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TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

HONEST HOOSIER



Got to say, life is better with football. Now if my teams would just win!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Either you run the day or the day runs you."

- Jim Rohn

JOKE OF THE DAY

The boss' wife told him to stop acting like a flamingo.

He had to put his foot down.

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

The Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation invites all previous attendees and donors to join us for the return of Mudsock VIP! On Friday, Sept. 12, the Fishers High School Tigers will host the Hamilton Southeastern High School Royals for the annual Mudsock football game. **With a rivalry like this, you're going to want to be close.** Each **\$85 ticket purchase** that supports all 22 HSE schools includes:

- Front row seat to all the action with **adult-only (18 and over)**, on the field end-zone seating
- Access to the Hospitality Tent filled with complimentary food and beverages from local area favorites including Saxony Pizzeria, City BBQ, Schoolhouse 7 Café, Ale Emporium, Angelo's Italian Market, Parlor Doughnuts, The District Tap, FoxGardin Family, Sweetgreen, and more!
- A chance to cheer on the **HSE Schools Teachers of the Year** during halftime
- And a \$75 tax deductible donation!

Previous years have sold out quickly! Don't wait to get your ticket to the biggest event in Fishers.

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BOOMER BITS RETIREMENT

Ask Rusty: Still Confused about Medicare Part A, B Enrollment



ASK RUSTY
Social Security
Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm 64 and still working full time, and plan to continue working at least until I'm 70 ~ it's a good job, and I enjoy it. My job comes with health insurance, so I don't really need additional coverage, but I understand I will be required to sign up for Medicare Part A anyway when I turn 65 next year. What I don't understand is Part B: A colleague of mine, who is a little older than I am, said she signed up for Part B because a penalty will be incurred

if we wait until we retire from our jobs and actually need the additional insurance. I'm not sure she's right. Can you explain what I should do?
Signed: Confused About Medicare

Dear Confused: We're happy to assist you with understanding this. First, enrolling in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization service) is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65. If you do not plan to take your Social Security benefits yet, you can defer enrolling in Part A until you claim Social Security. But Medicare

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BOOMER BITS MONEY

Loan Company Call? Could Be Scam

First it was Jessica, now, it's Evelyn.

Scammers are at it again, posing as representatives from loan processing companies to trick consumers into sharing personal information, first using the name Jessica, now Evelyn from "Lending Union's west coast branch" (Lending Union is NOT a real company). This advanced fee loan phishing scam often

comes in the form of harassing phone calls and voicemails. The caller insists they need to verify minor details, such as your income, to finalize your loan application. While the message may sound convincing, it's a ruse to steal your private information.

How the scam works

You receive a call or voice-

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BOOMER BITS HEALTH

Cutting Medication Costs Without Cutting Corners

(Family Features) As the cost of living continues to rise, many Americans are being forced to make difficult financial decisions. Skipping medications might seem like a quick way to save money, but this can lead to serious health risks and higher costs down the road.

In fact, research shows 27% of Americans skip prescriptions each month due to cost. More than half of Americans who filled a prescription this year said

the cost felt like a financial burden.

Cindy George, MPH, a senior personal finance editor at GoodRx and nationally recognized health journalist, shared expert advice to help consumers improve their health care cost literacy, reduce expenses and stay healthy without overspending.

Understand the True Cost of Medications

Many people assume the pharmacy counter price is non-negotiable, but

the cost of the same medication can vary significantly.

"Costs can vary by upwards of \$100 from one pharmacy to the next, even in the same ZIP code," George said. "Understanding how to compare prices and find the most affordable option is incredibly valuable."

By entering the medication name, along with dosage and ZIP code, individuals can quickly compare prices in their

area using GoodRx. Using the website or app, you can explore alternative forms of a medication and get suggestions to help you talk with your doctor or pharmacist about more affordable options.

When Insurance Falls Short, You Still Have Options

Only about half of prescriptions are fully covered by insurance without restrictions.

"Even insured indi-

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THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The Loogootee PrideFest is on again after a court found the city's special events ordinance, which was passed in 2024 and amended in 2025, violates the First Amendment. The U.S. District Court for the Southern Division of Indiana granted a permanent injunction against the ordinance and ordered that the city allow PrideFest to take place at the Public Square on Sept. 6, 2025. In 2024, the ACLU of Indiana filed suit in U.S. District Court against the ordinance, which changed the application process for using city property. With a request for preliminary injunction pending before the Court, the City allowed the plaintiff to hold PrideFest 2024 at the Public Square but refused plaintiff's request to hold the 2025 PrideFest in the same location, Loogootee's Public Square. It will now be held there.

2. The Indianapolis International Airport set a new record in July 2025 with the most passengers flying out of Indy in the airport's history. A total of 995,818 passengers flew out of Indianapolis in July, breaking the former record set in June 2024. Airport officials say the WNBA All-Star, Brickyard 400 and Black Expo Summer Celebration, combined with the busy summer travel season, were big contributors to the record numbers.

3. New research has revealed the states winning the most money in Mega Millions jackpots, but where does Indiana rank? Experts at sports betting tool Bettor In Green <<https://bettoringreen.com/>> analyzed the jackpot history for all Mega Millions draws since 2002, calculating the total jackpot winnings in each state. Indiana has won a total of \$582,500,000 in Mega Millions jackpots since 2002, which is equivalent to \$8,412,433 per 100,000 residents in the state, the 15th highest out of all states in which Mega Millions tickets are sold. Overall, there have been two jackpots won here, with the largest being \$536,000,000, won by Warren D, LLC, in 2016.



Harvest Fest returns Sunday

Fishers Arts Council and Hamilton County Tourism present the 6th annual Harvest Fest on Sunday, Sept. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. along the Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers. This year's family-friendly event features over 60 artists, artisans, and authors, ten nonprofits, five musicians, fun activities, and plenty of food and drink for all.

Additional support for Harvest Fest comes from our Beer Garden Sponsor, MashCraft - Fishers. Fishers Parks and the City of Fishers are partners as well, offering support, supplies, and assisting with securing additional funds for the event. "The Nickel Plate District is a recognized statewide cultural district which provides additional opportunities for grant funds," said Ross Hilleary, Assistant Director of Planning for the City of Fishers, "so when a grant opportunity through Hamilton County Tourism became available, it was easy to work with the City's long-standing partnership with Fishers Arts Council."

"It's incredible to step back and see how Harvest Fest has grown since 2020," said Les Reinhardt, Fishers Arts Council's Executive Director. "We hit the point that our patrons outgrew Heritage Park's available parking. While I'm sad to leave the park, the opportunity to grow the event along the Nickel Plate Trail is invigorating." Harvest Fest will start at Café Patachou's patio at 8654 E. 116th St. and branches off into seven "art fields" along the trail, ending at Fairway Mortgage located at 8911 Technology Drive. The event map including address for all the art fields, recommended parking, restrooms, where to find your favorite creative and more can be found at FishersArtsCouncil.org/Harvest-Fest

"Honestly, I'm so thankful that Joe Janik and the MashCraft - Fishers crew are back as our Beer Garden sponsor for the second year in a row," Reinhardt continued. "It shows how much they believe in Harvest Fest. MashCraft has supported art programs with us going on four years now and I couldn't be happier to have them as a key part of our team."
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ADOPT A PET MERCEDES



If you're looking for the total package, say hello to Mercedes!

This 2-year-old female Pit Bull Terrier has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 7/10/25.

She's sweet, pretty, and full of personality. She gives off happy-best-friend energy and would love a home where she can be part of the fun. Mercedes would love to meet you soon at HSHC anytime Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Sunday from 12-5 PM. To meet Mercedes, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt.

SCAM

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mail from someone claiming to be from a loan processing team. The caller says they've been trying to contact you about your loan application and need to verify some final details to complete your approval, although, more than likely, you never applied for a loan. They provide a callback number and application ID to make the message seem legitimate. The voicemail emphasizes urgency, requesting you call back before a specific deadline to finalize the loan.

BBB has received over 500 Scam Tracker reports about "Jessica" and over 1,000 about "Evelyn" indicating that scammers are aggressively targeting consumers. People report receiving multiple calls per day, often from different phone numbers but with nearly identical voicemail scripts. Realistically, there is no loan, and returning the call could lead to scammers collecting sensitive information, such as your Social Security number, bank account details, or other personal data.

Tips to avoid a loan processing phishing scam

- **Verify the company's legitimacy:** If you're contacted about a loan application you don't recall submitting, hang up and do your research. Look up the company name online and contact them directly using verified contact information.
- **Never share personal information with unsolicited callers:** Scammers often ask for details like your Social Security number or bank account information. Avoid sharing sensitive information over the phone unless you initiate the call.
- **Watch for red flags in voice-mails:** Be wary of messages with vague details, generic names or urgent demands for a callback. Scammers often use scripted messages to

target as many people as possible.

- **Avoid calling unknown numbers back:** Resist the urge to call the number back. Returning calls to unknown or suspicious numbers could connect you to scammers or result in unexpected fees.
- **Check for scam reports:** Look up the phone number or details of the voicemail online. Many victims post about similar scams to warn others.
- **Report suspicious activity:** If you believe you've been contacted by a scammer, report the incident to BBB Scam Tracker at BBB.org/Scam-Tracker.

Stay vigilant and cautious to protect yourself from phishing scams like this one. If an offer seems too good to be true, it likely is!

For more information

See BBB's 10 steps to avoid scams. BBB has tips to help you watch out for guaranteed loans with upfront fees. Get further insight by reading BBB's tips on loans. Find BBB Accredited loan companies near you.

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RUSTY

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Part A is also free to those eligible for Social Security, so there is little reason not to enroll in Part A at age 65 and, when you claim Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled.

Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is different. Part B is always optional because there is a premium associated with it (standard premium is \$185/month in 2025), but nearly everyone over age 65 requires healthcare coverage. If, however, you are employed and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants), then you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your creditable employer coverage ends. And you can do so without incurring a "late enrollment penalty" for enrolling in Part B outside of your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP). When your creditable coverage from your employer ends, you will enter an 8-month Medicare "special enrollment period" (SEP) which permits you to enroll in Part B without penalty.

Thus, as long as your employer coverage is "creditable," you can defer enrolling in Part B without penalty. FYI, you can also enroll in Part B a couple of months prior to your employer coverage ending, asking that your Part B coverage starts when your employer coverage ends, to avoid any gap in healthcare coverage. Note you will likely need your employer to provide you with proof of creditable coverage when you later enroll in Part B.

A couple of extra thoughts:

- If you require prescription drug coverage when your employer coverage ends after age 65, you only have 63 days to

acquire that drug coverage without incurring a "Part D" (drug plan) late enrollment penalty. So, if needed, you should not wait to get insurance coverage for prescription drugs after you employer coverage ends.

- If you now have a Health Savings Account (HSA) through your employer, you should discontinue any HSA contributions well before (perhaps as much as six months before) your enrollment in Medicare Part A. That's because Part A is not considered a "high deductible" insurance plan (a "high deductible" plan is a requirement for having a Health Savings Account). If you do not have an HSA, you need not be concerned about this. If you do, we can also provide you with more info on this.

I hope this answers your questions, but we are always here to assist if you need anything further. Contact us at [SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org), or at (800) 750-2622.

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We are truly thankful for how our community comes together to make this event possible, and we are proud to be able to offer a fundraising opportunity for Fishers-serving nonprofits in a fun, community, art fair atmosphere.”

This free, family friendly event has grown to focus on “harvesting funds” and expanding awareness for several nonprofits that serve Fishers and beyond, shopping directly from local artists, and showcasing local musicians. This year’s nonprofits include Bee Free Bakes, Delaware Township Trustee food pantry, Fishers Community Chorus, Fishers Historical Society, Hamilton East Public Library Foundation, Hoosier Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Janus Developmental Services, Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation, Saving Our Sisters, and Fishers Arts Council. Each organization will offer something different to raise much-needed funds, including art activities, decor, refreshments, and more. The featured musicians will be Erick Oneal Fisher, Tommy Icarus, Elizabeth Lee, Angela Pulliam and Andy Schomburg with all musicians sponsored by the City of Fishers. You can see the musician schedule at FishersArtsCouncil.org/harvest-fest

Fishers Arts Council will have a visual art activity led by Crosby Family Art (courtesy of a grant from the Penrod Society) and Janus Developmental Services will offer art creations made by those

who use their services. The Fishers Historical Society will be offering limited-edition historical-inspired prints while Saving our Sisters offers logo wear to help raise funds for Ivy Tech scholarships for women veterans. Hoosier Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation is offering apparel, a photo contest, and the opportunity to meet Franklin, the Snapping Turtle. Fishers Community Chorus will be offering logo swag and invitations to join their joyful group! Three new nonprofits join us this year: Bee Free Bakes will offer a variety of tasty lemonades, Hamilton East Public Library Foundation is newly formed and will have a fun craft activity, and the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation touts a prize wheel where everyone is a winner. The Delaware Township Trustee is back for their third year and will be seeking non-perishable donations for their food pantry which provides those in need with essential food and hygiene items. Bring items with you from their wish list (tinyurl.com/delaware-foodpantry) or offer a monetary donation that they can use to purchase fresh milk, meats, and produce for food pantry clients. When you stop by to donate food, take part a fun art project! Bring your appetite and grab lunch, early dinner, or tame your sweet tooth with food trucks that have graciously partnered to donate a portion of their proceeds to participating nonprofits: Bay Area Bistro (benefiting Bee

Free Bakes) Biscuit Baby (benefiting Saving Our Sisters), Black Leaf Vegan (benefiting Hoosier Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation), Chef TLC with Faith the Food Bus (benefiting Delaware Township Trustee food pantry), Fillers Stuffed Burgers (benefiting Hamilton East Public Library Foundation), Ice Cream Donuts (benefiting Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation) Kona Ice Indy (benefiting Fishers Community Chorus) and **Qué Tacos! (benefiting Fishers Historical Society).** With 60 local artists, artisans, and authors at Harvest Fest this year, we would be remiss not to mention them all. You’ll find a variety of items ranging from fine art to jewelry to toys to books to personal care, all skillfully handmade right here in Central Indiana. Bring the kids, bring your appetite, and bring a wagon to take these treasures home with you! **Fine Art & Photography:** Maddie Arts, JB Art, Nevruz Brown, Sprigg and Sprout, Pam Crowder, DF Original Designs LLC, Cordial Kitten, JAH Create, Wander Pet Photography, Dr. Mattie Jones, Jill Keough, Waya Momma, The Nu Artist, Ellen’s Creative Escape, Lori Patrick Fine Art, Because Why nArt, Kristin Roche, Mark Rouse Art, Reginald Strong Sr, Be Still and Know Watercolor Art, Amy Denise Art, Enchanted Fay **Jewelry:** Melly’s Distractions, Waya Momma, Glass Utopia, Sculpted by Syd, Good Energy Boutique, Sarah

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Noblesville Creates Announces Nominees

Noblesville Creates recently announced the nominees for their Awards Ceremony, to be held during their annual fundraiser, Celebrate Noblesville Creates, on Sept. 25. This Awards Ceremony recognizes individuals or companies who show outstanding leadership and vision in supporting, promoting, and providing creativity in the regional arts communities the nonprofit organization serves. The Celebrate Noblesville Creates fundraiser will be held at Embassy Suites in Noblesville from 5:15 to 9:30 p.m., and, along with the Noblesville Creates Awards Ceremony, will consist of dinner and drinks, live music, hands-on arts experiences, a silent and live auction, and more. The nominees for the Noblesville Creates Awards Ceremony are listed below. **Emerging Artist of the Year:** This award recognizes artists who have been working for 5 years or fewer in their current field or medium and who have demonstrated professionalism, creativity, artistic excellence, and leadership. David Fleshman Emery Henderson Frank Hindes Jason Reinhardt Cairo Morado **Artist of the Year:** This award recognizes established artists who excel in their chosen

medium, increasing our community’s reputation and strengthening our creative economy through their work and dedication. Mark Rouse Frances Ruiz Amanda Russo Joy Collins **Arts Partner of the Year:** This award recognizes individuals or organizations that have developed innovative opportunities to build or work alongside the local arts community. Nica Post Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District Westfield Library Noblesville Public Safety **Arts Advocate of the Year:** This award recognizes individuals who have dedicated their time to promoting the arts and highlighting how the arts create a positive impact for all. Heather Boelke Caroline Hays Linda Jordan Jennifer Wolfe **Arts Champion of the Year:** This award recognizes individuals or organizations who have invested significant time, talent, and treasure into our local arts economy to grow and strengthen our community. Darren Peterson HamCo Live Fishers Arts Council City of Westfield Mike Thibedeau

Ticket Packages Available for Mudsock Football Game

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more!

- A chance to cheer on the **HSE Schools Teachers of the Year** during halftime
- And a \$75 tax deductible donation!

Previous years have sold out quickly! Don’t wait to get your ticket to the biggest event in Fishers.

Heights Students Invited to perform with Color Guard

Color Guard Flag Camp is back! Hamilton Heights Middle School students (grades 5 – 8) interested in learning more about becoming a future member of the Hamilton Heights High School Color Guard squad are invited to join high school color guard members for fun, learning, and live performance on the Husky home turf.

Flag Camp features two rehearsals that take place in the HHHS Band Room (across from the Main Gym) on Wednesday, Sept. 3 (3:30 – 5 p.m.) and Friday, Sept. 5 (3:30 – 8:15 p.m.). Participants will perform alongside the HHHS Color Guard and HHHS and HHMS Bands as part of the Middle School Band/Guard Extravaganza Night during the half-

time festivities at Friday night’s game. Participating students will learn flag routines to awesome songs, have dinner, play games, receive a Color Guard T-shirt, meet new friends, and be a part of the live entertainment on the field. Cost is \$20. Payment accepted by Venmo, cash or check (made payable to HHBB) drop off at the HHMS main

office during school hours by Friday, September 5. Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Om-3MefaOIToyNvC-d4TfBsM2YDQ6gp-Cpywv-ChXopd_E/viewform?edit_request=true For more information/questions, contact Band Director, Mark Snelson at msnelson@hhschus-kies.org.

District Governor Visits



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

At the Aug. 27 Noblesville Lions Club meeting, Indiana Lions District 25D Governor Jim Dubeansky shared his goals for the coming year. Afterward, Dubeansky, right, was given a certificate of appreciation by First Vice President John Einsfeld,.

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Continuing with the 60s; Plus Purdue Coach Who Came From, Went Back to H.S.



Ken Thompson
Columnist

A member of the Buffalo Bills' "Electric Company" is among a group of talented offensive

linemen in this week's countdown of the best Boilermakers by number.

Crashing this list of offensive linemen is arguably the best defensive tackle in school history and a Sports Illustrated Silver Anniversary team member.

61 Nick Hardwick
Hardwick didn't play football at Lawrence North High School, where he helped the wrestling team win a state championship. Inspired by Drew Brees and the 2000 Boilermakers' run to the Rose Bowl, Hardwick decided to walk on the football team as a sophomore. One year later, Hardwick was an All-Big Ten center. The San Diego Chargers took Hardwick in the third round of the 2004 NFL Draft. He started all 136 games during his career and was selected to the Chargers' 50th Anniversary Team.

62 Dave Butz
Massive for his time (6-7, 280 pounds), Butz was a consensus All-American defensive tackle in 1972. He was such an outstanding athlete that he received a scholarship offer from Kentucky basketball coach Adolph Rupp. For his career, Butz made 108 tackles – 21 for loss – and eight pass breakups. Michigan coach Bo Schembechler called Butz "the greatest defensive lineman I had ever seen." The NFL agreed, with the St. Louis Cardinals drafting him fifth overall in 1973. Butz played 16 seasons in the NFL, winning two Super Bowls with Washington.

63 Pete Quinn
When he wasn't imitating Elvis Presley for classmates, Quinn was a key member of three bowl championship teams from 1978-80. Quinn was a two-time second-team All-Big Ten selection. He was selected as the center on Purdue's All-Time Football Team in 1987.

64 Kevin Pamphile

A converted defensive tackle, Pamphile took advantage of the move to offensive tackle before his sophomore year in 2010. Pamphile developed into a two-year starter for the Boilermakers. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers made him a fifth-round pick in 2014. Pamphile started 35 games during a six-year pro career.

65 Tom Bettis
Bettis was a two-time Purdue MVP and was named an All-American guard in 1954. He played nine seasons in the NFL with Green Bay, Pittsburgh and Chicago. Bettis coached in the NFL for 30 seasons, including as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl IV coaching staff under fellow Boilermaker Hank Stram. Bettis was selected to the Purdue All-Time Football Team in 1987. In 2000, he was elected to the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletic Hall of Fame.

66 Gene Selawski
Selawski is among a small group of offensive linemen to earn All-America honors at Purdue. The offensive tackle was cited by the Football Writers Association of America in 1958. He was one of many Ohio imports who went on to star for the Boilermakers under Jack Mollenkopf in the 1950s and '60s. Selawski would play three seasons of pro ball with the Los Angeles Rams, Cleveland Browns and San Diego Chargers.

67 Uche Nwaneri
Nwaneri was one of the last standout offensive linemen to play for Joe Tiller, starting at guard in 2004 and 2006. The Jacksonville Jaguars drafted Nwaneri in the fifth round in 2007. He would start 92 games for the Jaguars from 2007-13.

68 Dennis Kelly
Originally asked to pay his way to attend Purdue before going on scholarship in 2009, the 6-8 Kelly bulked up to 270 pounds and played as a true freshman. Kelly would go on to start 37 games and anchored an offensive line in 2010 that blocked for a school record five consecutive 200-yard rushing games. He was

a two-time Offensive MVP for the Boilermakers. The Philadelphia Eagles took Kelly in the fifth round of the 2012 NFL Draft. He would play 12 seasons in the NFL.

69 Loyal "Doc" Combs
Combs was an All-Big Ten end and Purdue's Most Valuable Player in 1941. He would be honored in 1967 by Sports Illustrated as a member of its Silver Anniversary All-America team. After spending the 1942 season with the Philadelphia Eagles, Combs entered Marquette Medical School. For all but two years between 1956 and 1994, Combs would serve as the Purdue team physician.

70 Donnie Green
Influenced by fellow Virginia native Leroy Keyes to play at Purdue, Green was a dominating offensive tackle at 6-8 from 1968-70. "I remember Donnie as the biggest football player I had ever seen," Keyes said in 2004. After earning AP and UPI All-America honors as a senior, Green was selected in the fifth round by the Buffalo Bills. He became a starter at right tackle in his second season. The following year, as a member of the "Electric Company" alongside fellow linemen Dave Foley, Reggie McKenzie, Mike Montler, Joe Delamielleure and tight end Paul Seymour, Green helped O.J. Simpson rush for an NFL record 2,003 yards. Next time, an All-American tight end and two future Super Bowl champions with the New England Patriots.

Football notes
When Barry Odom coaches the Purdue football team against Southern Illinois on Saturday night, he has a chance to do something no first-year Boilermaker head coach has done in over a century. The most recent Purdue coach to begin his career with a 2-0 record was none other than the immortal Cleo O'Donnell in 1916. Hired away from Everett High School in Massachusetts, O'Donnell led the Boilermakers past DePauw 13-0 and Wabash College 28-7 before losing at Iowa 24-6. Purdue finished 2-4-1 that year and 3-4 in 1917 before O'Donnell went back to Massachusetts to coach at Somerville

High School.

Approaching the conclusion of the 2016 season, O'Donnell was blunt in his request for more support from alumni. "They are not loyal when they know of a good athlete and then sit quietly by and let some other school grab him off." O'Donnell was reported as saying in the Nov. 10, 1916, edition of the Lafayette Journal. "The trouble with Purdue graduates is that they spend more time criticizing than they do boosting.

"One trouble with Purdue is that the men have been taught to be satisfied with a fair showing. That does not appeal to me. I am satisfied with nothing less than victory." O'Donnell's pleas were ignored and it would be another decade before the first golden age of Purdue football would arrive with the coaching of James Phelan and Noble Kizer. Phelan and Kizer came from Notre Dame where then as now a fair showing will get a coach fired. One of O'Donnell's sons achieved some notoriety in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Kenneth O'Donnell was the special assistant to President John F. Kennedy. In the 2000 film "Thirteen Days," Kenneth O'Donnell was portrayed by Kevin Costner. ...

Purdue's 31-0 victory against Ball State marked the first time since 1964-65 that the Boilermakers posted a season-opening shutout in consecutive years. Jack Mollenkopf's 1964 squad opened with a 17-0 triumph against Ohio on its way to a 6-3 record. The 1965 Boilermakers whipped Miami (Ohio) 38-0 and would finish 7-2-1. ...

Devin Mockobee only carried the ball 14 times, but his 59 yards allowed him to become the eighth Boilermaker to achieve 2,500 for his career. He's now seventh on the career list with 2,521 yards. ... Ryan Browne's 49-yard touchdown pass to Arhmad Branch on the second play of the Ball State game is the fastest Purdue touchdown

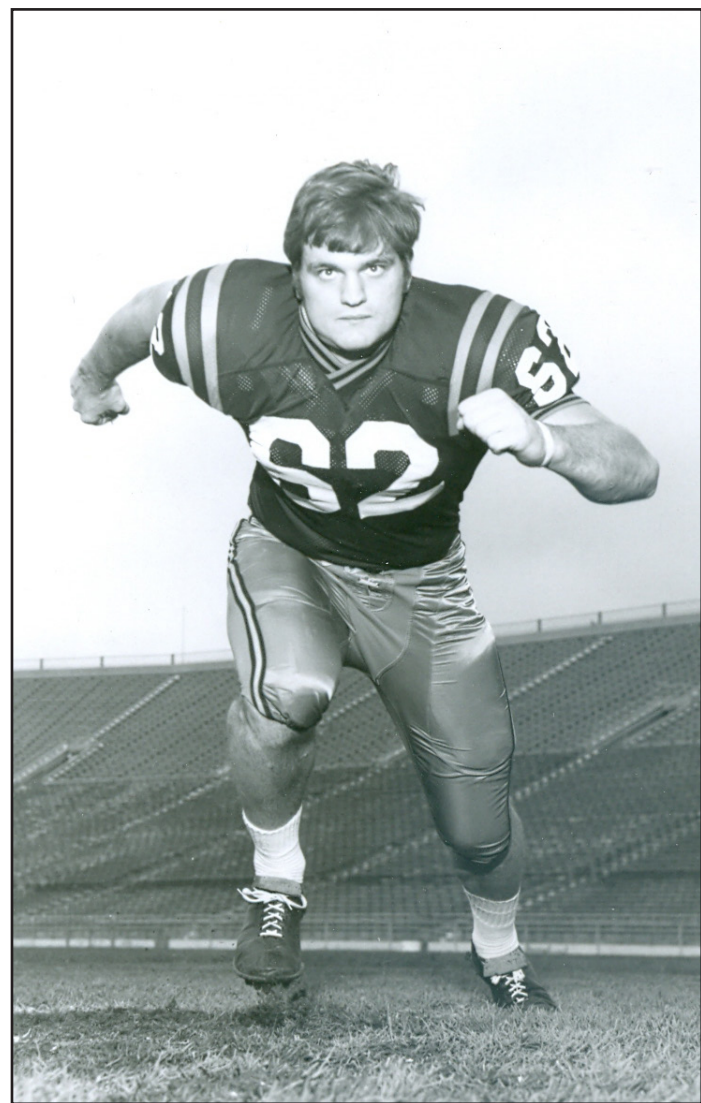


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since Jimmy Smith took the opening kickoff 100 yards to the end zone to start the 1981 season against Stanford. **Bottom of the barrel** The Ball State victory began to cure the hangover from arguably the worst football season in school history. Believe it or not, though, there have been 11 worse coaching hires in the 21st century than Ryan Walters, according to CBSSports.com.

Writer John Talty nailed it when he described his list as "the hires that still make you shudder if you're a fan of the program. The coaches who delivered lows you didn't even believe were possible." Notre Dame fans will recognize two names in Talty's top 10 but thankfully for the Fighting Irish, Tyrone Willingham and Charlie Weis are cited for their failures elsewhere. Willingham is slotted at No. 6 for going 11-37 at Washington and Weis' 6-22 mark at Kansas ranked him fifth. Atop Talty's top 25 were two men who never set foot on the sideline at Alabama and Pittsburgh, Mike Price and Michael Haywood, due to inappropriate behavior and felony domestic violence charges, respectively.

Walters was ranked two spots ahead of Darrell Hazell, who previously held the title of worst Purdue football coach of the last 100 years. Talty poured salt on the open wound of the 2024 season when he

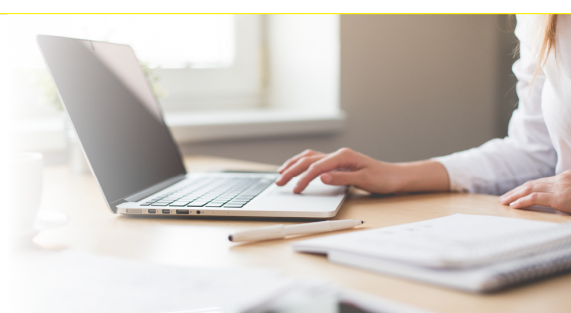
wrote "you could basically flip a coin on which coach was the worse hire."

Walters got the nod for going 5-19 after inheriting a program from Jeff Brohm that had gone 9-4 and 8-5 before his departure to hometown Louisville.

"Walters was a trendy defensive coordinator name but clearly wasn't ready for a supersized Big Ten for his first head coaching opportunity," Talty writes. Noting that Purdue fans should be careful what they wish for, Talty reminds them that Hazell's hire came about when they wanted more out of the program than back-to-back bowl games under Danny Hope.

"Instead, there was incompetency and despair in Hazell," Talty writes. "For a program that experienced consistent success under Joe Tiller, blowout losses to Northern Illinois and Central Michigan were hard to swallow." Hazell went 9-33 before he was fired midway through the 2016 season.

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.



How the Arts Build Better Noblesville

What truly makes Noblesville feel like home? Beyond the historic brick streets and familiar storefronts, we feel it in the shared pride of a new downtown art installation or the energy of a local music performance — experiences that shape our city’s vibrant identity. We believe our local arts and culture scene is the heartbeat of that spirit.

A thriving creative community strengthens our city by creating economic benefits and enriching our children’s education, which together create that “this is home” feeling. As longtime residents, our experiences drawn from leadership roles — spanning the school board to supporting education, local business advocacy, and local nonprofits — have given us a front-row seat of how the arts intersect with and elevate our city. This shared understanding is precisely why we have deepened our commitment to the city’s creative future.

The Tangible Impact of a Creative Economy

The economic impact of the arts in Noblesville is clear and measurable. In 2024, programming from Noblesville Creates alone generated nearly \$730,000 in household income for our neighbors and supported 37 full-time jobs, based on an Americans For The Arts study. This impact snowballs with every event. For instance, last year, attendees added another \$530,000 to our local economy through their related spending. The direct financial benefit to our creative community is also significant: 161 local artists earned over \$69,000 from sales of their work.

These are not abstract figures. They are the tangible result of thousands of

people gathering for beloved events like Fairyville, HATCH Fest, and our monthly First Fridays. These experiences, along with intimate offerings like children’s art camps and adult drawing classes, are what build the connections that give our city its distinct character.

A Shared Passion Forged by Service

Our passion for local arts comes from our experiences serving Noblesville. While our professional paths aren’t the same, our work has revealed a simple truth: a community’s health is directly linked to its creative culture. This truth is evident in our shared service on the boards of Noblesville Creates, Prevail, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation, Riverview Health Foundation, and Spotlight on Art.

From an educational standpoint, a strong arts scene is a critical asset. We recognize the power of the arts to enrich student learning while attracting and retaining talented families in our city.

This same principle applies to philanthropy focused on our youngest residents. We support Spotlight on Art, an event that merges art with philanthropy to benefit the Boys & Girls Club, Prevail, and Children’s TherAplay. The community recognition for this work is proof that investing in the arts is a direct investment in our children.

This shared understanding of how the arts connect education and philanthropy to strengthen Noblesville’s well-being led us to take on a new challenge together: co-chairing this year’s “Celebrate Noblesville Creates” gala.

An Invitation to

Invest in Our Creative Future

This annual celebration is the primary fundraiser that sustains the programs and economic impact we’ve described. We invite you to join us for Celebrate Noblesville Creates on Thursday, September 25, from 5:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

Resources from this single evening are invested back into Noblesville for the entire year. It fuels the creation of public art, beautifying our shared spaces for everyone to enjoy. **Building a Creative Legacy Together**

An investment in our creative community is an investment in the economic vitality and spirit that set Noblesville apart. We invite you to partner with us in this mission. Together, we can build a legacy of creativity that will define our city for generations to come.

Learn more at www.noblesvillecreates.org/gala.

Christi Crosser and Esther Lakes are Board Members of Noblesville Creates. Noblesville Creates champions the arts as an essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and Central Indiana. As Noblesville’s local arts agency, we catalyze opportunities for the arts and local creatives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in Central Indiana. We are also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the seven counties at the center of the state. We cultivate classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with us: we’ll help you connect and flourish.

COSTS

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viduals are struggling to keep up with health care costs,” George said.

“More are finding themselves underinsured, and that’s making basic health care harder to afford and access.”

That’s why comparison shopping is increasingly important, including price comparisons at different pharmacies.

“Cost comparison tools can help people find lower prices on both generic and brand-name medications, regardless of their coverage status,” George said.

While cost comparison tools are not a full replacement for health insurance, they can be a helpful way to reduce medication costs and avoid unexpected surprises at the pharmacy.

Build Confidence Through Cost Literacy

Cost literacy involves understanding how insurance works, what’s included in a plan’s formulary, how to interpret billing documents and how to challenge costs that seem too high. Ac-

cording to George, “health care cost literacy” is one of the best investments you can make in your financial well-being.

“Tools like the GoodRx Guide to Drug Costs, Coverage and Savings, cost estimators from hospitals and insurance plans and State Health Insurance Assistance Programs can help you better understand and manage costs,” she said. “If something is unclear, don’t hesitate to ask your provider, pharmacist or insurance representative to walk you through your bills or Explanation of Benefits.”

Simple Strategies Can Add Up

George recommends a few strategies that can reduce out-of-pocket costs for medications:

- **Always compare prices**, including your insurance copay. “People assume their insurance is the best deal for accessing a medication at the lowest cost, but that’s not always true,” George said.
- **Uncover savings programs**. Many

pharmaceutical companies offer copay cards or patient assistance programs that can dramatically reduce costs.

- **Explore generic medications**, if available. Generic medications typically cost less than their brand-name counterparts. Check with a health care professional before opting for a generic.
- **Consider a 90-day supply**. For chronic conditions, ask your health care professional whether you can switch from a 30-day supply of medication to a 90-day supply.
- **Try delivery**. Ordering through a mail-order pharmacy can add convenience and, in many cases, offer lower prices.

Visit GoodRx.com to compare prices and take more control over your medication costs.

Distinction of Gold!



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The Marching Huskies competed at the recent Indiana State School Music Association Summer Showcase contest and delivered an outstanding performance! The group earned a Gold Rating and was also honored with the award for “Visual with Distinction.” Congratulations to the Marching Huskies’ seniors, members, parents and staff for all of their hard work and dedication this summer. Your commitment and passion truly paid off—Go Heights!

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