Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center.

All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) to news@thetimes24-7.com and be sure to include your name, where you live (city or town, not specific home address) and a little bit about yourself. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Regular physical activity keeps the mind sharper.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."
Benjamin Franklin

HONEST HOOSIER

Remember, you won't see me Monday. We're taking the day off to honor Dr. King.



TODAY'S JOKE

Anyone wonder how trees access their emails? They log in silly!

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **KIM RAUCH** for subscribing!



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King Jugg Brewing Company Investing Millions in Noblesville

King Jugg Brewing Co. Key Features :

- Total: 6,272 square feet
- 2,145 sq. ft. indoor dining
- 3,077 sq. ft. outdoor dining
- 1,050 sq. ft. kitchen
- Indoor/Outdoor dining
- Basketball court near main entrance
- Children's play area
- Raised Stage/Dance Floor
- Attached public restroom along the trail
- Fronts the White River and Nickel Plate Trailhead
- Public Art (mural)
- 'To Go' Window and Parking

Downtown Noblesville is getting another shot in the arm!

The city announced this week that King Jugg Brewing Company is taking the site of the former Bolden's Dry Cleaners (151 N. Eighth St.) in downtown Noblesville, located along the White River and within the city's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area District.

As most residents know, Bolden's Dry Cleaners was a family owned business in downtown Noblesville for 63 years before closing in July 2023. The city purchased the building after it closed.

Construction for the new company is expected to begin before the end of 2025, with the anticipated completion in 2027. King Jugg Brewing Company has committed a minimum \$4 million investment into adaptive reuse of the site and building, along with significant economic impact and community involvement commitments. Subject

to required approvals, the Noblesville Redevelopment Commission will lease the property to King Jugg Brewing Company and grant an option to purchase the property after successful, continuous operation downtown. The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission will review and consider approval of the final terms and definitive project agreement. All renderings are conceptual and subject to change.

"Noblesville's thriving downtown is a family friendly place where you can shop, dine, recreate, and socialize, so finding the right partner for the former Bolden's site was necessary, and after much discussion, King Jugg is the right fit for this location," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The location along the White River and proximity to our downtown square, trails and Federal Hill Commons make it the perfect spot for the family-friendly brewery and a natural fit into our downtown.

Residents and visitors can enjoy a meal, watch a sporting event, or listen to live music at this location. I look forward to having King Jugg in Noblesville and the impact it will bring to our downtown."

In addition to moving to the new location in Noblesville, King Jugg is the official beer of Fishers Freight Football, has a brewery in Broad Ripple and a Tap Room in Fishers, which offers a family and dog-friendly atmosphere and includes a full-service restaurant, addition to live music and sports watch parties throughout the year. King Jugg also prioritizes giving back to its community through programs like Bikes for Kids, which to date has provided 68 bikes to local kids in need, including North Elementary in Noblesville.

"King Jugg Brewing Company could not be more excited to partner with the City of Noblesville! Noblesville is a growing, vibrant community that is ideal for our next location," said Mike Finnegan, Head of Partnerships/Owner, King Jugg Brewing Company. "We're excited to bring great food, live music, craft beer and a place to watch any big sporting event to Noblesville's downtown and become a part of your fantastic community!"

Noblesville On National Stage



Photos courtesy Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School jazz and orchestra students have both been invited to perform on the national stage at upcoming events. The top NHS jazz band will open for the legendary *Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra* for their performance at the Palladium on Jan. 26th. Noblesville High School was also the only orchestra in the state to land a spot in the prestigious 2025 Music for All National Festival. They will perform March 15 at the Palladium.

Almost Heaven . . .



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools

Executives from the West Virginia Department of Education were in town earlier this week to learn from Noblesville Schools business staff and benchmark the district's financial systems. From left, Noblesville Schools Director of Finance Susan Wilson, West Virginia Department of Education's Josh Harner, West Virginia Department of Education's Uriah Cummings, Noblesville Schools Chief Financial Officer David Hortemiller and Noblesville Schools Payroll and Benefits Supervisor Jenny Shierant. How nice is it that our school system is regarded so highly!

Grand Park Plan A Blueprint for Future

The City of Westfield has announced the Grand Park District Master Plan, a visionary blueprint designed to enhance and expand the existing Grand Park Sports Campus. The plan introduces three key destinations and various innovative design elements, creating a lively destination that seamlessly blends sports, recreation, business, and the community.

The Master Plan is set to reshape Grand Park, bringing flexibility and world-class amenities to foster sports development and community interaction. The primary goal is to connect the park with the surrounding Westfield community, including residents and businesses in the district, creating a cohesive and accessible urban

environment.

"When Grand Park was first envisioned, city officials predicted around 250,000 yearly visitors. Today, we're welcoming over 5 million annual visits, and our goal is to develop an area where people want to stay between tournaments – or even extend their stay," said Mayor Scott Willis. "This is also a tremendous opportunity to create a true destination for our residents, one where they feel a deeper connection to the park. That's something we haven't always seen, and we're excited to change that."

There will be three key destinations defined in the plan, including:

- The existing Grand Park Events Center (GPEC) will continue to serve as a hub for local, regional, and national events

- A proposed 10,000-seat Championship Stadium to be located at the northwest corner of 186th Street and Grand Park Boulevard
- An anchor at the south end of the park, offering either a four-sheet ice facility or a sports-related headquarters, designed with maximum flexibility to cater to future needs

A linear park, Champions Way, will connect GPEC to the newly designed Grand Park Lake. Champions Way will be a dynamic space to celebrate champions and engage the community, including Westfield residents and district employees. The walk will feature a variety of

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Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium).

FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part B isn't mandatory to collect Social Security, but assuming that, as a retired military veteran, you now receive healthcare benefits under the military's TriCare-for-Life program for retired veterans, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to maintain your TriCare-for-Life coverage. Your military TriCare coverage coordinates with Medicare to pay for your healthcare costs. Thus, even though it may not be transparent to you, you may be benefiting from your current enrollment in Medicare.

Note that some non-career veterans can use VA healthcare services based on their service years, instead of TriCare-for-Life for retired military

veterans. Non-career recipients of standard VA healthcare services are not required to be enrolled in Medicare but, in any case, cannot receive their past Medicare Part A contributions back if they choose to decline Medicare. You may have interest in this article I previously published on the topic of VA benefits versus Medicare: www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-i-have-va-coverage-should-i-get-medicare-part-b/

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Benson, deputy assistant secretary for aging at the Administration for Community Living. "But those gatherings are easy places for viruses to spread and for older adults to get sick. The good news is there are many ways for older people to lower their risk of serious illness."

Here are some expert tips for older adults and caregivers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Pan Respiratory Virus Public Education Campaign, Risk Less. Do More.

Get vaccinated against flu, COVID-19 and RSV. Compared to 2023, vaccinations for flu and COVID-19 have increased among older adults. Vaccines are the best protection against serious illness and can cut a person's risk of being hospitalized for flu or COVID-19 by about half and for RSV by about 70%. Most deaths from flu, COVID-19 and RSV are among people ages 65 and older, and this risk grows with age.

The 2024-25 flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available for all people ages 6 months and older. RSV vaccines are recommended for anyone 75 and older as well as those 60 and older with certain health conditions or who live in nursing homes. Older adults and caregivers can talk to their doctors about

which vaccines are right for them.

Try to avoid people who are sick. If family or friends you are planning to see aren't feeling well, it's best to reschedule or move your get-together outside. If you must be inside with someone who is sick, wear a mask and ask them if they will wear one, too. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. You can also improve ventilation by opening doors and windows and using fans.

Limit time spent at large, indoor events. Viruses can spread quickly in large crowds, especially indoors. Spending extended periods in crowded inside spaces – such as large restaurants or concert and sports venues – can be risky, especially if rates of flu, COVID-19 or RSV are high in your community. Consider skipping these events until rates go down or going to outdoor events instead, if possible.

Respiratory viruses can surge during the winter months. However, there are ways to lower your risk of severe illness and hospitalization. To learn more about flu, COVID-19 and RSV, go to cdc.gov/RiskLess DoMore or talk to your doctor. Visit vaccines.gov to get started.

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diagnose immediate and future plant and garden problems. It also reminds us to adjust plant maintenance when these stressors occur and watch for potential insect, disease, and plant decline that may appear in the future.

Create your own weather station with a rain gauge, snow gauge, and high-low thermometer. These gauges monitor the conditions in your backyard as opposed to those reported for nearby locations. Having information from your yard allows you to make any needed adjustments to watering and care to help your plants thrive.

Record significant weather extremes that can negatively impact plant health and longevity. Check with local nature centers, botanical gardens, and extension services for gardening calendars. Many include information on significant weather events in your area. You can then add your observations for future reference. Refer to this information as needed in the future to help diagnose plant problems that may result from these extremes.

Large trees and other established plantings are often overlooked when weather extremes occur. Extended dry periods, temperature extremes, and flooding can stress and weaken these plants making them more susceptible to insect pests, diseases, and decline in the coming years.

Always select plants suited to the growing conditions and start watching for those that appear to be more tolerant of extremes. Visit local public gardens and consult with your University Extension specialists and other plant experts when selecting new plants for your gardens.

Adapt your landscape maintenance and design to reduce the negative impact of flooding, drought, and temperature extremes. Protect plant roots from temperature extremes with a layer of organic mulch. Incorporate organic matter into the soil to improve drainage and increase the water-holding ability of fast-draining soils. Cover

the soil with plants and mulch to help protect the soil from compaction and erosion during heavy downpours. Healthy soil is the key to growing plants that are better able to tolerate environmental stresses.

Manage water that falls on your property. Check with your local municipality for any restrictions or support for these efforts. Create rain gardens to capture, clean and direct rainfall to groundwater to help manage water where it falls. These also support pollinators and provide added beauty to your landscape. Enlist the help of rain barrels, if permitted, to capture rainwater to use on ornamental plantings and containers when needed.

Take this interest one step further and volunteer to be part of a network of volunteer weather watchers. The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is a non-profit community-based network of volunteers that provides daily measurements of rain, hail, and snow that fall in their backyards.

The goal of the Network is to provide more localized weather information to scientists, researchers, resource managers, decision makers and more. The data is used for natural resource, educational and research applications.

Weather watching is a great project for the family or classroom. It helps boost gardening success while increasing our awareness and knowledge of what's happening around us.

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Sen. Walker Shares Update



KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

Earlier this week, lawmakers gathered at the Statehouse for the start of the 2025 legislative session.

As always, one of my top priorities is to pass a balanced two-year state budget.

Why it matters: Every dollar the state takes in was first earned by a hardworking Hoosier, so it's important to ensure that money is invested wisely. Passing a balanced budget allows our state government to run efficiently and fund the important services taxpayers expect.

As your state senator, I will work hard to ensure the state lives within its means this year, including supporting the passage of a balanced budget.

If you'd like to contact me, visit my webpage at IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Kyle-Walker and click "Contact Me" to offer feedback on legislative issues. You can also click "Request Assistance" if you need help from my office to navigate an issue with a

state agency.

STATE GRADUATION
Rate Hits Record High

The Indiana Department of Education recently announced the state's highest recorded graduation rate at 90.23% of Indiana students graduating high school in 2024 – up from 88.89% in 2023.

FISHERS' NEW
Community Center

The City of Fishers has a new community building in progress that will greatly enhance the relationships of Hamilton, Marion and other surrounding county residents.

The new community center will be located on Hoosier Road and is officially titled the Fishers Community Center. Some exciting new features of the center include a free indoor playground, an indoor track and a café.

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

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you see your smiling face in The Times – you win!

And what a year to win Home Show tickets! The Indianapolis Home Show returns for its 103rd year! An Indiana tradition, the oldest home show in North America offers the latest in decorating, landscaping, construction and remodeling ideas. Visitors to the Indianapolis Home Show can talk to hundreds of home and décor experts for advice and explore thousands of the newest home products.

The opening day of the show is special because visitors can pay honor to all our heroes! All active and retired military, police and fire personnel get FREE

ADMISSION for the day, plus FREE PARKING at the State Fairgrounds. Just bring a valid ID, and come enjoy the Home Show on opening day!

And on Sunday, Jan. 19, the Home Show, as a thank you to those who help teach our little ones, is giving teachers and school staff FREE ADMISSION. Just bring a valid ID!

The show opens at 10 a.m. each day and on Monday through Wednesday closes at 7 p.m. Closing time for Thursday through Saturday is 8 p.m. and Sundays wrap up at 5 p.m.

Regular admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.



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‘Can’t Tell Players Without A Program’ Clearly Applies to College Football



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

If there were still such a thing as gameday programs, Purdue football fans would need one to figure out who is wearing the gold and black these days.

Name a Boilermaker other than running back Devin Mockobee who is expected to suit up this fall?

There have been 32 transfer portal entries from last season’s 1-11 roster, which recalls the story of future baseball Hall of Fame outfielder Ralph Kiner’s contract negotiations with Pittsburgh general manager Branch Rickey during the 1950s.

“We finished in last place with you,” Rickey responded to Kiner’s demand for a raise. “We can finish in last place without you.”

Some losses did hurt Purdue more than others: safety Dillon Thieneman to Oregon, tight end Max Klare to Ohio State and defensive end Will Heldt to Clemson. Thieneman’s departure especially stung since he was the third member of his family to suit up for the Boilermakers.

Eight of the 31 transfers departed for schools that participated in this year’s College Football Playoff. In addition to Thieneman, Klare and Heldt, defensive backs Kyndrich Breedlove and Nyland Green chose Arizona State. SMU picked up Damarjhe Lewis and Jeffrey M’ba. Former Carmel star Cole Brevard is off to Texas.

New head coach Barry Odom is all too familiar with having to rebuild through the transfer portal and high school recruiting. In his two seasons at UNLV, Odom brought in 50 and 55 new players, respectively. The results were impressive: a 9-5 record and a share of the Mountain West title in his first season and a 10-3 mark in 2024. Two of those losses were to Playoff-bound Boise State.

With a second transfer portal period taking place April 16-25, don’t be surprised if Odom approaches 50 newcomers at Purdue. Second semester classes began Monday and Purdue football welcomed 29 transfers who will join six former UNLV recruits and five holdovers from former coach Ryan Walters’ final recruiting class.

Purdue’s transfer class is rated 12th in the Big Ten (Plus Eight) but before groaning, keep in mind that rankings aren’t always accurate. The Boilermakers’ 2024 transfer class was rated eighth, one slot behind Indiana. The only thing those two classes had in common was the number 11. That’s the number of victories earned by the Hoosiers and of course, the total losses suffered by the Boilermakers.

Here’s a guess at five potential impact transfers for Purdue.

Malachi Singleton
The former Arkansas quarterback was rated the fifth-best dual-threat quarterback by Rivals.com coming out of high school. Singleton or fellow QB transfers EJ Colson (Central Florida) and Evans Chuba (Washington State) have to be good or else Odom’s rebuilding project will be delayed.

Malachi Thomas
The former Virginia Tech running back rushed for 1,132 yards and seven touchdowns in three-plus seasons. He could fill the role alongside Mockobee that propelled Tyrone Tracy Jr. to the NFL.

Tony Grimes
There’s a large void at cornerback and Grimes was one of the stars of UNLV’s defense that was ranked 49th in the nation.

Crew Wakely
Wakely started nine games at safety for BYU in 2024, recording two interceptions and a sack.

CJ Nunnally
A two-time Mid-American Conference first-team selection, Nunnally totaled 121

tackles and 13 sacks the past two seasons at Akron.

Most of the 29 transfers will probably have to be ready for the 2025 opener against Ball State on Aug. 30. Of those remaining from last season’s Purdue roster, here’s five who could make a difference.

George Burhenn
Injuries limited the promising tight end two just two games in 2024 but Burhenn flashed his talent in his freshman season. He caught five passes for 74 yards and a touchdown against Indiana in 2023.

Mo Omonode
The stout defensive tackle from West Lafayette has three and a half career sacks entering his senior season. With Brevard gone, expect more snaps for Omonode.

Joey Tanona
Opportunity awaits the former four-star offensive tackle from Zionsville. The entire offensive line from 2024 is either in the NFL Draft (Marcus Mbow, Gus Hartwig, Corey Stewart) or at a new home (Mahamane Moussa to Louisville and DJ Winfield to USC). Tanona showed promise after sitting out two seasons at Notre Dame due to a car accident.

Smiley Bradford
The freshman safety kept his redshirt with just three games played in 2024, but that brief glimpse showed why he was highly regarded coming out of East St. Louis.

Winston Berglund
The last man standing from the promising Carmel trio of Berglund, Brevard and Heldt, the redshirt sophomore could help fill a giant void at linebacker alongside transfers Alex Sanford (Arkansas), Carson Dean (Arkansas) and Mani Powell (UNLV).

Building an All-America case
Junior point guard Braden Smith is a big reason why Purdue has won five consecutive games by 18 or more

points entering Wednesday’s late night game at Washington – which turned out to be an 11-point Boiler victory.

While a second consecutive first-team All-Big Ten berth seems likely, the numbers Smith has been putting up cannot be ignored by those who vote for the All-America college basketball teams.

The 17th-ranked Boilermakers manhandled Nebraska 104-68 last Sunday, a triumph that marked the first time in school history Purdue has won four consecutive conference games by at least 18 points (81-61 vs. Minnesota; 79-61 vs. Northwestern; 68-50 vs. Rutgers).

Smith surpassed 600 career assists against Nebraska, joining Ohio’s D.J. Cooper (2010-12) as the only NCAA players to reach 1,000 points, 600 assists and 450 rebounds in their first three seasons.

During the five-game winning streak, Smith is averaging 20.0 points and 11.4 assists per game. That run has raised Smith’s season averages to 15 points and a Big Ten-leading 9.2 assists per game. Smith ranks third nationally in assists.

No Big Ten player in the last 20 years has had more career point-assist double-doubles than Smith’s 16.

Smith is on pace to become the first player since Loyola Marymount’s Terrell Lowery (1990-91) to average 15.0 points, 8.5 assists, 4.5 rebounds and shoot better than 40 percent from 3-point range.

Winning strengthens Smith’s All-America case. With Fletcher Loyer at his side for all 91 starts as a Boilermaker, Purdue is 76-15.

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.

Heights' Resource Officers Honored



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

From left, Kevin Neal, Jon Tindal and Josh Ireland were recognized as the Husky Heroes for the months of November and December.

Hamilton Heights’ School Resource Officers Josh Ireland, Kevin Neal, and Jon Tindal have been named as the Husky Heroes for the months of November and December. For nearly two decades, Hamilton Heights has had onsite School Resource Officers. For most of those years, each building has had a dedicated School Resource Officer.

Since then, these dedicated professionals have become woven into the fabric of the school culture at Heights. They have made countless connections with students, staff, and families that have a positive impact on student success. Officers Ireland, Neal, and Tindal work diligently to serve and protect while being positive role models in the process. Their presence not only ensures safety but also instills a sense of security and trust among students, parents, and educators.

Among the comments shared about Hamilton Heights School Resource Officers included the following: “appreciation for leading the safety and well-being of staff and students, helping with the flow of school bus traffic in the mornings, their presence at extra-curricular activities and events, involvement in specialty programs, as mentors and role models, and most of all, they serve, educate, protect, and help make our campus a safer place to learn and grow.” “This award means a lot to me,” said Officer Josh Ireland, who grew up in this community and attended Hamilton Heights. “I love my role at the schools, connecting with the students and staff, being a positive role model and link between school and law enforcement. “Being able to build a relationship and trust with the students and staff is a priority and keeps me motivated. I hope that each student or staff member knows that they can come to me with anything, and I will do my best to help them.”

“It is an honor to be

recognized as a Husky Hero, considering I work alongside teachers and staff who are truly the heroes at this school,” said Officer Kevin Neal. “I am motivated by the positive impact of my interactions with the student body. When I experience one of those more difficult days at work, this will be a reminder of why we (staff, teachers, SRO’s) do what we do.”

Officer Jon Tindal agrees. “To know that members of our great school and community see our efforts and role in keeping HHSC a safe and welcoming place to learn and grow means a lot. “Every day brings new challenges, needs, and the opportunity to make a positive difference for someone in some way. I believe this award will impact me moving forward as a reminder that our position as an SRO is important to our community and will help me to continue however I can to make a difference.”

“This award helps confirm that what I have been doing for 13 years is making a difference and I will strive to get better each day,” added Officer Ireland. “I learn new things from the students every day that I use in the future, the SRO job is always fun and rewarding. I feel very lucky to be in my position to serve.”

Sponsors for these Husky Heroes include Craig Bowen, FC Tucker, 2nd Shift Garage Doors, and Dustin Dixon. A donation in honor of HHSC School Resource Officers has been made to: HHHS Unified Track (Officer Ireland), Young Life (Officer Neal) and HHHS Unified Football (Officer Tindal).

Do you know Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at: <https://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero>. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

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Community Corrections Chief to Retire After 35 Years

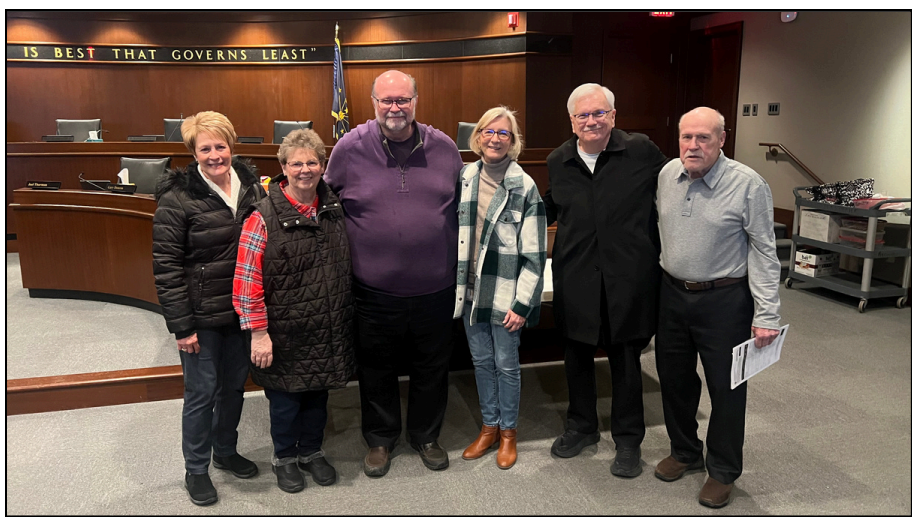


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Ralph Watson's retirement party drew a crowd – from left, Peggy Nation, Kathy Kreag Williams, Ralph Watson, Kathy Moorhous, Steve Nation and Daniel Pflugging.

Ralph Watson, Executive Director of Hamilton County Community Corrections, will retire Friday after dedicating 35 years to public service in the county.

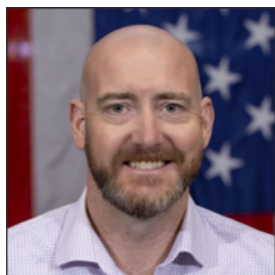


Ralph Watson

back. "It's been a great place to grow and make a difference."

Kevin Mulroony, who has served as the agency's Director of Administration since 2014, will step into the role of Executive Director. Mulroony has worked closely with Watson for many years and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Prior to joining Hamilton County Community Corrections, he served in various roles with the Indiana Department of Corrections, including as Deputy Warden at the Miami County Correctional Facility. A Ball State University graduate with a degree in criminal justice, Mulroony is excited to make a meaningful impact on the community.

"The Hamilton County Community Corrections Department is at the



Kevin Mulroony

forefront of changing lives and improving public safety, and I look forward to building on Ralph's legacy," Mulroony said. "This agency wouldn't be where it is today without Ralph's leadership, and my goal is to continue expanding our services to meet the growing needs of the county."

"Noblesville's thriving downtown is a family friendly place where you can shop, dine, recreate, and socialize, so finding the right partner for the former Bolden's site was necessary, and after much discussion, King Jugg is the right fit for this location," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The location along the White River and proximity to our downtown square, trails and Federal Hill Commons make it the perfect spot for the family-friendly brewery and a natural fit into our downtown.

Noblesville Council Awards 'Stake in the Ground' To City Engineers



Photos courtesy City of Noblesville

From left, Noblesville Common Council Members Darren Peterson, Megan Wiles, Evan Elliott, Todd Thurston, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann, Project Manager Andrew Rodewald, Mark Boice, Aaron Smith, Pete Schwartz, David Johnson and Mike Davis.

The Noblesville Common Council recognized Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann and Project Manager Andrew Rodewald as the 2024 Stake in the Ground honorees at their meeting Tuesday night.

The "Stake in the Ground" Award recognizes city employees – typically at the director level – who go above and beyond in their roles by "putting a stake in the ground" and significantly impacting the community. Each councilor makes a nomination, and then all members vote on the award.

"It was very well deserved," said Noblesville Common Council Member Mark Boice, who nominated the duo. "City Engineer Ali Krupski won the award in 2022, and she gave all the credit to her team, including Jim and Andrew. When Ali went on family leave to have a baby earlier this year, both did a phenomenal job, and we took it for granted how well they did while she was gone."

Boice identified several significant



From left, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann and Project Manager Andrew Rodewald.

infrastructure projects the engineering department completed over the past year. The city opened the first phase of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project and continues the work on phases 2 and 3. Hellmann's work with private development was pivotal in supporting the city's success in housing and economic development. Rodewald oversaw a majority of the city's capital projects that are in design and construction, led the Noblesville Safety Action Plan and the city's annual resurfacing programs.

"I am so proud of and thankful for Jim and Andrew. Their leadership and support within the engineering department, city hall, and public are unmatched. The city and engineering department have completed major goals and milestones these last five years, and it would not have been possible without them," City Engineer Ali Krupski said.

Combined, the two have worked for the city for 41 years – 22 for Hellmann and 19 for Rodewald.

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Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 14, 2025. A double-elimination tournament will be played June 8-17, 2025.
* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Registration Fee: 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

Player Evaluations: 13-15 year old players new to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball or 13-15 year old players wishing to re-enter the team draft need to attend the player evaluation session scheduled for March 16, 2025 from 2 pm-4 pm at Noblesville High School.

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Shonkwiler Helps Honor Officers



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State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville) (back row, second from right) along with other state representatives and state senators, recognized Indiana law enforcement officers for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in the House Chamber at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was established in 2015 to express gratitude for the sacrifice, service and selflessness exemplified by law enforcement officers across the country.

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"zones" that foster social connection, including a mini recreational football field, Olympic-style podiums, play structures, splash pads, hammocks, swings, and more.

At the lake's southern end, there will be opportunities for a feature attraction, currently represented as a Ferris wheel, and an urban beach with activities like kayaking and paddle boating. The lake will be connected to the existing Grand Park Village Lake through a canal system. These amenities will provide an immersive and interactive experience for visitors of all ages.

The Grand Park District includes reimagining the park's existing retention ponds into urban-style canal walks, offering new views of the park's core elements. New parking garages will be constructed in the southwest corner of the Grand Park Events Center and throughout the district to ensure continued parking accessibility.

The current championship field and

diamond will be relocated to allow for the park's ongoing operation while the development progresses.

"This plan represents a unique opportunity to create synergy between the thriving sports community at Grand Park and the growing business and residential areas in Westfield," said Jenell Fairman, Westfield's Economic Development Director. "Currently, these two uses are somewhat separated, but with this plan, we envision a connected, dynamic space that will serve as a destination for residents, visitors, and sports fans. Grand Park District is poised to become a hub of activity, with something for everyone, all day long."

Phase 1 will focus on the immediate construction of the parking garage, full-service hotel, and mixed-use development with apartments, retail, restaurants, and entertainment as well as an expansion of Indy Eleven's soccer operations headquarters that have been located at Grand Park for the last decade. Over the next six months, Keystone Group will continue working

alongside city officials to refine the district's design, budgets, and schedules, focusing on creating a walkable, active, connected urban environment.

Development will require Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to fund infrastructure, including parking garages, roads, trails, and public amenities, ensuring the park becomes a hub for the entire Westfield community.

Additionally, Card and Associates has contracted to purchase all the land in the Grand Park District south of 186th Street. The City will be partnering with Card and Associates to rezone that area to facilitate the development of the south area of the Grand Park Master Plan.

The Grand Park District Master Plan was funded by Hamilton County Tourism and will serve as the guiding document for future development. By building upon the park's reputation as a premier sports complex, the plan seeks to create a lively and accessible environment that celebrates community, sports, and entertainment.

Westfield Winter Market returns to West Fork Whiskey Co. Saturday

The Westfield Winter Market, presented by Duke Energy, will kickoff the 2025 season Saturday. The indoor, family friendly market will run every Saturday through March 29 (excluding March 1) from 9 a.m. to noon at West Fork Whiskey Co.

More than 50 vendors whose offerings include fresh produce, coffee and breakfast foods, locally sourced meat products, handcrafted artisanal goods, and more will participate in the market.

Popular returning vendors include Eagle Creek Apiary, Mary D Jellies & Preserves, Heritage Homestead Farms, Happy Mutt Pet Bakery, and Atchley Farm. New vendors joining the market include Tulip Tree Creamery (cheese), Sprinkle Joy Bakes (macarons), Bramble Nut Butter (artisan nut butters), and Watch Us Farm (microgreens and

edible flowers).

This season marks the first under the City of Westfield's management. In addition, the Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD) will be participating at each of the 10 markets. WMCD members and community volunteers will be on-site to provide information to get involved with the council and their initiatives, distribute

free promotional items, and loan out sensory headphones that market attendees can 'check-out' from their booth to utilize while they are at the market to improve their event experience.

To learn more about the Westfield Winter Market or to view the weekly line-up of vendors, please visit westfieldwelcome.com/westfield-winter-market.



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Spotlight on Hamilton County Churches

Periodically, the Noblesville Times will share information from local churches. This can include spiritual messages, church history, background, photos and other pertinent information. For churches that would like to participate, please contact Times publisher Tim Timmons at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church



Hello,
My name is Jesse Mullins. I am the appointed pastor at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville. I have been the pastor at Emmanuel UMC since July 1st of 2023. Prior to my appointment at Emmanuel UMC, I was the pastor for Cicero United Methodist Church from July 1st of 2020 through June 30th of 2023. Prior to Cicero, I served as an associate pastor at Christ United Methodist Church on the southside of Indianapolis from January 1st of 2017 to July 1st of 2020. I am an ordained elder within The United Methodist Church. I have been married to my wife, Danita, for over 18 years. We have three children together, Jameson, Jenevieve, and Jefferson. I was recently blessed to have published my first ever book, a daily devotional, called "Daily Reflections: A Lectionary Journey". I believe that a congregation is a family of believers that extends beyond the walls of our homes and churches to reach out into our community. When we love God, love people, and serve the world in God's love, we build lasting relationships that have a Kingdom impact! I also love kayaking and fishing year-round!

I have two favorites when it comes to Scripture.

The first is Ephesians 4:15-16. *"But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head - Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part."*

These verses emphasize the importance of speaking the truth in love and the unity of the body of Christ. This passage highlights the idea of growth and maturity within a community, encouraging us to support one another and work together harmoniously. I believe my fondness for this scripture stems from its focus on fostering healthy relationships, promoting honesty, and encouraging collaboration.

It speaks to the value of love and truth in communication, which has resonated deeply in my life, calling me to prioritize meaningful connections and personal growth in my faith and community. The imagery of the body working together is inspiring, as it uplifts the significance of each person's role in contributing to a greater purpose.

The second is Romans 12:2. *"Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."*

Romans 12:2 has become a favorite of mine due to its message about transformation and renewal. The verse encourages us to not conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This call to change emphasizes the importance of inner growth and spiritual development. This resonates deeply with me, as I seek to live a life aligned with my values and faith. The verse also points to the significance of discernment in understanding God's will, giving direction and purpose in life. I am constantly inspired by this verse, as I am called to actively participate in my transformation! Romans 12:2 is all about our faith journey! I am encouraged to embrace change and seek a deeper understanding of my purpose according to God's will.

At Emmanuel UMC, we strive to welcome all in acceptance and love. Our desire is to build meaningful relationships among those within our diverse community. We offer one Sunday Worship Service featuring an inspiring and relevant message, and a blend of traditional and contemporary music with a variety of instruments and voices. Before and after the Worship Service, our two Christian Education Hours provide opportunities for infants through adults to learn and grow in love of God and neighbor.

Our mission and vision has revolved around our "Family Prayer" for the last year: "Lord, help us remember that we are a family that learns and grows together. Help us break through the limitations of this world to seek our dreams, aligned with God's will, of becoming a place where the needs of our community are met, where relationships are built, and where Jesus Christ remains our heart. Amen."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 8: Our Youth are hosting an Adult Prom at 6:30 p.m. There will be appetizers, desserts, and dancing! All funds raised for the event will help send kids to summer camps, annual retreats, and other service opportunities throughout the year! You can sign up to attend here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-prom-2025-tickets-1127748970529?aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=1c2a01420b&mc_eid=4f1e016843

Our website, emmanuelumc.org, contains flyers for all of our upcoming events!



Joshua Barrett is the Youth Ministry Director at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Joshua joined Emmanuel UMC on July 1st of 2023.

Joshua is an author, speaker, and coach who draws from his personal experience overcoming childhood trauma and addiction to inspire and assist those who are struggling. He is married to his wife and is the father of two college students and serves as a chaplain for several local psychiatric hospitals, rehabs, and detox centers. Joshua recently released his book "Through the Fire: A Victim's Guide". Joshua is also a kayaking and donut enthusiast!



Annette Brown is the Children's Ministry Director and Preschool Director for Emmanuel Learning Academy at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

Annette graduated from Penn State with a degree in teaching. After relocating with her husband from Pennsylvania to Indiana, Annette plugged in at Emmanuel UMC in 2009. She has been married to her husband, Travis, for 20 years and has four children: Landon, Abby, Sebastian, and Molly. Annette has been involved with the preschool in many roles over the past 15 years, including as a teacher, aide, and personal assistant. Annette became the Children's Ministry Director at Emmanuel UMC in 2020 and has now become the Preschool Director for Emmanuel Learning Academy as of the 2024-2025 school year! She loves working with kids, dressing up in any of her many, many costumes, and spending time with her family. She is also a master face painter!

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