

TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Hamilton Happenings

Just before Valentine's Day and in the midst of American Heart Month, Fishers Parks department presents the Heart Hike at Ritchey Woods. The walk is set for Feb. 10 and gives everyone a chance to get outside and take this annual community hike with your neighbors while finding images on the nature preserve's trails that show heart shapes in nature. Stick around after your hike to warm up by the campfire at the Ritchey Woods shelter. This event is free and will run from 9 to 11 a.m. No registration required. All are welcome.

Three Things You Should Know

1 On Feb. 8, 1971, Leroy "Satchel" Page was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Famed slugger Joe DiMaggio said Paige was the "best and fastest pitcher I've faced." Even so, it took Paige 50 years to be honored by the Baseball Hall of Fame as the first Negro League veteran to earn the recognition. According to History.com, Paige was a pitching legend known for his fastball, showmanship and the longevity of his playing career. He pitched an estimated 2,500 games, had 300 shut outs, and 55 no-hitters. In one month in 1935, he reportedly pitched 29 consecutive games.

2 IDEM is taking applications and nominations for the 2024 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1. Citizens, government agencies, businesses, organizations, and educational institutions are invited to submit nominations on behalf of others or apply for the award themselves. Nomination forms and instructions are available at idem.IN.gov/partnerships/governors-awards-for-environmental-excellence/. Eligible projects must have occurred in Indiana and been implemented in 2022 or 2023. The awards will be based on project innovation, measurable results, and transferability.

3 The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that most farm loan borrowers will be able to make payments to their direct loans online through the Pay My Loan feature on farmers.gov this month. Pay My Loan is part of a broader effort by USDA's Farm Service Agency to streamline its processes. The Pay My Loan feature can be accessed at farmers.gov/loans.

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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

Valentine's Day: By The Numbers



With thanks to our good friends at **WalletHub**, here's a look behind the candy hearts, sentimental cards and romantic intentions at Feb. 14, Valentine's Day!

\$25,800,000,000

Lovesick shoppers shell out more than \$25.8 billion in Cupid's name each year. That makes Valentine's Day the third-priciest holiday on the calendar for U.S. consumers.

2X

Men will spend almost twice as much as women, on average, for Valentine's Day 2024 . . . Gee, we wonder what their motivations are!

XOXO

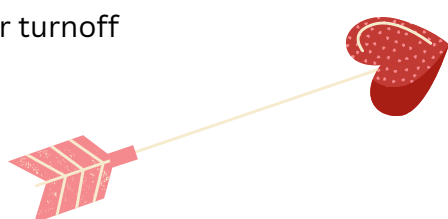
45-50-60

45% of people expect their Valentine to spend at least \$50 on a gift, according to WalletHub's 2024 Valentine's Day Survey. But 60% of people also think irresponsible spending is a bigger turnoff than bad breath.



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The percentage of Americans who plan to give a gift of experience (an evening out) this year.



\$369 to \$118

The longer the relationship, the less money spent. For people in relationships of two years or less, they plan on spending \$369 for the holiday. For those in relationships of two to five years, they are aiming for \$207. At five to 10 years, the cost drops to \$187 and for those at 10 years or longer, it's \$118. Hmmmmm. What does that tell you?



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you having trouble remembering things? Perhaps you're not getting enough sleep.

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

"Love is not only something you feel, it is something you do."
David Wilkerson

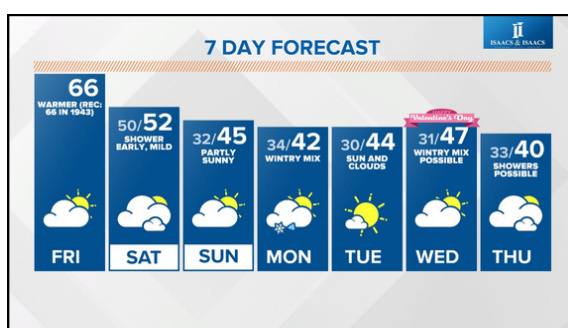
TODAY'S JOKE

What message is on candy hearts for cats?
"You're purr-fect!"

OBITUARIES

None

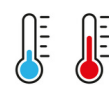
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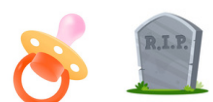
Today is...

- Lincoln's Birthday
- Paul Bunyan Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1994** Edvard Munch's "The Scream" is stolen. The iconic painting, one of a series of four, was recovered several months later.
- 1912** The last Emperor of China abdicates at the age of 6. Puyi was expelled from the Forbidden City after a military coup in 1924. He died on October 17, 1967 aged 61.



Births On This Day

- 1876** 13th Dalai Lama
- 1809** Abraham Lincoln. American lawyer, politician, 16th President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- 2000** Charles M. Schulz - American cartoonist
- 2000** Screamin' Jay Hawkins - American singer-songwriter, producer, actor

County Preparing for Influx of Visitors, Eclipse

The Total Solar Eclipse will take place in Hamilton County at 3:06 p.m. on Monday, April 8. Each community in Hamilton County is within the path of totality for more than three minutes, which officials say will draw hundreds of thousands of visitors to our communities. The sky will begin to change at 1:50 p.m., with totality at 3:06 p.m. The sky will return to normal at 4:23 p.m.

Duration by community:

- Arcadia 3 minutes, 4 seconds
- Atlanta 2 minutes, 55 seconds
- Carmel 3 minutes, 29 seconds

- Cicero 3 minutes, 15 seconds
- Fishers 3 minutes, 38 seconds
- Noblesville 3 minutes, 27 seconds
- Sheridan 2 minutes, 50 seconds
- Westfield 3 minutes, 18 seconds

Hamilton County has not experienced a total eclipse in more than 800 years. Unlike 2017, Hamilton County will experience totality – meaning it will be night in the middle of the day. To learn more about how to stay engaged - and safe - during this once in a lifetime experience, visit VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

Heights' 7th Graders Wrap Up Big Year



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

The seventh graders went 19-4 on the season and beat Noblesville West twice.

The 7th Grade Boys Basketball team had a very exceptional season this year. The boys finished an outstanding 19-7 on the year. With impressive wins vs. Noblesville West twice, Kokomo twice and had an amazing performance in the MIC tournament to beat the undefeated 15-0 Logansport Berries at home who had gotten the best of them earlier in the season. "Each and every boy reached new heights in their abilities on and off the court," said Coach AJ Field. "We strongly hit academic success throughout the year, stressing details and asking for help in the classroom when needed. They all impressed me with their growth in the classroom as the season went on. On the court we strongly stressed our mental focus and discipline. Starting the year off we were winning games but struggled to put together a complete game. As time went on we pushed each of the boys mentally, finding that next gear on the court. We put focus and effort into the little details that go into winning games, and we eventually got to that

point during our last nine games. Through that final nine game stretch, we were 8-1 with our only loss being to Fishers in the County Championship game." Field gives a shoutout to his "college" coaching staff: Austin Nicole, Derrick Dean, and KJ Williams. "They did an amazing job, bringing a sense of intensity and a huge few sets of helping hands and different sets of eyes to help see things that I could not see," Field continued. "We all became very close and had a great deal of fun watching all of the boys grow on and off the court, and that was all thanks to their help. I also want to thank our cheer squad who were steady source of spirit and support for the team." At the end of the day, noted Field, "the boys played some outstanding basketball this season. They are a very promising group of boys, and I cannot wait to see what they do as a team in the coming years. Along with that, I know that each of them will do great things for this world as time goes on. I am extremely proud to be called their coach."

Self Unawareness



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

After I finished a game of pickleball the other day, a woman approached

me and asked if she could give me a hug. I glanced at her husband who nodded approval of her intended gesture.

"What's that for?" I asked.

"I read your column every week and I just think you are the most self-deprecating guy in the world."

"Thanks," I said, cautiously. I assumed and hoped that was a compliment. She went on to say—and rightly so—that the best humor is when you make fun of yourself. Of course, I also skewer my wife, but most of the barbs I write are directed at me.

I thanked her for reading my column, not realizing that my ability to self-deprecate would soon be put to the ultimate test.

Last night I was trying to figure out how to download podcasts. That way, I wouldn't have to pay for data if I listened to them while out jogging. My sister, who is very patient with me, had already spent about 20 minutes on the phone the previous week explaining the process, but I had forgotten everything she told me. I had no clue how to do it.

Linda's son, Barry, is a computer wiz, so I assumed that some of his savvy had rubbed off on her. Of course, the rubbing should go in the other direction: your kids don't rub off on you, you are supposed to rub off on them. In any case, compared to her son, Linda was out of her league when it came to computers.

Nevertheless, she

proceeded to explain everything to me again. She suggested I take notes this time, to lessen the chances I'd pester her a third time during her California vacation with the family.

Half an hour later I finally had the process down pat. "Thanks, Linda," I said, and I shut off the phone. Or so I thought. And my sister made the identical mistake. I could still hear her talking to her son and daughter-in-law.

"How's Uncle Dick?" asked Barry.

"Oh, he's fine. But let me tell you something: if you ever want to stop feeling stupid, talk to someone stupider."

Yes, that's what she said. My own flesh and blood...whom I love dearly, and thought she cared for and respected me. I wasn't going to take this lying down. But I did. I fell on the floor laughing. I understood exactly what she meant. I also knew this had potential for a column and I remembered what that woman said to me at the pickleball courts. Self-deprecation! Self-deprecation!

How would I respond to this moment? Well, first I called Linda back and told her that I heard exactly what she said to Barry. At that point Linda began laughing hysterically. I guess that was her way of apologizing.

After we hung up, I realized I wasn't finished milking this situation, so I sent her this text: "Linda, like you, I would like to feel smarter by talking to someone dumber than me. The problem is that right now I can't think of anyone I could call."

Be warned, dear reader: if you ever see my name on your caller ID, consider why I might be trying to reach you.

Indiana Journalism Advisor of the Year



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools / Sam Dean

TOP DOG!

Congratulations to Noblesville High School teacher Joe Akers, who was recently named the Indiana Journalism Advisor of the Year by the Indiana High School Press Association. The NHS broadcast news staff was also awarded top honors for the second consecutive year, one of only two schools in the state with that distinction. Several newspaper, broadcast and yearbook students were recognized by the IHSPA for excellence in journalism

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FOR THE RECORD

CARMEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability is scheduled to meet Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. at the Carmel Clay Public Library, Board Room, 425 E. Main St.

CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT MERIT BOARD

The Carmel Police Department Merit Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 4:15 p.m., or Immediately Following the Executive Session (Whichever is Later) in the Caucus Room, Second Floor, City Hall, One Civic Square.

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COPAYS AND DEDUCTIBLES MAY APPLY

It's good to have enough, isn't it?



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My husband, Peter, and I are headed out to Mexico again, and before we do, I thought it was a good time of year to check in with some folks I care about, to see how 2024 had been treating them so far. First, I had dinner with my oldest friend, Andrew. He told me about his mother, who lives alone and has been feeling her 92 years. Her activities are becoming more limited, and she may move into a smaller place. She's figuring out what she is still able to do, and how much is enough. Andrew prepares taxes, and so this is about the last chance I would get to see him in three months, even if I were not leaving for Mexico. He will be working long hours, making most of the money he makes in the year in a short time, and still caring for his mom. "Take care of yourself!" I say because Andrew is single, and I worry he won't get enough rest. I worry he will eat poorly. "I do!" he insists. I don't know if this is true. But I hope he gets enough food and sleep and sunshine during this season of cold and gray and taxes. Then I had lunch with Dane, the cousin who is closest in age to me. This is quite a distinction, because I have 36 cousins. Dane is good about calling me up when he is nearby so we can have lunch. He didn't have a lot of news. Work was going as well as could be expected. He'd had two flat tires hauling a trailer across the country. Dane's sister had successfully nagged him into scheduling a physical and making a will. "You need to have regular physicals!" I told him.

"I know. I've got one scheduled." I did not ask how long it had been since his last one. "I'm getting my teeth cleaned, too," he added, as if he read my thoughts. I was glad to hear he was taking care of himself (with his sister's urging). Then Dane said something unexpected. "I realized the other day how unimportant money is to me." This was a surprising thing for him to say. Dane works hard for his money. He gets up before the sun and does a lot of hard labor and drives a trailer in adverse weather. He's a guy who paid off his mortgage early, doesn't buy new furniture and doesn't take a lot of vacations. "Oh?" "I found a \$20 bill on the sidewalk. I picked it up, and it was wrapped around two \$100 bills." "Wow. Any idea where it came from?" "No idea. I kept it, but I felt bad. Someone was missing a lot of money and I just felt bad there was no way of getting it back to them." I looked at my cousin. Like me, he was getting older. Like me, he had a pretty good life. "It's good to have enough, isn't it?" I said. Dane nodded. Dane is happy with what he has, and he has enough. Peter and I are leaving for Mexico soon. We'll be staying in our little one-bedroom apartment, and I'll be writing at my little green Formica desk. It's not the fanciest place. It's nowhere near as nice as the homes of most of our friends. But every night our landlord, Jorge, will greet us and the colorful suns hanging from the walls around us will smile at us and we will know we have everything we need. We have more than enough. Till next time, Carrie

Hamilton Heights School Corporation February Update



DR. ARROWOOD
Guest Columnist

We are in the middle of National School Counseling Week (first full week in February) and are taking this opportunity to honor the incredible and meaningful work our school counselors do each and every day. They play a central role on the school support team and are vital resources who work to ensure a healthy, positive, and safe school environment for students to learn, achieve school success, and plan for a career. We are grateful for the impactful role, service, and support provided by our school counselors - Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy (HHES), Chelsea Pacheco and Sabrina Duncan (HHMS), and Lori Watson, April Baugher, and Rebecca Johnson (HHHS). Thank you for all your work in helping to build a positive school climate and changing lives, one day at a time. We are also celebrating Black History Month. Our school community is committed to creating an inclusive learning environment for all our students, regardless of race or ethnicity. Our students, staff, and community can benefit through culturally relevant teaching, learning, and activities centered around the rich cultural heritage, achievements, sacrifices, triumphs, and the essential role of African Americans in shaping our country. Please join us in embracing this opportunity for growth by engaging your children with meaningful conversations about Black History Month at home to better understand and appreciate the countless Black individuals who have given their gifts and their lives in pursuit of a society that is free, just, and equitable for all School Resource Officer (SRO) Appreciation Day is coming up next week (Thursday, February 15) and I want to share a note of gratitude to our amazing SROs - Deputies Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and Kevin Neal. They serve as an important bridge between our students, law enforcement, and our community. They

are engaged, involved, help protect our campus, and provide a safe environment for our staff and students. Moreover, they are inspirational mentors, advocates, and role models. The lasting relationships they build with our students and staff are lifechanging. Thank you for your presence, commitment, and service. This year's annual Kindergarten Roundup will take place on Thursday, February 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Husky Hangout at the elementary school. Registration opens on Friday, February 23. Our Kindergarten educators are phenomenal in providing an exceptional blend of engaging, inspiring, and fun learning experiences that are the building blocks of early literacy, socialization, communication skills, independence, and success in school for our littlest Huskies. Click [here](#) for more information on what you need to do to begin your child's educational journey at Heights. Mark your calendars to follow the yellow brick road to Hamilton Heights High School to enjoy our Drama Department's live production of the Wizard of Oz. This year's spring musical is a delightful adaptation of a timeless tale of a magical world over the rainbow in the Land of Oz. The play, directed by HS English Teacher and Drama Sponsor Brooks Myers, features a talented cast of high school and middle school student performers for three shows on February 16, 17, and 18. Tickets can be purchased online starting February 9 and at the door the night of the show. As a reminder, Monday, February 12 is our last scheduled Asynchronous E-learning Day and students should be prepared for a day of virtual instruction and learning from home.

Thank you for your engagement and continued support. #WeAreHuskies

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His columns appear periodically in The Times.

Heights' Gridder Signs with BSU



Photo credit: Jen Kauffman.

Hamilton Heights' senior Bodie Derrer has signed a letter of intent to play football for the Ball State University Cardinals in Muncie, Indiana, this fall. Derrer (seated) is pictured with his family (l-r): Kaden (brother), Rusty (father), Quentin (brother), and Lindsay (mother).

Bodie Derrer, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play football for Ball State University this fall. Ball State University is a member of the Mid-American Conference (MAC) and is a NCAA Division I athletic institution. He is the son of Lindsay and Rusty Derrer. Derrer scored an offer and opportunity to play college football and continue his education at Ball State University - one of the top universities in the state. BSU offers a robust and well-respected business program and highly competitive football program. "They have an excellent coaching staff that is committed to player development on and off the field," said Derrer, who plans to study business and major in finance. His goal is to pursue a career as a financial advisor and have his own firm. "I will have the opportunity to learn more skills to become a better athlete while still gaining a great education here." Derrer is as strong in the classroom as he is on the field. A Blue-Grey All American player, an Elite 111 Invite, named All Conference twice, Offensive Player of the Year and served twice as Team Captain of Hamilton Heights varsity football team. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and Bethel Lutheran Church. Derrer has had a deep passion for football from the time he first started playing in kindergarten. He began training at the XFactor QB Academy in Westfield, Indiana, with Coach Anthony Morelli in the 7th grade. Additional training with Coach Morelli over the years has helped increase Derrer's skills, accuracy, speed and knowledge of the game and a successful quarterback for Hamilton Heights. He credits his parents for their support and help in

achieving his dream. "I give thanks to them for everything they have done along the way. I also thank Coach Morelli for pushing me every day and believing in me." "Bodie Derrer is a tough, talented, and intelligent football player who thrived in his role at quarterback the past few years for the Huskies," said Jon Kirschner, Hamilton Heights High School Varsity Football Coach. "His hard work on and off the field helped him play a pivotal role in our run at perfection this past season which included a conference title, first undefeated regular season in more than a decade, and a chance at our first sectional title in nine years. His work ethic and passion for the game of football have allowed him to become an effective captain the last two years. Bodie is definitely going to be missed but I know he is going to do big things at the next level, and we wish him the best at Ball State." "We are excited for the opportunity in front of Bodie to play Division 1 football," said Kurt Ogden, Athletic Director, Hamilton Heights High School. "He is so passionate about the sport, and he's worked so hard. I don't know if I've seen another athlete make the kind of strides he made from his freshman year to his senior year. That's all attributed to the investment and commitment he made to his personal development as a quarterback. We wish him the best at Ball State." "I am very excited to live my dream of playing football at Ball State University," added Derrer. "I am truly grateful to Ball State for giving me this opportunity and to everyone who has supported and helped me achieve this goal."

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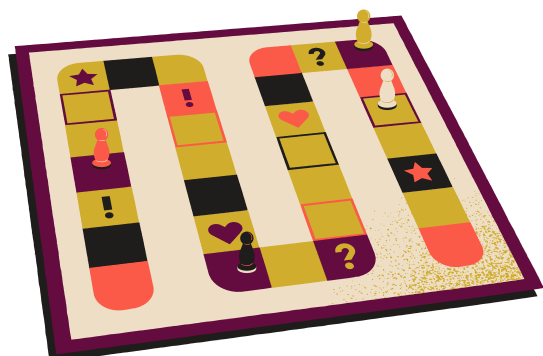
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FUN AND GAMES

Jordan Goddard, a Westfield resident, was named Hasbro's Innovator of the Year and one of the top 100 most influential people in the toy industry. He recently made an appearance at Stony Creek Elementary as the featured speaker at their recent Family Toy and Game Night. In addition to learning about toy and game development from Goddard, families also got to solve a puzzle breakout game, receive a free book and enjoy pizza.



Photos courtesy Noblesville Schools

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Kiwanis Builders Club Promotes Kindness



Photo courtesy Kiwanis Club of Cicero

From left, Todd Clevenger Kiwanis Club of Cicero President, Sami Nelson HHMS Builders Club Co-Advisor, Zoe Pickett Builders Club Member, Natalie Head Builders Club Member and Sophie Wright HHMS Co-Advisor.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero had the honor of hosting members of the Hamilton Heights Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club. Two Club members, Zoe Pickett and Natalie Head along with the club's two Leadership Program Advisors, Sami Nelson and Sophie Wright present on what the club stands for, what the members learn by participating and all the activities the club is involved in throughout the year. "As we continue to focus on creating a culture of kindness at Hamilton Heights Middle School and throughout our communities, we are excited to share some of the kindness acts

that are being submitted as part of our 'kindness chain' in the school," explained Nelson. "Club members are asked to right down a random act of kindness or a nice thing to say and all those put together in a chain for all the students to see and read." In addition to creating the kindness chain, club members raise funds for Riley Children's Hospital, the Diabetes Foundation, create "gifts of love" for the Hamilton Heights Elementary School students, helped five families during the school's annual Christmas Giving Tree and then there was the Taylor Swift Dance.

"Given all the publicity around Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce, the members decided to hold a Taylor Swift themed dance," explained Nelson. "The members collaborated with the middle school student government and there were about 150 students that attended the dance. Nothing but Taylor Swift songs and a lot of screaming and yelling!" The Hamilton Heights Builders Club focuses on students in fifth through eighth grades. The goal of the club is to develop leadership skills, improve self-confidence and learn life skills through service. The club currently has around 50

members and Nelson said these kids have amazing ideas and truly want to make the world a better place. When one of the club members was asked why they joined Builders Club their response was, "I joined Builders Club because I want to change the lives of the people around me." As students maneuver this in between stage of their life, Builders Club empowers them to be themselves, work together and implement plans through actions. "The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is proud

to sponsor these amazing middle school students so they can continue their leadership journey and make a difference in our communities," said Todd Clevenger, Kiwanis Club of Cicero President. "These phenomenal students continue to make an impact in their school and communities. The selfless work they do is truly inspirational, and we can't wait to see everything else they continue to do. These experiences will not only have an impact today but will instill in each of them a desire to make a lifelong commitment to service."

Lafayette-Built 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness Loves to Play, Whether Tackling Utah Desert or Indiana Snow



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

The last time I drove the 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness, it was 95 degrees in Utah where we were driving through desert and mountain trails. That bliss couldn't be further extinguished as I woke to 3" of snow and zero degrees in Indiana this morning. It's all good; the Subie loves to play no matter the weather, and the skills that made it an ace in the desert, kick it across snowy prairie.

I chisel away the snow and ice to get a fresh look at it. As with the larger Outback and Forester Wilderness, the most capable version of Subaru's compact crossover is distinguished by angry black body cladding, black anti-glare hood patch, and 17" matte black wheels shod in Yokohama GEOLANDER tires. The roof rack is rated 700 lbs. for pop-up tents. Anodized copper accents identify tow hooks and other

attachment points, so it's not all for show.

Check the digits. Wilderness models employ a 2.5-liter "Boxer" four-cylinder engine that routes 182 horsepower and 178 lb.-ft. of torque through a continuously variable transmission. All-wheel-drive is standard. A turbo would be nice, as would a geared transmission, but it's peppy enough and the transmission can be paddle-shifted through eight pre-set ratios for a more natural feel. Better, it can tow up to 3,500 lbs. – enough for a pop-up camper or small boat. Fuel economy rates 25/29-MPG city/highway.

Ready to warm up, I slide inside.

A giant 11.6" tablet-style touchscreen takes center stage, but proper volume and tuning knobs plus buttons for key climate functions add convenience. Devices connect wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Charge wirelessly too. Especially today, I'm a fan of the heated StarTex "vegan leather" seats that are all-day comfortable and easy to wipe clean. Crank the crisp 10-speaker Harman Kardon audio! Looking closer, I notice copper accents on the steering wheel, shift knob, gauges, and seat stitching. Open the hatch and flip down the seats to haul bicycles, plants, and hiking gear.

I'd love to engage in all of that, but my daughter must get to piano lessons.

The smattering of snow is no problem as the Crosstrek's ground clearance increased from the standard 8.7" to 9.3" for clearing ruts, logs, snow, and speed bumps. Dual Mode X-Mode, a traction control system that allows the car's AWD system to claw through deep mud/snow, employs hill descent control to automatically creep down steep inclines (in case you need such

things). The enhanced suspension is as adept at soaking up potholed city streets as articulating over rough trails.

Back on snowy pavement, it's comforting to know the Crosstrek Wilderness comes with an extensive suite of safety tech that includes automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise, lane keep assist, and blind spot warnings. Rear cross path detection with auto brake protects rear fenders while a new three-camera "EyeSight" system detects obstacles ahead and can even steer around them.

When snow falls hard, I love to drive around, busting drifts, and drifting just a little. It always seems the only cars out in snowstorms are Subaru and Jeeps, which closely mirrors brands most likely to actually go off-road. With a short wheelbase, enhanced capability, and substantial ground

clearance, the Crosstrek Wilderness is equally ready to play in the snow, tackle mountain trails, take dogs to parks, or get kids to class.

Base Crosstreds start at \$25,195, but our well-optioned

Wilderness came to \$35,560.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness

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 Towing: 3,500 lbs.
 Fuel economy: 25/29 mpg city/hwy
 Assembly: Lafayette, IN
 Base/as-tested price: \$25,195/35,560

Likes	Dislikes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-road capability • Angry style • Everyday practicality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No NAV • No front camera • Rambunctious powertrain

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RESTAURANTS

HHHS Spring Musical The Wizard of Oz - Feb. 16, 17, 18



Hamilton Heights' cast and crew of the Wizard of Oz are ready to entertain audiences for three live performances on Friday, Feb. 16 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb.17 @ 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 18 @ 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



Charles Wedmore/Scarecrow (sophomore), Chloe Westerfield/Tinman (sophomore), Kinley/Toto (HHHS ICAN Facility Dog), Hannah Beechler/Dorothy (senior), and Mason Johnson/Lion (senior) are pictured practicing a scene where the cowardly lion attempts to scare the group.



Photo credit: Jen Kauffman

Glinda the Good Witch (junior Anna Kauffman), right, is pictured in a scene where she is introducing Dorothy (senior Hannah Beechler) to the Land of Oz as Toto (Kinley, HHHS ICAN Facility Dog) looks on.

Members of the Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department cordially invite the community to follow the yellow brick road in its delightful production of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. This timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide. There, she encounters a host of whimsical characters: good witches, bad witches, animals that talk, scarecrows that walk, and things magical to behold.

The three special performances (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 16, 17, and 18) will feature many of the most beloved songs and moments from the 1939 classic film, brought to life onstage by our incredible cast of talented student performers. The production runs for about two hours with one intermission and promises to be fun for all ages.

The play is being directed by Hamilton Heights Theatre teacher, Brooks Myers, in collaboration with Jill Howell, Hamilton Heights Middle School/High School Choir teacher, members of the drama department, and students from Hamilton Heights Middle School. Tickets are \$6 and available online at <https://www.hhschuskie.org> beginning Friday, February 9. Tickets can also be purchased at the door before the shows. All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department. Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 State Road 19 in Arcadia.

Cast & Crew

Director
Brooks Myers, Hamilton Heights HS Theatre teacher and Drama Club Sponsor,

Assistant Director
Jill Howell, Hamilton Heights MS/HS Choir teacher

Characters
Dorothy Gale...Hannah Beechler
Aunt Em/Glinda...Anna Kauffman
Uncle Henry...Luke Steffen
Zeke Farmhand/Lion...Mason Johnson
Hickory Farmhand/Tinman...Chloe Westerfield
Hunk Farmhand/Scarecrow...Charles Wedmore
Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch...Jessa Steffen
Professor Marvel...Tquan Spencer
Wizard of Oz...Liam Shaffer
Guard...Leah Vanderwall
Winkie General...Stella Seall
Toto...Kinley HHHS ICAN Facility Dog

Small Ensemble
Tree 1- Brinley Flaherty
Tree 2- Rory Craig
Tree 3- Millie Inman
Crow 1-KateLynn Bishop
Crow 2-Morgan Beatty
Crow 3-Olivia Goldfarb

Munchkins
Mayor...Alexander Davis
Coroner/Braggart/Woman...Mary Rodgers
Teacher... Arianny Peters
Barrister...Bonnie Brock
2 Fathers/Leaders...Daniel Richardson & Zaelynn Hinshaw
Lullaby League...Stella Seall, Ariel Allwardt, Kyleigh Rose
Tough Guys...Abraham Martin, Hunter Wiles, Nolan Herman

Large Ensemble
Chloe Hoskins
Amelia Wiese
Selene Wiese
Madilynn Long
Kendra Billhymmer
Kenzie Whiteaker
Aubree Clinger
Zoe Kincaid
Penelope Irion
Layla Erickson
Kella Shaffer
Kinley Shaffer
Abigale Pouch
Angelina McMillen

Flying Monkeys
Ricky Munoz
Ethyn Huffman
Donnie Games

Trees
Chance Williams
Katie Herbert

Backstage Crew
Stage manager...Addison Webb
Asst. stage managers...Sage Dugger, Madi Pouch
Lights...Hudson Holt
Sound...Andrea Ward
Stage projector operator...Bella Mcdole
Set Crew... Brynn Frymier and Lillie Hooper

Want TO GO?

What: Hamilton Heights Drama Department Spring Musical

Title: Wizard of Oz Directed by: Brooks Myers, HHHS Theatre Teacher and Drama Club Sponsor

Featuring: Talent of Hamilton Heights High School and Middle School performers

When: Friday, Feb. 16 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb.17 @ 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb.18 @ 2:30 p.m. in high school auditorium

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FOR THE RECORD

NOBLESVILLE COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM
 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 ROLL CALL
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 23, 2024
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT
 MAYOR'S COMMENTS
 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS
 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
 PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCES
 #02-01-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #02-01-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES IN CHAPTERS 72 AND 78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION
 #03-02-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #03-02-24, AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE FIRE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND TAX RATE, AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING (JEFFREY SPALDING)
 #04-02-24 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #04-02-24, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO IC 5-13-9-5.7 (JEFFREY SPALDING)
 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION
 #1 COUNCIL TO HEAR INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION FOR A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TOWNES ON 238, A PROPOSED TOWNHOMES PROJECT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENFIELD AVENUE, EAST OF PROMISE ROAD (ATTORNEY JIM SHINAVER)
 MISCELLANEOUS
 #1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RC-4-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CARRY-FORWARD OF ENCUMBRANCES FROM THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR (CAITLIN MOSS)
 #2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RC-5-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NOBLESVILLE TOWARD ZERO PLAN (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 COMMON COUNCIL Mark Boice Mike Davis Evan Elliott David M. Johnson Darren Peterson Pete Schwartz Aaron Smith Todd Thurston Megan G. Wiles
 TRANSFERS
 #1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-01-24, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSITION (IAN ZELGOWSKI)
 #2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-02-24, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A SALT BARN ROOF REPLACEMENT (IAN ZELGOWSKI)
 COUNCIL COMMENTS
 ADJOURNMENT

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 9:00 AM
 Jack Martin, President John Ditslear Laurie Dyer Robert J. Elmer Rick L. Taylor
 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 BID OPENING: 2024 RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING CONTRACT
 BID OPENING: 2024 RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPING CONTRACT
 CONSENT AGENDA
 FOR APPROVAL
 #1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 23, 2024
 #2 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF JUDGMENT FOR 141ST STREET AND PROMISE ROAD PROJECT (EN-352) (JIM HELLMANN)
 #3 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTY DEED AND TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR PARCEL 4 FOR GREENFIELD OVER WHEELER DITCH CULVERT REPLACEMENT (EN-354-02) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #4 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR PLEASANT STREET, PHASE I (SACHA LINGERFELDT)
 #5 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF SECONDARY PLAT, MAINTENANCE BONDS FOR SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER, STONE, HMA BASE, HMA INTERMEDIATE, AND CURBS, AND PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR HMA, SURFACE, COMMON SIDEWALK, PATHS, MONUMENTATION, AND SIGNS FOR SILO RIDGE, SECTION 3 (JUSTIN HUBBARD)
 #6 BOARD TO CONSIDER RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR COMMON AREA TREES IN MILLERS WALK, SECTION 2 (JUSTIN HUBBARD)
 CONTRACTS/PURCHASES UNDER \$50,000 (APPROVED BY MAYOR OR DIRECTOR)
 #7 OCCUPANCY/USER AGREEMENT FOR MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT TRAINING (ASSISTANT CHIEF BRAD ARNOLD)
 #8 SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TESTING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, LLC FOR THE 2024 FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION PROCESS (ASSISTANT CHIEF URIAH EDDINGFIELD)
 #9 SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN JULOTA AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE USED BY NOBLEACT (DIVISION CHIEF JAMES MACKY)
 #10 SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN STRYKER AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF FIVE LIFEPAK 15 UNITS (DIVISION CHIEF JAMES MACKY)
 #11 SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VECTOR SOLUTIONS FOR LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT, AND SCHEDULING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (DIVISION CHIEF SCOTT HUNTER)
 #12 SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAVANAUGH MACDONALD CONSULTING, LLC FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES REGARDING GASB 68 COMPLIANCE RULES FOR THE CITY'S PENSION LIABILITY (CAITLIN MOSS)
 #13 CONTRACT WITH WILKINSON BROTHERS, INC. FOR MURAL CREATION AND INSTALLATION FOR PLEASANT STREET, PHASE I (JAYME THOMPSON)
 #14 AMENDMENT TO THE ON-CALL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WSP, USA (EN-381-01) (JIM HELLMANN)
 NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 #1 BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RB-8-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE FOR INDIANA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER TOWER PLACEMENT (JONATHAN HUGHES)
 #2 BOARD TO CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOBLESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROGRAM AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT-FUNDED CAR SEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY DIABETES EDUCATION (DIVISION CHIEF JAMES MACKY)
 #3 BOARD TO CONSIDER SPECIAL PURCHASE OF TWO CARDIAC MONITORS FROM STRYKER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (DIVISION CHIEF JAMES MACKY)
 #4 BOARD TO CONSIDER A THREE-YEAR RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH OPENGOV, INC. FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (JEFFREY SPALDING)
 #5 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES (EVELYN LEES)
 #6 BOARD TO CONSIDER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GREENFIELD CONTRACTORS FOR WESTSIDE SALT BARN ROOF (PATTY JOHNSON)
 #7 BOARD TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF THREE MAVERICK HYBRID TRUCKS FOR THE UTILITY (JONATHAN MIRGEAUX)
 #8 BOARD TO CONSIDER LIGHTING AGREEMENTS WITH DUKE ENERGY FOR THE PLEASANT STREET PROJECT (EN-231-31) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #9 BOARD TO CONSIDER PERMISSION TO CLOSE CHERRY TREE ROAD (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #10 BOARD TO CONSIDER PERMISSION TO CLOSE ROADS FOR THE VILLAGE AT FEDERAL HILL (JUSTIN HUBBARD)
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Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 8, 2024. A double-elimination tournament will be played June 10-18, 2024.
 * Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Registration Fee: 2024 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 20, 2024 from 8am-11am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast - more information will be sent closer to the event date. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

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