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TODAY'S VERSE

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

Hamilton Happenings

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

Three Things You Should Know

1 Sagamore News Media joins Americans and good people all over the world in remembering the fallen from the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks on our country. Politics have no place today. It's a day to say a prayer for the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives that fateful day. Perhaps we can all agree that it's a day to pray for a lasting peace not just here, but all over the world.

2 Heads up Runners! On Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8 a.m., Norton King's Daughters' Health invites you to support Norton KDH Girls on the Run by running or walking in their 26th annual 5K held at Clifty Falls State Park. Early-bird registration is available through Monday, Sept. 16. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a long sleeve shirt. After early-bird registration ends, the cost will remain \$25 per person, but pre-ordered shirts will no longer be available. The 5K begins at the outdoor pool. Contact Heather Foy at (812) 801-0175 for more information or visit nortonkdh.com/Run-the-Falls-5k. Clifty Falls State Park is in southern Indiana in Madison.

3 Drivers heading north through Lafayette may want to know that INDOT has temporary lane closures going on that will impact U.S. 52 (Sagamore Parkway) westbound between Lafayette and West Lafayette over the Wabash River. Crews have closed individual lanes over the river to do bridge maintenance and repairs. Work will take place during the day, with both lanes to be open during the nighttime hours. Work is expected to last until mid-November but is weather permitting and subject to change.

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9-11 We'll Never Forget

Wednesday marks the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001 when 19 terrorists hijacked four jetliners and flew them into the Twin Towers in New York, the Pentagon in Washington and a crash in an empty field in western Pennsylvania. It was and remains the deadliest attack on U.S. soil. The hijackers were terrorists from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon and Egypt. Sagamore News Media shares this information today to help keep the memories of that awful day and all the victims alive.

2,977

How many people were killed that awful Sept. 11, 2001 day when terrorists flew four passenger jets into three targets (and one crashed in Pennsylvania).



2,753

The number of dead from the attack on the Twin Towers in New York. Only 1,649 of those victims have been identified.



194

The number of dead from the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



2 and 1

Because of the scope of the destruction in the collapse of the Twin Towers, identifying victims has been going on for decades using the latest DNA sequencing methods. The most recent IDs came this last January and last September. A Long Island man, John B. Niven, was ID'd in January of this year and two others were identified last September. The names of those victims were withheld at the request of their families.



40

The number of dead from the get that crashed when passengers fought back on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.



90

It wasn't just Americans who were murdered. Victims were from 90 nations.



NPA Takes 'Huge' Step In Hiring Executive Director



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville Preservation Alliance president Amy Coyle (middle) and board member Jessica Vandergruff (right) are thrilled to announce the hiring of NPA's new executive director, Joshua T. Glassburn-Ruby (left).



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Noblesville Preservation Alliance has hired its first official executive director to oversee operations of the 37-year-old nonprofit.

Joshua T. Glassburn-Ruby introduced himself to this journalist recently at his new office in Noblesville Preservation Hall, NPA's home and meeting place on Logan Street.

NPA president Amy Coyle and board member Jessica Vandergruff joined Glassburn-Ruby at Preservation Hall to talk about his hiring as well as the 37th annual NPA Historic Home Tour set for Sept. 21 in Old Town Noblesville.

How long has it been since NPA has had an executive director? "Never, 37 years. There was a nine-month period, maybe in the '90s, that someone was a part-time employee," Coyle said. "Other than that, it's been 37 years, an all-volunteer-run board." Coyle has been board president for the past two years, after Nancy Hebel and Sandy Stewart. She started volunteering with NPA in 2018, and then opened her Clinton Street home for NPA's Historic Home Tour in 2021.

Hiring an executive director is a "huge" step forward, Coyle said of Glassburn-Ruby's hiring on Aug. 1.

While NPA applied for a grant with Indiana Landmarks, specifically for nonprofits that had never had an executive director, the organization did not

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep snack foods out of reach when you're stressed or anticipate stress.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"We hold our heads high, despite the price we have paid, because freedom is priceless."
Lech Walesa

OBITUARIES

None

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What'd the left eye say to the right eye? "Between you and me, something smells."

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

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Elks Step Up Locally AND Nationally

The Noblesville Elks prove over and over the many ways they help the community. The same is true on a national level. On Sept. 11, 2024, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will lead the nation in honoring Patriots Day with ceremonies and events across the United States, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal. As one of the nation's foremost patriotic and charitable organizations, the Elks are dedicated to remembering the heroes and victims of 9/11 while reaffirming their commitment to service and community. Local Elks Lodges invite everyone to participate in these meaningful observances. For more information, please contact your nearest Elks Lodge.

For over 156 years, the Elks have exemplified the spirit of American patriotism and philanthropy, making a profound impact on communities nationwide. With a legacy of over \$12 billion in charitable donations, the Elks have continuously risen to meet the needs of our nation. In 2023 alone, the Elks donated approximately \$505 million in cash, gifts, and volunteer time, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to making America a better place for all.

As a premier organization dedicated to the future of our country, the Elks National Foundation has been empowering young leaders since 1931. Each year, we invest \$4 million in college scholarships, helping

800 outstanding high school seniors pursue their academic and service-oriented goals. Elks scholars are not just recipients of our aid; they become lifelong members of our Elks family.

Our dedication extends far beyond education. The Elks Community Investment Program will contribute nearly \$17 million this year to enrich local communities, funding projects that uplift and strengthen neighborhoods. Additionally, the Elks National Foundation has allocated \$12 million to state Elks associations through various grants, ensuring that charitable activities reach every corner of the nation.

In our steadfast support of those who have served our country, the Elks National Veterans Service Program will dedicate \$5.7 million to veterans and military members, focusing on those who need it most. Each month, Elks volunteers provide hands-on assistance in over 330 veterans' facilities, reflecting our deep respect and gratitude for their sacrifices.

With nearly 1,800 Lodges and a proud membership of around 800,000, the Elks are a powerful force for good. Our organization is open to American citizens aged 21 and older who believe in God, and we welcome all who share our passion for patriotism and service. To learn more about the Elks and to join our mission of making a difference, visit www.elks.org. For membership details, visit Join.Elks.org.

Sen. Walker Shares Updates



KYLE WALKER
Guest Columnist

Senate Enrolled Acts 205 and 215.

Gov. Eric Holcomb recently ceremonially signed two pieces of legislation I authored:

- The quality rating for that facility

With 12% of Hoosiers having some form of medical debt, I'll continue to support policies that lower costs and bring increased transparency to health care.

You won't want to miss two opportunities to race across the district! The Geist Half Marathon and the Indy Half Marathon at Fort Ben are fast approaching. Run along the Geist Reservoir in September or across Fort Harrison State Park in October and see some of the best our district has to offer!

The Geist Half Marathon is Sept. 14 and the Indy Half Marathon at Fort Ben is Oct. 5.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, there are more than 265,000 customer-owned lead water lines in use in Indiana.

This year, Senate Republicans passed a law establishing an effective method to remove unsafe lead water lines in use to ensure the safety of all Hoosiers.

Senate Enrolled Act 5 enables utility companies with Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission-approved lead line service replacement plans to replace lead pipes quicker, more efficiently and at a lower cost.

Lead water lines pose a serious health risk to humans, and there are still many in use today, which is why it's important state lawmakers do what they can to minimize that risk and continue looking for more solutions.

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

SEA 205 allows small breweries across the state utilize equipment from other small breweries to meet demands and explore growth opportunities within the industry.

SEA 215 will help approximately 2,000 Hoosiers under the age of 65 with ALS or end stage renal disease purchase affordable Medigap plans, helping result in better health outcomes and reduce reliance on Medicaid.

Join Us for the Sometimes Annual State Senator Kyle Walker Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Fort Harrison VFW Post 7119 (6525 Lee Rd.). Things get under way at 1 p.m. and wrap up around 5. The cost is \$100 for two players and the tournament is limited to 32 teams. Please RSVP to Team@WalkerForIndiana.com.

The Indiana All Payer Claims Database (APCD) is now live and will help bring increased transparency to health care prices for Hoosiers.

Created by a 2020 law championed by Senate Republicans, the database allows Hoosiers to see where they can get the most cost-effective and highest-quality service, and includes information such as:

- A list of health care providers that perform a service within certain distances from your zip code
- The average out-of-pocket cost for a service

Christkindlmarkt Accepting Applications

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt team is currently accepting applications to their 2024 Christkind and Kulturecke Docent scholarship programs.



The Christkind is a long-standing tradition of all authentic Christkindlmarkts. An angelic figure, the Christkind is known for delivering Christmas presents and a Christmas tree to German families without being seen. At Christmas markets, this iconic figure gives out candy, takes pictures with guests, and more.

For the program, applicants must fill out an application and answer this essay question: The Christkind plays an integral role during Christmas in German-speaking countries and is an important part of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. Research the origin and history of the Christkind, and discuss why this tradition remains relevant today and into the future.

Three winners will be selected in late October for the Christkind scholarship program. First place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, second place will receive a \$500 scholarship, and third place will receive a \$250 scholarship.

The program is open to high school and college students, and applications are due by Oct. 4.

Our Kulturecke Docents participate in the Market by serving as a guide in our museum exhibit, the Kulturecke (Culture Corner). This scholarship program is also an essay contest, and applicants must fill out an application and answer the question: German immigrants have made significant contributions to

culture and traditions in the State of Indiana. In 500 words, describe a German cultural tradition that you see alive in the state today and why you think it has remained an impactful part of Hoosier living history.

This program will also feature three winners at the \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 scholarship levels and is open to high school and college students. Applications are due by October 11.

"We are proud to support local students through these two scholarship programs," said Maria Adele Rosenfeld, President and CEO of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. "Our mission as an organization is to grow our guests' cultural awareness around German influence in Indiana, and these two programs are a key part of that."

To learn more about the Christkind Scholarship Program or apply, please go to: <https://www.carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/get-involved/christkind-scholarship>

To learn more about the Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program or apply, please go to: <https://www.carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/get-involved/kulturecke-docent-program>

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt Christkind Scholarship Program is sponsored by Wallington Asset Management. The Kulturecke Docent Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Indiana German Heritage Society (IGHS).

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Blessed With Cousins



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I have been blessed with many cousins.

My two cousins closest in age were both boys, Brian and Dane. We went camping and hiking together and stayed in the cabin up north. We all remember the day we made tea from red sumac berries, and—after we'd drunk about a gallon each—my Uncle Mike told us, "You know that stuff is a laxative, don't you?" (For the record, it is not.)

We are still close, although I marvel at how similar we seemed when we were young, and how serious and reliable they now seem compared to me.

My mother had 10 siblings, and she was the third from the youngest, so most of my cousins are older than me. I remember my older cousins listening to the Beatles behind closed bedroom doors. I stood in the hallway and listened to the music seeping out from under the door and knew I could never be that cool.

I remember my cousin, Jill, ironing her Gunne Sax dress on grandma's ironing board. Jill was beautiful, and she dyed her hair black. She had a marvelous loud laugh and was the only person I knew with long fingernails. I felt lucky to be around her. Then, just to make the whole thing more amazing, Jill's handsome boyfriend (who was a musician, naturally!) would drive up to the farmhouse in his VW Bug. I knew my older cousins were all smarter and funnier and much more sophisticated than I could ever be.

I still feel that way.

I just spent a long weekend up in rural Ontario with a number of my first cousins and a few of their children thrown in for good measure. It was a wonderful time, and I was reminded again of how blessed I am with cousins.

Most of the time was

spent just sitting and admiring the beautiful scenery and telling stories—lots and lots of stories. And I was amazed how few of these stories I remembered.

I didn't know what my uncles did for a living or who my aunts dated when they were young. I didn't know how late it was when everyone in my family finally got indoor plumbing or how early my aunts were in studying things in college that women at the time rarely did.

I remembered the conservative pastor's wife who changed her name from Alice to Twyla when she discovered her birth mother. But I had no idea, after she became a widow, that she took to making corn wine or that she broke her arm when she fell off a table at the VFW.

I knew about grandpa's once-a-year fishing trip with his brother, Evald, but I didn't know where they stayed or how they drove to the Mille Lacs Reservation in northern Minnesota to buy the northerns they claimed to catch. I didn't remember much about my great-aunts and great-uncles and, honestly, I still don't. But I got a glimpse because of my cousins.

One of my cousins was recently diagnosed with ALS, and died. His sisters came to this cousins' reunion. It was a long trip for all of them. But I'm sure they felt—more acutely than I—how short this time is that we have with family, how precious the opportunities are to remember and share.

"She fell off the table?" one of my cousins said in disbelief. "What was Twyla doing on the table at the VFW?"

Nobody knew. But we all laughed until tears ran down our faces. And I now have something new to remember.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Too Old to Lay?



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

My wife and I went to the State Fair recently and Mary Ellen spent a lot of time in the poultry barn

looking at baby chicks saying, "How cute," while I was out on the Midway looking at you-know-what on a stick, saying, "How delicious."

The next day while at Menards, I saw two magazines, one called *Chickens* and the other *Poultry World*, both dedicated to the proper care and breeding of our feathery friends. In the intro to one of the publications, the editor is seen holding his buddy, a handsome springer spaniel. I guess this guy has learned that you attract more chicks holding a dog than a rooster.

By the way, one of the covers has the teaser "12 Tips to Successful Brooding," which was once on the front page of my grandmother's edition of *Jewish Homemaker*. Also on the cover is the question: "Too Old to Lay?" I was advised by my wife not to make a joke about that.

Once the reader gets inside the magazines, let the pun begin. There are puns I am sure have made their way into every edition over the years. Let's face it, there are only so many chicken plays-on-words you can come up with to headline your stories or to name various sections of the periodical.

EGGCITING RECIPES (How eggsasperating. And during Easter we see this pun in every newspaper a hundred times. Enough, already. It's eggscruciating.

ONLINE EGGSTRAS and EGGCLUSIVES (This section directs you to websites where there are a dozen more dreadful puns. If you want to save money, try a half dozen.)

CHICK OR TREAT! (How to dress up as a pullet or hen for Halloween. Just the idea is pretty scary.)

A CHICKEN IN EVERY SHOT (Don't have an adorable cat for Facebook? Here's some advice on how to capture your capon on camera.)

CHICKEN SCRATCH (An article featuring gifts and gadgets for chicken lovers with the subtitle: "Everything Our Readers Are Crowing About." Here, you can buy an app that figures how many eggs annually to expect from your flock. Yes, it's called a cluck-u-lator.)

GET THE SHELL OUT OF HERE (How to ensure a durable product from each breed. This pun is also used in *Turtle Monthly*...in every issue.)

COOPED UP (Step-by-step instructions on how to build a chicken pen. You will see this pun again, probably every time the magazine does a story about chicken pens.)

FOWL LANGUAGE (A glossary of important terminology for bird lovers. I wonder if they thought they were the first to come up with that title?)

Both publications address readers' questions in a feature called "Q and A" in one magazine and "Chicken Chat" in the other. A better title would be, "Can We Squawk?" Jeesh, now I'm making stupid puns. Of course, I know nothing about chickens, but I would like to take a stab at some of the answers. These are actual questions from the articles.

Q: I have a chicken that seems dull and bored. Her head is down and she is all fluffed up. Do you know what that means?

A: Yes, it is definitely a chicken.

Q: I raise quail. Recently I found one with half of its head missing. What should I do?

A: It's too late.

Q: I am considering hatching chickens myself. Any suggestions?

A: If you are successful, Call this newspaper for an interview.

I know this was a dreadful column, but in the words of the great Steve Martin "Well, eggscuse 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. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

Respecting Those in Need



MARK HALL
Guest Columnist

Over the two plus decades of doing food charity work, we have had the opportunity to meet many

neighbors in need. Generally, as a rule, when we meet someone at a pantry, we give them space and let people go about their business. We do not engage with them unless they initiate a conversation. Those who engage with a volunteer are usually thankful, many are sad, and a few are angry over the circumstances that have them shopping for a meal at the pantry. Regardless of how the neighbor is feeling, our response is the same: empathy, listen and show respect.

Many of our neighbors who shop from a Feeding Team pantry are not used to taking help from someone else. They are hesitant and cautious, the last thing that they need to experience is disrespect, shame or embarrassment.

This month, I received a troubling social media message from a neighbor asking me to call her to talk about her recent pantry experience. When we spoke on the phone this young lady told me her story. She was shopping at an area pantry on behalf of an unemployed friend with no transportation. As she was taking items to her SUV another woman approached her vehicle. Walking up from behind the car the woman proceeded to lecture the shopper on pantry etiquette. "You're taking more than six items, that's against the rules," she said as she took out her phone and began filming. I'll spare everyone the next several minutes where the interaction reverted to what can best be described as a fifth-grade playground "nanny nanny boo boo" and tattling session.

We absolutely appreciate each person who contributes to, sorts, cleans, supports and pays attention to the pantries. Yes, it is disappointing when people take more than they should and yes it happens more than we would like, however, disrespecting those in need or in this case a neighbor shopping to help someone else doesn't represent what Feeding Team stands for. The right answer never includes disrespect. Most shoppers respect the model and just take what they need.

Feeding Team has always been aware that our model for feeding hungry neighbors is susceptible to abuse. We take the position that when that happens it's between them and God. If we interact with neighbors in these situations our response is always to respectfully ask them to keep their selections to six items and refer the shopper to food pantries that are better equipped to accommodate larger needs. Hunger in our county is real, respect

in serving those in need is our approach, every time!

People are not entitled to receive the Feeding Team's help; we give it freely to the best of our ability. Further, we encourage as much grace as possible as a response to situations. That is the takeaway, and that is the lesson from this month's situation.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in our area cities.

With over 40,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, www.Feedingteam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked, free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think. In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential area location, please contact us.

www.feedingteam.org facts – 69 pantries, over 11,000 meals in July 2024, over one hundred individual and thirty volunteer families.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX, Talent Logistix. Feeding Families outdoor Free Food pantries is the corporate charity of his company. Mark and his wife Lisa founded the food charity program the team after living with food insecurity as a young married couple with kids. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or (317) 832-1123.



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receive the grant but would be able to apply again in two years. However, Coyle said, NPA put away money and was fortunately one of the donor recipients of the 2023 Noblesville Mayor's Ball. "That helped tremendously," she said.

Glassburn-Ruby said he was willing to take on the new role, as NPA executive director, for an agreed-upon contractor salary and will also donate volunteer hours weekly.

Before this, Glassburn-Ruby was involved in the design and decorating of an historic home on 10th Street, between Mulberry and Vine streets, near Seminary Park in Old Town Noblesville. "We added an entire porch with a balcony, took it back to what it would have looked like 140 years ago," he said of the house that will be on this year's NPA Historic Home Tour and which has a direct tie to the construction of the Friends Church, which will also be on the tour.

"That's how we got to know Josh last year," said Vandergraff, a 1999 Noblesville High School graduate and who was recognized by NPA in 2023 as Outstanding New Volunteer of the Year. Glassburn-Ruby and his partners on the home project were awarded NPA's Josiah Durfee Award for Best Exterior.

"I became heavily involved in every activity here," Glassburn-Ruby said.

He comes to NPA with not only experience in renovating old homes but supervisory experience as a past schedule supervisor in the medical field for Great Lakes Caring home healthcare services. He also helped a friend open a nonprofit agency. Before this, Glassburn-Ruby spent a number of years off of work with Dilated Cardiomyopathy, a condition diagnosed at age 32 that came on with a viral infection that settled in his heart and could lead to heart failure, a condition where the heart can't pump enough blood around the body. Thankfully, about four years ago, he went through a spontaneous reverse remodeling and his heart shrank back to normal size with full pumping function. "Doctor can't explain it," he said.

That's when he got involved in helping a friend turn a tudor home in Westfield into an Airbnb vacation rental. And then the Old Town Noblesville home restoration.

Glassburn-Ruby was born and raised in Kokomo and moved to Hamilton County in 2019 and is now

moving into a house in Old Town Noblesville.

Thinking back on his childhood, he said, "I've always had a fascination for old houses ... It's art."

He got interested in volunteering for NPA while visiting homes on NPA's Historic Home Tour.

Coyle said NPA has been wanting to hire an executive director for many years, "but it just wasn't an option."

NPA in 2020 purchased the Preservation Hall building, formerly a circa 1915 World War I Army barracks, portable school building and later a church in Cleveland and moved to Noblesville in 1936, then Christ Lutheran Church, then Trinity House of Worship before retired U.S. Postal Service Noblesville letter carrier and musician John Gilmore turned it into Logan Street Sanctuary, which earned a national reputation as a singer/songwriter venue and 'listening place.' NPA's home is rented out for wedding and anniversary receptions, special events, and the new executive director hopes to open its doors during the day as an Old Town community center.

"He will be taking the foundation that has been built and growing it from there, with more community involvement, more collaborative partnerships, more events, more everything," Coyle said. "More connections with our membership, more connections with volunteers." She said NPA is "doing some cool stuff" with Hamilton East Public Library, Noblesville Main Street and Serve Noblesville. "He will oversee all of our committees," she said. Glassburn-Ruby looks forward to serving the nonprofit, which also has a new web site. "I think it's going to be wonderful," he said. "The foundation work is already there, just needs somebody to actually implement these important aspects."

NPA's board of directors has 12 members, including some new ones.

He said, "This board is wonderful; they've all gotten to know me very well on a personal basis and on a professional basis. To have them all stand with me and put their trust in me is just amazing." Coyle and Vandergraff are both thrilled that Glassburn-Ruby has lots of ideas for his new position.

"He's going to take us to the next level," Coyle said.

So this journalist asked

him to narrow down his top five priorities. Glassburn-Ruby's main five goals are to establish new relationships with neighbors in Old Town Noblesville, to expand NPA's event schedule, to create programs and workshops that align with NPA's mission, to work directly with city officials to expand the current ordinances to secure the future of Old Town, and to establish a grant program.

In establishing new relationships, Glassburn-Ruby hopes to better educate residents "on what it is that we do, why we do it and what our mission has done to protect this community over the last four decades and how we plan to continue protecting the very charm that is Noblesville for decades to come," he said.

Glassburn-Ruby plans to keep members up to date on activities while NPA is a host to special events, social gatherings and other activities.

A newsletter will be introduced and titled "NPA Today: Your Old Town Preservation Publication." The first edition will be sent out to members in the next few weeks.

In his expansion of current events, he hopes to bring new events that are reminiscent of the past. "I want to hear directly from the public about aspects from their own history that they would like to experience again," Glassburn-Ruby said. Whether you were born in the 1950s, '60s, '70s or '80s, he said, "Let us bring back some of the pastimes we have all preserved within the memories of our youth."

He hopes NPA can team up with community partners so that events will be low cost for attendees.

One of the current programs is a live radio show which, he said, "are becoming increasingly popular." He said, "We need to think of ways to make them even more enjoyable for those to attend. (The next live radio show is "Arsenic and Old Lace" Oct. 17-20 at Preservation Hall.

NPA's most recognizable event is the 37th annual Historic Home Tour, which is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 in Old Town Noblesville, and collaborating with Noblesville Main Street's Downtown Unseen (formerly Upstairs Downtown) tour which is the night before, on Sept. 20.

Glassburn-Ruby hopes to revive past activities from previous home tours for more memorable experiences.

He also plans to create

more programs and workshops in various aspects of historic preservation, such as "the dos and don'ts of preserving original aspects, best practices for preventing damage to original woodwork and what the actual cost comparisons are between restoration and renovation."

Glassburn-Ruby said, "Many people assume that restoration is always more expensive, but the truth is that costs can vary widely, just like with any other project ... Ultimately, by choosing restoration, you are preserving art in the form of master-crafted architecture that no longer exists in today's world."

Other programs that he hopes to offer will involve teaching people about the full scope of what "preservation" entails and that truly is what will be essential to our

growth as an organization."

He said "Many people may not realize that they are already preserving their own histories every day, often without even thinking about it." He offered examples of social media posts that preserve moments in our lives, and also how we often hold onto sentimental items.

He also envisions developing a program specifically for interior restoration grants and hopes to begin laying the groundwork to make it a reality.

Glassburn-Ruby hopes to get more Old Town Noblesville residents involved in NPA, which is currently still seeking volunteers for the Historic Home Tour.

Old Town residents and any folks who love old houses who volunteer for the Historic Home Tour receive a tour

ticket, an invitation to NPA's Historic Home Tour after-party. He said, "It's a great way to find out more about NPA."

Glassburn-Ruby said, "A lot of people do not know what we do or who we are exactly. They do not know that for (nearly) 40 years Noblesville Preservation Alliance has fought to ensure that the charm stays like a small-town feel. And that is something that I really hope that residents understand."

At one point, he said, "My main goal is to ask the community we serve what they want, rather than just planning events because we think they are neat."

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

Want TO GO?

Noblesville Preservation Alliance's 37th annual Historic Home Tour presented by Mary Sue Rowland.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21.

Where: Nine homes in Old Town on Conner, Cherry, Maple and Hannibal streets, plus two featured buildings in downtown Noblesville.

How much: \$20 at the door, \$18 in advance for home tour, \$24-\$34 combo ticket with Noblesville Main Street's Downtown Unseen (formerly Upstairs Downtown) tour, 5-9 p.m. Sept. 20.

Good to know: Home tour tickets available on Saturday at Hamilton County Historical Society at 810 Conner St., and at a ticket table at NPA's Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville.

Info: <https://preservationhall.org/>



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville Preservation Alliance's new executive director, Joshua T. Glassburn-Ruby, talks about his goals for his new position at NPA.



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Noblesville Preservation Alliance members and volunteers Emily Compton (right) and husband, Jason Compton, and Gary Fletcher MacInnis (left) install the NPA's Historic Home Tour sign at the Foor Family's Sears & Roebuck catalog home on Conner Street. Tour is Sept. 21.

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2024 Mercedes-Benz eSprinter Electric Van and EQS 450+ Luxury Sedan Deliver Big Roomy Transport



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

So, my friend asks, “Hey, Casey, what are you driving this week?” To which I reply, “One of the new Mercedes electric vehicles.” “Is it roomy?” “Oh yeah, lots of space. It’s like a bus inside!”

My daughter overhears this conversation as we’re rushing out the door to my dentist appointment. I’m sure she imagines her favorite Mercedes EQS uber-luxury electric sedan as she smugly sweeps out the door. She drops all of her attitude when she spies the eSprinter - an electric version of the popular Sprinter commercial van you’ll likely see shuttling travelers at the airport or fronting your plumber.

This barn-dominum is astonishingly easy to drive, though. You sit high and forward with big glass and mirrors all-around. It shrinks in your hands, which should be a relief for contractors who will be slipping them in and out of tight driveways and narrow alleyways as part of their daily toil.

I tell my daughter to be careful getting out. She says, “Yeah, it would be quite a tumble!”

Base models achieve 160 miles range, but a larger battery is available for 250 miles. Drivers can quick charge 10-80% in 42 minutes or fully charge in 12.5 hours – an easy overnight on a 240v charger back at the shop. Thanks to 201 horsepower and 295 lb.-ft. of torque, the rear-drive van runs 0-60 mph in 12.7 seconds.

And, it can really haul. The cavern behind the safety wall can hold 488 cubic feet of cargo weighing up to 2,624 lbs. For reference, that’s about 800 lbs. more

than a Smart car. The ride is a little bouncy unloaded, but settled nicely with 700 lbs. or so hitching a ride.

Yet, it’s still a Mercedes-Benz. Dashboard and controls seem lifted from the GLA crossover. A thick leather-wrapped steering wheel, automatic climate control, heated seats, and voice-activated infotainment add comforts. Safety is enhanced by automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, rear cross path detection, and crosswind assist. A rear-view camera mirror provides a clear view when backing to a loading dock.

I’m on my way out for one final drive when I call into my house, “Baby, I’m heading to the liquor store to pick up a pallet or two of bourbon. Anything you need at Costco?”

Especially given its ability to earn a living, the eSprinter should prove a good investment. It costs more than the Ford eTransit’s \$51,095 sticker, but is surprisingly less than the Ram ProMaster EV’s \$77,995. Base eSprinters start at \$71,886, rising to \$75,316 with the extended-range battery pack.

2024 Mercedes EQS 450+ Challenges World’s Best EVs

Just in case you, like my daughter, really wanted a review about the EQS and not a giant van, I also drove the 2024 Mercedes EQS 450+. You know, just for comparison.

It certainly sports an aero shape more elegant, but without pretention – especially stretched over 21” AMG wheels with a subtle rear spoiler on the power hatch. It’s beautiful, but not distinctive enough with the big plastic panel across its fascia. Fortunately, the EQS will soon receive a new panel that simulates the traditional Mercedes grille as the star returns to the hood.

Sitting in the front or rear, one has long miles to enjoy it. Mercedes claims 352 miles range, but it’s been clocking closer to 415 miles in a combination of city and highway driving. Charging is pretty quick, getting to 80% in 31 minutes on a fast charger (or 11.5 hours on 240v at home).

On-road, whispered and turbine-smooth acceleration is quite intoxicating whether slaying a 0-60 mph run of 5.8 seconds or just

rushing off a freeway on-ramp. Combined output is rated 355 horsepower and 419 lb.-ft. of torque, but unlike with a gas engine, all of that power occurs instantly with a touch of your big toe.

It’s a big car shrunk by ample power and rear steering that enables this S-Class to maneuver like an A-Class.

Set in Comfort mode, the air suspension delivers that iron sponge waft for which older Mercedes were known – never out of control, but respectfully relaxed. Unlike in the old days, Sport mode tightens up the suspension, steering, and accelerator for a more engaging driving experience. Eco mode is aimed at maximizing driving range.

The interior is next-level with Mercedes’ pillar to pillar Hyperscreen that provides flatscreen gauges, wide infotainment screen in the middle, and a third zone for the co-pilot. Devices connect wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto - and can be charged wirelessly too.

It’s also pretty cozy. Soft leather seats give deep hugs and soothe with heat, ventilation, and

massagers up front. Rear passengers get heat and power recliners. Four-zone automatic climate control, panoramic sunroof, and Bermester 3D audio system cater to all. Natural gran brown-Walnut veneers confirm you’re in a Mercedes.

It’s place at the top may not yet be secure, but the EQS is certainly looking more confident. And, confidence comes at a price. The EQS starts at \$104,400, but came to \$115,160 for our 450+.

Storm Forward!

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

2024 Mercedes EQS 450+

- Extraordinary range
 - Sumptuous luxury
 - Hyperscreen infotainment
- Dislikes
- Nondescript styling
 - Rear legroom
 - No hands-off cruising

2024 Mercedes EQS 450+

Five-passenger, RWD Sedan
Output: 355hp/419 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Air Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 21”/21” alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Driving range: 352 miles
0-60 mph: 5.8s
Recharge (10-80%): 31m
Economy city/hwy: 95/98 mpg-e
Assembly: Sindelfingen, Germany
Base/as-tested price: \$104,400/115,160

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- Smooth operator
- Hauling Capacity
- Easy maneuvering

Dislikes

- Limited range
- Luxury price
- It’s big!

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Two-passenger, RWD Van
Output: 201hp/295 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Trailing arm
Wheels f/r: 16”/16” alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Driving range: 250 miles
0-60 mph: 12.7s
Top speed: 75 mph
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FAA Taking Aim at Laser Strikes in Indiana



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This is what a laser looks like by the time it hits a cockpit window.

The Federal Aviation Administration is trying to put a stop to people aiming lasers at aircraft in Indiana.

Aiming a laser at an aircraft is a serious safety hazard that puts everyone on the plane and on the ground below at risk. It is also a violation of federal law.

The FAA conducts outreach to educate the public about the hazards of lasers aimed at aircraft. They also work closely with other

federal agencies and state and local governments to report and investigate incidents, help apprehend suspects, and advocate for the prosecution of offenders.

Pilots reported 13,304 laser strikes to the FAA in 2023. Laser attacks in the state of Indiana continue to be consistently high.

The FAA strongly encourages the public to report laser strikes to the FAA and local law enforcement agencies.

Sheridan Church Installs NaloxBox

Sheridan First Christian Church is proud to announce the installation of a NaloxBox in its East parking lot off Main Street, located at 107 W 3rd St. in Sheridan. This new resource provides free, 24/7 access to Opioid Rescue Kits, which include intranasal naloxone spray and instructions on how to use it to reverse opioid overdoses.

The NaloxBox initiative is a vital step in combating the opioid crisis, providing life-saving tools to the community. Each kit contains naloxone, a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose, along with clear, step-by-step instructions to ensure effective administration during critical moments. The box also contains Fentanyl Test Strips and Xylazine Test Strips, which are essential for detecting dangerous substances in drug supplies.

To ensure that the NaloxBox remains fully stocked, it is monitored three times weekly. This diligence ensures that these critical resources are always available to those in need. The next nearest NaloxBox to Sheridan is located ten miles away; additional sites can be found on the Overdose Lifeline website at Naloxone Near Me.

This project is supported by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, with guidance and resources provided by Overdose Lifeline, an organization dedicated to helping communities respond to the opioid epidemic.

For more information on NaloxBox and its impact, please visit naloxbox.org. Information about drug overdose injuries, opioid prescriptions, and prevention efforts in Indiana can be found on The Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard.

Westfield Hires Firm

The City of Westfield is pleased to announce the approval of Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA), a prominent consulting firm, to lead the development of a new Comprehensive Plan, Economic Impact Study, and Infrastructure Plan for the city. This significant step is designed to enhance strategic planning and future growth in alignment with Westfield's vision for a vibrant, sustainable, and thriving community.

After a rigorous selection process, the Westfield Board of Public Works signed the contract Aug. 28. This decision follows an extensive evaluation of proposals from city leaders and interviews with potential candidates. REA's team includes several national and local firms specializing in various areas, including:

- Orion Planning and Design from Missoula, Montana, specializing in land use scenario planning
- Urban 3 from Asheville, North Carolina, specializing in economic development and fiscal impact
- Lochmueller Group from Indianapolis, specializing in civil and transportation engineering
- Shannon Z. Creative from Indianapolis, leading the project branding

Mayor Scott Willis stated, "We are excited to work with REA and their team to update and refresh our comprehensive plan. This update is crucial for guiding Westfield's growth, addressing emerging challenges, and capturing new opportunities. We believe that REA's extensive experience and innovative approach will help us achieve our long-term goals and improve the quality of life for all our residents."

The comprehensive plan update will focus on several key areas, including:

- Land Use and Zoning: Reviewing and updating zoning codes and

- land use policies to support balanced development.
- Transportation and Infrastructure: Enhancing transportation networks and infrastructure to accommodate future growth and improve connectivity.
- Economic Development: Identifying strategies to stimulate economic growth, support local businesses, and attract new investments.
- Sustainability and Environment: Integrating sustainable practices and environmental considerations into planning to ensure long-term resilience.
- Community Engagement: Encouraging active community participation to reflect the needs and desires of Westfield residents.

Cynthia Bowen, FAICP from REA added, "We are honored to be selected for this important project. Our team is committed to collaborating closely with the City of Westfield, local stakeholders, and the community to create a comprehensive plan that is both visionary and actionable. Our goal is to help Westfield achieve its aspirations while addressing current and future challenges."

The update process will involve in-person public meetings and workshops, and online activities through a 24-7 portal to gather input from residents, business owners, and other stakeholders. This collaborative approach ensures that the final plan reflects the community's values and aspirations. A more detailed schedule and information will be released as it becomes available.

The City of Westfield anticipates that the comprehensive plan update will begin in September 2024 and be completed by spring of 2026 with periodic updates and opportunities for public involvement throughout the process

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College News

A host of local students have achieved various honors at their colleges. The Times is proud to recognize these wonderful achievements.

Abilene Christian University

Mary-Margaret Utter of Carmel graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art from Abilene Christian University. Utter was among 840 students who received degrees at ACU's Commencement.

Adelphi University

A select group of outstanding students, including two from Hamilton County, have been named to the Dean's List at Adelphi University. Isaiah Lincoln-King of Fishers and Macarty Mcqueen of Carmel. The Dean's List includes full-time students registered for 12 or more credits who have completed at least 9 graded credits and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Augustana College

Augustana College announced more than 1,100 students were named to the Dean's List, including Margaret Huntley, a Sociology and Anthropology, Business Analytics major, from Westfield and Lexi Woodcock, a Communication Studies, Multimedia Journalism and Mass Communication major, from Sheridan. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

In addition, Huntley was one of 81 students recognized at the annual Augustana College Viking Score Banquet. This event celebrates the career achievements that students have made over their four years at Augustana. At the ceremony, students are recognized and presented with Viking Score Graduation Cords.

Cedarville University

The following students graduated from Cedarville University with an undergraduate degree. Abigail Reasen of Westfield Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication Design Lincoln Strong of Westfield Bachelor of Arts in Worship Trevor Glaum of Westfield Bachelor of Arts in Brdcst, Dig Med, Journalism Zachary Higbee of Westfield Bachelor of Arts in Health & Physical Ed-Multi-Age Grayson Molin of Carmel Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing Darby Fehl of Fishers Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Morgan Hamm of Fishers Bachelor of Arts in Primary (P-5) Education Abigail Himes of Mccordsville Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Sabrina Botzum of Indianapolis Bachelor of Arts in Communication Jackson Elms of Indianapolis Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Charleston

The following area students have been accepted into the Honors College at the College of Charleston: Caroline Harvey of Westfield is a graduate of Westfield High School and will major in Biology and Sylvia Banner of Indianapolis a graduate of North Central High School and will major in Psychology.

Fairfield

Kyla Berg of Fishers recently graduated from Fairfield University. At the time of graduation, a student must have earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 three- or four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Alixfred Bejas Carias of Westfield, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck, NJ, has been named to the Honors List for the Spring 2024 semester. To qualify for the Honors List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

Holy Cross

Mary Emma White of Indianapolis was named to the College of the Holy Cross (Massachusetts) Dean's List. A member of the Class of 2027, White was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

John Carroll University

Alex Kaczmarek of Carmel has been named to the Dean's List at John Carroll University for the Spring 2024 semester. Students eligible for the Dean's List must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours within one semester and have a quality grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Kutztown University

At least two Hamilton County students will be heading to Kutztown University for the upcoming 2024 fall semester. Kutztown said it is pleased to welcome the newest members of the Golden Bear family, Mia Igneri of Fishers and Jacquelynn Mantel of Carmel.

Lawrence University

Lawrence University celebrated its 2024 graduates at commencement, which included Lilia Bodnar of Fishers and Abby Draper of Carmel. Bodnar, along with Ethan Price of Carmel, also earned Dean's List honors.

Maryland

More than 170 graduates of specialized master's programs from University of Maryland Global Campus were named to the President's List. Students who qualified for the prestigious list at UMGC must have graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 4.0. They include Adrian Perry of Carmel, Master of Science Cybersecurity Management and Policy; and Ja'lon Rhinehart of Indianapolis, Master of Science Transformational Leadership. Christopher A. Baldwin of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Management.

Miami University (Ohio)

A number of local students were awarded degrees during at Miami University in Ohio.

Arcadia

Anna Martin

Fishers

Mack Lotz
Emma Burns
Olivia Castor
Melanie Hamon
Megan Honan
Kaitlin McCoy
Nathan Shebek

Carmel

Ty Wise
Ava Buckley
Emily Clevenger
Ben Gladden
Kendall Greene
Tyler Knapp
Vivian Kraabel
Addie Mitchell
Kat Pikus
Berk Reasor
Katie Watson
Reagan West

Indianapolis

Meghan Koers
Carson Kwiatkowski
Leah McDermott
Erin Neher
Kate Robinson

Millikin University

Rhys Deiter of Fortville graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science from Millikin University. Rhys was one of more than 270 graduates recognized.

Minnesota

Quinn Miller of Noblesville, a senior in the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota was named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Jacob Talty of Fishers earned Honor List at

Minnesota State University, Mankato. Talty qualified for the Honor List by achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

Montclair State

Elizabeth Legg of Fishers was named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Montclair State University. Legg is a Music major. Legg was among more than 6,000 Red Hawks named to the list. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Oberlin College

Isabel Renee Gripp of Carmel was among more than 600 students to cross the stage at the Oberlin College and Conservatory 2024 Commencement Ceremony. Gripp graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and History.

Palmer

Andrew Cline of Carmel has been accepted for enrollment in the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa. Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida. Ashley Glesing of Pendleton was named to the 2024 spring trimester Dean's List at Palmer's Florida Campus in Port Orange, Fla. Calvin Grenda of Carmel was named to the 2024 spring trimester Dean's List at Palmer's Main Campus in Davenport.

Purchase College

Elise McIntyre of Noblesville was named to Purchase College's Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. McIntyre is studying Theatre Design/Technology. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Roger Williams University

Cara Harvey of Fishers was named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

More than 120 students, including two from Hamilton County, were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the summer 2024 semester at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

College by being named to the Dean's List. Claire Thompson of Westfield and Abigail Morehead of Fishers both achieved Dean's List Highest Honors.

Seton Hall

Seton Hall University is pleased to announce Josephine Wise of Fishers qualified for the Spring 2024 Dean's List. After the close of every semester, undergraduate students completing all courses with a GPA of 3.4, with no grades lower than "C", qualify for the Dean's List.

Shenandoah University

Nathan Lechien of Noblesville earned a Doctor of Medical Science and Luay Abuhassan of Fishers earned a Doctor of Pharmacy at Shenandoah University. They were among the 1,247 graduates who received their degrees and/or certificates.

Siena College

Eleanor Clink was named to the Siena College President's List for the Spring 2024 Semester. Clink is from Carmel. The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

University of Tampa

Thomas Hayes of Noblesville received a Bachelor of Science in Finance BS and Annabelle Bork of Carmel received a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science-Biology BS at the University of Tampa commencement ceremony. Hayes was also named to the dean's list for the Spring 2024 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list. That list also included Hayden Miller of Westfield, a Junior majoring in Forensic Science BS and Annabelle Bork of Carmel, a Senior majoring in Marine Science-Biology BS.

Tufts University

Claire Castor, Class of 2027, of Carmel, was named to the dean's list at Tufts University. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester

grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Washington University (St. Louis)

The following local students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

Carmel

Christina Chun, Michelle Kim, Sanchali Pothuru, Matthew Rao and Morgan Ye (a graduate).

Fishers

Bekah Dage and Chouchi Ding. All are enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

University of Wisconsin

Five local students were part of the 8,586 students who received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Three are from Carmel: Adam Katz, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Economics; Kendall Smith, School of Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Pharmacy; and Bill Weas, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Finance, Investment and Banking. Two are from Fishers: Asha Coy, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology; and Drake Stallworth, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Ecology.

UW-Platteville

Will Rizzuto of Carmel earned Chancellor's List honors with a perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2024 semester. Rizzuto is in the Health & Human Performance program.

UW-Whitewater

Thomas Proctor from Westfield earned a Master's Degree in Data Analytics from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at spring commencement.



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