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**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*

**Hamilton Happenings**

The Humane Society of Hamilton County wants you to celebrate Valentine's Day with some furry sweethearts! Are you looking for the pawfect gift for your Valentine? Or how about a purrsonalized PawGram or Valentine?! Then please consider ordering a PawGram for \$75 or an email Valentine for \$35. The PawGram means that a loved one of your choosing will receive a mailed PawGram, pawprint, and your choice of a photo of an adoptable cat or dog. The Valentine will find a loved one of your choosing getting an email that includes a photo of your Valentine hanging on your choice of a cat or dog's kennel/cage dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one - furry or human. Orders must be placed by Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. Please allow ample time for post office delivery. For more info, go to [www.HamiltonHumane.com](http://www.HamiltonHumane.com)

**Three Things You Should Know**

**1** Today marks the 24th National Wear Red Day to raise awareness about heart disease. Wear Red Day is always the first Friday in February, which is American Heart Month. By wearing red, we raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, responsible for 1 in 3 deaths. We also raise awareness that a majority of cardiac events may be prevented with healthy lifestyle choices.

**2** Gov. Mike Braun hosted a fireside chat this week to discuss the impact that skyrocketing property taxes have had on Hoosiers. "I want to thank Mark Gross and Jennie Reith for taking time out of their day to talk with me today about how property taxes are impacting their daily lives. Households across Indiana have seen their property taxes increase, some by double. Senate Bill 1 on property tax relief had its first hearing in committee and many Hoosiers showed up to express their support. This bill will cut property taxes, cap future increases, and reform the tax system. I encourage taxpayers to reach out to their legislators to express their concerns about property taxes and the need for relief." Hoosiers can contact their legislators by following this link: <https://iga.in.gov/information/find-legislators>

**3** Launching a new business after high school or college is always a challenge, but it doesn't have to feel daunting - many cities across the country offer support and an ideal working environment for young entrepreneurs and SEO experts Search Logistics <<https://www.searchlogistics.com/>> investigated the 50 most populated U.S. cities to identify the best locations for young entrepreneurs with Indianapolis coming in third. This was determined by analyzing co-working affordability, wage data, internet infrastructure, tax data, cost of living, and personal income. Jacksonville, Fla. was tops, followed by Tampa. In third was Indianapolis. The city performed well among the cost of living factors, producing a score of 95.98 out of 100.

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**Boomer Bits**



**Ask Rusty - About Social Security Benefits for Someone with Multiple Ex-spouses**



**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

**Social Security Matters**

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**Dear Rusty:**  
*If a financially well-off individual had multiple ex-spouses, could it happen that the multiple ex-spouses could each be collecting Social Security based on their own financial situation as compared to their rich ex-spouses? Thus, multiple payouts by SS? Just curious, because there are probably many people in this situation as a result of the ever-increasing number of people involved in multiple marriages that each lasted more than ten years.*

**Signed: Curious Ex-Spouse**

**Dear Curious Ex-Spouse:**

A former spouse can only collect one SS benefit - either their own SS retirement amount, or an amount as an ex-spouse if the marriage lasted 10 years or more. And it is possible for multiple ex-

spouses of a marriage to the same person to qualify for benefits from those unions, if each marriage lasted at least 10 years. But each ex-spouse can only qualify for one benefit payment - either their own earned SS benefit, or their benefit as an ex-spouse. In other words, someone with two (or more) ex-spouses might have their ex's collecting full benefits on their record, provided that each marriage lasted at least 10 years. But an ex-spouse can only get one benefit - their own SS retirement amount or an ex-spouse amount - whichever is higher).

It's possible, also, that an ex-spouse can collect benefits from a former spouse at the same time as a current spouse is also collecting spouse

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**Top Scams to Watch Out for This Tax Season**

(StatePoint) The days of filing paper tax returns are gone, and criminals are taking advantage. With taxpayers managing their sensitive information online, thieves are finding new ways to scam victims. In 2023 alone, the IRS reported \$5.5 billion lost to tax fraud schemes. And the increased prevalence of artificial intelligence means tax scams this year will likely be more sophisticated than ever.

Scammers have an arsenal of weapons, but no matter their tactics, the goal is the same - to have you give them money or access to it. Here are scams to look out for this tax season:

**Tax avoidance scams.** These scams often promise rewards too good to be true. Scammers claim to have specialized knowledge on exploiting loopholes to avoid taxes or maximize returns. High-income filers are heavily targeted through offers of seemingly legitimate annuities or tax shelters.

**Refund scams.** In this scam, a criminal will claim to be someone official notifying of an unclaimed or incorrectly

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**4 Indiana Destinations Voted Among Best for Senior Travel**

As we age, our travel habits and preferences often evolve, with international trips becoming less appealing due to mobility challenges, health concerns, and logistical difficulties. Fortunately, the U.S. is home to an incredible array of winter getaway destinations, catering to every type of traveler, including four spots right here in the great Hoosier State.

The four, Nashville, French Lick, Plymouth and Madison, emerged among the most recommended for senior travel. Nashville was voted No. 85. Known as Indiana's artist colony, Nashville offers a variety of accessible attractions for seniors. Winter brings opportunities to explore art galleries, enjoy boutique shopping, and take scenic drives through snow-covered Brown County State Park. The town's welcoming community and nearby healthcare facilities make it an ideal destination for relaxation and inspiration.

French Lick came in nationally at No. 159. Known for its historic mineral springs, French Lick is a relaxing destination for seniors, even in winter. Accessible spa facilities, the famous French Lick Resort, and nearby attractions like the West Baden Springs Hotel provide rejuvenation and entertainment. Proximity to medical care adds to the town's appeal.

Plymouth, in northern Indiana was 176th. This quiet town is perfect for seniors looking to unwind during the winter months. Accessible attractions include Centennial Park and the Marshall County Historical Society Museum, providing engaging indoor experiences. The town's strong senior services and medical facilities ensure comfort and convenience.

And at No. 211 was Madison. This historic river town combines charm and accessibility, featuring a flat downtown area with antique shops, cozy restaurants, and scenic river views. In winter, seniors can explore gentle trails in Clifty Falls State Park or enjoy indoor attractions. Excellent medical care ensures a safe and enjoyable visit.

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**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

**If you're over 60, talk to your doctor about getting a shot to prevent shingles.**



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

**HONEST HOOSIER**

**This deep thought came from a reader - thanks, kindly! The same water that boils and softens the potato hardens the egg. It's about what you are made of, not what's around you.**



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

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

**"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."**

*Helen Keller*

**TODAY'S JOKE**

**Where do Boomers go on a Valentine's Day date? Lunch, and then a good nap!**



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# OBITUARY

## Cathy Stowe

July 27, 1954 - January 24, 2025

Cathy Sue Stowe (Wallace), a beloved mother, (great) grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 24, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. She was 70 years old.



Born on July 27, 1954, in Noblesville, IN,

Cathy was the youngest daughter of Lloyd and Mary Catherine (Hines) Wallace. She grew up in Sheridan, Indiana, and was a 1972 graduate of Sheridan High School. As an adult she lived in various cities including Sheridan, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Nashville, TN, Kokomo, IN; and most recently Huntsville, AL. Her greatest pride was her family.

Cathy's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She was a devoted Christian who found comfort and strength in her relationship with God. She often offered prayers and words of encouragement to those in need. Her unwavering belief in God's grace guided her through life's challenges and inspired those around her. Cathy had a passion for taking care of her lawn, crafting, reading, traveling, music and movies, and had a deep love for her family and pets.

She was a devoted mother to Cristina (Eric) Huprich, Adrienne Pickett, Thomas (Sheana) Stowe, and Heather (Jacob) Johnson, a loving grandmother to Sarah (Kayla) Bennett, Nicholas Carter, Cora Stowe, Shawn Stowe-Vines, Tobin Johnson, Avery Stowe, Olliver Johnson, Jesse Stowe, Imogen Johnson, and Emily Stowe, and a proud great-grandmother to Noah Bennett.

She is also survived by her siblings, Vance Wallace, Keith (Nancy) Wallace, and Peggy Robinson, as well as cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is reunited in eternal peace with her parents, Lloyd and Mary Catherine (Hines) Wallace; her brother, James Wallace; sister in law, Susie Wallace; and many others, including her beloved dogs, Tyke and Robbie.

Her family finds solace in knowing that she is now in the presence of her Savior, embraced by eternal light and love.

A celebration of Cathy's life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 East 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 11:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana.

Cathy will be remembered for her boundless love, steadfast faith, and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed but forever cherished in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## NFD Firefighter Retires after 20 Years of Service

The Noblesville Fire Department held a ceremony this week to recognize Firefighter James "Corky" Lonaker for his more than 20 years of service to the citizens of Noblesville.



James "Corky" Lonaker

From an early age, Lonaker had a passion for boxing, amassing an amateur record of 76-6. He was a member of the National Junior Olympics Team and was a two-time Silver Gloves national runner-up. After turning professional, Lonaker became the WBC Continental America's Junior Lightweight Champion and was ranked as high as eighth in the world. He retired with a professional career record of 28-3-1.

After hanging up the gloves, he worked full-time as a Nuclear Quality Inspector at Major Tool & Machine in Indianapolis.

He began his career at NFD in November 2004. During his 20+ years of service, Lonaker was awarded the Lifesaver award and multiple Unit

Citations. He also coached numerous NFD members in the 911 Slugfest, a fire versus police boxing competition that directly supports the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Lonaker plans to spend more time with his family but has no plans to slow down, as he has already agreed to continue working at Major Tool & Machine.

"We will miss his fun-loving, easy-going demeanor," Fire Chief Matt Mitchell said, "We wish Corky and his wife, Kim, the best of luck in whatever their future holds."

## Fishers Mayor Delivers Good News in State of City



Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness delivered his annual State of the City address earlier this week, announcing major new corporate and lifestyle investments and marking a decade of service as the city's first mayor.

Fadness highlighted Fishers' rapid growth over the past decade and the community's transformation from a small suburb to a major regional destination and fourth largest city in the state. In addition to the accelerated population growth, Fadness cited the city's expanding infrastructure and lifestyle amenities over the past ten years, referencing the 61% increase in park acreage; \$135 million investment in parks and trails; roadway improvements such as the 106th Street interchange and State Road 37 project; and new community amenities like the Fishers Event Center, Nickel Plate Trail, and upcoming Fishers Community Center.

Fadness also announced a lineup of major new investments

that will bring new jobs and lifestyle amenities to the community. These investments include:

**Expanded restaurant & retail at Fishers District from BW Development**  
A \$30 million investment from BW Development will bring new restaurant and retail space to The Crossing at Fishers District, home of the new Fishers Event Center. The 35,000-square-foot leaseable space will provide new dining and retail options to this burgeoning entertainment district.

**A mixed-use development joins new restaurant & retail at The Crossing**  
In the coming weeks, a partnership with another development company will be presented to Fishers City Council to bring a new, mixed-use development to The Crossing. This proposed development will include multifamily housing, retail space, and a potential hotel pad.

**AgriPark 2.0 in west Fishers**  
The City is developing an AgriPark 2.0 in west Fishers to expand the offerings of one of the city's most unique and popular parks. This second AgriPark will bring the urban farm experience to west Fishers, offering u-pick produce, special

## Heights Middle Wins State



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

From left, Coach Adam Sheller, Abby Sheller (6th), Maddie Higgins (8th), Annie Sheller (8th), and Lilly Higgins (8th).

Hamilton Heights Middle School won the JR. FFA State Forestry Contest, a history-making win that was three years in the making. The contest consists of a written test over the general knowledge of forestry, 55 leaf, 25 seed, and 30 insect and disease identification.

"Our journey started in the fall of 2022 when our team members were entering the sixth grade," Coach Adam Sheller said. "I had personally always enjoyed forestry, judging when I was in middle school, and it just made sense that I would pass that enjoyment to my own kids. As luck would have it, Nikki Higgins, Lilly and Maggie's mother, and I were on the same Forestry Team in middle school at Hamilton Heights back in the mid-1990s. We ended up finishing second in the state in 1995!"

As sixth graders, the girls (now in eighth grade) showed promise

and improvement. Last year, Heights placed second regionally and qualified for state, ultimately placing seventh. This year the team won all three invitationals it entered and placed first in the area, taking the top four spots individually. At state, Heights brought home the state championship. In addition, Annie Sheller placed fourth, Lilly Higgins placed sixth and Maddie Higgins placed seventh overall.

The 4-H and FFA Forestry Career Development Event is designed to stimulate interest in forestry, to promote forestry instruction in the agricultural education curriculum, and to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skill and competency as a result of forestry instruction. The CDE consisted of individual practicums that included a general knowledge exam, seed, insect, and disease identification.

## Tipton Deputy OK After Collision



Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Tipton County Deputy Sgt. Dylan Vektor sustained minor injuries but was treated and released.

A Tipton County Sheriff Deputy was slightly injured after a collision with a suspected drunk driver.

According to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Tipton County Deputy Sgt. Dylan Vektor was traveling west on State Road 28 Sunday just before 4 a.m. Sunday when a second vehicle, traveling north on CR725 West, disregarded a stop sign, resulting in a collision at the intersection. Vektor sustained minor injuries and was transported to IU Tipton for medical evaluation. He has since been treated and released.

Police report that the

occupants of the second vehicle appeared to be intoxicated and were uncooperative with law enforcement. Both individuals denied being the driver and search warrants were obtained for blood draws of both occupants. Their vehicle was transported to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for further processing, while the deputy's vehicle was towed to Miller's for additional investigation.

Following the execution of the search warrants, the occupants were released pending further investigation.

**Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words:**

**Would You Like Fries With That?**

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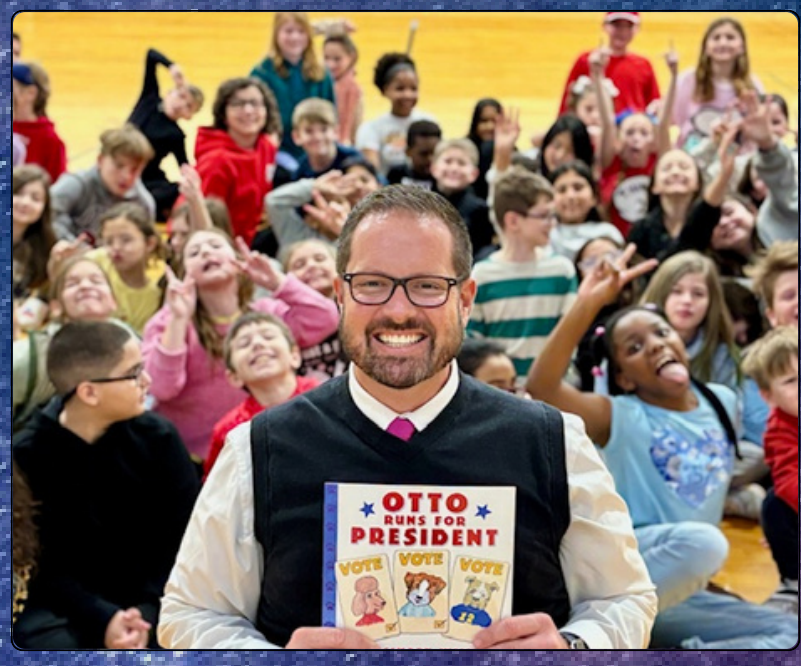


# World

## READ ALOUD

# Day

Noblesville Schools celebrated World Read Aloud Day all week. There were special guest readers, author visits, literacy nights, book character costumes, snacks, games and more. Special guest readers at Promise Road Elementary included Indy Car driver Christian Rasmussen, Mayor Chris Jensen, Superintendent Dan Hile and local authors Pam Brettenacher and Jillinda Stella. There are few things more important in today's world than literacy and these wonderful photos Marnie Cook, director of communication for Noblesville Schools, highlight some of the great volunteers – as well as the wonderful faces of the children! Please join The Times in saluting all who took part!



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

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benefits on the same record. And there is no detriment to either's amount because multiple spouses or ex-spouses are collecting on a one person's SS record (Social Security is, after all, a means for spouses, or ex-spouses, to avoid poverty). However, an ex-spouse's own SS retirement benefit (from their personal lifetime work record) must be less than any ex-spouse benefit they are entitled to from a former spouse. Essentially, if the "10-years-married" rule is satisfied, ex-spouses are subject to the same benefit rules as a current spouse.

You are correct that we see some cases like this these days, but each

eligible ex-spouse can only get one benefit, and their ex-spouse benefit is always offset by any personal SS retirement benefit the ex-spouse may also be entitled to on their own lifetime work record.

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programming, and more.

### New Target store in east Fishers

A 148,000-square-foot Target store is coming to 136th Street in east Fishers, adding new jobs and a convenient shopping experience for eastside residents. The store will be located south of Southeastern Parkway at Exit 210 and will feature a dedicated drive-up order location, extensive native landscaping, and an improved pedestrian experience.

### New investments from life science companies

NCOG BioPharma Services has committed approximately \$280 million to build out their Fishers site along Fishers' Life Sciences & Innovation Corridor. The company plans to add nearly 100 new employees by the end of the year and another 100 in 2026, along with adding a third filling line and 114,000-square-foot building to their site.

Stevanato Group, located at the Fishers Life Science & Innovation Park, is also expanding with new jobs and capabilities with its manufacturing

operations. This includes manufacturing drug delivery devices and the addition of research and development activities at their Fishers location. By 2032, the company plans to have 700 employees with an average salary of \$70,000. Combined, INCOG and Stevanato bring a total investment of more than \$1.2 billion and 1,665 new jobs to Fishers.

### Plug and Play partners with Launch Fishers

Plug and Play, a platform that connects startups to corporations, venture capital firms, universities and government agencies, has partnered with Launch Fishers to bring business connections and resources straight to Launch companies. Plug and Play is headquartered in Silicon Valley and has a presence in more than 50 locations across five continents. The partnership will bring direct access to clients, corporate reverse pitch events, workshops and mentor sessions, monthly and weekly networking roundtable discussions, workshops, and panels for Launch Fishers startups.

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calculated refund, prompting the victim to share information – and possibly bank account numbers – to claim it.

**Violation scams.** This is a fear-based scam, where the criminal poses as an IRS official threatening some punitive action, claiming the victim committed a violation and needs to contact them to resolve the situation.

### Filing support scams.

Similar to tech support scams, criminals offer to help create IRS accounts to assist with the online filing process. Frequently posing as tax preparers, scammers will go through the motions of gathering the victim's personal information for tax forms they never intend to file.

### Social media scams.

Social media serves as a great place for criminals to find potential victims and carry out tax scams, fraudulently claiming to offer different types of services or possessing unique knowledge or access.

### Recovery scams.

Once a victim is scammed, criminals will try to strike again – believing the victim is gullible. Exploiting a time of vulnerability, they'll contact the victim with promises of helping them recover their losses and will leverage this as an opening to commit additional crimes.

While it is not always easy to pick out a scam, here are indicators to watch for:

- Promise of a big pay-out. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Request for your account information. The IRS will never ask for your credit or debit account information over the phone.

- Random contact. The IRS contacts taxpayers by mail first and will never contact via random phone calls or digital means. The IRS will not leave prerecorded, urgent, or threatening voicemails.

- Demands or threats. The IRS can't revoke your driver's license, business licenses or immigration status and cannot threaten to immediately bring in local law enforcement. Taxpayers are allowed an appeals process, so any message of "now or else" won't come from an official channel.

- Request for you to click a weblink. Odd or misspelled web links can take you to harmful sites instead of IRS.gov.

The IRS recommends these best practices to protect against tax fraud:

- Get an early start. File early so criminals have less time to impersonate you.

- Set up a verified account. Set up your own IRS account before someone else can and use an Identity Protection PIN – a six-digit number known only to you and the IRS.

- Wait for written notice. Do not respond to any supposed communications from the IRS if you haven't first received official notification through U.S. mail. If you get a call from someone claiming to be the IRS, hang up and call the official number on the website before engaging. Further, never click a link sent digitally as initial contact.

Apply good cyber hygiene. Do not use public Wi-Fi when filing your tax returns. Do use strong passwords, secured network connections and multi-factor authentication. Run all software updates and keep systems current.

If you fall victim to a tax scam, report it to the IRS. For more scam protection tips, visit PNC's Security & Privacy Center at pnc.com.

One wrong click can cause tremendous damage that ends up earning bad guys a windfall. However, a little caution can go a long way in helping you avoid a costly tax scam.

## Sen. Walker Shares Update



**KYLE WALKER**  
Guest Columnist

This session, I coauthored Senate Bill 111 to support living organ donors. This bill would

prohibit insurance companies from limiting or denying coverage to living organ donors, like those Hoosiers who donate a kidney.

The goal of SB 111 is to provide an extra layer of

protection for living organ donors and ensure they get fair treatment from insurance companies.

It's my pleasure to work with fellow State Senators on this bipartisan issue to assist a generous group of people.

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

## Rep. Jeter Pushes Bill for Law and Order



**CHRIS JETER**  
Guest Columnist

After the 2020 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, calls began to strip funding from police, eliminate cash bail and make sweeping changes to criminal justice policy. Protesters flooded the streets across the country and demanded the reduction or even elimination of resources for law enforcement. Prosecutors in large cities across the country, including here in Indiana, began to proclaim their blanket intention not to enforce crimes such as drug possession, theft and traffic violations. The results were to be expected, and crime rates exploded in the mostly large cities that adopted these lawless procedures.

Indianapolis, for example, still has more than 100 homicide cases listed as unsolved for 2024 and recorded 209 homicides for the year. While this was the third year the city saw a decrease, it was the fifth year in a row with more than 200 homicides. Along with the rise in violent and nonviolent crime, Indiana is facing a lawyer shortage. According to the Indiana Supreme Court, nearly all 92 Hoosier counties, especially Indiana's rural and most socioeconomically disadvantaged communities, have fewer lawyers per capita than the national average. That's why I'm authoring a House Republican agenda bill to strengthen public safety across the state by providing additional state investment for deputy prosecutors.

House Bill 1006 would make a once-in-a-generation investment toward the state's criminal justice system and support law and order by reimbursing qualified and participating counties up to 50% of the salary and benefits packages of deputy prosecutors. Indiana currently needs an additional 440 prosecutors, and this new fund could encourage the retainment of

prosecuting attorneys and support more competitive wages across the state.

House Bill 1006 would also create a prosecutor review board to examine prosecutors who refuse to prosecute criminal laws. If the board labels a prosecutor as noncompliant, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council must withhold funding. Our law enforcement community and many prosecutors of both political parties have continued to enforce laws and ensure the safety and security of our communities. Indeed, that is their sole duty. I believe state funding should be conditioned upon the defense of Hoosier values and demand for personal accountability that creates safe communities.

Law and order have long been the basis of Indiana's stable society. Our prosecutors are on the frontlines of the battle for safer communities by enforcing our state criminal laws. Now, the state will "put its mouth is" and join this important fight. When fairly applied and enforced, these are the principles to which all people and institutions are subject and accountable. Indiana will continue to lead in this area.

As we move ahead, I look forward to working with my House and Senate colleagues to strengthen public safety in our Hoosier communities. To follow the legislative process, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov). To stay in touch, sign up for my e-newsletter at [in.gov/h88](http://in.gov/h88).

*State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.*

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## Purdue Passes IU on NCAA All-Time Victory List



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist  
the Purdue men's basketball program.

Last week's 81-76 victory against Indiana inside Mackey Arena was historical for the Purdue men's basketball program.

Already the winningest school in Big Ten Conference games only (1,047-712), the seventh-ranked Boilermakers moved past the Hoosiers into 10th place on the NCAA's all-time wins list with 1,946. Victory No. 1,947 came Tuesday night, a 90-81 triumph at Iowa that put Purdue atop the conference standings.

Even the most casual fan could probably name the schools in the top five, maybe not in order though. Kansas (2,433) has a healthy lead on No. 2 Kentucky (2,413). The chasm is wider between bitter rivals North Carolina (2,385) and Duke (2,319) for third place. UCLA, which started playing basketball 22 years after Kansas' first game in 1898, is fifth with 2,018 victories.

The second five is not as easy to guess. Temple has taken advantage of a below average season by Syracuse to move past the Orange (2,003) into sixth place with 2,007 victories.

It may come as a surprise to Purdue and Indiana fans but neither program is the state's winningest. Notre Dame holds that distinction with 1,973 victories.

St. John's has a comfortable margin over Purdue and Indiana for ninth place with 1,961 victories.

The Boilermakers have climbed the NCAA victory list thanks in part to their record against ranked teams since the start of the 2021-22 season. Nobody in the nation has been better than Purdue, which has gone 23-9 against the Top 25.

Coach Matt Painter is now 22-12 all-time against Indiana, aided by winning 16 of the last 20 matchups with the Hoosiers. Purdue is 9-1 against Indiana in the last 10 meetings at West Lafayette.

While it is still early to be looking at mock NCAA tournament seedings, Purdue's 11 Quad 1-2 victories this season only trails Auburn and Alabama, which have 13 each. One nationally known bracketologist had the Boilermakers as the highest No. 2 seed in his latest projections.

Maybe one of these days, Purdue will shed its national reputation as a "plodding offense." Painter's shift from a defensive emphasis inherited from his mentor, Gene Keady, to a faster paced offense coincides with some of the Boilermakers' greatest success in recent years.

When scoring at least 80 points, Purdue is 104-3 since the start of the 2017-18 season. Carsen Edwards

Sparked the scoring surge with season averages of 18.5 and 24.3 points as a sophomore and junior. Then came Jaden Ivey's 17.3 sophomore season in 2021-22, which enabled him to become an NBA Draft lottery pick. Zach Edey posted scoring averages of 22.3 and a nation's-best 25.2 points per game on his way to back-to-back National Player of the Year awards.

This season, it's been the three-headed attack of Trey Kaufman-Renn (18.7 ppg.), Braden Smith (16.4) and Fletcher Loyer (13.8). Smith lit up Iowa on Tuesday night with 31 points, while Kaufman-Renn put up 25 in his continuing bid to join Smith as a first-team All-Big Ten performer.

Kaufman-Renn and Smith were announced this week as semifinalists for the Oscar Robertson Trophy, presented to the nation's best player by the United States Basketball Writers Association.

To no one's surprise, Smith also is one of 10 semifinalists for the Bob Cousy Award given to the nation's top point guard. As of now, odds are that Smith will join Carsen Edwards (Jerry West for best shooting guard) and Edey (two-time Kareem Abdul-Jabbar top center) as major award winners in April.

Smith is on pace to become the first player since California's Jason Kidd in 1993-94 to average at least 15 points, 8 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game.

Smith's defensive effort against Michigan and Indiana helped Purdue record its first back-to-back 20 turnover games in Big Ten play since 2008 against Indiana and Minnesota.

**Forty and counting**  
New Purdue football coach Barry Odom is no stranger to rebuilding projects.

The largest Boilermaker recruiting class in recent memory is going to have to be the foundation of any effort to recover from last season's 1-11 disaster.

"The 40 young men we've signed ... since things have changed in recruiting with transfers and portal and high school recruiting, what is the right number?" Odom said Wednesday on National Signing Day. "I think anyone who has studied what roster management looks like, the recruiting trends, I think those numbers are going to remain consistent as we go forward, 40 and 40-plus.

"Over the last two cycles that I was a part of before this (at UNLV), we signed 50 and before that 55. The ability to adapt, the ability to roster manage is so vitally important to the health of a program." Odom emphasized that Purdue will continue to recruit and develop high

school players. But he added that recruiting isn't completed for the 2025 season.

"We'll be really aggressive in the next portal window," said Odom of the 10-day period in April. "We still have a number of spots of need."

With just one returning starter on each side of the ball (running back Devin Mockobee and linebacker Hudson Miller) thanks to transfers, one could argue that every position is one of need.

The most important one, quarterback, will be one to watch when spring practice begins in March. It is hoped that either sophomore Malachi Singleton (Arkansas), redshirt freshman EJ Colson (UCF), redshirt freshman Evans Chuba (Washington State) or true freshman Garyt Odom, the coach's son, will establish himself as the unquestioned starter.

Seven of the 29 transfers to sign with Purdue followed Odom from Las Vegas. One is possibly the largest tight end in school history, 6-8, 290-pound Christian Earls. Another former UNLV heavyweight is offensive lineman Jalen St. John, who casts a giant shadow at 6-5, 330.

Fifteen of the transfers are seniors, three are juniors, five are sophomores and six are redshirt freshmen.

Purdue football legend turns 80 Bob Griese celebrated his 80th birthday on Feb. 3, and Sports Collectors Daily honored the former Purdue All-American's milestone by listing eight of his most collected appearances on football cards.

My card collection includes just four of these Griese cards: his first Topps issue in 1968, a 1970 Kellogg's 3D card, a 1971 Topps "game card," and his 1972 Topps All-Pro card.

I've never seen his 1967 Royal Castle card, featuring a posed Griese inside Ross-Ade Stadium. Royal Castle was a South Florida hamburger chain that at one time had 185 restaurants in the Miami region. The other Griese cards on the Sports Collectors Daily list were a 1975 Wonder Bread issue, his 1977 Topps card and a 1978 card manufactured by Topps but placed into bags of Holsum Bread.

*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.*

## Melt the Trail 5K returns March 1



Photo courtesy City of Westfield

**Participants must register by Feb.11 to guarantee receiving a long-sleeve race shirt.**

Westfield Welcome's 11th annual Melt the Trail 5K, presented by The Farmers Bank, returns on Saturday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Grand Junction Brewing Company.

"Melt the Trail is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate health, wellness and healthy competition," said Westfield Mayor Scott Willis. "Whether you're running, walking, or volunteering, Melt the Trail is a great way to connect with neighbors and explore our trails."


The 5K through Westfield's award-

winning trail system will kick off at Grand Junction Brewing Company. After the race, participants are invited to attend the Grand Junction Brewing Company afterparty, where they can purchase food, enjoy music, and play arcade games. Children and leashed dogs are welcome to join.

The race registration fee is \$40 and includes a long-sleeve race shirt, a finisher's medal, post-race snacks and drinks, one free drink ticket (21+), a timed route, and a chance to win awards. The registration fee will

increase to \$45 on Feb. 24 and to \$50 on March 1. Participants must register by Feb.11 to guarantee receiving a long-sleeve race shirt.

Participants may pick up their packets early at The Farmer's Bank in Westfield (17370 Farmers Bank Way) on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Friday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Race day packet pickup will also be available at Grand Junction Brewing Company from 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. To register, visit [www.meltthetrail.com](http://www.meltthetrail.com).



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The 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball Season begins April 14, 2025 and ends on June 17, 2025.

There will be two Leagues: 13-15 year old Competitive League and 16-18 year old Competitive League.

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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# Carmel Expands CFD Staffing

In support of the City's commitment to world-class public safety, the Carmel Fire Department is expanding staffing to better serve the growing west side community.



**CFD Chief Joel Thacker**

The Carmel City Council approved funding at tonight's meeting that will provide two firefighters per shift, six total, to staff the Advanced Life Support ambulance currently parked at Station 342. Located at 106th Street and Shelborne Road, Station 342 serves the southwest side of Carmel as the first fire and EMS response unit.

side area targeted for the increased staffing occasionally falling under the standard.

The City partnered with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4444 on the assessment, which focused on increasing fire and EMS service delivery to areas of the city that are not currently meeting all national standards guidelines.

"We thoroughly reviewed current services, past incident numbers and response times and determined that additional equipment, facilities and personnel are needed to provide increased fire and EMS services to the west side of Carmel," Thacker said.

Citing the tremendous growth in the area served by station 342 over the past 20 years, Thacker noted an increase in large private residences, apartments, townhomes and commercial property.

"The increased staffing will bring the southwest side of Carmel up to the same high standard throughout the rest of Carmel," he said.

Council President Adam Aasen said council members are aligned with the Mayor on the enhanced team.

"We are committed to providing our community with the level of emergency response they expect and deserve," he said. "As the west side continues to grow, we will continue to be proactive when it comes to safety."

Councilor Rich Taylor, finance chair, added: "We look forward to having this additional ambulance in service to better support the southwest side of Carmel."

The City Council's approval introduces \$800,000 to the budget in support of the additional staffing.

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However, planning a winter vacation isn't always straightforward for every demographic. Seniors, in particular, often face unique challenges when traveling. Accessible attractions, accommodations designed with mobility in mind, accessible transportation options, and senior-friendly dining options are critical factors that can make or break their vacation experience.

Freedom Showers (<https://www.freedomshowers.com/>) carried out a survey of 3,003 seasoned senior travelers to identify their top winter getaway recommendations. The survey highlights not only their favorite destinations but also the growing trend of seniors opting for domestic travel because of the enhanced accessibility standards in the U.S. and focusing on factors like ease of access, comfort, and activities suited to their needs.

The top 10 winter destinations for senior travel in the entire U.S. were as follows. Interestingly, all 10 were from Florida and Hawaii:

**#1 Venice, Florida**  
Venice offers seniors a tranquil winter escape with accessible beach wheelchairs, flat streets, and a welcoming community. Its mild climate, strong senior population, and nearby healthcare make it an ideal destination.

**#2 Mount Dora, Florida**  
Nestled along Lake Dora, Mount Dora is ideal for seniors in winter, with accessible streets and boutique shopping. The town's year-round festivals, like the Mount Dora Arts Festival, and proximity to healthcare facilities make it a lively yet relaxing getaway.

**#3 Punta Gorda, Florida**  
Punta Gorda's picturesque riverwalk, accessible dining options, and local events make it a vibrant winter destination for seniors. Farmers' markets and sunset cruises add to the charm, while nearby medical facilities ensure a worry-free stay.

**#4 Koloa, Hawaii**  
Koloa combines accessible shopping, cultural experiences, and scenic winter walks for seniors. Its calm pace and proximity to healthcare services make it an ideal destination for relaxation.

**#5 Crystal River, Florida**  
Crystal River's warm Gulf Coast weather makes it a favorite winter destination for seniors. Accessible boat tours to view manatees and peaceful parks provide gentle activities, while the town's strong medical services ensure safety and comfort.

**#6 Hanalei, Hawaii**  
Hanalei's tranquil north shore views and mild winter weather make it ideal for seniors. Accessible beaches, gentle walking paths, and cultural events offer enriching experiences. Excellent healthcare facilities ensure a worry-free stay.

**#7 Volcano Village, Hawaii**  
Volcano Village offers seniors accessible trails and unique volcanic landscapes for a peaceful winter retreat. Cozy accommodations and local art galleries provide indoor activities, while nearby medical care ensures safety.

**#8 Stuart, Florida**  
With walkable waterfronts and charming shops, Stuart is perfect for seniors in winter. Accessible eco-tours, cultural sites, and excellent healthcare make this vibrant coastal town a delightful retreat for older travelers.

**#9 Paia, Hawaii**  
Paia provides seniors with accessible beaches, boutique shopping, and a relaxed coastal atmosphere. Its supportive community and proximity to healthcare make it a serene winter getaway.

**#10 Hanapepe, Hawaii**  
Known for its art galleries and flat paths, Hanapepe is a charming winter retreat. Seniors can enjoy the town's historic charm, relax by the Hanapepe River, and participate in indoor cultural events.

The survey revealed that accessibility, comfort, and proximity to healthcare are critical factors influencing senior travel. Among respondents:

\* 29% indicated they no longer travel abroad, citing increased challenges and preferences for domestic trips.  
\* 17% still travel internationally but less frequently, with only 12% maintaining the same level of international travel as before turning 65.  
\* Accessibility is a major deciding factor: 33% of respondents said accessibility standards and laws give them confidence when planning U.S. trips, and 10% identified these standards as the primary reason they choose domestic destinations.

The survey also highlighted that many seniors perceive international travel as more challenging compared to domestic trips. Twenty-seven percent of participants felt international travel was significantly more difficult due to issues like mobility, transportation, and accommodations, while an additional 27% found it somewhat more challenging. A smaller but notable group—12%—avoids international travel

altogether, assuming it would be too challenging.

Despite these challenges, the U.S. is viewed positively as a senior-friendly destination:

\* 61% of respondents rated the U.S. as better than other countries for accessible travel.  
\* 30% believe it is much better.  
\* 31% consider it somewhat better.  
\* 32% felt the U.S. is on par with other

destinations.  
\* Only 6% thought the U.S. lags behind other countries in accessible travel.

"The U.S. is miles ahead of many other countries in prioritizing accessible public spaces, travel, and accommodations," says Ryan Holt of Freedom Showers. "This makes it a standout option for senior travelers, especially as international travel becomes less appealing with age."

### AMERICA'S BEST SNOWBIRD HAVENS WHERE SENIORS FLOCK FOR WINTER 2025



**1. Venice, Florida**



**2. Mount Dora, Florida**

**3. Punta Gorda, Florida**



**4. Koloa, Hawaii**

**5. Crystal River, Florida**



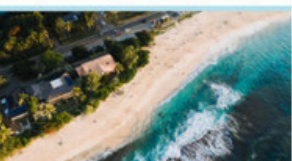
**6. Hanalei, Hawaii**

**7. Volcano Village, Hawaii**



**8. Stuart, Florida**

**9. Paia, Hawaii**



**10. Hanapepe, Hawaii**

- 11 Gulf Shores, Alabama
- 12 Port Aransas, Texas
- 13 Florence, Arizona
- 14 Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 15 Pacific Grove, California
- 16 Beaufort, South Carolina
- 17 Bisbee, Arizona
- 18 Green Valley, Arizona
- 19 Conway, South Carolina
- 20 Black Mountain, North Carolina
- 21 Tubac, Arizona
- 22 Southport, North Carolina
- 23 Wickenburg, Arizona
- 24 St. Simons Island, Georgia
- 25 Taos, New Mexico
- 26 Madison, Georgia
- 27 Magnolia Springs, Alabama
- 28 Orange Beach, Alabama
- 29 Cambria, California
- 30 Georgetown, Texas
- 31 Georgetown, South Carolina
- 32 Fredericksburg, Texas
- 33 Ojai, California
- 34 Boulder City, Nevada
- 35 Aiken, South Carolina
- 36 Borrego Springs, California
- 37 Cooperstown, New York
- 38 Solvang, California
- 39 Paris, Tennessee
- 40 Granbury, Texas
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- 43 Virginia City, Nevada
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- 45 Pagosa Springs, Colorado
- 46 Glenwood Springs, Colorado
- 47 Silver City, New Mexico
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- 52 Newport, Rhode Island
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- 58 Truth or Consequences, New Mexico
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- 97 Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
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- 99 Madison, Connecticut
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**Methodology:** Online panel survey of 3,003 respondents aged 65 and older. We used a two-step process to ensure representativeness through stratified sampling and post-stratification weighting. Data was collected in January 2025.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:  
By / At: City of Fishers, Indiana  
Department of Public Works  
10212 Eller Road  
Fishers, Indiana 46038  
Project: Fire Station 97 DOAS  
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, March 14th, 2025  
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified.

SEALED BID: Fire Station 97 DOAS  
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Fishers at the Department of Public Works, 10212 Eller Road Fishers, Indiana 46038, at 9:00 AM, local time, March 14th, 2025.  
Pre-Bid Meeting: There is no pre-bid meeting required. Interested parties should contact Rachel Tudor, Facility Maintenance Supt to schedule a site visit at tudorr@fishers.in and copied to Eric Steiner, Assistant Director of Public Works at steinere@fishers.in.us.  
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:  
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(3) Instructions to Bidder  
(4) Bid Form  
(5) Agreement  
(6) Notice of Award  
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(8) Subcontractor's List  
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Bid Documents: Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents from https://www.fishers.in.us/bids.aspx. All other Bidders may purchase electronic or printed sets directly from City of Fishers Department of Public Works, 10212 Eller Road, Fishers IN 46038.  
All questions concerning bidding shall be directed to Rachel Tudor, Facility Maintenance Supt. via email at tudorr@fishers.in.us and copied to Eric Steiner, Assistant Director of Public Works at steinere@fishers.in.us.  
Bid Documents - Review:  
Construction will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at  
1. City of Fishers Department of Public Works, 10212 Eller Road, Fishers IN 46038  
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.  
Bid Security: Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Fishers, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.  
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:  
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.  
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.  
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.  
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Sealed proposals for 2025 Resurfacing Project will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074 until 11:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time and date will be returned unopened. No conditional bids will be considered.  
Project generally includes road milling, resurfacing, subgrade treatment, full depth patching, maintenance of traffic, and striping various thoroughfares and residential streets throughout the City of Westfield.  
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.  
No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore, contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal for this project.  
The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of Westfield, Indiana.  
No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.  
The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or at eplanroom.reprographix.com.  
Please direct all questions regarding this project to Michael Pearce, City of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, (317) 473-2917, mpearce@westfield.in.gov  
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**CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:  
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana  
Office of the Clerk  
16 S. 10th Street  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060  
Project: 2025 STREET REHABILITATION – CONTRACT I – EN-387  
Until: 09:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified.  
SEALED BID: 2025 STREET REHABILITATION – CONTRACT I – EN-387  
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M. local time, Tuesday, February 11, 2025.  
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", and "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete."  
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:  
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of 2025 STREET REHABILITATION – CONTRACT I – EN-387  
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.  
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after January 27, 2025. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to arodewald@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.  
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on January 27, 2025. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:  
Project Engineer  
Andrew Rodewald  
City of Noblesville  
Email: arodewald@noblesville.in.gov  
Carbon Copy Question To:  
Deon Ochoa  
dochoa@noblesville.in.gov  
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.  
Bid Security:  
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Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:  
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.  
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.  
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.  
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**29D01-2501-EU-000014**  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2501-EU-000014  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF )  
PETER D. WALLACE, DECEASED. )  
**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Andrew Michael Wallace, on this date January 10, 2025, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Peter D. Wallace, deceased, who died on December 26, 2024, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.  
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated January 10, 2025  
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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Hamilton County Superior Court 1  
In the matter of the Estate of Werner L. Lorenz, Deceased.  
Cause No. 29D01-2501-EU-000041  
Notice is hereby given that on January 24, 2025, PNC Bank, National Association was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Werner L. Lorenz, who died on September 17, 2024.  
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on January 24, 2025.  
Kathy Kreg Williams  
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court 1  
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**29D03-2501-EU-000020**  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3 )  
) SS: CAUSE NO. 29D03-2501-EU-000020  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF )  
MARCIA K. PAULL, DECEASED. )  
**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Gregory Harvey Paull, on this date January 16th, 2025, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Marcia K. Paull, deceased, who died on November 18, 2024, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.  
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated January 16th, 2025  
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Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court  
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**29D03-2501-EU-000026**  
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3  
STATE OF INDIANA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED )  
ESTATE OF ROLLAND D. PERRY, )  
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2501-EU-000026  
DECEASED )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2025, Carol A. Waugh was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rolland D. Perry, deceased, who died on November 18, 2024.  
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on January 16, 2025.  
Kathy Kreg Williams, Clerk  
Hamilton County Circuit and Superior Courts  
Coots Henke & Wheeler, P.C.  
255 East Carmel Drive  
Carmel, Indiana 46032-2689  
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# Carmel Adding Another Roundabout

Beginning on or after March 17, the City of Carmel will begin constructing a roundabout at the intersection of East 96th Street and North College Avenue. This project will require a full closure of the intersection for approximately 60 days.

In addition to the roundabout, improvements will take place along North College Avenue from East 96th Street to East 104th Street during the next 12 months. These upgrades will include utility coordination, enhanced pedestrian connectivity (such as multi-use paths), and the installation of additional roundabouts at Pennsylvania Parkway and Parkwood Crossing. Landscaping will also be added along North College Avenue.

The full closure of East 96th Street and N. College Avenue as well as College Avenue between the intersection and I-465, will remain in effect until June 1, 2025.

After this date:

- Southbound traffic on College Avenue will be permitted between 104th Street and 96th Street
- Northbound traffic will have access to I-465 with no access beyond it as the northbound lane of College Avenue is reconstructed

**Community Meeting Details**  
The public is invited to attend a community meeting on Monday at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. City of Carmel representatives will

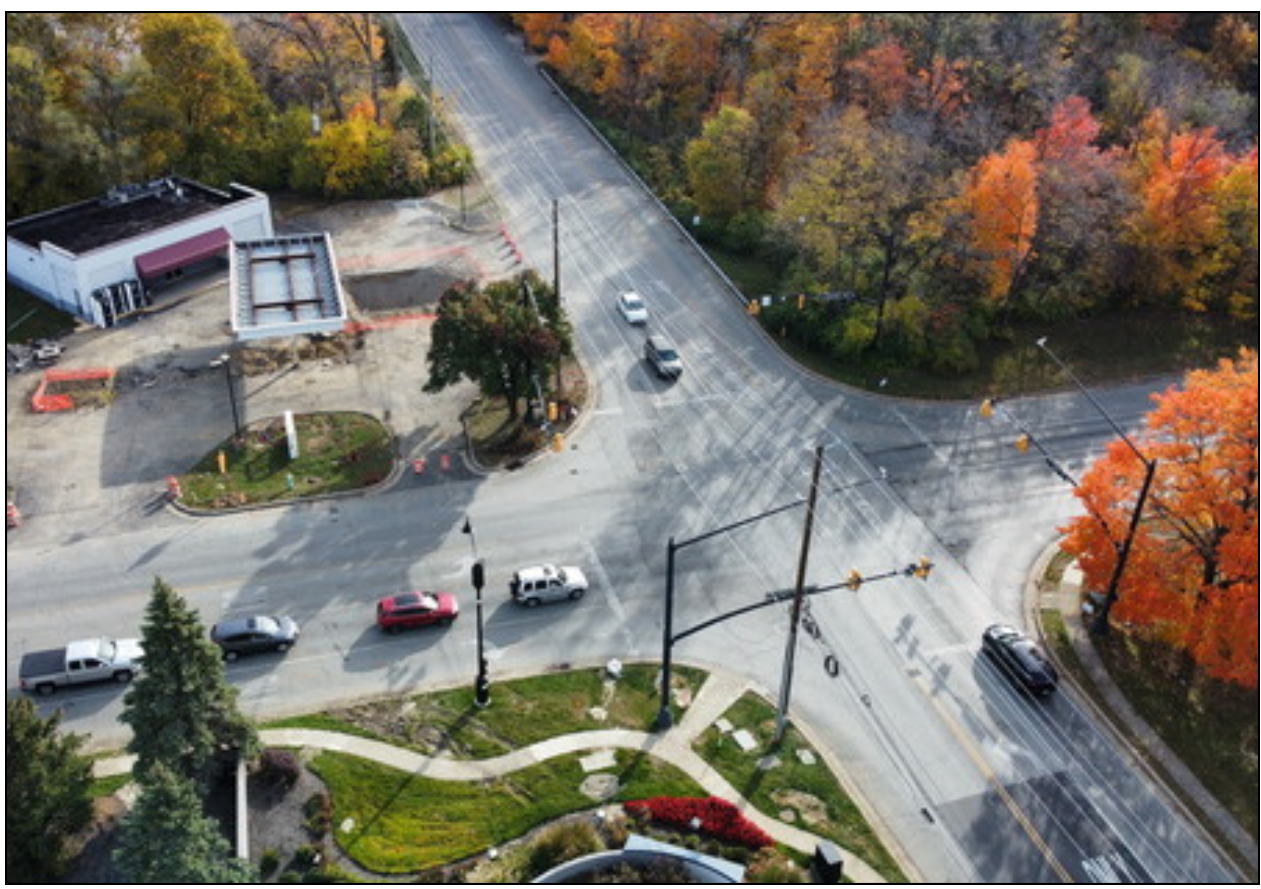


Photo courtesy City of Carmel

## Aerial view of College Avenue and 96th Street

provide an overview of the North College Avenue reconstruction project and be available for questions. The event is free but seating is limited; please register for the meeting at this link in Eventbrite. The meeting will be live-streamed on the City of Carmel Facebook page.



# 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](mailto: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."**

### Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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### WORSHIP

Sunday at 10 a.m. (Please see our website to view all other activities taking place!)

### 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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-prom-2025-tickets-1127748970529-aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=1c2a01420b&mc_eid=4f1e016843)

**Our website, [emmanuelumc.org](http://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!

## ADULT PROM NIGHT

EMMAUNEL UMC

FEBRUARY 8 2025

16000 Cumberland Rd  
Noblesville In.

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

Purchase tickets at the Church or  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-prom-2025-tickets-1127748970529-aff=oddtcreator>



**Emily Schnabel** grew up on a farm about an hour east of Indianapolis and began taking piano lessons at the age of 8. She continued to study music at Indiana Wesleyan University where she began accompanying her first choir: the University Singers. She began working at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in August of 2010 and came to love the people here and decided to move to Noblesville following graduate school at Butler University. The people of Emmanuel have supported her in happy

times such as her marriage to Evan Schnabel in 2015 and the birth of Nathan in 2018; as well as hard times such as the sudden passing of her dad in 2016 and the complicated pregnancy with Clara in 2021 when it was discovered that Emily had a brain tumor that needed to be removed following Clara's birth.

For a very long time her favorite verse has been Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose." It could be something beautiful like marrying your best friend. It could also be something challenging as being in the hospital but God is going to work it out for your good and His purpose.

"Personally one of my favorite services in the year is our all worship and music Sunday which occurs on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend each year."

**Emmanuel Learning Academy  
Registration  
NOW OPEN**

