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TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (KJV)

Hamilton Happenings

Once again under the shade of beautiful Forest Park, the Boys & Girls Club's ninth Cornhole Tournament will take place on Friday, Aug. 2 at 12:30pm. Sign up to enjoy an afternoon of cornhole, silent auctions, food, drinks and music while out of the office and supporting the Club. Better yet, bring the whole office with you! Teams of two can register at <https://www.bgcni.org/index.php/boys-girls-club-cornhole-tournament>. To learn about becoming a sponsor, please reach out to Community Center Director, Tony, at teslamirad@bgcni.org.

Three Things You Should Know

- The National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, endorsed Jefferson Shreve for election to the United States House of Representatives to represent Indiana's 6th Congressional District. "Jefferson Shreve will be a great addition to Congress," said Natalie Robinson, NFIB Indiana State Director. "He is a proven leader with decades of business and civic experience and has called Indiana home for most of his life."
- Bait-and-switch sales tactics, falsely advertised prices and preying on Hoosiers with subprime credit – those are the alleged misdeeds of a string of four Indianapolis used-car stores that might rank among the area's most notoriously misnamed business enterprises. And now, after a settlement with Attorney General Todd Rokita, the business will be forced to pay back almost half a million dollars to deceived consumers.
- Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office announced a settlement recently where four Indiana stores operating under the name "Honest Abe Auto Sales" will pay back almost half a million dollars to consumers. Rokita said that Honest Abe Auto Sales advertised specific prices on vehicles, but when consumers with subprime credit attempted to buy the vehicles, Honest Abe raised the prices by thousands of dollars. Under the terms of the settlement, Honest Abe Auto Sales will pay restitution to affected consumers in the total amount of \$470,646. Honest Abe Auto Sales is also enjoined from engaging in similar deceptive conduct in future advertising and sales.

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BTN By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

Our State Fair is a Great State Fair . . . Don't Miss It . . . Don't Even Be Late . . .

Whether you like the 1945 movie with Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews and Vivian Blaine or the '62 version with Pat Boone, Bobby Darin and Ann-Margaret, a lot of us remember that song. Well, here's a quick look at our own Hoosier version of the event . . . by the numbers.

8-2 / 8-16 The dates for this year's Great Indiana State Fair (Except for Mondays – the Fair is closed on Mondays.)

1892

The first year the Indiana State Fairgrounds opened and the first State Fair



40

The first 40 Indiana State Fairs were held at different sites around the great Hoosier state.

129

The number of Indiana State Fairs

840,000

The number of people who attended the Fair last year – a slight increase over the 2022 Fair.



2.25 Million

Well OK, everything is bigger in Texas. And that's how many people go to that fair each year on average.

250

How many acres the Indiana State Fairgrounds takes up.



400+

Think the State Fair is the only thing going on at 38th and Fall Creek? Not by a long shot. The State Fairgrounds and Event Center annual has more than 400 events a year.

1,000,000

How many square feet of event space the Fairgrounds offers.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When foods carry healthy labels like "low sugar," we often eat more of them and end up eating more calories.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"I am not afraid. I was born to do this."

Joan of Arc

OBITUARIES

None

TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the dolphin cross the beach?
To get to the other tide.



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

Sheridan Teen Wins Intermediate Grand Champion Showman



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Eva Beckner poses for a photo with her Dairy Cow and her parents, Brett and Renee Beckner.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Eva Beckner, 13, an eighth-grader at Sheridan Middle School, proudly posed for a photo with her Dairy Cow in front of the Hamilton County 4-H Fair official backdrop.

She held her dairy cow, and her parents, Brett and Renee Beckner, held her awards banners as they all posed for photos in the Cattle Barn.

The fifth-year 4-H'er was awarded Intermediate Grand Champion Showman, for grades 6-8, after showing her Dairy Cow in the Show Arena on Thursday morning at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

To prepare for the 4-H Fair, she said, "We make sure we wash and clip the cow, and we fit her topline, which is the strip on the top of the cow."

Beckner works with the animal two or three times per week beginning at the end of May. She practices getting her cow used to the halter and halter-breaking her and making sure that her cow will set up right in the show ring.

It's her third year in the Dairy project.

"This (award) is one of the best I've gotten," said Beckner, who lives on a farm where her family raises pigs and her grandparents raise sheep. They go to another farm to work with her dairy cow.

What other 4-H projects does she take? Dairy Goats, Pigs, Sheep, Food Preservation, Microwave and Veterinary

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OUR GENERATION with the Times

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

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Promoting Noblesville



Photo courtesy Noblesville Main Street

Noblesville Main Street Director recently made a guest appearance on Indianapolis television show Indy Now to promote the 2024 Street Dance. Baker, center, shared some information and a few laughs with Indy Now hosts Jillian Deam and Ryan Ahlwardt on Fox 59. The Street Dance was Saturday and everyone appears excited about gearing up for next year already.

Kiwanis Sets Date for Pickleball Tourney

The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will be hosting their second annual Pickleball Extravaganza on Saturday, Aug. 17. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 8:30 at Forest Park.

Teams of two can register for \$60. Each year, the funds raised will benefit a different local children's charity. This year, we will support the children at the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

Teams will start in a pool based on skill level with a round robin format. Teams can be mixed-doubles or single-sex. Winners of each pool will advance to a single-elimination tournament to determine an overall winner.

Please bring your own chairs and beverages/snacks to enjoy during the event. Refreshments will be available for a free will donation.

Come out to play, have fun, and make some new friends! Register your team today online by searching Pickleball Extravaganza at www.eventbrite.com or using the link on the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Facebook page.

For more information, contact TJ Houghtalen at (317) 373-1191 or email tj_houghtalen@greenvistalandscape.com

Update on 146th Street Project

The work continues. Sometime today or later, 146th St. will experience intermittent lane restrictions between Community Drive and River Road. Crews will be working to install new storm sewer

components in preparation for the resurfacing of 146th St. between Hazel Dell Pkwy. and White River. Once work has started, lane restrictions are scheduled to last 10

days. Expect traffic along this section of 146th St. to be restricted to one lane in each direction while construction crews are active. All lanes will reopen during non-working hours.

Carmel Creates Veterans Commission

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam recently announced the formation of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Veterans and Military Families, a new initiative dedicated to addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by veterans and military families within the Carmel community. This commission is a testament to Carmel's commitment to honoring and supporting its veteran residents and business owners.

"Veterans and members of the military from our city have dedicated themselves to protecting our

freedoms and ensuring the safety of our nation, often at great personal cost. Their courage, resilience and commitment are truly inspiring," said Mayor Finkam. "This commission will play a crucial role in identifying and addressing the needs of our veteran community."

City Councilor Matthew Snyder will serve as chairperson of this commission, which will be a volunteer body composed of up to nine members, appointed by Mayor Finkam. "This commission will

have the ability to address the critical needs of veterans in our community such as rehabilitation programs, mental health assistance and other services," said Snyder. "By listening to their experiences and understanding their unique challenges, we can ensure they receive the support and resources they deserve."

Members were chosen from a diverse cross-section of the armed services veteran residents and business owners of Carmel. For more information on the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Veterans and Military Families, please contact the Mayor's Office at (317) 571-2401.



Carmel Councilor Matthew Snyder

Quick Taste of Cupcakes, Big Ten Hoops, Stability and Mark Herrmann



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Here's a tale of two non-conference basketball schedules.

Team A has four schools among The Athletic's top 14 in its most recent preseason Top 25 rankings: No. 1 Alabama, a Final Four team a year ago; No. 10 Auburn; No. 11 Texas A&M and No. 14 Marquette.

It's a strong possibility that another Final Four school, North Carolina State, will be scheduled to play Team A in the Rady Children's Invitational in San Diego.

Team B has one power conference school among its eight non-conference home games. Its lone away games are in the Bahamas, a nice place to be in November. But this year's Battle 4 Atlantis won't remind anybody of the 2023 Maui Invitational. The eight-team field has only two schools that played in the NCAA Tournament a year ago, Arizona and Gonzaga.

Only Hostess has more cupcakes than Team B's gauntlet of SIU-Edwardsville (286th in KenPom's 2023-24 rankings), Eastern Illinois (320), South Carolina (54), UNC-Greensboro (147), Sam Houston State (142), Miami of Ohio (257), UT-Chattanooga (140) and Winthrop (176).

If you haven't guessed by now, Team A is Purdue and Team B is Indiana.

The Boilermakers, ranked 13th by The Athletic, have a few Twinkies of their own. Northern Kentucky (186 KenPom) and Yale (90) will be warmup games for the Nov. 15 battle with Alabama (14 KenPom) in Mackey Arena and a Nov. 19 trip to Marquette (13 KenPom).

Marshall (238) will be the tuneup for the Rady Children's Invitational. That tournament field also features Ole Miss (86), coached by Matt Painter nemesis Chris Beard, and BYU (18), which picked up former star recruit Kanon Catchings after Painter released the Brownsburg native from his scholarship.

In addition to a pair of Big Ten games to be announced, December's slate has Texas A&M in Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Auburn in Birmingham, Ala., and defending Mid-American Conference champ Toledo in Mackey Arena.

While Purdue's

schedule strength for 2024-25 is to be determined, its previous six schedules were ranked fourth, sixth, 17th, 33rd, 32nd and second.

It's an ambitious schedule even for a team that returns All-Big Ten point guard Braden Smith, shooting guard Fletcher Loyer and forward Trey Kaufman-Renn from the starting lineup of the 2024 national runners-up.

But Matt Painter has far more job security than Indiana's Mike Woodson, a 66-year-old former Hoosier great who has a 31-29 record in Big Ten play. Two NCAA Tournament victories in three years have not endeared Woodson to the fan base that expects greatness.

His fourth Indiana team is well-financed with offseason acquisitions of center Oumar Ballo (Arizona), guards Myles Rice (Washington State) and Kanaan Carlyle (Stanford) and former Illinois forward Luke Goode. That stockpile of on-paper talent to go along with Malik Reneau, Mackenzie Mgbako and Trey Galloway earned the Hoosiers a No. 19 ranking from The Athletic.

But these well-heeled Indiana boosters are used to getting big returns on their investments. Another 10-10 conference record could have those backers wondering if yet another coaching change, which would be the seventh since Bob Knight was fired in 2000, is best for the program.

Stable has not described the Indiana program since Kelvin Sampson was dismissed in 2008 during an NCAA inquiry into impermissible phone calls. Tom Crean and Archie Miller, successful coaches outside of Bloomington, figuratively collapsed under the weight of Cream and Crimson expectations.

On the other hand, Purdue basketball has had just six coaches since 1950. Four of them - George King, Lee Rose, Gene Keady and Painter - have combined for 13 Big Ten championships in that time.

Stability matters.

Here's more proof. A recent post by the Iowa men's basketball social media account listed the five most successful Big Ten schools during the past 200 games. Purdue has a 16-game lead over

Michigan State at 147-53. Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin are in a three-way tie for third at 129-71.

What do all five have in common? One coach since the 2018-19 season.

College Basketball Report's Twitter feed lists Indiana ninth in the Big Ten at 114-86 under Miller and Woodson.

In conference games only during the 14-team Big Ten era (2014-15 to 2023-24), Purdue has a 15-game edge on MSU at 137-54. Wisconsin is third (120-72), followed by Maryland (107-85), Iowa (106-86) and Michigan (105-84). Indiana is ninth at 95-96 behind Ohio State (101-91) and Illinois (97-88).

A familiar voice joins Purdue radio

From 1977 to 1980, Pete Quinn snapped the football to Mark Herrmann thousands of times during Purdue football games and practices.

One last handoff from Quinn to Herrmann took place this week when it was announced that the College Football Hall of Fame quarterback would replace his old teammate in the Purdue radio booth.

Quinn retired following the 2023 season after 32 years on the radio alongside play-by-play men Larry Clisby, Joe McConnell and Tim Newton. It's a reunion of sorts for Herrmann and Newton.

"I worked on his Heisman Trophy campaign when I was a student in the sports information office," Newton said in a statement announcing Herrmann's hire. "He has big shoes to fill, but I know he'll be up to the task."

Herrmann's day job is director of leadership and alumni engagement for the John Purdue Club. After an 11-year NFL career, Herrmann spent 10 years as the color analyst for the Indianapolis Colts radio network.

"I'm hoping to add my personal touch as a former player, announcer and fan," Herrmann said in the statement.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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First Farmers Bank Opens Branch in Lebanon

First Farmers Bank & Trust, one of the top 15 largest Indiana chartered banks, announces its newest branch will open in Boone County in Lebanon, Indiana, pending all state and federal approvals.

“Lebanon is growing and thriving, so we saw a real need for a local, trusted community bank in the area. We look forward to fostering longstanding relationships with new and current customers alike, while serving the community through our continued commitment to heart and grit banking,” said Rick Isenhower, Vice President, Senior Commercial and Ag Lender. Rick is also on the Board of Directors for the Boone County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and its former president.

The new branch will be located inside of the Lebanon Gateway Shops complex at the intersection of State Road 32 and I-65. The full retail center totals nearly 25 acres and opened in 2021 with a variety of storefronts. The architect of the bank branch, K4 Architecture, is also the same architect designing the new First Farmers Bank & Trust branch opening in Carmel, Indiana later this year.

“Expanding our newest bank branch into Lebanon and the surrounding Boone County area was an easy choice for our team,” said Mark “Doc” Holt, President and CEO. “We are eager for this new opportunity to provide our services to

local Lebanon customers – as well as those in Montgomery and Hendricks County – while remaining true to our agricultural roots as a community bank.”

First Farmers Bank & Trust expects to open its Lebanon branch in late Q4 2024. It will be the bank’s 38th location across Indiana and Eastern Illinois.

“Lebanon and the surrounding area fall directly in line with our goal and strategic vision of growing the bank,” said Tade Powell, Senior Vice President and Director of Communications and Public Relations. “We recognize the massive economic development underway across Central Indiana and being a part of this growth is very exciting as 2025 will mark our 140th year in business.”

First Farmers Bank & Trust has been growing rapidly this past year. Recently, the bank’s first quarter dividend of \$0.48 represented a 4.3% increase over the dividend declared in March 2023. In 2023, earnings per share increased 11.8% to a record \$6.57 per share, the sixteenth consecutive year of record earnings for the bank. Overall in 2023, the Bank saw continued asset growth as its assets surpassed the \$3 billion mark for the first time.

To learn more about First Farmers Bank & Trust, visit www.ffbt.com or find First Farmers on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

Selah’s Grace Ministries Raises \$18,000 in 5K



Photos courtesy Selah’s Grace Ministries / Jen Kauffman Photography

Thanks to a large group – Selah’s Grace Ministries brought in an impressive \$18,000.

Shelley Murdock found a floating friend at the Selah’s Grace Ministries 5K.

About Selah’s Grace Ministries: Selah’s Grace Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and resources to families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss. Our mission is to ensure that no family walks through their grief journey alone. Selah’s Grace was founded by Robbie and Emma Ping after their daughter Selah Grace was stillborn Aug. 6, 2018 in order to support families and provide a lasting legacy for their daughter they didn’t get to bring home. If you wish to help, please contact Emma Ping at selahsgraceministries@gmail.com or visit www.Selahsgrace.org

Selah’s Grace Ministries is thrilled to announce the success of their recent 5K run/walk event, which raised an impressive \$18,000. The funds will be directed toward supporting families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss, providing them with much needed resources and comfort during their times of grief.

“We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated, donated,

and volunteered to make this event a success,” said Emma Ping, co-founder of Selah’s Grace Ministries. “The generosity and solidarity of your community are truly heartwarming, and these funds will make a significant difference in the lives of many families.”

Selah’s Grace Ministries extends heartfelt thanks to all sponsors, participants, and volunteers who

contributed to the event. Your support is vital in continuing our mission to offer solace and assistance to those who need it most.

The event saw an outpouring of support from the community, with participants of all ages coming together to run, walk, and share in a day of unity and compassion. The funds raised will be used to support hospital bereavement programs, educate nursing students in perinatal

bereavement care, and provide cherished keepsakes for families enduring the loss of a child.

As we celebrate the achievement, we kindly ask for ongoing support. Donations are crucial in sustaining our programs and expanding our reach to help more families in need. Contributions can be made through our website: www.selahsgrace.org or by mailing checks to : 12702 E. 256th St. Cicero, IN 46034.

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Science. She earned grand champion in Vet Science and reserve champion in Microwave with a Raspberry Crisp.

“I love coming to the fair,” said Beckner.

She acknowledged the construction this year, including the fact that all of the projects that are usually shown in the O.V. Winks and Annex Buildings were moved to the Exhibition Center. “It’s difficult, but they got everything in that building figured out. And I’d like to say thank you to the Council and the Extension Board. They did an amazing job fitting everything in.”

Favorite event at the 4-H Fair? “The Farmer Olympics. It’s where we all get together and do a fun game.”

Beckner showed Swine on Saturday and Sheep

on Sunday but didn’t have the results before the newspaper deadline.

Beckner is proud to be following in her parents’ footsteps. Both were 10-year 4-H’ers, her dad winning Supreme Showmanship in Tippecanoe and Carol counties. Beckner showed her cow earlier in the day on Thursday, winning her class, Holstein Summer Junior Yearling.

Why Beckner joined 4-H? “My parents did it, and they introduced it to me, and I just really liked it,” she said.

Favorite food at the 4-H Fair? “Corn and grilled cheese.”

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

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Accidental Visitors



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

Last night, my husband, Peter, and I went to see the play “Come From Away.” I read about it last year, waited for the day tickets were available, and bought the very best cheap seats I could buy.

I love going to the theater more than almost anything, so you might be surprised to learn my husband is not much of a theatergoer. I’ve learned, over the years, if I ask him months in advance, he imagines the date will never come and agrees to go with me—and that’s what he did when I asked him last December about this show. The show came to town last night. Peter is a good sport.

The cheap seats were very close to the front, but way to the side, so I could see around the edges of the stage—which I don’t mind a bit. I like seeing the actors just as they make their entrance. I like the reminder that there is a world right behind the curtains.

The play is the story of how, on 9/11, 7,000 airline passengers were diverted to an island off the coast of Newfoundland. Years earlier, before planes could fly all the way across the Atlantic, they used to stop and refuel in Gander, Newfoundland. The longer range of the jets made the oversized airport on the small island obsolete, and there had been talk of demolishing it. But it was still there on Sept. 11, 2001, so it became the most logical place to reroute thousands of passengers when no one knew how long it would be before it was safe to fly again.

And the people of Gander—about 2,000 of them—stepped up to host all these accidental visitors.

They cooked and provided new clothes. They invited these strangers into their houses and bought them

drinks. They organized a barbecue, and even urged their guests to become honorary Newfoundlanders. These stranded flyers from all over the world never forgot the compassion of this small town during this terrible, difficult time. Ten years later, many of them returned to visit their adopted family in Gander. Scholarships were set up. Lifetime friendships were made.

I think we need more stories like this. Fred Rogers said, when talking to children about disasters, “Look for the helpers.” Gander and the surrounding communities became helpers to these strangers—who were not always gracious or grateful or even aware of how much help they needed or how profoundly they had upset the quiet life of this tiny town.

At the end of the show, the audience stood up in unison. Standing ovations are a peculiar thing. Some people will stand for everything. Most people will be embarrassed into joining them. Rarely does everyone just get on their feet all together, and yet that was what happened last night. There were a lot of people in the theater, so perhaps it is presumptuous for me to say, but I have to believe we were all, in some way, thinking how much we need that spirit of coming together and helping one another and supporting each other even if—especially if—the folks we are supporting are strangers to us.

I thought about what a great idea it was to write a play about a town that was helpful. It was such a simple idea, yet so absolutely right.

“Aren’t you glad we went?” I asked Peter on the way out. He said he was. He said it might be the best play he had ever seen, which—coming from Peter—meant a lot.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Dirty Rotten Scamsters



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

Have you noticed that scamming is attracting fewer and fewer people who are really good at it? I know there are countless reports on victims of these cons, but I am beginning to note a real lack of know-how in their approach. In the past week, I have received dozens of messages in both my email in-box and my spam folder that lack the expertise required to be successful at being a fraud. Here’s one I received the other day: (NOTE: ALL THE SCAM TEXTS WILL BE IN CAPS.)

DEAR DICK WOLFSIE:

YOUR FACEBOOK FRIENDS HAVE REPORTED DICK WOLFSIE FOR PRETENDING TO BE YOU. WE WILL REVIEW YOUR PROFILE AND LET YOU KNOW IF IT VIOLATES OUR COMMUNITY STANDARDS. CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS.

The nerve of me, pretending to be me. Who do they think I am? Me? I hope I’m doing a good job and not some cheap impersonation. And do I look like me? I hope not. I’m no spring chicken. And please don’t let me know if I have violated community standards. I have a big mouth and would probably tip myself off that you are investigating me.

Here’s another:

WE DETECTED SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT YOUR SIGN-IN TO YOUR AOL. IF IT WAS YOU, YOU ARE ALL SET.

All set for what? Another 30 years of AOL? And what could be unusual about my signing in, other than I’ve been paying for this outdated service for three decades? That’s also the end of their text. No place to click or call and nowhere do they ask for personal information. What kind of a lousy rip-off is this? The scamming profession has failed to attract the necessary talent to keep the art of swindling business alive.

Here’s another area where these con men (and women) are slipping. These are from my spam folder.

YOUR HULU ACCOUNT MAY BE IN JEOPARDY OF BEING SUSPENDED.

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

YOUR NETFLIX ACCOUNT COULD BE ENDING. GO TO THIS WEBSITE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

YOUR SIRIUS ACCOUNT MIGHT BE EXPIRING. CALL THIS NUMBER.

And my favorite:

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF OWING \$10,000 IN BACK TAXES. CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION.

What a weaselly approach to swindling people out of their hard-earned money. What’s with using words like MAY, COULD, and MIGHT? Do you think a Chicago gangster in the 1920s would say to a bar owner, “If you don’t pay the kickback money, we might come back with a sledgehammer, and there is a small possibility that you would be in jeopardy of having your knees crushed. “

If you are going to perpetrate a scam, you need to give your targets the heebie-jeebies. Let me help you would-be criminals out. Here’s a good example of how to do it.

DEAR ED: YOU OWE \$10,000 IN BACK TAXES. WE ALSO HAVE YOUR GRANDSON TIED TO A LAWN CHAIR IN OUR BASEMENT. AND TO MAKE MATTERS EVEN WORSE, YOUR NETFLIX ACCOUNT EXPIRES IN 20 MINUTES. CLICK HERE TO KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT FROM BEING SUSPENDED,

Yes, you slime buckets. Take a course on how to write convincingly. Hone your craft and be the best you can be.

For more information. Click here or call: 993-555-0100. Or else.

Dear Reader
This is not a scam (Just a poorly timed promotion)

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– 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.

FOR THE RECORD

CARMEL CLAY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

July 22, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. – all attendees will need to sign in

Patrons wishing to speak during public comment on the superintendent contract or any other topic at the July 22, 2024, School Board meeting, must register by 5:45 p.m.

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 2.1 Carmel High School Girls Lacrosse Team State Champions
- 2.2 Indiana Association of Principals District V Principal of the Year
- 2.3 Carmel Clay Schools Assistant Principal of the Year
- 2.4 Carmel Clay Schools Principal of the Year
- 2.5 Carmel Clay Schools Administrator of the Year
- 3.1 Guidelines for Public Comment
- 4.1 Approval of Consent Items
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Claims
- 4.4 Payroll
- 4.5 Approval of Gift Applications
- 4.6 Minutes: Executive Session - June 10, 2024
- 4.7 Minutes: Workshop Session - June 10, 2024
- 4.8 Minutes: Regular Session - June 24, 2024
- 5.1 Superintendent Contract
- 5.2 Replacement of Carmel High School Tennis Courts
- 5.3 Change Orders - CHS Stadium South Support Building
- 5.4 Change Orders - Cherry Tree Elementary Renovations
- 5.5 Bid Award - Carmel High School Gym LED Replacement
- 5.6 Adoption of Policy 2500 - Teacher Appreciation Grant
- 6.1 Student Data Report/Staff and Student Services Report
- 6.2 Monthly Financial Update
- 6.3 Superintendent's Report
- 7.1 Upcoming Meetings
- 8.1 Adjourn Meeting

MEETING NOTICE CARMEL CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

AT 6:00 P.M.

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Fall Ball Season**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hamilton County 4-H Fair



First Year 4-H'er Is Junior Grand Champion Showman



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Hamilton County first-year 4-H'er Ethan Schaefer, 9, Noblesville, won Junior Grand Champion Showman with his goat, Jayson, and proudly displayed the large banner in the Small Animal Barn at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

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Just ask Hamilton County first-year 4-H'er Ethan Schaefer about his favorite 4-H project, and he'll tell you about his Pygmy Goats.

He was found over the weekend taking care of his two goats, Taxi and Jayson, during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

The 9-year-old, who will be a fourth-grader this fall at Hazel Dell Elementary School, was in his goats' pen, holding a goat in his arms, offering kids a chance to pet the goat.

Later in the day, the Stringtown Pikers Club 4-H'er won Junior Grand Champion Showman and proudly displayed the large banner in the Small Animal Barn at the Fair as he smiled for a photo for his family. His goats also won ribbons, Jayson, fourth, and Taxi, seventh.

He said caring for Pygmy goats is a lot of work. "To take care of our goats, we make sure and give them plenty of water, the right food and a good shelter. We make sure we wash them once a year," he said. "To get them ready for the Fair, we wash them, we trim their nails, we brush them ... I believe the judges look at just how you present your goat ... We go to the (Show Arena) ring." Schaefer explained the difference between showing the Pygmy Goat project vs competing in Showmanship, which "is about squaring your feet, always having your goat between you and the judge and knowing stuff, like a few body parts." Earlier in the day, he said he was planning to compete in Showmanship with Taxi, "because she's the better of the two walkers. I need a good walker for Showmanship," said Schaefer.



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Hamilton County first-year 4-H'er Ethan Schaefer, 9, Noblesville, shows a Pygmy goat to visitors at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

But he ended up using Jayson (named after Ethan's favorite basketball player, Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum) for Showmanship competition and for a goat costume contest, for which the goat was dressed as a shark and the 4-H'er as a shark attack victim, earning a fourth place.

Is taking care of goats easy or hard work? "It's hard work," he said. "Sometimes, it's hard work. Sometimes you pet 'em and you hold 'em."

Schaefer said, "My favorite thing about showing goats is the bond that you have."

The Pygmy Goat 4-H project wasn't his only project. He earned a Reserve Grand Champion on his 4-H Food Preparation project for his Ginger Crinkle Cookies, "so I'm in the food auction," he said, anticipating the annual Foods & Microwave Auction that's usually on the Sunday of the Fair.

"I've seen my sister (Mackenzie, 12, a fourth-year 4-H'er) do it. I think it's where you walk in a circle and there are bidders, and the person that talks really fast says amounts of money, and then people will bid on it, and you get however much money it goes for. My mom says that all of it (money) goes to (my) college (fund) and I get to keep 10 percent for myself."

In the 4-H Food Preservation project, he earned Blue Honors for his frozen Ginger Crinkle Cookies, and for his 4-H Microwave project, he earned Reserved Champion. He won a Champion on his 4-H Arts & Crafts project for his tie-dye shirt. On his 4-H Child Development project, he won a Blue Honors for a poster he created, and on his 4-H Legos exhibit, he earned a Blue for his

astronomy set that featured "the sun and the months and you could spin it, and the Earth and the moon would rotate around it. "I showed them how it could spin," he said. "...I did a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse."

While he's a first-year 4-H'er, the son of Sara Schaefer and Marcellus Schaefer isn't new to 4-H and enjoyed two years of Mini 4-H, showing Collections, Forestry and Arts and Crafts.

Favorite food at the Fair? "The milkshakes."

Favorite event at the 4-H Fair? "The pet parade. I did it, and this year I will probably watch it," said Schaefer, who aged out of the event, which is usually on the Sunday of the Fair for ages 2-8. "I found out about it two years ago, so it's just been two years (that he participated.)"

Schaefer won Grand Champion at the 2023 Youth Pet Parade, dressed in costume as a lion tamer with Oscar, the goat, dressed as a lion. The goat belonged to his aunt, who trained the goat to do tricks and taught Ethan how to get the goat to do tricks, that included shaking his hand, walking through a "ring of fire" hoop, spinning around and bowing. "My 'lion' could do tricks," he said. Schaefer won a \$25 Grand Champion prize, meal ticket, goodie bag and "a big ribbon."

The main reason he likes the 4-H Fair is because, he said, "I get to see my goats. We get the projects. And it's just a really nice environment." He isn't sure if he'll compete someday in the 4-H Royal Showmanship, but he said, smiling, "I'm going to be a 10-year member (someday), because if I'm not, I'm a disgrace to my family, because all of my family has been 10-year members."

Last Day to Visit 4-H Fair

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair runs through today at the Hamilton County Extension Homemakers is open 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. today. Hamilton County Junior Leaders Stand will offer Coke and Powerade, pizza, hot dogs and chips.

Here's what's on the menu and the schedule:

In the 4-H Commons Area, Beef Producers Barbecue, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; and Hamilton County Producer groups will serve Joint Producers Barbecue usually featuring ribeyes and hamburgers; rabbit brats, BBQ and burgers; turkey burger; pork loin, brats, BBQ and burgers; lamb burgers, brats, kabobs and BBQ; and waffle fries and corn on the cob, (5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday).

Inside the Exhibition Center, Hamilton County Extension Homemakers is open 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. today. Hamilton County Junior Leaders Stand will offer Coke and Powerade, pizza, hot dogs and chips.

Also, Hamilton County Farm Bureau will serve milkshakes and milk. Also, Fishers Baptist Church will offer gyros and lemon shakeups. Hamilton County Silvernotes will serve handmade elephant ears. Fishers United Methodist Church will serve pork tenderloin, fruit cobbler and ice cream. First Christian Church will serve corn dogs, sloppy Joes, shrimp, chicken nuggets, breadsticks. North Circle Church

will serve funnel cakes and fried Oreos. Husky Dawg Wrestling will sell walking tacos. Noblesville H&H 4-H Club will sell novelty candy, but no chocolate. Ice Guys will serve SnoCones.

Highlights of the fair:

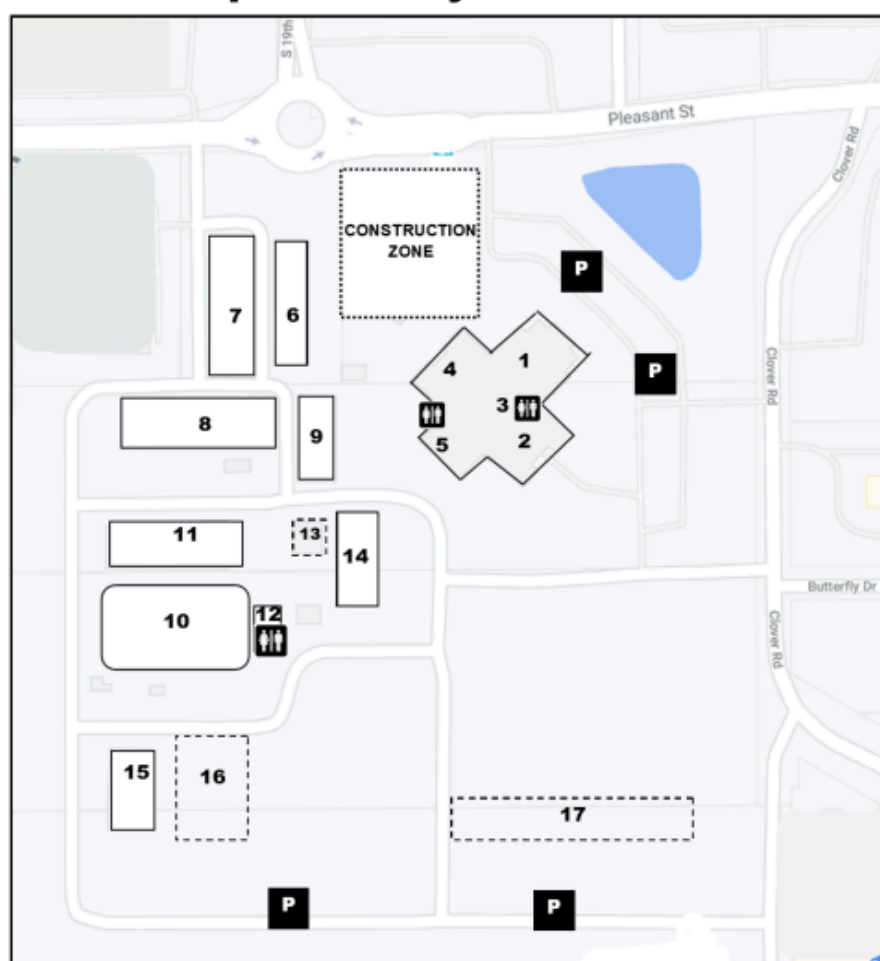
-Today -- Beef show at 9 a.m.; 1/16th tractor pull at 9:30 a.m.; horse and pony versatility show and llama youth judging at 10 a.m.; youth talent show at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Royal Showmanship at 3 p.m. and Supreme Showmanship at 7 p.m.

-Tuesday -- Livestock auction at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit extension.purdue.edu

HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

Due to construction, please visit puext.in/hamilton for updates as they are available.



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| 1. 4-H Fair Office | 9. Show Arena |
| 2. Exhibition Center Hall A | 10. Horse Arena |
| 3. Exhibition Center Hall B | 11. Llama Barn |
| 4. Exhibition Center Hall C | 12. Horse Tower |
| 5. Extension Homemakers Dining Room | 13. Master Gardener's Garden |
| 6. Small Animal Barn | 14. Swine Barn |
| 7. Sheep Barn | 15. Horse Barn |
| 8. Cattle & Goat Barn | 16. Make Up Arena |
| | 17. Tractor Pull Strip |



Hamilton County 4-H Fair



The Hamilton County 4-H Fair's picnic area has moved from its usual location to behind the Exhibition Center due to construction at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds.



A Joint Producers' barbecue on opening day of the Hamilton County 4-H Fair offers grilled cheese, pork, beef, lamb, turkey, rabbit and more on the menu.



Hamilton County 4-H'er Cole Ritter, a fifth-year 4-H'er and member of Fishers Showstoppers 4-H Club, washes his pig outside the Swine Barn on Friday during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.



Hamilton County 4-H'ers Kayla McMillen (middle), 9, Cicero, and Cami Warren (right), 10, Fishers, both members of Harey Hoppers 4-H Rabbit Club, serve up rabbit brats, rabbit BBQ and waffle fries with Cami's mom, Cassie Latta (left) in the Producers' Tent on opening day of the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.



Hamilton County 4-H'ers show their meat goats on Friday during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.



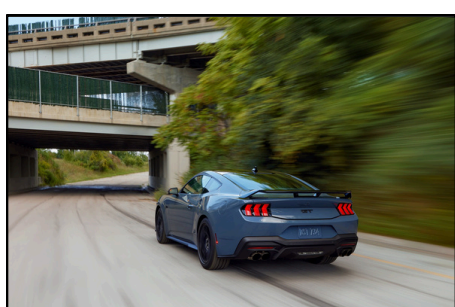
Visitors to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair stand in line to pay after choosing their food.



Visitors to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair over the weekend could Dunk-A-Depty in the dunk tank next to the Sheriff's Office Tent.



2024 Ford Mustang GT is the Bronze Package Legend Ready for its Next Decade



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

I completely get the heritage of the Mustang that debuted in 1964 as an answer to a growing generation of Baby Boomers who wanted something more special than their parents' full-size sedans and wagons. It was a car that would satisfy a secretary and ignite her boyfriend. Classic long hood, short deck proportions, most delicious with a fastback roofline, and a muscular V8 engine cemented the Mustang's legend. With the redesigned 2024 Mustang GT, Ford brings readies its famed pony car for the next decade.

There's no mistaking our test car with the Bronze Package as anything other than a fresh Mustang. Styling dresses the previous generation's heritage-inspired, wide butt proportions with six LED headlamps, red Brembo brake calipers, and fastback roofline. Around back, a large spoiler and angled six-bar taillamps with sequential signals cop attitude. It's not an entirely new design, but there's a techy edginess to it that feels more contemporary.

I always liked the

understated refined look of the Mustang Bullitt, made famous by a chase scene against a Dodge Charger, in Steve McQueen's movie by the same name, but this one's Bronze Appearance Package is a close second. It includes bronze 19" alloy wheels, grille pony, rear GT logo, and 5.0 badges on the front fenders. Red brake calipers peek out from behind the wheels. The package looks elegantly understated with our car's Dark Matter Gray metallic paint. It feels less boy racer and more debonair gent – a proper sporting machine for adults.

Sophisticated drivers will find the interior meets their station as twin infotainment screens dominate the dash, but hover above stitched dash coverings, Recaro sport seats with red belts, heated leather-wrapped steering wheel, and 12-speaker B&O audio system that's as happy thumping Olivia Rodrigo as venting Maria Callas's pipes. Phones connect and charge wirelessly via Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and a console pad.

Flatscreens allow drivers to customize their gauge graphics from a dominant tach

bar for track days to a pared down version with center speedometer for daily commutes. On the center screen, drivers can change drive modes that tune the suspension, steering, and throttle from "Normal" to "Sport" and "Track". A row of icons configures the active valve exhaust system from thunderous boom to a quiet mode for sneaking. It also comes with crash avoidance systems that include automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and cross traffic alert with autobrake.

Fans of all eras will relish the 5.0-liter "Coyote" V8 planted under that long hood. It produces a galloping 486 horsepower – routed to the rear wheels through a 6-speed manual transmission. And, it's not some vague arm-breaking manual either. This one has the mechanical precision expected from a Supra or Audi. Click-click, snick-snick. Driven with a light touch, drivers should expect 14/23-MPG city/highway.

In no mode would I consider the four-wheel-independent suspension soft, but MagneRide damping that adjusts shocks instantly switches between rock-firm and relatively compliant,

allowing the car to transform between backroads and city streets. The long wheelbase allows the car to ride nice whether driving to work or hitting long stretches of highway.

Ford must keep the Mustang faithful happy while evolving the car for more refined tastes. Done! If you're a fan of early Mustangs with their big style and bellowing engines, you'll love it. Or, if you're currently driving an Audi or Nissan Z and wondering what you'd think of the Mustang, you'll be pleasantly impressed. It's a legend upborn! As for price, a base Mustang with a turbocharged four-cylinder engine starts at \$30,920. Our GT with Bronze Package hits \$61,620.

Storm Forward!

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- Retro-modern style
- MagneRide Suspension
- Coyote V8

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- Tight rear seat

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