FRIDAY March 22, 2024

TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Hamilton Happenings

The annual Easter Egg Hunt + Bunny Visit will return to the Sheridan Public Library on Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Hunts will begin every 15 minutes. This event is for ages 10 and under. Children are encouraged to bring baskets or bags to carry eggs. For more information on upcoming events, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

Three Things You Should Know

The majority of couples opt for traditional weddings but there are those who go to great lengths to find unusual ways to wed. Some travel to Transylvania to tie the knot in Dracula's Castle and not so long ago a couple exchanged their vows in a ceremony that took place at the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal. Recently, Logen Abney and Tiana Ailstock in Verona, Ohio got married in the so-called "disco bathroom" of a local gas station. As Logen told Tiana, "from the first dance in this disco bathroom I vow to hop through life with you." The couple then pressed a red button to play what Logen called "the funk beats and

About a thousand years ago, on the seventh day of the Lunar New Year, the first "naked man festival" was celebrated in a temple in Oshu, Japan. Each year hundreds of loincloth-clad men assembled to pray for "a bountiful harvest, prosperity, good health and fertility." According to the chief priest of the Kokusekiji Temple, the site of the annual event, "this decision is due to the aging of individuals involved in the festival and a shortage of successors.'

mellow melodies, every

rhythm in life."

The cow was born with two heads. It happened in Cossinade, LA. The odds were not one in a million, as the saying goes; it was one in 400 million, says Eric and Dawn Breaux who own the cow. The condition is called polycephaly and the experts say most of the time critters are stillborn or live just for a few hours or days. The cow was still alive on day eight when the news of its birth made headlines. At the time, Mrs. Breaux told reporters: "She has trouble lifting her head but is holding it up more and more as she is getting stronger. She is not standing on her own yet so she is unable to nurse on her mom. We have been bottle feeding her from the start."

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Ask Rusty – Veteran Uncertain About Social Security and Healthcare Coverage



Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I'm not sure what I should sign up for in terms of Social Security: I am 64 and I am still employed full time and intend to stay employed until age 70. I am retired from the Navy and receive military retirement payments, and have military TriCare, as well as medical, dental, eye and life insurance through my employer. I don't want to lose benefits, but I also don't want to take Social Security until it reaches the maximum at age 70 (I think that is correct?). I will turn 65 in 4 months. Can you advise me?

Signed: Uncertain Veteran

Dear Uncertain Veteran:

First of all, thank you for your service to our country. From what you've shared,

and since you're still working full time, not claiming Social Security yet is a smart decision. If you were born in 1959 your full retirement age (FRA) is 66 years and 10 months and, if you claim SS before your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's earning test which would likely make you ineligible to receive SS benefits at this time.

The 2024 earnings limit (limit changes yearly) when collecting Social Security early is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). If you significantly exceed the limit, SS will

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How to Protect Yourself From Falling Victim to **Unreputable Contractors After Severe Weather**

It's severe weather season in Indiana and Indiana Farm Bureau wants to remind all Hoosiers that it's easy to fall victim to unreputable contractors - but it's just as easy to protect yourself by following some simple

WHO:

This issue affects any Hoosier with property damage or potential property damage due to severe weather.

See VICTIM Page A4

How to Avoid Hefty Smartphone Repair Costs

(StatePoint) From listening to music to watching movies, connecting with family to counting steps, Americans say in a new study that they depend on their smartphones like never before. And they are putting their money where their mouth is. The amount of money they spent on

See PHONE Page A3

Easter Egg Hunts, Live Theater, Music, Comedy, More on Weekend



BETSY REASON Columnist

Grab your Easter baskets and head for your ocal Easter egg hunts. Enjoy live theater featuring

Sheridan Middle and High

School's "Shrek The Musical," the comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong" at The Cat in Carmel, and Hyperion Players' comedy "Grand Horizons" directed by Noblesville's Nicole Amsler. Laugh with the Brick Room Comedy Club's comedy acts, sign up for spring break camps and buy advance tickets to view the Total Solar Eclipse. Read more about happenings in The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. See the smash hit farce, "The Play That Goes Wrong," at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and March 29 and 30, 2:30 p.m. Sunday

and Easter Sunday, March 31, at The Cat in Carmel, with reservations at ontnestage.tickets.

2. Enjoy live theater with the locally-based Hyperion Players' production of the former Broadway play and Tony-Award nominee, "Grand Horizons," a comedy directed by Noblesville's Nicole Amsler, at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Arts for Lawrence's Theatre at the Fort, with \$15 and \$20 tickets at hyperionplayers.com.

3. Get your seats for Sheridan Middle and High School Theatre Department's "Shrek the Musical," at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheridan Middle School with tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and younger, with tickets \$12 and \$7 at the door, at https://our.show/ sheridanshrek



Photo courtesy of Fast Cadillac

Enjoy live music with Fast Cadillac at 7 p.m. Saturday at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Put on your running shoes and head for Forest Park for Noblesville Parks and **Recreation Department's** free Easter Egg Hunt activities that begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 7:43 am SET: 7:59 pm



High/Low **Temperatures**

HIGH: 62°F LOW: 30°F



Today is...

- National Broccoli Day
- International Day of the Seal



What Happened On This Day

• 1997 Tara Lipinski becomes the youngest female figure skating world champion. The American athlete won the 1997 World Figure Skating Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland at the age of 14 years and 10 months.

release their first album. Please Please Me, which included the hit single "Love Me Do" is regarded as one of the greatest albums of all time.

• **1963** The Beatles





Births On This Day

• 1976 Reese Witherspoon -American actress, producer

• **1948** Andrew Lloyd Webber -English director, composer

Deaths On **This Day**

• 2009 Jade Goody -English nurse, author • 2001 William Hanna - American animator, director, producer, actor, co-founded

Hanna-Barbera



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." Lewis Grizzard



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

See your dentist regularly - dental

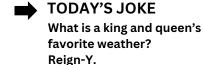
health problems like heart disease.

column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7. com

disease can contribute to a number of

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Elks Newly installed Officers

Noblesville Elks 576 held Installation of Officers for the 2024-25 year.

The new Exalted Ruler, Steve Vallier was installed by Past Indiana State President, Geoff Robinson. Noblesville Elks membership has grown and now has over 600 members.

The Noblesville Elks participates with many local organizations. One of the recent fundraiser held over the holidays was for Prevail. The Noblesville lodge supports our Noblesville Boys and Girls Club by providing and serving pizza twice a month and working with them on additional needs throughout the year.

Other ways the Elks make a difference in our community include Pets Healing Vets through the Hamilton County Humane Society, volunteering with the Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County,

Supporting IU PU
Cancer Research with
our Annual Golf Outing,
supporting the Emily
Yott Foundation locally
as well as many others.

Noblesville Elks sponsors many youth activities in our community as well. We will be having a 2 day rummage sale on April 20 and 21 from 9am-1pm as well as a Blood Drive on April 20 from 9am-1:30pm. Both these events will be open to the public.

The Officers who were recently installed include Steve Vallier, Phil Anderson, A.J. Snyder, Kim Koepher, Geoff Robinson, Mark Murphy, Lisa Robinson, Mike Huber, Jeff Brown, Blair Carmosino, Jerry Wides, Jason Snyder and Ed Koepher. Additionally awards were presented to: Officer of the Year-Sonny Ott, Elk of the Year- the late Christy Ott and Citizen if the Year, Brian Ayer.







Miller-Palooza raises \$130K for Education Foundation



Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dan Hile (left) and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen sing "Don't Stop Believing" during the 2024 Miller-Palooza on Friday night.



Photos courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Chamber of Commerce president Bob DuBois and his wife Natalie were among guests at Miller-Palooza.

Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's 2024 Miller-Palooza raised about \$130,000 last week in support of students and teachers at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. Dress code was "school spirit casual" with entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos from Felix and Fingers, plus food stations, drinks, silent auction and a brief awards program highlighting supporters of Noblesville Schools.

Samantha Karn Tabbed by Carmel

Mayor Sue Finkam appointed Samantha Karn to serve as Corporation Counsel for the City of Carmel. With extensive experience as legal counsel for municipalities, the healthcare industry and higher education, Karn will serve on Mayor Finkam's leadership team, and provide legal counsel to the Office of the Mayor and all city departments. Karn begins her role on April

"I am so excited for Samantha to join my executive leadership team and am grateful to have the legal counsel of someone with her extensive knowledge and experience. I look forward to working with her as a strategic partner on issues ranging from public safety to transparency in order to ensure that the priorities of my office are supported with expert legal counsel and care," said Mayor Finkam.

Karn previously served as Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis, serving as a Cabinet member and legal and policy advisor to former Mayor Greg Ballard. There, she managed the city's legal office and oversaw teams negotiating collective bargaining agreements, the modernization of the city's parking meter system and high-profile civil cases. For the immediate past six years, Karn has advised



Samantha Karn

employment matters for Ascension Health Alliance and spent the preceding four years in Vice President and General Counsel roles for the University of Indianapolis, managing a portfolio of diverse issues including university policy, risk management and compliance and associate relations.

"The Mayor is putting together an outstanding team, and I'm honored for the opportunity to bring my energy and experience to serve the City of Carmel in her administration," said Karn. "I am passionate about working on issues that impact citizens every day and look forward to being a part of the city's progress for years to come."

Karn is a graduate of Indiana University
Maurer School of Law and received her
Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University,
where she was a member of The
Roadrunners Women's Championship Little
500 Team. She is also a graduate of The Richard
G. Lugar Excellence in
Public Service Series.

Carmel Prevails in State Lawsuit

Carmel has prevailed in the lawsuit filed against the State of Indiana to challenge the unconstitutional special law that transfers Carmel's local income tax dollars to Fishers. Local income tax dollars are utilized to fund essential city services and infrastructure projects that are beneficial to residents of Carmel, and includes funding for public safety, resident programming, street paving and sidewalk reconstruction, among others. This unconstitutional law has harmed the City of Carmel and its residents since 2020 by taking Carmel's local income tax dollars and transferring them to Fishers.

"I am thrilled this violation of the law has been settled and would like to thank the Honorable Judge John M.T. Chavis, II for striking down this unconstitutional special law and affirming what Carmel already knew; this special law unfairly targeted only one city in the entire state -Carmel," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "If we had not prevailed it would have resulted in approximately \$56 million of revenues moving from Carmel to Fishers, dollars that would have deprived our residents of critical infrastructure needed for our city."

The Court stated in its Order that, "Curing the

evils of special legislation was the very reason why the Constitutional Convention of 1851 was convened. The Defendants have no cognizable interest in enforcing an unconstitutional law just as Fishers has no cognizable interest in receiving LIT Funds under an unconstitutional law."

With this ruling the State of Indiana, through its Department of Local Government Finance, must now once again follow the state's general law and begin distributing local income tax funds through Hamilton County to Carmel and Fishers in the same manner as it had for decades until 2020. The Court held that, "Whether labeling it the Defendants' failure to carry its burden to show that a general law cannot be made applicable or calling it Carmel's successful demonstration that the specified class's characteristics are not defining enough, the Fishers Transfer [of local income tax dollars] violates Article 4,

"We strive to have cooperative relationships with neighboring cities. However, when special laws are passed that overstep legal bounds and harm our community, we will act," added Mayor Finkam.

Section 23."



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taken center stage, with

owners spending five or

more hours a day glued

to their screens and the

overwhelming majority

saying their phone has

their digital camera. So

despite cost concerns.

completely replaced

it's no surprise that

smartphone owners

dealing with damage,

with 27% saying they

would initiate screen

to the importance of

everyday life. When it

buttons, 36% say they

to repair their phone,

broken microphones

The good news? With a

high-quality case, you

protection plan in place,

you can avoid hefty out-

can help prevent

damage, and with a

and 22% for broken

cameras.

30% for damaged

speakers, 29% for

would wait a day or less

their phones in

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don't delay when

many American

45% of smartphone

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declare you temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or earn less. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA. So, if you're now employed full time and plan to stay so until age 70, and you expect at least average longevity (about 84 for someone your current age), delaying until age 70 to claim Social Security is how to get your maximum Social Security benefit.

As for your healthcare coverage as a veteran: TriCare requires you to enroll in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient services) at age 65, but you do not need to take Social Security when you enroll in Medicare. You must, however, enroll in Medicare at age 65 or you will lose your TriCare (military) healthcare coverage. You could choose to delay enrolling in Medicare at 65 because you have "creditable" employer coverage, but

if you do so you will lose your current TriCare coverage and need to rely solely on your employer healthcare plan. In that case, you would still be able to enroll in both Medicare and TriCare-for-Life without penalty prior to your employer coverage ending and have coverage under both programs thereafter. I suggest you contact TriCare directly at 1-866-773-0404 to discuss your personal TriCare coverage after age 65. You can also go to www.TriCare4U.com.

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Whenever you enroll, Medicare will be the primary payer of your healthcare costs and TriCare will be the secondary payor. Your vision, dental, and prescription drug coverage would be through TriCare (Medicare does not cover those services) or acquired separately. Just remember, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to have TriCarefor-Life coverage after age 65.



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The Race to Repair Smartphones have

could not afford it.

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screen repairs surged to \$8.3 billion in 2023, nearly tripling the amount spent in 2018 (\$3.4 billion). In its latest Mobile Mythconceptions Survey, Allstate Protection Plans found that despite the rising amount spent on smartphone repair, Americans are actually damaging their devices less frequently. In the past 12 months, 78 million Americans reported damaging a device compared to 87 million during a comparable period in

Cost Conscious Consumers

2020.

Last year, the three most frequent accidents and malfunctions reported were: damaged screens (67%), Wi-Fi or connectivity issues (28%) and touchscreen problems (24%). When Americans do damage their phones, repair costs remain a significant concern for many. In fact, 49% of Americans would not repair a damaged smartphone that still functions due to the high costs involved. This could be in part due to sticker shock and misconceptions around the cost of smartphone ownership. The survey found that the average cost for repairs and replacements is now \$302, yet 47% of Americans think repairs cost \$150 or less. The top reason given by respondents who have damaged a smartphone for avoiding or delaying repairs was the cost, with 39% saying they

of-pocket costs when mishaps do occur. For information on plans, which cover repair costs on everything from battery failure and cracked screens to liquid damage and touchscreen failure, and which are available to both individuals and families, visit AllstateProtectionPlans.

Since the introduction of the smartphone, Americans have spent \$149 billion on repairs and replacements. By taking a few precautionary measures, smartphone ownership can be a much more affordable

prospect.

Easter Egg Hunt Tomorrow



The Noblesville Parks Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday at Forest Park Shelter No. 5. The hunt will be for children ages 3-10. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and include a DJ, pictures with the Easter Bunny and vehicles from the police, fire and street departments.

The annual event, which features more than 10,000 eggs, will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. Participants are split into three age groups: 3-4, 5-6 and 7-10. Children ages 2 and younger are invited to stop by the Parks and Recreation tent, where toddler-related activity bags will be handed out to the first 50 kids.

"The annual Easter Egg Hunt marks the first outdoor event of the year for our Parks and Recreation Department and we always look forward to seeing families and children enjoying the egg hunt, taking photos with the Easter Bunny and having fun in historic Forest Park," Recreation Program Coordinator Erin Hinshaw said.

No registration is required to participate. The event will be held rain or shine.

Prior to the hunt, the Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers has scheduled a pancake breakfast with all proceeds going to a local charity. The breakfast, which includes pancakes, sausage and juice, coffee or milk, will take place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Forest Park Inn. Cost is \$7 per person with no charge for children 6 and younger. For more information, contact the Noblesville Parks Department at (317) 776-6350.



FOR THE RECORD

RIVERVIEW HEALTH GOVERNING BOARD **MEETINGS**

PERSONNEL & FINANCE/ BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 25, 2024 6:45 p.m. −7:00 p.m. Hospital Board Room

APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• February 26, 2024 Personnel & Finance / Building

& Grounds Committee REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

(Need approval to forward to Board)

• Retirement Funding – 2023 Human Resources (Cheryl Schaefer and Amy Christianson)

• Phone System Upgrade Mike Mover, CIO

• HVAC Water Chiller Repair Update Scott Tripp,

AVP Support Services • Endoscopy ASC Scott Tripp, AVP Support

Services

• Noblesville Primary Care Nikki Swiney, CAO • Westfield Primary Care Nikki Swiney, CAO

CONSTRUCTION DASHBOARD Scott Tripp, AVP **Support Services**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, March 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Hospital Board Room

CALL TO ORDER **Board Chairman**

CONNECT TO PURPOSE INTRODUCTION OF NEW PHYSICIANS / APPs

- None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 26, 2024 Regular Session

- February 26, 2024 Executive Session

QUALITY REPORT Eric Marcotte, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF Mario Pyles, M.D., President, Medical Staff

- Medical Staff Credentials

REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DOUG MYERS, CFO

- FEBRUARY 2024 STATISTICAL & FINANCIAL **RFPORT**

COMMITTEE REPORT

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- RETIREMENT FUNDING 2023
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- POLICY APPROVAL HPP.215 FALSE CLAIMS ACT

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- PILLAR UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS

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- BOARD STRUCTURE

- BYLAWS - 5TH AMENDED **ADJOURNMENT**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, March 25, 2024 Hospital Board Room 4:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Strategic discussions permitted under IC § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) Competitive marketing strategies permitted under

IC § 16-22-3-28(C)(3) Engage in strategic planning under IC § 16-22-3-28(C)(4)

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WHAT:

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance wants to ensure that their clients, and all Hoosiers, choose a reputable contractor for property damage and don't fall victim to a company looking to take advantage of them.

WHY:

Unfortunately, after a large severe weather incident, such as we experienced yesterday, some contractors will use this as an opportunity to take advantage of those who have experienced property damage. There are steps that Hoosiers can take to help ensure they are choosing a reputable contractor.

WHEN:

After a storm, there is no shortage of contractor options available to choose from. Some companies will go door-to-door in affected neighborhoods to take advantage of residents who are vulnerable and who've just experienced

property damage.

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MORE:

Additional sources of information that you may find helpful:

Insurance Institute of Indiana. President Marty Wood, (317) 464-2455, MPW@insurance institute.org http://www.insurance institute.org/

National Insurance Crime Bureau. Disaster Fraud (2024). Disaster Fraud. Retrieved from https://www.nicb.org/pr event-fraudtheft/disaster-fraud.

Office of the Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita (April 2024). Protect yourself from Storm Chaser Scams, Tips from the Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita.

Retrieved from https://www.in.gov/atto rneygeneral/consumerprotectiondivision/files/Storm-Chaserswebversion_4_24.pdf.

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A conversation From The Upper Room





CHUCK you to bring Guest Columnist

me during" such a busy season," the Jerusalem landlord said to his young apprentice. "Your task was simply to retrieve enough water to last us through the Passover celebration,"

"Azahmar, I

don't know

possessed

fellows to

what

"Sorry, Sire. But their mission seemed so urgent. Something told me to bring them to you." Azahmar responded.

"Oh, don't apologize. I

want to thank you. I found their requests compelling enough I let them have the largest of our rooms to prepare for Passover, Was I surprised when their eclectic band arrived?! Never has the upper room hosted such a variety of men with such camaraderie: fishermen and carpenters, a tax collector, and a doctor. The personalities are so opposite: the sons of Thunder, the Beloved One, and the impetuous Simon Peter. All are so different yet drawn together with such unity. The Nazarene displayed a calm leadership that I had never seen before."

"Again, Azahmar, I thank you," he continued, "Because of your initiative, I have witnessed true worship. When the Nazarene led them in song, it was like the psalmist David was touching the very heart of God. This experience has kindled in me something beyond the joy of the Passover

"How so, Master?" Azahmar questioned. "What could be more exciting than celebrating the deliverance from Egypt and walking with Moses

to the Promised Land? This encounter has

allowed me to walk with

the very Son of God, the

Messiah, into new

promises and expectations. You, Azahmar, have become an instrument of change in God's hand. Because of this, I am rewarding you with greater responsibilities in my household. But know this: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord beyond the comfort of religious tradition."

The landlord continued, "As we speak, such an active faith stirs disapproval and unrest in the streets. The rich enthusiasm of the Passover Feast became silenced as He broke the bread and assigned new meaning of suffering to it. Even in the sanctuary of our upper room, I overheard Jesus speak of betrayal and death.

Pledges of allegiance rallied from the close band of the twelve. But fears of impending doom creeps into my heart. I don't believe they are capable of tallying the cost of such loyalty."

"I worry, Azahmar. What is to become of this glorious crew as they descend the steps and wander into the night toward Gethsemane?"

"Will they scatter like sheep when the

shepherd has fallen?" Chuck Clore writes and

does illustrations for

Sagamore News Media.







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- 4. Experience a night of comedy with Shanda Sung tonight and June Dempsey on Saturday at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit thebrickroom.cc for tickets.
- 5. Enjoy live music with Sam King tonight, Fast Cadillac at 7 p.m. Saturday, open mic night on March 28, Don Clarkson on March 29, The Dead Squirrels on April 5, Chris Baird on April 6, Primeval Eclipse Party 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 8 with outdoor beer garden with eclipse viewing and a Coffee Cream Ale using coffee from Noble Coffee & Tea, Robyn & Steve on April 12, Jason Dozier on April 13, Noblesville Creates (Nickel Plate Arts) Fairyville April 17-20 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.
- 6. Experience Winter on the Prairie 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily through March 26, except Mondays at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Program highlights the beauty of winter. Also, warm up by the hearth while taking in smells of the food on the fire, play parlor games and more. Visit www.connerprairie.org.
- 7. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville offers Mushroom Clay Class, at 6 p.m. today, **Eclipse Platter Painting** Class at 6 p.m. Saturday, Friending Frenzy at 5 p.m. Sunday, Stoneware lesson of Starry Night at 6 p.m. March 28, Couples Cabin Retreat at Mystic Waters Campground March 29-31, Taylor Swift Bingo Trivia and Paint at 6 p.m. March 30, Couples Wheel classes at 3 p.m. March 31, Sip and Paint at Primeval Brewing at 6 p.m. April 2, Mirable Meet and Paint at 4 p.m. April 5, Family Paint Day with Compassionate Roots at 11 a.m. April 6, Highland Cow Class at 5 p.m. April 7 p.m. April 7, Sip and Paint at Chilly Water Taproom at 6 p.m. April 9, Sip and Paint at Klooz Brewz at 6 p.m. April 11, Squishmallow Plates at 6 p.m. April 12, with classes at the downtown shop, unless noted otherwise, with reservations at kilncreations.net.
- 8. Visit Always in Stitches and five other shops on the four-day Indiana Quilters Trail Shop Hop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday.
- 9. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Booze Hounds Bluegrass at 7 p.m. Saturday, Steve Fulton at 7 p.m. March 30, Jennifer Mlott at 7 p.m. April 6, solar eclipse viewing at 1 to 5 p.m. April 8 with free eclipse glasses for safe viewing, Jeff Brown at 7 p.m. April 13, cookiedecorating class at 2:30 p.m. April 14, at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville,. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com

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10. Put on your running shoes and head for Forest Park for Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Easter Egg Hunt activities that begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the hunt at 11 a.m.. Activities at Shelter 5 include bounce houses, a DJ, and vehicle tours from the Noblesville Fire Department and Noblesville Police Department. The Easter Bunny also will make a special appearance. The egg hunt includes three age groups for ages 3-10 (3-4, 5-6 and 7-10). Children ages 2 and younger are invited to stop by the Parks and Recreation tent, where toddler-related activity bags will be handed out to the first 50 kids. Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers will host a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the egg hunt at Forest Park Inn from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., featuring pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk, for \$7 per person (ages 6 and younger are free) with proceeds to go to a local charity.

- 11. Attend a fun, free indoor Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Visit for ages 10 and younger 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Sheridan Public Library, with egg hunts every 15 minutes.
- 12. Enjoy donuts and an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel. Donuts are at 10 a.m., with egg hunt at 11 a.m. After eggs are collected, children receive a treat bag and listen to the reading of an Easter story.
- 13. All kids are welcome to a Community Easter Egg Hunt with candy, bounce houses and the Easter Bunny at 1 p.m. Saturday at Six Points Church in Sheridan, with age groups separated for safety.
- 14. You get to ride a train for this Easter happening. A farmer has misplaced some eggs and is pretty sure the eggs are somewhere on the Nickel Plate Express. Board the train this Saturday and Sunday and March 30 for a little rail adventure as you roll through Hamilton County's northern countryside to see the trees in bloom while enjoying a snack and a springtime story. Rides with Easter Bunny and the farmer last 65 minutes and also include drink and cookie, leaving Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot in Noblesville, with tickets at nickelplateexpress.com.
- 15. Kids ages 11 and younger and their families are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Sunday at River of Life Church in Fishers, with Easter Bunny photos available.
- 16. Families are invited to an Easter Egg Festival with food and drink and

- pictures with the Easter bunny and games and prizes from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Carpenter Realtors office at 11475 Fishers Pointe Blvd. in Fishers.
- 17. Noblesville Jim
 Dandy's annual Easter
 Kids' Night is 5 p.m. to 8
 p.m. Monday with
 Fabulous Face Painting,
 coloring contest, activity
 table, a chance to meet
 the Easter bunny and
 kids eat free with paying
 adult.
- 18. Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville members can sign up for spring break day camp March 25-29 and April 1-5, at \$100 per week, plus \$60 membership fee with signups at www.bgcni.org.
- 19. Noblesville Parks & Recreation's spring break day camps offer games, crafts, activities are March 25-29 and April 1-5, with reservations at noblesvilleparks.org.
- 20. Get your tickets for the 35th annual Hamilton County Passion Play "Behold the Lamb" on stage 7 p.m. March 27-29 and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. March 30 at Noblesville High School Auditorium. Tickets are free with \$1 per ticket online fee and are on sale now at https://www.beholdthela mb.com/
- 21. Enjoy an Easter breakfast buffet and meet the Easter Bunny for a photo opportunity from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 30 at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Remember to bring your own camera to capture the memory, with event tickets at connerprairie.org. By purchasing Breakfast with the Bunny tickets, you will also receive Springtime on the Prairie grounds tickets.
- 22. Bring the kids out to the annual free Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. March 30 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge No. 540, with a White Elephant Sale and auction to follow. Some eggs will contain special prizes. Moose Lodge has a huge, beautiful lawn to run and find Easter eggs.
- 23. Heads up to Bingo players for Charity Bingo Nights put on by Love of Labs Inc., at 5 p.m. today at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.
- 24. Mix and mingle with fellow Hamilton County Young Republicans at 5:30 p.m. March 27 at Grindstone Public House in downtown Noblesville, with appetizers provided.
- 25. Save the date: Total Solar Eclipse viewing at various locations throughout Hamilton County with tickets needed for most events.
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Matt Hartzburg (left) as Brian and Chris Otterman as Brian's father, Bill, rehearse for the locally-based Hyperion Players' production of the former Broadway play and Tony-Award nominee, "Grand Horizons," directed by Noblesville's Nicole Amsler, today through Sunday.



Photo courtesy of The Cat

See the smash hit farce, "The Play That Goes Wrong," at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and March 29 and 30, 2:30 p.m. Sunday and Easter Sunday, March 31, at The Cat in Carmel, with reservations at onthestage.tickets.



It's Put Up or Shut Up Time for Purdue



Columnist

conclusion of CBS Sports Network's Bracket THOMPSON Breakdown show

Near the

Sunday night, analyst Gary Parrish was explaining why he was choosing Purdue to win the national championship.

Off camera, a hearty laugh from one of the panel expressed his belief in the absurdity of picking a team to win a title after three consecutive seasons of losses to double-digit seeds in the NCAA Tournament.

It's put up or shut up time for the Boilermakers.

Purdue has a once in a generation talent in Zach Edey, who on Wednesday became only the third Purdue player to earn consensus All-America honors in backto-back seasons. The other two? Terry Dischinger and Rick Mount.

Edey is the nation's leading scorer at 24.4 points per game. Have you heard anyone bring that up in conversation? No. Instead you have a former prominent ESPN employee declare this week that Edey is "a plague on college basketball." That same person also declared Purdue "a plague" as

This is the nonsense the Boilermakers can silence with a six-game winning streak over the next few weeks.

Purdue has arguably its best point guard in nearly 50 years in Braden Smith, a firstteam All-Big Ten selection and an honorable mention All-American by The Associated Press. It has Lance Jones, who wasn't a part of last season's embarrassment and has enough confidence to fill Mackey Arena. It has Fletcher Loyer, who has overcome opponents' game plans to rough him up by improving his 3point shooting percentage from 32 percent as a freshman to 44 percent this season.

Purdue has Trey Kaufman-Renn, who has more offensive rebounds on the roster than anyone not named Zach Edey. It has Mason Gillis, who didn't pout over losing his starting job to Kaufman-Renn and became the Big Ten's Sixth Man of the Year largely based on 48 percent shooting from 3point range.

And I haven't even mentioned former Indiana Mr. Basketball Caleb Furst or the two most athletic players on the roster in redshirt freshman Camden Heide and true freshman Myles Colvin. Heide and Colvin are shooting better than 44 percent from 3-point range.

While no tournament path is easy, a general consensus is Purdue has a better road to the Final Four than even the overall No. 1 seed and reigning champion Connecticut.

Indianapolis. Then

Detroit if Purdue can handle Grambling and either Utah State or TCU. The Boilermakers even got a break when potential Sweet 16 opponent Kansas announced its best player, guard Kevin McCullar, is out for the tournament.

"The time is here," Gillis said Sunday night on Big Ten Network. "We've got about a week to prepare. We've sat with this feeling all year. That's our motivation all year. We don't necessarily let the media pull us down or bring us up. But we

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hear what they say and we use it as fuel.

"That's our biggest thing all year, to use what happened last year to learn from it, move on from it and get better from it. And I think we have. We still have to prove that. We have gotten better and I think that will show throughout the tournament." Not everyone in the national media is pessimistic about Purdue's chances. Here are a few of them.

• ESPN.com writer Myron Medcalf lists the Boilermakers as one of eight teams (Connecticut, Houston, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arizona, Kentucky and Creighton) with a national championship ceiling.

"This year, the Boilermakers boast the best offense in America, especially at the 3-point line (going from 32.2 percent to 41 percent). Issues with turnovers remain, but Matt Painter's squad has the talent to mimic history and win a national title, just like Virginia."

 ESPN analyst Jay Bilas, after the bracket was unveiled Sunday, declared Purdue has "the best draw of any one seed."

"Purdue has been outstanding all year long," Bilas said. "I think the only issue with Purdue is are they going to carry the baggage from the last three years into this tournament and play tight and play not to lose? Or are they going to put that baggage down and play to win? If they play to win, they have the goods to reach the Final Four and they can win when they get there. They're legit."

Bilas backed up his claim by picking Purdue to reach the national title game against Connecticut.

• C.J. Moore of The Athletic concurs.

"Purdue has the easiest path to the Elite Eight of all the No. 1 seeds, and for that reason it might be a smart champion pick," Moore writes. In my bracket, we get the national championship between the two teams who have been at the top of the rankings for most of the year and a game I've wanted to see.

"The Boilermakers have been one of the best two teams in the country all season, but a lot of people are going to pick an early upset because Matt Painter's team has been lost in the first round in two of the last three tournaments including No. 16 seed Fairleigh Dickinson last year. This is not the same Purdue team. That one featured freshmen guards who were wearing down. Now Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer are sophomores, and Smith, in particular, has made a big leap and is one of the best point guards in the country. He also has playmaking help in Southern Illinois transfer guard Lance Jones.

"I'm sticking with UConn, but I've got Purdue in the championship game."

· David Cobb of CBSSports.com picks the Boilermakers to win the Midwest Regional.

"Purdue has many of the same faces in key places as last season, but this isn't the same team," Cobb writes. "Point guard Braden Smith has taken massive strides as a sophomore, and Southern Illinois transfer Lance Jones has added punch. Edey is the same dominant force, and he

now has the supporting cast he needs to carry Purdue to its first Final Four since 1980."

Kevin Sweeney of SI.com predicts a national championship for Purdue, defeating Auburn in the title game. Not as optimistic is colleague Pat Forde, who has the Boilermakers losing in the Elite Eight to Creighton.

Notes

Overshadowed by the overtime loss to Wisconsin in the Big Ten Tournament semifinals, Edey became Purdue's all-time scoring leader with 2,339 points. Rick Mount's 2,323 points had been the standard for 54 years.

Edey is also Purdue's alltime leader in rebounds (1,234) and doubledoubles (63).

He seems a good bet to retain the national scoring lead throughout the NCAA tournament. Runner-up Tommy Bruner of Denver (24.0) will not play in the postseason. Third is Illinois guard Terrance Shannon at 23.0.

If Edey concludes his Purdue career atop the NCAA scoring leaders, he will be the third Boilermaker to accomplish the feat, joining Glenn Robinson (30.3) in 1994 and Dave Schellhase (32.5) in 1966. ...

Mike DeCourcy of SportingNews.com and Big Ten Network has a rebuttal to Edey's critics who claim "he's just tall."

"It is the curse of the oversized big men that many spectators consider such a player's greatness to be more easily achieved," DeCourcy states. "Allow me to point out there were two taller players in major conference college basketball this

season and they averaged 7.3 points. Combined. What Edey is doing is not easy for anyone, at any size."

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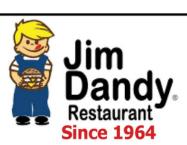
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The Noblesville Elks Club has been busy doing a lot of good – and Prevail and Meals on Wheels are just the latest beneficiaries!



For Prevail, the Elks have partnered with them for the past three years. Donations given have helped give Prevail's survivors access to safety planning, emotional support resources and education. Events, craft nights and an Angel Tree raised more than \$1,000 this year. Pictured front row from left are: Treva Vallier, (Elks Activity Director) Tami Wanninger, (Prevail Executive Director) Brittany Wine bar, (Prevail Director of Advancement) Joyce Scott. And back row from left, Geoff Robinson, (Past State President) Michelle Garcia, Carolyn Dienes, Kathie Von Itter, Lori Ferguson and Annette Snyder.



For Meals on Wheels, the \$2,000 Elks donation will aid Meals on Wheels in their effort to assist citizens of Hamilton County. Meals are prepared in state approved healthcare facilities under the supervision of registered dietitians (special dietary requirements can be accommodated) and are delivered by volunteers Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The delivery affords volunteers an opportunity to check on the well-being of the clients and follow up with families if necessary. Pictured are Steve Vallier, (Noblesville Exalted Ruler), Beth Gehlhausen (Meals on Wheels Hamilton County), Geoff Robinson, (Past State President), Martin Weiss (PER) and Jerry Wides (Trustee). Elks Care - Elks Share

Sheridan Students All in for Shrek the Musical



Sheridan students Robert Bowen (Shrek) and Angel Cuautle (Donkey) rehearse for Sheridan Middle and High School Theatre Departments' "Shrek the Musical," which will be on stage at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheridan Middle School.

Sheridan Middle and High School
Theatre Departments present "Shrek the
Musical" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday
and 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheridan Middle
School.

The show, in two acts, features nearly two dozen musical numbers with 41 students in the cast and 22 students in the crew.

Here's the cast:

Shrek, Robert Bowen; Mama Ogre, Bella Pappas; Papa Ogre, Chad Weaver; Little Shrek, Caleb Schwartz; Princess Fiona, Avery Hayden; King Harold, Eli Stevens; Queen Lillian, Scarlett Wittbrod; Young Fiona, Lana Lechner; Happy People/Mob, Dakota Barrick, Nicole Dixon, Douglas Earley, Michelle Eruin, Anna Knochel. Ellie O'Banion, Cait Priddy, Stella Smith, Aubrey Sterling, Gracie Stowers, Audrey Weir, Curtis Woodruff, Chloe Wright; Captain of the Guards, Anna Knochel; Pinocchio, Ethan Kissling; Big Bad Wolf,



Photos provided by Sheridan Middle and High schools

Sheridan students Avery Hayden (Princess Fiona) and Robert Bowen (Shrek) rehearse for Sheridan Middle and High School Theatre Departments' "Shrek the Musical," which will be on stage at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheridan Middle School.

Deuyn Pewarski; Three Little Pigs, LeeAnn Huffman, Jasmine Pettit, Scarlett Wittbrod; White Rabbit, Suriaunna Birmingham; Fairy Godmother, Grace Pratt; Peter Pan, Douglas Earley; Ugly Duckling, Alexia Peabody; Sugar Plum Fairy, Lucy Cooper; Wicked Witch, Norah Stites; Elf, Stephanie Hunt; Humpty Dumpty,. Lana Lechner; Mama Bear, Ryleigh Hampton; Papa Bear, Eli Steuens; Baby Bear, Ava Palmer; Donkey, Angel Cuautle; Guards, Nicole Dixon, Cait Priddy, Kennedy Ritchie, Gracie Stowers, Chloe Wright; Lord Farquaad, Chad Weaver; Thelonius, Curtis Woodruff; Gingy, Bella Pappas; Greeter, Douglas Earley; Duloc Performers, Kendall Chrisman, Ryleigh Hampton, Kendra Horne, Kensi Jump, Ellie O'Banion, Ava Palmer, Eli Steuens, Frances Stites, Audrey Weir; Teen Fiona, Kennedy Ritchie; Knights, Ryleigh Hampton, Anna Knochel, Deuyn Pewarski, Eli Steuens; Dragon, Bella Pappas; Bird, Bella Pappas; Pied Piper, Curtis Woodruff; Rats, Suriaunna Birmingham, LeeAnn Huffman, Stephanie Hunt, Alexia Peabody, Jasmine Pettit, Grace Pratt, Scarlett Wittbrod; Three Blind Mice, Lucy Cooper, Kennedy Ritchie, Norah Stites; Little Red Riding Hood, Bella Pappas; Bishop, Zac Bayless.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and younger, with tickets \$12 and \$7 at the door. Tickets are available at https://our.show/ sheridanshrek

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