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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Hamilton Happenings

Noblesville First United Methodist Church is hosting a free one-time, 2-speaker event on July 12, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join in at 7 p.m. for an evening of engaging education, spiritual renewal and delicious snacks! Everything takes place in Celebration Hall, doors 2 and 7.

Three Things You Should Know

- Our offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the July 4 holiday. That also means there won't be a Friday edition of your favorite newspaper! We want to give our hard-working employees some time off to celebrate this great nation on her 248th birthday!
- The unemployment rate of the State of Indiana in May stood at 3.7%, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for May stands at 4.0%. In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate stands at 62.4% for May, remaining slightly below the national rate of 62.5%. This rate is the percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older who are either working or actively looking for work. Indiana's total labor force stands at 3,377,185 - a decrease of 1,679 from the previous month.
- There is a new report from our friends at BadCredit.org which found that 78 percent of millennials and Gen Z report being targets of debt collection scams. The report found the top states that rank for debt collection scam hotspots around the country include Georgia, Delaware, Florida, Nevada, and South Carolina. The cities most impacted by Debt Collection Scams are Atlanta, Columbia, S.C., Miami, Jacksonville and Memphis. The most common types of scams young adults report falling victim to include phishing, identity theft, and mobile payment scams.

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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!

Former Ledger Publisher Ruth Anne Nunamaker Was Kind, A Friend to So Many



Photo courtesy of Chuck Godby

Ruth Anne Nunamaker (right), former general manager and publisher at The Noblesville Ledger, always planned The Ledger's annual reunion at Noblesville Jim Dandy. Nunamaker, who is pictured with former Ledger sports editor Chuck Godby and business office employee Jane Martz (left), passed away in June as the result of a car accident.



I remember Ruth Anne Nunamaker from The Noblesville Ledger newspaper.

BETSY REASON
Columnist

I was young and just starting out at The Ledger, where

this newspaper general manager and later publisher sat in a big office with large, clear windows looking out onto the newspaper operation. Her office was next door to the advertising department and near the production and press rooms.

Being a young journalist, hired by the late Don Jellison in 1986, I was always a little nervous around Nunamaker since she was the boss. But I quickly felt relief as she would smile at me in the hallway or say a kind word about a newspaper article that I wrote. Even if you made a mistake, she had a way of letting you know but never making you feel bad.

It wasn't until she went on to be the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce executive director and later retire that I got to know her outside of the office, as she was the one who planned the annual Ledger newspaper reunions at Noblesville Jim Dandy. She would always call me every year and ask me to start sharing the date and time for the reunion and to post details for our private Ledger reunion Facebook group.

Sadly, Nunamaker passed

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4th of July

2,500,000 to 311,700,000

There were approximately 2.5 million people living in the new nation in July of 1776. Today, there are almost 312 million!

Towns with Patriotic Names

- 31** Cities and towns with "liberty" in their names.
- 35** Places have "eagle" in their names.
- 11** Places have "independence" in their names.
- 9** Places have "freedom" in their names.
- 1** One place with "patriot" in the name - and it's right here in Indiana!
- 5** Places have "America" in their names.



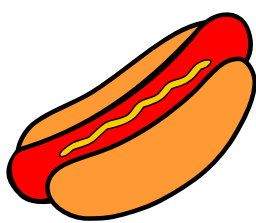
\$9.4 billion

Amount Americans plan to spend on 4th of July food.



150 million

Number of hot dogs eaten each 4th of July.



\$2.7 billion

Estimated amount spent on fireworks in 2023 (73% of fireworks injuries occur within a month of July 4).



Sources: Military.com and wallethub.com

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're having trouble falling asleep at night, try dimming the room lights for an hour or so before retiring.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."
John F. Kennedy

TODAY'S JOKE

What's the most popular sport on Independence Day?
Why flag football, of course!

OBITUARIES

None

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Fishers unveils plans for White River Park

The City of Fishers recently announced today plans for the new Fishers White River Park, coming just west of the 96th Street and Allisonville Road intersection in 2025. The new park is a key addition to connecting visitors to existing trails and waterways throughout Fishers.

The park features over 120 acres of parkland with over 5,000 feet of riverfront and unique amenities along the west side of Fishers and Allisonville Road corridor. Groundbreaking is slated for fall 2024, with an anticipated opening in summer 2025.

"Fishers White River Park is a transformational project that will significantly enhance connectivity across our city, offering our residents access to beautiful parkland," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "This new park is a cornerstone of our vision to revitalize the Allisonville Road corridor, creating a vibrant and thriving community space everyone can enjoy."

The park plans are based on community feedback and surveys gathered in summer 2023, and include:

- 2.45 miles of trails, including trail connectivity to Fishers Heritage Park at White River
- Kayak launch
- Native plantings
- Creek stumping area
- Two scenic overlook boardwalks
- Year-round restrooms

The White River Park is made possible with funding from Governor Eric Holcomb's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) program that is moving communities forward by encouraging regional collaboration and data-driven long-term planning to transform Indiana communities, attract talent and improve quality of life for Hoosiers in the short and long term. Through the program, which is led by the Indiana Economic

Development Corporation, the White River region was awarded \$20 million in READI 1.0 funding and allocated \$4.7 million to the project in 2022.

"Our vision for Fishers White River Park is to showcase the natural beauty of this 120-acre landscape and provide our community with unparalleled access to the White River," said Jake Reardon-McSoley, Director of Recreation and Wellness for the City of Fishers. "We want this park to be a sanctuary where residents can escape the daily grind and reconnect with nature."

Significant revitalization efforts have already begun along the Allisonville Road corridor. The 96th Street and Allisonville Road roundabout project currently underway is a crucial element in the broader revitalization effort, enhancing traffic flow and accessibility in the area. For more information on the roundabout project, visit FishersIN.gov/96th.

"As a state, Indiana is making unprecedented investments in quality of place assets to ensure we have vibrant communities that attract top talent and support Hoosiers and their families," said Jim Rawlinson, READI Director at the IEDC. "With the support of READI, Fishers White River Park will increase public green spaces and connectivity throughout the community while furthering regional efforts to better leverage the White River waterway throughout the central Indiana region."

The area also experienced a significant transformation with the introduction of CRG Residential's River Place development. This \$135 million mixed-use project, situated at the northwest corner of 96th Street and Allisonville Road, features a premium apartment community, for-sale townhomes, and vibrant commercial retail spaces.

Dozen Students From County Earn Teaching Scholarships

A dozen students from Hamilton County were among 300 students from all over the state awarded Teaching Scholarships from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education in the eighth year of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship.

The names, high school and college they plan to attend are listed below:

Joshua Batuyong (HSE - Purdue University West Lafayette), Maelei Casler (Sheridan - Purdue University West Lafayette), Landon Day (Hamilton Heights- Ball State), Katelynn

Fitzsimmons (Westfield - Ball State), Alex Foster (Carmel - Butler), Mallory Gardner (Carmel - Marian), Mackenna Johnson (Noblesville - Ball State), Samuel Knebel (Noblesville - Ball State), Luciana Povinelli (HSE - Purdue University West Lafayette), Evan Reiss (Noblesville - Purdue University Fort Wayne), Ainsley Staley (Westfield - Purdue University West Lafayette), Janae Winn (Heritage Christian - Butler).

Selected through a competitive process

based on academic achievement and additional factors, the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides a renewable scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 total). In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship.

A record-breaking 945 students applied for the 2024-25 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, a 58 percentage point increase over the previous year. Applications were received from students

representing 315 high schools in 89 of Indiana's 92 counties. Additionally, 71 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

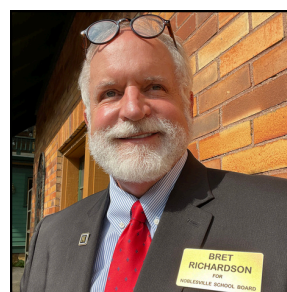
To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class, learn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

Bret Richardson Tosses Hat in Ring for School Board

Community and business leader Bret Richardson is pleased to announce his candidacy for the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees.

Richardson is a Noblesville High School graduate and has extensive experience serving our schools, students and the Noblesville community.

He is the incoming board president of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, was a swim and dive coach and volunteer for almost 20 years, is mentoring a student at North Elementary, volunteers frequently in support of students and staff, and completed the Noblesville Schools Miller Ambassadors program to learn about the district. "As a longtime Noblesville Schools parent, grandparent and volunteer I have always been a strong advocate for students and teachers," Richardson said in a statement. "I am running for the school board to ensure we stay on the path of continuing our excellence in education. I will work to expand and grow opportunities for our students and staff, while carefully overseeing our tax dollars. I want to be sure Noblesville School continues to build a strong future for our community."



Bret Richardson

In addition to his support of the schools, Richardson is a longtime leader in the Noblesville community. He has been on numerous boards including the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Noblesville Swim Club and the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Club. He served on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for 10 years, both as a road officer and Reserve Division Captain and was also the co-chairperson for the City of Noblesville Bicentennial Committee.

Richardson and his wife Tammy have three daughters who graduated from Noblesville High School and three grandchildren in Noblesville Schools. Tammy is a former teacher and has worked as a secretary for 15 years at Noblesville East Middle School.

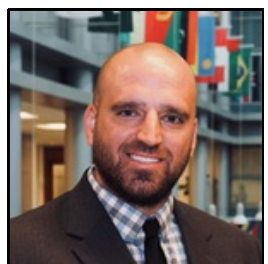
Please visit his website to learn more <http://www.richardsonfornoblesville.com>

Bradley Pease Returns to Carmel

The City of Carmel is pleased to announce the hiring of Bradley Pease as Director of Engineering. In his new role, Pease will be responsible for guiding major initiatives for the city and assisting in the continued modernization of Carmel's infrastructure.

"We are thrilled to welcome Brad Pease as the new Director of Engineering for the City of Carmel. Brad's extensive experience and innovative approach will be invaluable as we continue to enhance and expand our city's infrastructure," said Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam. "His leadership and vision align perfectly with our commitment to excellence in engineering."

Pease comes to the City of Carmel after a stint with the City of Fishers. Prior to that position, he played a key role on the Carmel engineering team for nearly eight years, where he was responsible for the management of various roadway, intersection, path and stormwater



Bradley Pease

projects throughout the City. He also managed utility relocations for all capital improvement projects.

"I am honored to rejoin the City of Carmel as the new Director of Engineering," said Pease. "I look forward to collaborating with the talented team here to build on the city's strong foundation and drive forward initiatives that prioritize innovation, sustainability, resilience and the well-being of our community."

Pease, a Professional Engineer (PE), holds a Bachelor of Science from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, along with a Master of Jurisprudence from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

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FBI Asking for Public's Help



John Doe 48

Face of John Doe 48

Arm tattoo of John Doe 48

John Doe 48

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking the public's assistance with obtaining identifying information regarding an unknown male who may have critical information pertaining to the identity of a child victim in an ongoing sexual exploitation investigation.

Photographs and an informational poster depicting the unknown individual, known only as John Doe 48, are being disseminated to the public and can be found online at the FBI website at <http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/ecap>.

Initial video of the unidentified male, John Doe 48, first recorded by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in December

of 2023. The EXIF data embedded within the video file indicated that the file was produced in October of 2023.

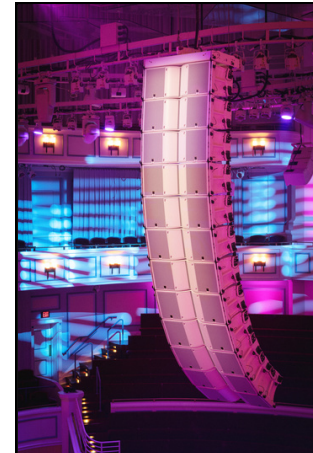
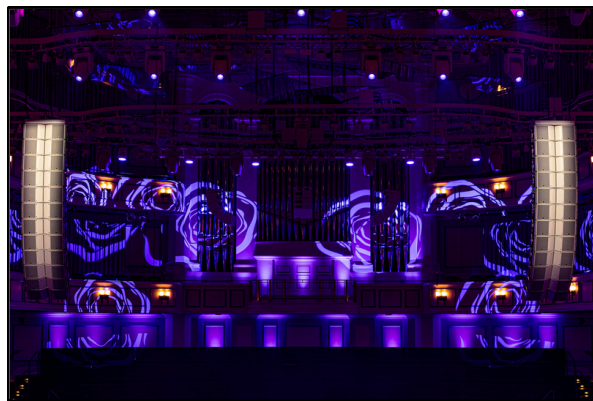
John Doe 48 is described as a white male between the ages of 45 and 65 years old, with dark hair, and a gray beard. He has a tattoo on each of his forearms. He is seen in the back of a 2018-19 Nissan NV Cargo Van wearing a blue t-shirt and a dark-colored hat. He is heard speaking English in the video.

Anyone with information to provide should submit a tip online at <https://tips.fbi.gov/>, or call the FBI's toll-free tip line at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324). The public is reminded no charges have been

filed in this case and the pictured individual is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

This individual is being sought as part of the FBI's Operation Rescue Me and Endangered Child Alert Program initiatives. Operation Rescue Me focuses on utilizing clues obtained through in-depth image analysis to identify the child victims depicted in child exploitation material, while ECAP seeks national and international media exposure of unknown adults (referred to as John/Jane Does) who visibly display their faces and/or other distinguishing characteristics in association with child pornography images.

New Systems Improve Palladium



A new era begins at the Center for the Performing Arts with the installation of new, state-of-the-art concert sound and lighting systems at its flagship venue, the Palladium.

Opened in 2011, the elegant concert hall features interior architecture designed to optimize acoustic classical music with a minimum of electronic amplification. The Center's original production team spent the first few seasons reconfiguring the modest sound system under the remaining construction budget to an adequate level that has supported performances over the past decade.

Now, for the first time, the 1,500-seat hall has a custom-built PA system designed from scratch to handle the full range of performances presented there, from spoken word and chamber music to rock, pop and country bands with drums, amplified instruments and stage volume levels that can create challenges for sound engineers.

"In a sense, the Palladium is finally complete," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, the Center's President and CEO. "The technology has advanced so far

since our opening that we were growing concerned about our ability to attract top artists. Now we're heading into the new Center Presents season with the latest sound technology to complement the room's natural acoustics and deliver the kind of experience that today's artists and audiences expect."

The Center's staff worked with the Carmel Redevelopment Commission, which oversees capital improvements on the campus, to solicit three bids for the design and installation of the system. The winning proposal came from two Greenfield-based companies that are leaders in audio technology, Force.Tech and Mid-America Sound. Their design was based on an acoustic analysis conducted by Carmel-based Haverstick Designs, which included microphone testing throughout the room and the use of LiDAR technology to create a three-dimensional digital model of the interior surfaces.

Installation of the key components has taken place this month. Most notable are the two line arrays – the curved speaker stacks that hang over each side of the stage and produce most of the volume

– which have grown from nine to 12 speakers each for better coverage throughout the room. Other components include two subwoofers on either side of the stage for bass reproduction and new fill speakers that supplement the sound in areas not fully covered by the main speakers.

The new lighting system, installed by the production staff earlier this year, replaced outdated incandescent lamps with LEDs, which are brighter, more durable and more energy-efficient while offering superior color-mixing capabilities. The new control console makes it faster and easier to change settings in the moment during a concert.

The remote-controlled lights have quieter motors and cooling fans that can be switched off for silent operation, particularly important during classical performances. The new equipment also includes floor lighting and an expanded set of gobos, the stencil-like screens that create patterns on the walls and ceiling.

The combined cost of the new sound and lighting systems is approximately \$1.5 million, paid from the city's 2021 tax increment financing bond issue.



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2024

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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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Carrie Talks Tattoos



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I'm about the only person I know without a tattoo. Well, this is not true. My parents don't have tattoos, and I don't think most of their friends do—although I've not done a close inspection. That would be hard to do, and probably not very polite.

But among people my age and younger, I've become something of an oddity, yet I can honestly say I've never considered getting one. This isn't because I have anything against tattoos. I've seen some that were beautiful. But I've also seen some that read "Forever Young" or "No Regrets," and I wonder if this will always be the case.

And that's the problem.

I don't think I've ever been sure enough of anything to ink it on myself permanently. I remember having a conversation with a man who had a lot of tattoos, and I expressed this concern.

"How do you know you'll always think that way and want that on your arm?" I asked.

"Oh, I probably won't!" he answered cheerfully. "But that's not the point. The tattoo is a reminder of where I've been, not necessarily where I'm going."

This made sense to me but didn't solve the problem. I've gone through a lot of changes in my life, and I have a lot to say. I'm afraid I'd run out of available space in a hurry.

What if there was no writing space left and I still had years to go? I'd have to write very small, to make sure I had room for major life events. Since I have no idea how big each event will be—or how many of them I will have—this seems challenging.

And I honestly don't mind not having a

tattoo. I figure they are like every other kind of fashion and will come and go. If I manage to live long enough, not having tattoos will probably be cool, allowing me to be a very cool nonagenarian. I have that to look forward to.

Instead, when I am in Mexico, I go to a fellow who makes bracelets. He weaves them by hand and ties them onto my wrist. He will write anything I want (provided it is not too long) in the colors I choose. I imagine I would have had a tattoo reminding me of these same things—if I were not so cowardly.

I had one bracelet made that said, "Act as if."

I was trying to remember to behave as if I was already the person I wished to be, not always waiting around for "someday." When the bracelet did not seem to be doing the trick, I had another one made in a different color, and one more after that. Eventually I was wearing three bracelets. I have to say, I have been doing a much better job of living in the moment of late—although I'm not sure I can give the bracelets all the credit.

But bracelets are not tattoos and, when they eventually got shabby, I cut them off. Now I am back to a wrist without slogans, and that might be for the best.

Because once a reminder is with me long enough, it stops reminding me, and I suspect it would be the same with a tattoo. If I can't rely on a bracelet for instructions, I don't think a tattoo would help, either.

Instead, I take a long walk every day, and at some point, I am reminded that I am a very lucky person. And I start acting as if I am. With or without tattoos.

Till next time,
Carrie

Space Age Problems



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

The other day at the supermarket the periodical display was chock-full of all these splashy publications—so many, in fact, that one bundle was unopened due to a shortage of space on the rack. Curious, I tore back the brown wrapping of the package and there it was: Storage Solutions. Yes, that's right: there was not enough room on the shelves to include this magazine.

Storage Solutions is dedicated to assisting the busy housewife (or househusband, of course) in finding efficient ways to put away stuff, most of which should probably have been thrown away in the first place. By the way, I always thought the word "storage" had the letter "e" in the middle of it. Dan Quayle agrees with me. Where did it go? Maybe there was no room for it.

I glanced more closely and saw this was a "Special Double Issue." Interesting that the editors couldn't fit everything into one edition. Also on the cover was the tease: FIND SPACE YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD. My guess is that at one time, you knew you had space, but you put it somewhere, and now you can't find it. I know that makes no sense, but when I laugh, that means it's going in the column.

On the back page was a huge ad for fifthroom.com. Later, I logged onto the site and realized that this was for people who didn't want to install shelves, hooks and cabinets and instead just wanted to buy a prefab shed, gazebo or pool house, or maybe a giant cedar chest, and just cram all their crapola into one place. You can also purchase something called a pergola, but I had no idea what that was, and I didn't want to make any room in my brain for

more useless information.

The editorial was: "Help, I Need More Space!" Last month it was: "Do You Need More Space?" And in March, get ready for it: "Space, I Think That's What We All Need!" The pages are filled with colorful photographs of homes that don't have much furniture but just a lot of adjustable nooks and crannies. With every picture, the first thing you think of is not how people have effectively used their limited space but what possessed them to buy so much junk to begin with.

These are actual tips from the magazine. You can thank me later for bringing these groundbreaking ideas to your attention:

1. Store books on a shelf horizontally so you can read the titles. (I give up. How does that save space?)
2. Use large hooks for coats, backpacks and gym bags, but use smaller ones for keys and dog leashes. (What a groundbreaking concept!)
3. For gloves, just throw them in a basket in your closet (How do they come up with such off-the-wall ideas?)
4. Use empty jars to store paper clips and loose screws. (I'm getting a much better idea of who has a few loose screws.)

I always want my column to be educational and entertaining. But I failed this time. Next week, I'll try to do both. If I have the room.

— 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.

City Shares 4th of July Details



Photo courtesy City of Noblesville

Kids in America will perform iconic '80s music on the Pacers Sports and Entertainment Main Stage from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The 2024 Noblesville Fireworks Festival has announced details for the free events taking place on Thursday, July 4 – beginning at 4 p.m. with the Stars & Stripes Forever Parade through Downtown Noblesville. The Noblesville Fourth of July parade, festival, and fireworks display is the longest continuously running celebration in Central Indiana and an annual tradition in Noblesville since 1997.

"The Fourth of July is always a special day for my family and so many families throughout Noblesville and our festivities have become a summer staple that brings our community together," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "In addition to the festivities, we also take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have served and continue to serve our country, safeguarding our freedoms."

The day kicks off at 4 p.m. with the annual Fourth of July Parade through downtown Noblesville, sponsored by Gaylor Electric. Registration to participate in the parade is \$25 (nonprofits are not charged) and entries must be submitted by June 28. Forms are available at www.NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com.

The Fireworks Festival, sponsored by IDI Composites International, will take place at Forest Park from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will include traditional park amenities such as trails, shelters, shade and playgrounds, including the newly remodeled south playground; along with festival attractions like inflatables, balloon twisters and face painters in the Kids Zone. The Teen Zone also will have age-appropriate inflatables, Spyder bungee jump and a rock wall. New attractions this year include the return of a zip-line, inflatable corn maze and a two-person gyroscope. Kids in America will perform

iconic '80s music on the Pacers Sports and Entertainment Main Stage from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The festivities will culminate with the annual fireworks show, which will begin at 10 p.m. and is sponsored by Midwest Paving, East Bank Apartments, Meijer and Promenade Trails.

In addition to all the free events planned, Forest Park also features a limited VIP section where families and friends can purchase tables for the evening. These tables offer up-close seating to the live music performance, an exceptional view of the fireworks, separate bathrooms, and a great meeting place to safely gather and eat in between activities. VIP table groups may bring in their own food and drink, participate in a table-decorating contest, and get access to separate VIP restroom options. Tables seat eight people and cost \$160. Funds received for VIP section accommodations help defray costs of hosting the community event.

Public parking will not be available at the park. Parking permits for the Noblesville Aquatic Center are available to purchase for \$25 prior to July 4. Proper tags must be displayed to be able to enter the north entrance from State Road 19 during the festival. The July 4th Planning Committee has made traffic flow improvements to better manage end of event travel from Forest Park for motorists, pedestrians and trolley riders. The Noblesville Fireworks Festival offers free shuttle routes throughout and after the event to assist guests in getting to Forest Park from designated off-site parking lots.

VIP Tables and parking passes may be purchased online at www.NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com or by calling the Noblesville Parks Department at 317-776-6350.

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The 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In Hybrid May Not Be Sexy, But It Is a Seriously Sumptuous Way to Carry Your Family from Coast to Bistro



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Look, I know nobody ever accused a mini-van of being sexy. But they are practical, offer surprising luxury, are pleasant to drive, and in the case of the 2024 Chrysler Pacifica plug-in hybrid, they may also be the perfect bridge between gasoline and the high-tech all-electric driverless domiciles we foresee. Whether connecting coasts or jumping your favorite bistro, a plug-in mini-van makes sense.

A Luxury Lozenge

It's a mini-van, so we'll skip the design analysis other than to say the Pacifica, especially in sinister S trim with blacked out grille, dark 18" wheels, and black logos is about as fetching as a three-row lozenge on wheels can be. Foot-opened power sliding doors and a power rear hatch ease access whether collecting your offspring or carrying paying passengers in a driverless Waymo.

The Pacifica's seven-passenger cabin is a

place to relish long drives. Owners give up the second row of Stow n' Go seats in sacrifice of battery space, but the rear seats still fold flat into the floor. Soft Nappa leather covers heated/ventilated cushions up front and heated captain's chairs in the rear. Add to that a heated steering wheel, 20-speaker Harman Kardon audio system, twin-pane panoramic sunroof, and two rear infotainment screens stoked by Amazon Fire TV and HDMI inputs.

Captain Kirk finally made it to space, but he'd enjoy a blast of Earth from the helm of this starship with its swaths of piano black and silver trim, but it's also convenient. Turn a chrome knob to select gears, store bags under the flybridge console, and put giant sodas in the cupholders. Summon navigation, climate control, and audio via touchscreen, voice, or redundant buttons beneath – however you like it. Keep devices humming with wireless console charging plus Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity.

Safety was a priority. Adaptive cruise maintains a pre-set distance on the highway while lane keep assist, rear cross path

detection, and blind spot warnings keep the van on-path. Forward collision alert with pedestrian and cycle detection will auto brake if you don't. Not good at parallel or perpendicular parking? No worries - the Pacifica can do that too.

Electric or Gas?

Imagine all that and (almost) never having to buy gasoline. Anybody who's driven an electric vehicle appreciates the smooth torque feel, being able to "refuel" at home, and warm vibes of being environmentally friendlier. But, looking for a charging station while on a trip is a pain in the rump. For many, a plug-in hybrid is the best way to go.

For starters, the Pacifica PHEV travels 32 miles on electricity – enough for daily commutes and shuttling kids, especially if you can tap a plug at work or a public charging station. However, there's also a 3.6-liter gasoline engine that automatically fires up to travel far and wide. The system posts some good numbers: 260 horsepower, 82-MPGe combined, and 30-MPG running as a gas-fed hybrid. Plug in when you can; drive where you

want.

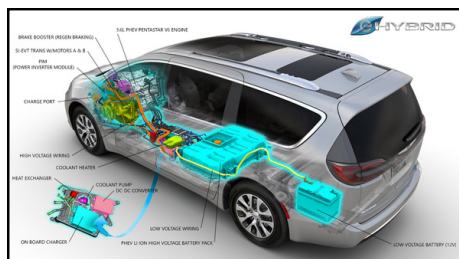
I've driven the Pacifica down Mulholland Drive in L.A., through clogged city traffic, and on long boring hauls through Indiana corn fields. Tight steering and low center of gravity allow the Pacifica to drive more like a large Fiat than bouncy crossover. It soaks up miles like almost nothing else. Unlike big crossovers, your kids and grandma can step in and out as easily as lodging a church pew.

While the Pacifica starts at a value-packed \$39,400, and plug-in variants rise from \$51,095, our well-equipped S edition came to a luxurious \$64,250. Competitors include the Toyota Sienna, Honda Odyssey, and three-row crossovers like the Chevy Traverse, Nissan Pathfinder, and Kia Telluride.

Storm Forward!

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

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| Likes |
| · All-electric range |
| · Comfy interior |
| · Agile handling |
| Dislikes |
| · Not sexy |
| · No middle Stow n' Go |
| · Luxurious price |



2024 Chrysler Pacifica S PHEV
Seven-passenger, fwd Mini-van
Powertrain: 3.6-liter V6 Hybrid
Output: 260hp combined
Suspension f/r: Ind/Trailing arm
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
EV Range: 32 miles
Fuel economy gas/hybrid: 30/82-MPGe
Assembly: Windsor, ON
Base/as-tested price: \$39,400/64,250

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Ruth Anne Nunamaker

away on June 5, at age 85, as the result of an automobile accident on Indiana 32 near Cherry Tree Road. Former Ledger employee Patty Powell contacted me about the sad news the following day after hearing the news from former co-worker Diane Campfield, who heard the news from Nunamaker's neighbor who was in Campfield's office and told her. Powell was among diverted nearby drivers.

Nunamaker and her daughter, Jill, had been in a car accident while they were going to Nunamaker's bone density test. Jill was severely hurt and is recuperating.

The last time most of us saw Nunamaker was last fall at the Ledger reunion at Jim Dandy.

"She was the sweetest lady," said Powell, who went on to say, "What a beautiful soul. I met Ruth Anne when she came to work at the Noblesville Daily Ledger. When you meet someone for the first time, sometimes you just know (they) are going to be very special. That was Ruth Anne. She had the sweetest smile for everyone, and she was very kind to all of us she worked with at The Ledger. Ruth Anne definitely left a wonderful impression on myself and everyone she met." Powell was retail advertising manager for The Ledger 1972-1984.

Other former Ledger employees also shared thoughts about Nunamaker. "I remember her as very gracious and a great listener, which was a great help to this novice reporter," said Anne Auwaerter, who wrote for The Ledger 1987-91.

"Ruth Anne hired me fresh out of college in 1986 to work as an advertising sales rep at The Noblesville Ledger," which at the time was owned by the Neal family, said Beth Frazee Bentley. "I had no idea how much I would learn from her about community, compassion and newspapers. I had lived in Noblesville all my life but learned so much about the community by observing her interaction with area business owners. Her dedication to Ledger employees was also amazing."

Bentley described The Ledger reunion and Nunamaker's work to get everyone together. "Each year in September, she organized a get-together for all of us to reminisce and catch up on each others' lives. The best part of that reunion was seeing her. She was always ready to enjoy a story or share a good laugh about

something that happened so many years ago. Ruth Anne will be missed. She was a wonderful, caring friend."

Nancy Dotson, who worked at the front desk, said, "Ruth Anne was the best boss I ever had."

She said, "I remember when I got hired at the Ledger. I had never done any type of clerical work, and Ruth Anne hired me and that was the start of about a 20-year or so career in newspaper and a friendship with a very kind and caring lady that I cherish as does anyone who knew her." Dotson said, "She was just so kind to everyone and treated everyone the same."

She said, "I remember they had a contest at The Ledger. Can't remember what it was, but the winner got to have lunch with the publisher, Ruth Anne, and I wasn't too anxious to win because I would be too nervous and didn't think I would know what to talk to her about. But I won, and I got to go and it was awesome. Our conversation just flowed and it seemed we had known each other forever. She made me feel so comfortable. That started a great friendship."

Dotson said, "After she left The Ledger and was at the Chamber, we were again in close proximity. The Ledger moved to Publishers Drive (in Fishers), and I stayed downtown and was given an office in the same building as the Chamber. I was so glad to be there with Ruth Anne and Lennie Jacobs (Chamber administrative assistant). We shared many things together, the three of us. I will always cherish them. Ruth Anne was a blessing, and she will be missed by everyone who knew her. Love you Ruth Anne."

Sylvia Schwartz Funk worked in The Ledger advertising department. "Ruth Anne was one of the kindest souls I ever met. She was always the voice of reason, even when dealing with some very difficult people," said Funk, who was hired by Topics Newspapers in 1987 as an advertising salesperson and moved to the Noblesville office as classified advertising manager in 1988, becoming the advertising manager in 1990. She left shortly after the birth of her first daughter in 1991.

Former Ledger sports editor Chuck Godby remembered when he was fresh out of Ball

State University in 1981 and it was his first week at The Ledger working the evening sports desk, when he had an embarrassing moment that we couldn't share. "We laughed about that moment for days afterward and every time we got together," Godby said. "I will definitely miss her phone call reminding me it's time for The Ledger reunion. It will never be the same." Nunamaker and Jane Martz ran the office when Godby came to The Ledger. "They kinda kept an eye on me then," he said.

Rebecca Snelling Schroer was a Ledger intern the year that The Ledger won the Hoosier State Press Association's Blue Ribbon Newspaper award and then was hired upon graduation from Indiana University in 1981 and became a reporter and wire editor for The Ledger. She said, "When I think of Ruth Anne, I remember her quiet intelligence and kindness. She always spoke thoughtfully and never drew attention to herself. I enjoyed our years together at The Noblesville Ledger but even more so during our annual Ledger get-together that Ruth Anne and (former Ledger employee) Fred Swift organized. She will be greatly missed when we meet later this year." Fred Swift agreed. He said, "She did a great deal in keeping the former Ledger staff in contact with one another through our annual dinner gatherings." Swift worked with Nunamaker from the time she joined the Ledger until he left The Ledger in 1985.

According to the 1988 Ledger centennial special edition, Nunamaker started in the Ledger business office in 1979 and worked her way up to business manager. She became general manager in 1985. According to the June 22, 1989, edition of The Ledger, she retired from the newspaper. Then according to The Ledger, Nunamaker was hired as executive director of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce on July 17, 1989. Then according to the July 13, 2001, edition of The Ledger, Nunamaker retired from the Chamber June 30, 2001. Thanks Hamilton County historian David Heighway for finding these important dates.

Former Ledger employees learned of the sad news of Nunamaker's passing through our private Facebook group to which we share news of happenings, deaths and annual Ledger reunions.

We will miss Ruth Anne Nunamaker at our next reunion and send prayers to the family. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

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

FOR THE RECORD

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Commissioners Courtroom

7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order and roll call
- 2) Note the presence of a quorum by County Auditor & Secretary to Council
- 3) Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Nation
- 4) Read and approve minutes

Executive Session Memoranda 6/5/2024

Minutes of Joint Session 6/5/2024

Minutes of Council Meeting 6/5/2024

5) Public Comments

6) Committee / Officer Reports

President

Vice President

Highway

Finance

Personnel

Major Projects

Miscellaneous

7) Unfinished

8) Tabled Business

9) New Business

A. Approval of Vendor Claims

10) Additional Appropriations, Reductions and Transfers - OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

A. Fund 1000 General requesting appropriation of \$157,435; amount available for appropriation \$68,490,558

1. Clerk 144 Amendment

2. Buildings & Grounds additional appropriation \$145,734.62

3. Sheriff 144 amendments

4. Surveyor

a. 144 amendment

b. Additional Appropriation \$11,700

B. Fund 1150 Electronic Map Generation requesting \$21,644; amount available for appropriation \$238,147

C. Fund 1161 Public Health Fund

1. Transfer of Appropriation \$18,986

2. 144 Amendment

D. Fund 1222 Communications 144 Amendments

E. Grant appropriation and transfers

1. 827400 20.507 HCE Operating Grant transfer \$57,934

2. 8282 PHEP transfer \$40,000

3. 8950 ARPA transfer \$1,946,536.50

4. 829300 97.067 FFY 2022 Uasi-Priority transfer \$72,911.39

5. 917200 LE Training Grant additional appropriation \$39,803.68

11) Announcements

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Council Attorney

Auditor

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Noblesville Lions Award NHS Scholarships

On June 26th the Lions Club awarded scholarships to three NHS students. The awards were presented by Lion Gary Hipes, Scholarship Chairman.



The Lions Ivy Tech Scholarship of \$500 went to Reagen Case. Reagen will attend Ivy Tech and then Ball State to major in Architecture. Her parents are Jay and Natalie Case.



Photos courtesy Noblesville Lions

The Lions Irving Heath Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Addison McMillan. Addison will attend Ball State and major in Theatre Education. Her parents are Charlie McMillan and Betsy Reason.



The Lions Academic Merit Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Grant Cummings. Grant will attend IU and plans to major in Marketing. His parents are Michael and Amanda Cummings.

Local Development Gets State Funding

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Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Board of Directors for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) announced eight projects, including one in Noblesville, have received over \$11 million in awards from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). This funding is used for the construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing for low and moderate-income residents.

- Stony Creek Duets, developed by Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development, Inc., will receive \$1.33 million in HOME awards and will build six affordable rental units in Noblesville
- MC Eastside Apartments, developed by Housing Opportunities, Inc., will receive \$1.5 million in HOME awards and will rehabilitate nine affordable rental units in Michigan City
- Shoots Apartments, developed by Lacasa of Goshen, Inc., will receive \$1.5 million in HOME awards and will rehabilitate 16 affordable rental units in Goshen
- 107 Lakeview Drive Apartments, developed by Lacasa of Goshen, Inc., will receive \$1.45 million in HOME awards and will build eight affordable rental units in Goshen
- Oakland Gardens II, developed by New Hope Development Services, Inc., will receive \$1.5 million in HOME awards and will build eight affordable rental units in Oakland City
- White River Landing III, developed by New Hope Development Services, Inc., will receive \$1.44 million in HOME awards and will build six affordable rental units in Petersburg
- The Lofts on Avon Avenue, developed by Radiant Communities Development Corporation, Inc., will receive \$1.5 million in HOME awards and will build seven affordable rental units in Avon
- Bellevue Village Apartments, developed by Rauch, Inc., will receive \$1.5 million in HOME awards and will build 10 affordable rental units in Scottsburg

HOME funding can also be used for capacity building activities for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). CHDOs are IHCDA-certified not-for-profit housing organizations that meet certain HOME regulations and are eligible to receive HOME funds to use as an operating supplement when carrying out a HOME-funded development. For more information on the HOME program, visit IHCDA's website.

"IHCDA is committed to creating and preserving affordable housing across the state and this round of HOME funding directly addresses that mission," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Affordable housing is vital to Indiana's infrastructure, and we will continue to work to close the housing gap and ensure housing remains affordable for all Hoosiers."

The following projects will receive HOME funding:

Leadership Academy Graduates 35 in the Class of '24



The Hamilton County Leadership Academy recently added 35 community leaders to their alumni ranks. With this graduating class, HCLA's 30+ year legacy grew to nearly 900 alumni who have and continue to make their mark in Hamilton County.

HCLA is thrilled to officially announce the graduates of the HCLA Class of 2024:

- Katie Abernathy | Alpha Gamma Delta
- Billy Adams | Westfield Police Department
- Sandy Allen | Hamilton County Tourism
- Joshua Andrews | Westfield Washington Schools
- Chris Beaver | Beaver Gravel Corporation
- Aaron Collins | OfficeWorks
- Christina Collins | Ivy Tech Community College-Hamilton County
- Brittany Delph | Student Impact of Westfield
- Murry Dixon | Noblesville Fire Department
- Brien Donahue | Performance Contracting, Inc.
- Pete Dunbar | American Bank of Freedom
- Katie Ellis | Purdue University
- Patricia Ellis | Tegria
- Jenell Fairman | City of Westfield
- Derrick Ferguson | Inherent Construction
- Anthony Gary | Village Capital Corporation - A Pedcor Company
- Samuel Gibson | Custom Concrete
- Heather Haas | ADVISA
- Emily Hitchcock | Conner Prairie Museum
- Danielle Humphrey | Conner Prairie Museum
- Tonya Hyatt | Community Advocate
- Stephanie Lay | 3Rivers Federal Credit Union
- Julie Plake | United Way of Central Indiana
- Brian Price | Wessler Engineering
- Bailey Rayford | Kendal Logan Logistics, LLC
- Jennifer Roam | City of Fishers
- Elizabeth Roberson | Krieg DeVault LLP
- Jennifer Rozelle | Indiana Estate & Elder Law
- Hyacinth Rucker | The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Emily J. Schmale | Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Alexis Sowder | KSM Location Advisors
- Peg Strass | City of Westfield
- Jordan Willy | City of Fishers
- Ashley Woodward Fischer | Beck's

Lindsay Zehren | Resounding Joy Indiana

HCLA Class of 2024 Dean Patrick Propst shared, "As my time as Dean comes to an end, I can't help but wonder what the future holds for this remarkable group of individuals. While I may not know exactly what is in store, one thing is certain: they are equipped with the knowledge, resources, and network provided by HCLA to make a significant impact in their respective spheres of influence – be it individually, family, career, or community."

The HCLA program is made possible by the support of community partners with a special thank you to The Hamilton County Community Foundation and Duke Energy who served as the program sponsors for the Class of 2024.

HCLA's legacy will continue to grow as preparation for the HCLA Class of 2025 is in motion. A formal announcement of the next cohort will be made in July.

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