#### **⇒ TODAY'S VERSE**

John 14:19 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (ESV)



## FACES of

HAMILTON COUNTY People who call our community their own. What makes Bob Minton smile? "The Pork Chop Festival and seeing people happy," said the 85-yearold Noblesville resident. The Noblesville Lions Club member was found volunteering with the Lions Club's annual Pork Chop Festival in 2021 on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. He was watching over the silent auction, for which he donated a stained-glass angel that he made. He is a retired school teacher of 38 years, teaching 34 years in Noblesville. In retirement, he does stained glass as a hobby that he has enjoyed since the late 1970s. Originally from Paoli, he came to Noblesville for a job opportunity. "I interviewed for a job here and never regretted it." He taught eighth-grade science and was known at school for collecting neckties, a collection that numbered more than 400 neckties. He still has all of the neckties, too. He was married 57 years to Scarlett Minton, who passed away in 2018. He has four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Three of his daughters volunteered at the Pork Chop Festival with him. "This has been a great day today because I've met a lot more friends and talked and enjoyed the day." What else does he like to do? "Spending time with family, the kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. They take care

#### **And Another Thing...**

#### 1.A s-s-scary story

of me." Today, the Lions will be

and hot dogs and pies during a

Grillin' on the Square event from

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

pancakes 7-11 a.m. Saturday. Read more about the Lions event

June 1 edition of The Times.

Darlington Bed Race is at 7 p.m.),

in the Betsy Reason column in the

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today (The

serving up pork chops and chicken

Amber Hall, her daughter and her son lived in their new home in Centennial, CO for just two weeks before realizing that their abode was infested with slimy snakes. Her dogs were first to alert her; they found several slippery serpents slithering in and out of a garage wall. Hall called in pest control experts who, initially, found some 30 of the scary critters. It was of little comfort that they were not poisonous. "The snake wrangler said the snakes he caught look to be about 2 to 3 years old, so he imagines they've been here for a long time and there's a lot more," as she put it in an interview with KDVR-TV.

#### 2. Michelangelo, the barber

LeBron James lived up to the expectations of his fans early in the 2023 NBA Playoffs. He led the Los Angeles Lakers in upending the NBA champion Golden State Warriors on May 12, a day after one of his more ardent fans had barber Miguel Rosas, Director at New Style Hair Academy in Moline, IL, carve a good luck likeness of LeBron in the hair on the back of his head. It took Rosas two hours to create his masterpiece. There are those who might say that it did the trick and helped LeBron score 30 points, nine rebounds and nine assists

# Hamilton County's Own Daily Newspaper

**NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA** 



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville Police Department's bed race team crosses the finish line to win the 10th annual Darlington Bed Race in 2022, to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. This year's race is tonight on the Square.

## Grillin' on the Square, **Bed and Duck Races,** StringTime Music, More



**BETSY** REASON From The

Editor's Desk... Noblesville

weekend in June kicks off summertime activities in and around Noblesville. Here's our Times' list of 35 things to do this weekend and beyond.

This first

Lions Club's

annual Pork Chop Festival, renamed Grillin' on the Square this year, with pork chops, chicken and hot dogs, pies, more, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with pancakes 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday under a tent

on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

2. Enjoy live music with Rod Schindler & Friends during First Friday at The Lacy Arts Building beginning at 6 p.m. today, doors open at 5 p.m., in downtown Noblesville, featuring Lenwood (John Gilmore), Rod and Tina Rose and The Long Arm, admission free, donations accepted.

3. Enjoy First Friday at Nickel Plate Arts Campus from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today with new art exhibit. "The Melting Pot," exploring Indiana's evolving cultural heritage, plus showcase by Liz Hamstra of "Neon Elec-tric Moon," with live music by

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## **Hamilton Town Center Welcomes New Shopping And Entertainment Additions**

Simon (NYSE:SPG), the global leader in premier shopping, dining, entertainment and mixed-use destinations, today announced the opening of a variety of new stores at Hamilton Town Center, including X-Golf, Big Blue Swim School, Athleta and other exciting 2023 additions.

"We're excited to announce the latest additions to Hamilton Town Center," said Leigh Reinert, Director of Marketing and Business Development for Hamilton Town Center. "Hamilton Town Center is dedicated to providing local families a welcoming outdoor shopping experience featuring the best selection of name-brand retailers and local offerings."

Now Open:

Big Blue Swim School: The highly-anticipated swim school, created to encourage transformations in kids - to go from the development of swim skills to the development of life skills, opened the first week of May. Big Blue Swim School can be found next to JCPenney.

Coming Soon:
•Cinnaholic: Located across from Hamilton Town Center's lush green space, Cinnaholic will offer shoppers a variety of sweet treats, including their beloved Cinnamon Rolls. Cinnaholic will open this summer.

•Dry Goods: Dry Goods has an ever-changing selection of today's newest fashions including clothing, jewelry and accessories. The new Dry Goods is set

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# **Spartz Says No**



Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville's Victoria Spartz, a Republican Congresswoman representing the 5th District in Indiana, voted no on the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. "The fiscal state of our nation: over \$30 trillion of current debt, over \$100 trillion of obligations, over \$6 trillion spent annually with no real budgets, completely unauditable financials, hundreds of billions of improper payments, and a \$1.5 trillion shortfall just in 2023, increasing to a \$2.8 trillion annual shortfall by 2033. The so-called Fiscal Responsibility Act punts this issue till 2025 with a total enforceable (FY23-25) effect of less than \$200B, and not even a discussion of our path forward. Why would we even bother coming to D.C. – we can do demagoguery from home or perform in a traveling circus instead?"

# The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:18 a.m. SET: 9:12 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 92 °F Low: 64 °F

#### Today is...

- Hug an Atheist Day
- National Bubba Day National Doughnut Day

#### What Happened On This Day

- 1953 Queen Elizabeth II is crowned.
- 1946 Italy becomes a parliamentary republic.
- 1847 Felix Mendelssohn's Wedding March is used at a wedding for the first time.

#### **Births On This Day**

- 1857 Edward Elgar English composer
- 1740 Marquis de Sade French author

#### **Deaths On This Day** • **2008** Bo Diddley

- American singer-songwriter, guitarist
- **1941** Lou Gehrig American baseball player

### Reimagine **Pleasant Street Closures Along 8th** Street To Begin On Or After June 5

As previously announced and communicated by mail to area residents and businesses, Eighth Street and adjacent roads listed below will be closed for 150 days - weather dependent - for the construction of two roundabouts as part of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project. Construction work will begin on or

after Monday, June 5.
The 150-day temporary closure affects the following roadways:

- Eighth Street between Mulberry Street and Washington
- Pleasant Street between Sixth Street and Ninth Street
- Alley between Eighth Street and Ninth Street at Pleasant Street

This will be the first major construction associated with of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project that impacts residents and motorists. We recognize this is a short-term inconvenience, but in just five months we will have Eighth Street re-opened and half of Phase I completed," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The construction team has coordinated the closures

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OBITUARIES

None

#### HONEST HOOSIER

I saw the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame inducted another class. How is the late Don Roberts not in that honored group?



### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Consider sitting on an exercise ball instead of a chair - it helps your balance and keeps you more alert.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.



"June suns, you cannot store them." -A.E. Housman

#### **⇒** TODAY'S JOKE

**□ TODAY'S QUOTE** 

Despite the perfect forecast, gray clouds were growing. He asked his phone, "Surely it's not going to rain."

The phone said "it is, and please don't call me Shirley." That's when he realized he had left it in Airplane mode.











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### **The Waterpark In Carmel To Host Annual Monon Mixer Events This Summer**

Tickets for adults-only, after-hours events at The Waterpark are on sale now.

The fun doesn't stop at closing time! Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) is hosting adults only, after-hours Monon Mixers at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Dr. W.

Mixers will be held throughout the summer on June 8, June 23, July 7, July 21, and August 4. These events are for adults over the age of 21 and will take place from 8-10 p.m.

This year, during specific Monon Mixer events, participants can look forward to even more fun with different themes, including Luau Night (June 8), Emo Night/2000's (July 7), and Decades Day (August 4)! Dressing for each night's theme is encouraged, but

not required.

Each event costs \$20 per person and includes access to all The Waterpark's amenities, including The Wall®, plunge slides, and FlowRider®, as well as planned activities throughout the night like aqua Zumba® and log rolling.

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from a variety of local vendors, in addition to concessions (limited menu). The Waterpark staff reminds guests to please drink responsibly

In case of inclement weather, guests will be automatically enrolled in the next Mixer offered. If there is inclement weather on the day of the final Mixer (August 4), a refund will be issued.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

## **Summer Fun In Fishers Features** Free Community Events For All Ages

Enjoy free music, shop local, adventure outdoors, and more.

Summer is in full swing, and the City of Fishers and Fishers Parks are celebrating with a lineup of community events.

Join the fun with free concerts every Tuesday night at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater; celebrate at the summer's biggest festival at SPARK!Fishers; write a letter to the future with the Fishers Time Capsule; shop the season's freshest picks at the award-winning Fishers

Farmers Market; and more! The summer event lineup includes:

Touch-a-Truck Wednesday, June 7 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive) | Free

Check out Fishers' fleet of big rigs, including a firetruck, snowplow, police car, and more at this family-friendly event around the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. This event was rescheduled from last month due to inclement weather. Learn more at thisisfishers. com/TouchaTruck.

Fishers Farmers Market Market at NPD AMP: Saturdays, now - September 30 / 8 a.m. – noon / Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Market at Saxony: Wednesdays, June 7 – August 30 / 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. / 13578 E. 131st Street

Rated one of the top farmers' markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers showcases vendors from Central Indiana that offer fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants. and more. Don't miss these community-focused specialty days this year, including the Farmers Market Day of Service featuring local nonprofits on July 22 and Social Club Day on August 19. Admission to the market is free. Learn more and see other market events at playfishers.com/FarmersMarket. Fishers Parks' Free

**Tuesdays** Tuesdays, June & July | 7 p.m. | Nickel Plate Dis-

trict Amphitheater | Free The free concert series includes performances at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater on Tuesday

evenings. Shows include: June 6 – Six Foot Blonde June 13 - DUDE!

June 20 – Jukebox Luke June 27 – My Yellow Rickshaw

July 4 – Karma

July 11 – Street Pennies July 18 – Groovesmash

July 25 – Hank Ruff Ticketed Shows at the NPD AMP

Various dates | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Get tickets at npdamp.com Fishers Parks' summer lineup also includes ticketed

shows from the following national touring bands: July 15 - RIPE with

Coyote Island August 11 – Niko Moon September 8 – Snarky

**Puppy** Purchase tickets at npdamp.com. Follow @

npdamp on social media for

future show announcements. Fishers Time Capsule Letter Writing Campaign

Now – Friday, June 30

/ Free

For Fishers' 150th birthday, share the story of Fishers with future residents by writing a letter to be included in our community time capsule to be opened in 2073. Fishers is partnering with Towne Post to curate a community time capsule that will be placed inside the keystone of the new Arts & Municipal Complex. Letters can be delivered in person to the City Services Building (3 Municipal Drive) or the Hamilton East Public Library- Fishers (5 Municipal Drive) or addressed to "Fishers Time Capsule" and mailed to 3 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. You can also swing by the Fishers Parks booth at the Fishers Farmers Market on June 10 and June 17 to author and deliver your letter. To download the Mad Lib-style letter and learn more, visit thisisfishers. com/Fishers150

Fishers Fire & Emergency Services' Cul-de-sac **Drills** 

Various dates and neigh-

borhoods | Free Fishers Fire & Emergency Services is excited to return to neighborhood cul-de-sacs for a second season of residents meeting firefighters one-on-one. Firefighters will give little and big kids alike an opportunity to handle the fire hose line or run through the spray during these family-friendly neighborhood events. To learn more about this event and scheduled sessions, visit fishers.in.us/culdesacdrills.

Tuesday, June 20 - Saturday, June 24

SPARK!Fishers

The annual festival kicks off with a free concert on Tuesday, June 20 and continues all week before wrapping up with a street festival on Saturday, June 24 at the Municipal Complex featuring a parade, live music, food, drink, artisan vendors, art displays, kids and teen zones, a new aerial drone show, and more. The

2023 lineup includes: Tuesday, June 20 - Free Tuesday Night Concert at the NPD AMP featuring Jukebox Luke

Wednesday, June 21 – 5K Run/Walk and Kid Dash presented by IU Health, registration now open

Thursday, June 22 -SPARK!Fishers Car & Art Show powered by Jiffy

Lube of Indiana, registration now open for cars and artists

Friday, June 23 – Free Friday Night Concert at the NPD AMP

Saturday, June 24 – Street Fair festival, parade, live entertainment, and aerial drone show

Learn more about the festival at sparkfishers.com. Volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and abilities to get involved in this year's celebration. Learn more and register to volunteer at volunteerfishers.com.

4th of July Fireworks Shows

Tuesday, July 4 Approximately 10 p.m. Various Locations / Free

Fishers Parks is bringing three fireworks shows to the community on July 4! Celebrate Independence Day and pick your viewing area from the following spots around the city at dusk:

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, with a free concert beginning at 8 p.m.

Cyntheanne Park (12383) Cyntheanne Road), can also view from HSE Intermediate/Jr. High parking lots (12278 Cyntheanne Road)

Geist Reservoir (no viewing permitted from Fall Creek Bridge or Geist Marina), please find a spot on the water in a boat or from your residence

Monsoon Madness Saturday, July 22 | 11 -3 p.m. for pre-purchased early access | 12 – 3 p.m. for general admission | Holland Park (1 Park Drive)

Beat the heat as Holland Park transforms into a popup water park during one of the most popular events of the summer! Presented by Centier Bank, Monsoon Madness features giant waterslides, a mini-monsoon area for little ones, and live entertainment. This year's event will offer an early access option where attendees can purchase the \$20 wristband to experience a smaller crowd and shorter wait times from 11 a.m. to noon, which will be limited to the first 500 registrants. Free general admission begins at noon. Learn more at playfishers.com/Monsoon-Madness.

Before the Bell Thursday, August 3 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Free

Ring in the start of the school year with HSE Schools! Come out with your family to learn more about HSE, network with other families, and get excited about the upcoming school year. Learn more at hseschools.com/beforethebell

Blues Fest Friday, September 1 & Saturday, September 2 | 4 - 10 p.m. | Nickel Plate

District Amphitheater | Free

End the summer with the annual Fishers Blues Fest, a Labor Day tradition! The free, two-night event includes performances by renowned local and national blues artists. Learn more at npdamp.com/BluesFest.

Nickel Plate Trail Open daily / Free

Walk, bike, or walk along the Fishers Nickel Plate Trail from 106th Street to 146th Street. Find ways to explore the trail and everything it has to offer this summer at playfishers. com/NickelPlateTrail. Have feedback on current Fishers' trails and the future of connectivity in our survey? Residents and community stakeholders can take the Trails and Greenways Survey and learn about upcoming public input events regarding the plan at fishers. in.us/Trails.

Fishers AgriPark Tuesdays - Wednesdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursdays - Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. / Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road) / Free

The 33-acre urban farm featuring public fields and gardens, managed by Fishers Parks, is now open for the season. The farm offers livestock encounters and u-pick opportunities once produce is in season for Fishers residents. From educational series to agricultural-themed summer camps, public programming at the Fishers AgriPark is rooted in farm operations and agriculture in our community, the state, and the United States. Learn more and see their programming and events at playfishers. com/Agripark.

Geist Waterfront Park Beach Hours: Daily, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. | 10811 Olio Road | Fishers SmartPass required for entry for Fishers residents; non-resident parking passes on sale at playfishers.com/gwp

Geist Waterfront Park beach access is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend starting at 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., daily. Learn more at playfishers.com/GeistWaterfrontPark.

Splash Pads Daily, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Free

The free splash pads at Holland Park (1 Park Drive), Billericay Park (12690 Promise Road), and the fountain at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Pavilion (10 Municipal Drive) are open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) through Labor Day. Learn more at playfishers.com/wateramenities.

Learn more about summer fun in Fishers at playfishers.com.







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## **Ken Selects Fantasy Lineups For Purdue-IU All-Star Contest**



KENNY THOMPSON Columnist

Columnist

in the 1970s and '80s.

Some of the blame
belongs to college coaches
demanding the series and
side events be conducted in
a week's time so that their
freshmen can arrive on
campus and begin summer
workouts.

A prime example of this is Kentucky Mr. Basketball Reed Sheppard, who according to the Lexington Herald-Leader has bowed out of this year's games "due to commitments Sheppard has as part of his enrollment process" at the University of Kentucky.

The Kentucky All-Stars need all the help they can get in this series. Indiana has swept their Bluegrass neighbors in the annual two-game series every year but one since 2009.

Heck, even The Indianapolis Star no longer manages the games. That duty has fallen on the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association since 2012. The Star remains the event owner.

But a fan can dream. Mine is a fantasy game between the Purdue

A few weeks back

I mentioned

app called

"Smart News" that

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All-Stars and the Indiana University All-Stars.

Since the Indiana All-Star series began in 1939, the Hoosiers have had 29 Mr. Basketball winners; Purdue 13. Those numbers don't include some of the greatest players in Indiana high school history like Calbert Cheaney or Terry Dischinger.

To make it difficult on myself, I allowed myself just 13 players on each roster, mirroring the current NCAA scholarship limit for men's basketball. I also forced myself to choose the starting lineup by college position rather than having, say, four guards and a center.

Here is my starting lineup for Purdue:

Point guard: Billy
Keller. The 1965 Indiana
Mr. Basketball out of
Indianapolis Washington,
Keller led the Continentals
to a state championship and
then directed Purdue to the
1969 NCAA championship
game. Inducted into the
Indiana Basketball Hall of
Fame in 1992.

Shooting guard: Rick Mount. Was there any doubt? The first high school athlete featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated, Mount scored 2,595 points – with no 3-point line – at Lebanon. The 1966 Indiana Mr. Basketball has held Purdue's career scoring record (2,323 points) since 1970. Fittingly, joined backcourt mate Keller in

the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

Center: Terry
Dischinger. The 6-7 Terre
Haute Garfield star was
a Parade All-American
before enrolling at
Purdue. Three-time Big
Ten scoring champion.
Olympic gold medalist in
1960 and inducted with his
U.S. teammates into the
Naismith Basketball Hall of
Fame in 2010. Elected to
Indiana Basketball Hall of
Fame in 1989.

Forward: Glenn Robinson. The "Big Dog" won the 1991 state championship and Indiana Mr. Basketball honors representing Gary Roosevelt. After winning McDonald's and Parade All-America honors, Robinson set Big Ten single-season records with 1,030 points and a nation's best 30.3 scoring average in 1994. The Big Ten Player of the Year and consensus National Player of the Year, Robinson went No. 1 overall to the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1994 NBA Draft. Inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017.

Forward, Dave Schellhase: Set Evansville city scoring records at North High School while leading the state as a senior with a 30.5 scoring average. At Purdue, he was a consensus first-team All-American in 1966 and led the nation in scoring at 32.5 points a game. First No. 1 draft pick in Chicago Bulls history. Inducted along with Mount and Keller into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

Indiana's All-Star starting lineup:

Point guard: Yogi
Ferrell. The third-ranked
high school point guard in
the class of 2012 by Rivals.
com, Ferrell led Park
Tudor to a pair of state
championships. At Indiana,
Ferrell set the career assists
record (633) while scoring
1,986 points. He is the only
player in Hoosiers history
to lead IU in assists for four
years.

Shooting guard: Steve Alford. The 1983 Mr. Basketball out of New Castle, Alford averaged 37.2 points a game as a senior. After earning an Olympic gold medal in 1984, Alford went on to become the first four-time Indiana Most Valuable Player in school history. He helped Indiana win the 1987 national championship and graduated with 2,438 points. Inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009.

Center: Kent Benson.
As a sophomore, Benson helped New Castle reach the Final Four in 1971.
A dominating force who scored 1,496 points and grabbed 1,585 rebounds for the Trojans, the 6-11 Benson became a starter as a freshman for Bob Knight at Indiana. Starred for the undefeated 1976 national

championship team and was the overall No. 1 draft pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in 1977. Elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999.

Forward: Calbert Cheaney. While injuries may have affected his playing days at Evansville Harrison, once the 6-7 Cheaney arrived in Bloomington he was outstanding. His 2,613 career points remain the Indiana and Big Ten records. Cheaney was the 1993 consensus National Player of the Year. Cheaney was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016.

Forward: George McGinnis. Marked for stardom from the moment he became the first Indiana high school player to surpass 1,000 points in a season, McGinnis led Indianapolis Washington to an undefeated state championship in 1969. As Indiana Mr. Basketball, he put up 53 points and 31 rebounds against Kentucky. In his lone season at Indiana, McGinnis averaged 31 points a game. He was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995.

The Purdue bench: Shooting guard Troy Lewis (1984 co-Mr. Basketball), forward Caleb Swanigan (2015 Mr. Basketball), center John Garrett (Peru, 2012 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), forward Walter Jordan (Fort Wayne Northrop, 2003 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), shooting guard Jerry Sichting (Martinsville, 2002 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), point guard Bruce Parkinson (Yorktown, 2004 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), shooting guard E'Twaun Moore (East Chicago), center JaJuan Johnson (Franklin Central).

The Indiana bench: Center Don Schlundt (South Bend Washington/ Clay, 1980 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), shooting guard Jimmy Rayl (1959 Mr. Basketball from Kokomo, 1989 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), forwards Tom and Dick Van Arsdale (1961 co-Indiana Mr. Basketball from Manual, 1988 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), forward Mike Woodson (Broad Ripple, 2010 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame), shooting guard Eric Gordon (2007 Mr. Basketball from North Central), point guard Jordan Hulls (2009 Mr. Basketball from Bloomington South), center Cody Zeller (2011 Mr. Basketball from Washington).

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

## Bird Calls, Someone Answers



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

at Costco

NOT Eat

**Pickles** 

news!

NEVER Buy

accompanied by brief

their recent postings:

7 Canned Fruits to

at a Breakfast Buffet

articles. Here are some of

8 Things to NEVER Buy

4 Vegetables You Should

6 Things to NEVER Eat

7 Great Things About

The only article I read

was the pickle one. Wow,

they qualify as veggies.

Finally, some good food

I also subscribe to a

Week." Yes, a magazine.

If you are very young and

magazine is, Google it. If

you are an older senior and

don't know what Google is.

look through some of your

"Smart News" deals

of the day, but it also

with the big political stories

sprinkles in an assortment

Birds Taught To Make

of newsy tidbits, like this

old magazines. There's probably an article about it

somewhere.

one below:

not familiar with what a

magazine called "The

Video Calls

That got my immediate attention. I've ignored facetime calls on my iPhone and iPad, assuming they were robo calls (NOT robin calls). I often block the callers after these attempts to reach me, assuming it was someone phishing. Maybe these calls were from pelicans, the best phishermen

around.
Dr. Ilyena Hirskyj at
Glasgow University says
she has taught birds,
specifically parrots, to call
each other using an iPad.
Domestic parrots (of which
there are 28 million in
the world) usually spend
their very long life alone
in cages and need some
social interaction. Playing
solitaire and munching on
crackers for 75 years just
doesn't cut it.

Dr. Hirskyj's subjects were also trained to type out simple messages using a keyboard. This proved painfully slow, since most of the birds were unable to progress past the hunt and peck method.

Many of the parrots, when reaching out to other parrots, would preen and display their colors in front of the camera in a posture suggesting they were interested in mating. In Florida, the legislature wants to ban such video. At Disney World, Donald Duck and his nephews are planning a protest.

Some adult parrots were

thrilled to finally get calls from their kids. "I hadn't heard a peep out of my son in 50 years," said one mama parrot when she realized how quickly time was flying by.

In a related story—and one I am totally making up—researchers in New York City equipped pigeons with miniature iPhones around their necks and taught them to communicate with each other while walking around Central Park. Testing was halted when in one week, 26,000 were killed crossing the street while talking on their cells

Most birds just want to settle down and have a family. They are using a new app called hatch.com. Chickens are downloading scratch.com.

Knowing I was writing this silly column, Mary Ellen now summons me to the phone whenever she gets a call identified as spam. "Dick, there's some chick on the phone for you."

"Chicks haven't called me since I was single. How do you know it's for me?"

do you know it's for me?"
"Well, she keeps saying
CHEAP CHEAP!"

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Times of Noblesville. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@ aol.com.





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# **Matching Campaign To Raise** Record \$212,000 In Thirty Days

The Humane Society for Hamilton County's (HSHC) Annual Matching Campaign kicks off today, Thursday, June 1st, 2023, with a record \$106,000 in pledges waiting to be matched dollar for dollar. Donations made to the campaign between June 1-30 will have double the impact. \$50 becomes \$100, \$100 becomes

\$200, \$500 becomes \$1000.

"Between owner-surrendered pets and strays, we are receiving more animals than ever before," said Lily Pesavento, Community Engagement Manager. "These donations are critical to not only giving Hamilton County's unwanted and abused animals a chance to live, love and be loved, but also the hundreds of animals we rescue each year from all over the state.

HSHC depends on donations to fund the daily operation and all life-saving medical care for more than 4,000 animals each year. To donate to the Annual Matching Campaign, visit HamiltonHumane. com/Matching.

# sell it in the classifieds. 317.770.7777

## Humane Society Launches Annual 2023 Scholarship Winners

**Hamilton County** Master Gardeners Association presents annual scholarships to Hamilton County (Indiana) residents or children/grandchildren of an HCMGA member, with an intent to major in horticulture, botany, landscape architecture/ design or an agriculture or environmental science that includes a plant-focused component. Candidate must be a full-time college student in the fall of 2023. The scholarship cannot be deferred a year.

Congratulations to the latest recipients of the Barney Hobbs Memorial Scholarship. This year, HCMGA awarded \$3,000 scholarships to each of seven outstanding students.

Grace Brisco. Visiting

national parks can be ho-hum to some children, but their raw beauty was not lost on a young Grace. She is a third-time recipient from Noblesville and attends Ball State. Grace majors in Landscape Architecture with a minor in Natural Resources and Environmental Manage-

Meredith Dodson. A

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seventh-generation Hoosier farmer clutching her John Deere Barbie doll

... imagine that! Meredith is a first-time Hobbs Scholarship recipient and a 2023 Hamilton Heights High School graduate. This Arcadia native will attend Purdue majoring in Sustainable Food & Farming Systems. Breanna Hudson. Curious about why her first-time plant collection was only semi-successful, Breanna searched for answers, which led to an environmental awakening. She is a 2023 Hamilton Southeastern High School grad and a first-time recipient. The Fishers resident will attend Purdue majoring in Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

Abigail Krent. From hemp production to coffee growing to farming on Mars, Abigail already has a wide range of academic experience. She is a twotime Hobbs Scholar from Noblesville and attends Western

Kentucky University, majoring in Agronomy with a Plant Science Concentration and Spanish Language and Culture.

Samuel Landers. A love for cooking drove this Noblesville resident to transform a fallow garden into a "major success" of a veggie garden. Samuel, a first-time Hobbs Scholar and 2023 Noblesville High School graduate, will attend Purdue majoring in Biological Engineering (with a possible double in Computer Engineering).

Bethany Madore. A high school experience with the World Food Prize Youth Institute helped inspire Bethany to pursue plant science during her academic career. She is a first-time recipient from Fishers and will be a senior at Purdue. She majors in Plant Science with minors in Horticulture and Plant Pathology.

Madeline Rockey. A study-abroad trip to Costa Rica provided Madeline with experience in organic, sustainable farming and solidified her interest in environmental conservation. She is a two-time recipient from Fishers and attends Purdue majoring in Natural Resources and minoring in Environmental Science, Sustainable Farming, or Horticulture.

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Indy Identity Crisis. 4. Enjoy an evening of craft beer during Conner Prairie Horizon Council's History on Tap from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at Conner Prairie in Fishers, featuring tastings from dozens of local craft brewers, with \$60 admission, \$15 designated driver, on sale at connerprairie.org. Also, head to the 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, during the 2023 season at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

5.Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's 2023 Darlington Bed Race in its 11th year is at 7 p.m. today on Ninth Street at the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville with free admission.

6.Enjoy\_live\_music featuring Tay Bronson at 7 p.m. today at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

7. Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville is open for the season, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays, admission \$8 per person, concessions available. Morse Beach also open for the summer through Sept. 4. Pool membership includes movie nights (below), Tiny Tots Swim and Morse Beach admission.

8. Join the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's family-friendly Amazing Miller Race Scavenger Hunt at 8 a.m. Saturday in walkable downtown Noblesville. Teams are \$30 each, with use of Goosechase app, and registration at noblesvilleschoolseducationfoundation.org/ 9.Noblesville Farmers

Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Nobles-

10. Join Noblesville Preservation Alliance for its fourth annual Flea Market fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Preservation Hall on Logan Street in Noblesville, and local homes, including 14 blocks of sales, on Logan and Clinton, from 10th to 17th streets, with more info on how to get involved at noblesvillepreservation.com, with drop-off donations accepted from 1-5 p.m. on May 28 at 1274 Logan St., with inquiries to Amy Coyle at 317-379-9819.

11. Shop at Sheridan from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 3 and 17, July 1, 15 and 29, Aug. 12 and 26, at Biddle Park in

Sheridan.

12.Celebrate Hamilton County's Bicentennial with the 1835 Barker Family Cabin Grand Opening 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. led by Diane Peyton and the Westfield Washington Historical Society, with guest Mayor Andy Cook, and Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion to perform salute and TAPS by a bugle player. Cabin will open at 10:30 a.m., Rusty Musket will play patriotic music and quilts will be on display. Slide show of historic photos will roll all day in City Hall, plus pony ride, petting zoo, display of historic farm tools and activities, and concessions, car show, military branches' booths, carnival games, vendors, Civil War reenactors, rock-climbing wall, basketball shoot, football toss and more.

13. Noblesville Main Street Duck Race, presented by the Gordon Family of Companies, activities are noon to 3 p.m., Saturday with the duck drop of 2,500 rubber ducks at 2:30 p.m. off of Logan Street Bridge. Buy a duck ticket for \$5 each and if your duck is the first across the finish line, win \$1,000, with second- and thirdplace ducks at \$500 each, plus more prizes.

14. Enjoy June Sip & Shop from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Carmel City Center.

15.Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for the kickoff of Legacy Keepers Music's free StringTime Music on the Square monthly series at the Ham-

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ilton County Courthouse Square: Rock Bottom Boys of Madison County, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Saturday; Prairietown, Addie & Friends, Santiago Bap Trio, Limestone Nomad, Stampede String Band, Brad McCord, John Gilmore and Barrel Scrapers, noon to 8:15 p.m. July 1; Stones Crossing, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Aug. 5; Cornfields & Crossroads, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Sept. 2.

16. Turn back time at the Back to the '80s Dance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds' Annex Building, an event by Do-Si-Squares Dance Club, public wel-

17. Experience live music featuring DitchWeed Acoustic Project at 9 p.m. Saturday at Syd's Bar & Grill in downtown Noblesville. Bring donation items for Living Water outreach.

18. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Cam O'Connor, Mairead Thomas, Mariah Davison, Daryl Hollonguest, Jake Smith and club owner Eric Sablan on Friday; Hannah Ljungholm, Devin M, Maria Davison, Eric Groovely, Eric Sablan and Mairead Thomas on Saturday; Brent Terhune on June 10; Karinne Turnbow and Shawn Braley on June 16; and Andrew Rudick on June 23-24. All shows at 8 p.m., with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.

19. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring Matt Record on Saturday, Craig Thurston on June 1, Chris Huntley on June 8, John Gilmore on June 10, Craig Thurston on June 15. Disagreeable on June 17, Kelli Yates on June 22, Jeff Brown on June 24 at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.

20.Go out to the countryside for live music with Krista & The Night Shift, 6:30-9:30 p.m. today; and Jeff Day, 1-4 p.m. Saturday; Ciara Haskett, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday; Anneliese & Ali, 1-4 p.m. Sunday and June 10; and Yoga at the Winery, 7 p.m. June 8; Jamie Owens, 6:30 p.m. June 9; The Booze Hounds, 6:30 p.m. June 10, The Pope & Guitarios Show, 6:30 p.m. June 17, all at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com

Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers, featuring live music with Traci and Jimmy at 10

a.m. this Saturday. 22.Visit Westfield Farmers Market from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through the summer at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield.

23. The Attic Theatre's production of "Shrek The Musical" is on stage through Saturday at Ministry Center of College Park Church at 3600 W. 96h St.

(note change of venue). 24. The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players youth production will have auditions for ages 5-18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at EnPointe Indiana Ballet in Noblesville, with more information and a downloadable audition packet at thebelfrytheatre.com

25. Come out for live music during Fishers Parks Department's Free Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in June and July at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, featuring Six Foot Blonde, June 6; Dude!, June 13; Jukebox Luke, June 20; My Yellow Rickshaw, June 27; Karma, with fireworks to follow, July 4; Street Pennies, July 11; Groovesmash, July 18; and Hank Ruff, July 25. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. Visit http://www. npdamp.com/

26.Cool Creek Park and Nature Center free Wednesday Campfires will kick off at 7 p.m June 7 on the north side of Cool Creek Park in Westfield, with Birds of Prey program featuring Take Flight Education's Mark Booth.

27.Grab a float and watch a flick during Movie

Nights at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2023 Flix and Floats nine evening on the giant LED video board, at 7:15 p.m. June 7, "Minions: The Rise of Gru, Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. June 21, "Bedtime Stories," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. June 30, "Hook," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. July 3, "Top Gun: Maverick," Rated PG-13; 8:15 p.m. July 14, "Field of Dreams, 14, Field of Dieanis, Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 5, "Madagascar," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 12, "Cars," Rated G; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 19, "Remember the Titters" Posted PG: the Titans," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. Sept. 4, "Back to the Future," Rated PG, admission charged, but free to members, visit forestparkaquaticcenter.com

28.Sit back and relax during Main Street Productions' "August: Osage County," a play by Tracy Letts and directed by Brent Wooldridge, June 8-18, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Basile Westfield Playhouse with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org

29.Experience live community theater with The Hyperion Players' production of "Call Me Sister," at 7:30 p.m. June 8, 9 (talkback after show) and 10 and 2:30 p.m. June 10 and 11, at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with \$12 tickets at hyperionplayers.com 30.Noblesville Parks

and Recreation presents the free 2023 Summer Concert Series 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in June and July: Cosmic Situation. June 8; Roughouse, June 15; Jai Baker 3, June 22; Not Your Average Boy Band, June 29; Groove Smash, July 6; The Toons, July 13; Hairbangers Ball, July 20, at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Lawn chairs and blankets invited. Concessions available.

31. Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz series, sponsored by Gordon Insurance, features live music with The Andy Schomburg Band, June 10; Juan Douglas Trio, July 8; David Hart-man Trio, Aug. 12; Moontown Pickle Stompers, Sept. 9; and Cohen-Rutkowski Project, Oct. 14, on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

32. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Comwill feature tribute bands on Saturdays: The Eagles Project (Eagles tribute), June 10; Shoot to Thrill (AC/DC tribute), June 24; Crush (Bon Jovi tribute), July 8; No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), July 15; Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Aug. 12; Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute), Aug. 26; American English (Beatles tribute) Sept. 9; Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band tribute), Sept. 23; all at Federal Hill Commons

in downtown Noblesville. 33. Experience live theater during Carmel Community Players' Rising Star youth production of "Godspell" musical, directed by Tanya Haas, June 16-25, with performances at 7:30p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with tickets at

carmelplayers.org 34. Head to the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for St. Michael's Episcopal Church's annual Strawberry Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17, with

tickets \$8 each. 35. Check out Jess Pearson's new book, "Imagining the Darkness," a memoir, based on the abuse she experienced as a child as well as her journey to healing, during an autograph signing event 2-4 p.m. June 24 at Gal's Guide Library, 107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, second floor of Nickel Plate Arts Campus. A small percentage of sales at the library will go to Gal's Guide Library & Nickel Plate Arts.

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with our public safety officials and access to all property owners will be maintained during this phase of construction. Starting roadway work in June keeps us on schedule to finish Phase I of this important project by the end of 2024. It also minimizes the impact to Noblesville Schools' bus routes.'

Temporary signals will be added on Hannibal Street at the intersections of Eighth Street and 10th Street to help move traffic around the construction.

"We anticipate traffic will settle into regular patterns over a period of about two weeks, during which the project team will be monitoring the detour route. We ask residents to allow two weeks to adapt to the change. After that, if there are still issues, people should notify the Noblesville Engineering Department at 317-776-6330 so we can investigate any issues and make adjustments as necessary," City Engineer Alison

Krupski said. Also starting on June 5, Walnut Street at Eighth Street will be permanently closed, along with Seventh Street at Pleasant Street. The official roadway and pedestrian detour routes should be used during the entirety of the closure.

This closure will make it possible for Eighth Street and Pleasant Street to reopen before Thanksgiving. Eighth Street and 10th Street will not be closed at the same time as the construction of the 10th Street roundabout, which is expected to begin in June 2024.

When complete, Reimagine Pleasant Street will help support the future of Noblesville and be an aesthetically pleasing bou-levard safe for motorists and pedestrians.

For more details about the project and up-todate closures, please visit www.reimaginepleasantst. com. Social media users may follow the project on Facebook and Twitter.

### **O** TOWN

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to open late summer and can be found next to Evereve

 X-Golf: Featuring renowned golf simulator technology, focused on indoor golf experience, X-Golf is scheduled to open this September. The unique indoor experience offers local golfers a unique experience to improve their golf game. The massive X-Golf location will be found near Dick's Sporting Goods.

•Ross Dress for Less: Coming early Fall, Ross Dress for Less has a devoted following of deal hunters and offers the best bargains on the latest trends in clothing, shoes, home decor and more. Ross Dress for Less is opening this fall, next to Big Blue Swim School

• Athleta: The athleisure powerhouse is set to open late fall 2023. Athleta offers a mix of women's and girl's athleticwear that integrates performance and technical features. Athleta will be found next to Old Navy's.





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