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## TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

## Hamilton Happenings

The 8th annual Strut 2 Save Lives is Sept. 8 at Noblesville's Dr. James A. Dillon Park. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2-12. Strut 2 Save Lives honors the legacy of former Noblesville resident Bryan Clauson, an IndyCar and USAC driver who died in 2016 from injuries sustained in an on-track accident. A registered organ and tissue donor, Clauson's gifts of life saved five people and helped heal countless others. Proceeds benefit the Indiana Donor Network Foundation.

## Three Things You Should Know

**1** Kokomo is getting a new hotel and conference center. The IEDC and local leaders recently broke ground on the project that is being supported by Indiana's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative. The \$32.8 million hotel and convention center (including a \$5 million READI 1.0 funding allocation), is a partnership between the Greater Kokomo Alliance and Visitors Bureau, the city of Kokomo, Howard County and Indiana-based SSG Hotels. It is being constructed in the heart of downtown Kokomo and is expected to open in 2026.

**2** The great Hoosier state recently ranked ninth in the U.S. for people who are unhappiest with their job. Digital marketing agency Hennessey Digital analyzed data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics to find the rate of workers quitting their jobs per month in each state. Tops on the list was Alaska with Wyoming and Montana rounding out the top three.

**3** Along the same lines, Indiana also ranked ninth in the U.S. for worst states to work in. Wyoming, Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana and West Virginia were the top five. The study was conducted by employment law experts Duddy, Goodwin & Pollard. They studied data based on the percentage of employed individuals represented by unions and the states with the highest work fatality rates in 2022.

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

## National Event Coming to Indiana

8-24-24

This Saturday is when the 11-round summer campaign will make its last stop on a compelling 10-state journey to crown a pair of AMA National Champions with the sport's most distinguished title. Championships will be on the line as American motocross makes its annual visit to the motorsports capital of the Indianapolis area for the 11th running of the Tucker Freight Lines Ironman National Finals from Crawfordsville's Ironman Raceway.



## 53 PRO MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

The number of seasons for the Pro Motocrossers. This year once again the season culminates with the world's most prestigious off-road motorcycle racing series crowning its champion in Indiana. Crawfordsville's Ironman Raceway hosts the summer season finale.

**31** The SuperMotocross World Championship is a comprehensive 31-race season that combines the winter AMA Supercross Championship, which takes place on man-made racetracks in major stadiums across the country from January to mid-May, and the summer Pro Motocross Championship.

## 8 a.m.

Here are the times for all the action on Saturday. Fans will be arriving way early.  
8 a.m. Practice & Qualifying  
12:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies  
1 p.m. First Motos (250 Class & 450 Class)  
3 p.m. Second Motos (250 Class & 450 Class)



Photos, Images Courtesy: MX Sports Pro Racing, Inc.

## 1972

The centerpiece of the SuperMotocross World Championship Series has provided one-of-a-kind thrills for race fans across the country since 1972, becoming its own unique American pastime as the toughest test in motorsports.

**\$60** That's the adult price for an adult general admission ticket for Saturday. Kids (ages 6-10) are \$30. A general admission ticket with a pit pass is \$90 and \$60.

Saturday General Admission \$60 Adults / \$30 Kids (Ages 6-10)  
General Admission + Pit Pass \$90 Adults / \$60 Kids (Ages 6-10)  
Weekend Super Ticket \$300 Adults / \$150 Kids (Ages 6-10)

For information about the Pro Motocross Championship, sanctioned by AMA Pro Racing, please visit ProMotocross.com and be sure to follow all of the Pro Motocross social media channels for exclusive content and additional information on the latest news:

- Facebook: @americanmotocross
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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

In addition to keeping track of what you eat, also determine how and why you eat to try and find ways to cut back.

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



## TODAY'S QUOTE

"We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it."  
William Faulkner

## TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the idiot who was given two months to live? He asked for August and December because he loves summer, but doesn't want to miss Christmas!

## OBITUARIES

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank RICHARD MACY for subscribing!

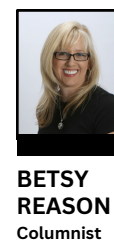


## \$10K Rolls in During Legion Riders Event



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Richard Bryant leads riders who prepare to roll out for the American Legion Riders' Veterans Support Ride, which started and ended at Noblesville American Legion Post 45 and raised more than \$10,000 for Indy Honor Flight.



BETSY REASON  
Columnist

There's nothing quite like a large group of motorcycle riders lining up and leaving for a daylong benefit ride.

It's loud, for sure, as they all start their engines. Kickstands up. And they're off on the ride to planned stops throughout the day.

The American Legion Riders' Veterans Support Ride on Aug. 10 benefiting Indy Honor Flight raised more than \$10,000 for Indy Honor Flight.

For those who participate in these fundraising rides, it's not only about raising money but the camaraderie that comes with a day. The recent ride started with breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs and hash browns on picnic tables on the lawn of the Noblesville American Legion Frank Huntzinger Post 45. Following, there was a prayer given by Chris Owens of White River Christian Church, Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, and the National Anthem sang by Noblesville teen Addie McMillan.

Then ride participants walked to their bikes already lined up for the ride, and started engines in unison, and one by one, departed the Legion parking lot, on their way to their first stop, Yorktown American Legion, with food for a freewill donation, then to Kirkland American Legion and returned late afternoon to the Noblesville Legion for pork sandwiches and a live auction, raffle and music by emcee Noblesville's Charlie McMillan.

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# 20th Annual Morse Lake Clean Up One for the Books



For 20 years, volunteers have gathered at Red Bridge Park in Cicero to remove tons of trees, debris, and garbage from Morse Lake during their annual half day clean-up effort.



Photos courtesy Mike Berry

The annual event is organized by members of the Morse Waterways Association.

The Morse Waterways Association recently held its 20th annual lake clean up event and it was one for the books. Volunteers literally fished out a record-setting amount of debris during the two-day event. A strong contingent of volunteers filled up nine 30-yard dumpsters of logs and one 20-yard dumpster of debris – the equivalent of some 30 truckloads!

Volunteers from Duke Energy returned for a second year in a row to remove all the logs and debris that had accumulated in and around the town docks and the BoatHouse docks on Friday, July 19. The official Lake Cleanup kicked off at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 20 with volunteers pulling the logs to shore. Boats came towing logs, limbs, and debris. The city, once again, provided the

loader and operator to pull the logs out of the water and the MWA had the chainsaw gang to cut the logs as needed.

This year, Thomas Docks provided the dumpsters to collect and haul the debris. The two large dumpsters were emptied from round one on Friday and were refilled from Saturday's efforts. There was so much debris this year, the dedicated crew of volunteers worked well beyond the scheduled four-hour timeframe and into the following week.

“Dave Vanette who has been at the helm of this event along with fellow MWA member, Art Hall, said, “This year’s Lake Cleanup was an extraordinary event!” He credits the success of the clean up to the many

companies and individuals who helped.

“On behalf of the Morse Waterways Association, we would like to extend a special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude to the following for their exceptional effort to make Morse Lake a cleaner and safer place for residents and visitors alike,” added Vanette:

Thank you, Terry Cooper, Town of Cicero Street and utility Director, Shannon Fiddler, Town of Cicero, Jimmie Hunter, Cicero Parks Superintendent, Thomas Docks, Dan Derda, Greencycle, Duke Energy volunteers (Mark LaBarr, J.D. Cox, Don McDuffy, Travis Krick, Ryan Delphia, Kristin Gong, and Nico Kennerly); Edward

Jones for donating the water for the volunteers, Martin Marietta materials for helping with restoration of Redbridge Park, photographer, Mike Berry, and all the volunteers that made this happen and those who generously donated to help with the additional expenses.

Mark your calendar to join us for next year’s clean up on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 8 a.m. to noon. Morse Waterways Association encourages everyone who lives on and around the lake to be involved in helping to keep this valuable amenity clean and safe. To be included in the list for future notifications of all news and schedules related to the cleanup, email Dave Vanette at vanetteda@hotmail.com.

## Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Teams Up With Meijer to Help Needy

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank is proud to announce a partnership with Meijer to provide much-needed relief to local families facing food insecurity through the retailer’s customer-driven hunger relief program, *Simply Give*.

August 17 and **September 14**, effectively tripling contributions made on both days. Meijer customers shopping online using Meijer Pickup or Home Delivery can also include *Simply Give* donation cards as an add-on to their orders.

“Food Insecurity is a real issue in our hometown community. More than 32,160 Hamilton County friends and neighbors are not sure where their next meal is going to come from”, said Anita Hagen, Executive Director.

“Continued hardships have taught us all the importance of community members supporting each other,” said Anita Hagen. “We encourage our community to give and help us feed our Hamilton County neighbors in need by adding a Meijer *Simply Give* food donation card to your cart during your next shopping trip.”

The *Simply Give* program encourages customers to add a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card to their cart, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to a local food pantry in the store’s community.

Since 2008, more than \$91million has been distributed to food pantries across the Midwest to feed neighbors in need through the Meijer *Simply Give* program.

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank will benefit from donation cards at the Noblesville Meijer stores now through Sept. 28. In addition, Meijer will **DOUBLE MATCH** all customer cards on Saturday,

You can also donate to this program through HCH Food Bank Online Giving. Just select “Food Purchases” or “Meals for Kids” and be ensured your donation will go towards food purchases for our hungry neighbors.



## Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield Lions Step Up for Gleaners



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On Aug. 12, the Noblesville Lions Club, Carmel Lions Club and the Westfield Lions Club assisted Gleaners Mobile Pantry donating food to over 216 families. The pantry is normally held on the first Tuesday of each month at Grand Park in Westfield. However, because of extreme heat on Aug. 6, the pantry was postponed to the 12th. Even with the postponed date, a record number of families came through the line. From left, Betty and Bob Yunker (CL), Jack Waldroup (WL), Ron and Linda Williamson (NL), Jerry Baker (NL), Kathy and Jim Kahler (WL), Gary Smith (WL), Bill Nesbitt (WL), Joe Connerley (NL), Carrie Larrison (WL), Gene Beck (NL), Rollin Cutter (NL), Bill Ryian (CL), Mark Bachar (NL), John Einsfeld (NL), Vicki Neddenriep (NL), Lane Sims (CL) and Judy Waldroup (WL)

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## Making Stone Soup



One of my favorite stories as a child was “Stone Soup.”

**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

I don’t know if you know it or not. It’s an old European folktale, and there are a lot of variations, but in most of them two soldiers come into a town during a war. They ask for food, and everyone tells them they have nothing to eat. So the soldiers build a fire, and they ask an old woman if they can borrow a pot because they are going to make stone soup.

“Soup from a stone?” the old woman asks.

“Yes,” they say. “We are going to make stone soup!”

So the old woman loans them a pot, and they fill it with water, and they start cooking a stone.

“Soup from a stone!” the old woman exclaims. “Imagine that!”

Pretty soon, a small crowd gathers. No one had ever heard of making soup from a stone.

“Stone soup is wonderful,” one soldier casually mentions. “But it’s even better with a little onion.”

“Oh! I have an onion,” someone offers, and throws it in the pot.

“Carrots are also nice,” the soldier adds. And, a few minutes later, someone throws some carrots in the pot.

Soon, a little beef is put in, and a few other ingredients are added as the crowd grows. Before long, there is a large pot of soup, and everyone in the village is fed, including the two soldiers. A village where everyone said they had no food eats a meal together—a meal that would not have existed if it were not for a stone.

I told my friend, Wally, this was a favorite story of mine.

“I see men coercing others to get what they couldn’t get themselves!” Wally said. This astonished me.

“But everyone ate!” I told him. “No one even knew they had soup—and they didn’t—without first believing it was possible.”

Wally is not convinced that any good comes from telling a lie. But I never saw it as a lie. Because I believe in stone soup.

A couple of months ago, I went to a beautiful little theater in Mexico, in the town where I spend the winter, and I met with a producer there. Suddenly, I saw the possibility of doing a show in this space. The whole thing was completely real in my imagination before I’d written a word. So I worked on the script and I planned all the costumes and the music and everything needed for the show. The show became as real on the page as it was in my mind.

Yesterday, I learned it wouldn’t be possible to do my show in the theater as planned. I was very disappointed—for about 12 hours. And then I realized I had a pot of stone soup.

The theater and the producer had never made it a show. The show was made of all the things I’d put into that simmering pot. It was the belief that I could make a show—if I just added enough ideas, if I stirred those ideas long enough, if I kept the fire going.

The soup was never about the stone. The stone was the excuse to make the soup.

I have no idea where this show will be performed, but I am absolutely certain it will be, because this soup is filled with good things, put together in a way I believe people will enjoy.

In the story, after everyone has eaten, the old woman shakes her head. “Soup from a stone,” she says. “Imagine that!”

Imagine that.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

## Wolfsie is Sitting Pretty!



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

What has happened to the art of sitting? People nowadays don’t just sit; they have to be involved in some activity like emailing, blogging, tweeting, reading, or watching TV.

When I was a kid, people in my neighborhood sat on their front porches. Since this was New York, they were mostly protecting their valuables or waiting for the police to arrive. They were sitting, nonetheless. You do see people sitting in a doctor’s office—but these people are waiting. Big difference.

In some of those old English manors, there were sitting rooms. But if you ever saw a movie or read a book about life in those days, you’d know that people also did a lot of yakking to each other while they were sitting. They would converse about the murder that just occurred in the sewing room or speculate about why the downstairs maid was spending so much time upstairs. In reality, these were talking rooms, not sitting rooms. My wife was addicted to Downton Abbey. A lot of talking in that show...okay, and maybe a few liaisons thrown in.

When you are sitting, you are not wasting time. That is why we need to applaud the historical significance of this leisurely activity. For it is in this repose that the truly lazy people of the world have made their impact. Do you think it was hard-working folks who came up with the idea for the backhoe, the chainsaw and the snow blower? Heavens no. It was the sluggish and the indolent looking for a way to get their work done quickly, so they could just sit for the rest of the day.

Cracker Barrel Restaurant has tried to bring back sitting as an art form. They have this nifty front porch lined with sturdy rocking chairs. But rarely is someone just sitting in one of them. Instead, people are looking at the price tags on the arm or complaining about the 30-minute wait for the meatloaf special. But Cracker Barrel customers

should be the perfect people for sitting. Many of them sport suspenders and have great stories to tell. This is sit waiting to happen.

Fewer and fewer people have front porches, the traditional place for this non-activity. We have a lovely back deck, but I’d like to have a front porch as well, just to sit.

Sitting alone inside your house is actually a little weird. You see, part of the charm of sitting is that you are publicly displaying that you have the time and the inclination to just park your rear end in a chair. Not a bill to pay, a chore to do, or a place to go. You can’t flaunt this in private. If word got out you were in your spare bedroom staring at the walls, the neighbors would call for some form of crisis intervention. But sit on your front step and gaze into space with a slight smirk, and there is immediate neighborhood speculation about an unexpected inheritance, or gossip about you and the new UPS driver.

Sometimes to relax, I just sit in my driveway in an old beach chair and wait for my wife to get home from an errand. When my neighbor Josh sees me, he always grabs a stool from his garage and plants himself next to me. Then he wants to chat endlessly about politics or religion, but lately I’ve mustered up the nerve to tell Josh I’d rather be alone.

Some people just don’t sit well with me.

*– 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.  
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## Elks Give Greatly to Cancer Research



Photo courtesy Noblesville Elks #576 / Terri Sigman-Kennedy

**The recent golf outing enabled the Noblesville Elks to give 80 percent to the Elks state major project, cancer research with 10 percent to local cancer projects**

The Noblesville Elks #576 “Steve Renner” Annual Golf Outing for Cancer Research was held at Fox Prairie Golf Course last Saturday.

The Noblesville Elks have raised more than \$500,000 in the past 30 years for this worthwhile effort. Last year, nearly \$38,000 was raised. The numbers aren’t in from this year’s event, but organizers expect it to be bigger than last year. The outing sold out in just six days this year. The Elks played all three of the 9-hole courses at the Fox.

In March, 19 Elks came together to begin work on this much loved event. Led by Trustee Jerry Wides, this group met every couple of weeks in the beginning. As the event drew closer the meetings did, too. The committee of 19 canvased the community to secure sponsors of all levels. Organizers said they are fortunate to have MANY great sponsors who believe in this effort. Everything helps. There were corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, beer cart sponsors, silent auction sponsors and gift sponsors.

The week before the outing, the Elks opened their Silent Auction to bidders. There were items from all over the community, including donations from local business, restaurants, the Fever, the Pacers, the Colts and many, many more. Officials from the Elks expressed their deep gratitude for all the community support. The Silent Auction will add over \$5,000 to the total earned for cancer research.

Before the sun rose on the day of the event, volunteers hit the course to set up on each tee box, to put all sponsor signs on

the course and to get ready for 180 golfers.

Thirty-one volunteers worked this event from registration, manning par 3s, driving beer carts and anything else needed. While all this was going on at the course many more volunteers were busy at the Elks preparing for all to come for lunch following the outing. Before golfers hit the course, the Elks said they were honored to host guests from Indiana and Purdue Universities Cancer Centers. They shared what the money the Elks raise each year does in their efforts to fight this disease that affects so many of us. Golf carts were packed with coolers, hats and shirts provided by Steve Renner and packed with many items donated for the golfers from businesses in the community. The 180 Golfers teed off at 8 a.m. for a beautiful day on the course. Lots of fun happened with putting contests, closest to the pin contest and poker run. Included in the many golfers present Saturday morning were two Indiana Elks Past State Presidents, Brian Pillar Geoff Robinson. Robinson is a member from our Noblesville Lodge. Also in attendance for the outing was current State Tiler, Dave Veronesi.

Following the outing all returned to the Elks for lunch and prizes. Lunch was provided by Steve and Linda Renner.

Eighty percent of the money raised this year will go to the Elks state major project, cancer research and 10 percent goes to local cancer projects.

Keep an eye out for more from the Elks next year, Elks Care . . . Elks Share!

## 146th Street and Allisonville . . . Getting There

It’s been a while, but the road project at 146th Street and Allisonville Road is another step closer. The contractor has some lane restrictions on Allisonville south of 146th that should last until Friday between the hours of 9 a.m.

and 3 p.m. You can expect construction equipment entering and exiting work zone areas. Please watch for flaggers within the construction zone and use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

## NOBLESVILLE BABE RUTH BASEBALL 2024 Fall Ball Season

**When:** August 17th/18th - October 5th/6th, 2024  
 • 7 game season to be played on weekends  
 • Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts  
 • Single-elimination tournament played the weekend of Oct. 5 & 6

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

**Who:** Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (based on 2024-2025 School Year Enrollment)  
 • 7th - 8th Grade Rec League  
 • 9th - 12th Grade Rec League  
 \* **Note:** Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball  
 • There is no Travel Division for the 2024 Fall Ball season

**Cost:** \$90 per individual registration (plus processing fee applied at checkout)  
 \* **Note:** Registration does not include jersey or hat. Teams are free to choose their own jerseys/hats (if desired), but the cost is not included with the registration fee.

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There were riders of all ages. One of the oldest was Margaret Hestand, at age 83, who rode on the back of a three-wheel motorcycle trike with past Legion Riders director Chris Ward.

The daylong event not only reached the Legion Riders' goal of raising \$5,000 to send five veterans on the Indy Honor Flight but surpassed the goal and raised a total \$10,200, so now the Legion Riders will be able to send 10 veterans on the Indy Honor Flight, a nonprofit created to honor Indiana's veterans for their service and sacrifice by transporting World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans, with priority to the oldest and terminally ill, to see the memorials built in their honor in Washington, D.C., for free. A representative from Indy Honor Flight, prior to the Noblesville Legion Riders benefit ride, shared facts about the flight.

The day's donations came from ride entry fees from the nearly 60 bikes and their passengers, plus raffles and bids on auction items, sponsor yard signs and additional donations.

The Noblesville American Legion Riders is a branch of the Noblesville American Legion. In 2023, the Legion Riders raised \$3,987 from their first ride since getting their charter three years ago. The 2023 donations went for meals and gifts for the less fortunate in the county. At the beginning of 2025, Legion Riders will vote on a charity that the third annual ride, on Aug. 9, 2025, will benefit. The American Legion Riders also have an annual trunk-or-treat event for kids, public invited, on Halloween evening with leftover candy being sent to the troops via the Noblesville Police



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

**Richard Bryant leads riders who prepare to roll out for the American Legion Riders' Veterans Support Ride, which started and ended at Noblesville American Legion Post 45 and raised more than \$10,000 for Indy Honor Flight.**

Department.

Brad Cowan is the Noblesville American Legion Riders Post 45 director. The 1984 Noblesville High School graduate is among 10 charter members of the Noblesville Legion Riders, which now has 32 members.

Cowan said, "I like being involved because it gives me a chance to support our veterans. I like to show people that just because you see someone in a leather vest on a motorcycle, they're not a bad person. I love the camaraderie and the feeling of family we all share."

Cowan, who started and owns his own company, Machine Pro in Noblesville, for fun rides motorcycles and owns four Harley-Davidson bikes and an old Triumph.

He said of this year's fundraising ride, "It was an awesome turnout and everyone was very generous ... I am so proud of our riders and supporters for all that they did."

*-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times editor Betsy Reason at [betsy@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:betsy@thetimes24-7.com).*

# SWCD Native Plant Sale Opens

Spring blooms, shade on a sunny summer day, crisp fall colors; trees are the essence of our seasons and their growth is the benchmark of passing time. The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District recognizes the value of trees in our community and is making quality native tree and shrub stock available via their annual native tree and shrub fundraiser. New this year, a selection of native flowers and vines are also available.

Over forty species of trees and shrubs are available in 3-gallon containers for just \$30 each. 1-gallon flowers are \$12.50. Pre-orders are required before September 19th. Orders can be picked up Friday September 27th in Noblesville.

Details on species and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at [www.hamiltonswcd.org](http://www.hamiltonswcd.org)

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These trees are uniquely suited to our soil and weather but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support our wildlife—especially birds, insects, and other pollinators. Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical, and will grow quickly. In addition to native trees, fifteen-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale. The tree sale is the district's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation and education in Hamilton County.



Butterfly milkweed



Mature Shumard Oak



Newly Planted Shumard Oak (3 Gallon)

## Center for Performing Arts Busy in September

Here is a schedule of events at Carme's Center for the Performing Arts in September.

**Jerome Collins: Rewind – A Journey to Motown and Beyond with special guest Small Town City featuring Mike Luginbill and Ryan Ahlwardt**

**8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 The Tarkington Tickets from \$29.50 Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**  
Rewind: A Journey to Motown and Beyond is a captivating solo performance featuring Jerome Collins of the famed *a cappella* group Straight No Chaser. This show pays homage to the legendary sounds of Motown and classic R&B, taking the audience through electrifying renditions of timeless hits from some of the world's most iconic musicians and renowned artists. Expect songs from Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder and more. Opening the show will be Small Town City, featuring Collins' SNC bandmate Mike Luginbill and SNC alumnus Ryan Ahlwardt.

**Veronica Swift 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 The Tarkington Tickets from \$35 Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series**  
Veronica Swift established herself as one of the world's top young jazz singers with her first two albums, *Confessions* (2019) and *This Bitter Earth* (2021), showcasing her virtuosic technique, interpretive ingenuity, bracing songwriting and keen arrangements. She describes her latest album, 2023's *Veronica Swift*, as "transgenre," with influences that include French and Italian opera, European classical music, bossa nova, blues, funk and industrial rock.

**The Center Celebration 2024 presented by Ice Miller**

**5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 The Palladium SOLD OUT**  
The annual gala to support the Center's arts and educational programming will feature cocktails, dinner, an auction, after-parties and a headline performance by Grammy-winning master trumpeter and composer Chris Botti,

**Nick Carter: Who I Am Tour 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26 The Palladium Tickets from \$35 Printing Partners Encore Series**  
Nick Carter was only 12 when he auditioned for the Backstreet Boys, who have sold more than 130 million records worldwide and earned five Grammy nominations, among other honors. Carter's solo career has produced three albums, along with singles including last year's "Hurts to Love You," which topped charts in the U.S. and Canada. After completing a world tour with the Backstreet Boys in 2023, Carter launched the current Who I Am Tour, his first solo outing in seven years.

**Leonid & Friends: The Music of Chicago and More 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 The Palladium Tickets from \$55 Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**  
Hailing from Russia, Leonid & Friends have drawn legions of fans with their uncanny ability to capture the spirit, musicality and fire of the American classic-rock group Chicago. Gaining attention with viral videos, the group has since expanded its repertoire to include such artists as Earth Wind & Fire, Blood Sweat & Tears, Ides of March, Stevie Wonder and Steely Dan, along with new original material. The 11-piece band now has more than 700,000 followers across social media, an astonishing 200 million+ video views, and over 200 successful U.S. shows under its belt.

**Damien Escobar: Victory Lap Tour 8 p.m. Saturday, September 28 The Palladium Tickets from \$35 Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**  
Contemporary soul violinist Damien Escobar returns to the Palladium to celebrate 20 years of music. Hailing from Queens, NY, he began studying music as a child and at age 10 became the youngest artist ever admitted to the Julliard School, graduating at age 13. The Emmy winner and NAACP Image Award nominee began playing at New York City subway stations and first gained national attention as half of the duo Nuttin' But Stringz before launching a solo career with his energetic performances and crossover mix of classical, jazz, pop, R&B and hip-hop.

### OTHER SEPTEMBER EVENTS INCLUDE:

**Intro to Stand-Up Comedy 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 9-30 The Palladium SOLD OUT**  
Participants learn the history and basic principles of stand-up comedy and develop their own five-minute routines for a public performance Oct. 4. Email [Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org](mailto:Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org) to be placed on a waitlist.

**Peanut Butter & Jam: Soulful Music and Melodies with Allison Victoria 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 The Palladium, Robert Adam Room Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions**  
Indianapolis singer-songwriter and educator Allison Victoria promises a soulful sing-along. Designed for children ages 1-7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

**Live at the Center: Maciann**

**7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 Online and at the Palladium Livestream: Free (pay-what-you-can, no minimum) On site: \$10 (pay-what-you-can, \$10 minimum)**  
A registered nurse by trade, Maciann Hayes also is lead vocalist and lead guitarist for the high-energy rock band that bears her name. Inspired by such artists as Paramore, A Day to Remember and Halestorm, the four-piece group has shared stages with national acts including Lita Ford and Nita Strauss.

**Luminaries: History and Mystery of the Pipe Organ with Rob Heighway 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 The Palladium Tickets: \$10, includes light refreshments**  
Pipe organ builder Rob Heighway will discuss the history and mechanics of the unique instrument. Luminaries is the Center's weekday speaker series about the arts.

**About the Center for the Performing Arts**  
*The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming includes children's concerts, summer camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).*



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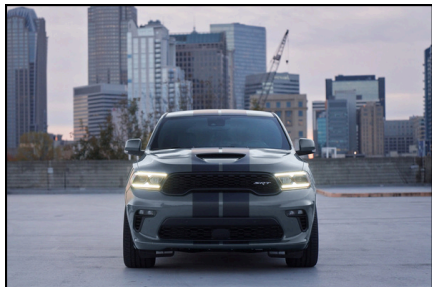




# Announcing Last Call for the 2024 Dodge Durango SRT 392 HEMI!



2024 Dodge Durango



**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

It's been fifteen years since the divorce of Mercedes and Chrysler, but there are living

remnants of those nuptials. Buried beneath swaggering muscle car bodies of the Dodge Charger and Challenger is basic architecture from the late-'90s E-Class driven like demons by HEMI engines. They'll be recognized as the best muscle cars of all time.

There's another place you can find German-American engineering: Beneath the Durango three-row crossover that was co-developed with previous-generations of the Mercedes M-Class and Jeep Grand Cherokee. However, you better act fast if you want the 2024 Dodge Durango SRT 392 "Last Call Edition" we have this week.

It definitely has an exuberant personality, what with the black hood graphics, snarling air extractors, yellow pinstripes, and 20" satin black wheels. Check the 392 fender decals and yellow brake calipers too. The Durango's muscular fenders, sleek roofline, and menacing

black mesh grille have aged gracefully, but serve notice to get out of your family's way. You've got places to go – and toot sweet!

The attitude continues inside with yellow piping on the deeply bolstered sueded seats, thick flat-bottom steering wheel, and carbon fiber trim. Sueded headliner, stitched dash, and deeply bolstered front seats foreshadow a hefty window sticker. Given heated and ventilated front seats, heated middle-row captain's chairs, and booming 19-speaker Harman Kardon audio system, it's also quite comfortable. The power sunroof welcomes fresh air.

The dash echoes Chargers with its driver-centric lay-out that harbors a large touchscreen. The gauges feel a bit "last-generation", but it's all clear and intuitive. I'm still a fan of Chrysler's control system that combines a touchscreen with simple icons, voice controls, and redundant knobs/buttons below for key audio and climate functions. Wireless charging eases phone connections. Stay safe with adaptive cruise, automatic emergency

braking, lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection systems.

This doesn't have the supercharged Hellcat engine, but rather a normally-aspirated 6.4-liter HEMI V8 conjuring 475 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque. It'll wake your neighbor's spouse with its bellowing SRT exhaust. All the power shifts to the all-wheel-drive system through an 8-speed transmission. Fuel economy is terrible at 13/19-MPG city/highway, but fossil hugging really isn't the vibe.

I've thoroughly enjoyed this Durango and last-generation Grand Cherokee. There's a heavy German road feel that clearly comes from Mercedes DNA, but that raucous HEMI could only rumble from America. Clicking through the drive modes adjusts the suspension firmness, steering heft, and throttle response from wafting comfort to bone-jarring track days. I left it in Auto for the best balance of handling and comfort. Sport is for weekend backroads while Track should only be used, well, on a track.

Only 1,000 units of the

Durango SRT 392 AlchEMI "Last Call" edition will be built before production ceases in July. After that, there will be a short run of Hellcat-powered Durangos for 2025 before production closes altogether in December. We don't yet know if the Durango will join the Grand Cherokee on its new Fiat-derived architecture or roar off down its final two-lane road, but we'll surely miss the family crossover for muscle car enthusiasts.

The price already reflects collector potential. While the base Durango starts at a very reasonable \$39,670, the SRT 392 "Last Call" begs closer to six figures (\$91,785 to be exact). Yikes. No competitors combine German engineering with American power, but the Mercedes-AMG GLE 53, BMW X5 M, and Cadillac Escalade-V are in-fact assembled in the U.S.

**2024 Dodge Hornet Offers Affordable Alternative to Durango, Speaks with Own Accent**

If you're still recovering from the nearly six-figure price of the Dodge Durango 392, let's travel from Germany to Naples, Italy from where the compact Dodge Hornet crossover hails. Essentially an Alfa Romeo Tonale clone with muscular Dodge styling, it makes a strong case as an affordable performance crossover with a touch of heritage.

Forget HEMIs; the base Hornet GT harbors a

2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine delivering 268 horsepower and 295 lb.-ft. of torque. Run 0-60 mph in just 5.6 seconds. Or, choose the R/T plug-in hybrid with 32 miles range. An abundant 288 horsepower and 383 lb.-ft. of torque move it 0-60 mph in 6.5 seconds. See, you don't need a HEMI to take the kids to school!. Koni shocks, Brembo brakes, and torque-vectoring AWD ensure the Hornet remembers its Italian roots when roads become fun.

I drove a Hornet GT a year ago and the similar plug-in Alfa this spring. The Hornet cribs Alfa with deeply bolstered black leather sport seats, flat bottom steering wheel, and red stitching throughout. Flatscreen gauges are concise and the slick center screen looks artful. I have no complaints about wireless Apple/Android connectivity, sumptuous Harman Kardon audio, or dual-zone automatic climate control. Safety is enhanced by adaptive cruise, lane-centering steering, and automatic emergency braking. Blind spot warning, rear cross path detection, and surround-view camera come too.

Like the Durango, the Hornet has snarling air extractors on its hood, angry logos on its flanks, and looks menacing with 18" black wheels, but the curvy muscular sheetmetal would look as sexy in Tuscany as Tucson. Prices start at a much more palatable

\$31,400.  
*Storm Forward!*  
*Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.*

- Likes**
- Angry styling
  - Luxury interior
  - HEMI V8
- Dislikes**
- Older gauges
  - Angry price
  - Being discontinued

**2024 Dodge Durango SRT 392**

*Seven-passenger, AWD SUV*

*Powertrain: 6.4-liter V8, 8-spd*

*Output: 475hp/470 lb.-ft.*

*Suspension f/r: Adap. Ind/Ind*

*Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy*

*Brakes f/r: disc/disc*

*Fuel economy city/hwy: 13/19-MPG*

*Assembly: Detroit, MI*

*Base/as-tested price: \$43,845/57,450*



Dodge Hornet GT



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# Carmel selects Lake City Bank

The City of Carmel announced that Lake City Bank has been selected as the city's new banking partner following a comprehensive and transparent Request for Proposal process. Conducted with the assistance of Baker Tilly Investment Services, 22 banks and credit unions participated in the process, each submitting detailed proposals.

"We are excited to partner with Lake City Bank, a financial institution that provides excellent financial terms and aligns with our commitment to exceptional service and community values," said Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam. "Their proposal stood out, and we look forward to a successful

partnership that benefits our residents." Lake City Bank was selected as the preferred banking partner due to its exceptional financial proposal, which provided the most favorable combination of interest rates and no fees. The city's financial team projects an increase of \$400,000 annually in interest earnings compared to the bid from their current banking partner.

The open and thorough RFP process guaranteed that the city chose the partner offering the best value. Lake City Bank's proposal was the most financially advantageous and well-considered, complemented by their recognized excellence in

customer service, as evidenced by their 2023 Best Small Bank Award.

"We are honored to have been chosen as the banking partner for the City of Carmel," said Bill Redman, senior vice president and regional manager at Lake City Bank. "Our team is committed to providing the highest level of service and financial expertise, and we look forward to contributing to the city's continued growth and success."

Lake City Bank will officially begin its transition in September. This new collaboration is expected to enhance the city's financial management and provide significant benefits to the community.

# 5 Heights Students Earn Honors

Five students at Hamilton Heights High School earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for Rural Area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students, and new this year, First Generation are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent. Landon Faubion: National Rural and Small-Town Award (NRSTA), First Generation (FG) Hailey Hall, Cole Martin, and Kristina Penski: First Generation (FG)



Photo courtesy of @MyBigFuture

From left, Landon Faubion, Kristina Penski, Hailey Hall, Isabel Morrow and Cole Martin earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs.

Isabel Morrow: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA), National Rural and Small-Town Award (NRSTA)

Heights officials said they are thrilled to celebrate students and recognize them for the great work they've been doing.

The National Recognition Programs honor the strong academic achievements of underrepresented students and are a great way for students to showcase their hard work in high school. Congratulations!

# FOR THE RECORD

## NOBLESVILLE FIREFIGHTER MERIT COMMISSION

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. has been canceled.

## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

### Executive Session Agenda

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Noblesville Educational Services Center

18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062

4:30 p.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

Executive sessions may be held only in the following instances:

- \_\_\_ (1) Where authorized by federal or state statute.
- \_\_\_ (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:
  - \_\_\_ (A) Collective bargaining.
  - \_\_\_ (B) Initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.
  - \_\_\_ (C) The implementation of security systems.
  - \_\_\_ (D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties. However, all such strategy discussions must be necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons and may not include competitive or bargaining adversaries.
- \_\_\_ (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety measures, plans, and systems.
- \_\_\_ (4) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the Indiana economic development corporation, the office of tourism development, the Indiana finance authority, the ports of Indiana, an economic development commission, the Indiana state department of agriculture, a local economic development organization (as defined in IC 5-28-11-2(3)), or a governing body of a political subdivision.
- \_\_\_ (5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.
- \_\_\_ (6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:
  - \_\_\_ (A) To receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and
  - \_\_\_ (B) To discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is:
    - (i) a physician; or
    - (ii) a school bus driver.
- \_\_\_ (7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.
- \_\_\_ (8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.
- \_ X \_ (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.
- \_\_\_ (10) When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:
  - \_\_\_ (A) Develop a list of prospective appointees.
  - \_\_\_ (B) Consider applications.
  - \_\_\_ (C) Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.
 Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-4(b)(12), a governing body may release and shall make available for inspection and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3-3 identifying information concerning prospective appointees not initially excluded from further consideration. An initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration may not reduce the number of prospective appointees to fewer than three (3) unless there are fewer than three (3) prospective appointees. Interviews of prospective appointees must be conducted at a meeting that is open to the public.
  - \_\_\_ (11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the

members as public officials.

\_\_\_ (12) To prepare or score examinations used in issuing licenses, certificates, permits, or registrations under IC 25.

\_\_\_ (13) To discuss information and intelligence intended to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of terrorism.

\_\_\_ (14) To train members of a board of aviation commissioners appointed under IC 8-22-2 or members of an airport authority board appointed under IC 8-22-3 with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. A board may hold not more than one

(1) executive session per calendar year under this subdivision.

## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

### AGENDA / REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM

18025 River Road

Noblesville, Indiana

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. RECOGNITIONS

§ 2023-2024 Boys and Girls Lacrosse / NHS

§ Hare Teacher Spotlight / NEMS

III. REPORTS

§ Building Spotlight / Noblesville East Middle School

Dr. Doug Miller, Principal

§ Community Survey Results

Dr. Daniel Hile, Superintendent

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the

Board about current agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public

Comments and Concerns.

V. CONSENT

By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application

of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be

moved from the list at the

option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

§ Claims

§ Donations

§ Minutes / July 2024

§ Overnight Trips

§ Personnel

VI. ACTION

By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or

actions which reflect

application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

§ Background Checks

§ Revised HBM Cooperative Agreement

§ Social Media Litigation Resolution

§ NHS Air Handler Replacement Project / KBSO Contract

§ CTE (Career and Technical Education) Contracts 2024-2025

VII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity

to share input with the

Board about non-agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments

and Concerns.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

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