

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)



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What makes Austin Boyer smile? "Everything in the community. I love Noblesville so much," said the Noblesville resident. He was born in Noblesville, attended Hazel Dell Elementary School and Noblesville West Middle School and graduated in 2018 from Guerin Catholic High School and in 2022 from Franklin College in Franklin, Ind., with a degree in business management. He is a property and casualty insurance agent at Gordon Insurance in Noblesville, where his mom, Dawn Boyer, is a longtime employee hired by Dick Gordon. Most recently, Austin Boyer (and Jack Mosley) were awarded Rookie of the Year Agency from Smart Choice Insurance Brokerage network. Austin Boyer earlier this spring was found volunteering at the Serve Noblesville booth at the 2023 Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's Noblesville Taste of Business. "Seeing all of this and all of the people here from Noblesville, I just enjoy it," said Boyer, who has volunteered with Serve Noblesville for almost a year. Serve Noblesville, which has grown from 100 to 1,200 volunteers, is a partnership of neighbors, faith groups, businesses and organizations whose goal is to connect compassionate neighbors by organizing community events to create a sense of pride. He helped the nonprofit roll out a new Serve Neighbor Membership this year. For more info, visit www.servenoblesville.com. Also, the Boyers' employer, Dick Gordon, is the founder of the Bridge of Flowers on Logan Street Pedestrian Bridge in Noblesville. The nonprofit is having its first Noblesville Bridge of Flowers Gala from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday on the Logan Street Bridge with tickets available at <https://noblesvillebridgeofflowers.com>.

And Another Thing...

1. Your final 2 weeks to register for GLOW in the Park!

Glow in the Park 21+: Friday, September 22. Glow in the Park Family: Saturday, September 23. We're less than 3 weeks away from the most lit night at the AMP! With 2-nights to choose from, you can make it a 21+ night (September 22) with friends and neighbors, or bring along the whole crew for Family Night (September 23). Each night you're in for a rave-style, dance party featuring Live DJ's, UV Paint splashing, breakdancing, and food & beverages. Wear all white apparel to highlight your streaks of color and if not, we'll have GLOW in the Park merchandise for sale on site! Take a look at our "Know Before You Go" FAQ's to help you best prepare to light up the night during GLOW in the Park! Don't wait to the last minute, as GLOW is a historically sold out event!

2. Introducing Campout at the AgriPark on October 7

Our 33-acre working, urban farm will welcome families and groups for AgriPark Camp Out on October 7 & 8. Group registration (up to 6 people) includes a 25-foot by 35-foot grass area for tent or canopy, personal fire pit, a movie in the park, games and activities, and a continental breakfast the following morning. Each family or group needs to supply their own tent, food and snacks, drinks, and sleeping gear. No pets, alcohol, or fireworks allowed. Registration is \$75 per group (up to 6 people) per camp site for Fishers residents. The non-resident rate per group per camp site is \$112.50

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The storefront of Moonshot Games on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square is decorated for Noblesville High School's Homecoming Week this week.

Let's Celebrate NHS Homecoming Week



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

It's Homecoming Week in Noblesville.

The merchants' storefronts are decorated in downtown Noblesville, and it's time to get into the school spirit.

Noblesville High School students kicked off Spirit Week on Monday with "Class Color Day." Seniors wore blue, juniors were in red, sophomores in white and freshman in purple. Tuesday, NHS students put on their western gear, including cowboy hats and boots, and highfalutin city garb for "Country vs. Country Club Day." Wednesday, the high school was a "Barbie World" as students were invited to dress like Ken and Barbie, and in pink. Today (Thursday), "Teen Beach Movie" (I love that 2013 movie) is the theme, with stu-

dents invited to dress like Bikers vs. Surfers, just like the musical movie. And Friday is "Black and Gold Day."

Most of the Homecoming activities are happening Friday and Saturday.

NHS students will enjoy a break from classes to watch or compete in a Mini Olympics games competition on Friday afternoon at The Mill. Students interested in competing usually sign up in a lottery to be a competitor.

Just after the Mini Olympics, students will begin lining up with their various groups, school band, choirs, dance team, athletic teams, school clubs and homecoming court.

The Homecoming Parade steps off at 4 p.m. Friday with Kent Graham as grand marshal. Graham is a retired teacher, track and cross-country coach at NHS. The parade -- which will have student floats, NHS alumni and 50-year team floats -- trav-

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Fishers Native Conducts An Inventory Assessment While Serving Aboard USS Boxer



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Connor Burns courtesy of DVIDS

Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Dat Phan, a native of Fishers, Indiana, conducts an inventory assessment in a locker aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4), Aug. 30, 2023. Boxer is a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship currently underway in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations.



Photo courtesy of Westfield Welcome

Hopefully your pups will show a little more cheer than this silly doggo. We look forward to seeing spooky dogs on October 7.

Start Your Fall With Barktoberfest

Westfield Welcome is excited to announce that Barktoberfest, presented by Community First Bank, will return to Asa Bales Park on Saturday, October 7th, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Bring your furry friend for an amazing dog-themed afternoon. Let your pup take on the agility course, shop the pet-related vendors, and the pet costume contests run at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. You can take advantage of professional pet portraits, caricatures, and adopt adorable pets from the Humane Society booth. You can also design your own collar bow with the Westfield High School Animal Club.

This year, the Humane Society of Hamilton County will collect items frequently needed in the shelter, such as Easy Cheese, canned dog and cat food, 55-gallon trash bags, and plush dog toys. These donations will help ensure the daily operations of the shelter. Donating earns attendees a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three gift baskets worth over \$100 each. Raffle tickets from the Humane Society will also be available for \$5 per ticket.

"Everyone loves Barktoberfest; it is by far one of our most popular events. It's a great way to kick off the fall season with the entire family," said Westfield Welcome Director Kayla Arnold.

Tickets are \$5 per person, and ages three and under must reserve a free ticket. Dogs will not need a separate ticket. Tickets for Barktoberfest are available now by clicking here.

Free public parking will be available at Westfield High School.

More information can be found at: westfieldwelcome.com/barktoberfest.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
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High: 75 °F
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Today is...

- Eat a Hoagie Day
- Gobstopper Day
- National Coloring Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1985 The Golden Girls Make Their Television Debut. The popular American sitcom about 4 single and older women living together in a Miami, Florida house ran for 6 seasons on NBC. The main characters in the show were played by Beatrice Arthur, Estelle Getty, Rue McClanahan, and Betty White, each of whom won the Emmys for their acting in the show. The series also won 2 Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Comedy Series and 3 Golden Globe Awards for Best Television Series.
- 1959 First Man-Made Object Successfully Lands on the Moon. Soviet space probe Luna 2 was also the first man-made spacecraft to land on any celestial object
- 1956 IBM 305 RAMAC is Released. The 350 RAMAC was the first computer with a disk drive and was primarily targeted towards business that did real-time transactions.

Births On This Day

- 1983 Amy Winehouse English singer-songwriter
- 1879 Margaret Sanger American activist

Deaths On This Day

- 1982 Grace Kelly American actress
- 1901 William McKinley American politician, 25th President of the United States

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Everyone should know their Body Mass Index (BMI) – adults should be less than 25. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at thetimes24-7.com



HONEST HOOSIER

Went to Big Lots the other day and they asked me if I wanted to pay 10 cents extra for a bag to put my stuff in. When did that start?



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures."
-Henry David Thoreau

TODAY'S JOKE

How do you treat the bird flu?
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How about the swine flu?
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OBITUARIES

None



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank WILLIAM LYNCH for subscribing!



Hamilton County Actors Go Back To 'Kindergarten'



Photo courtesy of Epilogue Players

(Above) Not everyone is on board when it's time to let your hair down in Epilogue Players' production of "Everything I Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten," a musical comedy based on the writings of Robert Fulghum, directed by Hamilton County resident Daniel Scott Watson. The cast includes Phoebe Aldridge (from left), Josh Rooks, Hamilton County resident Jason Creighton, Marie Beason, and Julie Dutcher, who play multiple roles, telling stories about life and lessons from their youth. The show runs today through Sept. 24 at Epilogue Players in Indianapolis. Reservations at www.epilogueplayers.com. (Below) The cast includes Hamilton County residents Heidi Moranski (from left) and Kevin Shadle, and Serita Borgeas and Julie Dutcher



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Rollercoaster Ride Of 20 Years And Still Going



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

A date came and went quietly several days ago . . . and we purposefully did not make a big deal out of it.

Our little media company started its 20th year. Hard to believe. The list of naysayers who said we wouldn't make it a month, a year, two years and so on is pretty long – heck, some of them even worked for us. And Lord forgive me, but I hope some of those words are a little hard for them to swallow today. That's not how The Man Upstairs wants me to feel – but only He knows how hard this has been. Fear not though, dear reader, this isn't going to turn into a pity party. It's a celebration – a quiet one, but a celebration nonetheless.

First, let's review. Any new business has the deck stacked against it. Those of you who are entrepreneurs, God love you, know that all too well. So when we started, we knew the odds were long. However, we were young (well, we were then) and foolish and stupidly unafraid. Still, that first year was Ugly – with a capital U. We bled red ink faster than the Titanic took on water – and that's pretty much how it felt for a while. But then, things started getting better. The monthly financial losses began shrinking. Year two wasn't as bad as

year one – and year three improved a bit more. And in year four, well, the sun started to peek through the storm clouds . . . and we started talking about becoming profitable – which means sustainable.

It was 2008 and things were looking up . . . until they weren't. Our world, and the U.S. economy suffered what was called the economic heart attack moment. Lehman Brothers fell in September, triggering several banks to go under. Suddenly, everyone was scared – and businesses that are scared tend to cut back on things . . . like advertising.

We went from inching toward profitability back into hemorrhaging ink of the red variety.

But we didn't give up. We bounced back quickly and 2009 rewarded us with our very first profitable year. And more followed. And more.

And then the pandemic hit.

And the print newspaper industry started falling apart.

Were we cursed?

Was it Churchill who said when you're going through hell, keep going? We followed that advice just like successful entrepreneurs have been doing forever. We forged ahead. We adapted.

Most importantly, we survived.

Hello, year No. 20.

The list of people to say thank you to feels almost endless – but it has to start with the owners of the company. Without

them, none of this would be here. Second are the folks who produce what our industry often calls the daily miracle. That includes all of the ones on board today and a whole lot of others who helped us get here. It definitely includes you, dear reader and you Mr. and Mrs. Advertiser. Without you and your financial support, none of this matters. And lastly, but most importantly, we thank The Aforementioned Man Upstairs. From our very beginning we have made no bones about being a conservative, Christian company. Heck, we publish a prayer on our front page – what else would you expect?

There's some debate internally about making this a year of celebrating. Not sure if we'll do that or not. We've never been real big about tooting our own horn. But a couple of decades does seem like a big deal. All I do know is that we'll do what my favorite coach – former NHS tennis coach Rich Clouse – used to tell us: Keep on keeping on. Thanks to you, we're able to do exactly that.

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

How Green Is Burning Man?



Dear EarthTalk: I've heard a lot about the Burning Man festival of late. Can you shed light on just how "green" or not-so-green this event really is?

Burning Man, the annual arts and music festival held in the middle of Nevada's Black Rock Desert, has garnered global attention for its avant-garde art, radical self-expression, and the temporary city it builds each year, called Black Rock City. However, when it comes to the festival's environmental footprint, opinions are as diverse as the event's attendees' eclectic outfits.

One of the most substantial biggest environmental impacts of Burning Man is transportation. Attendees trek from all corners of the globe to reach the remote desert location, and many do so via gas-guzzling vehicles, resulting in a significant carbon footprint. Some burners mitigate this impact by carpooling, arriving by bus or bicycle or participating in organizer-led ridesharing programs.

Building a temporary city for tens of thousands of people necessitates a considerable number of resources. Construction materials, generators, and fuel for transportation within Black Rock City are among the many

necessities. While efforts have been made to reduce waste and reuse materials, the event's construction process still takes a toll on the environment.

Burning Man preaches a "leave no trace" ethos, asking participants to pack out everything they bring in. Most attendees cooperate, but instances of litter and improper waste disposal do occur. The event provides recycling and composting options, but managing waste in such a remote location is a challenge.

Powering the numerous art installations, camps and events at Burning Man also uses substantial energy. Strides have been made to use solar and other renewable sources, but the event's overall energy usage is significant. Some burners bring solar panels and promote sustainability within their camps.

A hallmark of Burning Man is its striking art installations, many of which are temporary and may not prioritize long-term sustainability. Some of these creations are burned during the festival's climax, releasing emissions and creating waste.

Despite these environmental challenges, the Burning Man organization has made strides in recent years to address sustainability concerns. They have initiated programs like

the "Green Man" theme camp, which focuses on environmental education and sustainable practices. Additionally, a Sustainability Department was established to promote eco-friendly initiatives and reduce the festival's environmental footprint.

Furthermore, attendees themselves play a crucial role in shaping Burning Man's environmental impact. The "Leave No Trace" principle is taken seriously by many, and countless burners are actively working to reduce their ecological footprint and promote sustainable practices within the temporary city.

Burning Man is a unique event with a complex environmental profile. While it undeniably leaves an imprint on the environment, it also serves as a platform for discussions on sustainability, artistic expression and community building.

-CONTACTS: Burning Man, burningman.org; Burning Man breakdown: How much pollution is the festival emitting? thestreet.com/travel/burning-man-breakdown-how-much-pollution-is-the-festival-emitting.

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It Takes A Village: Loyal Volunteers Help Run Ascension St. Vincent

By Christy Heitger-Ewing
Westfield Chamber

It takes a village to raise a child. The same could be said for running a hospital. Without the dedicated people who volunteer their time and energy, patient care at such institutions simply wouldn't be the same. According to Allysha Smith, Program & Volunteer Manager at Ascension St. Vincent, the Carmel location has roughly 45 regular volunteers, some of whom hold multiple positions (e.g., working in the Women's Center, volunteering as a NICU cuddler). Potential volunteers fill out an application that includes such things as background info and current vaccination status. Following a background check, they are interviewed.

"A lot of our volunteers are retired community members who still want to pursue their passion," says Smith. "We try to coordinate their interests with the areas they work in."

Typically, volunteers work one day a week, either mornings from 8-12 or afternoons from 12-4. If a volunteer serves in a dual role, however, he or she might work eight hours a day.

"I have one volunteer who sits outside the Women's Center to greet patients and visitors as they come in. Then in the afternoon she works inside the Women's Center," Smith says.

Volunteers are required to be at least 15 years old and commit to working for a minimum of six months. This past summer, Ascension St. Vincent saw an influx of student volunteers from Carmel High and surrounding schools, which they loved.

"This enables students the opportunity to explore the healthcare industry and see that there's more to the healthcare field than being a physician or nurse," Smith says. For instance, there are X-ray technicians, phlebotomists, and numerous non-clinical roles.

"Getting that firsthand experience is great. These students are so intelligent and have worked out so well. Departments are over the moon to have them here," Smith says. "This is a great steppingstone for them to get their foot in the door with Ascension. These youth volunteers may someday become Ascension employees."

Brenna Ford, Senior Public Relations Specialist for Ascension St. Vincent, is thrilled to see so many of their volunteers come from Westfield.

"We're grateful they spend time with us," says Ford. "They've made such an impact, especially during the COVID pandemic, which put all of healthcare into a complicated situation. During that time, our

providers were very busy, and our hospitals were overwhelmed, but our volunteers made a difference and continue to make a difference as we come out of those pandemic protocols."

Smith agrees, noting how critical volunteer roles were at a time when healthcare staff were overextended and stressed. Volunteers stepped up to greet patients or walk them back to their rooms, offering them compassion and kindness. This gave the nursing staff short breaks to get a drink of water, grab a snack or just rest for a few minutes before tending to the next patient.

Kelly Burns (name changed to protect patient) was delighted by volunteer Tom Jeffers and the gentle way he put her and her husband at ease upon their arrival at the hospital.

"Tom initially got us from the lobby, took us back, got my husband's weight, and made sure we had everything we needed," says Burns. "Tom asked if I wanted coffee or something to drink, and when it was time to go home, he wheeled my husband out to the door where I picked him up. Tom is such an amazing and personable volunteer."

Ascension St. Vincent has been utilizing volunteers since 1881. In fact, there's a note from a payroll book dated December 1882 in which a gentleman named James Waters offered his services to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent's Infirmary free of all claims and without wages. History notes from Ascension St. Vincent report that volunteers were offered a free meal and at times even a free bed.

The St. Vincent Hospital Guild was organized in 1933 and beyond fundraising, the women volunteered, often focusing on women and children. A "Ladies of Charity" group was organized in 1946 by the Guild to do charity in the local neighborhood. They bought a house across the street from the Fall Creek location but sold it in 1976. The first Director of Volunteers was appointed in 1959, Candy Stripers were introduced in 1960, and the Red Coats was created in 1969 for male volunteers.

The staff at Ascension St. Vincent is grateful to be a part of the Westfield Chamber as that partnership has allowed them to network and meet other members of the community.

"It's a great networking opportunity that opens so many doors for us," Ford says.

Ascension St. Vincent Carmel is located at 13500 N. Meridian Street, Suite 155, Carmel, IN 46032. For more information, call 765-456-5699.

Noblesville And Zionsville Lions Continue Acuity Testing At Hinkle Creek Elementary



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

Over 300 3rd and 5th grade students were tested. This is testing required by the State of Indiana, and saves time for school nurses. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents. Pictured, Lions Bill Kurtz, Walt Scheid, Dan Dumbauld, Steve Stage, Lee Ann Balta, Gary Hipes, Julia Kozicki, Ron Williamson, and Steve Shaw.

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Indiana Officials Expect — And Encourage — More Hoosiers To Use 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline

The state's crisis hotline currently answers nearly 4,000 calls per month, and could go up as awareness increases.

By Casey Smith
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana officials are renewing their push to make Hoosiers aware of the 988 suicide prevention hotline, although more funding will be needed to further expand the state's crisis response system.

One year after the federal crisis number was rebranded and relaunched as 988, Indiana reported one of the highest in-state response rates for calls. The state's crisis hotline answers nearly 4,000 calls per month.

Dr. Daniel Rusyniak, secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), said during a news conference Tuesday that "with more awareness, we're going to receive additional calls."

I think everyone, at some point, is touched by mental health crises, suicides, substance use disorder. And so I do think what we're doing is so impactful — Dr. Daniel Rusyniak, FSSA secretary

For now, that's a good thing, he said. Many Hoosiers still aren't aware that 988 exists — meaning they aren't being connected to necessary, sometimes life-saving resources.

"Since we launched 988 last July, we have seen tremendous benefits already — both in the number of folks who are reaching out to call to us that we can help, but also in our numbers. He noted, too, that Indiana routinely is in the top five states for connecting callers with a local counselor," Rusyniak said.

"I think everyone, at some point, is touched by mental health crises, suicides, substance use disorder," he continued. "And so I do think what we're doing is so impactful."

More help for Hoosiers

A September 2022 report from the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission estimated that one in five Hoosiers experience mental illness each year, and that for every four Hoosiers treated for mental illness, one additional Hoosier is left untreated.

Between 2011 and 2021, the age-adjusted

suicide death rate per 100,000 residents jumped 22% in the Hoosier State, from 13.5 deaths to 16.4 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The 988 line launched nationwide in July 2022 as the new number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Since then, calls have skyrocketed, jumping from 161,678 dial-ins in February 2022 to 404,194 in February 2023. Texts to the line have also increased by 700%.

The federal government made the initial investment but states are responsible for funding the local call centers. Indiana's crisis system has so far been funded with \$133.6 million in federal funds, along with an additional \$100 million provided by state lawmakers earlier this year in the current two-year budget.

Currently, 988 call centers in Gary, Muncie, West Lafayette and Indianapolis are on a single telephone platform, which ensures that they are able to answer calls regardless of where they are initiated from, said Kara Biro, FSSA's director of behavioral health crisis care.

Previously, when the call centers were divided up across Indiana 92 counties, more heavily-populated areas experienced more calls, which meant a potential for longer wait times.

Biro emphasized that the transition to a statewide platform now ensures that callers reach a crisis specialist "as quickly as possible." The average speed-of-answer is about 10 seconds, she said.

Additionally, Biro noted that Indiana has "very few" calls that are sent back to the national backup line. If a call isn't answered in a state call center, it's instead forwarded to the 988 national line instead.

New funding means call centers no longer run on volunteers only. Indiana's call centers are responsible for hiring their own staff — some in-house, and some remotely — and "they're all hiring at this time," Biro continued.

She said, too, that more

crisis specialists are still needed to cover additional shifts and to help take on an expected increase in calls as 988 awareness increases.

Crisis specialists working at call centers are trained to help and support individuals through any type of crisis. That could include thoughts of suicide or substance abuse, as well as crises stemming from new jobs, unemployment, financial instability, and relationship or family problems.

Oftentimes, crisis specialists provide "a listening and empathetic ear" to individuals experiencing a crisis before connecting them to local resources and crisis intervention services, Biro said.

"But a big thing that we're trying to ensure the community is aware of is that we're not defining what that crisis is. It is not up to me to define when you're in a crisis," she said. "It is important to ensure that our community, and the people in our state, feel that no matter what their crisis looks like, no matter how big or small, that they can reach out to 988 for support. No crisis is too big or too small to reach out for support."

With federal and state funding, the goal is to have a comprehensive, three-part crisis system in place by 2027.

State officials maintain that additional funding will be needed to build out the current system even more, however. Some of that could come from grants applied for through the federal government, but other appropriations will have to be decided by the state legislature.

One possibility for this is to add a fee on cell phones similar to what is used to fund 911.

"We have our call center, assuring that an individual in crisis has a safe place to call where, you're going to have a trained professional and an empathetic year," Rusyniak said. "But we know that a comprehensive crisis system has to have more than that, because there are going to be individuals who call who are going to need more resources than we can provide on a telephone."

More mobile crisis services on the way

The state's next area of focus is on mobile crisis response teams, Rusyniak said. That way, teams of trained mental health professionals can provide services — in-person and onsite — to Hoosiers who need more help than what's available via the 988 call line.

Jay Chaudhary, director of FSSA's mental health and addiction division, said it's "really important" for Indiana to have those mental health-focused teams, which can respond to crises anywhere within a community.

"They go out to people — they meet people where they are. These are peer-led, oftentimes being led by behavioral professionals," Chaudhary said. "Most importantly, that will look different depending on where they are, but they'll share a common thread of delivering therapeutic, evidence-based, culturally-competent crisis response services around the state."

Four mobile crisis pilot programs launched last year and have so far helped crisis teams respond to roughly 100 calls per month across 16 counties. Chaudhary said state officials and health professionals are now making plans to further expand their efforts.

"Our system is built on the philosophy of 'no wrong door.' This is really important," he said. "This means that no matter who you are, what your crisis is, what your diagnosis is, whether or not you can pay, our system will be available to you, and our providers understand that's our baseline expectation — that they have to help anybody that comes to them for help."

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The storefront of Noblesville Antiques on the Square along Ninth Street on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square is decorated for Noblesville High School's Homecoming Week this week.



Photo courtesy of David Heighway

The Noblesville High School Class of 1957 float is featured in a 1956 NHS yearbook photo, courtesy of Hamilton County historian David Heighway.

els through downtown Noblesville, via west on Logan Street, north on Ninth Street, east on Monument Street.

Noblesville High School has had class floats in the Homecoming Parade since 1952, according to Hamilton County historian David Heighway's research.

Sadly, there will be no class floats this year during the Homecoming Parade.

Class officers will still be recognized in the parade and each class will also make banners that are hung at the school and at the Homecoming football game. New this year will be a class competition for banners.

The Homecoming varsity football game against Zionsville Eagles kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday at Beaver Stadium. Tickets are \$7.

Before the game, the N Zone fundraiser will open in Tailgate Town,

the south parking lot of Beaver Stadium, with proceeds going to Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. Burgers from Ford's Garage will be served while food lasts. Resmer and Ryan Orthodontics is sponsoring. "Ten dollars gets you a burger and hanging out for some fun," district spokeswoman Marnie Cooke said.

There is also a Homecoming Dance for students this week. So we'll likely see students in downtown Noblesville, dressed in semi-formal wear and posing for photos around the Square this weekend, and local restaurants will also likely be busy with dinner reservations before the dance.

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2. How old is Lawrence County?

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3. How many live in the county, but not in Bedford?

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4. What is the population density of the county?

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Answers: 1. About 29 percent 2. 201 Years 3. 32, 721 People 4. 103/sq mi

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Did You Know?

- Lawrence County was formed in 1818 from land given by Orange County. It was named for Capt. James Lawrence, who uttered the famous words "Don't give up the ship." after being mortally wounded during the War of 1812.
- The population in 2010 was 46,134 with 13,413 residing in the county seat, Bedford
- The first trace of settlement in Lawrence County was near Leesville, however, Bono was the first settlement in the county.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 451.93 Square miles

Got Words?

Lawrence County is home to Spring Mill State Park in Southern Indiana. What impacts do you think the state park has on leisure, business and tourism for the county's residents?

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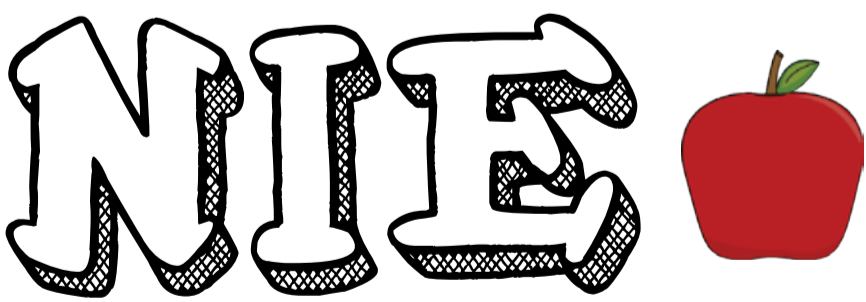
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