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TODAY'S VERSE

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Hamilton Happenings

The Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association's 26th Annual Plant & Iris Sale fundraiser is set for Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. The sale will feature a wide selection of plants, including native plants, hostas, daylilies, perennials, vegetables, water plants and some shrubs and small trees. Dug-to-order irises will be available for purchase at the Iris Garden on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds. There are never enough wagons for everyone so bring your own if you can! For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3Qjb9eV> or email PlantSaleQuestions@hcmga.org.

Three Things You Should Know

- Robot lawn mowers may be the future of lawn care, but it turns out many U.S. homeowners currently think buying one of these smart mowers is a dumb idea. To assess the adoption of robot lawn mowers — why people have or don't have them — and the pluses and minuses of these gadgets, Lawn Love surveyed more than 700 homeowners with a lawn. They found that the majority of them do not own a robot mower. The top three reasons respondents say they haven't purchased a robot mower are that they're too expensive (49.84%), have no need to upgrade equipment (17.37%), and their lawn is too bumpy or uneven (11.04%). Almost a quarter of respondents who own a robot mower still hire a local crew to help with lawn care and landscaping and more than half with smart mowers report spending \$2,000 or less on their grass-chomping robot.
- MarketBeat ran a nationwide quiz to determine where Americans are most clued up on tariffs and it turns out Hoosiers are pretty up to snuff. MarketBeat.com, a financial media company, tested 3,750 people across the U.S., giving them a 5-question quiz. Iowa topped the leaderboard, with residents scoring an average of 90 percent. Indiana came in second at 88 percent and was followed by Wyoming (86%), South Dakota (86%) and Idaho (86%). At the other end of the scale was Louisiana with an average score of just 42 percent.
- New research has revealed the fastest states to sell your home, with Rhode Island coming out on top. The study by mortgage broker experts Eden Emerald Mortgages analyzed 2025 Zillow data on the average time it takes for an offer to be accepted. Rhode Island is the state where it's fastest to sell your home. It takes just 69.69 days on average to sell a home completely from listing a property, the least of any state. Ohio, Michigan, Maine and Connecticut rounded out the top five. Hoosiers wanting to sell got good news. Indiana was seventh at about 73 days to sell.

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Boomer Bits



Ask Rusty – When should I enroll in Medicare?



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:
I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan. I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise.
Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship

Dear Approaching:
I assume that when you say you have submitted “an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday” you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025, and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security

retirement benefits.
Even though you are starting your Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, you will not be eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65, and you will get a “Welcome to Medicare” packet about 3 months before your 65th birthday. Your Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B
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American Stroke Association.
A division of the American Heart Association.

Know Stroke Signs; Save Lives in American Stroke Month

Every year, approximately 800,000 people in the U.S. have a stroke, however, as many as 80 percent may be preventable with healthy lifestyle changes and screening for risk factors^[2]. During May, American Stroke Month, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is raising awareness nationwide that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable.

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What's Fair Price For Drug

By John Stanford

This month, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will begin meeting with patients who use the 15 drugs it selected for the second round of Medicare price "negotiations" -- including weight-loss treatment Wegovy.

CMS will use these

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Writer Walks Where Pope Once Walked



ANDY CHANDLER Guest Columnist

EDITOR'S NOTE: Andy Chandler has worked with Sagamore News Media on a few occasions. His talent in photography and writing speak for themselves. After an American was named the head of the Catholic Church for the first time in history, Andy went on a pilgrimage. The following is what he shared.

Why I do it. 2025.05.08 Riverdale, Illinois.

Sometimes you can get an idea of someone by walking the same sidewalks they walked, seeing the light through the same windows they looked out of. During my time as a presidential history explorer, sometimes learning about their environment gives an insight into what they will be like.

Dolton and Riverdale neighborhoods are nestled deep on the southside of Chicago. If you ask a resident in their community where they are from, they will tell you they are from Dolton/Riverdale. If they are traveling out of state, the same person may tell you that they are from Chicago.

I took a walk from the house Robert Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, grew up in to his childhood church that was the his azimuth to Rome. I was trying to stretch my legs after my two and a half hour drive, and trying to make sense out of this new Pontiff who is now the spiritual father of 1.2 billion people around the world.

I'll admit I was dubious about the election of a Pontiff from the United States. Perhaps this is too much power concentrated in a country that has established itself politically, philosophically and religiously on the basis of diametrically opposed tension? A leader born and raised in a culture where harmony is found through tragedy or dominance?

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're inactive and overweight, get tested for diabetes.

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



HONEST HOOSIER

Big day in history! It's the nickel's 159th birthday. And on this date in 1868, the Senate failed to convict Andrew Johnson by one single vote. You know, back before impeachments became more commonplace!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank GARY ROSEMARY for subscribing!

TODAY'S QUOTE

“The Voice of America stands upon this above all: The truth shall be the guide. Truth may help us. It may hurt us. But helping us or hurting us we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that man can know us for what we are and can at least believe what we say.”
Edward R. Murrow

TODAY'S JOKE

How come the sun never went to college?
It already has, like a million degrees!

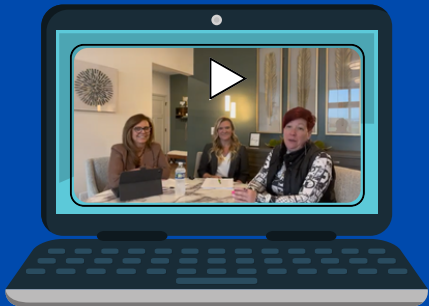


OUR GENERATION with the Times

Melissa Shaw's interview with Promenade Trails in Noblesville

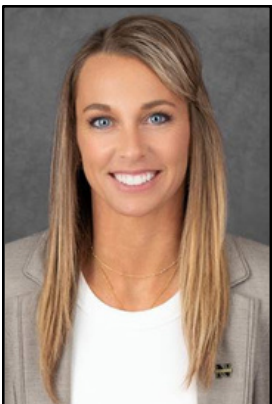
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Noblesville Assistant Principal Earns Regional Honor

Noblesville Schools has announced that Noblesville High School assistant principal Dr. Janae Mobley has been named the Assistant Principal of the Year for north central Indiana (region 5) by the Indiana Association of School Principals. This also puts her in the running for the Indiana Assistant Principal of the Year.



Dr. Janae Mobley

She was selected for the honor by her peers, who based their decision on accomplishments, qualifications, and leadership. She is the second NHS assistant principal to receive this honor in recent years, with NHS’s Kevin Stuckwisch being named regional assistant principal of the year in 2023.

Mobley has been an assistant principal at NHS since 2019. Prior to that she served as a dean of students at NHS, an assistant principal at Yorktown High School, and a teacher in Carmel Clay Schools.

In addition to overseeing graduation, Mobley has had responsibility for collaborative teacher and leadership teams at the high school to enhance instructional

best practices and reach new levels of student academic success. She is also spearheading the adoption of the new Indiana high school diploma to ensure all students meet their future goals.

Mobley holds a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Kentucky and a master’s in education administration from Butler University.

The IASP is a not-for-profit, professional association serving over 3,200 building level administrators in the state of Indiana. District 5 is located in north central Indiana and is made up of Boone, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, Miami and Tipton counties, representing approximately 40 public high schools.



Members of Troop 1887, from left, Rivee Eilenberg, Roxy Stock, Adreena Jabel, Charlotte McCool, Maren Sander and Emily Kennedy.

Girl Scout Troop to Host Summer Badge Camp

Girl Scout Troop 1887 from Carmel High School will host a Summer Badge Camp for girls ages 5 to 10. The weeklong, half-day camp is scheduled to take place July 14–18 at the Carmel Lion’s Club, from 8 a.m. to noon each day. The camp is a fundraiser for the troop’s Gold Award projects, the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve.

“These girls, many of whom have been Girl Scouts since kindergarten, have a deep appreciation of scouting,” says Troop Leader Tammy Sander. “They’re natural leaders and compassionate mentors who can’t wait to share their love for scouting with younger girls.”

Campers will earn five badges during the week: Mechanical

Engineering, Outdoor Arts, Performance, Democracy, and Citizenship. Activities are hands-on, creative, and designed to inspire curiosity and confidence. The camp is open to all girls, regardless of whether they’re enrolled in Girl Scouts.

“This camp is going to be so much fun!” says Senior Scout Rivee Eilenberg. “We’re so excited to work with the younger girls and help them earn their badges. It’s going to be a fun, busy week full of crafts, games, and learning

Early bird registration is open now through May 21, with a discounted rate of \$150 per participant. Learn more at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/troop1887-summer-badge-camp/items>

Library Sets Exclusive 21+ Event to Kick Off Summer

Get ready to party between the pages! Hamilton East Public Library is thrilled to announce “A Night in the Stacks,” an exclusive, adults-only celebration to kick off this year’s Summer Reading Program, “Color Our World.” The event will take place at the Noblesville Library on Friday, May 30, from 7-10 p.m., and promises an unforgettable evening of music, drinks, creativity, and fun.

Open to guests 21 and older, this special after-hours bash invites the community to experience the library like never before. Wander the stacks with a drink in hand, enjoy vibrant entertainment, meet fellow book lovers, and more. The first 50 arrivals will receive a special swag bag.

Featured activities include silent disco, trivia (with prizes!), video & arcade games, a bounce house, book speed dating, board games with Who’s Yer Gamers, laser tag, crafts & coloring, prize wheel, Friends of the Library

Bookstore special hours, Summer Reading Program pre-registration, and more! There will be snacks/food available for purchase from Hot Box Pizza and beer/wine available for purchase.

Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance—no tickets will be sold at the door. This event is in partnership with the newly launched HEPL Foundation.

“We wanted to create something fresh and engaging that invites adults into the library in a fun, dynamic way,” said Amber Wright, Director of Public Services. “A Night in the Stacks’ is the perfect way to kick off our ‘Color Our World’ summer reading program, which is all about celebrating imagination, community, and the joy of reading.”

Don’t miss your chance to attend this one-of-a-kind event that blends nightlife with literary life. Secure your tickets through the library’s event calendar at hamiltoneastpl.org.

LETTER TO EDITOR

PETA Kudo Has Indiana Connection

Dear Editor,

SHEIN, one of the world’s largest global e-commerce platforms, which has a distribution center in Indiana, recently took a big step toward kindness for all living beings — banning animal skins like fur and feathers and eliminating the sale of cruel glue and steel-jaw traps.

Like you and I, animals are capable of love, joy, and fear—and they hurt just like us. On fur farms, animals spend their entire lives confined to cramped, filthy wire cages before being killed by the cheapest and cruelest methods available. Feather accessories

usually come from terrified ostriches, peacocks, and other birds killed for their flesh. Animals caught in glue traps panic and struggle, which causes them to become even more helplessly stuck as the glue tears off their fur, feathers, or skin. Steel-jaw traps inflict excruciating pain, leaving animals to suffer — sometimes for days — before dying.

Every animal is someone. May more companies “shine” a light on compassion and respect for all earthlings.

Scott Miller
The PETA Foundation

Westfield Chamber Focuses on Healthcare

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members and guests to attend State of Healthcare on Thursday, June 5 at Prairie Waters Event Center! We will be joined by top local healthcare executives:

Chad Dilley
CEO / President
Ascension St. Vincent Carmel

Derek McMichael
VP and Hospital Administrator
Community Howard Regional Hospital
Community Health Network Westfield Hospital

Dennis Murphy
President and CEO
Indiana University Health

Dave Hyatt
President and CEO
Riverview Health

The healthcare industry is changing

and evolving in our city as well as statewide. We look forward to bringing these healthcare leaders together for an important conversation on the State of Healthcare in our communities and what we can look forward to as Westfield continues to grow. We hope to see you there for what should be an insightful and educational afternoon.

Please join us for what is to be an insightful afternoon. Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets Available. Corporate Reserved Tables (Seating for 8) are also available.

To register, go to <https://westfieldchamberofcommerce.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/2JFN79EC3CNCz>



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PUBLIC NOTICES

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
William Lehr Drain, J. C. McCarty Arm
NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and:
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the William Lehr Drain. J. C. McCarty Arm on May 27, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.
Hamilton County Drainage Board
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the City Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 27th day of May 2025, will consider the following transfer of appropriations within the general fund for the current year.

Appropriations to be reduced:
Clerk Treasurer (#008) – Consulting: \$550,000
Additional appropriations to be added:
Administration (#001) – Consulting: \$550,000
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on additional appropriation.

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Carmel Ranked Among Top Livable Cities in U.S.

The City of Carmel has been recognized as one of the top communities in the nation, earning the #2 spot in Livability's 2025 Top 100 Best Places to Live. This data-driven list evaluated more than 2,000 U.S. cities with populations between 75,000 and 500,000.

In addition to being named #2 in the nation, Carmel is the only city in Indiana to receive a top-tier ranking. The City of Bloomington was included in the Top 100.

Livability's ranking methodology considers nearly 100 data points across eight key categories, including economy, housing and cost of living, amenities, transportation, environment, safety



and education. Carmel's high ranking reflects its strengths in areas such as safety, housing and cost of living and health.

"We're truly honored that Livability has recognized the special qualities that make Carmel not just a city, but a home we can all be proud of," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "This recognition reflects the heart and soul our community puts into creating a place where families feel safe and neighbors connect."

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(coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

Note that Medicare does not cover all healthcare expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC's Medicare department at 1.800.334.9330 or www.amac.us/medicare. And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest contacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don't hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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A stroke can happen to anyone, even young people. Know the stroke signs, risk factors and how to protect yourself:

- 1. Spot a stroke F.A.S.T.** If you see Face drooping, Arm weakness or Speech difficulty, it's Time to call 911. Explore what the warning signs may look, feel or sound like in the interactive F.A.S.T. Experience.
- 2. Understand your risk factors** and ask a doctor how you can prevent a stroke. High blood pressure is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke.
- 3. Stroke recovery is within reach.** Track your health, medication and more with the Heart & Stroke Helper™ app for stroke survivors and caregivers.

A stroke happens when normal blood flow in the brain is interrupted. When parts of the brain don't get the oxygen-rich blood they need, those cells die. Quick identification and treatment of stroke improves the chances of survival and recovery.

Learn the warning signs Stroke is an emergency. If someone is having a stroke, they must get medical attention right away.

Use the acronym F.A.S.T. to identify the most common signs of stroke:

- Face Drooping - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- Arm Weakness - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- Speech Difficulty - Is speech slurred or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue."
- Time to Call 911 - If you notice any of these symptoms, even if they go away, call 911 and get to a hospital immediately. Quick action can save a life.

Take steps to prevent stroke Black and Hispanic adults in the U.S. face disproportionately higher stroke risk, driven in part by higher rates of high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes[3], as well as socioeconomic factors that impact access to care and prevention[4].

A large majority of strokes can be prevented:

- Manage your blood pressure – Lowering your blood pressure reduces your risk of stroke. According to the 2025 American Heart Association Statistical Update, nearly half of adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure, and many don't even know it.

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discussions to inform the lower prices it'll set for the medicines. What CMS won't address is the growing list of drugs that'll never be developed as a result of government price-setting.

It's been less than three years since the Inflation Reduction Act authorized the price negotiation program. Already, several companies have cited the law as a reason for pulling the plug on research programs and treatments for cancer, psychiatric disorders, and other serious conditions. Nearly 50 research programs and 24 drugs have been discontinued since the law was enacted.

Thankfully, President Trump just signed an executive order calling on Congress to roll back the Inflation Reduction Act's most damaging provisions. Without reform, the number of discontinued treatments will grow -- and so will the number of people whose lives could have been saved by those foregone medicines.

One provision stands out: the law's "pill penalty."

The IRA doesn't treat all medicines equally. "Small molecule" medicines, typically pills or tablets, face price-setting just 9 years after FDA approval.

By contrast, biologic drugs, which are typically administered via injection or infusion at hospitals or doctor's offices, don't face price-setting until they've been on the market for 13 years.

As a result of this disparity, companies and investors are turning away from small molecule research.

The CEO of Novartis warned that companies are deprioritizing small molecule therapies for the elderly. Pfizer announced that it'll steer its oncology portfolio away from small molecules due to the IRA.

Investments in small molecule treatments

have dropped 70%. Bristol Myers Squibb -- the maker of blood thinner Eliquis, one of the first drugs selected for Medicare price negotiations -- plans to trim spending by \$3.5 billion over the next two years. The effort will lay off at least 2,000 employees and has already led to cuts at cancer research facilities.

These losses track with what my organization is hearing. 87% of life science investors now have less interest in funding small molecule research and development.

That's a looming disaster for patients and taxpayers. Small molecule drugs account for the majority of all medicines. They're easier for patients to take and more cost-effective than biologics.

Yet because of the IRA, fewer small molecule drugs will secure the financing they need to make it out of the lab and into local pharmacies.

Lawmakers can restore the balance. The Ensuring Pathways to Innovative Cures Act would give small molecule drugs the same 13-year reprieve from price-setting that biologics receive -- encouraging companies to make research investments based on scientific promise, rather than molecular weight.

The lawmakers who created the Medicare drug price negotiation program had good intentions. But in their quest for lower drug prices, they're ensuring that many experimental treatments are never developed.

Unless policymakers reverse course, the cost will be measured in human lives.

John Stanford is the executive director of Incubate, a Washington-based coalition of life sciences venture capitalists. This column originally appeared at DCJournal.com.

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It’s All About Purdue Boilermakers, By The Numbers, This Week

**KENNY THOMPSON**
Columnist

While playing for Maccabi Tel Aviv in Europe’s top professional basketball league, Omer Mayer wore No. 10.

That number was unofficially off limits to Mayer when the 6-4 guard signed to play the 2025-26 season with Purdue. Only five Boilermakers since the 1950s have worn No. 10 but it will always be associated with Rick Mount.

Mount’s No. 10 is on equal footing at Purdue with No. 13, worn most notably by Glenn Robinson and John Wooden, and Zach Edey’s No. 15.

The greatest shooter in Purdue basketball history, Mount was just the second Boilermaker to don No. 10. That number, according to the 2024-25 Purdue basketball media guide, was worn for the first time by Steve Cunningham from 1963-66.

Much like his scoring records, Mount takes great pride in No. 10. Purdue Hall of Fame coach Gene Keady and former Indiana Mr. Basketball Woody Austin found out just how much so in 1989, when Austin sought to wear his Richmond High School jersey number.

Official Purdue policy is not to retire uniform numbers in any sport. That didn’t matter to Mount, who wore No. 10 for the last time at Purdue in 1970.

“They took my number out of circulation for, what, 19 years?” Mount told the Chicago Tribune in 2000. “I don’t care if Woody Austin wears No. 10 or if Joe Blow wears No. 10, but give me the respect of calling me. It would have been OK if Keady would have called me and said, ‘Hey, Rick, I know it’s been out of circulation, but Woody Austin wants this number. Can he wear it?’ But he didn’t. I don’t think the guy respects me.”

In 2002, Keady had freshman guard Brandon McKnight call Mount to seek permission to wear No. 10.

“I said, ‘Son, wear it with pride,’ “ Mount told the Los Angeles Times in 2003. Not coincidentally, Mount ended his self-imposed exile from Purdue’s campus that same year.

Mayer will be the first Boilermaker to wear No. 47, a decision made possible a couple of years ago when the NCAA lifted a longstanding rule prohibiting players from wearing numbers that include 6, 7, 8 or 9. Today, numbers 0 to 99 are legal to wear, following the example set by the NBA.

Walk-ons Aaron Fine (6) and Sam King (7) also deviated from the

traditional jersey numbers.

While the Purdue media guide doesn’t list jersey numbers prior to the 1950s, banners hanging in Mackey Arena indicate that Boilermaker All-Americans Norman Cottom (7) and Charles “Stretch” Murphy (27) wore non-traditional numbers in the late 1920s and 1930s.

Cottom was the 1934 Big Ten scoring champion and a consensus All-American the same season. Murphy, a giant in his day at 6-7, led Purdue to an undefeated Big Ten championship in 1930. The Marion native also set the Big Ten single-season scoring record in 1929 and was a two-time consensus All-American. He was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1960 alongside teammate John Wooden and his Purdue coach, Piggy Lambert.

A sign that Purdue basketball under Painter is enjoying one of its greatest eras? Look no further than a 2020 article by Dustin Dopirak for The Athletic, ranking the best Boilermaker by number since 1952.

If that story was updated five years later, there would be several changes made. Obviously, Edey would take No. 15 away from Jim Bullock, a solid forward in the 1980s for Keady but nowhere near Player of the Year talented.

Caleb Furst would likely get the edge over Anthony Johnson for No. 1.

While some may disagree, Braden Smith’s record-setting career gives him the nod over Carsen Edwards for wearing No. 3 the best. Both have won national awards (Bob Cousy for Smith and Jerry West for Edwards) but setting the Purdue career assists mark in three seasons is the tipping point for Smith.

An argument could be made a year from now that Fletcher Loyer was the better No. 2 than David Teague, especially if Loyer stays on pace for a top 10 career scoring finish. Trey Kaufman-Renn has a tougher battle to unseat Robbie Hummel as Purdue’s best to wear No. 4.

While we’re on the subject of numbers, here’s a few provided by Purdue associate strategic communications director (men’s basketball and men’s golf) Chris Forman for the 2024-25 season.

4
Purdue is one of four men’s basketball teams to finish ranked in the top 15 according to The Associated Press. The others are Houston, Duke and Arizona.

6
A number that will perhaps surprise some national media, it’s the number of Sweet 16 appearances by Purdue in the past eight tournaments. Only Gonzaga has more with seven.

8
Only Michigan State’s Tom Izzo (16) and Indiana legend Bob Knight (14) have had more NCAA Sweet 16 appearances than Matt Painter’s eight in Big Ten history.

10
The Boilermakers’ string of NCAA Tournament appearances, surprisingly the fourth-longest active streak in the nation and the fourth-longest streak in Big Ten history.

14
Purdue’s ranking in the final Associated Press Top 25 poll. It’s the fifth consecutive year Purdue was ranked in the final AP poll (20th - 2021; 10th - 2022; 3rd - 2023; 2nd – 2024).

39.3
Over the last two seasons, Purdue leads the country in 3-point percentage, making 615-of-1,566 from long range. Kentucky is second at 39.1 percent.

141
Caleb Furst’s career games at Purdue, sharing the school record set by Dakota Mathias in 2018.

292
Trey Kaufman-Renn’s field goals made in 2024-25, tops in the country.

758
Braden Smith’s Purdue career record assist total. He also holds the Big Ten single-season assist record (313).

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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Adoption Event Details:

- **When:** Saturday, May 17, Noon–5 p.m.
- **Where:** Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038
- **Preview adoptable animals and apply early:** hshcadoptions.com
- Bring your dog to meet adoptable dogs (if applicable)
- All household members must be present
- Renters must bring pet policy documentation
- Government-issued ID required



Humane Society Pleads for Adopters

The Humane Society for Hamilton County is sounding the alarm.

On Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., the Humane Society will host an emergency adoption event as it confronts a heartbreaking and accelerating crisis: dogs in their care are deteriorating mentally and emotionally after months – and in some cases, over a year – of waiting for homes.

With intakes surpassing adoptions and space long exhausted, the shelter now faces an unthinkable decision: the euthanasia of adoptable animals – not because they are unsafe or because HSHC is giving up on them--but because some of these animals have waited so long for someone to come that THEY are giving up.

“I fear our community has the perception that as long as an animal is in our care, they will be okay. After all, we embrace a no-kill philosophy of never giving up on animals as long as we can provide them a good quality of life and a forever home. So while we have certainly been over capacity, with especially dogs, nearly every day for the last 2.5 years, space never drives these unthinkable decisions,” said Rebecca Stevens, President & CEO of HSHC. “We need our community to understand that dogs are waiting, on average, 70-80 days for a home. That means some of the longer, and most at-risk, residents have been living for months--24 hours a day, 7 days a week--bombarded by stress, noise, fear, and yes, the depression that comes with losing the people they loved.”

The HSHC staff and dedicated volunteers have been working daily to keep the dogs and cats who are declining as engaged and happy as possible.



Urgent pleas for foster homes have given some a much needed break, but for those nearing or already experiencing an emotional shut-down, an adoptive home is the only solution--and they are running out of time.

"We feel so helpless when these animals reach the point that no amount of love, enrichment, or food inspires them to even lift their heads," said Gina Smola, Director of Operations for HSHC. "Stella is in that place now. And it's frustrating for us all because she is such a loving, well-tempered, easy dog. It's incomprehensible why these dogs have gone overlooked for so long when they have so much to give."

Smola believes there are plenty of homes out there to clear this shelter.

"Folks are making the decision to add a pet to their families right now," said Smola. "And while I certainly understand the power of puppy breath, my hope is to inspire these families to consider an adult dog--who is already housebroken, often crate trained, knows basic commands, and most importantly--there is no guessing as to the personality they'll develop. What you see is what you get!"

Stevens views the community coming to the shelter's aid and adopting especially those animals who are emotionally declining as a life-changing

opportunity for families with children.

"Some of the most impactful experiences I've been blessed to witness are when a family comes in for a puppy or kitten, but after seeing all of the adult dogs or cats we have, they decide to take someone who needs them more," said Stevens. "The most beautiful thing is when that choice is actually driven by a child's awareness and selflessness. There are so many learnings, many life-changing, when you allow a rescue animal to rescue you."

HSHC is asking the community to make saving these precious lives a priority this Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

“Your choice to show up on Saturday and adopt one of our most urgent animals is their only lifeline,” Stevens emphasized. “The reality is simple: if they don’t make it out of here soon, I am afraid they won’t make it out at all.”

HSHC is offering \$10 adoptions* for adult dogs and cats during the May 17 adoption event. All adoptions include:

- Spay/neuter surgery
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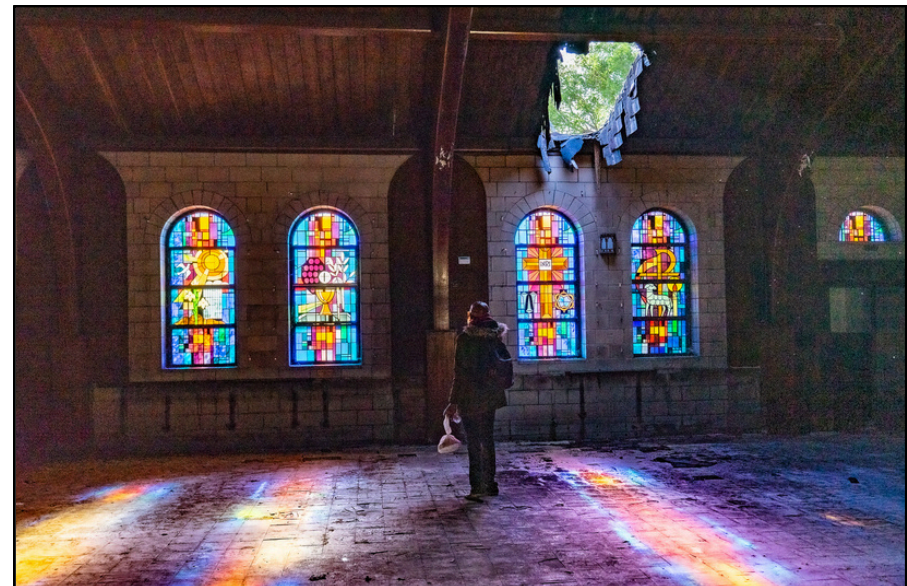
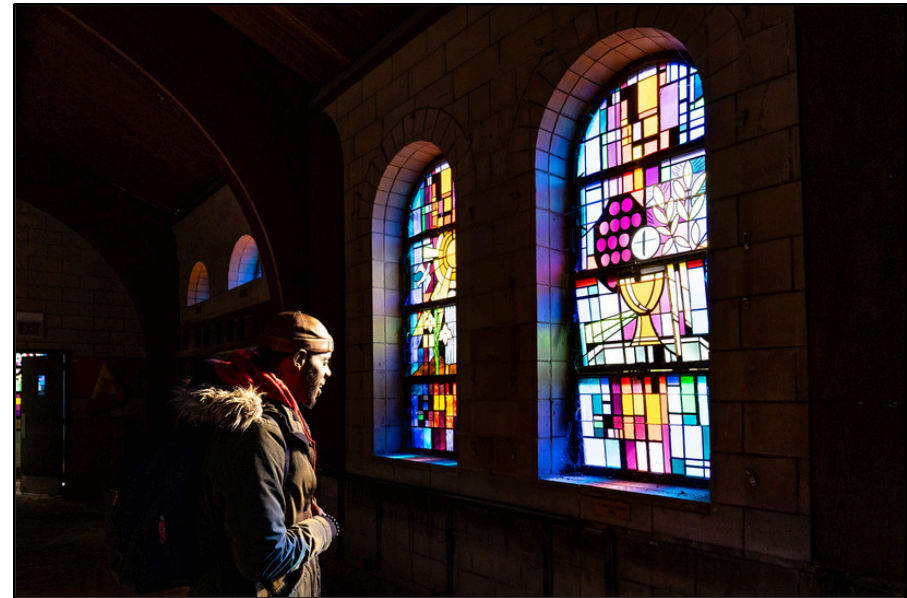
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Jamal Melvin of Riverdale looking at the stain glass window of St. Mary of the Assumption. Opened in 1886 it was the home church for the Prevost family. Robert Prevost sang in the choir served at the altar and attended school here . Because of the dwindling number of Catholics in the neighborhood, it was officially shuttered in 2011 when the congregation merged with nearby St. Mary Queen of the Apostles. The building and adjacent school is now abandoned and in disrepair.



The gravesite of the new pope’s parents.

I turned onto Indiana Avenue, past the rows of houses that all looked the same. This was, in fact, a community established by mostly blue collar factory assembly workers. Immigrants either first or second generation from Europe. Pope Leo's parents Louis and Mildred moved here shortly after the war.

I walked the dusty sidewalk as the sun started to cast a shadow, and was about five minutes from the house when I heard the unmistakable "cling cling" south of a crossing arm at a railway crossing. A loud oncoming horn warning those nearby to be clear. "Everybody move" it seemed to blare. I wonder if a young Robert Prevost had once stood where I now was, counting the train cars as they left the many factories and plants that dotted the landscape.

I kept walking. I looked around and paused. Ah, the two twin constants of the American dream: to my right, a shipping and assembly center, to my left, suburban housing. Sadly, many of those jobs have gone. It reminded me much of Anderson, when the

vehicle plant left. Urban desolation

Cross the second set of tracks, turn right. Past a row of houses and an assembly plant. The mixing of houses and assembly plants along a row, from above and on the ground reminded me of the lines and dashes of a Morse Code message, "we were once the thriving center STOP".

I found myself at the front of the old St. Mary of the Assumption. The hum/whish of passing cars was only interrupted by the ratcheting clack of a bicycle chain. Now this was a lot that was slightly overgrow. Across from it is a funeral home, and public housing.

The owner of the now abandoned property walked out and ushered me and some reporters inside and once inside, I stood. So unassuming, If I was going to write the story of a Pope, this would hardly be the setting for it to begin. However, where he stood, I now stand.

Yes, it's been nearly 60 years since that young man we now know as

Pope Leo XIV took this same route to get to school and to church.

Finishing my walk, I smiled: I think the Cardinals elected someone who wasn't enamored by the fame of the position. Who wouldn't be swayed by today's currents that toss individuals to and fro.

They elected a humble man, the son of a principal and librarian who lived between the tracks.

Andy Chandler is a presidential historian and a museum archivist at Candles Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute and the Ernie Pyle Museum in Dana Indiana. Raised in Taiwan and Haiti as the son of missionaries, Andy graduated from Ball State University with a Masters in classical languages. He now resides in Parke County where he enjoys archery, travel and photography. In March, he became the first person to visit all forty presidential gravesites when he got as close as the public was allowed to Jimmy Carter's grave in Plains, GA.

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Front row from left, Ryder Deering, Ronan Deering, Issac Quinn, Cooper Nix, Bella Siljanovska and Sage Garner. Second row from left, Jolie Garcia, Victor Bailey Taylor, Emmilynn Tharp, Braxton Hilton, Lukas White, Maddison McMillan and Rain Deering (featured artist). Back row from left, Landen Greene, Juliana VanHorn and Zander Sykes.

8th Annual IMPACT Awards Celebrates Students’ Success

The Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program celebrated the success of 15 amazing students at its 8th annual IMPACT Awards Dinner at Hamilton Heights Middle School on Wednesday. The event drew in some 170 students, their families, Hamilton Heights School Corporation personnel, and representatives from the greater Hamilton County area and beyond for this special celebration of accomplishment.

The program recognizes at least one student per grade (grades K – 12) who successfully maneuvered through a challenge in their life. Students can be nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, or any staff member that feels a student is deserving of the award.

“I look forward to this event every year,” said Mary Ann Haymaker, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Early Intervention Advocate, who was an instrumental part of creating this annual recognition program. “This time is truly about the kids and recognizing the impact they have made on their teachers and classmates. It is a special time to come together and honor their hard work, resilience, and determination of these students to rise above a challenging issue that may otherwise have negatively impacted their life.”

The 2025 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance IMPACT Award Recipients along with their presenters include:

K: Cooper Nix (presented by Sara Smith and Tracy Zachary)
1st: Issac Quinn (presented by Laurie Smucker)
2nd: Sage Garner (presented by Ashley Mandery and Cara Woodruff)

3rd: Ronin Deering (presented by Jenna Daniel)
4th: Bella Siljanovska (presented by Amy Day and Tracy Zachary)
5th: Ryder Deering (presented by Heather Greider)
6th: Braxton Hilton (presented by Stacy Hall, Chelsea Pacheco, and Mary Ann Haymaker)
7th: Juliana VanHorn (presented by Brianna Reeder)
8th: Victor Bailey Taylor (presented by Bonny Stites)
9th: Emmilynn Tharp (presented by Joy Volz)
9th: Lukas White (presented by Robin Hildebrand)
10: Jolie Garcia (presented by Summer Bailey)
11th: Zander Sykes (presented by Kelly Smith)
11th: Landen Greene (presented by Kelly Ressler)
12th: Maddison McMillan (presented by Dee Roper)

In addition, Erin Hileman, a member of the custodial staff at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, was the recipient of the 2025 Tony Etchison Memorial Award. “Erin exemplifies what Tony believed in, being kind, making a difference and loving everyone,” said Haymaker. “She goes above and beyond and always has a smile on her face. She is the best! She will always lend a helping hand.” Perry Williams and Syd Loomis were recognized for their service and dedication as their tenure on the Youth Assistance Program Board draws to a close.

“This event is a true celebration of the accomplishments and triumphs of these remarkable students, many of whom have overcome significant challenges in their lives," said Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood, who served as the event’s emcee. "Their

resilience, determination, and grit have allowed them to rise above adversity —proving that obstacles do not define one's ability to succeed, both inside and outside the classroom. Their journeys serve as a powerful reminder that anyone can overcome life’s challenges and, in doing so, inspire others to persevere."

Heights Schools would like to extend a thank you to the following sponsors who made this special program possible:

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A special thank you to the Youth Assistance Program Board members: Tricia Akers, Dr. Derek Arrowood, Judge Andrew Bloch, Sarah Buckner, Judge Michael Casati, Jeanann Dodson, Ashley Woodward Fisher, Jeremy Hunt, Brittany Jamieson, Syd Loomis, Natasha Robinson, Emily Schmale, Zach Smith, and Perry Williams.

Also, thank you to Summer Bailey for her extra help in making this such a successful evening and Rain Deering for her amazing artwork on this year’s program.



Officials broke ground on the latest extension of the Monon Trail recently.



Photos courtesy State of Indiana

The new trail will extend 1.1 miles northwest from Second Street to the Hamilton / Boone County line.

Sheridan Breaks Ground on Monon Trail Extension

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the town of Sheridan celebrated the start of construction for phase 2 of the Monon Trail extension in northern Hamilton County.

The asphalt multi-use trail will be constructed by the town with help from a \$2,089,850 Next Level Trails grant. The award was announced in April 2022 as part of the third grant round of NLT.

“Indiana’s Next Level Trails program is all about making connections – and the Monon Trail hits the mark,” said Allen Hurst, trails manager for the DNR. “With this extension, thousands of Hoosiers across Hamilton and Marion counties will soon have an improved connection north to Boone County, and south to downtown

Indianapolis.”

The new trail will extend 1.1 miles northwest from Second Street to the Hamilton / Boone County line. This connects to the existing trail project from State Road 47 to Second Street that opened in October 2024. The trail follows the historic railroad corridor through the town center of Sheridan. To the south, the existing Monon Trail extends more than 26 miles and travels through Westfield, Carmel, and Broad Ripple, ultimately ending at 10th Street in downtown Indianapolis. This project completes the trail within Hamilton County.

“Sheridan’s vibrancy and connectivity will be greatly enhanced by the Monon Trail,”

said Si DeVaney, president of the Sheridan Town Council. “We are grateful to the Department of Natural Resources for its partnership.”

NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The \$180 million program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. Forty-three of the 89 NLT projects are complete, totaling more than 115 miles of trail built since the program’s inception. Several projects are under construction, with more slated to break ground this year.

More information about NLT is at [on.IN.gov/NextLevel Trails](https://on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails).

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No Surprise – Real Estate Market Active Locally

Both Noblesville’s and Hamilton County’s residential real estate market were active in April, with homes selling quickly and prices increasing slightly, According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies.

In Noblesville:

- Homes in Noblesville sold in seven days on average.
- The median home sale price increased 10.6 percent to \$390,000 compared to this time last year.
- The median price per square foot decreased slightly, down 4.5 percent to \$169.
- Closed home sales decreased 33 percent, compared to this time last year.

In Hamilton County:

- Pended home sales increased 6.5 percent.
- Homes in Hamilton County sold in eight days on average.
- The median home sale price increased 5.4 percent to \$443,300 compared to this time last year.
- Available housing increased 28.7 percent compared to April of 2024.

Looking across all of central Indiana, pended home sales increased more than 9 percent. This, coupled with a surge of new homes coming onto the market, created a dynamic central Indiana residential real estate market. According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies:

- Pended home sales increased 9.1 percent compared to April 2024.
- Available housing inventory increased 43 percent compared to April 2024.
- Homes spent four days, or 33.3 percent, longer on the market than this time last year.
- Compared to April 2024, the median home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region increased 3.4 percent to \$305,000.

In April 2025, 3,349 central Indiana homes were purchased, an increase of 9.1 percent from the 3,069 sold in April 2024.

- Morgan County had the greatest increase in pended home sales in April 2025, up 45.7 percent compared to this time last year.

- Jennings County pended sales had the greatest decrease, with 26.3 percent fewer homes sold compared to April 2024.

Central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices increased 5 percent overall.

- Morgan County recorded the highest year-to-date median home sale price decrease, down 2.8 percent.
- Homes sold in 16 days, spending four days, or 33.3 percent, longer on the market than April 2024. Boone County homes sold 7.7 percent faster than this time last year, the greatest increase in central Indiana.

Central Indiana experienced a 43 percent increase in overall available home inventory in April 2025, compared to April 2024, with 1,410 more homes available for sale.

- Jennings County had the largest inventory increase – up 90.9 percent compared to April 2024.
- All 16 central Indiana counties had inventory increases in April. Johnson County had the smallest inventory increase – up 26.4 percent compared to this time last year.

“Pended home sales in central Indiana saw a healthy increase in April – particularly in Marion County and the surrounding counties – accompanied by another sizable bump in available housing inventory,” said Jim Litten, president of F.C. Tucker Company. “With mortgage interest rates continuing to remain stable, sellers are more comfortable putting their homes on the market to meet the increased demand, creating a strong market as we head into the summer months.”

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, 11 were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 59 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 468 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 1,234 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 964 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 517 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 96 were priced at \$99,999 or less.



Photos courtesy Meijer

The Meijer team has donated an incredible \$100 million. Becca Schelhaas expresses her thanks!

Meijer Steps Up to Fight Hunger

Meijer announced recently its Simply Give hunger relief program has donated an incredible \$100 million to help alleviate hunger in the Midwest since the program's inception in 2008, including money right here in Noblesville to the White River Food Pantry. Nationally, the Meijer Simply Give program has provided nearly 900 million meals to communities in partnership with hundreds of local food pantries across its six-state footprint.*

"For the last 17 years, the Meijer Simply Give program has fueled the missions of food pantries for countless communities across the Midwest, ensuring neighbors in need have access to nourishing food," said Rick Keyes,

President & CEO of Meijer. "Reaching this milestone is more than a number—it's a testament to the critical partnerships between our stores and local food pantries, the generosity of our customers, and the dedication of our team members. It's proof that when we come together with a shared purpose, we can make a profound and lasting impact in the neighborhoods we call home."

To celebrate this achievement and express its gratitude, Meijer will make a special contribution of \$1.5 million to the hundreds of Simply Give pantries that continue to serve as essential lifelines for individuals and

families facing food insecurity across the Midwest.

The Meijer Simply Give hunger relief program has been able to drive such an impact in part because of customers' shared desire to fight hunger. Customers are invited to continue supporting their communities by adding a \$10 Simply Give card to their cart, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to the local food pantry partner associated with that store's community.

"Our food pantry partners are truly the heartbeat of our Simply Give program, and we are thrilled to

celebrate this impressive milestone with them," said Melissa Conway, Director of Community Partnerships & Giving at Meijer. "On behalf of Meijer, we'd like to thank all our pantry partners for the tremendous care, commitment, and compassion they demonstrate every day in providing meals and comfort to families in need."

In addition to its year-round customer efforts, the Meijer Simply Give program offers special opportunities for contributions to go further, including the campaign's Double Match Days, the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, and other gifting initiatives.



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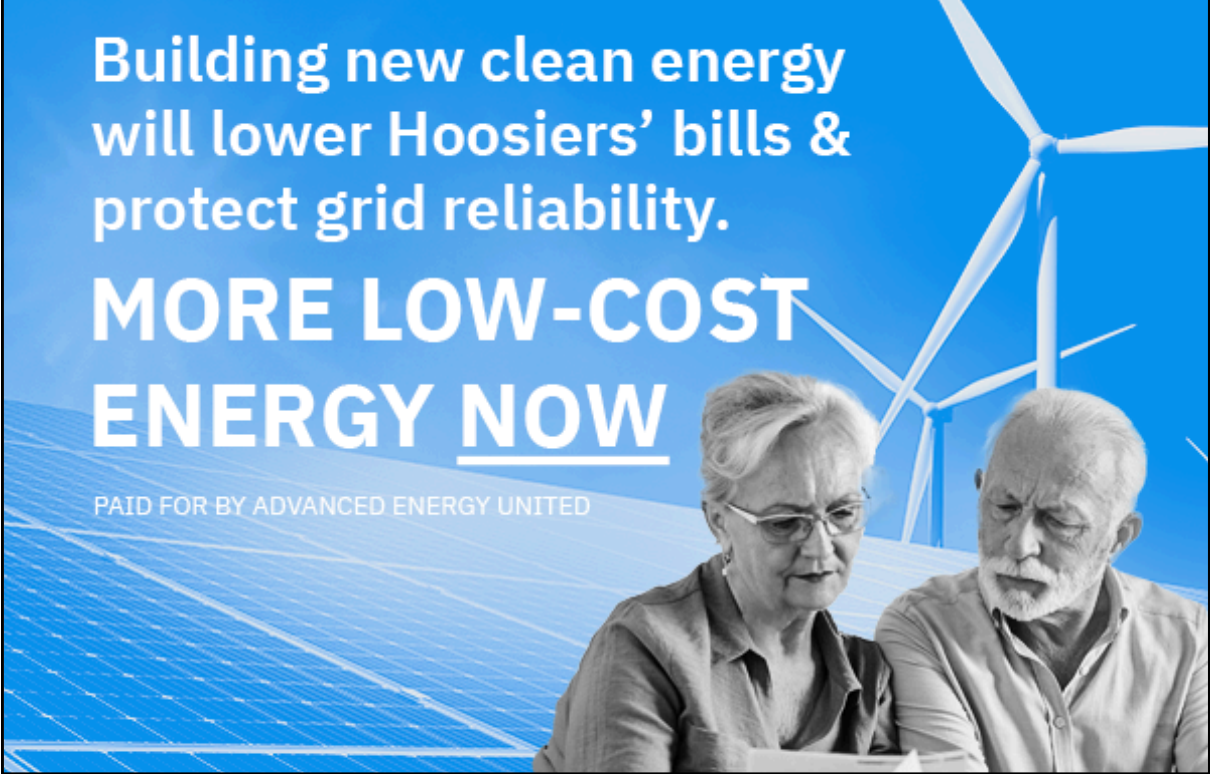
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Anderson Couple Sentenced for Sexually Exploiting Infant

Jamie M. Powell, a/k/a Jamie Cramer, 44, and Richard Smith, 42, both of Anderson, have been sentenced for their roles in a conspiracy to sexually exploit a minor.

Powell has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison followed by a lifetime of supervised release after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit the sexual exploitation of a minor as well as actual and attempted sexual exploitation of a minor. Powell must also pay \$10,000 in restitution.

Richard Smith has been sentenced to 50 years in federal prison, followed by a lifetime of supervised release after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit the sexual exploitation of a minor and possession of child sexual abuse material. Smith must also pay \$10,000 in restitution. His federal sentence was ordered to be served consecutively to his state convictions for Dealing in Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Battery with Bodily Injury to a Public Safety Officer, for which he received concurrent sentences of 16-, 5-, and 4-years imprisonment.

According to court documents, Powell is the mother of five children, including Minor Victim 1, who was between one and two years old at the time of the offense. In early 2020, the Department of Child Services (DCS) filed to terminate Powell’s parental rights. Powell relocated to an apartment in Anderson, with three of her children and her boyfriend, Richard Smith. Powell’s youngest children, Minor Victim 1 and Minor Witness 1 were in DCS Custody.

Between late 2020 and early 2021, Powell and Smith discussed Smith’s sexual interest in Powell’s children and in bestiality over text messages. In those messages, the couple agreed for Powell to molest Minor Victim 1 and produce sexually explicit photos and videos of the child to send to Smith. The messages also contained extremely graphic and crude requests from Smith detailing how he wanted Powell to abuse the minor.

Throughout this time, Powell was permitted to have supervised visitation with two of her children, including Minor Victim 1. During these court-ordered visitations, Powell waited until supervisors were not looking to record sexually explicit videos and images of the child, attempting to evade suspicion by pretending to change her diaper. In total, over 25 visits, Powell produced 577 images and videos of child sexual abuse of Minor Victim 1 and shared 486 of them with Smith.

Investigators located over 2,400 image files of child sex abuse material and approximately 170 video files of bestiality on Powell’s cell phone. On Smith’s cell phone, investigators found more than 5,000 images and videos of child sex abuse material.

The Indiana State Police, Pendleton Post, detected and investigated this matter. They were assisted later by the U.S. Secret Service and the Indianapolis Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Indiana Department of Corrections provided valuable assistance. All agencies worked

together to rescue the victim. The sentences were imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Richard L. Young.

“Parents and caretakers who violate the sanctity of trust by exploiting their own children, before they are even old enough to walk or speak, are cruel and vile monsters. The pursuit of those who choose to victimize children is some of the most important work our office does,” said John E. Childress, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. “Jamie Powell and Richard Smith will now spend decades in federal prison where they cannot exploit another child thanks to the dedication and talents of our State Police, federal law enforcement partners, and AUSA.”

“Child sexual exploitation is a heinous crime that will not be tolerated. The idea that the victim in this case was a toddler, abused by a parent, makes it even more vile,” said Special Agent in Charge Ike Barnes, of the Indianapolis Field Office. “The U.S. Secret Service is committed to imposing its full arsenal of investigative resources to help pursue crimes against children and is proud to stand up for defenseless victims. Thank you to the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Southern District of Indiana, the Indiana State Police, and all the law enforcement partners who helped bring justice in this case.”

“I would also like to thank Assistant United States Attorney Tiffany Preston on her commitment to insuring justice for the victim in this case. The

Indiana State Police encourages individuals to report any suspected child exploitation crimes to law enforcement,” said Detective Bradley Tucker, of the Indiana State Police Pendleton Post.

Acting U.S Attorney Childress thanked Assistant United States Attorney Tiffany J. Preston, who prosecuted this case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc



Sen. Walker Shares Updates



KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

Indiana is already one of the most fiscally responsible states in the nation, but there is always room for improvement when it comes to government efficiency and accountability.

That's why I supported Senate Enrolled Act 5 this year, which will:

- Improve transparency and oversight of government contracts;
- Require a preemptive review before the state accepts new federal funds that increase state spending; and
- Encourage the state to be more efficient in staffing.

As your state senator, I will always prioritize government transparency and efficiency because that's what our hardworking taxpayers deserve.

*** National Military Appreciation Month

For more than 25 years, our nation has recognized May as National Military Appreciation Month.

This month allows Americans to honor the sacrifice of the men and women of our armed forces as well as our nation's veterans.

Here in Indiana, all 92 counties have a Veteran Service Officer who can help veterans and their families receive the benefits they have earned.

*** MENTAL HEALTH Awareness Month

In May we observe Mental Health Awareness Month – a time to shed light on the importance of mental health, reducing stigma and supporting those facing mental health challenges. As a mental health advocate, I am

committed to addressing these issues.

Every Hoosier deserves the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life, but the burden of mental health struggles can sometimes feel overwhelming. If you or someone you know needs support, please explore the resources listed below. Together, we can foster understanding, compassion and a healthier future.

- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
- Veterans Crisis Line
- Farmer Crisis Hotline
- Mental Health Care Providers

*** CITY OF FISHERS Awards Local Teachers

The **City of Fishers** has awarded over \$95,000 in grant funding to date to Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ teachers as part of the Educator Innovation Grant program.

The following recipients who received funding to help bring innovation into the classroom and inspire students:

- Jeffrey Brunnemer from Fall Creek Junior High;
- Jamie Follis from Hamilton Southeastern High School;
- Will Hurst from Cumberland Road Elementary;
- John McCallister from Hamilton Southeastern High School ; and
- Jenifer Young from Hamilton Southeastern High School.

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