

➤ TODAY'S VERSE
2 Corinthians 5:6,7 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight



➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
People who call our community their own.

What makes Barry Dixon smile? "Old cars," said the 59-year-old Noblesville resident, a 1981 graduate of Noblesville High School. He met '89 NHS grad Michelle Menchaca Dixon when he was 29 and she was 21. They were married a year later in 1993. They own a 1955 Cadillac and are the second owners of the car, which has a 331 V8 engine and manual transmission. The Cadillac was in good condition when they purchased it, and it only needed light restoration, Dixon said. The car has the original 331 Cadillac motor. He started the Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show. Dixon, a Freemason of more than 20 years, founded the car show to help out the Noblesville Masonic Lodge's Angel Fund. Originally started in the parking lot of the Noblesville bowling alley, the show's move to Forest Park changed themes after Barry discovered that Lucky Teter was also a Freemason. This year's Lucky Teter Rebel Run car show is Sept. 2. Barry plays in two bands, upright bass with Big Wally & the Homewreckers, a rockabilly band; and electric bass in Fast Cadillac, a classic-rock band, that will play at 7 p.m. today at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville. Best things in life? "Family, cars, music and my wife."

And **Another Thing...**
1.A mega-buck license plate

Some automobile owners are willing to pay an extra hundred bucks or so for customized plates. But that's "chump change," as they say, among auto aficionados attending a recent Most Noble Numbers charity auction in Dubai. A license plate with the letter and number "P-7" [the significance of which is a mystery] sold for \$14,975,356 making it the most expensive license plate ever purchased, according to the judges at the Guinness Book of World Records. They don't call them "vanity" plates for nothing.

2. How to fill a pothole

Josh Anderson of Hopewell, VA had had enough! He and his neighbors had been begging the town to fill in a dangerously huge pothole on a street where they live but it appeared they were being ignored -- for more than a year. So Josh took matters into his own hands. He planted a small tree in the hole as a warning for local drivers. It got the attention of the township, which sent workers not to fill the pothole but to remove the tree. That didn't discourage Josh; he promptly replaced the tree with another tree. But this time he adorned it with lights and, lo and behold, it worked. A day later a crew showed up and finally filled the hole...

3. A hula hooping skater

"I love skating, but I am passionate about hula hooping," says 54-year-old Veronica Harris of Houston, TX. And so off she went and twirled her hula hoop while skating backwards for 33 minutes and one second right winning entry into the Guinness Book of World Records.

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Actors rehearse for Main Street Productions' "The Spitfire Grill," a musical, directed by Noblesville's Brenna Whitaker, on stage through April 27 at Basile Westfield Playhouse with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org.

Music, Theater, History, Wildflowers, Train Rides



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Live music, "The Spitfire Grill" musical, historical celebrations, wildflower walks and train rides are among the plenty of things to do this weekend and

beyond. Here's our Times' list of 25 things to do.

1. Enjoy live music with Fast Cadillac at 7 p.m. today and the third annual Primeval Frühlingsfest at noon Saturday at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

2. Go out to the coun-

tryside for the live music of Anneliese & Ali tonight and Benjamin Watson on Saturday, Kris Huntley on April 21, The Ackermans on April 22, Jennifer Mlott on April 28, Brad Kleinschmidt on April 29, and a Strawberry Music Festival at noon May 27, at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

3. Unlock the past in this interactive Jackson Township historical walking tour put together by Hamilton Heights Schools students, during an open house, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at select locations.

4. Enjoy free Spring Wildflower Walks 1 p.m. to 5

p.m. Saturday and April 29 at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville.

5. Join the Nickel Plate Express railroad in an excursion 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, celebrating the history of the town stations along the Nickel Plate line, from Hobbs Station in Noblesville, travel north through Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta and you listen to and read about the history of the towns and landscapes, with \$20 tickets, including refreshments, at nickelplateexpress.com

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Hamilton County Warns Residents Of Jury Duty Scam Victims Conned Out Of Thousands Of Dollars

The Hamilton County Courts are warning residents about a jury duty scam that has bilked dozens of people out of thousands of dollars. Scammers are calling residents and telling them they missed jury duty and have to pay a fine. Victims have reportedly lost upwards of two to three thousand dollars through gift cards and mobile payments like Zelle and Venmo.

"This scam has been around for a long time," says Captain Scott Pass with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. "Unfortunately, the scammers are getting more persistent and convincing, at times posing as sheriff's deputies and dropping the real names of local judges to add legitimacy to the call. They have also figured out how to spoof their phone numbers to make it look as though the call is local -- and in some cases coming from the sheriff's office."

When in doubt, Court Administrator Jill Acklin recommends residents hang up and call (317) 776-8589. "These scammers will try to keep you on the

phone and threaten legal action if you hang up, but please know we would never do that. Chances are if you haven't received a summons or answered a jury questionnaire recently, you have not missed jury duty."

Pass says the scammers seem to be targeting professionals like attorneys and doctors, who may fear having their licenses revoked if they're found in contempt of court. "Please know the Sheriff's Office would never call you about jury duty and would certainly never ask for money over the phone."

"Same with the courts," adds Acklin. "We collect all fines through the Clerk's Office and would certainly never accept gift cards or payment through mobile apps like Zelle. Plus, if you miss jury duty chances are we'll probably call and ask you to reschedule to another date."



JILL ACKLIN

Huge Rummage Sale!



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First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville
1207 Conner Street (corner of Conner St. and 12th St.)
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Sat., April 22, 8am - 2pm

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All proceeds will go to a variety of charitable organizations supported by FPC.

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

We're not too far away from the NFL draft. I can hear Duke singing, Lord Help Our Colts!



➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"By the time you're 80 years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."
-George Burns

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

A polar bear walks into a greasy spoon and says to the waitress: "I... want... a... grilled... cheese."
The waitress looks at the polar bear and says: What's with the big pause?
The polar bear looks puzzled and says: "I don't know, these are the paws I was born with."

➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're not already seeing an eye doctor, you should have a baseline screening at age 40.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➤ OBITUARIES

Todd Robert Bryant
Barbara Sigman

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



OBITUARIES

Todd Robert Bryant

August 22, 1964, Monday, April 10, 2023

Todd Robert Bryant, 58, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Fishers following a sudden illness.

He was born on August 22, 1964, in Sanford, Maine to Robert and Joan (Landry) Bryant.

Todd graduated from Wells High School. He served his country in the US Army, retiring in 2006.

He later retired from INDOT and the Town of Lapel.

He loved to fish and the outdoors. He loved tinkering around in the garage. His sense of humor was very well-known.

Todd is survived by his wife, Michelle (Farr) Bryant; a son, Samuel (wife, Katie) Bryant of Indianapolis; two daughters, Megan (husband, Erick) Bradford of Westfield and Kelsey (husband, Chandler) Bowen of Lapel; two grandsons, Knox Bryant and Ethan Bryant; four granddaughters, Lilian Coleman, Valerie Noblet, Summer Noblet and Ellie Serafin; and a brother, Alton (wife, Gayle) Bryant of Sierra Vista, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Bryant.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 14, 2023, at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel, Indiana 46051 with Don Rogers officiating. Cremation will follow.

Visitation will be from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home.

Military rites conducted at the funeral home by the US Army, assisted by the Lapel American Legion Post #212, immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 8445 Keystone Crossing, Suite 135, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-0020.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hersbergerbozell.com.

Barbara Sigman

January 7, 1943, Friday, April 7, 2023

Barbara Louise Sigman, age 80, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Friday evening, April 7, 2023, at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. Born January 7, 1943 in Noblesville, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late William Gerald "Huck" Johns and Marjorie Ellen (Adams) Johns.

Barbara attended New Light Christian Center, where she loved singing in the choir. Her strong faith was the foundation of a life spent helping others. She was a member of the United States Army Women's Support Group, a dedicated group of individuals who make the commitment to help support and care for the wives and families of active duty military personnel while they are away on deployment.

With a true servant's heart, Barbara always put the needs of others first. She was always the first one there when someone was in need, even if they just needed a friendly ear or a shoulder to cry on. Celebrating holidays and special events brought Barbara immeasurable joy. Whenever she was able to combine good food (Barbara's specialty) with gatherings of family and friends, it was the perfect recipe for a great time. Thanksgiving was for the food, Christmas was for the grandkids, but the 4th of July was all Barbara's. Barbara enjoyed traveling and always looked forward to her annual trek to Michigan and Wisconsin, where she could relax and fish to her heart's content. She also enjoyed fussing over her flowers, watching cooking shows on TV, and playing the piano (self taught).

Barbara is survived by her loving husband, Michael Lee Sigman. She and Michael were married on April 19, 1968. Also surviving is her son, Joey Alan Sigman (Barbara J.) of Arcadia; granddaughter, Brittany R. Stidham (Joseph Michael) of Elwood; 5 great grandchildren, JJ, Jayden, Trinity, Taylor, and Paislee; sister, Marilyn Sharp of Sheridan; 2 sisters-in-law, Connie Johns of Tipton, and Hazel Johns of Washington, Indiana; and by her canine BFF, her chihuahua, Penny.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Gerald "Huck" Johns and Marjorie Ellen (Adams) Johns; brothers, Richard E., Johnny W., Charles O., and Earl H. Johns; sister-in-law, Sandra Johns; and brother-in-law, Bobby Sharp.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 11:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Matt Canata will be officiating.

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



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CRIMES OF THE HEART Presented By The Belfry Theatre

The scene is Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where the three MaGrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, the oldest sister, is unmarried at thirty and facing diminishing marital prospects; Meg, the middle sister, who quickly outgrew Hazlehurst, is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast; while Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Their troubles, grave and yet, somehow hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin, Chick,

and by the awkward young lawyer, Barnette, who tries to keep Babe out of jail while helpless not to fall in love with her. In the end, the play is the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future—but the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind long after the curtain has descended.

Join us for the dark comedy **CRIMES OF THE HEART** by Beth Henley. The show runs April 28 – May 7 at Arts for Lawrence's Theatre at the Fort.

Featuring:
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MAGRATH... Brooke Hackman
•MARGARET (MEG) MAGRATH... Sarah Eberhardt
•REBECCA (BABE) BOTRELLE... Becca Bartley
•CHICK BOYLE... Ka'Lena Cuevas
•BARNETTE LLOYD... Mickey Masterson
•DOC PORTER... Tanner Brunson
•Production Team:
•PRODUCER... Ka'Lena Cuevas
•DIRECTOR... Jen Otterman
•ASSISTANT DIRECTORS... Andrea Odle & Nicole Amsler

•STAGE MANAGER... Andrea Odle
•LIGHT DESIGNER... Eric Matters
•LIGHT OPERATOR... Aaron Ploof
•SOUND DESIGNER... Eric Dixon
•SOUND OPERATOR... Sloan Haywood
•SET DESIGNER... Jen Otterman
•SET CONSTRUCTION... Jen Otterman, Jay Mitchell, & Robert Rave
•SET DECORATION... Jen Otterman
•COSTUMES... Linda Findley Grow
•PROPERTIES... Nicole Amsler & Jen Otterman
•CREW... Kim O'Mara

Hamilton County Lawmakers: Local Road Projects Receive State Funding Boost

Local communities are set to receive over \$3.7 million to complete much-needed road projects, according to Hamilton County legislators.

"Indiana continues to be recognized for some of the best infrastructure in the country thanks in large part to the Community Crossings program," said House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers). "These investments are critical to ensuring our roads and bridges remain safe to travel, and help communities of all sizes pay for improvements."

Funding is available through the state's Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, which can be used for road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements and other items. In total, 224

towns, cities and counties will receive over \$133.4 million in state matching grants.

"Whether traveling in town or across the state, we all depend on safe roads," said State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville). "For local governments, these grants can be a gamechanger for infrastructure improvements, which also helps promote economic growth and adds to our quality of life."

Area grant recipients include:

•Cicero, \$720,135;
•Fishers, \$1 million;
•Hamilton County, \$1 million; and
•Noblesville, \$1 million.

"Indiana is in a strong financial position, which means we can continue investing in essential, local

infrastructure projects," said State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers). "This program has helped immensely in preserving Indiana's reputation as the Crossroads of America."

To qualify for the competitive grant, smaller municipalities provide a 25 percent match in local funds, while large communities provide a 50 percent match. State law requires 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. Since 2016, Community Crossings has awarded more than \$1.27 billion to improve local roads and bridges.

"These grants provide needed help to communities looking to improve local roads and bridges," said State Rep. Donna

Schaibley (R-Carmel). "I encourage our cities, towns and counties to take advantage of the next round of funding this program offers in the summer."

"Indiana has a strong infrastructure network, and investments like these only make it better," said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel). "Local businesses and most Hoosiers need reliable roads on a daily basis, and the Community Crossing program helps local governments pay for these projects."

A list of all communities receiving matching funds in the latest round is available here. Visit in.gov/indot/communitycrossings to learn more about the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program and the next call for projects opening in July.

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Noblesville Lions Host Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency



Photos courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On the evening of April 12th the Noblesville Lions Club hosted Shane Booker, Executive Director of the HCEMA. HCEMA provides communication and logistics support during emergencies and natural disasters. Shane provided the club with a presentation on the activities of the county organization and answered many questions. The agency recently helped Johnson County with the tornados they had. He encouraged the club to sign up for Smart911.com, which provides additional information to 911 when called in an emergency. He also encouraged signing up for the HCEM App. Shane Booker (Left side of both photographs) handing a Certificate of Appreciation to Lions VP Walt Scheid and in the right photo is keeping the Board's attention.

Spring Construction Underway In Fishers

City enhances roads, pedestrian trails, and resurfaces over 21 miles of roadway more this construction season.

The City of Fishers' Engineering and Department of Public Works teams are gearing up for a busy season of roadway and trail improvements to enhance safety and connectivity for motorists and pedestrians.

"Over the past few years, we've made dramatic improvements to how residents and visitors experience and navigate our community, from State Road 37 to the Nickel Plate Trail and new pedestrian tunnel across 116th Street," said Jason Taylor, City of Fishers' Director of Engineering. "With these new amenities in their final stages of construction, we're shifting our focus to ensuring that our roadways and trails are updated to best suit the needs of our growing community—making intersection improvements and widening roads to improve traffic flow, expanding our trail system, making ADA improvements, and investing in new infrastructure."

To stay up to date on the latest construction news, residents are encouraged to subscribe to the weekly Drive Fishers newsletter at fishers.in.us/DriveFishers and follow @DriveFishers on Twitter. The Department of Engineering's Capital Project Dashboard provides a long-range overview of active and upcoming projects, including cost estimates, construction timelines, project maps, and more.

Upcoming construction projects this spring and summer include:

State Road 37 & 141st Street Interchange

The final interchange of the State Road 37 Improvement Project—141st Street—is currently in the pre-construction

phase. During this phase, 141st Street is in a temporary Right-In-Right-Out traffic configuration. A full timeline for the 141st Street interchange will be provided after project bids are accepted this summer.

Nickel Plate Trail Paving

Paving begins next week on the last remaining section of the Fishers Nickel Plate Trail from 106th Street to 96th Street. Paving is anticipated to be completed in August. A pedestrian bridge over 96th Street, connecting the Fishers trail to Indianapolis, will be constructed next year.

Geist Greenway Trail

Currently under construction, the Geist Greenway Trail is a five-mile pedestrian path connecting 96th Street and 131st Street in east Fishers. Currently, construction is focused on connecting the existing neighborhood trail system in Enclave at Steeplechase to South Avalon Estates. The trail is anticipated to open next year.

Road Resurfacing

Resurfacing is underway on roadways throughout Fishers and will continue through October. Lane restrictions will be in effect during resurfacing and residents will be notified via signage of any street parking restrictions. The first phase, which continues through July, includes Fall Creek Road between Mollenkopf Road and Olio Road; Geist Road between Fall Creek Road and 106th Street; 131st Street between Allisonville Road and Britton Park Road; Britton Park Road; Willow View Road; Winding Creek Lane; Brooks School Road between 116th Street and 126th Street; Georgia Road between 96th Street and 104th Street, and Cyntheanne Road between 96th Street and 113th Street. Casting adjustments

on 96th Street between Lantern Road and the intersection of the Walmart entrance will also take place, with lane restrictions to be announced ahead of the project. Also beginning this spring are road resurfacing in neighborhoods including Rolling Knoll, Spyglass Hills, Sunblest, Wildwood Estates, and The Parks at Harvard, Oxford, and Princeton that will extend through October 2023. In addition, casting adjustments will be made on 96th Street between Lantern Road and the Walmart traffic signal, with lane restrictions to be announced ahead of the project.

ADA Improvements

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction has begun in neighborhoods around the community and will continue through September 2023. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near their home.

Cumberland Road Reconstruction Project

Reconstruction and improvements to Cumberland Road begin this month and will continue through 2024. The project includes new pedestrian paths on both sides of the roadway, widening travel lanes, and installing a grassed median with openings for north-south access. Hamilton County Bridge 162 will also be replaced.

New Sanitary Sewers

Investing in new infrastructure is also on the list of spring and summer construction projects. Construction begins this month on new sanitary sewers at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport and Roseanna Village. Masters Road immediately east of Willowview Road continues to be closed through early next week, and Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport can

be accessed via Masters Road at 96th Street. The Rosana Village project is expected to begin in June 2023 with any lane restrictions announced ahead of the project. These projects are anticipated to be completed in December.

Trail Gap Connections

The Department of Public Works is working on improving trail connectivity around Fishers this spring, addressing trail gaps at Berkley Grove, Eller Road, and 126th Street. Work continues through October.

Median and Sidewalk Improvements

The Public Works team is also busy enhancing sidewalks and medians around Fishers. Currently, new plantings and median designs are being installed along Allisonville Road. Neighborhood sidewalk repair is also underway with Public Works' sidewalk tractor allowing City crews to remove and/or repair sidewalk issues, improving safety and reducing costs for residents.

106th Street Improvements

The intersections at Kincaid Drive and Hoosier Road will both be improved beginning in June. At Kincaid Drive, a center curb will be added on 106th Street and the intersection will be modified to a right-in/right-out entrance. This project will be completed in August. At Hoosier Road, a single-lane roundabout will be constructed with pedestrian crossings at all four approaches. This project will conclude in late fall.

96th Street & Allisonville Road Roundabout

Early pre-construction work will begin on the roundabout later this year, including utility relocation taking place throughout 2023 with roundabout construction anticipated to begin in 2024.

Thai Sushi House Opening Restaurant In Downtown Noblesville

Hageman Group, the owner/partner on the public-private partnership, has a signed lease agreement to bring Thai Sushi House to the ground level of The Levinson.

Thai Indy Restaurant has announced plans to bring their cozy atmosphere with a focus on a high-quality, customer experience menu of traditional and authentic Thai dishes to The Levinson in downtown Noblesville. Noblesville will be their 12th location in the Indianapolis Metro region, including Thaitanium Restaurant and Bar and Oishi Sushi & Ramen on Massachusetts Avenue, with plans for continued expansion.

"This announcement provides residents and guests with another dining option and adds a new culinary flavor in downtown Noblesville. The restaurant will bring the true taste of Thai cuisine inspired by original family recipes with a dedication to outstanding customer service," said Mayor Chris Jensen. "It's also conveniently located at The Levinson, which offers four free hours of parking every day for guests to shop, dine and enjoy the Downtown Square."

By staying true to their original recipes, Thai Indy's cuisine offers a

variety of flavorful dishes prepared by experienced chefs for dine-in, take out, or curbside pick-up. They'll serve a variety of Thai foods including soups, sushi, noodles, rice dishes, and desserts including Bubble Tea.

The restaurant anticipates opening in late fall.

The Levinson's first floor commercial space is now fully leased with the commitments from Thai Indy and Beauty & Grace Aesthetics, which has 1,575 square feet.

Noblesville-based since 2019, Beauty & Grace Aesthetics offers a boutique med spa experience for women. Owner Amy Julian-Resner is a family nurse practitioner with over 13 years of experience in the medical aesthetics industry. Beauty & Grace Aesthetics specialize on customized services and products that help women feel beautiful and confident in a peaceful spa experience and cutting-edge nonsurgical techniques.

"We love our community and couldn't think of anywhere we would rather expand our business and serve our community" said Julian-Resner, a resident of Noblesville for 18 years.

Beauty & Grace Aesthetics is projected to open this summer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE BY BROKER
The City of Noblesville Board of Public Works ("Noblesville") has determined to retain a broker for the sale of the real property located at 608 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 pursuant to IC 36-1-11-4.
Evelyn Lees, Clerk, City of Noblesville
TL20316 4/12 1t hspaxlp

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Andrew Tucker Drain NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Andrew Tucker Drain on April 24, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the Andrew Tucker Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.
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Kenny Thompson Blown Away By “The Beast”



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With the overload of information out there on NFL Draft prospects, it takes a lot to impress me.

Consider me blown away by an aptly named guide called “The Beast.”

That’s the name Dane Brugler of The Athletic has given his 308-page tome that will tell you everything shy of a prospect’s favorite meal.

Take Purdue quarterback Aidan O’Connell. One of six children, Brugler reveals O’Connell’s passion was basketball throughout middle school but that he started playing quarterback in the third grade.

Brugler gives O’Connell a fourth-round grade and rates him seventh in the QB class behind Bryce Young (Alabama), C.J. Stroud (Ohio State), Anthony Richardson (Florida), Will Levis (Kentucky), Hendon Hooker (Tennessee) and Jake Haener (Fresno State).

“He is strong-minded,

accurate and touches the ball up at every level of the field,” Brugler writes. “He has the skills and intangibles of a capable backup in the NFL.”

Brugler’s highest graded Boilermaker is 6-3 cornerback Cory Trice, who has third-round potential. Trice is ranked 14th among cornerbacks, six of whom have first-round grades, and is 88th overall on Brugler’s top 10 player rankings.

“An impressive height/weight (203)/speed athlete, Trice passes the eye test with flying colors,” Brugler states. “He has exceptional size, speed and change of direction skills to be a disruptive cover man. He offers position versatility with starting potential in press-man or Cover 3 schemes.”

O’Connell’s childhood friend and 2022 teammate, Charlie Jones, carries a fourth or fifth-round grade. Jones gained the attention of NFL scouts during his lone season at Purdue. The wide receiver set the Purdue single-season receiving yards record (1,361) and led the Football Bowl Subdivision with 110 receptions.

“With his one-step acceleration, Jones quickly eats cushion and shows supreme confidence in his focus and hands,” Brugler writes. “His crafty speed and

ball skills will help him find a role in the NFL. He also has the skills to readily factor in the return game.”

Tight end Payne Durham gets a fifth/sixth round grade and is ranked the 13th-best at his position in the draft.

“Durham has average-at-best speed and separation skills, but he creates a large throwing target (6-6, 253 pounds) for his quarterback and enjoys the dirty work at the position,” Brugler writes. “He has the skill set of a solid No. 2 tight end option in the NFL.”

The news isn’t as good for linebacker/safety Jalen Graham, whom Brugler expects to go undrafted but will be a priority free agent target. “Graham is alert, well-built and driven to make plays, which might fit as a SAM linebacker,” Brugler states. “But his pursuit speed is average. His versatile background and special teams potential could be his saving grace.”

More draft speculation Jordan Reid of ESPN.com sees the Los Angeles Chargers as a potential destination for O’Connell.

“O’Connell needs to be in a scheme that keeps him on schedule, and the Chargers are an ideal fit because of their propensity to rely on getting the ball out quickly,” Reid writes. “O’Connell’s

at his best when he can make quick decisions and keep pass rushers from bearing down on him.”

Ivey growing

Consider the Detroit Pistons pleased with former Purdue All-American Jaden Ivey, a good bet to earn All-Rookie Team honors from the NBA.

Ivey started 73 of his 74 games and put up averages of 16.3 points, 5.2 assists and 3.9 rebounds. The 6-4 guard saved his best for the final weeks of the season. Ivey averaged 22.9 points, 7.7 assists and 4.0 rebounds while shooting 39.7 percent.

He ranked third among rookies in scoring, second in 3-pointers made (120) and first in assists. His double-figure scoring streak of 39 games in a row to end the season is the longest for a rookie in Pistons history.

“He picked it up so fast,” guard Cade Cunningham told Keith Langlois of the Pistons’ official website. “The pace and the poise he showed at the end of the year, I knew he was going to be that but I didn’t realize he was going to pick it up so fast. To see that was huge for the team and huge for him to feel that. He’s only going to take more steps like that every year he’s playing. With his work ethic, he’s going to be

great. I’m excited for him and I’m excited to play with him.”

Cunningham and Ivey are forecasted to be the Pistons backcourt for the next decade. Cunningham, the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2021, played just 11 games with Ivey before his sophomore season ended with a shin injury that required surgery.

Degree of difficulty appears high

Welcome to being a head coach, Ryan Walters.

The first-year Purdue football coach will be greeted by the Big Ten’s toughest 2023 schedule, according to Jeff Hanisch of USA Today Sports.

“The road game at Virginia Tech to go along with non-conference dates against Fresno State and Syracuse doesn’t make this a breezy start. There aren’t any sure thing matchups there,” Hanisch writes. “Having to deal with both Ohio State and Michigan isn’t fun for a West team.”

It’s not fun, either, for Indiana. The Hoosiers’ slate comes in fifth behind Minnesota, Michigan State and Ohio State.

“Welcome to 2023, Hoosiers,” Hanisch writes. “Enjoy that opener against Ohio State. Fortunately, playing Indiana State and Akron make the slate easier for a little bit, but six road

games – including five in the Big Ten – will make this a very, very tough run.”

The conference road games are at Maryland (Sept. 30), at Michigan (Oct. 14), at Penn State (Oct. 28), at Illinois (Nov. 11) and at Purdue (Nov. 25).

Hanisch overlooked the Sept. 16th game at Louisville, now coached by former Purdue nemesis Jeff Brohm. Brohm went 4-1 against the Hoosiers at Purdue, and the only loss came in double overtime.

Penn State and Michigan have the easiest schedules, according to Hanisch. Purdue fans should feel respected that the Boilermakers’ absence – along with Wisconsin and Minnesota – from the Nittany Lions’ slate factored into Hanisch’s ratings. Good thing Penn State averages better than 100,000 fans in attendance since Delaware, UMass, Indiana and Rutgers aren’t exactly marquee draws.

Michigan should almost be ashamed to open with four consecutive home games against East Carolina, UCLA, Bowling Green and Rutgers.

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.

Post Spring Break Update



DR. ARROWOOD
Guest Columnist

Welcome back! I hope everyone was able to take advantage of spring break to rest, reenergize, and are ready to finish the semester strong. The next seven weeks will be a flurry of activity including spring sports, testing, awards, recognitions, prom, art shows, concerts, and graduation among a few. Prom is Saturday, April 29. The annual senior trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee is May 12-14. The last day of school for students is Thursday, May 25 and last day for staff is Friday, May 26. Graduation takes place on Saturday, June 3.A

Last week was National Assistant Principals Week. Our assistant principals, Whitney Gray and Mitch Street (HHHS), Nicole Ridens (HHMS), and Ken Watson (HHES) are among some of our amazing unsung heroes. They play a vital role in ensuring the success of our schools. They make powerful contributions to improving our schools, maintaining a safe and welcoming learning environment for our students, and in supporting our teachers in their professional development

to name a few. Your leadership and commitment to our community is truly inspiring. Thank you for enhancing student achievement and outcome at Heights.

April is also National School Library Month. School libraries (media centers) are integral to our schools. These spaces offer unlimited opportunities for growth through access to technology, multimedia, and incredible resources of every variety. Our school media center specialists, Karen Jones (HHES), Emily Beechler (HHMS), and Lori Hippensteel (HHHS) play an essential role in the education of our students. They are a teacher of information literacy and skills and an instructional partner. Thank you for helping to positively transform lives at Heights!

I want to give a shout out to our middle and high school robotics teams who qualified to advance to the VEX Robotics World Champions in Dallas, Texas, April 25 – May 4. They include HHMS Teams 214C (Alayna Kauffman, Dylan Bryan, Johanna Lecher, Kennedy Dreher, Kaiden Lawson, and Austin Kappes), 214D (Reece Blanton, Olivia Higgins, Illiana Bowyer, Nash Biddle, and Ethan Miller), 214G (Noah Heuer, Levi Heuer, Selah Heuer, Levi VanAlstine, and Kaelynn Fidler) and HHHS Teams A (Josh Ozolins, Wade Brown, and Eli Heuer) and C (Landon Brasky, Josh Steffen, Connelly Schuster, and Nick Stumpf).

I also want to give a

shout out to students in our BPA and DECA programs who will be competing on the national stage later this month. Six DECA students qualified in their categories to compete at nationals in Orlando, Florida, April 22-26. Representing Hamilton Heights and the Husky Fan Shop School-Based Enterprise are Hannah Smallwood and Melissa Lovell. In addition, 20 members of Heights’ Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter have qualified to participate at the national competition in Anaheim, California, April 26-30. Congratulations! Best of luck at DECA and BPA nationals and the VEX Robotics World Championship!

If you are interested in the latest and greatest taking place throughout our campus, you won’t want to miss our next Superintendent Advisory Group meeting. HHSC Business Manager Kristin McCarty and HHSC Facility Director Dori Hochstedler will share facility updates that are underway and the plans we have for future enhancements. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20 at the HHSC Student Activity Center in Arcadia beginning at 6 p.m.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the weeks ahead as we work together to finish the year strong! #WeAreHuskies

- Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

Saying Goodbye To Long-Time Editor



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I am sad to report that my editor and proofreader, Heidi, has decided to retire. She has been correcting me for 22 years. Only my wife has beaten her record. When Heidi first told me she was quitting, I panicked. To be honest, many of the mistakes she found over the years were the result of my haste to get a new idea fleshed out, and my knowing that in her capable hands everything would be checked. Is it French Poodle or French poodle? French fries or french fries? I never worried about stuff like that because I knew Heidi would either know the correct usage or would google it. Sometimes she would just underline phrases and say something very subtle like: NOT FUNNY!

The big question now was: who would replace her? Within hours, Mary Ellen volunteered for the job. My wife is an excellent proofreader, but I have real concerns about how this will affect our rela-

tionship. Heidi and I often disagreed and got into wording arguments. Mary Ellen told me that if she took on this task, she was the boss and there would be no quibbling. I was to do what I was told. This was also in our wedding vows.

I had to be sure she could be objective with my writing, so I created a little test. I wrote a paragraph about an upcoming trip we have planned to compare Heidi’s proofreading skills against Mary Ellen’s. Following is the first draft that I filled with intentional (and some, I am sure, unintentional) errors.

Mary Ellen and me are planning a trip to Washington D.C for a short week end. While in our Nations Capitol we will stay at the Downtown Holiday Inn. I hope that we have time to do other things like visit the Smithsonian Institute and the International Spy Mueum! I look forward to seeing alumnus from George Washington University and I look forward to dinners at some of the old joints we used to go to.

Here’s the version Heidi corrected. Can you see the differences?

Mary Ellen and I are planning a trip to Washington, DC, for a short weekend. While in our nation’s capital, we will stay at the downtown Holiday Inn. I really want to visit the Smithsonian Institution

and the International Spy Museum. Most of all, I look forward to seeing the alumni I worked with from The George Washington University and then having dinners at some of the old joints we used to frequent.

Here are the changes Mary Ellen made: My beautiful wife and I are planning a trip to Washington, DC, for a long weekend. While in our nation’s capital, we will stay at the Waldorf Astoria and we will spend an entire day at the National Gallery of Art, viewing their French sculpture exhibit. Most of all, I look forward to visiting with one of Mary Ellen’s longtime friends who lives in DC. Mary Ellen and I can’t wait to dine at Imperfecto, which is known to be among DC’s most exclusive and swanky restaurants.

After I read her edited version, I said to my wife, “You fixed all the grammatical and spelling mistakes, but you also changed our trip.” We discussed it and before the conversation got heated, we came to an agreement. Now she’s my travel agent, too.

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6. Head to the 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with sensory friendly hours on Sunday, during the 2023 season at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

7. Come see a traveling exhibit while learning about our Hamilton County Bicentennial themes, through today at Monon Community Center in Carmel, April 15-21 at Hazel Dell Elementary in Noblesville, April 22-28 at Hamilton Heights Elementary in Arcadia and April 29-May 5 at Jackson Township Trustee Office in Arcadia.

8. Everyone is welcome to attend Charlie's Chicken Dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Carmel American Legion Post 155, for the annual riders group event to raise money to help veterans, with dinner tickets at \$12 each, and \$5 for ages 12 and younger.

9. Experience the free annual Welcome to Fairyville events, April 19-22, in Noblesville Cultural Arts District beginning at Nickel Plate Arts Campus as fairies take over downtown Noblesville, with info at nickplatearts.org.

10. Put on your dancing shoes for The Fairy Ball, an inaugural 21-and-older fundraiser for Nickel Plate Arts, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 19 at The Lacy Arts Building in downtown Noblesville, with tickets at \$100 each.

11. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring Craig Thurston on April 20 (the first and third Thursdays); Jeff Brown on April 22; Matt Record on April 27. Jason and Robin on April 29 at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.

12. Day at Red Bridge Park in Cicero will offer dedication of new historical signage about Cicero's Red Bridge, a day of festivities, showing of the Ball State University PBS Special, "Now Entering Cicero," and outdoor showing of a Hoosier Hot Shots movie, plus local music and fun, on April 21.

13. Treasures can be yours at a huge rummage sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 22 at the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville at 1207 Conner St., with proceeds to go to a variety of charitable organizations supported by the church.

14. Join a Teter Wildflower Walk 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 23, with guided walks at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., at Teter Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville.

15. Ages 2-5 can partake 2 to 3 p.m. April 27 for "Wiggling Worms at Work, with dirt pudding, with fee and registration at noblesvilleparks.org or by calling 317-776-6350.

16. Enjoy a night of live music by Luis Aldrey, food, wine, bourbon and a silent auction while raising money for Same as U, a nonprofit that helps adults with developmental disabilities by providing continuing education, recreational and social life skills in a college-like setting, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 27 at The Nesst of Noblesville. Tickets are \$75 plus tax and gratuity and may be purchased by emailing jus-

tin@thenesstofnoblesville.com. For more information, call 317-445-2702 or visit sameasu.org

17. Hamilton County Theatre Guild's The Belfry Theatre presents "Crimes of the Heart," directed by Jen Otterman of Noblesville, April 28-May 7 at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort in Indianapolis, with tickets at 317-773-1085 and at www.thebelfrytheatre.com.

18. Board the Nickel Plate Express for the Peony Brunch Express at 10 a.m. April 29 for a 90-minute ride with brunch by Andy's Hospitality, leaving Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot in Noblesville.

19. Enjoy the music of 2022 International Singers-Songwriters Association Entertainer of the Year Jennifer Mlott at 3 p.m. May 5 at Parks Place Pub in Fishers.

20. Noblesville Farmers Market opening day is 8 a.m. to noon May 6 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

21. Pre-1960 car owners are invited to display their cars at a free antique car show on May 6, organized by Sheridan Historical Society, in conjunction with the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission, at Veterans Park, 99 S. Main St., Sheridan, where public spectators are welcome to view and vote on their favorites. Cars should be model year 1960 or earlier and be in mostly original condition. At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the local Model T Car Club will put on a demonstration of how to assemble a Model T in record time. Lawn chairs and picnicking are invited, plus food will be available for sale. For information, call Ron Stone at (317) 758-5170 or email rmstone@ndwave.com.

22. Underdog Theatre presents "Second Chances," a play that follows life on Mars long before life existed on Earth, at 7 p.m. May 5 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 6 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church.

23. Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's "The Taste of Business-Made in Noblesville" is 4 to 7:30 p.m. May 10 at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville.

24. Join the Street Party on May 6 during the Porch Street Music Fest, featuring the Moontown Pickle Stompers at 8 p.m. and special guests Ghosts on Maple at 6:30 p.m., on 13th Street between Hannibal and Division streets in Old Town Noblesville.

25. Enjoy music, adult beverages and a good time while supporting Noblesville Youth Assistance Program, during Music for Millers from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. May 6 at Wolfies Waterfront Grill in Noblesville, for ages 21 and older, featuring all-request Dueling Pianos, and \$25 tickets, on the Noblesville Youth Assistance Program Facebook page.

Save the date: Charity Ride for American Veteran Riders Association is at 8:30 a.m. May 20 beginning at the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246.

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Give Your Home a Seasonal Tune-up!

SERVPRO® franchise professionals in the Noblesville area say routine maintenance can help prevent the common sources of fire and water damage in homes and businesses. Spring is the perfect time to assess the maintenance of your home after the long, cold, brutal winter months. A checklist from the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) outlines what it takes to help ensure your home is healthy - such as keeping it dry, clean, well-ventilated, free from contaminants, pest-free, safe and well-maintained.

As the disaster remediation specialists at SERVPRO know, unexpected issues can quickly turn your dream home into a nightmare. "While we specialize in cleanup, restoration and construction after a fire or water loss, we think it's even more important to do what you can to help prevent these losses in the first place," says Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC. "Routine and effective maintenance will help you meet all these healthy home criteria and serves as one of your best defenses against the curveballs that can be thrown at your home."

While catastrophic events like storm-related wind, water and hail damage are usually covered by most standard homeowner's insurance policies, many maintenance-related claims are not - such as leaks over time or mold from lack of ventilation. So, on top of suffering a loss to property, there is a good chance the property owner will be on the hook for the entire cost of remediation and repairs.

To help pinpoint common areas of concern for routine home maintenance, the NCHH developed a Healthy Homes Maintenance Checklist. "We deal with the consequences of unfortunate disasters that negatively impact the lives of property owners every day," says Isaacson. "The routine and simple spring maintenance tasks on this checklist can help minimize the types of hazards we specialize in remediating, and they can preempt many of the bigger problems that can cause significant damage to your property."

Fire
Clean dryer vents and screens.
Check electrical equipment for damaged cords.

Test all ground fault circuit interrupters.
Water and mold
Clean downspouts and gutters and ensure they direct water away from your home.

Look for damaged or failing waterproofing, often caused by storms, such as lifting shingles, loose siding, or leaks around doors and windows.

Test your sump pump, including the check valve. Clear out floor drains. Check hoses for leaks under sinks and on your water heater, washer, and refrigerator water dispenser.

"As a leader in fire and water cleanup and restoration services, SERVPRO understands that there are some things we simply can't control," says Isaacson. "The weather is certainly one of those things. In spring, storms may bring flooding rain, lightning-sparked fires, and high winds, all of which can wreak havoc on homes and businesses. That's why it's important to take control where we can. Performing timely spring maintenance could be one small step to helping prevent a larger disaster that could permanently impact your family or property."

SERVPRO specializes in disaster cleaning, restoration, and construction services, helping to remediate damage, making it "Like it never even happened," for both commercial and residential customers. For more information about SERVPRO, please visit www.servpro.com/. For more information on SERVPRO in the Noblesville area, please contact please contact one of the local business owners below.

* For SERVPRO of Anderson, please contact Andrew Johnson who can be reached at (765) 643-6265 or ajohnson@logical123.net.

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Celebrate National Volunteer Week With DNR

Every year more than 12,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties.

During National Volunteer Week, April 16-22, the DNR will thank and recognize those volunteers for caring for Indiana's natural and cultural resources and salute their accomplishments on agency social media accounts.

These volunteers connect with Indiana's natural and cultural heritage and the DNR volunteer community by donating their time and

talents at their favorite DNR property, and you can, too. To find out how you can become part of DNR's volunteer family, see on IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or contact the DNR property nearest you.

To follow DNR official social media accounts, see dnr.IN.gov/communications/social-media.

For a complete list of programs offered at DNR properties April 16-22, see calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

For more information or questions about volunteering for DNR, email DNR-Volunteer@dnr.IN.gov.

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CenterPoint Energy Recognizes April As National Safe Digging Month

In observance of National Safe Digging Month, CenterPoint Energy encourages customers to keep safety top-of-mind when planning for digging projects. Projects such as installing a garden, pool, fence or water sprinkler system require digging and the need for customers to call 811.

Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in serious injury or death, inconvenient service disruptions, and costly fines and repairs. Hitting underground natural gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines while digging can have a major impact on communities and businesses. Making a free request before digging at www.811beforeyoudig.com or by calling 811 can help maintain the safety of everyone who digs, as well as the essential utility services in their communities.

"It is essential that anyone who plans to dig, regardless of how shallow the project might be, contact 811 beforehand to have buried utilities marked to allow for safe digging," said Shane Alexander, Director of Damage Prevention at CenterPoint Energy. "Callers should contact 811 a few days prior to the start

of their digging project to give surveyors enough time to reach the site and mark the area."

In addition to working on projects themselves, homeowners often hire a contractor to complete digging projects on their property. If a contractor is completing the project, it is recommended the homeowner ensure the area has been marked prior to the start of the project. The homeowner is advised to let the contractor know work cannot begin until the area has been marked. Either the homeowner or contractor should place a request online or call 811.

Private owned lines are not located by the utility. If the property owner has private owned lines servicing a sprinkler system or outdoor appliance, the property owner is responsible for ensuring these lines are marked.

CenterPoint Energy encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project:

- Always contact 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.

- Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend,

providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.

- Confirm that all lines have been marked.

- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

- If a contractor has been hired, confirm the contractor has contacted 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.

- Visit www.811beforeyoudig.com for complete information.

Those calling 811 are connected to a local 811 center that will take the caller's information and communicate it to local utility companies. Professional locators will then visit the dig site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines with spray paint, flags or both. Once a site has been accurately marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas.

In the case of a hit pipeline, leave the area immediately. Once in a safe location, report the leak by calling the CenterPoint Energy utility emergency line at 800-227-1376.

Additional information about pipeline safety can be found at www.centerpointenergy.com/callbeforeyoudig.

Caterpillar Reaffirms Recent \$1 Million Commitment To Purdue By Establishing Office At Convergence Center

Caterpillar Inc. (NYSE: CAT) on Tuesday (April 4) formally opened an office at the Convergence Center in Discovery Park District at Purdue to establish a permanent presence near campus and reaffirm its recent \$1 million commitment to the Purdue Polytechnic Institute.

Caterpillar, a longtime corporate supporter of the university, made its gift to the Polytechnic Institute – which was first announced in December 2021 – to name a laboratory in the former Engineering and Polytechnic Gateway Complex, now called Dudley Hall and Lambertus Hall. The newly named Caterpillar Smart Foundry represents a cornerstone element of the Purdue Polytechnic Smart Learning Factory.

"We envision these two new buildings as a flagship component of Purdue's growing campus landscape," said Daniel Castro-Lacouture, dean of the Purdue Polytechnic Institute.

"This collaboration with Cat-

erpillar will help transform our concept into reality. It gives us one more piece of an innovative project that we believe represents a leading design for teaching, learning, research and engagement on a university campus."

The new office at Convergence represents Caterpillar's first official presence near Purdue's campus. The company, which has a facility in Lafayette, is the world's leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives.

"For decades, Caterpillar has had a successful relationship with Purdue University," said Karl Weiss, senior vice president of the Integrated Components and Solutions Division at Caterpillar. "This relationship strengthens and aligns the innovative capabilities of both organizations involved by allowing new ideas and knowledge to easily flow from initial research into application."

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Timmons Has A Conversation With the Future



TIM TIMMONS
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For the regular eight or nine of you who read these scribblings, you may recall that I've written a time or two about AI - artificial intelligence. According to the experts at IBM, AI combines computer science and data to enable problem solving. According to sci-fi fans, AI is Skynet from the Terminator movies, the evil force that takes over the world and goes to war with us mere humans.

Which is it? I truly have no idea. So I decided to do what us newspaper types do best - go straight to the source. I interviewed ChatGPT, a language model developed by OpenAI. To be clear, I "interviewed" a computer.

Terrifying? Exciting? Some of the answers with pretty negative connotations for the aforementioned mortals were couched with terms like "could . . . if . . . as of now" and the like. Not exactly reassuring, but hey, you be the judge.

(Oh, one other thing. Since I was chatting with someone, uh, something much smarter than me. I decided to ask it about another world-ending concern I have. It's toward the end.)

Is AI a threat to humanity?

I'm not sure what you mean by "AI." Can you please provide more context or clarify your question?

Sorry, I mean AI, artificial intelligence.

The impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on humanity depends on how it is developed, deployed, and regulated. AI has the potential to bring significant benefits to society, including improved healthcare, transportation, and education. However, it also presents certain risks and challenges, such as job displacement, bias and privacy concerns, and the possibility of unintended consequences.

There is a debate among experts about whether AI is a threat to humanity. Some argue that if left unchecked and unregulated, AI could pose an existential threat to humanity, potentially leading to the development of superintelligence that could be difficult to control. Others

believe that AI will continue to evolve as a useful tool that can be harnessed to solve some of the world's biggest problems.

Regardless of whether AI is seen as a threat, it is essential to continue to study and develop it responsibly, with appropriate ethical considerations and safety precautions in place. This will help to ensure that the potential benefits of AI are maximized while minimizing any risks or unintended consequences.

Can AI be weaponized unintentionally?

AI can be weaponized unintentionally if it is not developed and deployed responsibly with adequate safeguards in place. For example, if AI systems are designed to be autonomous and can make decisions on their own, they may potentially be used for unintended purposes, including military applications.

Additionally, if AI systems are not tested thoroughly or if there are vulnerabilities in their programming, they may be susceptible to hacking or other forms of cyber attacks, which could be used to weaponize them. In such cases, the AI systems could be used to cause harm to people or to disrupt critical infrastructure.

To mitigate the risk of unintentional weaponization of AI, it is important to develop and deploy AI systems responsibly, with appropriate safeguards in place. This includes testing AI systems thoroughly to identify and fix any vulnerabilities, ensuring that they are used for their intended purposes, and implementing ethical guidelines and regulations for their development and use.

Will AI develop feelings and emotions?

As of now, artificial intelligence (AI) is not capable of developing feelings and emotions in the way that humans do. While AI systems can simulate emotions, they are not truly experiencing them in the way that humans do.

Emotions are a complex aspect of human psychology, involving not just subjective experience but also physiological responses, cognitive processes, and social and cultural factors. While AI systems can be programmed to recognize and respond to emotions in humans, they do not have the subjective experience of emotions themselves.

That being said, some researchers believe that it may be possible to create AI systems that can simulate emotions and develop a degree of emotional intelligence. These systems would be designed to recognize and respond to human emotions in a more nuanced and empathetic way, potentially improving the human-machine interaction. However, even if such systems

were developed, they would still not be experiencing emotions in the way that humans do.

I write for a daily newspaper. May I quote your responses?

Yes, you may quote my responses in your newspaper article as long as you attribute them to me. ChatGPT, a language model developed by OpenAI. Additionally, please keep in mind that my responses are based on the current state of knowledge and may not reflect the views of any specific individual or organization.

Where do you see AI going in the next year? And after that, in the next five? And after that in the next 10?

As an AI language model, I do not have the ability to predict the future with certainty. However, based on current trends and developments in the field, I can provide some general insights into where AI may be heading in the next few years.

In the next year, we can expect to see continued progress in the development and deployment of AI systems across various industries, including healthcare, finance, and transportation. We may also see more progress in the development of conversational AI and natural language processing, as well as increased focus on ethical considerations and responsible use of AI.

In the next five years, we can expect to see significant advances in AI technology, particularly in the areas of machine learning, computer vision, and natural language processing. We may also see more widespread adoption of AI systems in industries such as education, manufacturing, and agriculture, as well as increased use of autonomous systems such as self-driving cars and drones.

In the next 10 years, we can expect to see even more profound changes brought about by AI, including the potential for significant advances in areas such as robotics, virtual reality, and quantum computing. We may also see the emergence of more advanced forms of AI, such as artificial general intelligence (AGI), which would be capable of performing a wide range of intellectual tasks at a human level or beyond. However, it is important to note that the development of AGI is still a long-term goal and subject to significant uncertainty and debate in the AI research community.

Overall, the future of AI is likely to be shaped by continued advances in technology and research, as well as by ethical considerations and societal debates around the responsible use of AI.

In the fictitious "Terminator" movie series, robots take over the world in a war against

humanity. Is a future like that possible?

The scenario depicted in the "Terminator" movie series, where robots take over the world in a war against humanity, is a fictional one and not a likely outcome of current developments in artificial intelligence (AI).

While AI does present certain risks and challenges, including the possibility of unintended consequences and the potential for misuse or weaponization, there are many reasons to believe that a future where robots take over the world is unlikely.

First, AI is not inherently malicious or benevolent; it is a tool that can be used for a wide range of purposes, depending on how it is developed and deployed. As such, the development and deployment of AI can be guided by ethical considerations and regulations to minimize any potential risks.

Second, even if advanced AI were to emerge in the future, it would likely be designed and programmed with specific goals and limitations, rather than being a general-purpose intelligence capable of taking over the world.

Third, the scenario depicted in the "Terminator" movie series relies on many assumptions and exaggerations about the capabilities and limitations of AI, as well as about the likelihood of certain events and actions taking place.

Overall, while it is important to take AI risks seriously and to develop and deploy it responsibly, there is no reason to believe that a future where robots take over the world is a likely outcome of current developments in AI.

If you were human, what precautions and safeguards would you put into place regarding AI now, and its future development?

As an AI language model, I do not have personal opinions or preferences. However, I can provide some insights into the precautions and safeguards that experts in the field of AI are currently recommending for the responsible development and deployment of AI.

Some key precautions and safeguards include:

1. Ethical guidelines: Developing ethical guidelines for AI research and deployment, and ensuring that AI systems are designed and used in ways that are consistent with these guidelines.

2. Transparency: Ensuring that AI systems are transparent in their decision-making processes, so that the reasons for their decisions can be understood and audited.

3. Accountability: Establishing accountability for the actions of AI systems and their developers, so that responsibility can be

assigned in case of unintended consequences or misuse.

4. Human oversight: Ensuring that AI systems are subject to human oversight and control, so that they can be monitored and modified as needed to ensure safety and ethical use.

5. Safety testing: Conducting safety testing and risk assessments for AI systems, to identify and mitigate potential risks and unintended consequences.

6. Privacy protection: Protecting the privacy and security of individuals and their data, and ensuring that AI systems are used in ways that respect these rights.

Overall, these precautions and safeguards are aimed at ensuring that AI systems are developed and deployed in ways that are safe, ethical, and aligned with human values and interests.

At the Bern Supercollider, what is the likelihood that a black hole will be created that will destroy the earth?

There is no likelihood that the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, commonly referred to as the "Bern Supercollider," will create a black hole that could destroy the Earth.

The LHC is a particle accelerator designed to investigate the fundamental properties of matter and the universe at very small scales. It does this by colliding subatomic particles together at high speeds and energies. While these collisions can produce a variety of exotic particles and phenomena, they do not pose a risk of creating a black hole that could threaten the Earth.

The reason for this is that any black holes produced by the LHC would be very small and short-lived, and would not have enough mass or energy to pose a danger. In addition, there are many layers of safety and monitoring in place to ensure that the LHC operates safely and without risk to the environment or public health.

Overall, the idea that the LHC could create a black hole that could destroy the Earth is a common misconception that is not supported by scientific evidence or theory.

Thank you for chatting with me today. I enjoyed and appreciate it.

You're welcome! It was my pleasure to chat with you and answer your questions. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any more questions in the future. Have a great day!

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