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TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Hamilton Happenings

The inaugural Mayor's Grand Gala in Westfield is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, at Grand Park Sports Campus. "This gala presents a unique opportunity for our residents and business owners to come together, celebrate our shared vision, and contribute to the continued growth of our city," Mayor Scott Willis said. On tap are a DJ, silent and live auctions and food from a variety of Westfield restaurants. The Gala supports the efforts of not-for-profit partnerships through the Advancing Westfield Foundation. Tickets start at \$200 and are available at westfieldgrandgala.com.

Three Things You Should Know

- 1 A pair of New York anglers, James Kane and Barbi Agostini, don't use hooks when they go trolling; they use magnets in hopes of reeling-in valuable items made of iron. For example, they recently landed an old safe containing an estimated \$100,000 in cash. The Treasury Department told them that quite a bit of the hundred dollar bills they landed were damaged beyond recognition but they can probably replace the rest with between \$50,000-\$70,000 worth of the "recoverable" bills with brand-new cool cash.
- 2 Kevin is one big dog, so big that he's been recognized by the Guinness World Records as the world's tallest dog. The Great Dane lives in Des Moines, Iowa and is 3 feet and 2 inches tall. As his owner, Tracy Wolfe, described him, "Kevin is the epitome of a gentle giant. In fact, he is scared of most things. He is terrified of the vacuum. He won't let it come within 6 feet of him! He will jump and run to get away from it."
- 3 Nicolas Barrioz and David Peyrou were having a drink in a pub in France when they got the idea of building the world's tallest bicycle. And so, they got busy building the bike - a bike that measures 25 feet, 5 inches high, big enough to get the attention of the Guinness World Record judges who, indeed, declared it to be the world's tallest rideable bicycle. Barrioz was move. As he told the folks at Guinness, "this experience has completely transformed my worldview. Before this, I really needed self-confidence; I was shy and had a negative self-opinion. Now I feel unstoppable; I think I can repair, build or design anything."

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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!

The Great Hoosier State - Our Beloved Indiana

Hoosiers still get a lump in their throat when we hear Jim Nabors belt out back home again in Indiana. We take great pride in being from Indiana, so today's By The Numbers will take a close look at some of the great numbers behind our state.

6,785,528 According to the U.S. Census Bureau, that's the number of people living here during the head count of April, 2020.

1.1%

Growth rate from 2010 to 2020.



92.7 and 86.7

Almost 93 percent of Hoosier households have a computer under their roof. But only 87 percent have broadband internet.



16.9%

The percentage of the population that is aged 65 or over, you know, the really cool ones in the crowd!

50.3%

Women are in the majority of Hoosiers living in the great state we call home.



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How many minutes the average person drives going to or from work.

\$35,578

Per capita income



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Regular physical activity keeps the mind sharper.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"The problem with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it."
Franklin P. Jones

TODAY'S JOKE

What kind of music do killer whales like?
Orca-stra!

OBITUARIES

Kent Kercheval

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Development to Transform Downtown Westfield

Central Indiana Redevelopment Authority has selected the City of Westfield's Park & Poplar Project as the recipient of a \$4 million grant from Indiana Economic Development Corporation READI 2.0 funding. Park & Poplar is a mixed-use redevelopment project in downtown Westfield, with an estimated \$164 million of public and private funding.

Situated along the scenic Midland Trace Trail in downtown Westfield, Park & Poplar is poised to redefine the area as a vibrant hub of community life and commerce. This strategic location will enhance pedestrian connectivity to Grand Junction Plaza and Park Street's "Restaurant Row," promising a dynamic blend of amenities and activities for residents and visitors alike.

At the heart of this transformative project is the vision to establish a central business district in Westfield, addressing the community's need for enhanced parking, housing options, and commercial development. Park & Poplar will feature a mixed-use destination encompassing a boutique hotel, office spaces, experiential retail, and luxury multifamily residences. The development includes a structured public parking facility strategically placed along the Midland Trace Trail to support local businesses and community events at Grand Junction Plaza.

"We are excited about the potential of Park & Poplar to invigorate downtown Westfield," said Mayor Scott Willis. "This project will meet current community needs and contribute significantly to the revitalization and walkability of the area, creating a premier destination for our residents."

Highlighting the project's emphasis on trail-oriented development, Park & Poplar will integrate seamlessly with the Midland Trace Trail, enhancing accessibility and

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

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OBITUARY

Kent Kercheval

May 22, 1966 - June 17, 2024

Kent Eric Kercheval, age 58, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Monday morning, June 17, 2024, surrounded by his wife and loving family, at IU North Hospital in Carmel, Indiana, following a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.



David and Wanda Kercheval were blessed with the birth of their third son, Kent, on May 22, 1966, in Frankfort, Indiana. He graduated from Clinton Central High School in 1984 and later earned a degree in Industrial Illustration from Purdue University.

Kent had a distinguished 15+ year career as a Controller for Keystone Cooperative (previously known as Ceres Solutions and Hamilton County Co-Op), where he was known for his innovative problem-solving, matter-of-fact communication style, and infectious laughter. His incredible dedication to providing for his family was evident through his "whatever-it-takes" work ethic. Before working for Keystone, Kent demonstrated an aptitude for anything he attempted professionally. From taxes and accounting with his father, to construction and HVAC; from technical drawing at Allison Gas Turbine, to entrepreneurship; Kent was a self-identified "Jack of All Trades".

Kent married his childhood sweetheart, Tamme, in 1986. They shared a beautiful life and marriage for what would've been 38 years this July, raising four children: Brandon, Bradley, Benjamin, and Baylee. Kent was a devoted husband, father, and Papaw, always placing family as the priority of his life. He always claimed to have "married up", but Tamme's reciprocated love for him left no room for doubt - they shared something extraordinary. If you were to ask him about his family, Kent would beam with pride and tell you about the accomplishments of his kids, their spouses, and his grandchildren.

A notorious tinkerer, Kent loved spending time in the garage or around their property, fixing, improving, and solving. He spent many evenings "facing East", enjoying the fresh country air, and listening to bluegrass, classic country, and gospel music. He was an accomplished musician and singer, known for his beautiful bass voice. We could always count on Kent to have music playing and enjoyed listening to him sing along.

He was known for his quiet kindness, quick wit, contagious humor, wise counsel, and unwavering integrity. Friends and family will remember his laugh and hugs, balanced with a playful mischievousness.

Kent is survived by the love of his life, Tamra Lynn (Scobee) Kercheval. She and Kent were married on July 5, 1986. Also surviving are 3 sons, Brandon Kent Kercheval (Lydia) of Columbus, Indiana, Bradley Eric Kercheval (Heather) of Westfield, and Benjamin Lee Kercheval (Ashley) of Evans, Georgia; daughter, Baylee Lynn Demaree (Andrew) of Jamestown; 5 grandchildren, Hazel, Oliver, Adaline, Corinne, and Kovalia; by his mother, Wanda Lee (Harris) Kercheval of Kirklintown; 3 brothers, Kevin Lee Kercheval (Melea) of Michigantown, Kyle David Kercheval (Denise) of Sheridan, and Karl Neil Kercheval (Jessica) of Michigantown; and by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Lee Kercheval; paternal grandparents, Everett and Lucille Kercheval; maternal grandparents, Russell "Rut" and Avianell "Avi" Harris; and by his brother-in-law, Mark Aaron Scobee.

A celebration of Kent's life will take place at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 24, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 3:00 PM until the time of service. Pastor Jerome Sack of Radiant Christian Life will be officiating. Kent will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kirklintown, Indiana at a later date. If you wish to donate funds, all proceeds received at the celebration will be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research in Kent's honor.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of IU North Hospital and IU Health Central Indiana Cancer Center in Fishers for their compassionate care and support over the last 16 months.

Kent's legacy of love, kindness, and dedication will live on in the hearts and testimonies of all who knew him.

Helping Literacy . . . and Appetites



Photo courtesy Sheridan Public Library

The local Sheridan Kiwanis club hosted a pancake breakfast in April at the Sheridan Public Library to raise funds that were donated to the library to help improve literacy in the community of Sheridan. Kiwanis Club President, Brian Bragg, presented SPL Board of Trustees President Loretta Moore-Sutherland a check for \$500 from their pancake breakfast fundraiser. Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy and offering guidance.

Georgia Murder Suspect Arrested in Carmel

Carmel Police tracked down a man suspected of murdering a woman in Georgia.

After receiving a warrant from Marietta, Ga., Carmel Police officers initiated a search for the suspect who was believed to be in Carmel.

Mickey Woolery, a 49-year old male from

Carmel, was located and taken into custody. He was transported to the Hamilton County Jail and is awaiting extradition to Georgia.

Charges, including the preliminary ones described above, are merely accusations; an accused is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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Carmel Promotes Jeremy Kashman

The City of Carmel is pleased to announce the promotion of Jeremy Kashman to the newly created role of Chief Infrastructure Officer, effective immediately. In this critical leadership position, Kashman will be responsible for overseeing the planning, development, maintenance and improvement of all city infrastructure including engineering, utilities and street departments. He will work closely with city leadership, department heads, private contractors and the community to identify infrastructure needs and prioritize projects.



Jeremy Kashman

long term," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "As our city looks to the future, we need a centralized leader coordinating all aspects of our infrastructure development and maintenance. Jeremy has proven himself time and again, and I have full confidence he will excel in this new role protecting and enhancing the vital and essential functions of our city."

"I am honored to take on this new role as Chief Infrastructure Officer for the City of Carmel," said Kashman. "Our infrastructure is the backbone that supports our residents, businesses and vibrant community. I look forward to collaborating with our talented city team, external partners and community members to develop innovative solutions that will modernize our essential networks and provide a high quality of life for all our citizens now and in the future."

Kashman holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, along with a Consulting Engineering Certificate and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

Kashman brings more than ten years of experience with the city as director of engineering to this new role. His deep expertise and proven track record of successfully delivering award-winning projects and major initiatives will be invaluable as the city continues to invest in modernizing its infrastructure. Among his top priorities will be creating long-term capital asset plans, strengthening business continuity practices and driving innovation to support the city's ambitious infrastructure plans.

"The creation of this position demonstrates our commitment to proactively planning and managing our infrastructure for the

CASEY WILLIAMS



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Sen Kyle Walker Provides Update



Sen Kyle Walker

Indiana's first responders put their personal safety on the line daily as they work to keep Hoosiers safe.

This year I supported a new law that establishes the Hoosier First Responder Medal of Honor as a way to recognize the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day.

The new recognition will go to first responders who stand out for their courageous behavior and fearless acts in risking their own life to protect others.

This medal will recognize our state's police, fire and emergency medical personnel who protect Hoosiers every day. This honor is just a token of our appreciation for all they do to keep us safe.

Summer Food Programs Available

Free lunches for Hoosiers ages 18 and younger are available at more than 1,000 locations across Indiana this summer. The program is administered by the Indiana Department of Education and provides nutritious meals and snacks to help alleviate child hunger during the

Lawrence Fire

Department Received Stork Award

Four members of the City of Lawrence Fire Department received the Stork Award after they helped deliver a new baby while on the way to the hospital.

The Stork Award is given to EMS-certified professionals who assist with a non-hospital delivery of a newborn as part of their EMS duties.

Congratulations to the recipients of this award, and a special thank you to the men and women of the Lawrence Fire Department who work tirelessly to help our community.

Register for Spark!Fishers Wristband Now

Spark!Fishers is occurring at the end of the month! This annual festival features a plethora of activities, vendors and shows. Some of the events taking place will require a wristband, including the zip line, roller rink, skate park and all inflatables.

Having a wristband means you will get access to these activities and have a safety and liability waiver on file with the City of Fishers. Wristbands are free but only available through pre-registration online.

Once registered, wristbands must be picked up at the Fishers Parks headquarters between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, before June 28.

Beck's Raised Nearly \$53K Through Community Health Event

Beck's, the largest family-owned retail seed company in the United States, held its fifth annual 5K earlier this month at their Atlanta HQ. Beck's 5K promotes health and wellness among Beck's employees and their families, customers, seed dealers and the community.

"Through the continued growth, the success of Beck's 5K has allowed us to expand our reach and increase our impact," said Laura McKee, benefits specialist and chairman of the Beck's 5K committee. "We are happy to support two organizations focused on a similar mission of helping children and building families."

Through a combination of in-person and virtual participants, 442 people registered for the race. Through registrations, sponsorships, and generous donations, Beck's 5K generated \$52,629.83 in proceeds to benefit We Care for Orphans and Safe Haven Baby Boxes.

Selected as one of the 2024 charities, We Care for Orphans was started in 2011 to assist families with the large financial requirements that the adoption process entails.

"We Care for Orphans is extremely grateful to the Beck's family of employees not only for their hard work in putting this event together, but for allowing our organization to be part of it," said Jordyn Beck, chairman of We Care for Orphans. "Seeing the community rally for a specific mission and unite for this cause was truly remarkable.

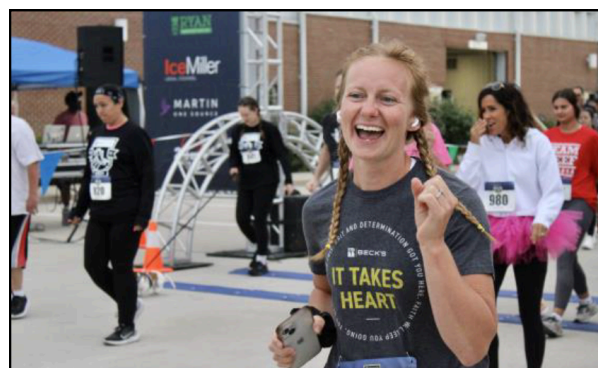
Through the contributions raised from Beck's 5K, we will be able to support at least five future families this year in their adoption process."

The mission of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, the second selected 2024 charity, is to prevent the illegal abandonment of newborns by raising awareness, offering a 24-hour hotline for mothers in crisis, and offering the Safe Haven Baby Boxes as a last resort option for women who want to maintain complete anonymity.

"We are so grateful for the organizers and participants prioritizing our mission to end infant abandonment," said Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Each year the number of women in crisis we serve increases, along with surrenders. Our generous supporters make it possible to continue to meet the level of demand we experience and expand our outreach."

The event was open to all ages. In addition to the 5K run / walk, children ages 3 to 11 had the chance to participate in a Kids Fun Run. James Goddard, age 37, from Fishers, Ind., was the overall winner with a time of 17:45. Behind him was Noah Walker, age 16, from Tipton, Ind., with a time of 18:07, and Isaac Lust, age 16, from Marion, Ind., with a final time of 18:44. For a full list of finishers, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Atlanta/Becks5K>.

Over the last five years, Beck's 5K Run/Walk has generated over \$196,000 in proceeds that have directly benefited six different charities.



A total of 442 people registered for the 2024 Beck's 5K



Beck's 5K generated \$52,629.83 in proceeds



Jordyn Beck accepted the check on behalf of WCFO

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promoting outdoor recreation. The development is expected to attract tourism, building on Westfield's appeal as a destination of choice for visitors, particularly those drawn to events at Grand Park.

As a part of the READI 2.0 "Main Street Matters" initiative, Park & Poplar is expected to

fulfill existing community needs for structured parking and to further enhance downtown Westfield's appeal as a vibrant, walkable community. This strategic alignment with the city's initiatives underscores the project's commitment to the city's overall development and its potential to attract further investment.

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Playing Cat Games



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

"I don't even know what game we're supposed to be playing!" my husband, Peter, told me.

He and our cat, Felix, have been playing their nightly game of chase and tag. Peter always loses. This might be because Felix makes the rules—and is the referee.

"When is the game over?" I asked.

"Whenever Felix wins!"

Last night, I was already in bed while the game was wrapping up. Felix was nowhere to be seen. Peter was silently creeping around the bed and out the bedroom door. Suddenly, Felix tore out from under the chair in the bedroom, tagged Peter and zoomed on past.

"Score!" I hollered from the bed. "Felix one, Peter zero—and Felix has won the game!"

Then Felix knocked all the pillows off the sofa to celebrate and came to bed with us.

"It's nice having a cat, isn't it?" I said to Peter.

"Hmm," Peter said.

"You sometimes used to win games when you played with dogs. That's because you were sneaky, and dogs are not as sneaky."

"Dogs are not sneaky at all!" Peter agreed. Peter used to hide from my old dog, Milo, and surprise him. He'd call him from the other room and hide on one side of the door or the other. More than half the time, Milo guessed incorrectly. Then Peter jumped out and surprised him. It was a very satisfying game for everyone.

"Cats are too sneaky," Peter said. "I don't stand a chance."

Felix was a street cat in Mexico before we adopted him and brought him home with us. He does not seem to be pining for life on the street. He has no desire to go outside and is quite content to watch birds through the window. He likes his food and water in their matching little blue-

and-white bowls, and he likes to have a treat at precisely 8:30 every evening. He spends much of the day luxuriating on my office chair in the sunshine, although he takes breaks to be brushed twice a day—always on the ottoman in the living room. Felix has things just the way he likes them. And every night, he plays the cat-and-mouse game with Peter—and Peter is always the mouse.

"Where is my aspirin bottle?" Peter complained last night, after the game was over.

"Where was it?"

"On top of my dresser."

"I'm guessing Felix knocked it off."

"From the top of the highboy?"

Peter has still not absorbed the fact that there is no surface upon which it is safe to set any small object. Like living on a boat or in a spacecraft, we must attach everything to something or put it inside something else. Yesterday, I found Felix rolling the pepper shaker across the floor.

And, of course, our life is so much better this way.

For several years, we had no pet, and we would regularly assure ourselves that life was simpler and, with our trips back and forth to Mexico, we were doing the sensible thing—for ourselves and for our imaginary pet.

But pets are not imaginary, once you have one.

While I cannot know with complete certainty what anyone (much less a cat) is thinking at any particular moment, I am sure Felix is a happy cat. He likes his new home in our condo. He likes his cat games and his many places to nap and his regular treats. I think he even likes us.

"You are a very good cat," I tell Felix every night before I fall asleep. Felix purrs and agrees.

Till next time,
Carrie

Where's Kevin?



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

It was the biggest news in our neighborhood since several septic tanks in our cul-de-sac backed up and the sewage cascaded into Karen's yard.

The story began when I went on a little jog around the neighborhood early in the evening. As I passed a row of homes, Brenda stood on the side of a neighbor's house, peering into the backyard. She motioned me to join her in this clandestine observation.

We both peeked around the corner and there was Kevin. I was surprised to see Kevin. You would have been equally astonished. You don't see Kevin in your neighborhood very often...probably ever. Kevin, you see, is a peacock.

Kevin seemed not to notice us, but he was certainly aware of himself as he preened in the glass sliding doors, either proud of his own plumage or happy to see a fellow peacock in Fishers, Indiana, where such birds are not exactly indigenous. I only later learned his name was Kevin because I discovered he has his own Facebook page (Where's Kevin?). It turns out that there are also Kevins in several other cities. If you see a loose peacock, it's a Kevin.

When I told my wife, she was very surprised. Why? Because I am not a heavy drinker, and I am drug-free except for Lipitor. But the photo I took did not lie. Kevin the Peacock was proudly parading around our neighborhood.

My first assignment was to alert our neighbor Bob, who is the unofficial guru on all things animal-related in our adjacent valley. His frequent hikes keep our neighborhood updated on the owls, deer, turtles, and coyotes that inhabit the area. Bob has seen it all, but never a Kevin.

After my observation,

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there were additional sightings. Eric tried to entice the bird with a scattering of blueberries at his feet. I'm not sure what he would have done if the bird had approached him. Either was Eric. Bob got in the action by shadowing Kevin from the street as he paraded from backyard to backyard. Bob had no real plan except to prevent the bird from wandering toward a nearby busy traffic area.

At one point, Kevin ended up on our back patio. I was not home then, but neighbors showed Mary Ellen photos they had taken. My wife was just a floor above when all this happened. "How could I have missed all the excitement?" asked my wife when she saw everyone's iPhone pics. The explanation was simple: She was washing her hair. The shower was on, then the dryer buzzed along, and she was binging on old episodes of Grace and Frankie on her iPad. If six grown men had slayed a hippo on the floor below, she would have missed that, too.

Where did Kevin come from? Nobody knows. Where will he be next? Same answer.

Kevin's Facebook page has grown to almost 5,000 followers, and it includes a map of where he was last seen. I am sure he is the talk of everywhere he visits. I know he brought genuine joy to all who observed him in our little neck of the woods. Kevin roams freely, although he does have an affinity for one couple's home, which he often returns to, only to wander off again. If you are fortunate ever to see Kevin, enjoy his majesty and splendor and remember that expression: "free as a bird."

- 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.

Noblesville Lions Induct New Member



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

On June 12th, Tom Jacobi was inducted into the Noblesville Lions Club. Tom was formally inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, current Lion District Governor. Tom's Lion Sponsor is his father, Lion Larry Jacobi. From left, Lion Julia Kozicki, Lion Tom Jacobi and Sponsor Lion Larry Jacobi

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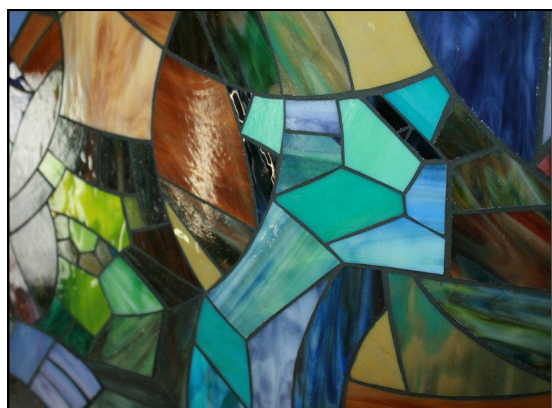
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- 32 / Spring Mill - Approval
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Bright & Bold: Stained Glass Art

Cutting up single-colored sheets of glass and repositioning the bits and pieces into a stunning mosaic is an exacting process that demands precision, great attention to detail and the right mix of shapes, patterns and hues. It's a creative form that Indiana Artisan DeMaris Glazier has mastered and will demonstrate at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery during the July 13 Meet Me On Main in the Carmel Arts & Design District. "Every piece of glass has a quality and potential that is just waiting to become



something larger than itself," says the Nashville, Ind., glass artist. "I love that a bland-looking sheet of glass can become a stunning piece of art when it's cut up and arranged differently. Before meeting DeMaris, sign up to win one of her suncatchers each time you visit our store this month. It is located at 22 N. Rangeline Road.



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

All-Capable, Indiana-Built 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness Makes You Feel Dirty



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

I've driven it in the mountains, I've driven it on trails. I've driven it through snow, and I've crept like a pack of snails. But, until now, I hadn't driven it in Midwestern spring weather. I first met the 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness, built in Lafayette, Indiana, at its preview in California wine country. Then, I put one through its paces in Utah last fall. One returned home to Indiana just in time for snow last winter. Now I'd just like to enjoy one without drama.

To be honest, it makes me feel a little dirty - the kind of dirty that makes you want to find dirt. Designers started with what's essentially a jacked up Impreza hatchback, gave it 9.3" of ground clearance, and clad it in angry black plastic cladding from fascia to wheelwells to lower sills, and around the back. Check the black anti-glare hood patch and 17" matte black wheels shod in Yokohama GEOLANDER tires too. The roof rack is rated 700 lbs. for pop-up tents. Anodized

copper accents identify tow hooks and other attachment points, so it's not all for show.

It looks like it can take you and your family almost anywhere on a weekend adventure... and it can. Wilderness editions employ a 2.5-liter "Boxer" four-cylinder engine that routes 182 horsepower and 178 lb.-ft. of torque through a continuously variable transmission. All-wheel-drive is standard. A turbo would be nice, as would a geared transmission, but the CVT can be paddle-shifted through eight pre-set ratios. Better, it can tow up to 3,500 lbs. - enough for a pop-up camper or fishing boat. Fuel economy rates 25/29-MPG city/highway.

Moving inside, a giant 11.6" tablet-style touchscreen takes center stage, but proper volume and tuning knobs plus buttons for key climate controls add convenience. Devices connect wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge wirelessly too. I'm a fan of the heated StarTex "vegan leather" seats that are all-day comfortable and easy to

wipe clean. Crank the crisp 10-speaker Harman Kardon audio! Looking closer, I remember copper accents on the steering wheel, shift knob, gauges, and seat stitching. Toss in gear and groceries through the wide hatch.

Back in Utah where asphalt turns instantly to rough gravel, the Crosstrek comes with a plethora of technology to stomp dirt. Dual Mode X-Mode, a traction control system that allows the car's AWD system to claw through deep mud/snow, employs hill descent control to automatically creep down steep inclines (in case you need such things). The enhanced suspension is as adept at soaking up potholed city streets as articulating over rough trails. It has an insane amount of capability whether tackling trails or just getting to dinner.

Being a Subaru, safety is a key feature. It's comforting to know the Crosstrek Wilderness comes with an extensive suite of safety tech that includes automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise, lane keep assist, and blind

spot warnings. Rear cross path detection with auto brake protects rear fenders while a new three-camera "EyeSight" system detects obstacles ahead and can even steer around them.

The Crosstrek Wilderness laughs at rough trails and deep snow, but what's it like for urban sunshine and weekend fun? Turns out, pretty good. Its height and size make it easy to slip into with ample space for kids, sport and all the kit. A high seating position and short length make quick work of parallel parking spaces and downtown garages too. Thick

- Likes**
- All-road capability
 - Angry style
 - Everyday practicality
- Dislikes**
- No NAV
 - No front camera
 - Rambunctious powertrain

rubber and suspension travel add comfort no matter the road.

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

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Output: 182hp/178 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Ground clearance: 9.3"
Towing: 3,500 lbs.
Fuel economy: 25/29 mpg city/hwy
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LETTER TO EDITOR

Noblesville Resident Fighting for Trees

My husband and I recently took a tour through the city of Savannah, Ga. During our tour, our guide mentioned the historic trees that line the streets. She told us that the city places so much value on these trees that residents are not allowed to trim or prune without a permit from the city. Furthermore, if a limb would begin to grow into the porch of a resident, the resident may be asked to remove their porch rather than the city removing the tree or limb. I realize this sounds extreme, but I was struck by the stark contrast the city of Savannah places on their trees versus the current reality in the city of Noblesville. Currently, the City of Noblesville plans to remove most of the mature trees in the city so they can repair sidewalks and streets. This plan has come to light due to the city's recent plans for the neighborhood of Oakmont.

The Oakmont neighborhood has 60-foot maple tree canopies that line most of the streets, and in the fall they turn a beautiful bright red. People come from all over the city to see these trees. Besides the beauty, the tree canopies also provide many other benefits. However, even with all the benefits trees provide, the city of Noblesville plans to cut down almost 50 percent of the mature trees in the Oakmont neighborhood. According to the city, this is the only way the City of Noblesville is able to repair sidewalks and resurface roads. Furthermore, the city told Oakmont residents at a May 22 meeting that this is their plan for most of the mature trees in the City of Noblesville. This is in direct contrast to the city's plans for trees less than three years ago. In a November 2021 article of the Noblesville Current, Tree Board President Ashley Mullis said, "The board is working on a five-year plan to increase the tree canopy cover in Noblesville and raise

community awareness of the benefits of trees." Mullis also said, "What John (Easley) and I have found in our careers as arborists is, many people are unaware of the health benefits trees provide the community. Flooding and poor air quality and erosion are all effects of the loss of canopy cover. More importantly, tree canopy has a huge effect on physical and mental health."

When Oakmont residents heard the city planned to decimate their neighborhood, they reached out to other towns and cities across the U.S. to get feedback on how they handle similar situations. Residents have spent countless hours talking with experts, advocates, and street departments in other cities across the United States. Most towns we have chatted with have been appalled to learn of Noblesville's plan to cut down mature trees. Residents and other experts have reached out to the Noblesville Street Department with other alternatives that will allow the city to maintain ADA compliance and resurface streets without sacrificing trees. However, for some reason, the City of Noblesville maintains that the only way they can move forward is to cut down trees.

Besides the city's lack of compromise or ability to think outside the box, the city has also not been transparent on this issue. Even though the city knew of this plan in 2023 when they applied for a Crossroads Grant, residents were not notified what trees or how many would be removed until the beginning of May 2024. On May 22, Mayor Jensen and other city officials came out to The Oakmont neighborhood to talk with residents about the removal of close to 50 percent of the mature trees in the subdivision. Ten minutes into the

meeting, Mayor Jensen stated that while he was there to listen, he was not going to change his mind, and the city would be moving forward with his plan. The mayor shared that this plan was not retaliation to the Oakmont neighborhood, but it is the only way a city can resurface streets and make sure sidewalks are smooth and ADA compliant. He shared that because of this, this same process would be applied to most of the Noblesville neighborhoods that have mature trees. According to Mayor Jensen, most neighborhoods in Noblesville will lose around 42 percent of their mature trees. At the meeting, the Mayor also assured angry Oakmont residents that cutting would begin sometime in July or after. But, yesterday, residents received letters stating the cutting would begin on or after June 24. This is in direct contrast to what Oakmont residents were told by the mayor less than a month ago. Part of the issue with this entire process has been the lack of transparency and doublespeak by city officials.

Oakmont residents want to know why the timeline has been moved up, and why their concerns and ideas are repeatedly ignored. If other cities across the Midwest, some even in Indiana, are able to repair sidewalks and streets, and make sure they are ADA compliant, without removing trees, why is the city of Noblesville not able to? This is a valid question that needs to be answered. Furthermore, since the city and Mayor have stated that this will be the plan for most mature trees in the city of Noblesville, why has the city changed their mind on the benefits of tree canopies that City Arborist John Easley talked about less than three years ago?

Jaime Rychener
Noblesville

Westfield Schools Open Application for Ambassador Program

Westfield Washington Schools has opened the application process for Shamrock Academy, its community ambassador program that is available to district parents, non-school community members and anyone interested in getting a behind the scenes look at what it takes to run a high-performing school district.

"This program is important to our school district and community because it increases transparency between the district and the community," said

Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser. "It is valuable to the district because, oftentimes, we give this group advanced information to get their feedback on how to improve our messaging and communication to the community."

One Thursday morning per month, participants in the Shamrock Academy will be immersed in our schools to participate in personalized and engaging dialogue with district leadership and

hands-on experiences to help understand and explore the ins and outs of our school district.

Some of the topics participants will learn about are:

- How the district spends money
- Curriculum and instruction
- Data and its uses
- School safety
- How we hire
- Sports and clubs
- What our kids eat
- Technology use
- Transportation logistics

Autism Care Facility Opens

BehaviorWorks ABA, a local leader in autism care, has opened a new clinic in Noblesville. The new clinic, located at 19043 Cumberland Rd., is currently enrolling children with ASD aged 2 to 10.

The new Noblesville location is in a former daycare space; therefore, everything is customized for kids. There is an outdoor enrichment space, and bright natural light makes it an ideal setting for both clients and staff. The center will support children ages 3 to 10 and offer transitional programs that support in school inclusion.

BehaviorWorks was established in 2006 by Ann Baloski. Ann has over twenty years of experience in the field of ABA and is committed to raising the bar for ABA herapy. BehaviorWorks is accredited by the Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence. The Mission of BehaviorWorks ABA is to inspire positive behavior change in the most inclusive environment and to promote

independence in all aspects of life through the highest standard of excellence in Applied Behavior Analysis. The Clinical Director will be Katie Springer, who has a wealth of experience in ABA and assisted with the start up of the BehaviorWorks Westside Clinic. The Center Manager is Alissa Scott, who has over 10 years experience in early childhood development. We are excited for you to meet our growing team.

BehaviorWorks has recognized the need for Diagnostic Evaluations for Autism and will be adding this Service later this summer. If you are interested in receiving a screening for Autism or a comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation contact our team. There is currently no waitlist. Call (317) 731-7777 to get scheduled. Dr. Cari A. Sovich is our in-house clinical psychologist. With extensive experience as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, she has a

proven track record in the mental health care sector. Dr. Sovich specializes in diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorders, Anger Management, Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Developmental Disabilities, and Relationship Issues. Her wealth of expertise ensures exceptional care for every client she serves.


"Early intervention is critical for children with autism, so we are thrilled to open a second location to help more families. We are excited that this space opened up allowing us to expand to the Northside of Indianapolis," said CEO Ann Baloski. This is the second location for BehaviorWorks ABA, which already runs a successful practice on the Westside of Indianapolis. The Westside clinic opened in 2017 and continues to be a thriving part of the community in the Wayne Township area.

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