

TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Mya Ponto smile? "Being around my friends and hanging out with people from school," said the then 14-year-old Noblesville resident. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She is a sophomore at Noblesville High School and, before that, she attended Noblesville West Middle School. She was found in summer 2021 working a summer job at the concession stand at Forest Park Aquatic Center, which celebrated its 90th anniversary in June 2021. Over the summer at the pool, she worked concessions, checked in guests and sold memberships. Her favorite job duty? "I like doing the concessions. I get to make people's food and give it to them." Favorite food to make and eat? "I like making pretzels a lot." She is the daughter of Matt Ponto and Amy Ponto and has a brother, Camren. Pets? "I have one dog and two cats." Her dog is an English bulldog named Stella. When she wasn't working, she said she loves to swim and hopes to become a lifeguard there. This summer, she's again working at the concession stand, which has several new food offerings, including popcorn. Being that today is the last day of school for Noblesville Schools, Forest Park Aquatic Center, beginning this Saturday, will be open for the summer pool season noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays. Admission is \$8, with memberships and donor-level memberships available. Memberships include admission to Morse Beach. To read more about the pool, read the Betsy Reason column in the May 24 edition of The Times. Also, visit www.forestparkpool.org/

And Another Thing...

1. "Further down the path to financial ruin" - Senator Mike Braun's statement on debt ceiling deal

Senator Mike Braun released the following statement about the debt ceiling deal which is expected to be voted on in the Senate this week. "This deal makes our current bloated spending levels the new baseline going forward, setting us further down the path to financial ruin. We need deep spending cuts, and Congress shouldn't get paid until we deliver a real budget that seriously addresses our massive debt. There's more drama here than usual but sadly the play is going to end the same way: the big spenders in both parties getting together to increase the size of the federal government."

2. LANE RESTRICTIONS - 116th Street between Eller Road and River Road (Bridge No. 160)

Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, June 12, 116th Street between Eller Road and River Road will be under lane restrictions for bridge joint replacement. The estimated project completion date is Friday, June 16. Lane restrictions will be in place daily from the hours of 9am thru 3pm. Flaggers will be in place throughout this process, so we ask that you use extreme caution while driving through this area.

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Today is...

- Dare Day
- Dinosaur Day
- National Moonshine Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1974 The Heimlich maneuver is published.
- 1945 The first group of Berlin women start clearing the rubble of WW II.
- 1831 The British explorer James Clark Ross discovers the North Magnetic Pole

Births On This Day

- 1926 Marilyn Monroe American model, actress, singer
- 1937 Morgan Freeman American actor, producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1868 James Buchanan American politician, 15th President of the United States
- 1952 John Dewey American philosopher, psychologist



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville Lions Bill Boice (left), Dale Unger, Bob Guilkey and Jeff Zeckel grill pork chops during the annual Lions Pork Chop Dinner on the Courthouse Square in Noblesville, and the tradition returns this Friday with a new name, "Grillin' on the Square."

Lions to Serve Up Chops, Chicken, Pancakes, Dogs



BETSY REASON From The Editor's Desk...

This weekend, a tradition returns as a big tent goes up on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square, and the Noblesville Lions set up tables and chairs for the Club's annual Pork Chop Dinner, which this year has been renamed as "Grillin' on the Square."

Friday morning, the Lions will be up early putting pork chops on the grill for lunch, which will be served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Regular and bar-

Want TO GO?

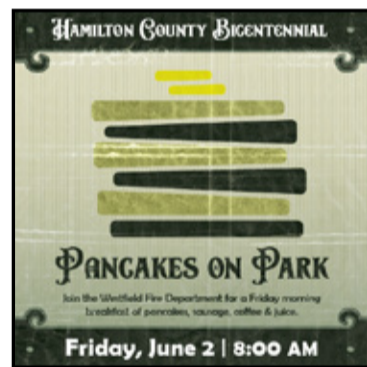
What: Noblesville Lions Club's "Grillin' on the Square," featuring the annual pork chop dinner and pancakes breakfast.

When: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday for dinner, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday for pancakes breakfast.

Where: Table seating under a big tent on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

How much: Pork chops or chicken are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door (and come with sides, pie and a drink); hot dog dinners (with chips and drink) Friday will be \$8 for kids. Pancakes are \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids.

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Team Breakfast Opportunity And Free Live Concert

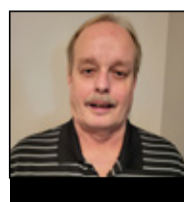
The Hamilton County Bicentennial commemorates the county's 200 years of history and takes place throughout 2023. The month of June has been designated as the celebration of Washington township. This event is being presented by the Westfield Washington Township, Westfield Welcome, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Westfield Association.

Park Street transforms into a pancake haven beginning at 8 a.m. Join the Westfield Fire Department for a Friday morning breakfast. Enjoy pancakes,

sausage, coffee, and juice while dining al fresco. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door; this event is open to the public, and businesses are encouraged to bring their employees for a team breakfast.

Three-time BMA nominee The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band is "the greatest front-porch blues band in the world" and will take the main stage at Grand Junction Plaza on Friday at 7 p.m. Local recording artist Kassey King will open the show at 6 p.m. A free parking shuttle will be available for the evening.

Little Advice For Graduates



RICK NOLAN Looking In From Outside

May and June means graduation season is upon us.

Don't let them fool you, this is a tough time of the year for moms or the person that serves in that function for

you. They are proud of you, whether they tell you or not. Most are probably busy running around with planning your post-graduation celebrations, looking a bit haggard but smiling through it all nonetheless.

Inside they are hiding a secret. Graduations are another cruel reminder their babies are growing up and about to leave the house one way or another, either to a first job, the military or off to college in a matter of weeks.

Your relief and joy is just another stage in life that your mom knows means she can't protect you much longer from the realities of life that was primary in her job description of being a mom.

Tell her thank you with a gesture of your choice to reassure her she taught you well and did the best job she could raising you, albeit some likely mistakes.

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Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Hosts Riverview Health CEO

On Wednesday, May 24th, the Noblesville Lions hosted Dave Hyatt, newly hired CEO of Riverview Health. Dave comes with 15 years of health-care experience. He highlighted some of the challenges of health-care today, and some strategies of Riverview Health. The past few Covid years affected service of the hospital, which were overcome to a point, but with a lot of changes.

The hospital is looking into

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Bicentennial Buzz!

Happening in June: It's Washington Township's Month! We're sending the newsletter a couple days early so you get all the info!

Westfield Bash June 1-3!
June 1 - Farmers Market and American Pie Concert
Grand Junction Plaza, Westfield
FREE

In addition to a fun farmers market 5-8p.m., come check out the FREE reprisal of Westfield Schools' popular American Pie concert, with the theme "Coming Back Home to Indiana."

June 2 - Pancake Breakfast and Concert Series Kickoff
Park Street and Grand Junction Plaza, Westfield
FREE

The Westfield Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast (cost to eat) along Park Street from 830-10a.m., so be sure to check that out alongside the FREE folk concert from Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band from 6-9pm! Local artist Kassey King will open.

June 3 - Weekends at Barker Cabin
Penn St, Westfield

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Make sure your shoes have good arch support and fit correctly to help prevent foot, ankle, knee, hip and back problems.

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 thetimes24-7.com



HONEST HOOSIER

Welcome to June, the month when summer gets going, farmers watch their fields and mowing yards becomes a lot sweeter!



TODAY'S QUOTE

"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."
-Maud Hart Lovelace

TODAY'S JOKE

The boss applied for a job at Old Man McDonald's Farm. He wants to be the C-I-E-I-O.



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Noblesville and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners in May



On May 18th the two clubs helped pass out food to those in need with Gleaners at 6-Points Church in Sheridan. This continues to be a monthly event for the two clubs. In the photo, Carmel Lions Bob Yunker and Lane Sims; along with Noblesville Lions Jerry Baker, Duke Miller, Carol Miller, Jeff Kozicki, Mark Bachar, and Ron Williamson.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights Schools by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights' senior Elijah Bowers has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the Indiana University Purdue University-Columbus Crimson Pride in Columbus, Indiana. Bowers (seated) is pictured with his biggest fans, parents Chad and Tracy.

Bowers Signs To Play Baseball With IUPUC

Elijah Bowers, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Indiana University Purdue University-Columbus (IUPUC) in Columbus, Indiana. IUPUC is a member of the Continental Athletic Conference and is a NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Tracy and Chad Bowers.

"Its small campus and small class sizes made me feel like I was a part of something," recalled Elijah Bowers after his visit to the campus. "Their baseball coaching staff made me feel like I was family." Bowers will be able to take his game to the collegiate mound while pursuing a degree in business/marketing. His long-term goal is to become an entrepreneur in the sports-related or athletic footwear field.

student-athlete (baseball and football), started playing T-ball at age 4. At age 7, he needed more of a challenge and his parents signed him up to play on a local travel team where he has been a force around the state and beyond since that time. During the fall and winter he works with trainers to maintain and improve his strength, agility, and stamina.

"My parents along with my trainers and coaches have been my biggest influence as a student athlete," said Bowers, who also credits Young Life for helping to grow his faith. "My parents sacrificed their time to get me to practice, training, and/or games on time. They always made me go even if I didn't feel like it. My coaches and trainers also pushed me to be the best I could be and a lot more."

146th St. & Allisonville Rd. Construction Project Now Has Its Own Website

The Hamilton County Highway Department began construction at the intersection of 146th Street and Allisonville Road last week. The \$44 million project will reduce congestion and increase safety by converting the intersection into a grade-separated interchange, with 146th Street going over a roundabout on Allisonville Road.

"We know it's an inconvenience now, but we're certain this project will be worth it in the end," says Highway Director Brad Davis. "In the meantime, we're committed to doing whatever we can to communicate the latest information to residents and motorists."

The Highway Department has created an informational website and an e-newsletter that provide the very latest on construction and lane restrictions. Both can be found at www.streamline146.com

"146th Street is the main East-West artery in our county, running 17 miles from the Boone County Line to I-69," says County Commissioner Mark Heibrandt. "The Allisonville Road intersection in particular is one of the most traveled. Approximately 44,000 vehicles travel through it every day, so it's critical we make these upgrades to keep up with the growing needs of our community."

The worksite speed limit is set at 35 mph. Delays are anticipated during peak hours. Motorists are asked to exercise caution while driving through the intersection and to seek alternate routes when feasible. Construction should be complete by Summer 2025. A similar project is expected to start at the intersection of 146th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway in the Summer of 2026.

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Hamilton County Accepting Not-for-Profit Grant Applications

Applications Due by Friday.
The Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors are now accepting grant applications from Hamilton County not-for-profits for funding in 2024. The Grant Program is intended to furnish funding to organizations that provide services in furtherance of County goals and without the providing of these services the County may need to consider the development of such programming.

Awards are provided based on application score and funding available. Any funds awarded must be supported by other funding sources or documented in-kind services and may only be distributed to Hamilton County based organizations. Complete information including eligibility criteria can be found on the application. <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1682/Non-profit-Grant-Application>
Applications are due

Friday, June 9th by 4:30 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Award recipients will be notified on or after Monday, November 13th and funds will be distributed in January.
For additional questions not answered in the application, please contact either County Councilor Sue Maki at Sue.Maki@HamiltonCounty.in.gov or Director of Administration Lee Buckingham at Lee.Buckingham@HamiltonCounty.in.gov

Land Betterment Corporation Becomes "Certified B"

Company hits milestone to use power of business as a force for good and strengthen stakeholder.

Land Betterment Corporation ("Land Betterment" or the "Company"), an environmental solutions company fostering positive impact through upcycling former coal mining and industrial sites to create sustainable community development and job creation, is excited to announce obtaining Certified B Corporation status through the B Lab.

Certified B Corporations are businesses that meet

the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose. B Corps are accelerating a global culture shift to redefine success in business and build a more inclusive and sustainable economy.

The B Lab commented, "We are thrilled to share that Land Betterment is now a Certified B Corporation! Thank you for your commitment to use business as a force for good and for your time and energy spent on the certification process. We would like

to sincerely congratulate your company for joining the global B Corp movement!"

"This is a testament to Land Betterment's dedication and vision. Seeing opportunity within challenges is one of our team's best core competency and we are thrilled to be doing real work across many divisions and communities while bringing real impact. By receiving a verified score of 88.5 we can both take pride in our work so far and the responsibility of holding ourselves to a higher standard," said Kirk Taylor, President of Land Betterment.

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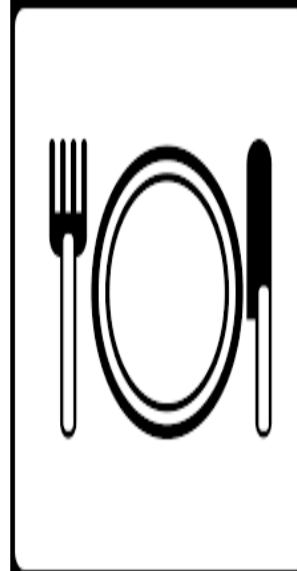
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Timmons Wages Battle Between Good, Evil



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Like a lot of you, I'm at the age where sleeping through the night is an elusive commodity. It's not that I have trouble falling asleep. I'm usually lucky that way. It's just I don't stay asleep.

The biggest issue is going to the bathroom. On a good night, that may only happen once or twice. On others, well, I've lost count.

And far too many times, when I wake up - whether it's 2 in the morning or 5, I can't go back to sleep. I just can't. Most of my work days then start before the sun comes up for that very reason.

A few years ago I was interviewing former Crawfordsville mayor (and football coach) Glenn Knecht. He was in his 80s and had some health issues. After a coughing spell he looked at me and paraphrased the old Bette Davis line, getting old is not for sissies.

Amen, brother.

So it was the other day that I opened my eyes and was surprised to see the bedroom wasn't dark. I looked at my watch and it said 6:58 - and even though my bladder was screaming at me to hurry along, I stayed in bed for two more minutes . . . just so I could say I didn't get up until 7.

Hey, we take little victories where we can get them.

But this victory was tainted. I did not go to bed at the normal 8 or 9 the night before and stay there all night. Not at all. For this night, you see, was marred by an intruder sneaking into our bedroom well after midnight. My wife let out a small shriek that woke me up and to our horror, we

found ourselves staring at the trespasser - a bat.

Before you pooh-pooh our terror, let's take three facts into consideration.

- Bats can transmit rabies - and should one bite you and get away, rabies shots are next.

- According to the CDC, bats are the leading cause of rabies deaths in the U.S.
- Bats can turn into vampires.

OK, OK, maybe the last one isn't so much a fact, but hey, it's a weird world out there today. You can't be too careful.

This is the third time a bat has gotten in and, I'm not sure how, but it has been my job to get the creepy things out.

Did I mention the vampire thing?

Listen, you might be laughing at that, but in my youth I spent hours upon hours in the Diana Theater watching Christopher Lee, Bela Lugosi, Peter Cushing and others transform from a creepy flying thing into creepy standing things.

And it was always the poor schmuck who laughed it off that got killed off first.

No one can accuse me of not learning a thing or two growing up.

So it was that I grabbed a broom and started flailing away. I managed to get the thing out of our bedroom and into the living room. The only problem there was the ceilings are higher - and the . . . danged thing landed on the wall near the ceiling - far out of my reach. (As if further proof was needed to prove it is an unholy creature from hell - it sat on a vertical wall. I mean c'mon, it has little claws, fur, flies and can sit on a wall.)

I was going to try to throw a pillow at it, but my wife reminded me that whether I hit it or not, the pillow would likely land on

the TV.

Just as we were debating the accuracy of my pillow throwing, the bat swooped off the wall and flew straight at my face. For a brief moment, we were eye to eye, locked in mortal combat. He knew the broom meant his death and I knew he wanted to bite into my jugular and cause mine.

It's that moment where men's souls are tried and found equal to the task at hand, or wanting.

I made a half-hearted swing with the broom and dove behind the couch.

Bat 1, Tim 0.

So went our struggle until finally, the broom and bat connected. I don't believe I killed it - stunned was more likely. But, with thick fireplace gloves on, I scooped him up and threw him outside where he flew up into a tree - no doubt ready to pounce upon his next unwitting victim.

Of course I couldn't go back to sleep right away. Who could? The adrenaline of the war between good and evil we just waged was pumping through my veins. I decided to read - and realized the book on my nightstand was by Stephen King.

Not a help.

I finally did get back to sleep and remained there until 7 a.m. I did not get up once during that period. So all in all, sleeping in until 7? The bat might've been worth it.

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

A Loaded Question Has Complex, Loaded Answer

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Do nature, plants and animals have legal rights?

The question of whether nature, encompassing plants and animals, should possess rights is a complex and contentious one. Humans have long exerted dominance over the natural world, but a growing movement argues for recognizing the inherent value and rights of nature. Advocates of this view, known as the Rights of Nature movement, say that ecosystems and non-humans should have legal protection akin to human rights. However, this notion challenges and raises philosophical, ethical and legal questions.

Proponents of granting rights to nature argue that its essential to address the current ecological crisis and protect the planet's delicate balance. By recognizing nature's rights, they say, we would establish a legal framework to prevent environmental degradation and hold individuals, corporations and governments accountable for their actions. The approach aims to shift the perspective from viewing nature solely as a resource for human exploitation to recognizing its intrinsic worth and inherent rights to exist and thrive.

Opponents, however, assert that the concept of granting rights to nature is misguided, arguing that only beings capable of rational thought and moral agency can bear rights,

which are typically regarded as a social contract based on reciprocal duties and responsibilities, concepts that seem irrelevant when considering non-human entities. Critics argue that conferring rights upon nature could lead to impractical and unenforceable legal obligations that would hinder human progress and economic development.

The recognition of nature's rights faces practical challenges, too. Defining the scope of these rights and identifying appropriate legal protections are daunting tasks. Humans have a shared understanding of human rights based on our capacity for reason and empathy, but determining the rights of ecosystems or individual species is far more complex. For example, would granting rights to nature imply equal consideration for all organisms, or would priority be given to keystone species or vulnerable ecosystems?

Moreover, implementing and enforcing the rights of nature would require a considerable restructuring of legal systems worldwide. It would necessitate changes to statutes, regulations and governance structures, which could prove challenging and time-consuming. Additionally, the issue of representation arises: Who would litigate on nature's behalf and adequately represent its interests poses yet another hurdle.

While the Rights of Nature movement faces hurdles, it has gained traction in recent years. Several countries, including

Ecuador, Bolivia and New Zealand, have recognized legal rights for rivers, forests or specific species. These efforts reflect a growing awareness of the interconnectedness of ecosystems and the urgent need to protect them. However, it is essential to strike a balance between protecting nature and ensuring human well-being. Critics worry that a rights-based approach to nature may unintentionally undermine human rights and impede socioeconomic progress. Ultimately, the question of whether nature should possess rights is a deeply philosophical and ethical one, challenging us to reconsider our relationship with nature and recognize the inherent value of all living beings. While these challenges and philosophical debates persist, it is clear that the dialogue surrounding the rights of nature will continue to evolve as we grapple with the urgent need to protect our planet.

CONTACTS: Nonhuman Rights Project, nonhuman-rights.org; Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature, garn.org/rights-of-nature; Does Nature Have Rights? insideclimatenews.org/news/19092021/rights-of-nature-legal-movement/; Roderick Nash's The Rights of Nature, amzn.to/3lg0s9f.

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Attorney General Todd Rokita Sues Company Allegedly Responsible For Billions Of Illegal Robocalls

Lawsuit against Avid Telecom represents Rokita administration's fifth major case against robocallers.

The state has filed a lawsuit against an Arizona-based company allegedly responsible for facilitating billions of robocalls.

As part of a coalition of 48 states and the District of Columbia, Attorney General Todd Rokita sued Michael D. Lansky LLC — which does business under the name Avid Telecom. The lawsuit also names owner Michael Lansky and a vice president, Stacey S. Reeves.

"Hoosiers are sick and tired of these annoying robocalls that not only interrupt their lives but also violate state and federal laws," Rokita said. "Rest assured that we will keep going after these illegal robocallers with the same dogged aggressiveness that we've shown since Day One."

The complaint alleges that Avid Telecom sent or

transmitted more than 7.5 billion calls to telephone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry — violating the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and other federal and state telemarketing and consumer laws.

Avid Telecom is a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service provider that sells data, phone numbers, dialing software, and/or expertise to help its customers make mass robocalls.

The company allegedly sent or transmitted scam calls representing Social Security Administration scams, Medicare scams, auto warranty scams, Amazon scams, DirecTV scams, credit card interest rate reduction scams, and employment scams.

The USTelecom-led Industry Traceback Group, which notifies providers about known and suspected illegal robocalls sent across their networks, sent

at least 329 notifications to Avid Telecom that it was transmitting these calls, but Avid Telecom continued to do so.

Rokita has already sued one of Avid Telecom's customers in Texas federal court. Avid Telecom helped that customer send more than 4 billion robocalls between May 2019 and March 2021.

This legal action arises from the nationwide Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force of 51 bipartisan attorneys general. Indiana, Ohio and North Carolina lead the task force — which is investigating and taking legal action against those responsible for routing significant volumes of illegal robocall traffic into and across the United States.

The Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General provided investigative assistance in this matter.

Young Recognizes Hoosier Students Who Completed Spring Internship

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) recognized Hoosier students who participated in the spring session of his internship program in Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis.

The students assisted with daily activities and special projects related to legislation, communications, and constituent services.

The Washington, D.C. intern class included Audrey Sims (top left), a graduate of the University

of St. Andrew's from Indianapolis, and Joelle Cox (top right), a senior from Corydon attending Indiana University.

The Indianapolis intern class included (as pictured from bottom left to right) Grant Coleman, a freshman from Georgetown attending Butler University; Dakota Boyle, a senior from Carmel attending IUPUI; and Michael Herald, a junior from Fort Wayne attending Butler

University.

Senator Young's office offers internship opportunities year-round, in both his Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis offices. The internship program offers students the opportunity to experience the legislative branch of government and serve Hoosiers.

Students interested in applying can visit Senator Young's internship webpage or call 202-224-5623 to learn more.

Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship Announces Move

Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship announced they are moving their Indianapolis campus to its new location at Lutherwood Children's Home for the start of the new school year which begins July 31, 2023. The Crossing Indy campus has been located at Diversity Church since..... and but has been in Indy since.... And has successfully graduated.....

The Crossing is focused on providing the highest quality and most relevant programming at every campus across the state. After a thorough evaluation of the benefits of a new location for the Indy campus, the

Crossing administrative team and local leadership, have determined that moving to a new location at Lutherwood Children's Home will provide greater opportunities to reach more students in our community with high quality academic, career pathway and character programming. The Crossing will continue to develop partnerships with local schools and businesses to provide high-quality educational opportunities for students who are challenged by more traditional academic environments.

Our new location at Lutherwood Children's Home offers more opportunities for individualized learning, hands-on career pathway opportunities

within the Crossing campus and within the community, and a perfect setting for our Family Time sessions. Our vision of transforming lives through education by focusing on the heart and mind is in perfect alignment with the mission of Lutherwood Children's Home, which makes us a natural fit for filling this need in our community.

It has been our privilege to serve students for the past 5 years at our campus located at Diversity Church (101 E. Raymond Street, Indianapolis). We are so thankful for their partnership and look forward to continuing our relationship with Diversity Church as a part of our Character Education program.

Noblesville Babe Ruth Youth Baseball Standings

13-15 League						
Standing						
POOL 1						
Team	W	L	T	RD	RA	RS
Canady	11	1	0	99	47	146
Sheridan	9	2	2	26	62	88
Smith	8	2	2	54	74	128
Johnson	8	4	1	24	80	104
Brockelman	6	5	0	11	92	103
Theisen	6	8	0	-25	122	97
Coffman	4	6	1	10	84	94
Brown	2	9	1	-26	104	78
Costlow	2	10	1	-109	156	47
Kreke	2	11	0	-64	141	77

16-18 League						
Standings						
POOL 1						
Team	W	L	T	RD	RA	RS
Knebel	9	3	1	39	72	111
Springer	8	5	1	1	96	97
Castor	5	4	3	15	73	88
Thomas/Walters	5	5	1	-20	79	59
Concannon	5	5	1	23	62	85
Mitchell	4	5	3	-6	84	78
Moore	1	10	0	-52	100	48



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🔁 BETSY From Page A1

becue-style chops, baked beans and potato salad are always on the menu, and last year added chicken to the growing menu to give the community a larger choice, and another reason to stop by for lunch or dinner. There are also hot dogs for kids. Plus, a lot of fabulous desserts, an array of cookies and just about any pie flavor that comes to mind.

"We decided on a name change due to offering chicken, and hot dogs for the kids, all of this besides pork chops," said Noblesville Lion Jake Doll. "We also felt the name change would create some more interest in attendance."

The evening hours of the dinner will take place during the 11th annual Darlington Bed Race organized by the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, at 7 p.m. on the Square, in partnership with Noblesville Main Street.

Offering this two-day Lions food event for the community has become a tradition for the Lions.

"This is important for the organization to come together and get to know each other. Meeting twice a month for an hour or two (for meetings) is good, but working together for two days brings us closer," event co-chairman Gordon Resler of Noblesville has said.

Gene Beck, also of Noblesville and a longtime Lion, had been Pork Chop Dinner event chairman for many years, but in 2021 he was joined by Resler as co-chairman. In 2022, Resler and his wife, Jeannie, took over and share the job as co-chairs.

He said, "Our duties are to be sure things run smoothly, thank as many as possible for supporting us," he said. "Jeannie is in charge of pie cutting and serving."

"Gene and the entire team has been remarkable to learn from," Resler has said.

"The Lions Pork Chop Dinners on the Courthouse Square have been a tradition for over 30 years and have been the club's major source of financial support to all of our community projects," Noblesville Lion Rollin Cutter has said. He annually organizes the volunteers for this weekend.

The Lions decided about 16 years ago that since their tent was already up for the weekend, the Lions would serve a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, and it's still going. The Lions will serve pancakes and sausage 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday.

In 2021, the Lions started accepting credit cards and added drive-thru service on Eighth Street.

In 2022, serving a pork chop BBQ, and adding chicken for a choice on the menu, plus pancakes and sausage links for breakfast means a lot of planning and a lot of work for the

Noblesville Lions.

They plan for this busy weekend many months in advance.

The planning begins with reserving a space on the Square and renting a tent, tables and chairs. The menu is planned. "Pork chops, potato salad and baked beans have been the tradition for nearly 30 years," Cutter has said. "Our local Meijer has been our supplier of those great chops most of the years." For many years, the pork chops were prepared on charcoal grills until 2015 when Schwartz Bait & Tackle donated a gas grill. And a bunch of local businesses have been supportive, evident from the advertising in the tent and on the placemats.

The tent goes up at 6:30 p.m. today to be prepared for a busy Friday. Once pork chop day arrives, Lions take their different jobs. About 60 Lions usually volunteer their time. Some of their wives help, too. Some as pie cutters.

Skilled backyard grillers take their place at the grills, cooking pork chops all day for hungry mouths.

The pork chop dinner's first year, in 1984, Lions sold 300 pounds of pork chops, and has grown to serve nearly 700 pounds of chops, or about 1,400 chops. Also, about 75 pounds of potato salad, 36 pounds of baked beans and 150 pies have been traditionally served up to hungry guests.

Resler said, for this weekend, they'll start with 200 pounds of pork chops, 120 pounds of chicken and 100 hot dogs, plus 18 10-pound cans of beans and 50 pounds of potato salad.

"To complete that, we are offering a slice of pie. To wash that down, we will have ice tea or lemonade or water," Resler said.

Lions staff the line stations to provide customers with trays, utensils, chops, potato salad, baked beans, drinks, plus some great desserts.

The Lions' first shift is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with members working the grills, serving food, preparing carry-out meals, taking money and more. Lions who volunteer for the second shift, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., do all of the same jobs plus prep the tent for the morning pancake breakfast. Another shift comes in at 6 a.m. Saturday to cook and serve pancakes and help with cleanup until noon.

Noblesville High School Leo Club -- which formed in September 2016 and sponsored by the Noblesville Lions, who are nurturing the next generation to take over -- also volunteer at the event by clearing tables, cleaning trays and welcoming patrons, friends and neighbors, Doll said.

Leo Club members are invited to show up, and the

Lions find a place for them both Friday evening and Saturday morning at the food event.

Lunch or dinner are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door (and come with sides, pie and a drink); and pancakes are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth. There is also a silent auction with lots of cool donated items to help raise money for their causes.

"We thank the Noblesville community for their past support and strongly encourage everyone to support our event," Cutter has said.

"We Serve" is the Lions' motto.

Since the club's chartering on May 9, 1942 (the Noblesville Lions celebrated 80 years in 2022), its members have worked on a variety of projects in the local community such as KidSight, a vision screening program that Noblesville Lions members conduct at area preschools, and working with local schools to identify and provide glasses for needy students. In addition, scholarships are awarded to local seniors, support is provided to youth sports and cultural activities, and personal dictionaries are given to Noblesville third-graders.

The profit from Grillin' on the Square and the sale of food at the annual Father's Day Car Show -- pork chops on a stick, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and water -- are used for scholarships, eye-testing program, leader dogs for the blind, providing eye glasses for those in need and other projects to be determined, Resler said. Grillin' on the Square and the Father's Day Car Show are the Lions' two major fundraisers each year.

The Lions also participate each year in the Fourth of July and Christmas parades in Noblesville, featuring Stanley the Lion, the Club's mascot, who has made appearances at various Lions events.

"The benefits of this (weekend) event is to fund the many community projects of our local Lions Club, but we have also enjoyed the opportunity to get to know many people in the community and even in our own club," Cutter has said. "It's a fun event that supports our goal."

Resler has been a Lion for four years. "I get so much enjoyment out of working with this group on all of our projects," he said. "The eye testing in schools is rewarding when we can help identify site problems with a child. Providing scholarships to outstanding students is great."

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🔁 RICK From Page A1

Remember that a mother's love is unconditional and she'll always be there for you no matter what.

Thank your dad as well but his thanks is you doing the right thing in your future journeys.

Also, do yourself a favor and read Harrison Butker's graduation address to Georgia Tech graduates this year. Butker is a two-time Super Bowl winning place kicker with the Kansas City Chiefs.

I won't ruin it for you but his words should be required reading for any young person in this confusing world.

I can't nor will I give you the key to a successful life. In my mind, I fell woefully short in the professional career department. With the help of my wife, we both made enough to pay the bills and get three kids through college. We saved what and when we could and lived a pretty simple life.

What would have been a tragedy is not being parents to our children by chasing money all day and night. If you want a lasting legacy that's where to put your emphasis.

A child will always disappoint along the way. God knows I disappointed my folks much more than once. Raising a child will be the most difficult thing you do but the most rewarding.

No matter your passion, follow it. It is true, if you do, chances are you will never work a day in your life. Remember to have balance; money can bring happiness but it's not worth your mental or physical health.

Humans were not built to work 60-, 70- or 80-hour weeks. Reminds me of a picture of a gravestone years ago that read: "I wish I would have spent more time at the office." Yes, it was real. Guy had a sense of humor even in death.

Warm up to the fact that your life will not be perfect. Never has for anyone and never will be.

Rolling with the punches will keep you sane. The only people you need to satisfy are yourself and those closest to you; in other words, those who truly love you.

Other opinions are just noise and don't matter in the great scheme of things.

Be wary of work friendships. More often than not, they are not sincere and can wind up toxic. Not saying they can't be rewarding but I've witnessed too many that had an ulterior motive. You'll often find out the hard way they were never your friend to begin with and only wanted something from you to advance a career. Do your job to the best of your ability and go home.

Make sure you always have a spiritual anchor whatever that is for you. It might literally wind up saving your life someday.

Count your blessings however small and infrequent because they are still a blessing.

Strive to treat others the way you want to be treated and always end a phone call to your parents, siblings and future children with the words "I love you" so they never have a doubt.

Happy graduation to all!

-Rick Nolan is retired and moved to Noblesville from Illinois. He has a background in the newspaper world and has worked in news, sports and business.

🔁 BUZZ From Page A1

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After painstaking restoration, celebrate the opening of the Barker Cabin with the Westfield Washington Historical Society! There will be historic cooking demonstrations, food trucks, and tons of activities from 10a-5p! Also join the Westfield Preservation Alliance for their FREE walking tour that day with their app!

June 23 - Family History and Activity Day
Westfield Washington Public Library
FREE

Get the inside scoop on how to do your family genealogy by listening to speakers, and bring the whole family to check out local artists demonstrating traditional crafts!

June 29 - We the Free? People of Color: Movements and Identity Roberts Settlement, Atlanta
FREE

Join prominent scholars to discuss the movement of free people of color from the south to the Midwest and what their lives were like.

🔁 LIONS

From Page A1

changes to systems and new equipment to help with the growth of need in Hamilton County. Certain areas of the hospital are in need of more specialist doctors, which is being worked on today. Currently, Riverview has two hospitals, Noblesville and Westfield; with 25 to 30 medical locations in the county. Lion members asked a lot of questions, developing more discussions.

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- Hendricks County is the third largest county in Indiana.
• The county seat is Danville.
• Hendricks County was named after Indiana Governor William Hendricks in 1824.
• Hendricks County is the second fastest-growing county in Indiana.
• Additional cities in this county include Avon, Brownsburg, Pittsboro, and Plainfield.

- 1. What city is the county seat?
2. When was Hendricks County founded?
3. Who was Hendricks County named after?
4. Hendricks County is the ____ largest county in Indiana.

Answers: 1. Danville 2. 1824 3. Governor William Hendricks 4. third

Got Words?

Hendricks County is one of the fastest-growing counties in Indiana. What sort of impact do you think large population growth will have on a community?

Blank lines for writing answers to the 'Got Words?' question.

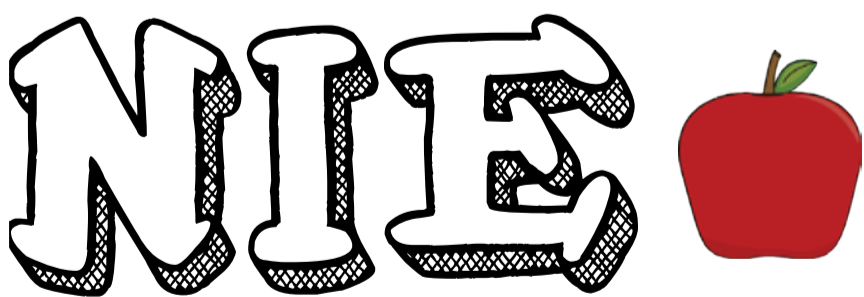
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

- 1. VDLAIELN
2. DSICERHNK
3. IIWMLAL
4. ITRPOSOTB
5. RWRBUSGOBN

Answers: 1. Danville 2. Hendricks 3. William 4. Pittsboro 5. Brownsburg

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