

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own. What makes Allison Moos smile? "My family," said the 35-year-old Noblesville resident, who was among three generations of her family, found this month running the 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Contest during pre-Hamilton County 4-H Fair activities at the Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Moos was in charge of tabulation of contestants and assisting her grandmother, Lynda Arbuckle, who is celebrating 50 years of teaching the Dog project to 4-H'ers, and Moos' mom, Dawn Moos, a 4-H Dog project leader of 37 years, and "do-er of whatever is told." She has been a 4-H Dog volunteer (she poses with a 4-H'er's dog) since graduating from Noblesville High School in 2006. She went to Indiana State University and then worked in banking for 10 years and now works in construction in office administration. She has two children, ages 6 and 4. She loves dogs and breeding dogs and raises German Shorthaired Pointers and Havanese. Her first dog was a Golden Retriever. Favorite dog event at the 4-H Fair? "Showmanship." Favorite event at the Fair? "The Contesting (Show) in the Horse Arena. That's always fun to watch." She was a 10-year Hamilton County 4-H'er in the former Royal Rascals 4-H Club in Fishers. Why 4-H? "It has been something that's had a huge impact on my life and my family." What she's learned? "How to be a good human." What she's learned from her grandmother Arbuckle? "How to show compassion." The 2023 4-H Fair is over but watch for more Fair photos and Fair results in upcoming editions of The Times.

And Another Few Things...

1. Surveyor Linda Freeman Endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor

Vanderburgh County Surveyor Linda Freeman has pledged her endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor. "Suzanne Crouch has my endorsement for Governor of Indiana. I've known Suzanne for almost 30 years. She is a hard working Hoosier who will move Indiana forward," said Freeman. Linda Freeman has been serving as the Vanderburgh County Surveyor since 2021. To learn more about Suzanne Crouch: https://www.crouchforindiana.com/

2. Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of storm scams as severe weather sweeps across the state

As more storms roll in and the 2023 Indiana State Fair has closed their gates due to severe weather, Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to be cautious of scams. With storms like Indiana has experienced over the last few weeks and with more on the way, scammers will be out in full force trying to con Hoosiers out of their hard-earned money. "My heart goes out to all Hoosiers impacted by damaging storms so far this summer," Attorney General Rokita said. "Before spending your hard-earned money, ask questions, demand a written contract, and do old-fashioned research before hiring anyone to repair your home. It can be tempting to accept help to fix damages to your home, but it's crucial to take a step back and fully vet the contractor." Unfortunately, far too many dubious con artists appear on people's doorsteps, promise to make needed repairs, and then disappear with their victims' downpayments in their pockets - never to return to do the work.

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Ask Rusty - When Should My Wife Claim Her Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: My wife turns 65 in November of 2023. She was born on 11/21/1958. I am a year younger with an 8/1/1959 birthdate. I know my wife is not at full retirement age, but the difference in her SS payment is not much and collecting 3 years of the lower amount far exceeds her waiting until age 68. My question is: because half of my SS is more than her SS, if she retires this year, will she still get 50% of my SS when I retire?

Signed: Planning Our Future
Dear Planning: Spouse benefits are one of Social Security's trickiest areas, so you're wise to get answers before either of you claim benefits. The short answer is, "No" - if your wife claims her own benefit this year, she will not get 50% of your benefit when you later claim. Here's how it works:

Born in November 1958, your wife's full retirement age (FRA) is 66 years plus 8 months, which she will attain in July 2025. Born in August 1959, your FRA is 66 years plus 10 months, which you will reach in June 2026.

Your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her personal SS benefit if her FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement but, if she claims before reaching her FRA, her monthly payment when you claim will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement (taking her own benefit early affects her total payment amount as your spouse). If, instead, your wife waits until her own FRA to claim her SS retirement benefit, her payment when you later claim will be increased to equal 50% of your FRA entitlement.

Paula Scanlon Has A New Take On The Old Song About 'Boys And Girls Together'

By John Grimaldi

For the most part in the United States it is against the law for a man to expose himself in front of a woman. But what about male-at-birth transgender athletes who sign up to join the girls' teams at their schools; are they allowed to go naked among their female teammates? Paula Scanlon made headlines when she told the Daily Mail that when she was on the University of Pennsylvania women's track team, she and her teammates would hide in bathroom stalls to avoid changing in front of a six foot transgender swimmer who joined the team. His name was Will Thomas at birth but he changed it to Lia Thomas when "she" transitioned. Paula joined Association of Mature American Citizens CEO, Rebecca Weber, recently on AMAC's Better For America podcast.

"It was a very challenging situation for everyone involved, and the university did not do a very good job of preempting the situation," according to Paula. She pointed out that at first the women's swim team was told that they might provide Lia



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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with a separate locker room or that he/she might even continue to change in the men's locker room. But in the end they allowed Lia to use the women's locker room.

"They should have had the discretion to understand that it was going to be a controversial experience for everyone on the team. But it wasn't until media stories started coming in that the athletic department came and spoke to us, and in those meetings they advised us not to talk to the press. They told us that Lia being on the team was non-negotiable and that they would provide counseling services for anyone that objected to Lia being on the team. So it was a very scary situation because they were telling us, essentially, that if we thought a man being on our team was wrong, we needed psychological help."

Paula is a Taiwanese American and, as she noted, America "was built on the idea of free speech. My grandfather loved America and he saw that there were issues in Taiwan where there wasn't freedom of the

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I assume your reference to your wife "waiting until age 68" refers to her age when you claim at your FRA, but there is no reason for your wife to wait past her own FRA to claim benefits because her spousal benefit will not be more if she waits longer. So, the question is whether your wife should claim this year and get a reduced payment when you later claim or, instead, wait until her FRA

to claim her own benefit and get her maximum benefit later. And that depends on 1) whether your wife is working, and 2) what her life expectancy is:

1. If your wife is working and claims early SS benefits, she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 she is over the limit. The earnings limit lasts until she reaches her full retirement age.

2. If your wife's life expectancy is long (average for a woman your wife's current age is about 87), then maximizing her monthly benefit by waiting until her FRA to claim is likely

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Know The Early Warning Signs Of COPD

(StatePoint) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. A leading cause of disability and death in the United States, more than 12.5 million people have been diagnosed, and millions more may have the disease without even knowing it. While there is no cure, knowing COPD's early warning signs can lead to earlier treatment and may prevent its progression.

The American Lung Association, funded with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is sharing the following insights to help Americans recognize the warning signs of COPD and take action:

Early Warning Signs of COPD

Not everyone has the same COPD symptoms, but some of the more common early warning signs and symptoms may include shortness of breath, a cough that may bring up mucus or phlegm, chest tightness, fatigue and reoccurring lung infections. People may think these symptoms are because of aging, smoking or

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Noblesville Police Department To Host National Night Out Event On Tuesday

The Noblesville Police Department will host its 7th Annual National Night Out event from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 1 at the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club, 1700 Conner Street. This year's event is sponsored by Martin & Martin Insurance.

"This has always been a popular event in the past and we look forward to another great turnout this year," said Community Outreach Sgt. Marley Pagel, who organized the event. "Children are often interested about police work and this is a great way for kids to see who we are and interact with the vehicles we use. It's also a great opportunity for adults to ask questions and find out what services we provide."

Guests at this year's event can learn about crime scene evidence collection and crime prevention information, experience the "Drunk Goggles," and climb in the department's vehicle fleet which includes a patrol car, boat, bicycle, and ESU vehicles. The NPD information tent will have materials on bullying, cyber safety, identity theft and home safety - along with stickers. Other activities for children include inflatable bounce houses, a Dunk-A-Cop dunk tank and a Race-A-Cop bicycle race. The Noblesville F.O.P Lodge 198 will provide free hotdogs, popcorn and water and Paradise Shaved Ice is donating shaved ice. Through the generous donation of George Kristo, NPD will also have three bicycles to raffle off after the event.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

"This event provides a great opportunity to bring police and residents together under positive circumstances," said Noblesville Police Chief John Mann. "The safety of our community depends on both law enforcement and the neighbors they serve. National Night Out enhances that cooperation."

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

210 days down, 155 left and then 2023'll be a memory.



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

One or two sugary drinks a day can increase your risk of developing diabetes by 25 percent. 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



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"It's continuously humbling to work hard, you know? As long as you've got a good work ethic and a sense of humor, I don't think anybody can become too much of an egoist under those circumstances."
-Rachel Ray

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Where do sheep go on summer vacation?
The baa-hamas!

➔ OBITUARIES

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The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players' summer youth production of "Willy Wonka Jr." features a cast of 60 kids on stage, continuing with performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and ending Sunday with a final performance at 2 p.m. at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.



Photo courtesy of Forest Park Aquatic Center

Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville will have a Glow Party 8-10 p.m. today with \$5 per person and members get in free.

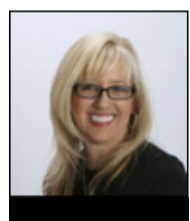


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Mike Teavee, who only enjoys watching TV and video games (played by Blake Valentine of Noblesville), is the fourth Golden Ticket winner in The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players production of "Willy Wonka Jr.," a musical, continuing with performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and ending Sunday with a final performance at 2 p.m. at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

'Wonka,' 'Robin Hood,' Talent Show, Glow Party Are Among Things To Do



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

The weekend before Noblesville Schools' classes start up is always a busy weekend. Here's a list of 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Fishers Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.
2. Shop at Sheridan Farmers & Artisan Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, July 29, Aug. 12 and 26, at Biddle Park in Sheridan.
3. Come join the fun for a delicious look at a World of Pure Imagination as you tour Willy Wonka's candy factory with five Golden Ticket winners. Get your reserved tickets for Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth musical production of "Willy Wonka Jr.," directed by Nancy Lafferty and featuring 60 cast members ages 5-18, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today (Saturday) and 2 p.m. Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Visit www.thebelfrytheatre.com.
4. Robin Hood was known for stealing from the rich and giving to the poor, so bring your nonperishable food donations when you come to Main Street Productions' Rising Star performers production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," a comedic twist on the Robin Hood story, at 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and Aug. 3-6 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, directed by Nikki Lynch and Becca Bartley. Visit www.westfieldplayhouse.org.
5. Underdog Theatre will play host to a Theatre's Got Talent event at 7 p.m. today at Teter Retreat and Organic Farm in rural Noblesville, with cash donations accepted for Hamilton County's Fueled for School. Admission and voting are free.
6. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Bomar and Ritter at 6:30 p.m. today, Anneliese & Ali on Aug. 4, Ciara Haskett on Aug. 5, Cookie Decorating & Wine on Aug. 9, Jamie Owens on Aug. 11, The Juan Douglas Trio on Aug. 18 and Jennifer Mlott on Aug. 19 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencer-farmwinery.com

7. 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 Face 2 Face: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John tonight; Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston, Aug. 4; Tusk: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, Aug. 5; The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute on Aug. 11, Here Come the Mummies on Aug. 12, The Marshall Tucker Band on Aug. 18, Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Show on Aug. 19, with tickets 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.
8. The Indiana State Fair opened Friday and runs through Aug. 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
9. 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.
10. Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville will have a Glow Party 8-10 p.m. today with \$5 per person and members get in free. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, with Tiny Tots 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 7 p.m. weekdays, but watch for schedule due to Noblesville Schools going back to classes on Monday, daily admission \$8 per person to pool, concessions available. Morse Beach also open through Sept. 4. Pool membership (now half price) includes movie nights (below in this list), Tiny Tots Swim and Morse Beach admission.
11. Enjoy live music featuring Ghosts on Maple at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.
12. Noblesville Preservation Alliance to host the Gibson Guitar and Mandolin Company's traveling lecture and exhibition, "A Journey Through Early to Present History of the Gibson Mandolin and Guitar Co. Features David Harvey, a Gibson Master and Luthier, at 6:30 p.m. today (Saturday)
13. Enjoy live music featuring Disagreeable tonight, Craig Thurston on Aug. 3 and 17, Dead Squirrels on Aug. 5, John Gilmore on Aug. 12 at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.
14. Antique car owners and aficionados are invited

- to Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant's First Friday Cruise-in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at the eatery, featuring DJ Bumper playing classics.
15. Hamilton County Artists' Association is again sponsoring the annual Art Fair on the Square featuring artists displaying and selling their work, live music and family fun from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 5 on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. Artists are selected by invitation only from the HCAA and based on artist applications.
16. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for Legacy Keepers Music's free StringTime Music on the Square monthly series, which continues Aug. 5 with Stones Crossing and on Sept. 2 with Cornfields & Crossroads, both 6:30-8:15 p.m., on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.
17. Cool Creek Park Concert Series features Der Polkatz at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 and The Nauti Yachtys featuring Josh Kaufman on Aug. 11, with gates opening at 6 p.m. for picnicking, with tickets at myhamiltoncountyparks.com or at the gate at Cool Creek Park in Westfield.
18. Carmel Community Players presents "Murder on the Orient Express," a comedy-mystery Aug. 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13 at The Cat in Carmel, directed by Lori Raffel, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Visit www.carmelplayers.org.
19. 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. 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
20. Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz series, sponsored by Gordon Insurance, features live music, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with David Hartman Trio, Aug. 12; Moon-town Pickle Stompers, Sept. 9; and Cohen-Rutkowski Project, Oct. 14, on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

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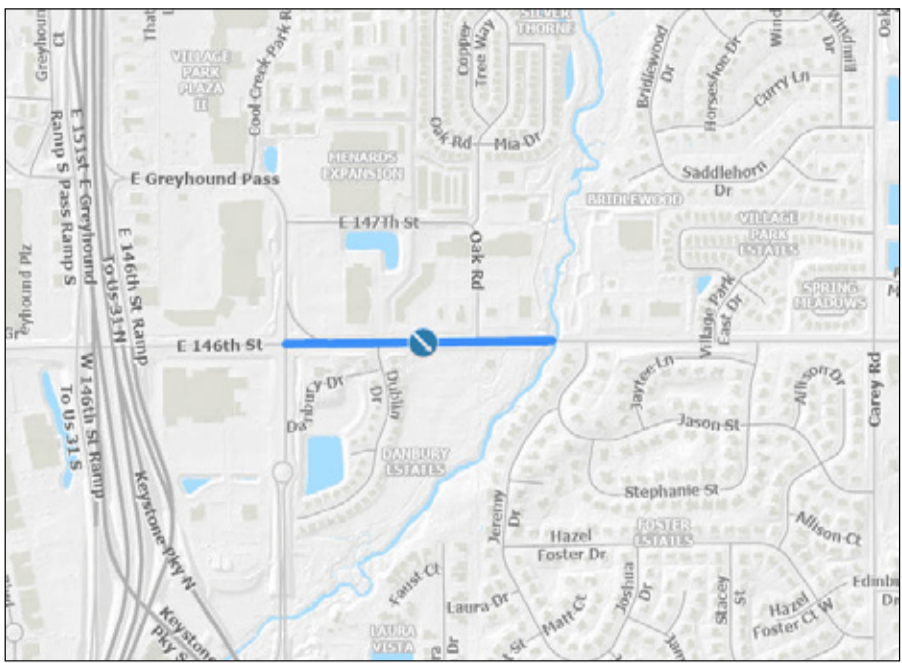
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Lane Restrictions - 146th St. between Greyhound Pass and Cool Creek Commons



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Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, July 31, 146th Street between Greyhound Pass and Cool Creek Commons will be under lane closures for pipeline and curb work. The estimated project completion date is by the end of the day Monday, August 21. The contractor will first close the inside lanes of eastbound and westbound 146th Street, then move to the outside lanes. Please drive with extreme caution through this construction zone.

Center Presents Single-Event Ticket Sales Start Aug. 4

Lineup includes pop, rock, jazz, classical, family, holiday shows and more.

With subscription packages still available for the 2023-2024 Center Presents Season at the Center for the Performing Arts, tickets for individual performances will go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4.

Presented in partnership with Allied Solutions, the season features more than 50 events in a broad range of genres, with more to be added. Tickets will be available online at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800 or through the Fifth Third Box Office at the Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Presale access is available:

Now with the purchase of a series subscription package

Tuesday, Aug. 1, for Center donors of \$250 or more; visit TheCenterPresents.org/Donate

Thursday, Aug. 3, for eNews mailing list members; sign up at TheCenterPresents.org
Through the Center's Create Your Own package offer, patrons can select four or more events from the entire schedule and enjoy benefits including discounts and presale opportunities as new shows are added throughout the season. For information, visit TheCenterPresents.org/SubscribeNow.

The season schedule includes the following. (Free tickets for the Oct. 27 performance by "The President's Own" United States Marine Band will be available in September.)

Drewry Simmons
Vornehm Jazz Series
Aug. 12 – Spyro Gyra
Oct. 21 – Bill Frisell
FIVE and Ambrose
Akinmusire's Owl Song
Nov. 18 – Meshell Ndegeocello
Jan. 26 – An Evening with Branford Marsalis
April 19 – Sammy Miller and The Congregation

Encore Series
Aug. 9 – Daughtry: Bare Bones Tour with special guest Ayrton Jones
Aug. 15 – Ben Harper
Oct. 15 – Lucinda Williams and her band: Don't Tell Anybody the Secrets Tour
Oct. 19 – Stewart Copeland: Police Deranged for Orchestra
Nov. 3 – Grace Potter

Holiday Series
Nov. 24 – Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna
Nov. 30 – Jim Brickman: A Joyful Christmas
Dec. 1 – The Midtown Men: Holiday Hits
Dec. 5 – Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2023
Dec. 8 – Jon McLaughlin & Friends: Home for the Holidays
Dec. 9 – Preservation Hall Jazz Band: Creole Christmas
Dec. 13 – Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild & Swingin' Holiday Party

Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series
July 22 – Songbook Academy in Concert
Nov. 4 – An Intimate Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee
Nov. 19 – The Black Market Trust
Feb. 24 – Aretha's Gold: Classic Albums Live Tribute to Aretha Franklin
May 17 – Michael Feinstein with special guest

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series
Sept. 28 – Uptown: Motown Remixed
Oct. 6 – The Righteous Brothers: Bill Medley & Bucky Heard
Oct. 8 – The Tallest Man on Earth
Oct. 14 – Wish You Were Here: The Sight and Sound of Pink Floyd
Oct. 20 – Harry Chapin at 80: A Retrospective, featuring The Chapin Family
Nov. 1 – An Evening with Bruce Cockburn
March 9 – Bruce Hornsby with yMusic

March 9 – Carrie Newcomer with Pianist Gary Walter & String Quartet*
March 30 – Croce Plays Croce: 50th Anniversary Tour
April 20 – Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Old Town Family Series
Oct. 5 – Animaniacs: In Concert
Nov. 5 – The Little Mermen: The Ultimate Disney Tribute Band (two shows)
March 10 – Imagination Movers (two shows)

Printing Partners Classical Series
Oct. 28 – Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble
Nov. 17 – Anne Sofie von Otter & Brooklyn Rider: Songs of Love and Death
Feb. 23 – Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra
April 12 – Ray Chen

Telamon Passport Series
Nov. 2 – As We Speak: Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain, Edgar Meyer featuring Rakesh Chaurasia
Nov. 4 – Tres Souls
Nov. 10 – Gregorian: Pure Chants
Feb. 9 – Mariachi Herencia de México: Herederos
March 8 – The Irish Tenors
April 7 – An Evening with Jesse Cook

Special Events
Sept. 16 – Life with the Afterlife: True Tales of the Paranormal with Ghost Hunter Amy Bruni
Sept. 23 – The Center Celebration 2023 presented by Ice Miller (featuring Amy Grant)
Oct. 11 – The Robert Cray Band
Oct. 27 – "The President's Own" United States Marine Band
Nov. 3 – Etta May
Nov. 9 – Easton Corbin
Nov. 12 – Candace Bushnell: True Tales of Sex, Success, and Sex and the City
Feb. 3 – Alan Cumming and Ari Shapiro: Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret

Meeting Notes

Executive Session Agenda For Noblesville Schools

Thursday, August 3
18025 River Avenue
Noblesville
Phone: 317.773.3171
Fax: 317.773.7845
Noblesville Educational Services Center Board Conference Room 18025 River Road, Noblesville 9 a.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)
Executive sessions may be held only in the following instances:

(1) Where authorized by federal or state statute.
(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:

(A) Collective bargaining.
(B) Initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.
(C) The implementation of security systems.
(D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties. However, all such strategy discussions must be necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons and may not include competitive or bargaining adversaries.

(3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety measures, plans, and systems.
(4) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the Indiana economic development corporation, the office of tourism development, the Indiana finance authority,

the ports of Indiana, an economic development commission, the Indiana state department of agriculture, a local economic development organization (as defined in IC 5-28-11-2(3)), or a governing body of a political subdivision.

(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.
(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:
(A) To receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and
(B) To discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is:
(i) a physician; or
(ii) a school bus driver.

(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.
(8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.

(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.
(10) When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:
(A) Develop a list of prospective appointees.
(B) Consider applications.
(C) Make one

(1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration. Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-4(b)(12), a governing body may release and shall make available for inspection and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3-3 identifying information concerning prospective appointees not initially excluded from further consideration. An initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration may not reduce the number of prospective appointees to fewer than three (3) unless there are fewer than three (3) prospective appointees. Interviews of prospective appointees must be conducted at a meeting that is open to the public.

(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

(12) To prepare or score examinations used in issuing licenses, certificates, permits, or registrations under IC 25.

(13) To discuss information and intelligence intended to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of terrorism.

(14) To train members of a board of aviation commissioners appointed under IC 8-22-2 or members of an airport authority board appointed under IC 8-22-3 with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. A board may hold not more than one

(1) executive session per calendar year under this subdivision.

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Noblesville Lions Club Awards 2 More Scholarships



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On Wednesday, the 26th, the Noblesville Lions Club awarded two more high school graduate scholarships. One scholarship to Hamilton Heights H.S. and the other to Noblesville H.S. The awards were presented by Lion Bob Minton. Right photo, Cassidy Felger of Hamilton Heights H.S. received the \$500 Academic Merit Scholarship from Lion Bob Minton. She will be attending Grace College as a Business Administration major. Her parents are Chris & Shelley Felger. Left photo, Caroline Thompson of Noblesville H.S. received the \$1,000 Irving Heath Memorial Scholarship from Lion Bob Minton. She will be attending Purdue University as a Linguistic major. Her parents are Chad Thompson and Katherine Callahan.

Noblesville Lions Club Awards Hamilton Heights H.S. Scholarship



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On Wednesday, July 12th, the Noblesville Lions awarded Madyson Eshelman a \$500 Scarlet Minton/Jack Funcannon Memorial Scholarship. Madyson is a graduate of Hamilton Heights H.S. and will be attending Ball State University in the Fall. She will be majoring in Nursing. In photo (lft-rt): Andrew Eshelman (father), Madyson Eshelman, Lion Bob Minton

Noblesville Lions Inducts Two New Members



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On Wednesday, the 26th, the Noblesville Lions Club inducted two new members. This was a special membership drive meeting at Forest Park. Noblesville's own Lion Julia Kozicki, Lion 25-D District Governor was on hand to do the inductions. Inducted were Vicki Neddenriep and David Fleming. In photo, Lion Cheryl Helton (Sponsor), Vicki Neddenriep, David Fleming, Steve Shaw (Sponsor), and Julia Kozicki (25-D Governor)

NOBLESVILLE BABE RUTH BASEBALL 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

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Registration Deadline: August 6th

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Young, Colleagues Cheer Senate Passage Of Organ Donation Reform Bill

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) today cheered congressional passage of H.R. 2544, the House companion to S. 1668, the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act. The legislation will help break up the monopoly contract used to manage the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). The bill, which passed the Senate by unanimous consent, now heads to the president's desk for signature after passing the House of Representatives earlier this week.

"This is an important day for thousands of Americans who are in need of life-saving transplants," said Young. "The Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act includes necessary reforms that will help ensure accountability and transformation in the organ donation and transplant system. This bipartisan bill will save lives, and I look forward to it being swiftly signed into law."

"Today is a monumental day in the effort to improve the organ donation and transplantation system for Americans and their families who are counting on transplants to save their lives," Wyden said. "With congressional passage of our legislation, the Biden Administration will have the tools it has asked for to implement a comprehensive modernization of the OPTN contracting process. I look forward to continuing my work to improve this system so more Americans can receive lifesaving transplants."

"Today's bill passage is proof that bipartisanship still works in Washington," Grassley said. "I've been grateful to have support from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle since I first began investigating the organ industry in 2005. At long last, Congress has succeeded in untangling years of deadly errors in the organ industry to give patients a better shot at lifesaving care and root out corruption. Americans in need of organ donations, especially rural residents and people of color, will be greatly benefited by these changes."

"Last week, I held a hearing in the Senate Finance Health Care Subcommittee that highlighted the devastating failures of the current U.S. transplant system that impact thousands of patients. The message was clear: we urgently need oversight, reform, and transparency," said Cardin. "Passing the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act is another step towards improving the OPTN so more patients can access transplants safely and efficiently. As 17 people die each day under the current system, Congress will not accept mismanagement when lives are at stake."

"The management of the U.S. organ transplant system needs serious reform," said Dr. Cassidy. "Breaking up this monopoly will increase competition, save lives and improve the system. Glad to see our legislation pass Congress and look forward to it becoming law."

The legislation would remove barriers in OPTN contracting and give the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) statutory authority to improve management of the organ transplantation system in the U.S. As the current OPTN contract is set to expire, the new contract procurement process must begin this fall, making the proposed changes urgent and timely for HRSA to make meaningful reforms. Earlier this week, the House passed H.R. 2544 under suspension with a voice vote.

Last year, the Finance Committee revealed consistent mismanagement and underperformance by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the organization that has held the contract since its inception decades ago. In March, HRSA launched an initiative to modernize the OPTN so it better serves patients and families.

Additional co-sponsors include Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.).

Spartz Issues Statement On Checkoff Amendment: I Will Stand With American Farmers, Not Big-Ag Corporate Cartels

Representative Victoria Spartz, issued the following statement in response to personal attacks from checkoff-financed industry boards working to defeat her amendment to the Agriculture Appropriation Act - part of improved checkoff transparency and accountability efforts in the Farm Bill reauthorization.

"It is deeply concerning that these farmer-financed unaccountable boards resort to sexist personal attacks to prevent transparency into their slush funds. Despite their supposed non-lobbying status, they have been engaging in a smear campaign and backdoor lobbying against me," said Rep. Spartz.

"As a farmer myself, I understand the importance of promoting our commodities at home and abroad as well as more opportunities for smaller farmers. However, I see more and more corporate cronyism in agriculture with highly paid executives promoting just a few monopolies mostly owned by Brazil and China in some ag sec-

tors, which are using child labor provided by Mexican cartels. We must demand transparency for roughly \$1B in mandatory fees taken annually from farmers by the federal government and given to executives like USDA Secretary Vilsack who was paid about \$1M per year between his Obama and Biden jobs by one of these boards. Glad to see that my colleagues listened and decided not to move this ag appropriation bill this week before Farm Bill reauthorization in violation of regular order."

The checkoff is a mandatory fee that many U.S. farmers pay every time they sell any of 22 major commodities for research and promotion purposes. Checkoff programs were originally voluntary where farmers could check off a box to pay into the shared fund, but eventually Congress made these fees mandatory. These programs collect roughly \$1B annually and have been involved in a number of abuse and corruption scandals over the years.

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press, there wasn't freedom of speech, and he wanted to mimic what we had in America. And if we are doing this here, we set the tone for every other country to also do the same. And it's kind of an American centric view, but it really is true. So many countries in the world look to America for policy, for rules, for amendments in their constitutions as well. And so that's why this is very important. If we don't have free speech here in America, we can't guarantee that other countries will have free speech."

Paula concluded that it took her "a lot of time and reflection and prayer to get to the point where I was open to speaking out and

understanding that this is what God wants me to do and where God wants me to be. Every single time I do an interview I remind myself of who this is for. It's for the greater good. It's for the young girls that don't have voices. It's for the women that we don't know who are going to be affected by this yet. And it's really staying grounded and that this is not one individual person being upset about losing out on opportunities or losing in a race or whatever it might be. This is a thing that we have to stand up for everyone. And it's not about one individual person's experience. It's for the greater good of women in society."

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being out of shape and become less active to avoid experiencing them. These signs and symptoms shouldn't be ignored. Speak with your healthcare provider if you experience any of these symptoms and discuss any activities you are avoiding due to breathing difficulties.

Risk Factors and Diagnosis

Anyone can develop COPD, but people aged 40 or older and those who smoke or used to smoke are at higher risk. Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of COPD, however 1 in 4 people with COPD never smoked cigarettes. Secondhand smoke, air pollution, workplace exposures to dust, fumes and chemicals, and a genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) are also causes and risk factors for COPD.

People are often diagnosed at later stages of COPD when the disease has progressed because they delayed sharing their early symptoms with their healthcare provider. Everyone with risk factors and those experiencing early warning signs should talk to their healthcare provider about any breathing issues. It's especially important for women to do so. Because COPD has been historically thought of as a "man's disease" or an "old person's disease," women are sometimes misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis. But overall, more women are affected by COPD than men and the death rate is higher in women. In addition, women tend to develop the disease at a younger age.

To diagnose COPD, the healthcare provider will evaluate symptoms, gather a complete health history, conduct a health exam and perform a pulmonary function test called spirometry. The results of the spirometry test can determine if you have COPD.

Lifestyle Changes

In addition to treatment, certain lifestyle changes may make a difference, as patients living with COPD know firsthand. After being diagnosed with stage 2 COPD in the wake of a COVID-19 infection, Bob F. partnered with his doctor and started monitoring his breathing at home and leaned into exercise. His hard work has paid off, with his last pulmonary function test showing that the disease has not progressed, and he is in better overall shape than before.

"Most of the advice you should follow is no different than what doctors tell us all. Eat right, exercise, sleep, drink plenty of water, manage your weight and don't smoke. If you do these things, you may slow the progression of your COPD," says Bob.

But you shouldn't wait until a COPD diagnosis to make these changes. Lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke and reducing your exposure to air pollution may reduce your risk for developing COPD. If you are experiencing shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms, do not delay talking to your healthcare provider about your symptoms or COPD risk factors. For more information about COPD, visit Lung.org/COPD.

Court Affirms Juveniles May Be Tried As Adults

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team prevailed this week in an Indiana Court of Appeals case over whether juveniles accused of serious crimes may be tried as adults — successfully arguing that violent offenders must be held accountable.

"In Indiana, we don't believe in coddling criminal defendants," Rokita said. "Our office handles more than 1,000 criminal appeals cases each year, and we will continue working tirelessly to keep dangerous offenders off the streets. Hoosiers deserve to feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods."

The case decided by the Court of Appeals this week

involved defendant Montez Ellington, now 17, who allegedly fired gunshots into a car at a gas station in 2021 — killing 15-year-old Chloe Carroll.

Rokita thanked his team for their excellent work on behalf of Hoosiers — specifically naming Deputy Attorney General Ellen Meilaender and her supervisor, Angela Sanchez, who oversees the Criminal Appeals Division.

"Adult criminal courts have jurisdiction to adjudicate criminal charges filed against juveniles who have been waived out of the juvenile court system," Rokita said. "Thanks in part to our team's strong efforts, the Indiana Court of Appeals has affirmed this important principle."

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her smartest choice.

If your wife's FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, waiting until her FRA to claim will result in getting her full personal amount first and then later her maximum entitlement (including her spousal boost). If she claims now, her later payment (which includes her spousal boost) will be less than half of your FRA amount. If your wife's life expectancy is at least average, waiting until her FRA to claim will likely yield the highest cumulative lifetime benefits.

But if your wife isn't working full time, by claiming now (vs. at her FRA) she would get her reduced personal benefit for an extra 2 years. If you divide the amount your wife would collect over those two years by the difference between her current benefit amount and her maximum spousal amount (half of your FRA entitlement), you will see how long it would take for your wife to recover those 2 years of benefits. And if her life expectancy is less than that length of time, then claiming earlier is likely the right move.

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Top Tech to Enhance Education

6 devices to boost the back-to-school experience

FAMILY FEATURES

One of the days of paper and pencil being the necessities for learning. Schoolwork has gone digital, meaning it's time to gear up your students for success with the top tech that keeps them connected in the classroom and beyond.

From kid-friendly smartphones and earbuds to connected wearables and devices that keep learning fun, consider these on-trend solutions as your kids head back to school. Find more schooltime tech by visiting Qualcomm.com/snapdragonbts.



Power At-Home Productivity

Students (and parents, too) can accomplish more after school like homework, studying and socializing with the Dell Inspiron 14 laptop powered by the Snapdragon 8cx Gen 2 Compute Platform. Equipped with the Qualcomm AI Engine, this processor enhances audio and visual experiences. Effortlessly multitask and shift between apps without sacrificing speed or battery life, given the power-efficient processor that helps deliver long battery life even in thin, light and quiet designs that don't require a loud, hot fan.



Listen and Learn

Whether students are listening to prerecorded lessons, immersing themselves in audiobooks or simply enjoying some favorite music while completing schoolwork, high-quality earbuds can help block out noise for maximum productivity. For example, the Moto Buds 600 ANC Wireless Earbuds feature Snapdragon Sound technology that delivers advanced wireless audio quality. A game changer for wireless audio, it eliminates the gap between wireless and wired connections for high-resolution music and synced entertainment.



Keep In Touch During Schooldays

Hectic schedules during schooldays and workdays can leave parents feeling out of the loop. When your children are ready for a ride home or a practice, game or activity gets canceled, ensure you can be the first to know by keeping them connected with the OnePlus 11 5G powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform. It combines power with effortless elegance and is driven by extreme hardware with Dolby Atmos Speakers, Dolby Vision, 80W SUPERVOOC Charging and 3rd Gen Hasselblad Camera for Mobile.



Stay Connected

Send kids to the classroom and stay connected with a modern smartphone featuring a throwback look that may call to mind your own days at school. Thoughtfully designed to allow users to capture, create and interact with their device, the Motorola RAZR runs on the powerful Snapdragon 8+ Gen 1 Mobile Platform with a modern, ultra-pocketable design. It offers an efficient battery with ultra-fast charging and the largest external flip phone display.



Opt for Kid-Friendly Wearables

If a smartphone is a bit too advanced for your little learners, an age-appropriate smartwatch that keeps them connected may be a better fit. Empower kids to be kids with an option like the Snapdragon Wear 4100-powered Verizon Gizmo Watch 3 with a range of benefits from 4G LTE cellular connectivity to games and GPS-safe zones. This smartwatch is designed with safety and fun in mind without the distractions of a smartphone so you can have some peace of mind while keeping students focused in the classroom.



Reward Making the Grade

Custom-built to be the ultimate Android gaming handheld, the Razer Edge with the purpose-built Snapdragon G3x Gen 1 platform delivers unrivaled performance. Combined with a 144Hz AMOLED display for clarity at high speeds and a Kishi V2 Pro console-quality controller, it allows for sustained performance so users can game for hours with high-quality graphics and high frame rates. Specifically designed and optimized for gaming with an active-cooling fan, it unleashes high framerates over long play sessions.