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#### **TODAY'S VERSE**

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

### Hamilton Happenings

Orange cones and more orange cones! Folks up by Bakers Corner probably already know, but for the rest of us, please be aware that 236th Street will be closed from US 31 to Deming Road and that Anthony Road will be closed from 226th Street to 246th Street. These closures are scheduled for about four months and are tentatively scheduled to open back up to traffic on Nov. 30.

### Three Things You Should Know

Attorney General Todd Rokita and Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird are coleading a 22-state letter calling on Congress to pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act. The bill would strengthen our electoral process by upholding the rule of law and prohibit individuals who are ineligible to vote like illegal aliens from doing so. Under the act, individuals must provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote. It also will help states identify and remove illegal aliens from their voter registration

The cone zone will create temporary lane closures on I-74 westbound near Brownsburg, beginning this evening. According to INDOT, crews will reduce westbound I-74 to one lane between the westbound entrance ramp at Ronald Reagan Parkway to just east of the 56th Street (C.R. 600 N) underpass. Work is expected to be wrapped up by the end of the day Monday, but is weather permitting.

Looking for a cool drive to escape from summer's swelter? According to our friends at White Hot PR, three Indiana routes qualify. The top spot is from Michigan City to Gary along the shores of Lake Michigan and Indiana Dunes. On the opposite end of the state, Lawrenceburg to New Albany for the Ohio River Scenic Byway and finally the Brown County State Park! Looking for the best spot in the U.S. White Hot says it's the Hatcher Pass Scenic Drive in Palmer, Alaska!

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#### Ask Rusty - We Want to Claim SS at 62. When Should we Apply?



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(amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

#### Dear Rusty:

Rusty

My wife and I are going to be taking Social Security at 62. She will be 62 on April 15, 2025. I will be 62 August 7, 2025. When should we apply for Social Security?

Signed: Ready to file

#### **Dear Ready:**

Social Security recommends you apply for benefits about 2 - 3 months prior to when you want your benefits to start (to get them time to process your application). You will specify on your application when you wish your benefit to start, so applying early isn't a problem. Just a few things to keep in mind:

Your first month of eligibility will be the first month you are 62 for the entire month. In your wife's case, her first month of eligibility will be May 2025, and in your case your first month of eligibility will be September 2025. Your wife's benefits will be paid on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, and your benefits will be received on claim. And, except for the 2nd Wednesday of every month (payment

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP** 

Healthy adults should not take

more than 4,000mg of Tylenol

(acetaminophen) in a 24-hour

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you by Dr. John Roberts.

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Today, we'd like to personally thank

dates depend on when your birthday falls).

Social Security has an earnings test for those collecting early benefits (before your full retirement age). If you are working and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away some of your benefits. The earning limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefit for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit changes annually, so the 2025 limit will be more). Thus, if you plan to work after collecting, you must stay aware of the earning test. If you earn substantially more than the earnings limit, you even may be temporarily ineligible to collect benefits (until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) when the earning test no longer applies).

By claiming at 62, you will incur a cut in benefits of about 30% from the amount you would get by waiting until your FRA to

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#### **Did You Know About Massive Medical Record Theft?**

In the wake of a massive and under-reported cyberattack, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers about the steps they can take to prevent the potential theft of their personal health care information.

Rokita said that for months, the nation's largest electronic data clearinghouse, ChangeHealthcare / UnitedHealth, failed to inform the likely 110 million affected Americans about the potential theft of their health insurance records, banking information, Social Security numbers, and medical records that are typically kept confidential between doctors and

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#### **How to Manage** Competing **Financial Priorities**

(StatePoint) Managing competing financial priorities can be emotionally and logistically complex, whether you're juggling college tuition bills and mortgage payments, or you're carving out opportunities for travel while planning for retirement.

According to CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professionals, following these tips can help you effectively make space in your budget for

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#### Street Dance, Cool Creek Music, 2 Kids Shows, 4-H Fair, More



Photo courtesy of Forest Park Aquatic Center

Enjoy relaxing at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2024 Flix and Floats nights movies on the giant LED video board with the next movie, "Beetlejuice," Rated PG; at 8:15 p.m. Saturday.



**BETSY REASON** Columnist

Put on your dancing shoes for the Noblesville Street Dance, this year at Federal Hill Commons due to the downtown construction. Celebrate

Hamilton County Parks' 30th Anniversary Cool Creek Music Series featuring Trippin Billies. Experience live youth theater at Stone Soup Children's Theater's "Wizard of Oz" or Basile Westfield Playhouse's "The Lion, the witch and the Wardrobe." And make plans to visit the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. Find these and more happenings in The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Make plans to attend the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, which opened Thursday and continues through Monday with an array of activities, ice cream and cookoff contests, pet parade, pedal tractor pull, animals, 4-H exhibits, clogging, food, tractor parade, producers tents, more, with free admission.

2. Experience kids theater during Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at 7 p.m. today, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville High School with tickets at eventbrite.com

3. Enjoy Main Street Productions' Rising Star youth play of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," today through Sunday and July 25-28

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#### TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you're going through hell, keep going." Winston Churchill

#### **TODAY'S JOKE**

What letter of the alphabet is the coolest? Iced T!



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### **Stone Soup Director Steps Down, Theater** Welcomes All-Student Team for 'Oz'



#### **MEET THE CAST**

Dorothy, Blakely Zebrauskas; Cowardly Lion, Cutter Bechtle; Scarecrow, Isabelle Hassie; Tin Man, Nash Sizelove; Glinda the Good Witch, Daphney Harvey; Wizard, Owen Hemlock; Wicked Witch of the West, Ellie Valentine; Aunt Em, Lily Moody; Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard, Rhett Valentine; Nikko, Annie Harpe; Ensemble features Ruby Cremeens, Katie Enas, Abbey Furey, Ben Gaspary, Sona Gaspary, Annie Harpe, Graham Harpe, Dray Harvey, Jennica Hassie, Korelyn Hassie, Ella Hexamer, Maylee Hinshaw, Harper Huber, Riley Huber, Sophie Jenkins, Lily Moody, Faith Quick, Emersyn Reynolds, Liam Scalzi, Iva Sealey, Milo Short and Korinne Shrock

#### By Betsy Reason betsy@thetimes24-7.com

As Noblesville's Joey Murello steps down from her eight-year role as director of Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater, the theater company announces an all-student team will take over.

Amber Harvey, a parent volunteer who's been producer with Murello going on six years, had mixed emotions when she informed families of Murello's decision to step down.

"Joey Murello has devoted eight years to Stone Soup, pouring her heart and soul into the program and the children it serves," Harvey said. "Her dedication and passion have been evident in the countless hours she has spent bringing eight musicals to life. I have tried to match her energy, as I worked alongside her for five of those productions. I am incredibly proud of what we accomplished together, but most

importantly, I'm honored to have gained Joey as a friend." Harvey said, "Although her presence will be missed in her previous capacity, Joey will continue to contribute to Stone Soup by assisting with our social media pages and mentoring our 2024 production team."

said.

and is minoring in

political science. He

Indiana Public Radio

when the school year

"With his established

students, we believe his

transition to the role of

director will be smooth

Noblesville High School

grad and is attending Ivy

University of Cincinnati

Westfield High School

graduate and will attend

Ball State University to

and comfortable for

everyone involved,"

Harvey said.

Wertz is a 2022

transferring to

Albert is a 2024

Tech with plans of

for musical theater.

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begins.

plans to continue his job

as a student reporter for

Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater in Noblesville presents "The Wizard of Oz" for three performances today and Saturday, July 19-20, at Noblesville High School.

The new team includes: director Daniel Huber, assistant director Laura Wertz, musical director Collin Alber, choreographer Savannah McClure, costume designer Addie Cooley and student director Blake Valentine. All are either college students or recent grads, with four of the five Stone Soup alumni.

"I am excited to be a part of this unique opportunity and hope it heralds the beginning of

#### Want TO GO?

What: Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater in Noblesville presents "The Wizard of Oz" musical.

When: 7 p.m. Today and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: Noblesville High School, 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

How much: \$15.

How to buy tickets: eventbrite.com and at the door.

pursue a bachelor of a special tradition for our program," Harvey fine arts in musical theater. Cooley and McClure are 2024 NHS Huber, a 2022 Fishers grads. McClure will High School grad, has attend Missouri State been a part of the University to pursue a directing team for the bachelor of fine arts in musical theater and a past two summers. He is starting his second year minor in dance. at Ball State University Valentine is a NHS where he is majoring in junior. New Media Storytelling

> A cast of 30 range from ages 6-14 who rehearsed three hours a day, four days a week, for six weeks.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday with tickets on sale now at eventbrite.com.

Stone Soup is celebrating its 42nd year. Stone Soup and White River Ballet are subsidiaries of The Dancin' Place in Noblesville, which offers dance classes, especially ballet. Stone Soup cast rehearsed at The Dancin' Place until moving into NHS for the show.

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### **County Again Shines Bright in National Honor**

Hamilton County has been recognized as one of the best digital counties in the nation. The Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties ranks Hamilton County, Indiana among the top 10 counties with a population of 250,000-499,999 in its 22nd annual Digital Counties Survey.

The survey identifies the best technology practices among United States counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services; provide data analytics; enhance cybersecurity; and apply innovative and emerging technologies to county priorities.

"This year's survey results highlight how counties are responsibly embracing new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence in its various forms and other digital tools and platforms to respond to top priorities of their constituents and elected officials," said Teri Takai, senior vicepresident, CDG.

Chris Mertens, Hamilton County's Director of Information Technology,



**Chris Mertens** 

says this is the 22nd time Hamilton County has been honored with this recognition. "We are incredibly honored to be recognized as a top digital county," Mertens says. "This accolade is a testament to the support provided by the **County Commissioners** and Council and the IT team's dedication to data-driven decisionmaking, strengthening our cybersecurity measures, and fostering an inclusive digital environment. This recognition motivates us to continue pushing the boundaries of what technology can achieve for our community."

The top 10 winners were honored at a special awards event during the National Association of Counties annual conference on July 12 in Hillsborough County, Florida.



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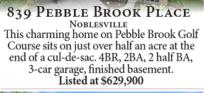
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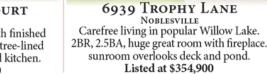


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### THEFT

patients. Rokita's Data Privacy and ID Theft team is urging Indiana residents to be on the lookout for strange changes to their health plan statements and billing information, and to take advantage of Change Healthcare offering free credit monitoring and ID theft protection services. To enroll in credit monitoring through IDX, call 1-888-846-4705.

"The protection of your private medical records and personal health care information is of utmost importance to our office, and you have the right to request a credit freeze and numerous other preventative ID theft services - free of charge – from this irresponsible health care handler," Attorney General Rokita said.

Change Healthcare processes 15 billion health care transactions each year, and the company reported one-in-three Americans may be affected by this latest BlackCat ransomware attack. The attack itself enabled the shady hacker group to obtain millions and millions of private medical records stored by Change Healthcare.

"Our office will continue to pressure companies like Change Healthcare to hold Hoosiers' data privacy at the highest standards -- and know that we will hold all health care operators accountable for any and all breaches."

#### Timeline of Attacks & Change Healthcare's Failure to Notify **Patients**

The company has stated that affected individuals may begin receiving notification letters in the mail in late July, but Change Healthcare first became aware of the so-called Blackcat ransomware cyberattacks all the way back on February 21, 2024.

The ransomware attackers themselves have publicly claimed that patient data was being stolen well before the February 21 date – but millions of patients have not been individually notified in any way that their information has likely been stolen by the hacker group.

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Companies like UnitedHealth are legally required to report all data breaches involving protected health information (PHI) to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. But Rokita's office reiterates that the depth and scope of the breaches are still unknown – so even if you don't think you're affected - it can't hurt to take proactive steps to protect yourself.

Consumers should be aware of potential warning signs that someone is using their medical information. The signs include:

- A bill from their doctor for services they did not receive:
- Errors in their Explanation of Benefits statement like services they never received or prescription medications they do not take:
- A call from a debt collector about a medical debt they do not owe;
- Medical debt collection notices on their credit report that they do not recognize;
- A notice from their health insurance company indicating they have reached their benefit limit; or
- They are denied insurance coverage because their medical records show a pre-existing condition they do not have.

If consumers are concerned that their data may have been impacted but prefer not to use the free resources provided by Change Healthcare, they can also consider freezing their credit.

Individuals will have to freeze their credit with each bureau: Experian, Equifax and TransUnion.

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everything that matters to you:

Get started early: While there is no wrong time to make a financial plan, waiting until you achieve a certain level of wealth can be counterproductive. Having a plan at the outset will help you achieve your goals faster and with less

anxiety.

Set specific goals: Being precise about your goals can help ensure you're prepared to achieve them. For example, simply saving for retirement is terrific, but having a clear vision of what you want your retirement to look like can help you map out a financial plan that gets you exactly where you want to go.

Be strategic about debt: If getting out of debt is one of your financial goals, be strategic about it. Pay off credit card bills and loans with higher interest rates first to reduce the overall cost of your debt over time and free up more of your money for your other priorities.

Maximize savings: If you can only afford small contributions to your savings right now because of other financial priorities, don't fret. You can actually maximize every dollar that you budget for the future if you play your cards right. A CFP® professional can guide you toward savings opportunities that come with tax advantages, as well as high returns and interest yields.

Protect your wealth: Unexpected circumstances can disrupt even the bestlaid plans. Account for such possibilities as market downturns, loss of income and the need for long-term care to reduce the risk of your important goals going unmet.

Stay calm: Money is the source of many emotions, including guilt and anxiety, and it is easy to get swept up in those negative feelings when you unmindfully spend money on vacations, dining out and other lifestyle experiences. Creating a budget can help you realistically balance fun, shortterm goals with longterm financial security.

Partner with a professional: A CFP® professional can help you juggle competing financial priorities gracefully. Not only will they sit down with you to identify your objectives, but they also possess the expertise to guide you to the tools and strategies that will help you most easily reach your goals. A CFP® professional is also someone you can trust. As part of their CFP® certification, they commit to act as a fiduciary and provide financial advice that is in their clients' best interests. To find a CFP® professional, visit letsmakeaplan.org.

From buying a house or car to financing your child's education or wedding, smart strategies can help you meet life's many exciting adventures with confidence.

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annual cost of living adjustments, that is a permanent reduction. FYI, your benefit will continue to grow if you wait longer to claim.

Deciding when to claim Social Security should take into account your financial needs, your life expectancy, and your goals as a couple. Claiming at 62 is the right choice for many, but waiting longer, if feasible, will result in a higher monthly amount, which could be beneficial if your life expectancy is long. Of course, we are here for you if you have any additional questions,

so please don't hesitate to contact us

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### **Future Navy Warfighters Train** By Rick Burke,

**Carmel Native Serves Where** 

Navy Office of **Community Outreach** 

GREAT LAKES, Ill. - Sailors are some of the most highly trained people on the planet, and this training begins at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes, otherwise known as boot camp. Every enlisted sailor starts their Navy journey at boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes (NSGL), Illinois.

Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Conners, a native of Carmel, Indiana, is currently stationed at NSGL as an instructor with Naval Education and Training Command (NETC).

Conners, a 2018 graduate of Carmel High School, joined the Navy six years ago.

"I joined the Navy to gain real-world experience in the medical community and to serve my country," said Conners. "I didn't know what I wanted to learn going to college after high school, so I joined the military for the numerous benefits and opportunities it has. I chose the Navy because hospital corpsmen are the pinnacle of military medics and have a wide range of responsibilities and platforms to serve on."

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Carmel.

"Growing up, I learned that you must put in the hard work to succeed," said Conners. "Nothing is going to be given to you, it has to be earned. While hard work is important for succeeding, humility and selfless service are what make you wellrounded and allow you to grow as a better sailor, mentor and leader."

During the 10 weeks at RTC Great Lakes, sailors learn five warfighting competencies firefighting, damage control, seamanship, watchstanding, and small arms marksmanship.

NSGL is the Navy's largest training installation and the home of the Navy's only boot camp. Located on over 1,600 acres overlooking Lake Michigan, the installation includes 1,153 buildings with 39 on the National Register of Historic Places. NSGL supports more than 50 tenant commands and elements as well as more than 20,000 sailors, Marines, soldiers and DoD civilians who live and work on the installation.

Two commands at NETC are Surface Warfare **Engineering School** Command Great Lakes (SWESC GL) and Surface Combat Systems Training Command Great Lakes (SCSTC GL). Every surface Navy engineer, quartermaster, boatswain's mate and deck seaman attends SWESC GL for technical training. These sailors leave SWESC GL as surface warriors, ready to perform aboard ships operating around the globe. Instructors at

SCSTC GL provide a



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culture of excellence and warrior toughness by building a surface warrior mindset to complement the technical and tactical skillsets.

"I enjoy being able to make a difference in the lives of these sailors who are brand new in their naval careers," said Conners. "I remember what it was like to be in their shoes, and being able to be that mentor to guide them and give them a head start for when they get to the fleet is rewarding. I also enjoy seeing some of these who may have just graduated high school a couple of months ago, transform into competent technicians and warfighters that ultimately make our Navy stronger."

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

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

needs."

Conners serves a Navy that operates forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy comes with a lot of pride in the sense that I'm getting the opportunity to give back to my country and be a part of a team whose purpose is to defend the land and our freedoms," said Conners. "It also means I get to stand on the shoulders of giants and be a part of, what I would describe, as a fraternity of the greatest men and women of our generations who went before me to defend this country."

others for helping make a Navy career possible.

Conners is grateful to

"I would like to thank my mom, Priscilla Spicer, and my dad, Steven Conners, who have always been supportive of my decision to join the Navy and who continue to support me throughout my career," added Conners. "They encourage me to be a better man and leader every day, and are always there to offer guidance."



### **BETSY**

(7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays) at Basile Westfield Playhouse with tickets at basilewestfield playhouse.org

4. Cool Creek 30th **Anniversary Music** Series continues tonight at Cool Creek Park in Westfield featuring entertainment at 7 p.m.: Trippin Billies, today; and Der Polkatz, Aug. 2, with \$5 admission, free for ages 12 and younger, with tickets at myhamiltoncounty parks.com

5. Enjoy live music with Benjamin Watson tonight, Jamie Owens on Saturday, Brad Kleinschmidt on July 26, The Pope & Guitarlos Show on July 27 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

6. Experience Dueling Pianos with Brittany Brumfield and Baby **Grand Entertainment** tonight; The Life and Music of Neil Diamond on Saturday; the Human Jukebox featuring Ryan and Lauren Ahwardt during a night of music at 7:30 p.m. July 26, al at Feinstein's Hotel Carmichael in Carmel. Visit feinsteinshc.com

7.Enjoy live music with Donny Coyle tonight, Chris Baird on Saturday, Traci and Jimmy on July 26, Sam King on July 27. Open Mic Night for solo acoustic acts with sound provided 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday (next is July 25), at Primeval Brewing Co., in downtown Noblesville.

8. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturdavs with live entertainment, through Oct. 12 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Special days include Kids Day on Aug. 10 and Sept. 14; and Art Day Sept. 7; and Dog Day with parade, costume contest, pet portraits, agility demos, adoptions and more also on Sept. 7.

9. Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for Noblesville Main Street's free annual Noblesville Street Dance 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at Federal Hill

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Commons (note new location due to downtown construction) with live music, vendors and family friend activities, and free parking.

10. Watch 40 high school singers chosen from around the nation -- including Hamilton County's Sadie Cohen, Emmaline Colvin and Isaiah Henderson of Carmel, Addie McMillan of Noblesville, Keegan Connor and Journee Woodley of Westfield -who is participating this week in Michael Feinstein's Songbook Academy, the Great American Songbook Foundation's 15th annual music intensive, with the final public performance during a Songbook Academy in Concert event on Saturday at The Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, with reserved tickets at thesongbook.org.

11. Enjoy Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2024 Flix and Floats nights movies on the giant LED video board at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, "Beetlejuice," Rated PG; Aug. 3, "Soul," Rated PG; Aug. 17, "TMNT: Mutant Mayhem," Rated PG. Plus attend a Summer Jam Concert featuring Jai Baker 3 on July 24 poolside. Plus, Ripfest Diving (club) offers free diving lessons noon to 2 p.m. Sundays in the diving pool. Plus the pool is open daily through Labor Day.

12. Gather around the Cool Creek campfire ring for various guests at 7 p.m. July 24 and 31, for all ages on the north side of Cool Creek Park in Westfield with no registration required.

13. Enjoy the final concert of Noblesville **Summer Concert Series** 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Dillon Park featuring: Endless Summer Band, July 25.

14. Enjoy free Concerts at the Commons at Federal Hill Commons 7-10 p.m. Saturdays featuring: No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), July 27; Crush (Bon Jovi tribute), Aug. 10; Tennessee Whiskey (Chris Stapleton tribute), Aug. 24; Hi Fidelity ('80s rock),

Sept. 14; and Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Sept. 28.

15. Enjoy Noblesville Creates' exhibit, "Phocus on Photography," 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays now through July 27 at Noblesville City Hall.

16. Experience kids' live theater during The **Belfry Theatre** Apprentice Players' summer youth production of Disney's "Beauty & The Beast," July 24-28 (7:30 p.m. performances Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with 2 p.m. only performances on Saturday and Sunday) at Noblesville First **United Methodist** Church with reserve seating at thebelfrytheatre.com

17. Take a road trip to **Tipton Park Concert** Series featuring Southern Rock Authority on July 27, 90 Proof on Aug. 24 and 45 RPM on Sept. 21.

18. Bring blankets and lawn chairs while experiencing the **Hamilton County** Community Band's free **Summer Concert** Series, 6:30 p.m. July 28 and Aug. 18 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

19. See Hamilton County Artists' Association's newest exhibition, "All Our Best!" at the new Fishers Municipal Center, with hosts Fishers Arts Council, through Aug. 1, open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

20. Make plans for Noblesville Main Street's Salsa on the Square 4-8 p.m. Aug. 2 hosted by Noble Coffee & Tea in downtown Noblesville.

21. Grab your lawn chair and head for the **Hamilton County** Courthouse Square for the annual free String-Time on the Square music series at 6:30 p.m. the first Saturday night of each month, with Cornfields & Crossroads on Aug. 3 and The Bahler Family Golden Age Band on Sept. 7 (raindate makeup) with Noblesville teen Addie McMillan opener and co-emcee for all shows,



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

The cast rehearses for Main Street Productions' Rising Star youth play, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," through July 28 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

The Times photo by Betsy Reason

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22. Shop at Hamilton County Artists' Association's Art Fair on the Square 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3 on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

23. Save the date for the Front Porch Music Festival on Logan Street from 1-7 p.m. Aug. 24 in downtown Noblesville.

24. Grab a lawn chair and experience Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz with concerts 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 10 with NHS Combo with Peter Luttrull, Sept. 14 with Moontown Pickle Stompers and Oct. 12 with David Hartman Band on the Courthouse Square.

25. Stop by the Noblesville Parks & **Recreation Department** office at Forest Park Inn weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a pet treat and a photo of your leashed pet. And play miniature golf at Tom Thumb course at Forest Park next to the carousel.

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### 2024 Fall Ball Season

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

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

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

Who:

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

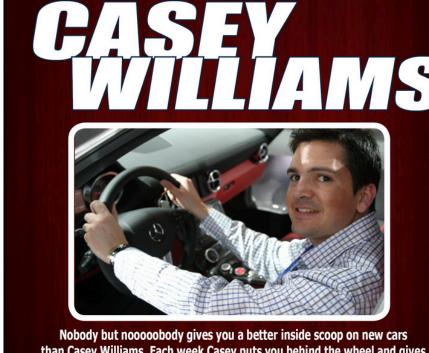
- 7th 8th Grade Rec League 9th - 12th Grade Rec League
- \* Note: Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball • There is no Travel Division for the 2024 Fall Ball season

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

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

How Do I Register?

www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com



than Casey Williams. Each week Casey puts you behind the wheel and gives you the lowdown on the latest out of Detroit, or other places! If you drive a car, this is a must read!

Catch Casey every Monday in The Times!

## Carmel Parks Sets Annual Preschool Splash Bash



Preschoolers are having a bash! Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation is hosting a morning of fun at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Dr. West.

Preschool Splash Bash will be held on Monday, Aug. 5 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This event is for children ages six years and younger.

Tickets are \$15 per child; accompanying adults are free.

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Participants will have access to the kiddie pool, activity pool, and the lazy river.

Concessions will not be available during the event. Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks or lunch, glass is prohibited.

Space is limited and preregistration is required. Visit https://www. carmelclayparks.com/ for more information.

#### Rep. Spartz Shares Update



REP. VICTORIA SPARTZ Guest Columnist

Columnist Victoria
Spartz, RNoblesville, questioned
Ben Shapiro on the need
of transparency for the
U.S. investor on the
companies engaged in
collusion and intentional
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on the conservative

In addition, the House recently passed H.R. 8281 amending the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office" PASSED 221 - 198

H.J. RES. 165 – Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in

Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance". PASSED 210 - 205

H. RES. 1344 "Finding that Merrick Garland, Attorney General of the United States, is in contempt of the House of Representatives for disobeying a certain subpoena" FAILED 204 -210

And lastly, Spartz said

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she was honored to

Friend Award by the National Taxpayers Union for having one of the strongest voting records in Washington D.C. for supporting limited government, economic freedom, and low taxes. Rep. Spartz was also presented with the Champion of Limited Government Award from the Institute for Legislative Analysis for her voting record as most aligned with the U.S. Constitution, based on the comprehensive study of nearly 65,000

# Food Bank Desperately Looking for Space

The Food Bank is looking to the future when we can co-locate all of our services in one place to better serve our Hamilton County community and the local food support network.

We will be losing our non-perishable food space in the White River Christian Church food pantry building at 1605 N. 10th St., Noblesville. They have been more than generous for the past 15 years, but as their client service numbers have drastically increased, they have asked for the space we occupy.

Finding space in our Hamilton County community to house ideally both our nonperishable and perishable locations, 7,000 - 10,000 sq. ft, or just the nonperishable side as an interim solution, minimum 4,000 sq. ft. has proved daunting.

We are urgently asking for your continued help, in both prayers, and solid leads on this journey. Alan Ariel, our current Board President, is chairing the Search Committee, and we are also working with ALO Property Group. Many of you are already actively looking and praying we cannot thank you enough.

Please contact Alan, Mary Lou Finchum, any of our Board members or staff with any questions and leads.

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# NHS, NSC Bring in Top Swim Coach

**About The Noblesville Swim Club** 

The Noblesville Swim Club (NOB) was founded in 1969 and is one of the oldest USA Swimming programs in the State of Indiana. Through the years, their athletes have competed at the highest levels. NOB is a registered Indiana 501c3 not-for-profit.

Noblesville High School and Noblesville Swim Club jointly announce this week the hiring of Jess Preston for the top spot in both programs.

Preston was the head boys and girls coach at Penn High School in Mishawaka as well as the acclaimed Irish Aquatics. As coach at Penn since 2008, his teams racked up an impressive 18 top 10, six top five and three state runner-up finishes. His girl's teams have an overall dual meet record of 204-11-1 and his boy's teams have gone 194-22. In addition, Preston has led his teams to a combined 29 Northern Indiana conference championships, 26 sectional championships, 15 IHSAA event state champions, been named Conference Coach of the year 13 times and IHSAA State Coach of the Year twice. Just this past February, Preston and Penn were state runner-up to Carmel at both the girls and boys **IHSAA State Swimming** Championships.

"The hiring of Coach Preston is a big-time commitment to Noblesville Swimming and the future vision of this program," said Lisa Conner, President of the **Board of Directors** Noblesville Swim Club. "We are so excited about what he will do for our program at all levels. We feel so fortunate that Coach Preston has chosen to continue his career leading our program."

In addition to high school swimming, Preston has an impressive background in USA Swimming. From 1999-2020 he served as Head Senior and Assistant Age Group Coach at PRO Swimming in Mishawaka. While at PRO he guided multiple athletes to Indiana Age **Group State** Championships and record-setting performances. In 2020, PRO Swimming merged with Irish Aquatics. In



2021, Irish Aquatics won the Indiana Swimming Long Course Senior State Championships.

Prior to beginning his coaching career, he swam and played baseball at Elkhart Central High School. In swimming, he broke school records in the 500 freestyle and 400 free relays. He went on to swim at Ball State University where he was a four-year letter winner, scored individually all four years in the MAC championships and served as team captain his senior year.

"I'm beyond excited to become the next head coach of the Noblesville Swim Club and Noblesville High School girls and boys swim teams," Preston said. "This program and the Noblesville community are so welcoming. I absolutely love that their leaders are committed to accomplishing the highest level of success. With the continued growth and great sense of community Noblesville has to offer, the possibilities are endless. I can't wait to get started!"

"Swimming is an important part of our community and I am excited that Coach Jess Preston and his family have chosen Noblesville as their next home," NHS Athletic Director Leah Wooldridge said. "Jess not only has a strong passion for swimming but uses it as a tool to teach student athletes skills around leadership, discipline and ownership that they can utilize throughout their life. The future of Noblesville swimming looks bright."

## Westfield Library Creates Pickleball Tournament

Attention pickleballers! The Westfield Library Foundation has scheduled a Pickleball Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Bridgewater Club in Westfield. Organizers hope to raise \$20,000 in support of the Westfield Washington Public Library.

"We are very excited to host our second annual event," Erin Downey, executive director of the Westfield Library Foundation, said.
"Pickleball is so popular

we thought a fundraising

event built around a

tournament would be

something new and fun for our community."

The tournament will be capped at 48 teams of two (96 individuals). There will be two morning and two afternoon sessions. Those interested in playing can register at https://westfieldlibraryfoundation.com/.

Five sponsorship levels, ranging from \$5,000 to \$750, are also available. Anyone interested in sponsoring the tournament is encouraged to contact Erin Downey at edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us

## Councilman Hall Shares Timesheet From Last Month

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This column is a report

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MARK HALL Guest Columnist

of Hamilton County. It's to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important that you know what is being worked on as transparently as is possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the **Hamilton County** Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to County Council public, personnel committee and Regional Development Commission meetings, June work included a joint meeting with the Commissioners, a county benefits and insurance update meeting, participating in a Council Commissioner Joint working session, watching a Board of Commissioners public meeting, participating in the quarterly County and Cicero departments project update meeting, attending a Noblesville City Council meeting, participating in a Sheriff's department 2025 compensation planning review meeting and attending a Cicero Town council meeting.

This month, along with other RDC members, we approved how the Police & Fire Training Center project would be paid for. My expectation is that the completed project build will be within budget. I also expect future requests for water rescue training capability and a driving course to come before the RDC or full County Council. For now, we are building a nice facility that will allow public safety departments to train locally, coordinate between agencies, and provide for a safer Hamilton County.

June's personnel committee meeting included a handful of reclassifications and compensation adjustments for staff. Positions were reviewed from both the Sheriff's department and the 911 Communications Department. These changes were based on a review internally and an outside review by the county's independent benefits and compensation vendor. A substantial portion of the personnel committee meeting was dedicated to 2025 compensation budget

reviews for Corrections and Sherrif staff. At issue is salary parity with competing agencies and ensuring competitive starting compensation. I am extremely impressed with the detail work and analysis performed by our Human Resources team, the Sheriff and his leadership team, as well as the counties compensation and benefits consultant. The in-depth analysis included competitive government agencies and comparable sized county governments in state and out of state. Subsequently, I've checked third party sources and thoroughly reviewed the requests independently myself. The level of complexity and detail required a special follow-up personnel meeting just to address the 2025 compensation budget for our public safety professionals. It has been a big investment of time this past month. Personnel requests are voted on as they occur, first, in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee. Departments 2025 compensation will be part of the annual budget process taken up by the council in September. Department budget requests are in process and due to the Auditors office soon. The Finance committee

This month there were several taxpayer requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. June's first two requests were asking about safety and police patrols at Morse Beach Park. The constituents had observed large "rowdy" parties at the park on the weekends. Further, one witnessed vandalism of park property. I alerted our parks department officials as well as law enforcement asking for repairs and increased patrols on the

did not meet in June.

I received two questions about property taxes and the appeals process. After walking both through their property tax calculations, both have been referred to the assessor's office to appeal their assessments.

weekends.

Lastly, folks from
Sheridan contacted me
regarding their water
bills increasing
dramatically over the
past two years. After
much discussion, I
connected these
neighbors with the State
office that oversees
utilities.

This month, it was an honor to represent you on WIBC radio and at the Noblesville noon Kiwanis meeting.
Tragically this month we unexpectedly lost a talented public safety

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team member. Steffanie Pickett, a dedicated and beloved dispatcher passed away unexpectedly. Please join me in offering condolences to her family, friends, and coworkers.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during month 18. There are many projects in the queue for 2024 and beyond, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpaver dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself,

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and listening to so many of you, our emplovers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltonco unty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX. Talent Logistix. He writes a monthly column in The Times detailing his work as a county councilman.

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#### **Fishers Event Center Announces First Wave of Events**

#### **About Fishers Event Center**

Scheduled to open its doors in November 2024, the Fishers Event Center is situated on a sprawling 53-acre plot, expanding upon the recently developed 18-acre Fishers District, which features an array of dining and retail options. The Fishers Event Center will be the largest mid-size event center in the region—capable of seating up to 7,500 people – and will be home to three professional sports teams: the Indy Fuel Hockey Club of the East Coast Hockey League, Indy Ignite of the Professional Volleyball Federation, and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League. From basketball games to concerts, this ultra-modern event center will bring a world of entertainment right to our community. And best of all, the center will be a community-focused venue, where local athletes can compete and our children can walk across the graduation stage.

Fishers Event Center the largest mid-size event center in the Indianapolis region, today announced the first wave of events at the venue ahead of its November 2024 opening. The 7,500-seat capacity ultra-modern event center is situated on a sprawling 53-acre plot expanding upon the popular 18-acre lifestyle development Fishers District, and will host everything from concerts, entertainment acts to basketball games while serving as a community-focused venue for local athletes to compete, graduation ceremonies and more.

"We are thrilled to be bringing this to life," said Fishers Event Center General Manager Mitch List. "We are joining the ranks of the amazing entertainment options in this market with something different to offer, having a unique opportunity to bring in great shows that are selling out arenas elsewhere in the country. We look forward to seeing the Fishers Event Center become a catalyst for so much growth as it fills a void for this community. We're just getting started, and there's a lot

to come with much more to be announced in the coming weeks and months ahead."

Upcoming events include the below, with more to be announced

\* Turnpike Troubadours with Trampled by Turtles and Tyler Halverson - Friday, November 22, 2024 (Tickets on sale this Friday, July 19 at 10 a.m.

Turnpike Troubadours formed in 2005, assembling a lineup that eventually included frontman Evan Felker, lead guitarist Ryan Engleman, fiddle player Kyle Nix, bassist R.C. Edwards, drummer Gabe Pearson, and steel guitar and accordion player Hank Early. Their debut album, Bossier City, was released in 2007 and the first of five studio albums the group would release. Their self-titled 2015 album peaked at number 17 on the Billboard 200 and inside the Top 5 of U.S. Country, Folk, Rock and Indie charts. 2017's A Long Way from Your Heart would peak at number 3 on the **Billboard Top Country** chart. In 2019, the band

indefinite hiatus. Two years later, in November 2021, the band teased their return and shortly after started announcing new shows starting in 2022, including two sold out dates at Red Rocks and an appearance at Bonnaroo.

\*Leanne Morgan -Saturday, November 30, 2024 (Tickets on sale this Friday, July 19 at 10

Leanne Morgan has

taken the world by storm and her national headlining tour is, "Just Getting Started!" Following the breakout ratings success of her critically acclaimed Netflix special, I'm Every Woman, Morgan has sold out over 100 theater and arena shows across the United States - with often second, third, fourth and fifth shows added in major markets. In an effort for more of her fans to have the chance to experience her hit show, Morgan is extending her theatre and arena tour into 2024 by adding shows in new markets across the United States.

\*AEW - Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (Tickets will go on sale at a later date TBA)

History will be made when All Elite Wrestling's wildly popular professional wrestling shows, "AEW: Dynamite" and "AEW: Rampage," make their Fishers Event Center debut for a thrilling night of high-flying action! AEW's roster includes headliners such as Chris Jericho, Kenny

Omega, Adam Copeland, Swerve Strickland, Will Ospreay, Christian Cage, The Young Bucks, Jon Moxley, Bryan Danielson, Hangman Adam Page, Toni Storm, Mercedes Mone, Saraya, Adam Cole, FTR, Dr. Britt Baker, Orange Cassidy, Darby Allin, Jay White, Claudio Castagnoli, Malakai Black, Will Hobbs, The Acclaimed, The Lucha Bros., Mark Briscoe, Samoa Joe, and many more.

"I'm so excited to be the first comedian at the Fishers Event Center," said Leanne Morgan. "It's such an honor and I can't wait to laugh with all the darling people in Fishers!"

Beyond its programming, the Fishers Event Center boasts extraordinary sightlines offering a great view from the front row to the back of the house. With premier amenities and gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available, full details on the venue's food and beverage selections will be unveiled soon. Future crowds at the Fishers Event Center will also appreciate the venue's cashless parking system and the approximately 2,000 parking spaces adjacent to the venue.

"We've been working hard behind the scenes to build an unmatched venue that brings toplevel talent to one of the most dynamic parts of our community," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "These opening events at the Fishers Event Center will mark an incredible milestone for our city and there's even more to come."

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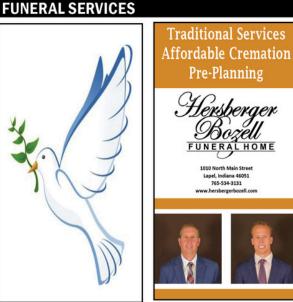
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