

Vote for KAREN WILLIAMS PRYOR
State Delegate

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 • Precinct Committeeman • Mentor for Hamilton County 4-H Llama program
 • Past President of Hamilton County Republican Women's Club • Current President of NHS Alumni Association



TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

Hamilton Happenings

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz has been endorsed by the National Federation of Independent Business. Spartz developed legislation and pushed for healthcare transparency and competition reforms in Congress to combat hospital monopolies. In 2022, then Manager of Federal Health Policy at NFIB, Mitch Relfe said, "For over 30 years, NFIB small business owners have identified the cost of health insurance as the number one, long-term small business problem. We appreciate Representative Spartz's work to address underlying cost drivers of health insurance and increase healthcare competition. We look forward to continuing to work with her on this important effort."

Three Things You Should Know

1 Indiana businesses, local governments, solid waste management districts, higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations are invited to submit grant proposals ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 to fund recycling projects through the Indiana Recycling Market Development Program. Projects should demonstrate sustainability, an understanding of the changing economy for recyclers and how grant money can be used to boost recycling in Indiana through expanded markets, manufacturing capacity and job creation. Proposals will be accepted through June 13. For more information, visit idem.IN.gov/recycle/recycling-market-development-program.

2 Every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke and 1 in 4 survivors will have another one. May is American Stroke Month. Here are 3 ways you can act now to beat stroke:
 1. Learn how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T. If you see Face drooping, Arm weakness or Speech difficulty, it's Time to call 911.
 2. Know your blood pressure numbers and keep them in a healthy range. High blood pressure is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke and heart disease. Lowering your blood pressure reduces your risk of stroke.
 3. Prevent another stroke – Be a bold advocate for yourself by talking to your doctor about managing risk factors to help prevent a second stroke.
 Prevent stroke now, so you can be there later. Learn more at Stroke.org/StrokeMonth.

3 Are you a fan of roller coasters? Then you might consider a trip to Indiana Beach this summer. The northern Indiana amusement park in Monticello has a new ride called the All American Triple Loop Roller Coaster. This Schwarzkopf triple looping masterpiece offers speeds up to 53.4mph and gravity-defying forces of 5.6g's, promising an exhilarating experience for visitors. Scheduled for debut on Opening Day at Indiana Beach Amusement Park on May 11.

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BTN 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!

What's the Buzz about Bees?

90 That's the percent of flowering plant species on Earth that require pollinators for reproduction. Without the bees doing their job, the food and shelter system for wildlife would be decimated.



80% Honey bees account for pollinating that percentage of agricultural across the country.

\$15,000,000,000 Without bees, that's how much money the U.S. would drop in lost crops annually.

0 The number of stings that took place on the day this swarm was taken down and moved.

33% The world's food supply that bees help produce.



Photos courtesy Penny Anglin

50% Bees help provide nearly half of the world's fibers and oils.



H2O Water is used inside hives to regulate the temperature during hot months.

Penny Anglin, a wonderful photographer who has helped our newspaper multiple times, sent us these photos. Penny lives two miles west of Parkersburg, Ind. and said this swarm appeared in her yard on May 1. She called beekeeper Lee Faulkner, who had already moved one hive that day. Lee came by and relocated this one successfully. The hive was about seven feet off the ground and he said it was one of his easiest moves ever. And like the number said, there were no stings reported by anyone!

Make A Difference On Election Day: Vote

Tuesday is Election Day.

It will be exciting to find out the candidates who have the most votes on Tuesday night.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Election Day is Tuesday with the polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

it's never easy to determine the politicians who will win by the number of political signs displayed or the number of political campaign advertising flyers received in my mailbox. Obviously, campaigns with more contributions can afford more and bigger signs and more campaign mailers. At home, as I receive and read campaign ads in my mailbox, I put them all together in a stack. Last week, I pulled out the stack that has grown to 30

Ever since I've been a journalist, I have worked election night in some capacity, whether it's physically being at the election headquarters and waiting for the vote tallies to be updated, stopping in at candidate celebrations or

being at my computer awaiting emailed election results.


Leading up to the election,

➔ See BETSY Page A4

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Cut back on your exercise if you're running a fever.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother."
Unknown

TODAY'S JOKE

The boss tried to catch the fog, but he mist!

OBITUARIES
None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **SHARON GRIFFITH** for subscribing!

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:37 am
SET: 8:45 pm

High/Low Temperatures
HIGH: 76°F
LOW: 62°F

Today is...
• Great Lakes Awareness Day
• National Beverage Day

What Happened On This Day

• **2004** The final episode of Friends is aired. The immensely popular sitcom about Rachel, Monica, Phoebe, Joey, Chandler, and Ross had been produced since 1994. The final episode "The Last One" was watched by 52 million viewers.
 • **1937** The Hindenburg zeppelin filled with hydrogen goes up in flames. The footage showing a colossal fireball engulfing the German airship during a landing attempt in Lakehurst, NJ, has become iconic for the end of the zeppelin era. 35 lives were lost in the crash.

Births On This Day



• **1961** George Clooney - American actor, director, producer, screenwriter
 • **1856** Sigmund Freud Austrian neurologist

Deaths On This Day

• **1952** Maria Montessori - Italian physician, educator
 • **1962** Henry David Thoreau - American writer, philosopher

Westfield announces Capital Improvement Plan

Westfield recently announced its inaugural comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan. This blueprint underscores our unwavering commitment to prioritizing infrastructure, fostering economic growth, and enriching the lives of our residents. It not only outlines tangible projects but also provides a clear vision for our city's future.

The presentation at the April 22 City Council meeting, led by Mayor Willis and key city officials, showcased a detailed roadmap for infrastructure projects and community initiatives. They outlined the vision behind the plan, emphasizing the importance of prudent investment in the city's future.

Funding sources have been identified for 26 projects spanning various areas, including 13 road projects, four park projects, three roundabouts, and three trail projects. Also associated with the funded projects are improvements to Cherry Street Bridge, a new restroom along the

Monon Trail, and drainage improvements along South Union Street. City staff are working diligently to identify funding sources for an additional 26 future projects, including 15 road projects, 10 roundabouts, and one trail project. The funding plan keeps the tax rate neutral.

Mayor Scott Willis expressed confidence in the plan's ability to position Westfield for success in the years ahead. "One of my major campaign promises was to develop and implement the Capital Improvement Plan." This plan represents our collective commitment to building a stronger, more resilient Westfield for future generations," said Mayor Willis. "By investing wisely in our infrastructure, economy, and communities, we are laying the foundation for a brighter and more prosperous future."

More detailed information about which projects have been identified, including estimated costs and timelines, can be found at tinyurl.com/4y4c4ccy.

Noblesville Creates Welcomes Artist Michael Levine

Noblesville Creates is welcoming Michael Levine's *Flowers and Still Life* exhibit and Noblesville City Hall's *Art in Bloom* exhibit among its other artists of the month in May. Details on *Flowers and Still Life* and *Art in Bloom*, as well as information on the May artist exhibit dates and receptions, are available below.

STEPHENSON HOUSE: Michael Levine

Accuracy is the name of the game for local artist Michael Levine. His May exhibit in the Stephenson Gallery showcases *Flowers and Still Life* painting and pastels in his favored Realism style. His work strives to portray tangible objects, whether it be flowers, fruits, vessels, or something else that catches the eye.

Michael Levine began creating as a child. He fondly recounts his aunt introducing him to paper mache and india ink projects. Levine's artistic endeavors momentarily lulled while in college, but once he reached

medical school he found himself pulled to drawing. He began painting in his twenties and hasn't stopped for forty years. Painting went from a casual hobby to something more when a room at home was renovated to be his official studio space over two decades ago.

Though Michael has never had any formal art training, he has recently enjoyed practicing through classes and workshops. He notes that online learning opportunities have grown in the post-Covid world. In addition to these lessons, he also keeps up with weekly Open Studio Nights at the Hamilton County Artists' Association's Birdie Gallery, Gerard Studio at the Stutz, and Indianapolis Figure Guild.

Still lifes have been a longtime interest of Michael's. He's able to flexibly create set-ups to his liking in his home studio, where shadow boxes are used to provide

dynamic lighting. He paints in stages; usually two-to-four hours for the first session, the same for the next, then he'll put the painting away for a month. When he brings it back out again he might go and "change about 80% of it." The most important part at this stage is to build values and mass the shadows to create a cohesive image. In his words, to ensure "all the parts are all talking to each other."

The full *Flowers and Still Life* exhibit can be seen in the Stephenson House from through May 31, Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet Michael during his May First Friday reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Noblesville Creates campus.

NOBLESVILLE CITY HALL: Art in Bloom

In celebration of spring and the annual Indiana Peony Festival on May 18, Noblesville City Hall will adorn their gallery space with beautiful blossoms and blooms of art. City Hall is open to the public Monday



Michael Levine

through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Exhibit Dates are through June 28.

MEYER NAJEM: Claudia & Friends

See the full exhibit, *Claudia & Friends* through June 29. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FOUR DAY RAY: Liz Hamstra

The full exhibit, *Into the Kaleidoscope*, can be seen at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Exhibit Dates are through June 29.

Thank you for reading The Times!

A Birthday at the Museum



The Historical Society in Sheridan celebrates volunteers' birthdays each month. Last month everyone came together to salute and sing happy birthday to Donna Jessup. Museum volunteers would not tell anyone Donna's age. They just said she is not a "spring chicken" anymore, but neither is she "over the hill. Pictured from left, Bredan White, Ron Stone, Bess Coppass, birthday girl Donna Jessup holding her cake, Pam Drury, Roberta Huff and Connie Pearson. Happy birthday, Donna, and may you have many more.

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Witham Health Services Recognizes Nurses

In 1993, the American Nurses Association declared May 6-12 as the national week to celebrate and elevate the nursing profession. May 12 was Florence Nightingale's birthday. She was a British nurse, social reformer and statistician best known as the founder of modern nursing. Her efforts to reform healthcare greatly influenced the quality of care in the 19th and 20th centuries. National Nurses Week is a time for everyone to recognize the vast contributions and positive impact made by

nurses.

Witham Health Services in Boone and other counties, says a special thanks to nurses for giving of themselves. Our nurses are the frontline caregivers that make a difference each time they interact with a patient and their family. Not just anyone can serve as a nurse day after day and year after year. It is one of the more challenging professions and also the most rewarding. Their compassion, optimism and kindness is greatly appreciated.

HHEF Annual Golf Scramble June 6



Photos courtesy Hamilton Heights

Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation provided funding for several HHES administrators and staff to attend a day long Educational Neuroscience Symposium at Butler University.



Students enjoy Brain Bins filled with items that inspire students to imagine, create and collaborate thanks to funding from the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation

About the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation:

The Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity created in 1989 to support the Hamilton Heights school system. Its mission is to provide monetary grants to teachers who initiate classroom instructional proposals that demonstrate a high degree of creativity and instructional enhancement designed to improve student academic achievement.

The Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation's Annual Golf Outing is set for Thursday, June 6 at Bear Slide Golf Course. The community is invited to join friends, neighbors, and colleagues for a day of fun and networking on the green to help support the Foundation's work of enhancing student achievement at Hamilton Heights.

The event, the organization's primary fundraiser, supports student achievement in innovative and impactful ways. To date, the organization has funneled back thousands of dollars annually in the form of grants to Heights' students and teachers.

The cost is \$125 per golfer and includes greens fee, cart, box

lunch, two mulligans, and two drinks during round. Lunch is being catered by Big Dog's Smokehouse. The rain date is Thursday, June 13. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Shotgun start to follow at 10 a.m.

Special thanks to this year's title sponsors - Beck's Hybrids, Beaver Materials, and Blades Audio Video Security. To register, become a sponsor, and/or for more information at this year's event go to: <https://bit.ly/2024hhef> golfouting

All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible and 100% of its money is directed to student-oriented projects and programs. The Foundation accepts donations throughout the year to help support its work. Find us and follow us @hhedfoundation.

Franciscan Health Has Money Available to Help At-Risk Populations

Franciscan Health has received funds to support healthcare-related programs for non-profit, health and human service organizations in at-risk communities. These funds will be allocated through Franciscan's Social Impact Partnership Program.

SIPP funding applications will be accepted until May 31. Partner agencies will be announced in mid-July. Organizations may apply for up to \$10,000 in monetary support and in-kind donations. Organizations may complete an application online at: www.franciscanhealth.org/communityhealth.

Qualified non-profit agencies must benefit vulnerable populations in communities served by Franciscan Health with a preference toward areas with high Area Deprivation Index scores identified on BroadStreet, a digital platform that tracks community health statistics. Franciscan Health is a partner of BroadStreet and is providing free, limited access to the portal at www.broadstreet.io.

Serving populations most in need, and in accordance with Franciscan's mission, should be the focus of supported activities. These include people who have endured systemic racism, refugees and immigrants, chronically low resources, at-risk youth, and others impacted by poor societal supports. Priority health needs, as defined by

Franciscan Health's

Needs assessment (available at www.franciscanhealth.org/communityhealth), include: 1) access to healthcare; 2) food insecurity; 3) house stability; 4) social bridging; 5) mental health; and 6) substance abuse. Organizations selected to receive funding must participate in an orientation session on July 31 and will be expected to submit progress reports at 6-month and 1-year intervals. Participation in the reporting process is required for consideration of any future funding or assistance.

"This cornerstone initiative by Franciscan Health is aimed at creating strong partnerships with community organizations to enhance the health and wellbeing of those we are privileged to serve," said Caitlin Leahy, senior vice president for Franciscan Health Foundation and Community Health Improvement. "Our purpose is to drive sustainable change and empower our communities to lead healthier lives. Focusing on our most vulnerable populations, we are committed to collaborating, supporting, and providing the necessary resources to address critical health challenges."

For more information about the SIPP and assistance in applying for monetary support, contact Danielle Crowder at Danielle.Crowder@franciscanalliance.org.

Show Your Patriotism!



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville Noon Kiwanians are selling memorial flags again this year to be placed around the historic Courthouse on Memorial Day. A flag may be purchased in memory of someone or in honor of someone. Cost is \$5 per flag. Kiwanians will prepare a laminated card with the name on it to be placed on the flag. The flags will be planted May 23 and taken down May 28. Deadline to order flags is May 20, by emailing Kathy Williams at richardsonh29@yahoo.com. Proceeds go to support Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Club's kids area activities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on May 16, 2024, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following:

- 24-V-01: Variance of Standard to reduce the side yard setback from fifty (50) feet to forty (40) feet and the rear yard setback from fifty (50) feet to fifteen (15) feet (Article 5.2 H (2)); and, to reduce the minimum lot area from ten (10) acres to 2.95 acres (Article 5.2 D). Application by Berry Allen pertains to the real estate generally located at 22330 Lamong Road, Sheridan.
- 24-V-02: Variance of Standard to reduce the minimum lot size from five (5) acres to one (1) acre (Article 5.3 D); reduce the front yard setback from 60 feet to 50 feet (Article 5.3 H (1)); and, to allow an accessory structure in the front yard where none are permitted (Article 6.1 D (1)). Application by Brad Bailey pertains to the real estate generally located at 836 W. SR 38, Sheridan. - Withdrawn
- 24-V-03: reduce the side yard setback from ten (10) feet to three (3) feet (Article 5.5 G (2)), reduce the minimum lot width from eighty (80) feet to seventy (70) feet (Article 5.5 (D)). Application by Levi McKinney pertains to the real estate generally located at 603 W 2nd Street, Sheridan

Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals. Persons interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place.

Hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during the regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.in.gov by clicking on the Town Hall button, Selecting Meeting Minutes and the searching the appropriate Board's Agendas and Minutes.

Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Miller, Secretary

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HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

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7:00 AM til 11:00 AM
\$6 Advance \$7 At the Door \$5 Kids

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Carrie Gets a Spring Cold



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

The fact is, I am spoiled. I never get sick. I've never spent a night in a hospital since I was born (and then, my mother stayed with me). I've never broken a bone. I've never had a major operation. I am absurdly healthy, and I can take no credit for any of this. So, naturally, when I get sick, I am insufferable.

It always starts in the same way. I get a sore throat. First, I ignore it. I have found this is the best way to deal with imminent disasters. When I used to drive old cars, I would turn up the radio when I heard an ominous noise. Loud music and deliberate ignorance can take you for many miles.

But then my throat gets worse. I feel my glands. They are a little swollen.

"But not enough to mean I'm sick!" I explain to myself. There has been a lot of pollen in the air. It is spring, after all. Or perhaps the air quality is poor. Or perhaps it is just dry, and I am not drinking enough water. I come up with a perfectly plausible list of reasons why I might have a sore throat other than the one I know is the truth.

I am getting sick.

"Well!" I tell myself (and I swear, I believe myself every time), "I will not get very sick. I just have a sore throat, and I will feel much better tomorrow." I promise myself I will go to bed early. I get extra sleep. It does not help. By morning, my throat is still sore and now my nasal passages are filling, and my nose is running, and I know I have a fever —although I do not take my temperature because what good is that information going to do me?

But this will be a short cold, I insist. It will be a mild head cold and

nothing more. I will not develop a cough. The fever will not get worse. I will not be using entire boxes of tissues to deal with my faucet of a nose

None of this is true.

I always get a bad cough. I spend the night unable to sleep, hacking away, blowing my nose, keeping my poor husband, Peter, awake, and still somehow imagining that, by morning, I will be well.

I am not.

But I won't lose my voice, at least. And then I do.

And I wonder why it is so hard to just admit I'm getting sick when I am. It would seem that by now, even though I am rarely ill, I have been sick often enough to know that I will be sick, and resign myself to it. I might buy some tissues with lotion in them, so my nose doesn't get quite as red. I might stock up on cough syrup, so I don't have to make a trip to the pharmacy feeling wretched. But I don't do any of these things. I hope and try to believe that this time I will dodge the bullet.

"Is it possible to overdose on cough syrup?" I asked Peter last night.

"Probably not."

So I swallowed a lot of cough syrup and I slept through the night and, this morning, I can say —honestly, this time—that I am feeling better. I have no voice at all, but I am still able to type, fortunately. My fever has subsided. I will be well soon enough.

And now that I am feeling better, I am completely convinced that I will never be sick again.

Till next time,
Carrie

The Time of Your Life



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I was playing around with the computer the other day and discovered if I call up columns that I've written for this newspaper and then press the required keys, the computer will tell me how long it took me to write the column. It adds together all the time I took to write the first draft, revise it, and then revise again... and again. Who knew? According to my computer program, I averaged about three hours of work on each column. If I divide that by my compensation, I'm making a fair wage for this little piece of prose. BUT...

...the computer did not count the time I rolled around in bed banging my cranium against the headboard trying to think of an idea for the week. It did not count the three hours I spent last week riding on my stationary bicycle just trying to think of a clever ending. The computer did not consider the two hours I spent lost in Franklin, Indiana when I missed my exit because I was trying to think of a cute title.

When I counted all this time up and divided it by my compensation, I was better off working at a fast-food joint, especially when they raise employee pay to 20 bucks an hour.

My wife asked me to clean up the garage the other day. When I was through, she said: "You're done? In only an hour? You couldn't have done a very thorough job."

How insulting. And shortsighted. I'd been thinking about cleaning that garage for over a year. I hardly got credit for that. I also spent a fair amount of time one afternoon planning how I would attack the mess. Should I move everything out of the garage, or just pile things up in the corner and then move stuff

around? All that time should be counted.

In preparation for cleaning the garage, I went to three stores to find my favorite beer. Then an endless wait while the cans and the glass got frosty in the fridge. Did I get credit for all that time? I did not.

I explained this all to my family and it backfired. The other night my son, Brett, came over for dinner. I asked him to read a short story I was working on. He does a little writing himself and I wanted his opinion.

"Hey, Dad. I'm done. Let's have dinner."

"Done already? I worked so hard on that. You took only five minutes to read it."

Dad, it may seem like 5 minutes, but did you consider my grade school years when I spent hours and hours learning the alphabet? You may recall the summer of '95 when we drove around Indianapolis and you made me look for misspelled words on store signs. Or our trip to Hawaii when I was 11 and I wasn't allowed to have dessert until I found the misplaced apostrophe on the menu. Or the time you've spent drumming into my head that even when we have a conversation, I need a topic sentence. Dad, not counting all that time is not fair to me and the work I did to read that story."

"Brett!"

"Yes, Dad."

"Let's have dinner."

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

BETSY

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campaign mailers from five different political candidates, with a couple of the candidates sending out just one or two mailers.

We already know, from Hamilton County Election Administrator Beth Sheller, that turnout has been low for early voting, at 4 percent, as of Friday. "So far, we have had just over 10,000 votes, including (3,000) absentee ballots and (7,700) early voting," she said Friday morning, expecting to be very busy on Election Day. Hopefully, voters will turn out in droves to choose the political candidates that they want to run their government.

The only advice I offer before you vote is to do your research, reiterating the same advice Sheller offered a few days ago.

For this Primary Election, remember there are 283 Republican State Delegates vying for 112 seats, almost twice the number of Republican state delegates who filed to run for office in 2020, when 160 Republican state delegates filed to run for office. The layout for Republican state delegates per Hamilton County's nine townships are Adams, 15 delegates; Clay, 10; Delaware, 10; Fall Creek, 12; Jackson, 15; Noblesville, 10; Washington, 10; Wayne, 15; and White River, 15. That's a total of 112 state delegates who will be elected in the county.

The delegates are important because the

112 Republican State Delegates who take office in Hamilton County, not registered voters, will vote for the Lieutenant Governor seat at the State Convention on June 15. As far as state delegates on the Democrat side, there are 76 candidates this year, compared to 108 in 2020. And for the Republican Precinct Committee person positions, there are 156 candidates, compared to 237 in 2020.

So with so many candidates running for delegates and committee persons, victory can be determined for a candidate sometimes just by a few votes.

Noon today is the deadline to early vote.

On Election Day Tuesday, polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Elections Office has sample ballots on its website at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov under the "Elections Office" and "Current Information" and also find a list of polling locations. Also, voters can go to www.indianavoters.com to see "Who's on the ballot."

To find out your precinct for voting, call the Hamilton County Election Office at 317-776-8476.

—Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact *The Times* Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com

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Wert Named Husky Hero for March

Nikki Wert, a counselor at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, has been named the Husky Hero for the month of March. Wert plays a vital role as an educator, skill-builder, confidant, and resource to help students grow and thrive. She is accessible, engaged, and makes a positive impact for students, their families, and staff every day.

"Being nominated and named as Husky Hero is a HUGE honor, and I am humbled by this nomination and award," said Nikki Wert. "I consider myself very lucky to work with incredible individuals who all love kids and dedicate their lives to them. To be nominated and selected feels very special to me."

"Nikki has been running a social skills group every

morning with some of the kindergarten students that are struggling to regulate in the classroom," said Julie Griffey, HHES Principal. "Nikki provides a soft start by working with this small group the first hour of the day. Nikki reinforces the skills these students need to be safe in the classroom."

"Nikki, who also serves on our Little Husky PTO, jumps right in and is always willing to do what is best for kids," Griffey continued. "This week, for example, she worked with the fourth-grade team in giving ILEARN make up tests to students who were absent. Nikki is everywhere helping anyone she can. Thank you, Nikki for making HHES a better place!"

Tasha Smith, HHES

Nurse," said, "Nikki goes above and beyond to support our students AND staff on a daily basis. She frequently checks on staff members such as the nurses and secretarial staff to offer help. Nikki is selfless, compassionate and a leader. She genuinely cares about our students and coworkers. She's the definition of a Husky Hero."

"Growing up I always knew I wanted to work in a school, I just didn't understand what role I wanted to fill," Wert explained. "Being a school counselor is definitely the role I was meant to fill. As a counselor in the elementary school, I get to watch as children's love of learning grows. I feel like I have a front row seat to watch the next generation grow and learn. Every day I get

to work with future teachers, mechanics, engineers, chefs, scientists, entrepreneurs, the future problem solvers, they are what motivate me each day. I also am fortunate enough to work with incredible teachers and staff who inspire me to be better, to find new ways to do things and grow in my role of supporting kids."

"This award is a humble reminder that we are doing important things in our community," she added. "I would not have been able to make an impact on others without the support of the team I get to serve with every day. Going forward, I hope that I can continue to inspire and invest in the lives of the kids in our community, support the teachers I get to work with, and recognize other individuals who are



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From left, Tricia Rudy (HHES Counselor), Ken Watson (HHES Assistant Principal), Kim Wert, Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), baby Laken Bowen and Melissa Martin (HHEF President/HHSC Technology Integration).

making lasting impacts on our community." Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at:

<https://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero>. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker).

2024 Volvo XC90 Recharge Offers 33 Miles All-Electric Range and Refined Swedish Luxury, But They Come at A Price



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Auto Reviews

Volvo recently introduced the EX90, a full-size all-electric luxury crossover that, by all accounts, is a very well-engineered machine with 300 miles range and all of the features today's upscale drivers demand. However, if you've ever tried to find a charger away from your garage or place of employment, you may wish for an easier, if less technically advanced, solution. You may prefer the 2024 Volvo XC90 Recharge.

Aging With Grace

Compared to the EX90, the XC90 is aging a bit, but that's only compared to a cutting-edge EV. For the rest of us, it's still quite handsome with its large toothy grille, broad shoulders, 21" wheels, and taillamps that rise into the rear roof pillars. "Thor's hammer" driving lights make it clear who makes this high-riding wagon. Only a small door on the front driver's side fender betrays its electrical quiver.

When I first drove this generation XC90 six or seven years ago, I remember how large the touchscreen seemed.

Now, it feels quaint but works just as well. In Swedish tradition, the cabin feels well made, yet never ostentatious. Check the dash stitching, black woodgrain, and soft leather seats that are heated and ventilated up front, heated in the rear, and ride under a panoramic moonroof. A heated steering wheel warms winter. One touch of carnal luxury is the beautiful Orrefors crystal gear selector. The Bowers & Wilkins audio system borders on divine.

Being a Volvo, safety is paramount. Beyond a well-engineered body structure to dispense with crash forces, the XC90 aims to avoid physical contact altogether through automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and cross path detection systems. A head-up display and adaptive cruise add safety and convenience.

Efficient Hybrid

Performance

The XC90's Swedish pedigree is unquestioned, but it's powertrain is something unique. At its heart is a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine-based hybrid system delivering a combined 455 horsepower and 523 lb.-ft. of torque. Impressive, but its best trick is traveling 33 miles all-electric after feeding from a 240v home or commercial charger for five hours. Fuel economy is rated a frugal 58-MPGe all in or 27-MPG while burning gas.

Beyond all that, the driving experience hasn't aged a day. It's very quiet, and very smooth, rumbling over rough pavement on an air suspension system. Given the torquey power, it moves out in a hurry when prompted. All-wheel-drive keeps it moving no matter the weather while regenerative braking slows it down while charging the batteries. Whether whooshing onto freeways, cruising on the Interstate, creeping through downtown city traffic, or cutting up

backroads, the big Volvo crossover is ready for whatever you desire.

Most of the downsides are in the cargo area. Power open the hatch to appreciate soft thick carpet and chrome accents, but also the lack of space with the third row in place. Those aft seats are only for kids anyway, so most owners will probably leave the third row folded to maximize space. As well as styling and technology have aged, it's time for a complete redesign to stay current Volvo's latest design language. The EX90 points the way.

If there's another downside, it's price. A base XC90 starts at a reasonable \$56,600, but our Ultimate Recharge came to a breath-stealing \$87,495. The EX90 starts \$10k less. Compare it to the Lexus TX plug-in, BMW X5 xDrive50e, and Jeep Grand Cherokee 4xe.

Storm Forward!

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

2024 Volvo XC90 Recharge Ultimate
Seven-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 2.0-liter T4 Hybrid
Output: 455hp/523 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Air Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 21"/21" alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
EV Range: 33 miles
Fuel economy gas/hybrid: 27/58-MPG
Assembly: Torstrand, Sweden
Base/as-tested price: \$56,600/87,495

Likes

- Efficient power
- EV range
- Bowers & Wilkins audio

Dislikes

- Aging design
- Cargo space (seats up)
- Breathless price



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Heights' booter Signs With Manchester



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From left, Heidi (mom), Aiden, Mark (dad), and Ava (sister).

Aiden Bryant, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Manchester University in North Manchester, Indiana this fall. Manchester University is a member of the Heartland Conference and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. He is the son of Mark and Heidi Bryant.

Bryant picked Manchester University because the school provides multiple academic outlets, offers a great environment, and he could see himself flourishing there. "The soccer coaches have great energy and are confident," said Bryant, who plans to earn a degree in biology as he prepares for a career as a Physician's Assistant. "I can bring something to the team, and I know I can succeed at Manchester." Bryant has played soccer since he was 3, playing more seasons than he can count. He has trained with good coaches who have helped him to build his skill, agility, and strength in the sport. "Mainly, I have worked hard and learned from the guidance and support of my coaches and teammates. He credits Coach Colin Luckey, who he met his freshman year, as being influential and guiding him throughout his high school play. "My parents also supported me through it all," Bryant noted with appreciation.

He is as strong in the classroom as he is on the field. Bryant was named All Conference Honorable Mention and Academic All Conference

in 2022. In 2023 he was named to the All Conference, Academic All Conference, and Academic All State teams, Coaches Player of the Year, Team MVP, and Defensive Player of the Year. Academically, he has been among the Top 10 percent of his class every year of high school (2020-24). He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Arcadia Christian Church, and volunteers at Angel's Attic and other local food pantries.

"I have coached Aiden Bryant since he was in middle school," said Drew Colvin, Hamilton Heights Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. "He was the best defender I ever coached. His integrity and work ethic are unmatched. Players like Aiden make coaching fun and easy. He will succeed wherever he goes. I am very proud of him. Manchester University is getting a great young man."

"Aiden has been one of the best student athletes to represent the boys' soccer program at Hamilton Heights High School," said Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director, Kurt Ogden. "He is very much respected by his peers, teachers, coaches, and administrators and has been a pleasure to know the past four years. We wish him well as he takes the next step of his journey at Manchester."

"I would like to thank my family and everyone who supported me, stood by my side, pushed me to be my best and give my best every single day," added Bryant.

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