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TODAY'S VERSE

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Hamilton Happenings

Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1 for the Noblesville Lions Club's Grillin' on the Square! There'll be pork chops, chicken, dogs and more - all guaranteed to be mouth-watering delicious! On Friday, things get going at 11 a.m. and last until all bellies are full at 8 p.m. And then come back Saturday morning for breakfast, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance for Friday and \$6 in advance for Saturday. Kids and hot dogs only are a bit cheaper, and tickets the day of are a bit higher. See any Noblesville Lion for advance ticket purchase!

Three Things You Should Know

- The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging wants Hoosiers to know they need to fill vacancies on the Commission on Aging and CHOICE Board. Virtual participation is available, offering flexibility to interested candidates who may not be able to attend meetings in person. The Commission on Aging is seeking five new candidates and the CHOICE Board is seeking six. Email DAComments@fssa.in.gov to request application paperwork or seek clarification on any queries.
- Witham Health Services in Lebanon is looking for good folks to join their volunteer team. Interested? Then head over there for a Recruitment Fair on Tuesday, May 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Beck Room off the main entrance. Volunteers work in four-hour shifts and new volunteers will participate in a one-day orientation. For more information contact Amy Mitchell, Director of Volunteers, (765) 485-8175 or by email at: amitchell@witham.org.
- Lemurs are cute wet-nosed exotic animals found mainly in Madagascar. But a pair of pet Lemurs, belonging to an unidentified resident of Aransas Pass, Texas, got away last month and caused quite a stir. There have been numerous sightings but no luck yet. One local resident, Spencer Bell said he spotted one of the lemurs on his docked boat. The sighting took place on April 1 and, he said, "everybody thought it was an April Fools' joke."

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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!

As we approach Memorial Day, the unofficial start to summer, let's take a look at some of the numbers.

5-19 to 5-25

This is National Travel and Tourism Week, an event created in 1983. The government tells us that travel stimulates economic growth, creates quality jobs, inspires new businesses and elevates the quality of life for Americans every day. Yeah OK. We just think it's fun.



5-27

The date we observe Memorial Day - and remember your favorite online edition won't be published that day. Who knows, maybe we'll be traveling!



108

This will be the 108th running of the greatest spectacle in racing, the Indianapolis 500! We still miss Jim Nabors - but what a wonderful day to be both a Hoosier and a racing fan! The green flag is set to drop this Sunday.



5-30-1868

The first official Memorial Day. That's when Gen. John Logan began paying tribute to the fallen U.S. soldiers from the Civil War. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land..." Word is that Logan picked May 30 because flowers would be in bloom.



5,000

The approximate number of people who attend the annual ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

1968

The year Congress decided to switch Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. That took effect three years later.

45,000,000

How many American men and women who have served in the military during a time of war.

3 p.m.

A moment of silence should be observed on Memorial Day for the 1,304,447 U.S. soldiers who have lost their lives in military conflicts ranging from the Spanish-American war to the Civil War to the world wars to the war on terrorism.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Women younger than 40 should try to schedule their mammogram the first week following their period.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

TODAY'S JOKE

What's the Army' definition of information?
The way soldiers march!

OBITUARIES

Jordan Saul McKay

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



Turning 18 Will Be Tough for Mom



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Times journalist Betsy Reason's daughter, Addie, a Noblesville High School senior, turns 18 this week and will graduate in June.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Today is Senior Skip Day at Noblesville High School. That means that high school seniors plan ahead to skip school today.

When I was in school, I don't recall a Senior Skip Day, but that was a long time ago, as my 17-year-old NHS senior daughter reminds me.

Anytime I start a sentence with "when I was in school" or "when I was young," she reminds me "that was then," and "this is now."

On Thursday, our daughter, Addie, turns 18.

It doesn't seem possible that she's already a high school senior preparing to walk the walk and graduate in June.

The years have flown by. It seems like yesterday that I was holding her tightly in my arms dressed in the same tiny yellow dress that my parents had my photo taken in at the former Olan Mills Portrait Studios.

We celebrated birthdays with Happy Feet, Tinker Bell, Dora, Little Mermaid and Hello Kitty themes in the backyard. Then, all of a sudden, it was Addie's first day of kindergarten at North Elementary, carrying her giant powder-blue Tinker Bell backpack and dressed in a pink striped and flowered dress with white sandals and pink hair bows. Yes, the snapshot is still on our frig. I

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Melissa Shaw's interview with Alison Voss from American Family Insurance

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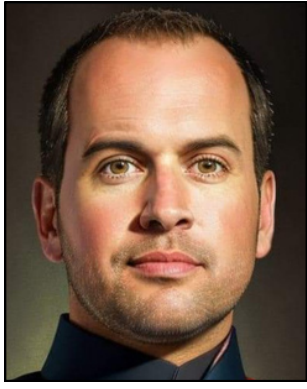


OBITUARY

Jordan Saul McKay

April 20, 1985 - May 11, 2024

Jordan Saul McKay, age 39, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away at his home in Indianapolis on Saturday afternoon, May 11, 2024. Born April 20, 1985 in Noblesville, Indiana, he was the son of Kimberly Lynn



Osborne and the late Kenton Montgomery McKay.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 2004, Jordan continued his education in the field of Information Technology, studying at both Ivy Tech and Western Governors University.

Jordan's love of technology led him to take a position as a systems administrator with the computer consulting firm Resultant. He truly loved what he did, and enjoyed the relationships that he built with his co-workers and clients.

"All work and no play" is no way to go through life, so Jordan made time for his many hobbies and interests. He loved to follow auto racing, especially open wheel (IndyCar) racing. The Month of May was always a special time of the year for him. As for his other hobbies, Jordan was interested in all things tech-related. He loved computer games and was always drawn toward any and all new pieces of technology.

He was currently attending Grace Community Church in Carmel, Indiana.

Jordan is survived by his mother, Kimberly Lynn Osborne of Sheridan; maternal grandmother, Lois Osborne; and by his aunts and uncles, Kelvin and Kim Osborne, Marinda McKay, and Jeannette McKay.

Jordan had several cousins on the Osborne side of the family that he loved very much; Erica, Tyler, Quitian, Vanessa, and Coltin. Circumstances beyond his control kept him from being able to spend more time with them as they were growing up. Jordan also had a special relationship with the Bundys, Lees, and Pearsons, spending many holidays with his wonderful friends and "bonus" family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenton Montgomery McKay; paternal grandparents, Thomas and Lucy McKay; and maternal grandfather, Ron Osborne.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and condolences.

Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 5:00 pm until the time of service. Pastor George Cooper will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Diabetes Association.

Why Does City Have to Cut Down Trees in Oakmont?

Dear Editor,

If you have ever walked down the streets of the Oakmont subdivision in Noblesville, you have probably noticed two things: the trees, and the uneven sidewalks. Unfortunately for the trees, and the homeowners who live in Oakmont, the two are not able to peacefully coexist. As a resident of Oakmont, I believe that not only is our neighborhood one of the prettiest in the city, but what makes it pretty is the mature tree canopies that line the streets. But beyond beauty, the trees have an impact on mental health, the heating and cooling costs of residents, improve air quality, prolong the life of asphalt by keeping it cooler, and increase property values which in turn increases the tax base (An Inconvenient Tree). So with all the added benefits of tree lined streets, why have the trees of Oakmont been labeled public enemy number one since 2017? The answer: sidewalks. The sidewalks of Oakmont are in definite need of repair. In many spots they are uneven and have become a tripping hazard. We are thrilled that the city wants to ensure safe sidewalks for all, but are saddened that they believe cutting down trees is the only way to make this happen. In 2017, when the city first approached the neighborhood about cutting down 191 trees in order to fix the concrete, Oakmont resident, the late Rick Beaver of Beaver Concrete and Materials, recommended Noblesville pour thicker concrete to weigh down the roots like country clubs and other municipalities have done. Unfortunately, the city said this was not a possible solution. Instead, the city chose to leave the trees and not fix any sidewalks.

Fast forward to 2024, where the city has again decided that the only way they are able to repair sidewalks is to cut down mature trees. Because of this, 42 percent of the

neighborhood trees have been slated to be cut down in June, with additional trees to be cut down in 2025. The city has stated that the trees belong to the city, and so they are able to decide their future. Due to the uneven sidewalks, streets needing resurfaced, and the age of our neighborhood, the city has stated that the only way they can fix all of these issues is by cutting down the trees. Mayor Jensen has said he would like to have a 30 year fix to the sidewalk problem because he needs to think about the other 77,000 residents in Noblesville. But what he fails to realize is that the residents of Oakmont are also thinking about the other 77,000 residents of Noblesville, as well as the beauty of our entire city. If this is the plan for the Oakmont neighborhood, is it not probably the plan for other neighborhoods as well? We do not want other neighborhoods to have to go through what we have. We do not want other neighborhoods to have to worry about their property values going down or the beauty of their mature, established neighborhood being torn away. Is the city's new solution to tear down trees so they can pave streets and make sidewalks level? Or is this just punishment for Oakmont residents? The city of Noblesville has been a Tree City USA member for the last 34 years. But, if the city's only solution is to tear down mature trees so they are able to fix sidewalks and pave streets, will that streak soon come to an end? We hope that the city is able to research other alternatives so that the beauty of our neighborhood as well as all neighborhoods in Noblesville can be maintained, while also having ADA compliant streets and sidewalks.

Jaime Rychener
Noblesville

Democratic Nominee Says He's Ready to Represent House District 29

You have probably seen Dr. Chris Hartig driving his orange 1970 Chevy C-10 pickup around town. Hartig's classic truck reflects his good-natured personality — someone who is reliable and isn't afraid of hard work.



Photo courtesy Chris Hartig campaign

Hartig is the Democratic nominee for House Representative for District 29. He will be running against Republican nominee Alaina Shonkweiler in the fall.

Hartig is a family man who calls Noblesville home. For the past decade, he has served as a professor of management and leadership at Western Governors University, helping many non-traditional students improve their lives through higher education. Through his dedication to students and teachers alike, Hartig has published papers on leading faculty through times of difficult change. Prior to his tenure at WGU, Hartig directed successful change leadership in the mortgage and finance industry.

After an unopposed primary election, Hartig said he looks forward to the race against Shonkweiler.

"It will be up to the voters in our district to decide who represents them better, and I believe I'm the right leader for the job."

Hartig's key policies include strengthening public schools, restoring reproductive freedoms, enacting reasonable gun policies and bringing balance to the Indiana statehouse. "Tens of thousands of people have moved to Noblesville and Fishers because of our amazing school systems," Hartig said. "As an educator myself, I'm going to help mend the trust between teachers and the community."

Reproductive freedoms are crucial to Hartig's campaign. "Family

Hartig drives an orange 1970 pickup.

planning is an issue that should remain between families and their doctors," Hartig said. "Full stop."

When it comes to Indiana's House of Representatives, Hartig says the balance of power needs to be restored. "Indiana GOP lawmakers have a supermajority in the statehouse. We need to balance out the voices in our House of Representatives to accurately reflect Hoosier priorities." He is also a proud gun owner. "I believe wholeheartedly in the Second Amendment, and, at the same time, we need reasonable, common sense firearm regulations and safe storage policies," Hartig said. "This is how we keep something like what happened at Noblesville West Middle School from happening again."

"I want Indiana to return to its roots of hometown Hoosier hospitality," added Hartig. "By being a welcoming place to live, work and play, our state can attract and retain not only our local graduates, but innovative businesses as well. That's the Indiana I want to live in — not a regressive state that marginalizes people based on their differences. My dad is a Vietnam vet, and as a retired Marine, he always told me, 'To get the results, you have to put the work in.' I'm ready to put the work in."

Learn more about Dr. Chris Hartig and his campaign at www.drchrisforindiana.com.

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2024 Fall Ball Season

When: August 17th/18th - October 5th/6th, 2024

- 7 game season to be played on weekends
- Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
- Single-elimination tournament played the weekend of Oct. 5 & 6

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan and Emmerson Fields Forest Park, Noblesville

Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (based on 2024-2025 School Year Enrollment)

- 7th - 8th Grade Rec League
- 9th - 12th Grade Rec League
- * **Note:** Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball
- There is no Travel Division for the 2024 Fall Ball season

Cost: \$90 per individual registration (plus processing fee applied at checkout)

- * **Note:** Registration does not include jersey or hat. Teams are free to choose their own jerseys/hats (if desired), but the cost is not included with the registration fee.

How Do I Register?
www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com

New Restaurant Planned in Westfield

The City of Westfield is pleased to announce that plans will be filed with the City Council for a \$6.4 million restaurant investment, H Steakhouse, at the May 13 meeting.

Nestled in the heart of downtown Westfield at the southwest corner of Jersey and Mill Streets, a new culinary experience is set to redefine the dining experience in the city. H Steakhouse, owned by local restaurateur Henri Najem, will be a sprawling 9,500-square-foot restaurant with more than 200 seats, an elegant yet contemporary ambiance, and a year-round patio.

H Steakhouse is driven by a relentless pursuit of culinary excellence. Under the guidance of a team of seasoned chefs, each a master in their own right, the restaurant will present a meticulously curated menu that pays homage to the finest cuts of meat sourced from the most reputable suppliers.

"Revitalizing downtown Westfield is a key priority for my administration, and the investment from the Najem family will be an excellent addition to the area. We are excited for our residents to enjoy an elevated dining experience in Westfield," stated Mayor Scott Willis.

Najem said, "Our vision is to create more than just a restaurant; we want to provide a haven where guests can escape the ordinary and immerse themselves in

an extraordinary culinary adventure.

With our globally influenced menu, contemporary and inviting ambiance, and year-round patio, we are confident that H Steakhouse will become a destination for discerning diners and culinary enthusiasts alike."

Najem's two sons, Nick and Alec, who operate and manage Flamme Burger and Savor, respectively, will also be involved in the restaurant's operations. The menu will feature a wide selection of handmade pasta, fresh seafood, free-range chicken, and USDA prime aged beef options, along with unique side dishes and desserts, an impressive wine list, and hand-crafted cocktails.

"H Steakhouse will anchor a prominent corner directly west of Grand Junction. The Westfield Redevelopment Commission has partnered with Najem to bring this project to market. Tax increment generated from this project will be used to invest in public improvements downtown, including public parking and streetscape improvements," said Jenell Fairman, director of Economic Development.

H Steakhouse will appear before the Advisory Plan Commission in June and anticipates opening in early 2025, coinciding with the Union Square parking garage opening.

Health Department to Host Children's Mental Health Webinar

The Hamilton County Health Department, in collaboration with Aspire Health Indiana, will host a webinar about children's mental health on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Geared toward parents, teachers, and anyone working closely with children, the webinar will provide essential insights and strategies for supporting children's mental well-being.

"Children's mental health is of paramount importance as it plays a pivotal role in their overall well-being and development," Jim Ginder, Health Education Specialist at the department said. "It shapes their ability to learn, build relationships, and navigate life's challenges. We're hoping the webinar will empower caregivers to effectively support children facing mental health challenges."

The webinar will cover various aspects of children's mental health, including identifying signs of mental health struggles, supporting children's emotional well-being, and seeking professional help when necessary. Participants will gain valuable insights into preventive measures and strategies for promoting positive mental health outcomes for children.



Jim Ginder



Vivian Hinders

"At Aspire Health Indiana, we are committed to promoting mental wellness among children and adolescents," Vivian Hinders, a clinical manager at Aspire Health Indiana, said. "Partnering with the Hamilton County Health Department allows us to reach a wider audience and provide comprehensive support for children's mental health."

Participation is free, but registration is required. Those interested in participating can register at <https://tinyurl.com/chil-drensmntalhealth> webinar

Library, Fishers Arts Unveil Public Art Project



Hamilton East Public Library and Fishers Arts + Culture Commission look forward to unveiling "Knowledge," a public art project in HEPL's newly renovated pedestrian plaza, located in the heart of the Nickel Plate District.

"Knowledge" includes a carved native stone and onyx sculpture located at the mouth of the Nickel Plate Trail onto HEPL's campus, two stone benches located in the center of the pedestrian place on the south side of the building, as well as 90 ceramic tiles set into the concrete of the pedestrian plaza located on the south side of the building, from the Nickel Plate Trail to Municipal Drive. The ceramic tiles feature images of Fishers, Hamilton County, and Indiana state history.

"Knowledge," a collaboration between artists, FACC, and HEPL, aims to transform a public space into a vibrant canvas, set to captivate residents and visitors alike. FACC funded \$100,000 to support artwork and HEPL funded \$25,000 (and site prep work to support artwork), from the Miesse Fund established in honor of the library's first librarian, Lulu Miesse, by her late sister Sharley Miesse.

"The Fishers Arts + Culture Commission is excited about our long-standing partnership with the Hamilton East Public Library to present a new art installation to the Fishers community," said chairperson Jocelyn Vare. "Public art enhances community life, especially here in the Nickel Plate District, our designated statewide culture district. Fishers' beloved amenities, the Nickel Plate Trail and public library, are now connected as an interactive art experience that highlights our community's heritage. As residents explore this new art installation, they will discover something creatively new and genuinely historic."

The artist team of Rude Calderón and Roberto Delgado was selected through an RFQ/jury process in 2021. The jury included FACC commissioners, City of Fishers leadership, HEPL leadership, a HEPL board member, and community stakeholders: Noblesville Creates and Fishers Arts Council.

Rude Calderón (sculpture and benches) was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he

spent the first seven years of his life. His family immigrated to Los Angeles, California in 1964. Rude's father apprenticed and worked in his uncle Manuel Zuñiga's sculpture studio creating religious sculpture in the Spanish baroque tradition. His deep respect for materials and craftsmanship is rooted in this family history. Stone sculpture is at the center of Rude Calderón's artistic work, the past eighteen years have been largely devoted to this medium. His artworks show a reverence towards the handling and natural appearance of materials that infer the omnipresent mystery of nature.

His paintings, sculptures, and prints have been widely exhibited since 1985, at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Laguna Art Museum, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, UCLA/Armand Hammer Museum of Art, as well as FM Fine Art Gallery, Los Angeles; Frank Pictures Gallery, Santa Monica; The Art Art Project, Woodland Hills; Ave 50 Gallery, Highland Park; Ventura Artists' Union Gallery; Tropico de Nopal Gallery, Los Angeles. Nationally in: Anchorage, Alaska; Texas Art Museum, Jose Galvez Gallery in Tucson, Arizona; The Mexican Fine Arts Museum in Chicago, Illinois; The Brandywine Institute in Philadelphia, PA. Internationally his work has shown in: St. Petersburg, Russia, Free Gallery; Amerika Haus Berlin, U.S. Cultural Center, Berlin, Germany; Mexico City, Tijuana and Juarez, Mexico; Colima, Mexico; Santiago, Chile; Galicia, Spain; and El Museo del Niño, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Roberto Delgado (ceramic tiles), best known for his public art murals, lives and works in Los Angeles and Mexico. He holds an MFA from UCLA and is the recipient of two Fulbright fellowships, a Ford Foundation fellowship, and a grant from the Brody Arts Foundation. He has created murals at sites across Southern California and in Atlanta, Cleveland, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Phoenix, and other cities in the United States and Mexico. The unveiling of "Knowledge" will take place on Wednesday, May 22, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM, at HEPL's ribbon cutting celebration, where attendees will have the opportunity to experience the art firsthand and celebrate the completion of the Fishers Library renovations. The event will feature a ribbon cutting and interactive activities for all ages, making it a celebration not to be missed. As we look ahead to the unveiling of this public art, we invite the entire community to join us in celebrating the transformative power of art and the vibrant spirit of Fishers. For more information about "Knowledge" and upcoming events at HEPL, please visit hamiltoneastpl.org.



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What A Good Cat



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

Our cat, Felix, has a new home.

We adopted Felix in Mexico while we were staying there. The woman who fostered him, Marcela, thought he was a kitten because he was so small—except for his tail, which appears to be intended for a much larger cat.

But when I took him to the vet, they said he was two years old. I worried he was going through a lot of changes rather quickly for a two-year-old. He lived on the streets until he was picked up by Marcela, then he came to live with us in Mexico. Now Felix and Peter and I are returning to the U.S. together.

Felix got all his shots and had very official-looking papers filled out, proving he was ready for travel. I put him in his little backpack carrier, and we all boarded the van to the airport. Felix did not enjoy the hour-and-a-half-long ride on the bus to the airport. He cried every time we went over a big bump or around a sharp curve, so I held him on my lap and prepared for a long day.

But once we got out of the van, Felix enjoyed being carried around the airport, and everything was fine. Except our plane did not arrive.

We waited and waited and finally, we boarded. Felix rode in his little backpack carrier under the seat in front of me. He did not like the sound of the plane taking off, and he didn't like the turbulence, but once we were in the air, everything was fine once again.

"What a good cat!" I said.

But we arrived in Houston far too late to catch our next flight. The airline put us up in a hotel and, the next thing we knew, we were all at the Sheraton. The hotel had a box. But we had no cat litter.

I made some calls, and the closest place still open was Walmart, several miles away. I called a cab and went to buy cat litter. By this time, it was getting very late. The restaurant at the hotel had closed. Peter called as I was riding back to the hotel.

"I got carryout!" Peter announced. "Felix and I are in the room eating French fries."

I returned to the hotel room, poured the litter into the box the hotel staff had kindly rounded up, and Felix availed himself of the new facilities immediately.

"What a good cat!" I said.

Felix enjoyed his room at the Sheraton very much. In addition to the French fries, there were a lot of places to explore, and he discovered he could hide under the dust ruffle of the bed and attack our feet. When we went to bed, he climbed up between us.

"What a good cat!" I said.

By the next morning, air travel was old hat for Felix. He didn't like takeoff, and he didn't like landing, but in between he napped, except when I slipped him bits of cheese. Snacks are always nice on a flight.

When we finally got to our condo, Felix was very surprised. It's about four times the size of the little apartment we rent in Mexico. But Felix quietly went about his explorations, used his new litter box and went to bed between us again—in a new bed, a new home, a new country.

"What do you think, Felix?" I asked. Felix purred.

"What a good cat!" I said. "What a good cat," Peter agreed. And we all went to sleep and started our new life together.

Till next time,
Carrie

Dick Does an About Face



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I'm a little compulsive about credit cards, so I go to the appropriate website every

morning to see what we owe and then check our bank balance. It's a quick routine, made even easier by the facial recognition programs that eliminate the need for passwords.

But this morning, they didn't know me.

FACE NOT RECOGNIZED. TRY AGAIN

Try what again? All I did was look at my smartphone. It's not like entering your password incorrectly. I couldn't have entered the wrong face. Okay, one more time.

FACE STILL NOT RECOGNIZED. TRY AGAIN

Worried, I raced into the bathroom and looked in the mirror. My hair was askew; I needed a shave and I had huge bags under my eyes. Who is that, I wondered? I didn't even recognize myself. I combed my hair, shaved, and applied a little of my wife's foundation. This had to work. But no...

YOUR FACE IS NOT RECOGNIZED. PLEASE USE PASSWORD

Mary Ellen was in the kitchen having coffee. I walked over to the table. "Who are you?" she asked. "You never look this good in the morning. I almost didn't recognize you."

As you may recall, my wife is very security-minded. She told me that using facial recognition on my smartphone is not safe. I wondered why.

"Because, Dick, if you are robbed, the thief may just ask you to look into the phone and then he can check the balance in our bank account and what we owe on our credit cards."

Sheridan Summer Reading Program Full of Fun

Let the adventures begin with Sheridan Public Library's Summer Reading Program!

A kick off foam party with games, food and a door prize will be held Wednesday, May 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. The theme for 2024 is Adventure Begins At Your Library and will run from May 29-July 13 for all ages! Participants who complete the reading challenge will earn a pizza party and an awesome prize pack from our sponsors.

"Mary Ellen, he will rob me even if we have an overdue balance."

"It wouldn't work for me, anyway. I'd have to wait every morning to check our balance until I had makeup on."

I wasn't getting anywhere with Mary Ellen, so I called my friend, Bob.

Bob, It's Dick. I have a problem. I'm not being recognized."

"Of course, you haven't been on TV in four years and you don't have a famous dog anymore."

"I don't mean recognized on the street. I mean recognized by the bank. Do they recognize you at the bank?"

"Of course, they recognize me. I'm 6'4" and completely bald."

"Look, when I wake up in the morning, I always check my balance..."

"At your age, good idea. Get out of bed slowly."

That day I had an appointment with my barber. I brought an old photo of myself before all this trouble started. I showed it to Buddy and told him I wanted to look just like I do in this selfie.

"Dick, I can't do that. First of all, your hair is all gray now and you have less of it and I can't give you sideburns."

The next morning, I tried again, but still no luck. I tried again and again. There was only one solution.

I had to reset my face.

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

BETSY

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snapped a photo of the picture and sent it a few days ago to Addie's kindergarten teacher, Holly Sirken, when I was sharing with her that Addie would graduate this year and will do a grad walk through the North building on the last day of school.

I smile as I look back at old photos and awards, including Perfect Attendance for several years. She earned a writing award in first grade and was invited to represent her class in the Hamilton County Reading Council's Youth Author's Conference. We spent first and second grades at Stony Creek Elementary, with Mrs. Karen Duvall and Mrs. Lori Johnson, then returned to North Elementary for third grade, due to often redistricting. In fourth grade, our daughter, who had Mrs. Ginger Jimenez for third and fourth grades, was among 11 selected from 86 fourth-graders who auditioned to be a part of the North Elementary hand-chimes choir, directed by music teacher Janene Krent, who is still there.

In fifth grade, Addie had teacher David Kimmel, who later won the District's Teacher of the Year award and who co-taught with former teacher Melissa Jones a Learning Lab class of 49 students, and they did all kinds of cool out-of-the-box learning. Plus, Addie gained broadcast experience as a news anchor and videographer for North's daily morning news broadcast. (Addie gained more broadcast experience this senior year as an on-camera anchor thanks to enrolling in a Broadcast Journalism class with award-winning teacher Mr. Joe Akers.

Back to the birthday parties. One of our favorite birthday parties was when Addie turned 8, and we had a "Rock Star" party inviting her friends to dress like rock stars and sing karaoke in the backyard. After that year, her birthday parties moved to venues away from home, like bowling centers and the former Cicero Fun Factory, and Embassy Suites Hotel in Noblesville.

Each year, we tried to outdo the year before. Her Sweet 16 party was at a beautiful little barn at our friends' private venue with guests dressing to the nines for the red carpet. Her 17th birthday was at a friend's little barn that resembles an old diner inside with guests dressing for the 1970s. This year, the wizard-themed 18th party that took place over the weekend was quite magical with an amazing "castle" venue and a lot of very interesting characters as guests.

Those of you who know our family may have followed our daughter in her more than a dozen local theater productions, including most recently as The

Wedding Singer, singing love songs from the early 1950s, as dressing the part, during pre-show entertainment for The Belfry Theatre's "Father of the Bride" comedy. Through the years, we've watched her perform in NHS's fall musicals, as stepsister Gabrielle in "Cinderella," Go-to-Hell Kitty in "Chicago: Teen Edition," and dancing in the ensemble of "High School Musical." Before that, she was Annie in Noblesville East Middle School's musical "Annie Jr.," and Jane in "Mary Poppins Jr.," also at NEMS, and in most of The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players' summer youth musicals, including Mrs. Bucket in the 2023 "Willy Wonka Jr."

You might have watched her perform Patsy Cline's "Walkin' After Midnight," The Carpenters' "Superstar" or The National Anthem during Legacy Keepers Music's String Time on the Square on a summer Saturday night. And most recently, she sang her Senior Solo, The Carpenters' "We've Only Just Begun," last Friday night at the final NHS District Show Choir Concert, where she was also a featured soloist for one of the NHS Singers' songs. Last year at this time, she sang a solo in NHS's Rooftop Coffee House and the last two years, she's sang a couple of songs at the NHS Alumni Banquet at the high school.

She has taken piano lessons and sang in NEMS Vocal Revolution show choir. She has sold trash bags for NEMS band where she played the clarinet, and sold record numbers of pancake breakfast tickets (with mom's help) for the Boys & Girls Club's winter youth basketball league.

She was an Indiana Statehouse page for both former Sen. Victoria Spartz and former State Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson Williams.

The years have flown by as her "resume" has grown. This year, our daughter is in her seventh year as a youth volunteer at Conner Prairie, where she has been a spinning captain for the Indiana State Fair Sheep to Shawl competition, a Youth Agriculture Captain for the animal barn and a pottery apprentice in Prairietown.

She's in her 10th year as a Hamilton County 4-H'er and will be honored in July for her 10 years during the 4-H Queen Pageant.

A year ago, she traveled with choir director John Neubauer's fabulous student trip to New York City, where they watched four Broadway musicals, and I was fortunate to chaperone. Last spring, she applied for and was chosen as an officer of her school's thespian troupe.

➡ See BETSY Page A6

Fred Farley Shines



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools

Fred Farley, Hazel Dell Elementary Building Supervisor, has been named a RISE (Recognizing Inspirational School Employees) award winner by the State of Indiana. Fred was chosen from over 100 nominees for the prestigious award that recognizes support staff excellence. With 34 years of service to Noblesville Schools, Fred is beloved by students and staff for his leadership, expertise, hard work, magic tricks and humor. Hazel Dell hosted a surprise program in his honor last week, complete with special "Farley Fan Club" t-shirts for all students and staff. Congratulations, Fred!

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2024 Genesis GV60 Electric Crossover Brings Unexpected Freedoms – Despite Limited Range and A Lofty Sticker



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

It seems when we talk about electric vehicles, it's mostly a conversation about limiting freedoms. But I don't see it that way. EVs can be about enhancing freedom of design, freedom of performance and freedom from fossils. By completely changing technology, Genesis was able to completely change what we appreciate in compact luxury crossovers. Unfortunately, freedom from charging stations isn't unlimited.

Going electric puts batteries beneath the floor, and without an engine to stuff under a hood, designers have more freedom. There's a lot of Porsche in the car's curvy hood, arching roofline, and wrap-around taillamps, but also a lot of Genesis in the twin swaths of LED lights, unnecessary grille, and large winged logos. I especially like how the lower body appears to fold over the rocker panel and the rear glass tabs around to the sides. Accentuated fenders cosset 21" wheels.

When the car was delivered, the driver asked if I needed help setting up the facial recognition and fingerprint systems. I said, "The what?" Yep, there's a camera in the door pillar and sensor on the starter that allows owners to enter and start the vehicle without keys. He should also have mentioned how the car can back into a garage while its owner stands outside with the key fob. That's only a first impression.

Designers clearly took the freedom to create a modern clubroom with wide flat floors, high arching ceilings, and carnal luxuries. Twin 12.3-inch screens for gauges and infotainment get the attention, but look closer to see the high console with rotating orb gear selector, infotainment joywheel, and deep storage. It feels sumptuous with Nappa leather seats, aluminum trim, and suede headliner. Just settle in and drink up the Bang & Olufsen audio system.

Going further, devices are easily connected through Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and wireless console

charging while seasons are tamed by heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, and a heated steering wheel. Luggage is swallowed by a foot-operated power hatch and split-fold rear seats. And, if safety is a concern, check the head-up display, adaptive cruise, and lane tracing to relive drivers while automatic emergency braking, blind spot avoidance, and lane keep assist amp active safety. Safe Exit Assist prevents passengers from stepping into traffic.

Beyond a way too brief 235 miles range, the electric powertrain provides lots of freedom for quick acceleration (0-60 mph in 4 seconds), fast charging (10-80% in 18 minutes), and cleat traction (all-wheel-drive). Fully charge in about 7 hours on 240v home or commercial chargers, but you'll wait 68 hours using a wall socket. Buy a charger!

Beyond quick recharge, the GV60 is a delight to drive with 429 horsepower and 516 lb.-ft. of torque

underfoot. Step down for instantaneous response. You may not need that to get the kids to school, but don't you want it? Heavy batteries sit low in the chassis and work with the electronic suspension for both a heavy driving feel on the highway and quick reflexes when requested. Just don't expect a super smooth ride. Click drive modes for Eco, Comfort, and Sport to conserve or consume electrons.

Engineers need to dig deeper to find a bit more driving range, something approaching 300 miles, but the rest of the GV60 mostly exhibits the best of what happens when designers and engineers are set free to reimagine the luxury crossover. Given all it offers for a base price of \$52,000, or \$71,320 as-tested, it compares favorably to the Volvo XC40 Recharge, Mercedes-Benz EQB, Lexus RZ450e, and upcoming Cadillac OPTIQ.

Storm Forward!

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



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Recharge (10-80%): 18m
Economy city/hwy: 97/82 mpg-e
Assembly: Ulsan, Korea
Base/as-tested price: \$52,000/71,320

Likes	Dislikes
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Migratory Bird Seasons Set

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Indiana's migratory bird hunting seasons for 2024-25 have been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The hunting seasons include those for mourning dove, waterfowl (i.e., ducks, coots, mergansers, and geese), woodcock, snipe, and sora rails.

Species	Area	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Oct. 20	Nov. 1 - Dec. 1	Dec. 21 - 29
Woodcock	Statewide	Oct. 15 - Nov. 28		
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16		
Sora Rail	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9		
Early Teal	Statewide	Sept. 14 - 29		
Ducks, coots, and mergansers	North Zone	Oct. 19 - Dec. 8	Dec. 28 - Jan. 5	
	Central Zone	Nov. 2 - 10	Nov. 23 - Jan. 12	
	South Zone	Nov. 9 - 10	Nov. 30 - Jan. 26	
Canada geese, light geese, and Brant geese	North Zone	Sept. 1 - 15	Oct. 19 - 27	Nov. 23 - Feb. 9
	Central Zone	Sept. 1 - 15	Nov. 2 - 10	Nov. 23 - Feb. 9
	South Zone	Sept. 1 - 15	Nov. 9 - 10	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15
White-fronted Geese	North Zone	Oct. 19-27	Nov. 23 - Feb. 9	
	Central Zone	Nov. 2 - 10	Nov. 23 - Feb. 9	
	South Zone	Nov. 9 - 10	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15	
Youth and Veteran only hunting days	North Zone	Oct. 12 - 13		
	Central Zone	Oct. 26 - 27		
	South Zone	Nov. 2 - 3		

New this year, the white-fronted goose season and bag limit are separate from those for other geese. The white-fronted goose season is closed during September's Canada goose season but opens at the same time as the other geese

seasons later in the year. The daily bag limit is two white-fronted geese.

The Canada goose daily bag limit is five, which may include brant geese in aggregate, in any combination. The

daily bag limit for light geese (snow and Ross's geese) remains 20.

There are no changes in duck bag limits from 2023-24. This includes the scaup daily bag limit, which is one

during the first 15 days of the duck season, and two for the rest of the season.

The possession limit for all migratory birds is three times the daily bag limit, except for light geese, for which there is no possession limit.

She has also received all kinds of opportunities and has met people from all walks of life, being that she has tagged along with her mom on many interviews, all kinds of events and public meetings.

Recently, she joined seniors sharing memories at their year-end NHS Choir banquet, attended with her boyfriend, and last week was recognized at NHS's Senior Honors Night and Journalism Award Night.

While she's done a lot, I also feel there are so many things on our lists to do that we haven't gotten to yet. It was only three years ago that she walked on her first Florida beach and visited Walt Disney

World for the first time.

This year has been very special, as we've celebrated a lot of "lasts."

With only two weeks of school left (last day of school is May 30), time is flying. Graduation will be here before we know it. Then summer will likely fly by, with plans to head to college this fall.

While it's tough being a parent of a teenager who is turning 18 this week, wanting to experience freedom and make her own choices, she is also at the age when she still needs her mom, thankfully more often than not.

While our summer

calendar is already filling up with activities, we look forward to her summer, and no summer school, and hearing the wonderful sounds of our daughter's laughter in the house after the stress has gone from schoolwork.

Our teenage daughter, who celebrates her 18th birthday on Thursday, is such a blessing to our family. We feel so lucky and so blessed every day to have her.

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

Heights' CTE Students Trade a Day in Class for Worksite

When Nate Press, Talent Acquisition Specialist, for E&B Paving, was looking at the roundabout construction project taking place at the intersection of SR 38 and Boden Road, he had an "aha" moment. "What an incredible opportunity for students interested in the trades to get an up close and personal look at the components involved in an active road construction project that just

happened to be taking place between the E & B Paving Office and Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI) quarry operations in our own backyard," he thought.

Press reached out to Kevin Sheets, Hamilton Heights High School Construction Trades Education (CTE) teacher, with the idea of bringing students E&B, IMI, and the job site for interactive learning experience in real time. Sheets was

all in! Sheets, along with 10 students (including two who will be interning at the E & B lab this summer), and an instructional assistant, took advantage of the offer, and in turn had a powerful, engaging, and interactive learning experience. Press crafted a half day agenda that featured safety briefs throughout each segment of the day. Students were divided into smaller groups,

spending the first part of the day in the quarry viewing and learning the different aspects of the process – digging, blasting, moving, crushing, and re-crushing of stone. After lunch, they spent time in the safe area of the construction site to watch live construction action. The day concluded at E & B where Chad Hartwick, E & B Estimator/Project Manager, shared company history, overview, and a tour of the lab.



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Kevin Sheets, HHHS Construction Trades Education Teacher, was with students watching IMI's drill team drill holes for explosives to blast the rock.

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"Building partnerships within our school systems is really important to us," added Press, of their efforts to educate about our industry and the many job opportunities available. "Kevin's enthusiasm in teaching means so much to his students, but it means even more to us. We value any opportunity to engage students who might want to pursue a career in civil engineering and construction trades fields and what better way than to see those jobs in action!"

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FOR THE RECORD

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

Executive Session Agenda
 Thursday, May 23, 2024
 Noblesville Educational Services Center
 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062
 1:00 p.m.
 IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)
 Executive sessions may be held only in the following instances:

___ (1) Where authorized by federal or state statute.

___ (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:
 ___ (A) Collective bargaining.
 ___ (B) Initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.
 ___ (C) The implementation of security systems.
 ___ (D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties. However, all such strategy discussions must be necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons and may not include competitive or bargaining adversaries.

___ (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety measures, plans, and systems.

___ (4) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the Indiana economic development corporation, the office of tourism development, the Indiana finance authority, the ports of Indiana, an economic development commission, the Indiana state department of agriculture, a local economic development organization (as defined in IC 5-28-11-2(3)), or a governing body of a political subdivision.

___ (5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

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

___ (7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

___ (8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.

___ (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

___ (10) When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:
 ___ (A) Develop a list of prospective appointees.
 ___ (B) Consider applications.
 ___ (C) Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.
 Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-4(b)(12), a governing body may release and shall make available for inspection and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3-3 identifying information concerning prospective appointees not initially excluded from further consideration. An initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration may not reduce the number of prospective appointees to fewer than three (3) unless there are fewer than three (3) prospective appointees.
 Interviews of prospective appointees must be conducted at a meeting that is open to the public.

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

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

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

___ (14) To train members of a board of aviation commissioners appointed under IC 8-22-2 or members of an airport authority board appointed under IC 8-22-3 with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. A board may hold not more than one (1) executive session per calendar year under this subdivision.

AGENDA / REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM
 18025 River Road
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 Tuesday, May 21, 2024
 6:00 P.M.
 The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. RECOGNITIONS

- 2024 Teachers of the Year
- Best Community for Music Education
- Art at ESC 2024-2025
- 2024 Indiana High School Journalist of the Year Finalist / NHS
- Journalism / NHS
- Shadow Yearbook / NHS
- Indoor Percussion / NHS
- Winter Guard / NHS + EMS
- Robotics / WMS
- Hare Teacher Spotlight / Promise Road Elementary School

III. REPORTS

§ Building Spotlight / Promise Road Elementary School
 Tonya Moody, Principal

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA TOPICS
 The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the Board about current agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

V. CONSENT
 By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be moved from the list at the option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

§ Claims
 § Contracts, Agreements, Sponsorships
 § Donations
 § Minutes / April 2024
 § Overnight Trips
 § Personnel

VI. ACTION
 By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

§ Personnel – Background Checks
 § 2024-2025 Employee Handbook
 § 2024-2025 Student Handbooks
 § District Boundary Neighborhood Assignments
 § Advertise Public Hearings
 § HBM Contract for Use of Facilities
 § Bids / Campus Paving Repairs Summer 2024 – PR & WR

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA TOPICS
 The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the Board about non-agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT
 The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

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B.A.S.H. Night Brings Heights Together



The first B.A.S.H. (Book Fair, Art, STEM and Husky Young Authors) Night at Hamilton Heights Elementary School last week brought students and their families together for a special evening to celebrate reading, writing, science, and art.



Photos courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools.

HHES Art Teacher Cheri Trachtman welcomes students and families to B.A.S.H. Night where she distributed passports.



Haylen Davidson, a student at the Little Huskies Learning Center preschool, takes a tour around the world to learn about the birthplace of famous artists and their works..



Della Marie Smith, a HHES first-grader shows her mother Jessica the book she wrote and illustrated as part of the annual Young Authors Book Project for second grade students.

Each spring, Hamilton Heights Elementary School (HHES) hosts a student art show, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) night, a family Book Fair night, and a Young Author celebration. This year, HHES teachers Cheri Trachtman, Joanne Renfro, Karen Jones, Kathleen Davidson, and Melissa Martin got together and had a great idea! What if all these events were rolled into one big night to celebrate reading, writing, STEM, and art? With this B.A.S.H. (Book Fair, Art, STEM and Husky Young Authors) Night, was born!

held last Wednesday. Upon arrival, students received a Passport which led them to enjoy artwork from every student in the building, an interactive science-filled STEM experience, the premier of books written by the elementary school students, and a chance to purchase new books in the media center. A large map showed previously studied artists' birthplaces and famous works, and students took part in a live installation based on Yayoi Kusama's famous "Obliteration Rooms."

Thanks to the generous financial assistance from Hamilton Heights Education Foundation (HHEF), the inaugural B.A.S.H. Night, the first of what is expected to be an annual event, was

The evening did not disappoint. The building was filled with laughter, learning, and special moments throughout. It was an interactive and engaging evening that was a win for students and families alike!

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