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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 11:28 – 30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Hamilton Happenings

There are still a few tickets left for An Intimate Evening With Steve Wariner tonight at Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts. The Noblesville native and Grand Ole Opry stalwart has more than 21 albums, 14 No. 1 hits, over 30 Top 10 singles, four Grammy Awards and three CMA Awards, among other honors. Go to <https://thecenterpresents.org/> and click to get yours before they're all gone!

Three Things You Should Know

1 Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales reported earlier this week that the Indiana Securities Division has joined a \$17 million settlement with Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. resulting from an investigation into the broker-dealer's supervision of customers paying front-load commissions on investments which were later moved into fee-based advisory accounts, resulting in over charging. The investigation found that Edward Jones charged front-load commissions for investments in Class A mutual fund shares in situations where the customer sold or moved the mutual fund shares sooner than originally anticipated. As part of the settlement, Edward Jones will pay an administrative fine of approximately \$320,000 to each of the 50 states, Washington, D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. As a lead state on the case, Indiana was awarded an additional amount for investigative costs.

2 A new exhibit at the Indianapolis International Airport honors the rich history of Hoosiers in Flight. From the first flight at Kitty Hawk to the Apollo 11 mission, to Amelia Earhart, the Tuskegee Airmen and Rolls Royce, Hoosier natives and institutions have made pivotal contributions to mankind's major breakthroughs and monumental moments in aviation. These and many more stories fill the Hoosiers in Flight exhibit, along with aviation artifacts, designs and achievements in aviation engineering. The exhibit is located in the Baggage Claim area near Carousel 3.

3 A new study has revealed the states shaping the next Wimbledon champions, with the state of Washington taking the top spot and Indiana coming in second. Tennis statistics website Tennis Stats analyzed data from The National Federation of State High School Associations to find the number of high school students participating in tennis per state during the 2023-2024 academic year. This figure was weighed against the total number of high school students participating in all sports and athletics to calculate a percentage. The states with the highest percentage of high school athletes playing tennis determined the final ranking. Washington ranks first, with 7.74% of high school athletes participating in tennis. Indiana ranks second, with 7.13% of high school athletes participating in tennis.

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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – Why's Social Security Moved to General Fund?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:
Why were the Social Security funds moved from the Social Security account to the General Fund with the government? Is it not then called a tax making it an entitlement? That then gives the government control of our retirement. Most of us feel that someone should be in charge and use the Social Security fund with investments that grow our savings.

I invested my 401K and savings, and the original amount made me money during the Trump years, and I'm now trying to catch up. I make this statement because I draw more from my investments than I receive from Social Security.

Signed: Questioning Senior Citizen

Dear Questioning Senior:
I'm afraid I must inform

you that no Social Security funds have ever been moved from the Social Security account to the government's General Fund – this is a pervasive myth which we have refuted many times over the years. For information, here is one of many articles I have published on this topic, which I hope you find interesting: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-about-repaying-social-security-money-taken-by-politicians/>.

Someone actually is charged with monitoring our Social Security funds – a board of Social Security Trustees consisting of the Secretaries of Treasury, Labor, and Health & Human Services, as well as the Commissioner of Social Security plus two Public Trustees. Each year the Social Security

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Winter Not Over Yet -- Stay Safe, Warm

Not many groups are more impacted by cold weather than seniors. And even though colder temperatures are expected to improve, we still have a ways to go this winter. CenterPoint Energy wants to remind customers it has a cold weather action plan in place and urges customers to also have a cold weather plan in place to stay safe and warm.

Natural gas preparedness actions in Indiana

CenterPoint prepares year-round for cold weather

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Indiana Hot Spot for Single Seniors

A new study found a record 25.9 million American seniors are single and Indiana ranks as the No. 27 best state for single seniors.

The number of single seniors is up 5.8 million from a decade ago – according to the U.S. Census Bureau – and an additional 4.2 million Americans will turn 65 in 2025 during the “Gray Tsunami.”

More “Silver Haired Foxes” will be in the dating pool

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Gathering House Celebrates Year Anniversary

The Gathering House invites the community to celebrate the one-year anniversary of with a special "Memories and Madness" Open House on March 21, from 6 to 9 p.m.. This milestone event will showcase the vibrant activities and connections that have made The Gathering House a hub of creativity, community and conversation over the past year.

At the Open House, guests can look back across a collection of the diverse activities hosted at TGH over the past year. In addition to revisiting the past, guests will also have the opportunity to shape the future of TGH with a designated area featuring a "Dream Board," where attendees can share ideas and hopes for upcoming events and activities or even register for Matthew Doudt's upcoming Photography class or Jess Pearson's Summer Solstice Yoga Session.

As The Gathering House continues to grow at 1372 Cherry St. nestled in Old Second Ward in downtown Noblesville, so does the community's investment in its mission. Over the past six months, TGH has noticed an increased interest from local nonprofits who want to partner, host events and utilize the space in meaningful ways. To meet this need, The Gathering House is excited to introduce a Nonprofit Keyholder Membership, making it easier for organizations to collaborate, connect, and receive support from the community.

“When we launched our initial Keyholder Membership, we knew we had neighbors in the community who would capture and support this vision,” says Patrick Propst, Minister alongside Faith Community and The Gathering House. “What we didn't anticipate was the number of nonprofits also wanting to support and be part of this space. It's amazing to see that kind of engagement, and we're thrilled to make this adjustment so more people can feel at home here.”

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking leads to wrinkles.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

“A dead end is just a good place to turn around.”
Naomi Judd

HONEST HOOSIER

Just a week left in the last full month of winter! Isn't it funny how for some that's sad, but for others not so much?



TODAY'S JOKE

Some people say that "icy" is the easiest word to spell. Now that I think about it, I see why.

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Bonnie Shares Biblical Aspiration



BONNIE ZICKGRAF
Learning the Journey

posted this question to social media one morning, “Which person in the Bible do you aspire to be like?” I promised my readers my personal response at the end of the day, and this is what I wrote.

I aspire to be like the prostitute in the gospel of Luke 7. Here is part of that passage, then I will tell you why this is my aspiration.

“One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet,

and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.”

As Christians, many of us aspire to be like Jesus. I do, too. But as I walk this journey to become more like Jesus, I also pray that I never forget my humble spiritual beginnings, my servitude, and loving devotion to Him. Surrendering to God is a step of divine sanctification, being pulled closer to Him.

The prostitute was not ashamed to cry and to kiss the feet of Jesus. May I never be ashamed to do the same. Crying in the arms of Jesus and at the foot of the cross yields the most tender, yet powerful feeling of love and comfort I have ever felt. Have you ever experienced this?

Then Jesus tells her,

47 “I tell you, her sins —and they are many —have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love. Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Love, faith, forgiveness, peace, and salvation. Why would I long for more? This prostitute received it all! (ref: Luke 7:36 -38, 47-48, 50, NLT).

Bonnie Zickgraf, co-author, July 10, 2020

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Shame On Our Government



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

The good governor of our great state campaigned on a number of issues, but the one that caught my ear – and a number of other Hoosier homeowners – was property tax relief.

We don’t need to go over the history. You know it far too well. Property taxes have gone up and up and up. Republican Mike Braun talked a lot about it on the campaign trail. Democrat Jennifer McCormick didn’t.

Braun even was so bold as to craft a plan to create immediate changes in our state’s property tax situation by rolling back the amount we all pay to 2021 levels.

Bully for him.

So Senate Bill 1 was introduced and it looked like there might actually be some positive things happening at the corner of Capitol and Washington in downtown Indy.

Enter Indiana cities, counties, towns and schools.

You see, if property tax bills are reduced for you and I that means the money the state makes available to our communities will also be reduced. And that means cities, towns, counties, schools and any government entity may (and likely will) get less of our money.

Heavy emphasis on OUR MONEY.

As our pal the Bard would say, ay, there’s the rub.

The status quo is a powerful thing. The government (and I care not whether it’s local, state or nation) – OUR government – is not held to the same standards as you and I. Life dictates our circumstances more times than not. Someone loses a job? They cut spending. An unexpected repair can mean a dip into savings, or worse, a loan. If our needs suddenly outpace our abilities, we adjust. Sometimes dramatically. Often painfully.

Not so with government.

Government just keeps growing.

And growing.

And growing.

Did I mention lobbyists?

Here in the state, groups representing Indiana cities, towns, counties and schools rolled up their sleeves and went to work before the ink was dry on Braun’s proposals. They’ve bombarded legislators and anyone who’ll listen about how reducing property taxes would negatively impact government. If

Braun’s initial ideas go through, there will be less money for the government to spend. That is a fact.

Make no mistake about it. This is where the rubber meets the road. This is the crux of the entire issue. Property tax reform means that somebody, somewhere is going to have to figure out how to make do with less. It is important you understand that the hired hands in Indianapolis are trying to make sure that’s you and me and not their constituents – the people behind the lobbyists.

Oh, do you think I said that wrong? Do you think that their constituents are us schmucks on THIS SIDE of the checkbook?

Silly people.

What was it my Grandpa used to say? What you do speaks so loudly I can’t hear what you’re saying. Our elected representatives are telling us with their words, deeds and votes that their constituents, the folks they REALLY represent, are the mayors, councils, superintendents and such – not us lowly taxpayers.

How do we know? We know because any fool can see that government spends like a drunken sailor on a three-day pass in an exotic port. From statues in roundabouts to plush high school athletic facilities to spec buildings to . . . oh, never mind. I don’t have time to list all the ridiculous things our tax money goes for and you don’t have time to read something that long.

The right answer, the ONLY answer that is sustainable over time – is to reduce government spending. Yet everyone from the schoolhouse to the White House is doing the opposite.

OK, in the spirit of transparency, let me be very clear. My business – the newspaper business – has our own problems with legislators. Every year lawmakers try to hide what they do by taking away the required publication of public notices. It’s a battle we keep fighting, some years faring better than others. Ironically, lawmakers say they can save taxpayers money by taking away public notice advertisements from newspapers, despite the fact that they pay pennies for them – AND despite the fact that it will cost the government

more to publish those same notices than they are paying my industry to do it now. (Not to dive too far into the weeds here, but you should know that the state tells newspapers – private businesses I might add – how much we can charge for legal ads. In most cases, it is the cheapest – by far – ad rates we have. Just saying.)

And yes, I know this is repetitive, but how many high paid assistant fire chiefs does a municipality need? How many recreational facilities need to be built with our money? How many spec buildings? How many assistant school superintendents, expensive new pools, new fields, new buildings do we need?

To be fair, are they all guilty? Of course not. There are mayors, city councils, county councils, school boards and school superintendents who are not good but great stewards of their resources. Unfortunately, too many are not.

Friends, this is not a front-line problem. Teachers are not overpaid. Cops, firefighters, first responders are not. The issue is almost always the top-heavy side – the administrations, the bureaucracy, the infrastructure Throughout Indiana, we see tax money – OUR money – spent on things that would never fly in private business. It’s long been said in this space that elected politicians would never spend their own money this way. They just don’t hesitate to spend yours.

It leaves us smack dab in the middle of a whirlwind where Hoosier lawmakers are telling us they need our money more than we do.

Please.

Say it with me now. Someone is going to have to do with less. It’s absolutely shameful that those in office – at any level – are telling us it can’t be them.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Westfield Proclaims Disability Awareness Month

The City of Westfield is proclaiming March as Disability Awareness Month. A proclamation will be presented to Nicole Southerland, chairperson of the Westfield Mayor’s Council on Disabilities. It is one part of a much broader initiative to promote inclusivity and accessibility in Westfield.

“My administration is extremely proud to support the council on disabilities and their initiatives through this proclamation,” said Mayor Scott Willis. “Westfield would not be the fantastic community we know and love without all of our residents. I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate and honor them in this way.”

To kick off Disability Awareness Month, the WMCD will host

its inaugural Westfield Sensory Day on Saturday, March 1 at the Westfield Washington Public Library (17400 Westfield Blvd.) from 1 – 4 p.m.

This free community event provides sensory-friendly crafts and activities for all ages, complimentary refreshments courtesy of Bee Free, and the opportunity to learn about new adaptive programming coming to Westfield from resource booth vendors. The newly launched community art exhibition program will have art displayed for the very first time during the event. In addition, there will be a sensory story time from 1:30 - 2 p.m. followed by a closed caption (no sound) movie screening at 2:30

p.m.

“People with disabilities - whether seen or unseen - are vital members of our community,” said Southerland. “It’s essential that we not only acknowledge their importance, but also their contributions to Westfield. Events like this ensure they not only feel comfortable in their community, but also wholeheartedly embraced by it. We’re grateful the city shares our vision for inclusivity and awareness.”

Westfield Sensory Day is sponsored by Hampton by Hilton. For more information about the Westfield Mayor’s Council on Disabilities or the Westfield Sensory Day, visit www.westfieldin.gov/WMCD.

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Trustees do a complete analysis of the Social Security program, especially its financial status and outlook for the future. If you have interest in the Trustee's latest annual report, here is a link to the 2024 analysis: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/tr24summary.pdf>.

What you will find in the Trustees' report is that Social Security will run out of reserved funds in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% for everyone, unless Congress acts soon to reform the program and restore it to fiscal solvency. The Trustees have warned Congress about this problem for many years, but Congress has yet to find the bipartisan cooperation needed to fix the problem. AMAC (the Association of Mature American Citizens) has steadfastly offered proposals to Congress which would restore Social Security to solvency and will continue to do so with the new 119th

Congress, which convened on January 3, 2025.

Please know that we appreciate your feedback and commend you for the wise use of your 401k investments, something that many of our members find necessary to supplement their Social Security. Remember, Social Security was never intended to provide all your retirement income, so earlier saving to supplement your retirement financial needs was a very wise move on your part.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. Russell Gloor is the, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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than ever before, and while not all of them are ready to mingle, cupid will be plenty busy as marriage rates for adults 65 and older hit a 10-year high at 56.3 percent.

Seniorly released a study on the Best and Worst States for Single Seniors after analyzing data from the CDC, FBI, Census Bureau, BEA, BLS, and National Restaurant Association.

The rankings were determined by analyzing 12 key factors in all 50 states and D.C. including life expectancy, percentage of seniors that are single, gender ratio, date night costs, as well as riskier elements of dating in 2025 such as STI rates and romance scams.

Key Findings in Indiana:

Indiana ranked 27th, benefiting from affordable date nights (\$118.16, #12), a relatively low STI rate (11.7 per 100k, #13), and an above-average

percentage of single seniors (36.5 percent, #23). However, it faces challenges with poor life expectancy (17.3 years at age 65, #42), moderate health outcomes (74.5 percent in good health, #37), and low spending on recreational activities per senior (\$3,409, #42), contributing to limited senior engagement. Additionally, social connections are moderate, with 60.1 percent of seniors talking to friends and family monthly (#32).

Seniorly set out to build the first "purpose-built" online marketplace for families looking for senior living solutions. Today, with the largest online senior living directory, Seniorly provides easy access to information, FREE personalized support for families, and the freedom for families to search the way they want. Find out more at www.seniorly.com

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through proactive steps that support safe and reliable delivery of natural gas service to Indiana communities. The company's efforts include:

- Monitoring the natural gas systems 24/7 and implementing cold weather action plans to support delivery of service.
- Conducting infrastructure projects to modernize the company's natural gas distribution systems.
- Checking critical systems and equipment ahead of extreme winter weather to prepare for high demand and cold temperatures.
- Staging staff across the company's service area, ready to respond to potential service issues safely and as quickly as possible.

Payment assistance resources are available for customers

Colder weather may require customers to use more energy to maintain a comfortable temperature inside their homes. That's why CenterPoint offers programs, tools and tips to help customers manage their bills and save energy. The company encourages those facing hardship to call CenterPoint to find out about payment arrangements and be referred to resources that may be available. To learn more, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/PaymentAssistance.

Energy-saving tips

CenterPoint encourages customers to consider implementing easy tips that can help make a big difference on a monthly energy bill, including:

- Make sure the heating system is operating safely and efficiently. Change or clean the furnace filter regularly to help maximize the furnace's efficiency and life.
- Turn down the thermostat. Lowering the thermostat at night or when away for at least eight hours can potentially save on heating costs. With a programmable thermostat, a heating system can work around a customer's schedule.
- Keep warm air in and cold air out of the home. Use caulk or weatherstripping to seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings such as pipes or ducts. Towels can also be rolled up and pushed against the bottom of a door's interior. Close fireplace dampers when not in use to prevent heat loss.
- Use window coverings and blinds effectively. If it's sunny outside, open window coverings during the day to capture warmth from the sun, and close coverings at night to keep warmth inside.
- Circulate warm air with ceiling fans. Set ceiling fans to turn clockwise and slowly to move warm air from the ceiling to living levels.

Safety tips

CenterPoint encourages customers to keep safety at the forefront of their minds as they heat their homes:

- Immediately report a suspected natural gas leak. If there's a "rotten egg" odor of natural gas present, immediately leave on foot, go to a safe location and call both 911 and CenterPoint Energy. Don't use electric switches and outlets, phones (including cell phones), drive or start a car inside or close to the location or do anything that could cause a spark.
- Keep natural gas meters clear. Use a broom to gently remove snow, but avoid using a shovel, which can cause damage. If ice builds up, let it melt naturally rather than trying to chip or melt it away. Keep the area around the meter clear of snow piles to allow safe access in an emergency.
- Use space heaters safely. Make sure a space heater has an automatic shut-off, and keep children, pets and all items at least three feet away from it. A space heater that uses natural gas, propane or wood should be vented to the outside. Stoves and ovens should never be used for space heating.
- Test carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms to make sure they work properly. Change batteries regularly. Alarms don't last forever, so replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Know the signs of CO poisoning. Early symptoms such as headache and fatigue are similar to the flu, but without a fever. Continued CO exposure can lead to more severe headaches, dizziness, nausea, difficulty thinking clearly and fainting. If everyone in a household is experiencing these symptoms, it could be CO poisoning. If CO poisoning is suspected, leave the area immediately, get fresh air and call 911.

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Photos courtesy The Gathering House

Memories and Madness" Open House is set for March 21 and will showcase the vibrant activities and connections that have made TGH a hub of creativity, community and conversation.



The Gathering House continues to grow at 1372 Cherry St. in Noblesville.

This new membership will provide nonprofits with flexible access to The Gathering House, allowing them to host meetings, events, and programs while also strengthening community relationships. It's another step in ensuring that The Gathering House remains a place where connection and collaboration thrive.

Evening Highlights

- **A continuous showing of "The Gathering House Highlights"** capturing moments from the past year.
- **A unique photo auction**, featuring stunning images from this quarter's Spotlight Artist.
- **Delicious refreshments** to enjoy while mingling and reminiscing.
- **Live-streaming of the night's basketball tournament game (March Madness)** for sports fans.

Whether you've been a part of The Gathering House's journey since the beginning or are just discovering it for the first time, this celebration is an open invitation to experience the warmth and community that make it special.

The event is free and open to the public. Join us as we celebrate a year of meaningful connections and dream together for the future!

In 2023, Faith Community made the intentional decision to sell its traditional church building, embracing an organic church model centered on gathering with the community in shared spaces to practice intentional spiritual disciplines and build authentic community. Rather than being defined by a location, Faith Community prioritizes relationships, discipleship, and everyday rhythms of faith lived out together. As part of this vision, they purchased a house in downtown Noblesville—now known as TGH—as a space dedicated to community programming, collaboration, and shared experiences. This home has become a hub where people from all walks of life can connect, create, and cultivate meaningful relationships. For more information, visit www.fccnoblesville.com or www.tghnoblesville.com.

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Will Odom Raise Purdue's Batting Average on Recent Hires to .500?



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Remember when Darrell Hazell was a home run hire for the Purdue football program?

"Hazell produced one of the more remarkable feats of 2012, leading Kent State to not only its first bowl game in 40 years but also an 11-win season and MAC championship game appearance," Stuart Mandel, then with SI.com, wrote. "Hazell ... spent seven seasons at Ohio State under Jim Tressel, which should equip him well for a Big Ten job. The only slight hesitation is that Purdue is putting a lot of stock in two seasons of head coaching."

That stock crashed in 2016, when Hazell was fired with a 9-39 record.

Or when the hiring of first-time head coach Ryan Walters was praised by the national media?

"Walters has emerged as one of college football's rising stars in the defensive coaching ranks ... building an Illinois defense that finished No. 1 nationally in the fewest points allowed per game (12.8) in 2022," Steve Lassen of AthlonSports.com wrote. "His familiarity with the Big Ten West will help ease his transition in 2023."

Or maybe not. Walters became the first Purdue football head coach since Elmer Burnham in 1943 to depart after just two seasons. Walters was given a \$9 million severance package on top of his \$1 million salary as the University of Washington's new defensive coordinator.

(A side note: Burnham wasn't fired. He led the Boilermakers to a 9-0 record in 1943 with the help of Navy and Marine Corps trainees. Burnham parlayed that season into more money and job security as associate professor of physical education and head football coach at the University of Rochester. He's one reason why Purdue has a multigenerational reputation of being cheap.)

Maybe you remember when Jeff Brohm was regarded as one of the two best head coaching hires in 2017, alongside Minnesota's P.J. Fleck?

"Brohm's hire was a terrific move by the Boilermakers, who'd very much like to make some noise in the Big Ten," SI.com declared.

"The hiring of Brohm suggests a throwback to the days of Joe Tiller revolutionizing the Big Ten with spread offense and some guy named Drew Brees," Dennis Dodd of CBSSports.com wrote at the time. "Brohm has similar upside having developed Brandon Doughty and Mike White at Western Kentucky."

Dodd was correct. Brohm developed David Blough and Aidan O'Connell into NFL quarterbacks. During his final two seasons before returning home to the University of Louisville in 2023, Brohm led Purdue to 17 victories, a Music City Bowl triumph against Tennessee and a Big Ten West Division title.

One out of three isn't bad if you play Major League Baseball. A career batting average of .333 is a lock to earn a Hall of Fame plaque at Cooperstown.

But when millions of dollars are at stake, athletic directors and college presidents can't miss on two of every three hires.

Purdue hopes Barry Odom raises its football hiring batting average to .500. Odom made the honor roll of the 2025 hires in the opinion of two national media organizations.

Odom gets an A from Steve Lassen of Athlon Sports, who ranked the former UNLV coach fourth on his offseason hires list behind Rich Rodriguez's return to West Virginia, Bronco Mendenhall to Utah State and future Pro Football Hall of Famer Bill Belichick to North Carolina.

"After guiding UNLV to its best two-year stretch in program history and back-to-back trips to the Mountain West Championship Game, Odom landed his second chance at a power conference job," Lassen writes. "The task of turning around Purdue is steep after the program went 5-19 over the last two years. However, Odom's ties to the Midwest, along with his growth as a head coach since his stint at Missouri, should make this a home run hire for the Boilermakers."

The Athletic's Ralph D. Russo gave Purdue an A-minus.

"After whiffing badly on first-time head coach Ryan Walters, Purdue was smart to bring in a coach with six years' experience," Russo writes. "And while his Missouri tenure was mixed (25-25, with a peak of 8-5), he just engineered a remarkable turnaround at longtime doormat UNLV, ... which finished ranked for the first time in school history. That will come in handy at rebuilding Purdue."

If Odom is able to pull off a UNLV-like rebuild, he'll need help from athletic director Mike Bobinski in coming up with an easier schedule. Watching Indiana skate to the College Football Playoffs against a slate of Hostess Cupcakes should be a model to follow.

Athlon Sports ranks Purdue's 2025 football schedule the second-

toughest in the Big Ten behind Wisconsin. The good news is the Boilermakers should at least double last season's win total, opening at home against Ball State and Southern Illinois.

There was a time when fans looked forward to the annual matchup with Notre Dame. Now, playing the Fighting Irish makes no sense other than to boost the athletic department's bank account. The Sept. 20 matchup in South Bend comes after USC visits Ross-Ade Stadium the week before.

Illinois is coming off a 10-win season and a Citrus Bowl victory. Trips to Minnesota and Northwestern aren't gimmes. Rutgers has been a thorn in Purdue's side in both football and men's basketball since joining the Big Ten.

November could be a miserable month for Purdue with a trip to Michigan followed by a home game with reigning national champion Ohio State. A bye week follows the Boilermakers' visit to Washington, and Indiana comes to Ross-Ade for Senior Day on Nov. 29.

Indiana has the Big Ten's fourth-easiest schedule according to Athlon Sports. Trips to Iowa, Oregon and Penn State will likely deny the Hoosiers back-to-back 11-win seasons. But, IU gets Illinois and Wisconsin at home and avoids Michigan and Ohio State. The non-conference slate has three Twinkies in Old Dominion, Kennesaw State and Indiana State.

NFL Draft hopeful

If one NFL Draft analyst is correct, Purdue will continue its run of alumni hearing their name called during the three-day event April 24-26 at Green Bay.

Offensive lineman Marcus Mbow is 66th on The Athletic's Top 100 NFL Draft prospects list. If the 6-4, 309-pound Mbow is indeed drafted, it will mark six consecutive seasons and 28 out of the last 29 NFL Drafts to include a Boilermaker.

"Some of his strength and anchor concerns popped up during one-on-ones at the Senior Bowl, but Mbow will regain some of his draft momentum after he tests at the combine," Dane Brugler writes. "His fluid footwork and body adjustments allow him to mirror rushers and operate well in space. Some teams are keeping him at tackle on their boards, while others like him best inside at guard or even center."

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.

Construction Update

Noblesville School board members toured Noblesville High School construction progress this week, checking in on the expansion that will include welding bays, engineering rooms, biomedical labs, a new cafe, a makerspace, study areas, meeting space and more. Performing arts spaces are also being renovated and all work is being funded through a bond with no increase to the tax rate.



Photos courtesy Noblesville Schools

School board member Bret Richardson



Board members (L-R) Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert stand on the new gathering stairs that are a central feature of the cafe and event space area.



Misti Ray

Political History Made in Sheridan

A new political history is being made in Sheridan beginning this year. Back in November township and town voters in Adams Township voted and agreed to consolidate, do away with township government, and become the new Town of Sheridan. This consolidation includes a new seven-member town council, an increase of two additional members over the previous five-member Sheridan Town Council. The two new members of the council were appointed from the old Adams Township Advisory Board and now the new Sheridan Town Council members represent the consolidated former Adams Township and Town of Sheridan territories. While the two new members of the Sheridan Town Council were appointed, future elections will offer voters an



Sheridan Town Council: Front Row: Eric Gifford, member; Silas DeVaney, Council President; Daniel Bragg, member. Back Row: David Kinkead, member; Ron Stone member; Levi Schrock, member; and Floyd Barker, member. Stone and Barker are the new appointees to the Sheridan Town Council from the former Adams Township Advisory Council. Their positions will be elected starting in the next general election.

opportunity to vote for their choice.

The former Adams Township governmental structure has now officially ceased to exist, and the new Town of Sheridan boundaries include the entire township. The vote to incorporate passed with a strong majority back in

November and represents a major step forward for the future growth of the new Town of Sheridan. Voters in the new Town of Sheridan will now move forward as a single political entity and be better prepared to serve the needs of residents within the entire old township.

Lions and Gleaners For February

Earlier this month, the Noblesville, Carmel, and Westfield Lions Clubs assisted with several members of the University High School baseball team in helping the Gleaners Mobile Pantry. As well as helping with the pantry, the high school team presented a donation of \$250 to Gleaners. The Lions wish to thank these students for their help with this project and involvement in community service.



Photos courtesy Noblesville Lions

University High School Baseball Team presenting check to Gleaners. Lions members in attendance, but not pictured were: From Carmel: Bill Ryan, Bob Yunker, and Lynn Thompson. From Noblesville: Bruce moss, Skylar Herold, Jeff Kozicki, Jeanne Auffrey, John Einsfeld, Joe Connerley, Lisa Rohe, Ron Sinicki, and Scott Willis. From Westfield: Don Collins, Gary Smith, and Bill Nesbitt.



University HS team members serving a line of food recipients.



Providing an affordable and positive baseball experience for all young men ages 13-18

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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Heights Cheerleader Signs With Grace College



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From left, Amanda Sauerteig (sister-in-law), Tyler Sauerteig (brother), holding Peyton Sauerteig (niece), Austin Sauerteig (brother), Shirley Pfanstiel (grandma), Hamilton Heights' senior Carlie, Madison Rolston (sister), Wendy Sauerteig (mom), and Jeff Sauerteig (dad).

Carlie Sauerteig, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to cheer for the Grace College Lancers this fall. Grace College is a member of the Crossroads League and a NAIA athletic institution. She is the daughter of Jeff and Wendy Sauerteig.

were extremely patient with me throughout my decision process."

Sauerteig plans to seek a degree in facility and event management with minors in sports management and Spanish. After college, she hopes to become a wedding planner and coordinator.

Sauerteig is a dedicated student athlete who has served as a Student Athletic Aide during the spring season since her freshman year. She earned her varsity letter blanket and four-year varsity letters for both fall and winter cheerleading seasons. Within the cheer program she received the leadership award, which is voted on by her fellow teammates. Academically, she has been among the 10% in her class all four years of high school. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society and works at Erika's Place.

"I have been passionate about my sports since I was six years old," recalled Sauerteig, who began cheering competitively in kindergarten. After an injury sidelined her as a competitive cheerleader in middle school, she began building her skills back in 2019. As a high school cheerleader, she attended all practices, games, and works to improve every day. "I can't wait to see my progress over the next four years at Grace!"

She credits her sister Madison as being the biggest influence on the person she is becoming, supporting her through all the highs and lows, never leaving her side. She is also grateful for her parents who have attended every game she has cheered and supported her through this journey as well. "I am so thankful for the foundation of love provided to me by my family," she added.

"Carlie is a natural born leader who loves her school and her peers," said Amanda Engle, Hamilton Heights Varsity Cheerleading Coach. "She is incredibly organized and always makes sure everyone has what they need to be successful. Carlie has been a joy to coach for the past four years as she is always willing to fill-in any stunting position that is asked of her as well as take lead in any capacity. Carlie's leadership skills, work ethic, organizational skills, spirit, and smile will be incredibly missed next year! Grace is extremely lucky to be gaining such an all-around wonderful cheerleader."

"Carlie is the ultimate role model for Hamilton Heights High School," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "Smart, athletic, personable, and coachable all describe Carlie Sauerteig the past four years. She will be a great addition to the Grace College Lancers cheerleading squad, and we wish her the best."

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Sen. Walker Shares Update



KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

The 2025 legislative session is quickly nearing the halfway point, and bills must clear important deadlines this week to continue to move through the legislative process. As your state Senator and voice at the statehouse, I'm proud to have several bills that I've authored and co-authored pass out of the Senate, with others currently under consideration in committee and on the Senate floor.

- Senate Bill 451, which I co-authored, further reduces the state income tax rate to 2.85% in 2030 if state revenue grows more than 3% year-to-year (passed the Senate)
- Senate Bill 290, which I authored, proposes an adjustment to the state distribution formula to ensure Fishers receives a more equitable share of the local income taxes paid by its residents (on the Senate floor)
- Senate Bill 209, which I authored, allows for the use of electronic pull-tab systems for various charitable organizations (passed the Senate)
- Senate Bill 5, which I co-authored, increases increase accountability in state contracts and oversight of new federal funds and programs to ensure funds are spent responsibly and transparently (passed the Senate)
- Senate Bill 220, which I authored, requires state employee health plans to provide coverage for dementia treatments or medications that are determined to be medically necessary (passed one committee)

You can track these bills and others, watch livestreams of session and committee meetings and more [here](#). As always, I encourage you to reach out to my official office with your thoughts on bills as we prepare for the second half of the legislative session.

THE STATE OF Fishers Is Strong

Earlier this month, Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness recapped his 10 years in office and the transformation of Fishers into a strong and vibrant city. During his 2025 State of the City address, he also highlighted exciting new projects coming to Fishers, including:

- A \$30 million, 35,000-square-foot restaurant and retail space at The Crossings at Fishers District, near the new Fishers Event Center

- New investments from life-science companies like INCOG BioPharma Services and Stevanto Group
- A second AgriPark, to bring the urban farm experience to west Fishers
- A new partnership between Plug and Play and Launch Fishers to bring more resources to Fishers entrepreneurs
- A second Target store coming to 136th Street at Exit 210

There's no doubt that the Fishers is strong under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness!

HONORING LOCAL Students and Athletes

One of the greatest honors of serving in the statehouse is being able to recognize the outstanding individuals and organizations of District 31. I recently introduced several resolutions to celebrate the accomplishments of local students and athletes who have excelled in academics and international sports:

- Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 congratulates Fishers Junior High School on placing first in the Indiana Bar Foundation Middle School We the People state championship
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 18 congratulates Fishers native and Hamilton Southeastern alumnus, Noah Malone, on winning a gold medal in the men's 100 meter T12 event for the 2024 Paris Paralympics
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 19 congratulates Indianapolis native and Cathedral High School alumnus, Cole Hocker, on winning a gold medal in the 1500 meter track and field event at the 2024 Paris Olympics

STATEHOUSE Snapshots

I recently visited with the Fishers Junior High School We the People team, Hamilton County Voice and the Alzheimer's Association at the statehouse.

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

World Read Aloud Day



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights Schools

Madison Newby and Ahriana Sherrill, members of the Hamilton Heights Middle School Husky Readers Club, helped celebrate World Read Aloud Day recently and promote the joy of reading by reading a special book to students at Hamilton Heights Elementary School. The goal of the club is to foster a love for reading at Hamilton Heights Middle School, community, and in the world.

FOR THE RECORD

For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Noblesville Times. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Times encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.

CITY OF WESTFIELD 2025 Meeting Dates

Advisory Plan Commission

First APC Meeting
Meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m.
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.
March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 2, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1.
Second APC Meeting
Meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m.
Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E. 171st St.
March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15.

Plat Committee

First Platt Committee Meeting
Mondays at 11 a.m.
March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8.
Second Platt Committee Meeting
Mondays at 11 a.m.
March 24, April 20, May 27, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.
March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9.

Technical Advisory Committee

Tuesdays, 9 a.m.
March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

RIVERVIEW HEALTH

Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025
4:45 p.m.
Hospital Board Room
AGENDA
Call to Order
Michael Daugherty, Board Chairman
Connect to Purpose
Physician Introduction
Dr. Ghazala Sabeeh
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
- January 27, 2025 Reorganization Session
- January 27, 2025 Regular Session
- January 27, 2025 Executive Session
Report of the Medical Staff Credentials
Ahmad Saltagi, M.D., President, Medical Staff
Quality Report
Eric Marcotte, M.D. Chief Medical Officer
UR / Quality Review
Sam Mishelow, Vice Chairman
Finance Committee Report
Michael Daugherty, Chairman
Financials – Amy Crouch, CFO
- Accounts Receivable Write off - Approval
Report of the President
Dave Hyatt, President / CEO
- Dashboard – January 2025
- Appointment of Section 1557 Coordinator
New Business
Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, February 24, 2025
Hospital Board Room
5:30 p.m.
AGENDA
Strategic discussions permitted under IC § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)
Competitive marketing strategies permitted under IC § 16-22-3-28(C)(3)

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

February 24
Regular Session
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center
Please note the following:

- Doors open at 5:15 p.m. – all attendees will need to sign in
- Public comment is on the agenda and those wishing to speak during public comment must register by 5:45 p.m. The Public Comment Policy is available for review
- Attendees are expected to follow and respect the decorum of the meeting (Civility and Decorum Policy)

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Name: Regular Session
Date: February 24, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center
<https://go.boarddocs.com/in/ccsin/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DC4KSY5357DE>

CARMEL CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

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Noblesville Schools Employees Honored for Saving a Life



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Noblesville Schools maintenance employees Mike Kirby, Dave Absher, Scott Godsman and Nick Watson were honored tonight by the school board and Mike Kirby was given a Public Health Hero award from the Hamilton County Health Department for quick action to save the life of colleague Doug Durr when he experienced a medical emergency at work. From left, Doug Durr, Jim Ginder with the Hamilton County Health Department, Mike Kirby, Jason LeMaster with the Hamilton County Health Department and Nick Watson.

Heights Superintendent Shares Update



DR. ARROWOOD
Guest Columnist

At last week's Superintendent Advisory Group meeting, Jack Russell, President and CEO of OneZone, was our guest presenter. He shared his work with and perspective on our Reaching New Heights initiative. Jack did an excellent job enlightening the group about the program from a business perspective and as a parent with a child enrolled at Hamilton Heights.

I thought this would be a good opportunity to share an overview of this exciting new initiative at Hamilton Heights and its future impact. We are now in our third year of developing and transitioning the educational landscape for Heights' students. We began the process by learning how to better align experiences and learning programming with high school graduation pathways. We started with a community conversation around college and career preparedness and the types of experiences, skills, and competencies our students need to truly be ready for success beyond high school.

We involved a strong and growing contingent of community partners to form a network dedicated to supporting our efforts to implement rigorous and relevant learning experiences as an integral component of this initiative. From here we developed a "Portrait of a Graduate" that reflects the expectations our community desires for our students who graduate from HHHS and set forth a collaborative,

community-driven approach that engages students with the real-world problems and challenges faced by employer partners.

We created a well thought out Master Plan to serve as the Reaching New Heights initiative roadmap. This is our strategic guide as we continue to transform the educational experience for students PreK-12th grade going forward. The plan, which we consider a living document, will continue to evolve as we work to ensure all students are well prepared for life after high school graduation. This includes enrolling in college or a trade school, enlisting in a branch of the military to serve their country, or gaining employment in a local high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand profession with an entrepreneurial mindset. Through this initiative our graduates will be ready for the next step.

Reaching New Heights has four core focus areas: **Learn, Grow, Explore, and Serve.**

Learn: Provides opportunities for communication in a global world, financial literacy and applied math, and time management and organization. Students learn by participating in hands-on learning opportunities and connecting with industry professionals.

Grow: Through project-based learning, students learn resilience, collaboration and team building, and personal wellness and mental health.

Explore: Students get hands-on experience with different professions through onsite and offsite career outreach experiences.

Serve: Students learn integrity, community service projects and civic responsibility through collaboration with local businesses, organizations, and educational institutions to provide students with real-world insights and opportunities.

The goal of Reaching New Heights is to engage all students by connecting them to their passions and purpose at Hamilton Heights and beyond. This will help prepare them for the demands of the modern workforce empowering them to achieve their full potential and contribute to our community's prosperity.

Throughout this amazing process, we have had students, staff, administrators, board members, parents and members from the business community get onboard to help be a part of transforming the secondary school experience using this community-driven approach. It's working and making a difference! Thank you for your continued commitment to our school's mission and vision. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our students and our community. #WeAreHuskies

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His columns appear periodically in The Times.

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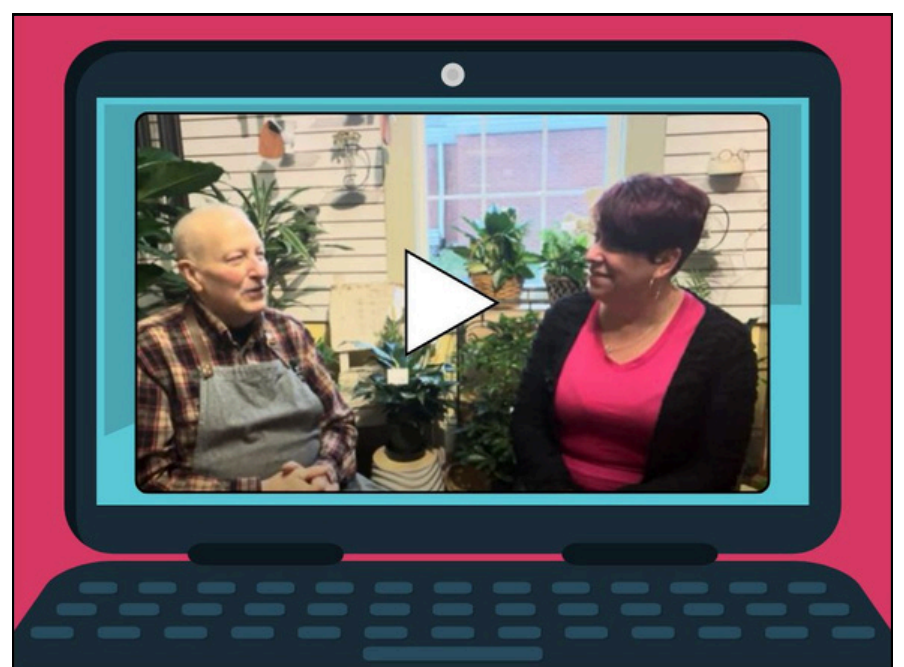
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