

TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Rickie Woods smile? "Helping veterans at the Legion, and the kids and grandkids coming over when we have cookouts and family gatherings," said the 74-year-old Noblesville resident. He is a Noblesville native and 1967 Noblesville High School graduate who served in the 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War, from 1967-70, serving in Vietnam 1967-68, and reached the rank of E-4 Specialist. He has earned the Noblesville Miller Fan of the Year more than once and has rarely missed a sporting event until this past season. He is counting the days until the first high school games of the season and is working hard to get to go. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. Woods is past commander of American Legion Frank Huntzinger Post No. 45 in Noblesville. He has been an American Legion post officer for most of his 30 years in the Legion, seven of those times as post commander. He has also been a parade marshal. This Saturday is a great chance to visit the new Noblesville American Legion Frank Huntzinger Post, which invites the community to attend a Hamilton County Bicentennial Celebration and Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social from noon to 3:30 p.m. at 273 S. Eighth St., Noblesville. The community is invited to tour the buildings, which are located on the historic R.L. Wilson property, which is now the new American Legion.

And Another Thing...

1. Republican Fishers City Council Candidate John P. DeLucia Expresses Full Support for the Renewal of the HSE School Referendum

John P. DeLucia, the Republican candidate for Fishers City Council in the North Central District, released the following statement today regarding the Resolutions passed by the Hamilton Southeastern School Board and the Fishers City Council to renew the School Referendum: "As a former Hamilton Southeastern School Board member for more than eight years, I realize how critical the referendum is to the day-to-day operation of our schools. When we passed the operating referendum in 2016, we went to tremendous lengths to ensure the amount was right, and I am confident that the current school board has done the same. Hamilton Southeastern Schools contribute significantly to our quality of life and the overall success of our community. I enthusiastically support passing this referendum and encourage the residents of Fishers to vote 'Yes' on the ballot in November."

2. Public Meeting Change

The Noblesville Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023 has been changed to Monday, July 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street.

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Noblesville Lions Awards Scholarship



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On June 28th, the Noblesville Lions awarded a \$1,000 Academic Merit Scholarship to A'Nyah Hizer. She is a NHS graduate, and will be attending IU Bloomington this Fall. She will be a Public Health major. Pictured above; Markeith Hizer (Father), A'Nyah Hizer, and Lion Gary Hipes



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Saturday is Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market, where kids pedal their own wares, 8 a.m. to noon at Federal Hill Commons.

Garth Tribute Band, Kids Day, Daylily Sale, Flix & Float, Legion Tours



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Fairgrounds Exhibition Center, with free admission. Ten-year and nine-year 4-H'ers and scholarship winners will also be

Looking for something fun to do this weekend, then sift through our list of 30 things to do in The Times.

1. Cheer on the Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen contestants at 7 p.m. today at the 4-H

recognized.

2. Grab a float and watch a flick during Movie Nights at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2023 Flix and Floats evenings on the giant LED video board, with the next movie at 8:15 p.m. today, "Field of Dreams," 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 Titans," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. Sept. 4, "Back to the Future," Rated PG, admission charged, but free to members, visit forestparkaquaticcenter.com

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Hamilton County Kicks Off County Fair With Groundbreaking

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair kicks off Thursday, July 20 with a groundbreaking at Centennial Pavilion at 9 a.m. It's all part of an effort to renovate, expand, and modernize the 40-acre site. No major upgrades have been made to the fairgrounds in over 25 years.

"The fairgrounds are a gathering place," says Purdue Extension Hamilton County Director Susan Peterson. "They have connected family and friends for generations. They bring people to and are a showpiece for our county. The time is right to invest in the future of this facility."

As part of the improvements plan, the 4-H Fairgrounds will be re-branded "The Silos at 37 Hamilton County: 4-H Fairgrounds and Events Center" and will be rolled out in three phases. The initial phase will cost \$26.5 million and will include improvements to the existing exhibition center, drainage, llama barn and grounds. It will also create a new and vibrant Bicentennial Pavilion to mark Hamilton County's 200th anniversary. The Hamilton County Council has promised \$15 million toward the project. The Hamilton County

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:29 a.m.
SET: 9:17 p.m.

High/Low
Temperatures
High: 90 °F
Low: 70 °F

Today is...
• Gummi Worm Day
• Orange Chicken Day
• Saint Swithin's Day

What Happened On This Day
• 1996 MSNBC is launched.
• 1983 Orly Airport attack.
• 1799 The Rosetta Stone is found.

Births On This Day
• 1950 Arianna Huffington
Greek/American author, columnist, founded The Huffington Post
• 1606 Rembrandt
Dutch painter

Deaths On This Day
• 1904 Anton Chekhov
Russian physician, author
• 1521 Juan Ponce de León
Spanish explorer, 1st Governor of Puerto Rico

Update From Arrowood On Hamilton Heights Schools



DEREK ARROWOOD
Guest Column

I hope that you are enjoying a wonderful summer! We have been busy in the district preparing for the new school year which starts on

Tuesday, August 8 - less than a month away!

For those within earshot of the high school, you are hearing our fabulous high school band readying for competition at the 76th Annual State Fair Band Day at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand in Indianapolis next month. The Marching Huskies return to the stage under the direction of Band Director Mark Snelson and Assistant Band Director Billy Cox after a nearly six-decade hiatus. They will perform their show, entitled "Elements of Feng Shui," on

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HONEST HOOSIER

Did you ever notice that boys have attitudes, middle-aged men have crises and old men just have a case of the grumps?



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Misers are no fun to live with, but they make great ancestors."
-Tom Snyder

TODAY'S JOKE

The grumpy old man told his wife he was like a fine wine in that he got better with age.
So she locked him in the cellar.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kindness is contagious - surround yourself with giving people. 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

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **TRACY and STEVEN LINE** for subscribing!





Photo courtesy of HHS

Earlier in the year, Jaymie Wickstrom, Hamilton Heights' Transportation Director along with Heights' bus drivers Rodney Cummings and Linda Bragg, spent several hours filming with the First Light Safety film crew. The filming team traveled from the company's headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada to conduct the promotional shoot. Parts of the film were incorporated into a specialty video that can be viewed on the company's website at www.firstlightsafety.com. Courtesy photo.



Photo courtesy of HHS

Braving the cold to help contribute to a special video about the impact of First Light Safety products on school bus safety (l-r) are: Jaymie Wickstrom, Hamilton Heights' Transportation Director, Rodney Cummings and Linda Bragg, long-term Hamilton Heights' School Bus Drivers, and Makenzie Prather, First Light Safety Sales Representative. Courtesy photo.

Safety First With First Light At Heights Schools

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is seeing a positive impact on school bus safety with its investment in illuminated school bus signs

and stop arms from First Light Safety.

"We are among the school districts throughout the state and around the

country and beyond that are doing all we can to improve student safety on their bus rides to and from school," explained Jaymie

Wickstrom, Transportation Director, Hamilton Heights School Corporation, who has seen a reduction in stop arm violations since pur-

chasing the new illuminated safety products in February. "These lighted products help make our school buses more visible to oncoming

motorists day and night and in every weather condition. It has definitely made a positive impact on our overall safety efforts."

2023

Fall Ball Season

When: August 12th/13th - September 23rd/24th, 2023
7 game season to be played on weekends

- NO GAMES played on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2nd/3rd)
- Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
- Single-elimination tournament played September 30th & October 1st

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan and Emmerson Fields Forest Park, Noblesville

Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (based on 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment)

- 7th - 8th Grade League
- 9th - 12th Grade League
- * **Note:** Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball
- 2 Divisions in each league: Travel and Rec
- * **Note:** Travel Division will be limited to 4-6 teams in each league on a first-come, first served basis

Cost: \$80 per individual registration/ \$900 per full-roster team registration
* **Note:** Credit card and processing fees apply and will be added at checkout

How Do I Register? www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com

Registration Deadline: August 6th

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Walters Determined To Bring Change To Purdue Football



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Nearly 100 years ago, these were the excuses given as to why Purdue football wasn't on par with Big Ten

brothers Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

1. The enrollment at Purdue is one-third to one-half of the enrollment of the big state universities like Illinois, Michigan, Ohio State, Minnesota and Wisconsin. "That is a huge handicap to Purdue in athletics. To have only one man eligible for varsity competition against schools that have two or three is a ratio that makes Purdue's hope of many conference championships slim."

2. Purdue has only two classes of students, those in the college of agriculture and those in the college of engineering. "Purdue has no liberal arts department, no school of commerce or business, which is one of the biggest departments in most of the middle west universities, no law school or school of medicine."

3. The male students are nearly all from small rural centers where they have had little or no high school competition and have never had the opportunity of having good coaching in even the fundamentals of sports.

(For example, my wife's grandfather and starting end at Purdue - R.C. (Cooper) Kerr - attended Richland Township in Fountain County and the high school did not have a football team.)

4. The engineering scholastic schedule is an unusually heavy one. It is not uncommon for students to be in the shops, laboratories and class rooms from eight in the morning until four or five in the afternoon. Getting the football team together for the necessary amount of practice is a difficult thing to accomplish.

5. Almost none of the high schools in the state of Indiana have played football for any length of time. (Lafayette Jeff resumed its football program in 1921 after a long hiatus).

"The troubles of an athletic director and football coach at Purdue are almost too obvious for comment but these facts are known to very few people outside of the state of Indiana."

These "woe are us" laments were published two days before the dedication game at Ross-Ade Stadium by the hometown Lafayette Journal and Courier on Nov. 20, 1924. Even more peculiar, this story was part of a 32-page edition celebrating the event.

Since 1924, Purdue has had 17 head coaches - excluding interims. Seven compiled winning records but not since James

Phelan (1922-29) and Noble Kizer (1930-36) has Purdue had back-to-back successful coaches.

Ryan Walters is determined to change that.

"When I got here and got to see the facilities, got to see campus and got to go out in the community ... every day I've been blown away by the support, by the family atmosphere," Walters said. "It really does feel like a brotherhood here. The campus is beautiful."

"What I've found is there's no excuse why this place can't have sustained success and compete and win championships at the highest level. It is nice to be at my age (37) and where I'm at in this profession and feel like I landed a destination job."

Purdue was never the destination job for Jeff Brohm. To his everlasting credit, Brohm rejected the first overture from his dream job - Louisville - to rebuild the Boilermaker program to the point where it won the Big Ten West Division championship in 2022.

When Scott Satterfield unexpectedly bolted Louisville for the University of Cincinnati last December, there was little doubt Brohm would get the call to come home to the city where his family is as regarded as the Mannings are in New Orleans.

The search was not a long one for Purdue athletic director Mike Bobinski, with the support of former school presi-

dent Mitch Daniels and Board of Trustees chairman Mike Berghoff. Less than a week after Brohm departed, Bobinski chose Walters.

For a school known for its offensive-minded hires, Walters is a 180-degree departure. As Illinois' defensive coordinator, his unit ranked first in the nation in scoring defense (12.3) and second in yards allowed per game (263.8).

Three Illinois defensive backs were taken in the first three rounds of the 2023 NFL Draft: Devon Witherspoon (5th overall to Seattle), Jartavius Martin (2nd round to Washington) and Sydney Brown (3rd round to Philadelphia).

"From an early point in the search process, coach Walters stood out because of the energy, passion and intelligence he displayed as a defensive coordinator in both the Big Ten Conference and Southeastern Conference (Missouri)," Bobinski said. "His meteoric rise in the coaching profession is in large part due to his unique ability to connect with his student-athletes as both a coach and mentor."

Before looking into the job, Walters knew little about Purdue other than it played in the same division as Illinois, was a good academic institution and that Drew Brees was a Boilermaker.

"The opportunity to interview for this job, what attracted me to it was the conversations



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics

Ryan Walters

with Mike Bobinski and (deputy athletic director) Tiffani Grimes throughout the interview process," Walters said. "The way their vision aligned with mine and how passionate they were about this place excited me."

Upon meeting Walters, two impressions immediately were formed. One, he is a young-looking 37. Second, he is a confident person. Not arrogantly so but Walters' belief in himself is why he has a large office in the Kozuch Football Performance Complex.

This is what Walters said when asked why he will break the long Purdue string of successful coaches followed by losing ones:

"I know this place is not a rebuild job. They've had success. So my job is to find areas where we can improve and do whatever I can to improve those areas. The areas that have been successful, make sure those stay successful and try to elevate that standard."

"I've always operated with a chip on my shoulder because of my age and my football background. My dad is not a coach. I didn't have a long career in the NFL. I didn't play at a "logo school" per se. So I've prided myself on my work ethic, my ability to enhance my talent in this profession. I think that my competitive spirit will continue to influence this building and the people that are coaching and playing, the support staff and all those areas to continue the success that Purdue has seen in recent years."

Next week, more from Ryan Walters and his path from a converted quarterback at the University of Colorado to the fourth-youngest head coach in major college football.

- 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.

Keeping Things Funny



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

Over the years, I have written about 1,200 columns. I find that people are curious about the humor writing

process. So, this week and next will not be humor columns; they will be columns about humor. Here are some of the most common questions I get.

"Do you write about things that really happened, or do you make all this stuff up?"

You know how sometimes a movie begins with this phrase: **INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY.** That's pretty much like my column. The idea is always based on something real. A week or so back, I fell out of a small bed at a downtown inn where we were staying for our anniversary. That was 100% true. As soon as my head hit the floor, I knew I had a column. And a headache. Did I exaggerate the story just a bit? Of course.

"Have people ever been angry at you for a column you wrote?"

Yes. Here's an example: Several years ago, I wrote about why my wife never mows the lawn. In the piece, I suggested that I didn't want her to mow

because it would jeopardize her femininity as evidenced by other women in the neighborhood who were outside grunting and sweating as they pushed their mowers. I got a lot of nasty notes from the ladies on our street. My wife said I had to go apologize to each of them. had a better idea. We moved.

"Do people ever take what you say seriously?"

Yes, and when I tell them that it is a humor column, they say: "Sorry, I didn't know that." That really hurts. I once wrote a column about my eye floaters, tiny black spots that bounce around in the corners of your eyes. I thought it was flies. Several people (including more than a few doctors) wrote to say I needed to see an ophthalmologist or a neurologist immediately. But I also got lots of other emails from physicians who said this was generally not something to worry about it. It's nice to have your own column. I got 35 second opinions.

"You make fun of your wife, Mary Ellen. Is she okay with that?"

The truth is that in most of my columns I make fun of myself, not her. Self-deprecating humor is the best form of comedy. About 75% of Barack Obama's jokes at the 2012 annual White House Broadcasters Dinner were mocking himself. Trump

only managed self-deprecation 30% of the time when he had his turn. Even Biden has now started to parody his advancing age. I recently wrote a column about all the dumb questions Mary Ellen asked me about baseball. Truth is, I couldn't answer any of them myself. I was poking fun at myself for pretending I was an expert.

"The last line of your story is my favorite part. What's the key to a good ending?"

I once had a newspaper (no name) whose copy editor chopped off my last several sentences when he needed the space. That's when I started believing in capital punishment. People were telling me they liked my columns but didn't understand the endings. The last line or two of a humor column are crucial. It ties it all up, and goes back to something I may have mentioned maybe 400 words ago. I work really hard on that. I hope you like the ending to this one.

"Do you ever run out of funny ideas?"

I did this week. That's why you are reading this column.

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

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FAIR

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Extension Board will launch a Capital Campaign to assist with funding. Information on the campaign will be available at the groundbreaking ceremony and throughout the fair. "We're calling it the 'Fairgrounds for the Future,'" says Hamilton County Extension Board President Jane Sipe. "This plan not only enhances our ability to provide more programs, but will also serve as an economic driver, enabling us to host a wider variety of programming throughout the year."

The Bicentennial Pavilion, scheduled to open late next year, will replace the O.V. Winks and Annex Buildings that will be lost to the expansion of Pleasant Street. The second and third phases of the

project are contingent on funding and would include the construction of two silos at the main entrance. They would also include the demolition of seven outdoor buildings to be replaced by eight air-conditioned buildings that could be used year-round.

"If completed, this plan could more than double the fairgrounds' year-round rental space and drive additional visitors to our area," says Hamilton County Tourism CEO Brenda Myers. "The new space will help attract small- and medium-sized events like weddings, consumer shows, and conferences that may not fit at larger venues like the Indiana State Fairgrounds."

Construction on Phase One is scheduled to start this fall.

Indiana Closes The Fiscal Year With \$2.9b In Reserves

State Comptroller Tera Klutz, CPA confirmed today that the State of Indiana closed the 2023 fiscal year with \$2.9 billion in state reserves.

"Indiana's reserves of \$2.9 billion are once again within the healthy range of 10-15% of our fiscal year 2024 budget," said Comptroller Klutz. "We have prudently managed State resources to ensure appropriate reserves are available to weather any economic shifts that may come."

The State of Indiana began fiscal year 2023 with more than \$6 billion in reserve balances. The General Assembly contributed \$2.5 billion to the pension stabilization fund and increased the 2023 budget over \$3 billion for other one-time expenditures.

"Indiana's strong fiscal leadership continues to serve all Hoosier residents and businesses well," Comptroller Klutz continued. "We have just completed another very productive year with taxpayer refunds and historic investments in education, public safety, infrastructure and economic development."

In addition, the State collected approximately \$21.1 billion in general revenues, which was \$25 million (0.1%) more than expected and \$133 million (0.6%) less than the State collected in 2022.

"Gov. Holcomb and the General Assembly have made substantial investments in critical areas such as public health, education and workforce while paying our long-term obligations," said Office of Management and Budget Director Cris Johnston. "We continue to maintain a reputation of being a fiscally minded state that meets the needs of all Hoosiers."

The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Close-Out Statement, ending on June 30, 2023, is prepared by the State Budget Agency.

"Closing the state fiscal year with a healthy reserve offers financial security if the state faces unexpected economic stress," said State Budget Agency Director Zac Jackson. "We accomplish this year after year by spending less than the state is projected to take in, even taking into account income tax rate reductions."

BETSY

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3. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and pack a picnic for Conner Prairie's Symphony on the Prairie, which continues every weekend through the summer. This weekend features Arrival from Sweden: The Music of Abba tonight and Saturday night; Broadway Under the Stars on July 21 and 22; Face 2 Face: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John on July 28-29; with tickets available at indianapolis-symphony.org. Earlier in the day, 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.

4. Hamilton County Master Gardeners' Daylily Sale is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

5. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with Kids Day this Saturday. Fishers Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.

6. Tour the new Noblesville American Legion Frank Huntzinger Post No. 45 during an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social featuring 1940s and 1950s music from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the location at the historic R.L. Wilson property at 273 S. Eighth St. Memberships available at www.noblesvilleamericanlegionpost45.com

7. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles car club invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

8. 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.

9. Enjoy live music featuring Disagreeable on Saturday and July 29, Craig Thurston on July 20, Jeff Brown on July 22, Jason and Robin on July 27 at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

10. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Brad Kleinschmidt tonight, Benjamin Watson on Saturday, The Juan Douglas Trio on July 21, The Midwest Originals on July 22 and Bomar and Ritter on July 29 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com

11. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Blake Hammond headliner at 8 p.m. today and Saturday at Ninth and Maple in downtown Noblesville, with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.

12. Enjoy live music featuring The Dead Squirrels tonight, Celtic

Rain on July 22 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

13. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature eight tribute bands 7-10 p.m. Saturdays: No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), Saturday; 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.

14. Noblesville Bicentennial focuses on celebrating 200 years of history in Noblesville, with photography, drawings, paintings, newspaper articles and historical information, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, now through July 28 at Noblesville City Hall, also sponsored by Nickel Plate Arts.

15. Come out for live music during Fishers Parks Department's Free Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in July at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, featuring Groovesmash, July 18; and Hank Ruff, July 25. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. Visit <http://www.npdamp.com/>

16. Cool Creek Park and Nature Center free Wednesday Campfires start at 7 p.m. on the northside of Cool Creek Park in Westfield, with Baby! It's Wild Outside on July 17 and Really Dangerous Animals on July 26. Lawn chairs and blankets, extra marshmallows and bug spray encouraged.

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

18. Noblesville Parks and Recreation presents the free 2023 Summer Concert Series 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in July: Hairbangers Ball, July 20, at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Lawn chairs and blankets invited. Concessions available.

19. Shop at Sheridan Farmers & Artisan Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, July 15 and 29, Aug. 12 and 26, at Biddle Park in Sheridan.

20. Join the staff of Hamilton East Public Library's Indiana Room as they take visitors on a food tour of early Noblesville restaurants and hear about the first members of the county's hospitality industry and sample historic dishes that made these Noblesville establishments famous by word-of-mouth during a free Taste of History: Early Noblesville Dining and Recipes, 6:30-7:30 p.m. July 19 at the library.

21. Hamilton County 4-H Fair is July 20-23 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, with Bicentennial ground breaking at 9 a.m. July 20, plus food, 4-H exhibits, Do-Si-Squares and 4-H Clogging exhibition, livestock competitions, Fashion Revue, live music, antique tractor pull, homemade ice cream contest, pet parade, youth pedal tractor pull, Farmer Olympics, youth talent contest, livestock auction

and more.

22. Top prizes will be awarded in a Homemade Pie Contest sponsored by Hamilton County Extension Homemakers, in celebration of the Bicentennial, on July 22 at the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair. Pie entries will be accepted 1-2 p.m., with judging at 2 p.m. Bring a family pie, an essay of 50-100 words telling your family story about the pie, and the pie recipe handed down from generations. Pies will be judged on appearance, taste and the heartwarming family story. Pies needing refrigeration (such as pumpkin, custard and sugar cream) will not be accepted.

23. The Noblesville Street Dance Bicentennial Celebration is 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. July 22 in downtown Noblesville, featuring hands-on mural painting, Mootown Pickle Stompers, Kelli Yates, Tim Wright & Steel Pedals and The Bishops (featuring Noblesville High School grad Bryan Bishop).

24. There will also be an ice cream social with reenactors on the Courthouse Square on July 22 during a Political Celebrities and the Vote Ice Cream Social event, from 1-4 p.m. at the Hamilton County Historical Society in the Old Jail & Sheriff's Residence on the Square, next to the Courthouse.

25. Check out the History Faire, part of the Bicentennial Celebration, 1-4 p.m. July 22 at Gal's Guide Library at Nickel Plate Arts Campus in downtown Noblesville.

26. Noblesville Schools' Back to School Bash is 5-8 p.m. July 28 at Beaver Stadium.

27. Get your tickets for Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth production of "Willy Wonka Jr.," directed by Nancy Lafferty and featuring 72 kids ages 5-18, at 7:30 p.m. July 27, 28 and 29, and 2 p.m. July 29 and 30 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Visit www.thebelfrytheatre.com.

28. Main Street Productions presents "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," a Rising Star young performers production, July 27-Aug. 6 at Basile Westfield Playhouse. Directed by Nikki Lynch and Becca Bartley, performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Visit www.westfieldplayhouse.org.

29. The Indiana State Fair opens July 28 and runs through Aug. 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

30. Noblesville Preservation Alliance will host the Gibson Guitar and Mandolin Co.'s traveling lecture and exhibition of antique and vintage instruments on July 29.

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com. For more Hamilton County Bicentennial events, visit www.hamcoturns200.com

ARROWOOD

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Friday, August 4 at 3:09 p.m.

I am pleased to share Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023. This year's honorees include five incredible individuals coincidentally representing five different decades: Cheyanne (Jackson) Brewer ('10), Don Morgan ('71), Jason Reecer ('89), Dan Shields ('64), and Blaine Zimmerman ('04). A special luncheon followed by the induction ceremony is set for 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 23 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 SR 19 Arcadia, Indiana. Inductees will be given a metal display and their names and pictures proudly displayed in the Athletic Hall of Fame in the Athletic Center. Tickets for the ceremony and lunch are \$10. Contact Mitch Street for more information and/or tickets at mstreet@hhschuskie.org or 317-984-3551 ext. 1092.

If your child uses Heights' transportation and you have changes (i.e., address, are attending before or after care, or will no longer be riding the bus) or have questions related to your child's bus route, now is the time to contact our Transportation Department at 317-984-8404. Bus routes are currently being created to best optimize service, ride time, and efficiency based on bus capacities, stop locations, and the number of students at each stop. Our drivers will be contacting parents of bus riders the first week of August to ensure an accurate count of riders, pick up and drop of points, and approximate times for their riders to help us better serve the families in our district.

Required vaccinations for Kindergarten, 6th, and 12th grade students are needed by the 20th day of the school year to avoid exclusion on day 21. To submit medical information and/or any required forms for your student over the summer, email your school nurse: Emily Wooldridge, ewooldridge@hhschuskie.org, or Tasha Smith, tsmith@hhschuskie.org (HHES); Lori Jones, ljones@hhschuskie.org or Tracy Shaffer, tshaffer@hhschuskie.org (HHMS); Jami Steffen, jsteffen@hhschuskie.org (HHHS). The nurses will respond at the start of the school year.

Speaking of vaccinations, our partners at the Hamilton County Health Department will be hosting four Back to School Immunization clinics at their office in July and August to give families convenient access to required vaccinations. Clinic hours and dates are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 19 and August 2, 16, and 30.

The community is invited to attend the 10th annual Prayer Breakfast on Friday, August 4 at the Middle School Café beginning at 7 a.m. A light breakfast will be served with the program beginning at 7:30 a.m. Music will be provided by the Cicero United Family Wesleyan Church with Pastor Allen Gross. This year's speakers are Sterling and Lydia Weatherford. Bring Capri Suns and individual sized juice bottles to donate to the HHES Weekend Feeding Program. The event is hosted by the Heights Area Pastors in conjunction with HHSC.

Thank you again for your support and involvement. We are incredibly grateful for our families, staff, and community. It's always a great day to be a Husky! #WeAreHuskies

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

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6 Success Tips for Young Professionals

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Starting your career can be both an exciting time and a daunting experience. While there's no secret formula to becoming successful in the workplace, there are steps you can take and skills you can build during the early stages of your career that can help you move toward your long-term goals.

Many young professionals face unique challenges, but with the right guidance and advice those obstacles may lead to opportunities for personal and professional development. Passionate about mentoring young professionals and sharing her methods for success, Morgan DeBaun, founder and CEO of digital media and technology company Blavity, partnered with Sharpie – makers of a wide selection of permanent markers, pens, highlighters and more for the classroom, office and home – to share these tips.

Be proactive: Take initiative and identify areas you can contribute beyond your assigned tasks. Instead of waiting to be asked to do something, draft an email, spreadsheet or project board that could benefit the team. Showing a willingness to go above and beyond may lead to additional projects or responsibilities being sent your way in the future.

Write everything down: Putting your dreams and goals to paper can help you commit to them, track progress and stay on course to achieve them. Additionally, particularly in meetings, your brain is processing new information, ways of thinking and operational systems all while you are trying to come across as engaged and personable. Jotting down key action items and learnings along the way can save you later. Being an active listener and note-taker can increase your ability to retain information and contribute to your team.

Featuring no-smear, no-bleed technology with best-in-class ink, an option like the Sharpie S•Gel pen promises exceptionally smooth writing experiences. To put her best work forward, DeBaun uses the Medium Point (.7mm) White Barrel. The high-performance gel pen enhances handwriting with its sleek, professional look and offers a variety of ink colors, barrel styles and points to choose from, making it a must-have for professionals looking to make a statement.



Identify useful productivity tools: Look for tools and programs that can help make you more productive and successful then leverage them in your personal workflow. Whether it's an email scheduling tool, calendar software or favorite writing utensil, ensure you are taking advantage of things that can help you succeed.

Develop and strengthen your organizational skills: Regardless of what role you are in, being systemized and structured in the way you work can help keep you on track as you grow in your career. Whether it's a smartphone app, old-fashioned to-do lists on paper or desktop reminders on your computer, find a system that works for you and stick with it – refining the approach as you go – for best results. For example, with a variety of available ink colors, the Sharpie S•Gel can make it simple to color code calendars and to-do lists, which can make prioritizing tasks a cinch.

Embrace teamwork and learn from your peers: Across your company, you are likely working with bright, talented people who may have completely different skill sets and ways of working and thinking than you. Set up 15-20-minute virtual coffee chats to meet people not on your team during your first 90 days as a way to connect with your coworkers and learn more about not only them but the company and its environment as a whole.

Say yes to opportunities: Whether it is a work event, new project, meeting or class, take advantage of prospects presented to you. Taking advantage of opportunities to network, learn and grow in your career can help lead you on the trajectory you are aiming for.

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There Are Some Choices That Last An Eternity



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Getting older changes things, doesn't it? (Yup, that was rhetorical.) When I was younger, I used to look forward to Saturdays. When I was really young, it meant no school, sleeping in, Saturday morning cartoons and in general playing all day. A few years after that, there was softball tournaments, golf outings and hanging out with buddies. Then came family outings, taking the girls to the zoo, amusement parks, state parks and so on.

Now? Well, one of the great things about Saturdays is a quiet office and a chance to catch up on all the stuff that I didn't have time to get to during the

week. I wonder exactly when a happy Saturday went from play to work? I wonder what that says about me? Maybe I should quit wondering? But then I realized that my wandering mind was getting in the way of me getting anything done so I turned back to my desk and –

AAAGGH!
John Hammer, the incredibly massive John Hammer was standing in my door. I hadn't heard him come in. Had no idea he was there or how long he had been. All I knew was he scared the living bejeezus out of me.

"Lord, John! You do realize that one day you are going to give me a heart attack, don't you?" I managed – trying to get my breathing back to normal. It's not that I'm afraid of the man they call Hammer – well, mostly. It's just that he always does this. It's like being in your house and you turn around and your spouse is right there. It gives you a start.

If you aren't familiar

with him, John is an incredibly large man. His calloused hands are the size of baseball mitts and the result of decades of honest, hard work. His neck is twice the size of mine and the skin is the texture of rough, yet worn-out leather. When he talks, which isn't all that often, his gravelly voice sounds like it's been drug over two miles of bad country roads. And if there is anyone who loves his country more, I haven't met them yet.

"Well, since it appears the EMTs aren't necessary, what can I do for you, John?"

"You know I don't wear my religion on my sleeve," he began, a little quieter than usual.

"Sure."
"But Timmons, I swear, there is evil in this world."

I smiled. "John, there's always been evil. Look at Sodom and –"

"I know that," he snapped. "I'm not saying there has never been, but Timmons, I swear there's stuff going on that is get-

ting worse by the day."

"What do you mean?"
"Well, we know that politicians lie," he said. "Nothing new with that. But the level they're doing it now is pretty unbelievable."

"I don't know John, do you remember Richard Nixon?"

"It's not just that," he said in a tone that clearly said I wasn't catching on. "Look at the violence in the world today. Indianapolis has turned into, well, I don't know what. And that shooting in Nashville, Tenn. That shooter went in and targeted Christian kids."

"Look, John, you can't take one isolated incident and –"

"Isolated?" Hammer boomed. "Isolated? Have you not been paying attention, Timmons? There's been more criminal acts against churches in the last few years than ever, and 2023 is even worse."

Hammer was referring to a report I read from the Family Research Council that documented more

than 400 incidents against churches from 2018 to 2022. Things like bomb threats, arson and vandalism. According to the study, 2023 is on track to be the worst year yet.

"And we're fighting about putting sexually explicit books in school libraries, Timmons . . . SCHOOL LIBRARIES! And good people, people who are smart and seem to mean well, are screaming that those who don't want the books in front of school kids are like the Nazis, that they're banning books. Hell, Timmons. Books like that have been available in our public libraries for a long time and no one has suggested getting rid of them. There's no banning of books here. It's just plain common sense that you don't put that stuff in front of kids."

"Look, John, I get it. There's a debate –"

"There shouldn't be, Timmons," he shot back.

"The point is that the world has changed and now people are saying that kids, little kids and

kids in general, should be exposed to things that not too damn long ago would have been called pornographic."

Hammer paused. He almost seemed out of breath.

"I'll tell you this, Timmons. There's something at work in the world today. You can call it good and evil on a God-kind-of-scale or you can call it whatever you want. I'm not smart enough to know the answer. But I do know this. In my heart I believe it's time to think about what we believe and start making some choices."

"What kind of choices, John?"

"The kind that last an eternity."

With that, the Hammer walked away. But his words stayed.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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