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TODAY'S VERSE

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with thy might.

Hamilton Happenings

It wouldn't be Hamilton County without road issues. Here's the latest from the ongoing Pleasant Street project. Temporary Closure are scheduled to occur: Between 8th Street and 10th Street (Now through October); between 10th Street and 12th Street (mid-July 2024 - October 2024); between Vine and Washington streets (mid-July 2024 - October 2024); and Walnut Street between 9th & 10th (October 2024).

Also, today and Tuesday between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. lane restrictions will be in place for delivery of materials in the work area and to set bridge beams in the 146th Street area. Today, the westbound left lane of 146th Street will be closed and tomorrow one westbound and one eastbound lane will be closed. Drivers should expect short duration intermittent stoppages along 146th street and Allisonville Road, so the contractor can move materials and equipment within the work area. Please watch for flaggers within the construction zone and use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

Three Things You Should Know

- 1 An illegal immigrant who killed another man in Columbus in exchange for \$3,200 must continue serving a 55-year sentence after Attorney General Todd Rokita's legal team prevailed at the Indiana Court of Appeals. The killer, Etziel Avelar, appealed, asking the appellate court to review his sentence. He argued that his mental health issues called for a lower sentence. The appellate court did not find this persuasive
- 2 Most of us use our noses to breathe and smell. But Guinness World Record holder, David Rush, uses his proboscis to blow up balloons. To date, Rush has earned 173 records, most recently for using his nose to inflate 28 balloons in three minutes tying fellow serial record-breaker Ashrita Furman. But Rush is determined to keep at it until he achieves his goal of earning the most Guinness record titles ever.
- 3 You breathe through your nose, you smell with it and your nose helps to filter the air you inhale. But Vinod Kumar Chaudhary has revealed that you can also use it to type with it. In fact, Mr. Chaudhary has earned the Guinness World Record for using his nose to type the alphabet - not once, not twice but for a third time. Last year it took him 27.8 seconds to type the alphabet but later in the year he did it in 26.73 seconds. But recently he broke the record yet again -- in 25.66 seconds using only a keyboard and his nose.

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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!

Flag Day was Friday and it kind of felt like the day came and went without a lot of fanfare. Well, we think Old Glory deserves so much more! So we're devoting today's By The Numbers to a look at our wonderful United States Flag - long may she wave proudly!


1777 On June 14 in 1777 the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag in a resolution. It said: That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."


50 Stars! We got our 50th star in 1960. Before that, well, see the list below.




13-15-20-21-23 ...

OK for those keeping score at home, here are the number of stars for the flag and the years

9-11	13 - 1777-1795	33 - 1859-1861
Not a distress call, but the arrangement of stars. We have nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and 11 rows of stars staggered vertically!	15 - 1795-1818	34 - 1861-1863
	20 - 1818-1819	35 - 1863-1865
	21 - 1819-1820	36 - 1865-1867
	23 - 1820-1822	37 - 1867-1877
	24 - 1822-1836	38 - 1877-1890
	25 - 1836-1837	43 - 1890-1891
	26 - 1837-1845	44 - 1891-1896
	27 - 1845-1846	45 - 1896-1908
	28 - 1846-1847	46 - 1908-12
	29 - 1847-1848	48 - 1912-59
	30 - 1848-1851	49 - 1959-60
	31 - 1851-1858	50 - 1960 to present
	32 - 1858-1859	



Cicero Woman Killed in Crash

A motorcycle rider from Cicero was killed last week in an accident at 234th and Cumberland.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said that Thursday 31-year-old Steffanie Pickett was riding on a black Harley Davidson motorcycle traveling east on 234th Street heading toward Cumberland Road. A Dodge Journey was northbound on Cumberland and stopped at the stop sign for 234th. Police say that as the Harley Davidson was approaching the intersection, the Dodge proceeded to turn left with the intent to travel west on 234th Street. The Dodge Journey entered the path of the eastbound Harley Davidson motorcycle resulting in the motorcycle beginning to brake, however it was unable to avoid the collision. The motorcycle began to slide on

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Fitting That Irv Heath Name is On New Boys & Girls Club Amphitheater

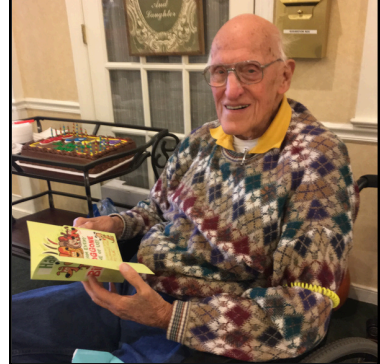


Photo courtesy of Marilyn Heath

The late Noblesville resident Irving Heath is the namesake of the new Irv Heath Amphitheater at Camp Crosser which is used by the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

I had the privilege of being invited to a ribbon cutting this month for the new Irv Heath Amphitheater at the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Camp Crosser north of Noblesville.

Heath, who was a Noblesville Lions Club member and a founder of the Boys & Girls Club in 1950, was my neighbor for many years in Old Town Noblesville.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to get pregnant, or are pregnant, be sure to take 400 micrograms of folic acid a day to help prevent birth defects.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke."
Mark Twain

OBITUARIES

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Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough

TODAY'S JOKE

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Joe Lee Walden

May 21, 1970 - June 3, 2024

Joe Lee Walden, age 54, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away, surrounded by his family, best friend, and those he loved most in this world, on Monday evening, June 3, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born May 21, 1970, in Lebanon, Indiana, he was the son of the late Joe Edward and Shirley Gay (Sims) Walden.



He was a proud graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1991.

Joe was never one to let the grass grow under his feet. He spent 16 years working for Speedway gas station as their resident jack-of-all-trades, doing anything and everything that needed to be done to keep the store running smoothly and efficiently. From 2007 to 2022 he worked as a paper carrier with the Indianapolis Star, during which time he ensured each of his customers received excellent service. As his health declined, Joe switched over to the assembly side of the business, and from 2020 until 2023 helped his son assemble the daily deliveries for other carriers. The time spent together, working closely with his son, was a wonderful bonding experience for both of them.

Joe enjoyed doing yard work and gardening, as well as going fishing whenever he could get the chance. He also loved watching the Colts, unless they played on Monday night; Mondays were reserved for watching wrestling. Joe was also a collector; his collections of piggy banks and Camel memorabilia were coming along nicely. He loved to watch movies, or the idea of watching movies—he rarely made it through one without falling asleep, in spite of his Mountain Dew consumption. He enjoyed puzzles and woodworking, and tinkering around with things—taking them apart, cleaning them, putting them back together—to him there was just something oddly satisfying about it.

No matter what Joe had going on in his life, there was never anything more important than his family.

Joe is survived by his girlfriend, Sonya Gibbs-Willem of Sheridan; his son, Joe Lee "Jo-Jo" Walden II of Noblesville; daughter, Gertrude W. Finney (Sean) of Alexandria, Indiana; 2 grandchildren, Aydan Finney, and Andru Finney; sister, Gaynell Walsh-Franssica of Sylva, NC; and by his "little buddy", Tristan Gibbs-Willem. Uncle Joe will always live in your heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Edward and Shirley Gay (Sims) Walden; and 2 brothers-in-law, David Walsh, and Pete Franssica.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 14, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from noon until the time of service.

Joe always preferred dressing as comfortably as possible. Please help us honor his memory by dressing in the same fashion for his services: casual and comfortable, just like he would have wanted.

Burial will follow at Eagle Creek Cemetery. Pastor Steve Carlock will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the National Kidney Foundation.

Thank you for reading The Times

Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough

July 20, 1953 - May 26, 2024

Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough, age 70, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle, Indiana on Sunday evening, May 26, 2024. Born July 20, 1953, in Noblesville, Indiana, he was the son of Neil Meredith and Marcia J. (Evans) McCullough.



He was a 1971 graduate of Sheridan High School.

Rick had unique gifts. He had the mind of an engineer. He knew how things worked (especially the really big things) and how they came apart (and equally as important, how they went back together), and he had the hands of a master mechanic. The first 20 years of his career were spent working on construction equipment with the former Indiana Rental Company. He later hired on with Reynolds Farm Equipment in Fishers, Indiana, retiring from the company after 26 years of dedicated service.

When it came to working with his hands, Rick was as skilled at woodworking as he was at fixing an excavator or a bulldozer. He loved making furniture and special gifts for family and friends. His greatest special gift (and the one he was the proudest of), was the home he built for his family. His blood, sweat, and tears went into its construction, and his heart and soul helped fill it with love.

Although he was very proud of his gardening achievements, most of his free time was devoted to fishing. Thinking about it, talking about it, and eventually going and doing it, (which usually leads to more talking about it). However, what meant the most to Rick was his family, his friends, and of course, his fishing buddies.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen M. "Kathy" (McDonald) McCullough. She and Rick were married on June 15, 1990. Also surviving are his mother, Marcia J. (Evans) McCullough; 2 sons, Patrick Greenough (Rebekah) of Sheridan, and Bradley Greenough of Sheridan; 2 daughters, Marie Nicole Lane (Derek) of Camden, and Sarah Jane McCullough of Sheridan; 6 grandchildren, Grace, Madison, Ivan, Neil, and Eleanora; brother, Michael Myron McCullough (Ludi) of Sheridan; 2 sisters, Karen Sue Thomas (Dan) of Hawaii, and Katharine Jane Godbey (Ron) of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews; and by his mother-in-law, Leslie McDonald of Sheridan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil Meredith McCullough; father-in-law, Henry McDonald; and by his canine partner in crime, Duke.

Rick's impact was felt by everyone who knew him, and his passing will leave an unfillable gap in the hearts of his friends, family, and loved ones.

A celebration of Rick's life will take place from 10:00 am until noon on Saturday, June 15, 2024 (which would have been Rick and Kathy's 34th anniversary), at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana.

Health Department, 911 Team Up for Lifesaving Webinar

The Hamilton County Health Department, along with Hamilton County Public Safety Communications (911), will host a free webinar on Children's CPR on June 25 at 6 p.m. The webinar is designed to equip parents and caregivers with the essential skills needed to perform CPR on children effectively.

"Knowing how to perform CPR on children is vital because their bodies are more delicate, and their needs differ from adults in an emergency," says Jim Ginder, Health Education Specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department. "Immediate and correct CPR can significantly increase the chances of survival and reduce the risk of long-term damage."

The webinar will cover crucial aspects of children's CPR, including how it differs from adult CPR. "Children's CPR involves different techniques and

amounts of force," Ginder explains. "For infants and children, the compressions are typically performed with one hand or even two fingers, and the depth of compressions is less. It's crucial to be gentle yet effective to avoid causing injury."

Understanding the scenarios where children's CPR might be needed is another vital component of the training. "The most common scenarios include situations where a child has drowned, choked, or suffered a severe allergic reaction, or when an infant has sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). With children, time is of the essence, and having the right skills can make a life-saving difference."

To learn more about administering CPR to children, register for this free webinar. Secure your spot today by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/cpr-for-children>.



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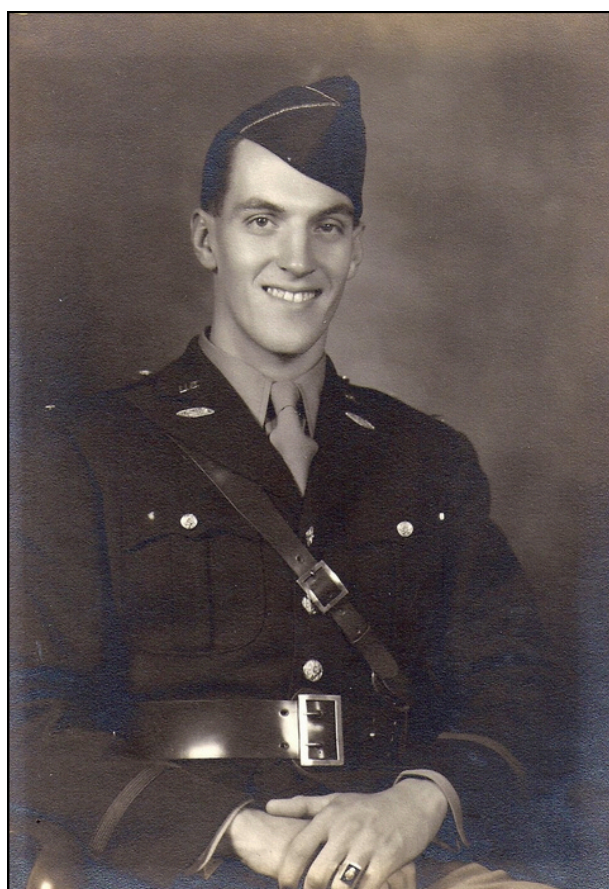


Photo provided by Marilyn Heath

Irving Heath was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, 4th Armored Division, 35th Battalion under Gen. Omar Bradley and Gen. George S. Patton.

community contributions.

Irving was born in Somerville, Mass., grew up in Worcester, Mass., and graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, where he met Rachel Waltz of Arcadia. They were married Sept. 5, 1942, during his four-day leave from the U.S. Army.

They moved here in 1946 and joined the Noblesville First United Methodist Church. They lived in the same house on Conner Street in Old Town Noblesville for more than 60 years. Marilyn Heath was among three of the Heaths' children, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Rachel, a retired school teacher, died in 2010, after 68 years of marriage.

When Irving retired in 1981 from 32 years in the insurance business, he celebrated by getting his real-estate license and worked as a Realtor for another 12 years, retiring again in 1995. Even after that, he kept his office in downtown Noblesville, where he saved personal community relics, which he talked about in a Daily Ledger newspaper article that I found from the year 2000, the same year that he was grand marshal of the Noblesville Fourth of July Parade.

His office on South Ninth Street he called the "memorabilia room." A bookshelf had 30 three-ring binders of U.S. Commemorative stamps he collected, and scrapbooks filled with photos of him during the war. A wall map marked the route his 4th Armored Division traveled in the war.

He had a collection of Cresson & Heath insurance calendars

that he sent his clients dating back to the 1940s, and an elephant collection to celebrate being a member of the Republican Party of which he was precinct chairman for 18 years. He had two filing cabinets jam packed with items he'd saved from the nonprofits that he was involved, including Noblesville Lions Club, American Legion Post 45, Cancer Service of Hamilton County of which he helped start in 1986 (and for which I volunteered serving the pasta dinners in the basement of the Masonic Temple, of which he was also a member, plus his membership in the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Hamilton County Historical Society. A Belfry Theatre season ticket holder, he also saved every program since the theater started in 1965.

He was a Sagamore of the Wabash recipient, and he was a member for 20 years of the Noblesville Adult Swim Team and was often found swimming at Forest Park Aquatic Center during less busy times of the day. Irving was all about faith, freedom and family and was proud to have served his country. It is so fitting that this lovely new amphitheater for the Boys & Girls Club campers be named after Irv Heath.

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

The Boys & Girls Club also presented a dinner bell at the side of the amphitheater and named it "Bill's Bell" after Bill Taylor (who was in attendance) for his service and dedication to the club.

We appreciate our readers!

Fitting Tribute for Irv Heath Made Real



Photos courtesy Noblesville Boys & Girls Club

The Lions Club generously donated \$15,000 toward the amphitheater and stage.

A ribbon cutting took place recently at the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Camp Crosser for a new amphitheater named after the late Irv Heath.

With Lions Club members, BGCN staff, board members and supporters, plus over 50 Camp Crosser campers in attendance, Irv Heath's legacy was remembered for his decades of support for the Noblesville community and local youth.

"Our amphitheater will serve as a vital gathering space for our program within the backdrop of Camp Crosser's natural landscape," stated BGCN Director of Club Operations, Abigail Stutesman. "This latest addition not only enhances our camp but also aligns with our commitment to delivering high-quality

programming. We can't thank the Lions Club enough for their contribution and are honored it will stand as a tribute to Irv Heath"

The Lions Club's generous \$15,000 contribution to Camp Crosser for an amphitheater and stage will enhance the outdoor programs that take place for more than 720 campers each year. At Camp Crosser, campers have the opportunity to get out into the great outdoors, explore nature, soar through the sky on a zipline across the White River, experience the sport of archery, learn to cook over a campfire and so much more. The new amphitheater and stage will provide a needed space where announcements, award recognition and performances can take place on a daily basis during spring, summer, and fall break sessions

"When Irv Heath passed at the age of 98, he had been a member of the Noblesville Lions Club for 70 years and always had a passion for helping kids," stated Joe Arrowood, Lions Club board member and past president. "As the former director of the Boys & Girls Club, it brought back many great memories as we cut the ribbon to this amphitheater that honors him, the Lions and the Boys & Girls Club – all three things close to my heart. Our Lions Club is grateful to have the funds able to make this investment possible at the beautiful Camp Crosser."

To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Camp Crosser, visit www.BGCNI.org or www.facebook.com/BGCNoblesville.

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Multiplication Tables



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I never learned my multiplication tables. Not really.

To this day, if you ask me, “What is six times nine?” out of the blue, with some urgency, I will panic. (Please don’t do this.) The troubles started when I was transferred from one math class to another in the third grade. I now understand that this was some sort of promotion from lower math to higher math, but it did not feel like that at the time.

Almost immediately, I realized everyone around me was privy to some secret code I didn’t know. It was called the multiplication tables, and I couldn’t imagine how they all knew it, but I clearly didn’t, and this was a source of enormous shame.

Only many years after the fact, I figured out that I had been transferred right after everyone had been drilled on the multiplication tables. The lower math class had not gotten to it yet. The higher class was finished with it. I was terrified.

I had no idea what was going on and, instead of actually learning the multiplication tables, I spent the next three years trying to hide my ignorance. In fact, as time passed, I became increasingly convinced this was knowledge I would never acquire and the best I could hope for was to escape detection.

I once talked to my mother about this. “I tried to help you with your multiplication tables,” she said. “Don’t you remember?”

Perhaps I do—vaguely. But I remained convinced that what I might be able to do at the kitchen table could never be replicated in real life—especially if someone shouted, “What is six times nine?”—which is exactly what my fourth-grade teacher did, in front of the class.

I had gone up to her to ask a question. Instead of answering it, she replied with this very loud non sequitur.

Predictably, I had no answer.

“Don’t come up here asking me questions until you’ve learned your multiplication tables!”

You can rest assured I never asked another question in the fourth grade.

Today, I can still remember that awful fear. “How can everyone in the room know something that makes no sense to me?”

In retrospect, it seems so unnecessary. Shouldn’t someone have known that I hadn’t been taught this? I moved from the class next door, not from Finland. I’m guessing no one ever thought learning multiplication tables could be so daunting and intimidating. Although I’ve gone on to do reasonably well in math, I still would not like a pop quiz.

This memory bubbled up to me the other day as I made preparations to do some performances of my writing after a long time away from performing. There is a lot I don’t know. Some things have changed. Many things I never knew. There are acronyms I do not know and a lot of people talking and writing about stuff I’ve never heard of. I feel a familiar urge to hide under my desk.

I remember that feeling of being convinced there was this world of secrets I did not know, and I’ve been reminding myself there is a very good chance that there is no secret. And then reminding myself, if I don’t know something, I can always just ask.

I’m trying to do what I should have done in third grade. I’m walking right up to people and saying, “I have no idea what you are talking about. Will you please explain this to me?”

And, so far, no one has looked at me and said, “What is six times nine?”

Till next time,
Carrie

↓ CRASH

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its side and struck the Dodge Journey as it turned left. Both riders were thrown and the Dodge rolled over until coming to rest on its driver side in the embankment.

Pickett was declared deceased at the scene, the motorcycle driver sustained multiple serious injuries from the crash and was

transported by Air Ambulance to Methodist Hospital. The Driver of the Dodge Journey was transported by ground ambulance to Methodist Hospital with pain and internal injuries.

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Crash Team is handling the investigation.

In a League of Our Own



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

A small framed photo stashed in my office corner is over 60 years old.

It’s a picture of my All-Star Little League team from New Rochelle, New York, back in 1959—all of us posed in our individual team uniforms and bound for the state championships in Poughkeepsie, New York. Two more victories there, and we’d be headed to Williamsport, Pennsylvania for the Little League World Championships. I briefly wrote about this some 12 years ago, but doing a replay seems appropriate. Despite my love for baseball, I had not attended a major league game in many years. The other day, with my friend Joe, I went to Cincinnati to see the Reds play the Cardinals at the Great American Ball Park. Sitting there, sipping a beer, smelling the field, hearing the crack of the bat, and watching players round the bases (too many of them were on the Cardinals squad) brought back memories of 1959.

We were a motley crew: Jews, Hispanics, Italians, Blacks, and Ryan, our Irish second baseman. We were all animals: Cubs, Panthers, Colts and Tigers, our team names from regular season play. Money was tight, so the city couldn’t dress us in spiffy new uniforms for the All-Star games. Our lack of funds also meant we couldn’t afford hotels in Poughkeepsie, so the league arranged for us to stay in the homes of local residents. In the first game, I was thrown out at third base. I

looked up to question the umpire’s call and it was the guy whose house I was staying in.

Our team was small in stature but big in talent. Our shortstop, Larry Seidman, absorbed every grounder and flicked it sidearm to first base, the ball spending but a nanosecond in his glove. Larry is now a professor of economics at an Ivy League university.

Pete Wagner threw a curveball that mystified every batter. Dickie Lipson majored in home runs. And then there was Dave Enoch, my other pitcher. He struck out the hitter or struck him...on the arm...on the back...on the head. He was so wild that when the other team had runners on base, we sometimes put one of our outfielders behind the catcher.

In that first game in Poughkeepsie, Pete struck out six. In the final inning, the score was tied. The coach told us all to bunt, so four times in a row we laid down the perfect dribbler. It worked. We won by one run. The other teams called us wimps. The Daily News called us winners...and favorites to win the next day and then head to Williamsport.

In that final game, we lost badly. I made a diving catch in the outfield, so we only lost by 10 runs. One sports reporter said I was the best Little League center fielder in the tri-state area. Three years later, I didn’t even make the high school team. Baseball can be very humbling.

Look at the picture on my Facebook page. See the faces of 14 boys who never considered race, religion, or family heritage differences. We were a team. And a pretty good one. As a result of those experiences, my guess is that most of these young men grew up free of prejudice—the kind that may someday destroy our country. That photo makes me feel better about who we can be. And it makes me love baseball that much more.

— 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.

Carmel Man Sentenced for Child Sexual Abuse

Thomas Cade Martin, 27, of Carmel, Indiana, has been sentenced to 275 months in federal prison, followed by 20 years of supervised release, after pleading guilty to distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and possession of child sexual abuse material. He also admitted to sexually exploiting a minor victim in Carmel. Martin was also ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution and must register as a sex offender wherever he lives, works, or goes to school.

According to court documents, in late 2022, Carmel Police Department officers received a report of sexual exploitation of a male minor victim. The report found that Thomas Martin asked Minor Victim 1, a 15-year-old male, to meet in-person after being introduced through Grindr, an online dating application. Martin continued conversations with MV1 through Instagram and Snapchat, initially lying about his identity and age in order to groom MV1.

Over the course of three weeks, Martin met MV1 in-person on multiple occasions at his Carmel apartment and other public locations to engage in sexual intercourse. Martin also engaged in grooming behaviors, such as purchasing clothes and dinners for MV1, and even buying the child a birthday cake when he turned 16 years old.

A search of Martin’s cellphone recovered multiple sexually explicit “live photos” produced by Martin of the victim, as well as other images taken of the two together at local restaurants and public meeting spots in Carmel.

“Martin sexually abused and exploited a 15-year-old boy, having gained his adoration and trust online. Taking advantage of vulnerable teens for sexual gain is a despicable crime that merits significant prison time,” said U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, Zachary A. Myers. “The sentence imposed today should serve as a warning to would-be groomers and offenders: if you solicit and exploit minors for sex, you will spend many years in federal prison.”

“This defendant earned his lengthy prison sentence by propagating the online victimization of minors and by seeking out and abusing a victim here in

Indiana,” said Special Agent in Charge Herb Stapleton of the Indianapolis Federal Bureau of Investigation. “Thanks to the dedication of our crimes against children investigators, in partnership the Carmel Police Department, this individual will be behind bars for a very long time.”

“The Carmel Police Department has teams dedicated to preventing and solving child exploitation. We are proud to work closely with our federal and local partners in bringing justice to those who are victims of these cases. The work done by all involved in Mr. Martin’s case shows our dedication to protecting our most valuable asset, our children. This type of heinous crime simply will not be tolerated,” said Carmel Police Chief, Drake Sterling.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations and Carmel Police Department investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge James P. Hanlon. U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Tiffany J. Preston, who is prosecuting this case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc

This investigation was conducted by the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, a multiagency task force led by the Indiana State Police that investigates and prosecutes persons who use the internet to sexually exploit or entice children. Each year, Indiana ICAC investigators evaluate thousands of tips, investigate hundreds of cases, and rescue dozens of children from ongoing sexual abuse. Visit <https://www.in.gov/isp/icactf/> to learn more about their efforts.

NOBLESVILLE BABE RUTH BASEBALL

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.

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2024 Hyundai Kona Is Steeped in Style and Performance to Earn Its Precious Price



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Auto Reviews

Like many of you, I'm acutely aware that the prices of new cars have ridden the inflation

curve like a SpaceX rocket heading to Mars, but even then, I wasn't completely prepared for the precious nearly \$35,000 sticker on the 2024 Hyundai Kona. I mean, the Kona is one rung from the bottom of the Korean automaker's crossover hierarchy. I thought, "I sure hope it's worth it". Fortunately, it mostly redeemed itself with the style and value for which Hyundai is renowned.

As automakers traverse the twilight between gas and electric, they must find a styling balance that hints at electric no matter the powertrain beneath. While there is an all-electric Kona, this one burns fossils. Designers penned a sleek front dominated by thin driving lights and headlamps set in the lower fascia and bodysides accented by black plastic wheel arch protection. Origami sheetmetal creasing, arched roofline, and a set of taillamps married to the lower rear fascia complete the look. Silver window trim that arches up and over the rear

hatch is especially chic.

The light modern interior appears as if lifted in-whole from one of Hyundai's IONIQ EVs. Twin screens conjure instruments and infotainment in a broad glassy swath across the dashboard with silvery dual-zone automatic climate controls below. Keep looking to find the wireless phone charger and deep console. Tap around and you'll find a lot of hard plastic, but nothing seems cheap given pebbly textures, contrasting colors, and satin chrome accents.

Our Limited trim came with faux leather seats that can be wiped clean, but are also heated and ventilated up front. A heated steering wheel, power moonroof, crisp Bose audio system, and hands-free liftgate are suave too. Don't be concerned about safety because the Kona checks all of the boxes for adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, and lane following. A 360-degree camera, rear occupant detector, and safe exit assist protect the margins.

Base Konas run with a 2.0-liter normally aspirated four-cylinder engine delivering a tepid

147-horsepower and 132 lb.-ft. of torque. It's OK, but our Limited impresses with a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine pumping 190-horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque. Unlike many vehicles in this class, it employs a proper 8-speed automatic transmission instead of a CVT. All-wheel-drive handles inclement weather and light trails. All of this combines for peppy and natural drive feel. Fuel economy rates just 24/29-MPG city/highway.

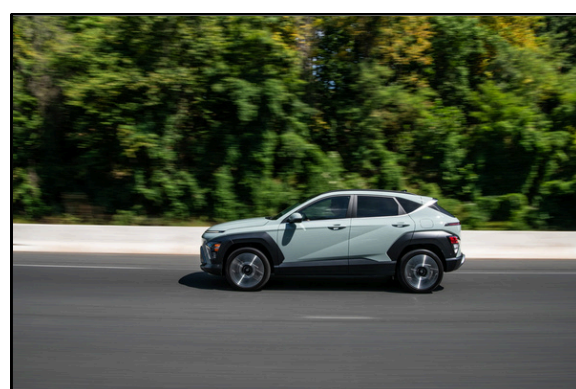
Beyond the spirited turbo, the Kona is a joy to drive whether rumbling over broken city streets or posting big highway miles. It feels "German" in how the front suspension precisely absorbs rough roads. Front-drive models have a simple torsion beam out back, but our AWD version has a proper independent suspension for more agile handling. Most vehicles in this class clunk over rough roads, but the Kona's ride justifies its price point.

So, did the Kona Limited earn its lofty price? Its small with lots of hard interior plastic, but gives the impression of far more expensive crossovers while

flaunting an exterior that cribs upscale EVs. Driving is believing as the turbo and chassis return big smiles. If you don't want to spend \$34,695 for our Kona, there's good news. They start at a very affordable \$24,240, making them competitive with the Subaru Crosstrek, Honda HR-V, Chevy Trax, Buick Envista and Mazda CX-30.

Storm Forward!

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



2024 Hyundai Kona Limited
Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 1.6-liter T4, 8-spd trans
Output: 190hp/195 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 19"/19" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Fuel economy: 24/29 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Ulsan, Korea
Base/As-tested price: \$24,250/34,695

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- Upscale EV style
 - Loaded interior
 - Turbo engine
- Dislikes
- Hard plastics
 - Fuel economy
 - Precious price

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With 90 percent of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

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"We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American people every day," said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of naval operations. "Together we will deliver the Navy the nation needs."

Wright has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am most proud of my first solo flight because it built my confidence," said Wright.

Wright can take pride in serving America through military service.

"Serving in the Navy offers a unique lifestyle," said Wright. "There are so many opportunities to have a fulfilling career and no matter which direction you turn, you have an opportunity to touch the lives of others and make them better."

Wright is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my parents, Jean and Aaron, for being loving and supporting me throughout my life," added Wright. "I also want to thank my brother, Owen, for always pushing me to be better."

Wright is a 2018 graduate of Cathedral High School.



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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Ensign Clay Wright, a native of Carmel, is serving in the U.S. Navy assigned to Training Squadron (VT) 28 where naval aviators learn the skills they need to fly missions around the world.

Wright joined the Navy two years ago. Wright also earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University in 2022.

"All of the role models in my life have a military background," said Wright. "I saw how it tested their personal growth and I wanted that. I was already interested in aviation because my dad is a civilian pilot and the Navy gave me the chance to make a career of flying."

Skills and values learned in the Navy are similar to those found in Carmel.

"My parents instilled the values of hard work and honesty early in life," said Wright. "They taught me to put my best foot forward in anything I set my mind to accomplish."

Today, Wright serves as a student pilot assigned to VT 28, a U.S. Navy primary flight training squadron located at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

"I like the camaraderie even though we are competing against each other," said Wright. "I also enjoy that it is not a monotonous job. Every day is a different challenge and you have to stay flexible."

The aviation squadron's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as instill leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete many phases of flight training to graduate, including aviation preflight indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training. After successfully completing the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted "Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter attack jet, the F-35 Lightning strike fighter jet, or the SH-60 Seahawk helicopter. These aircraft take off from and land on Navy aircraft carriers at sea.

Navy aircraft carriers are designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack fighter jets, helicopters, and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. With more than 5,000 sailors serving aboard, the aircraft carrier is a self-contained mobile airport.

Aircraft carriers are often the first response to a global crisis because of their ability to operate freely in international

Concerts Announced for State Fair

The Indiana State Fair unveiled the second wave of its 2024 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, August 2-18 (Fair is closed on Mondays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Discount tickets can be purchased for the 2024 Indiana State Fair today at IndianaStateFair.com

The 2024 lineup, so far, for the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair include:

- Three Dog Night - Friday, August 2 (opening day)
- Gladys Knight - Sunday, August 4
- Dogstar (guitarist/vocalist Bret Domrose, drummer Robert Mailhouse and bassist Keanu Reeves) - Thursday, August 8
- Bell Biv DeVoe - Friday, August 9
- *Fearless: The Taylor Swift Tribute - Saturday, August 10
- *Newsboys (evening) and Blessing Offor (afternoon) - Sunday, August 11
- *Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues and The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 14
- *Sublime with Rome - Thursday, August 15
- Gary Allan - Friday, August 16
- *Gospel Music Festival featuring Yolanda Adams - Sunday, August 18

As title sponsor of the Free Stage, the Hoosier Lottery is inviting fairgoers 18 or older to enter the free myLOTTERY All-Inclusive Indiana State Fair Prize Package promotion. Six Grand Prize winners will receive State Fair tickets, parking, Fair Bucks, the opportunity to take in a concert at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage, and a Hoosier Lottery Prize Pack. Enter by signing up to become a myLOTTERY member or confirming your existing account at HoosierLottery.com/StateFair by July 8, 2024. Promotional odds are dependent upon the number of entries received.

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets available for these concerts made available in July. The 2024 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, August 2 and runs through August 18, when you can enjoy The Greatest 15 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair.com or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2024 theme The Art & Nature of Fun

presented by Newfields.

2024 Artist Bios:

Three Dog Night

This legendary pop-rock band dominated the charts between 1969 and 1974, with no other group having more top 10 hits. Three Dog Night has maintained and grown their audience, adapting to new music technology and continuing to tour yearly, giving fans new and old the chance to experience their dynamic performances of their classic hits as well as several new songs. Marking nearly 50 years on the road, Three Dog Night continues to captivate audiences with boundary breaking sounds and nostalgic music from their beginning.

Gladys Knight

As both a solo singer and a group musician, Gladys Knight has solidified herself as an icon of the music industry. Known as the "Empress of Soul" Knight has received numerous awards and accolades for her contributions to the R&B and Soul genres. She has also made appearances in numerous films and television shows. She has recorded more than 38 albums during her career, four of which are solo albums.

Dogstar feat. Robert Mailhouse, Bret Domrose & Keanu Reeves

Dogstar is an American Alternative rock band that was formed in Los Angeles in 1991. Its current members are guitarist/vocalist Bret Domrose, drummer Robert Mailhouse and bassist Keanu Reeves. The band saw its greatest success in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s, gathering significant attention from the media due to the presence of Keanu. The band started back up again in 2020, announcing their reunion in 2022. Their latest album was released on October 6, 2023.

Bell Biv DeVoe

Formed in 1989, Bell Biv DeVoe is an American music group hailing from Boston, Massachusetts. Their music aims to combine elements of soul, R&B and hip hop, with their multi-platinum album Poison having a song reaching number 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1990. Their last album Three Stripes was released on January 27, 2017, and despite only having four albums of original material the group has continuously toured and performed live. The group formed as a spinoff of a R&B group called New Edition, and has participated in several of their reunion tours.

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Newsboys

Newsboys is a Christian rock band that was formed in Queensland, Australia in 1985. Their debut album He's Coming Back was recorded and released in 1987, and is the first of two albums recorded in Australia, before moving to Nashville, Tennessee. Their fourth album Not Ashamed, released in 1992, was their first commercially successful album. In 2001 their fifth album was recognized by CCM magazine as one of the "100 Greatest Albums in Christian Music." One of their singles "Shine" was included at No. 9 on CCM Magazine's "100 Greatest Songs of Christian Music." Their thirteenth studio album In The Hands of God, released on May 5, 2009 debuted at No. 1 on the CCM charts. Their newest album is 2024's Worldwide Revival.

Blessing Offor

Born in Nigeria and raised in Connecticut, Blessing Offor combines Soul, R&B, pop and music from his African roots. Blessing describes this combination as "the genre of humanity." Having suffered from vision loss at a young age, Offor learned to train his ears for musical talent. His 2023 debut album, written and recorded in Nashville combines all the elements of his upbringing. Through a combination of personal lyrics and a soundscape rooted in Motown spirit and an "afro-inspired undercurrent," Offor works to combine his dynamic background. To honor his African heritage, Offor included three unique recordings of a call with his uncle to translate a Nigerian tune called "Akwa Uwa," which means "Tears for the World."

Happy Together Tour 2024

The Happy Together Tour 2024 consists of six acts: The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues and The Cowsills. These artists had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's and brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running,

with the only constant band being The Turtles.

Sublime with Rome

Formed in California in 2010 by former members of the band Sublime and singer and guitarist Rome Ramirez, Sublime with Rome is a ska alternative rock group. The group's debut album Yours Truly was released on July 12, 2011, and broke the top ten of the Billboard 200. After releasing their third album Blessings, the band went on a major tour. In 2023 they collaborated with Slightly Stoopid on "Cool & Collected," which was their first new release in several years. To celebrate the release, the group went on a massive summer tour to 27 different cities. Their latest album recorded at Sonic Ranch, is a celebration of their fifteen year run, and is a thank you note to their many fans.

Gary Allan

Gary Allan is a Nashville based country music singer. He got his start in 1996 after signing to Decca Records. His debut single "Her Man" was released in 1996, was the lead-off to his gold certified debut album, titled Used Heart for Sale. He has had three certified platinum albums, and three certified gold albums. Two albums reached the top two spots on the U.S. Billboard Top Country Albums. His newest album titled Ruthless tells the story of the Nashville country from the 1990s to the present.

Gospel Music Festival featuring: Yolanda Adams

Yolanda Adams is an American gospel singer, and host of her own syndicated gospel show. Adams got her start singing gospel music in the early 1980s as part of Houston's Southeast Inspirational Choir, which was affiliated with the Church of God in Christ. She was a featured vocalist on the Choir's single "For my Liberty. In 1987, Adams signed a contract with The Sound of Gospel, and released her first album titled Just As I Am. In 1990 she was discovered by producer Ben Tankard, and after signing to his independent label she released another album titled Through the Storm. In 2009 she was named the number 1 gospel artist of the decade by Billboard. In 2016, President Barack Obama gave her the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding volunteer service, and in 2017 she was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Adams has five number one albums on Billboard's Top Gospel Album list. In 2022 she was inducted into the Black Music & Entertainment Walk of Fame.