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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Hamilton Happenings

The next step in the Pleasant Street Project will be a celebration marking the new road opening to traffic between River Road and Eighth Street on Sept. 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. between 5th Street and the new bridge over the White River. All members of the community are invited to attend. Food and drink will be available. Entertainment will be provided, including a DJ, children's activities, bounce houses and a drone light show. There will also be free giveaways and raffle items. The Ribbon cutting ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m.

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

## Constitution Day

Tomorrow is a federally observed holiday, Constitution Day. It marks the anniversary of the adoption of our country's adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

### 9-17-1787

The day at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia when delegates signed the actual document.

**2** There are two official names for the holiday. In addition to Constitution

Day, today has also been called Citizenship Day. Actually, there are other names and origins, including I Am An American Day. That came about when a New York City public relations company pushed a new song by the same name at the 1939 World's Fair. It was a hit and newspapers took up the charge. President Franklin Roosevelt jumped on board and named it as an official day.

### 9-17 to 9-23

This is officially Constitution Week - an event created to push studying and education of the U.S. Constitution. President Dwight Eisenhower made it official on Aug. 2, 1956 after a congressional resolution that was petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**1** According to the Constitution, one is the minimum number of representatives any state can have.

**3** The minimum number of presidential electors any state may have.

**2** How many years a U.S. Representative serves when elected.

**6** How many years a U.S. senator serves when elected.

**7,591** How many words are in the U.S. Constitution today.

**4,543** How many words were in the original U.S. Constitution.



## NCAC Shakespeare in the Park Presents 'King Lear' Tragedy



Artwork provided by Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park

Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 32nd Shakespeare in the Park presents the tragedy, "King Lear," Wednesday through Saturday at Federal Hill Commons.



**BETSY REASON**  
Columnist

Pack a picnic and grab your lawn chairs and blankets and head for Federal Hill Commons for Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park in its 32nd year.

Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission presents William Shakespeare's "King Lear," beginning Wednesday and continuing nightly through Saturday at the downtown park. Show time is 7:30 p.m. As always, admission is free, although donations are welcome.

Shakespeare fans who regularly attend this outdoor theatrical production -- the second-oldest Shakespeare in the Park program in Indiana and the oldest in Central Indiana -- will find these early fall performances more "cool and comfortable" for sitting on the lawn.

While this week's weather forecast calls for mid to upper 80s, "warmer than we would like, but mostly dry," in the afternoons, the evenings are expected to be a little cooler.

While Shakespeare moved from July to September in 2023, mostly for scheduling reasons with the Noblesville Parks Department but also "because Climate Change has made the temperatures unreliable and potentially unbearable," the show's director Jen Otterman of Noblesville said. The show's weather in September is more pleasant for patrons and actors who are clothed in Elizabethan costumes.

➔ See BETSY Page A4

## Three Things You Should Know

**1** New York City Comptroller Brad Lander sent letters demanding the CEOs of Walmart, Costco, Kroger and other large retailers immediately start dispensing the abortion drug, Mifepristone, in every state where the drug is legal in order to maximize sales and long-term shareholder value. Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla sees this as a faulty fiduciary duty argument. "If we take this reasoning of the NYC Comptroller to its natural conclusion, there may be short-term gain from drug sales, but there would be lifetimes of loss in the decreased sales of diapers, formula, food, clothing, school supplies and on and on," Nieshalla said. Shea, along with 15 other state financial officers, sent a letter to each of the pharmaceutical leaders urging support to disregard the NYC Comptroller's recent demands, which prioritize political advocacy over fiduciary duty.

**2** The Indiana Supreme Court set a Dec. 18 execution date for a Fort Wayne quadruple murderer. Joseph Corcoran's attorneys have argued that he should not be executed because he is "unquestionably seriously mentally ill," and that killing him would violate the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as cruel and unusual punishment. In a 5-0 decision, the court said it could consider previously undiscovered evidence but not past evidence of mental illness. Find out more at [www.indianacapitalchronicle.com](http://www.indianacapitalchronicle.com).

**3** A cute kitten got itself stuck between the double-tires of a semi-truck on the Ohio Turnpike. It was discovered during a routine inspection. They tried to rescue the kitten but one of its claws was stuck in a tire, according to the Ohio State Patrol. But, as the saying goes, "All's Well That Ends Well." One of the tires was removed, giving the rescuers easy access and they wasted no time turning the kitty over to the Portage Animal Protection League.

➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat.

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



➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."  
Wayne Dyer

➔ **OBITUARIES**

None

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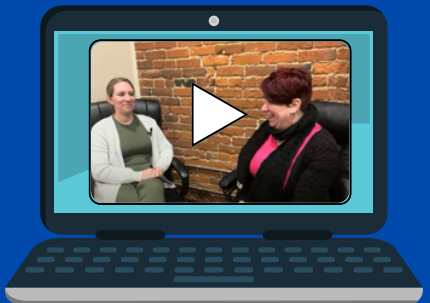
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## 12th Annual Anniversary Gala Thursday

Noblesville Creates is excited to host its 12th annual Anniversary Gala Thursday at Embassy Suites in Noblesville from 5:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will feature the Noblesville Creates Awards Ceremony, dinner and drinks, live music, hands-on arts experiences and both silent and live auctions.

This year's Anniversary Gala is made possible by Embassy Suites and generous sponsors. Wine for the evening is being provided by Event Sponsor Spencer Farm Winery. Duke Energy is sponsoring a musical performance by Ivan The Gem and many other sponsors and donors have contributed.

The Noblesville Creates Awards Ceremony, held during the Gala, will honor visionary leaders who are expanding and enhancing opportunities for artists and art enthusiasts. These individuals are being recognized for their outstanding contributions in supporting, promoting, and fostering creativity across the Central Indiana region.

The evening will feature live performances,

including music by Ivan the Gem and Josh Cecil from HamCo Live, along with snippets from "9 to 5 The Musical" by The Belfry Theatre.

The reception, which begins at 5:15 p.m., will include activities provided by local artists and organizations. Attendees will get to play music and drums with Resounding Joy, meet the ladies behind Gal's Guide Library and participate in their writing activity, or add to a collaborative sculpture with Looking Glass Pottery. Attendees will also get to watch famed local artists Randall Scott Harden and 2023 Artist of the Year Simona Buna paint live and marvel as Patty Klunzinger blows glass ornaments.

The Live Auction will include items such as a table for 10 at next year's Gala, a painting by Randal Scott Harden painted live during the event, a Hamilton County Courthouse oil painting by Beth Forst, an Old Rip Van Winkle 10 year Bourbon, an Art Night experience hosted by renowned comic book artist Stuart Sayger and Noblesville Creates Director Aili McGill, and more.

## Get Rid of Old Papers at Shred Day



Photo courtesy Community First Bank of Indiana

**Shred Day is set for Sept. 24 at Community First Bank in Noblesville. Get there quick before the truck fills up.**

Community First Bank of Indiana is hosting a Free Shred Day open to the community on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 17661 Village Center Drive in Noblesville. All are welcome to drive through the branch parking lot between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to drop off boxes of documents to be securely shredded with PROSHRED® Security.

Freewill donations will be welcome to support Family Promise of Hamilton County.

There is a limit of five boxes to be shredded per vehicle, and the event will end at 1 p.m. or when the shred truck is full (whichever comes first).

All documents will be shredded on-site and

100 percent of the paper is recycled. Three-ring binders cannot be shredded.

Over time, unused documents like medical records, credit card statements, and bills can build up in a home or office and pose a security threat. Ensuring that all these items are properly disposed of by using document shredding can prevent this personal information from falling into the wrong hands. Community First Bank's Free Shred Days are a part of the bank's commitment to supporting its community.

Find the event details at [CFBindiana.com/shred](http://CFBindiana.com/shred).

## Joel Thacker Sworn in as Carmel Fire Chief

Joel Thacker was officially sworn in as Carmel Fire Chief this week in a public ceremony at The Tarkington Theater. The event was led by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam and open to all members of the Carmel community. Thacker is set to lead the Carmel Fire Department in delivering top-tier fire prevention, emergency medical and response services to the community.

"Joel Thacker brings a wealth of experience and leadership to our fire department. His dedication to public service and deep understanding of public safety make him the ideal choice to lead our firefighters and first responders," Finkam said. "I am confident that under his leadership, Carmel will continue to be a safe and resilient community."

Thacker was appointed to the position in August 2024, following his role as executive director of the Indiana



Sworn in by the Honorable Judge Michael A. Casati, Chief Joel Thacker is joined by his wife Julie.

Department of Homeland Security under Governor Eric J. Holcomb in 2022. He also previously served as the state fire marshal and director of the state's Fire and Building Safety Division.

"I am deeply honored to serve as the city's fire chief," Thacker said. "I look forward to working alongside the dedicated men and women of the Carmel Fire Department to uphold the highest standards of service

and safety for our community."

With more than 30 years of public service, Thacker's experience includes serving as fire chief of the Plainfield Fire Territory and beginning his career as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician in Johnson County. He has overseen various critical functions such as firefighting and emergency medical services training, fire investigations,

cybersecurity preparedness and emergency management response and recovery.

Thacker is a licensed paramedic and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University and a master's degree in Criminal Justice and Public Safety from Indiana University. Thacker is married to Julie and they have two children, Elaina and Aidan.

## Noblesville Leads Way in Real Estate

As a surprise to no one, real estate is still hot in Hamilton County – especially Noblesville.

In contrast to the rest of Hamilton County, Noblesville saw home sale prices increase in August, compared to August of 2023. The number of homes sold also decreased, while homes remained on the market longer than this time last year. According to the F.C. Tucker company: Noblesville, August:

- The average sale price of a Noblesville home increased 0.7 percent to \$422,541 in August.
- The average price per square foot also increased, up 4.9 percent to \$164.86.

- The number of closed home sales decreased 10.8 percent compared to this time last year.
  - Homes in Noblesville remained on the market 12.5 percent longer than in August 2023, selling in 18 days on average.
- Hamilton County, August:

- Pended home sales increased 1 percent, compared to August 2023.
- Available inventory increased 26.9 percent compared to last year.
- The average home sale price decreased by 10.7 percent to \$450,555, compared to August of last year.

## Noblesville Lions in Spotlight



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

**The Noblesville Lions Club was informed about the Noblesville Youth Assistance Program from Todd Thurston as the evening speaker. The program helps troubled youth in the Noblesville and Hamilton county area. Todd started in the program as a mentor, and is now an active board member. Referrals to the group come from Noblesville schools and the Prosecutor's office. Todd detailed the group's activities and needs and informed the Lions how they could help. This can be done by volunteering as a mentor, funding, or calling NYAP or Todd for information on current needs. Pictured are Todd Thurston being thanked by Lion Vp Hayden Parsons.**

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# Carrie's Dog Days



**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

It's the best time of year for dogs.

I don't have a dog. I have a cat—as of this year. His name is

Felix, and he came from Mexico. When we adopted him, he was skinny and timid after living on the streets for two years. Now, he is plump and playful, with a luxurious coat and an entitled attitude that seems to imply that, since he had it rough for a couple of years, he now expects things to operate according to his plans. Things usually do.

But every day on my walk, I see dogs. And this time of year—when the hydrangeas have started to turn pink around the edges and the berries are turning red on the trees—this time of year is called the dog days of summer, and I believe the dogs know it.

I see them in the distance, and I usually catch up, because the dog stops to inspect something, and the owner has to wait while the dog dutifully catches up on all the news that has transpired since he last passed this particular electric pole.

"It's dogs' Facebook, you know," I told a man who was impatiently shifting from one foot to the other while his dog did a close reading of the area beneath the pole.

"Uh-huh."

"There's probably been a lot of posts since your last visit."

The dog finally satisfied himself that he had caught up on all the latest news, lifted his leg, added his contribution to the post and was ready to go.

Even I can tell there's a lot more to smell this time of year, when it is humid, and things are starting to ripen. An elderly dog appears fixated on a spot beside the sidewalk. Her owner stands motionless beside her.

"You're not trying to rush her, are you?" I ask.

The owner rolls her eyes. "As if I could."

I watch the arthritic old dog, smelling something invisible in the grass. Her eyes are cloudy, and I suspect she is hard of hearing, but her nose appears to be working perfectly well.

Yesterday, I saw one of my favorite dogs. He's a very large, fierce-looking short-haired German shepherd, and he always carries a toy. Yesterday, it was a ball that seemed to be wrapped up in a hand-knitted bright blue sock. It was wagging back and forth as he walked.

"You have a new toy!" I exclaimed.

His two people were with him. His female person sighed. "He always has to bring his toy."

"But last time I saw him, it was a different toy."

"He lost that one! He always loses his toy. He has to bring it along, then he gets distracted and he loses it!" The German shepherd's female person did not sound entirely happy about this. "I am no longer the toy minder!" she added, shooting a glance at her husband. "I think he is a little spoiled!"

I assumed she was talking about the dog.

"That's not possible," I said. "Dogs can't be spoiled."

The German shepherd and his male person seemed to agree that this was the case, and they went on their way, the blue knitted toy swinging from the happy German shepherd's mouth.

It is a good time for dogs and it's a good time for their people, and the people like me, who enjoy their company. Dogs get us to slow down and smell our surroundings. They remind us that this warmth won't last forever, and maybe it's a good idea to enjoy it while it lasts. Till next time, Carrie

# Dick Writes About Aering Grievances



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I have never aerated my lawn. I wasn't familiar with the need for this procedure until I started

getting emails from my lawn service. Basically, they said I needed to put holes in my lawn to stimulate growth. If holes are so good for your lawn, why did they charge me \$129.95 in June to eliminate grubs and moles? I thought they were already doing a great job.

This past weekend, my wife and I arrived home from a Sunday brunch, and saw our neighbor Steve wrestling with what appeared to be a 200-horsepower lawn machine. The really strange part was that Steve was not aerating his own lawn, but Norm's lawn—an apparent act of great selflessness, unless you consider that he had simply lost control of the behemoth and was desperately trying to steer the machine back to his own front yard. Then Mark, watching Steve from his living room window, came outside to request that he be given a chance to aerate. Norm also wanted in. This scam was so ingenious that it made Tom Sawyer look like an amateur.

As I mentioned, I had never aerated my lawn. In fact, I don't think I've ever said or written the word "aerated" before. If it weren't for spell-check on my computer, the first line of this story would have been: "I have never airrated my lawn." I think that once I accidentally went from liquefy to aerate while making a strawberry shake in my wife's blender. That's the extent of my experience.

Mark tried to explain to me why it's important to aerate your lawn, but most of the explanation required that I actually listen. He did say something about golf greens that got my attention. And I kept hearing the word "plugs" which made me mildly

interested because I once had a hair transplant. During the operation, the surgeon put over a thousand plugs in my head. My hair does look a lot thicker now and there has been no sign of a mole. I had one grub.

I returned to watching Norm aerate, who was now being whipped into unspeakable contortions and had to pull the emergency button after he aerated Mark's newly paved driveway. After observing my neighbors gleefully involved in raising their testosterone levels, I agreed to try aeration myself. I took hold of the handles, pressed the bar and was quickly propelled into action.

I guess I had never realized how exciting it would be to poke holes in a lawn. It was the most fun I've ever had in my entire life. But four seconds was way long enough. I soon passed the privilege back to Jeff who happily aerated his yard again. Twice as much work, twice as many holes.

Aerators make me nervous. They are huge, powerful and potentially very dangerous. Someone could get hurt. There should be a background check if you buy or rent one. Jeff could see I was uncomfortable with an aerator in the neighborhood, but he put my mind at ease. "Aerators don't poke holes in lawns," he told me. "People poke holes in lawns."

That made me feel so much better.

*— 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.*

# Commissioners at Sheridan Middle School



Steve Dillinger



Mark Heirbrandt



Dennis Quakenbush



Scott Willis



Brad Davis



Christine Altman

**WHO:** County Commissioner Christine Altman (District 1), County Commissioner Steve Dillinger (District 2), County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt (District 3), Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush and County Highway Director Brad Davis

**WHAT:** Community conversation, Q&A

**WHEN:** Thursday, 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sheridan Middle School auditorium, 3030 West 246 St, Sheridan. Please enter through Gate 15.

Hamilton County Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve Dillinger and Mark Heirbrandt will host a community conversation on the proposed Sheridan-Adams Township reorganization on Thursday at Sheridan Middle School.

Citizens are encouraged to submit questions at [hamiltoncounty.in.gov/FormCenter/Web-Site-Support-13/The-SheridanAdams-Township-Reorganizatio-106](http://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/FormCenter/Web-Site-Support-13/The-SheridanAdams-Township-Reorganizatio-106). Questions will be accepted through today.

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"The actors are delighted because wearing traditional heavy Shakespearean costumes is much more tolerable in cooler temperatures," she said.

"And Rob (Heighway, the assistant director) and his assistants have to move a great deal of scenery which is also much more comfortable in more temperate weather."

Otterman recalled having a crew member, back when performances were in July, be taken to the local emergency room for heat exhaustion. "The kinds of heat we now have in the summer can be quite dangerous, and we wanted to keep our company, and the patrons, safe."

During many years in the past, rehearsals were outdoors at Seminary Park, where productions took place until Federal Hill opened in 2017, on the 25th anniversary of Noblesville's Shakespeare in the Park.

She's in her fifth season directing Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park, which in 2023 moved its start time up to 7:30 p.m., to accommodate the earlier sunset.

Otterman talked about her love for directing Shakespeare in the Park.

"I enjoy the process," she said. "Directing is much like sculpting. When one begins, there is just a non descriptive lump of clay. Gradually, it gets molded and shaped into a piece of art, something that reflects the intent of the playwright and has grit and depth and layers of nuance. In the beginning, it is messy and unclear and chaotic, but the end process, hopefully, is something to be proud of."

Otterman said, "I especially like working with the actors and with Rob (Heighway) who have returned year after year. We have a comforting and familiar camaraderie."

There are several familiar faces returning from previous years. There are also some new faces. One of the new and "very talented" actors, Charles Weimer, who plays the role of Kent, is married to one of her former students. "Small world indeed," said the retired teacher and director of productions at Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers and who has directed shows at The Belfry Theatre in Noblesville and Basile Westfield Playhouse.

The Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park director chooses the show each year, selecting a comedy

every other year. Being that Shakespeare's "As You Like It" comedy was last year, this year would be a tragedy.

The play's synopsis: Aging, concealed King Lear seeks to retire from his kingly duties and plans to divide his kingdom among his three daughters. But in turbulent political and personal times, is anyone safe?

While Otterman has never directed or acted before in this particular play, she said, "I have always loved 'King Lear' and it is very relevant to today's world ... political power struggles, family dysfunction and how to handle it, jealousy, betrayals, coping with aging, dealing with evil (and) understanding relationships."

Otterman said, "In all these hundreds of years since this play was written, it is astounding that there has been no change in human nature. I love plays that hold these issues up to us so that we might examine them, see ourselves in them and try to do better."

While the play is not a comedy, Otterman said, "Rob (Heighway) and I have tried to add as much humor as we can. There is a scene between Matt Hartzburg (as Gloucester) and Nathaniel Taff (as Edgar) that offers a laugh or two."

She loves working with Heighway, who is not only her assistant director but also a backstage crew member with talent skills and knowledge. He is a master carpenter and can build any piece of scenery needed, Otterman has said. She knows Heighway "from many years ago" where they worked together as actors at The Red Barn Summer Theatre.

This year, Heighway had to construct a bed that could be easily maneuvered and a facade that would look like a lowly hovel. In 2023, he constructed five 10-foot trees, which will be used again for this show. Would Otterman offer any hints of the best scenes for this year's show? "There are several sword and dagger fights during this show," she said. "Those are always favorites of audiences."

The play's run time is very important to the director and assistant director. Being that Shakespeare plays are quite lengthy, Heighway edits the play each year to less than two hours for our Noblesville audiences.

"He is a genius to be able to edit as he does without disturbing the story and its movement," Otterman said.

"Because the park restricts our time, we have to keep the script to less than two hours," she said.

David Heighway of

Noblesville, who has been involved with Shakespeare in the Park for 30 years and who is Rob Heighway's brother, said while the original play could run perhaps three hours, "this cut version is supposed to run around 90 to 105 minutes."

He said, "This requires a lot of cutting for a Shakespeare play. At the same time, they want to respect the original text and not change the characters or plot. It's a balancing act, and I think that Rob does a great job with it."

David Heighway also said since the NCAC has started alternating comedies and tragedies, "it's gotten more intense for the actors." He described "King Lear" as a "dark and complex play. The actors have to ask themselves a lot of questions to get into their characters."

While David Heighway stepped away from Shakespeare in the Park this year to focus on his history work, he will still attend the production and is still helping with the NCAC Vintage Film Series.

Otterman's cast and crew have been rehearsing indoors in a "wonderful rehearsal space" until moving in at Federal Hill on Sunday, which was also tech day. Dress rehearsals are tonight and Tuesday night before opening night on Wednesday at Federal Hill.

Otterman, during Federal Hill dress rehearsals, is usually found sitting in her lawn chair watching close to the stage.

While the audience sitting on the lawn sees the fabulous end product of the show, those who are involved in the show know how much hard work goes into making all of this possible.

Weeks of rehearsals have gone on since auditions in August. Sets have been made. Props and costumes have been found or created. Lighting and sound have been "designed." Mics have been added. Every day this week, crew members set up and break down the entire set, a "quite a daunting task," Otterman said.

And then it's finally show time.

Every year, Otterman describes her cast and crew as a "tight, friendly family" and the experience "refreshing." She said, "the entire rehearsal process has been delightful. I hope to work with all of them again some day."

*-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).*

### Want TO GO?

**What:** Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 32nd annual Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park presents William Shakespeare's "King Lear," directed by Noblesville's Jen Otterman.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

**Where:** Lawn of Federal Hill Commons, 175 Logan St., Noblesville.

**How much:** Free. Donations are welcome.

**Info:** [noblesvillearts.org](http://noblesvillearts.org).



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park

**Nathaniel Taff (as Edgar, left) of Noblesville and Nathan Haston (as Edmund) of Carmel rehearse a fight scene for Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 32nd annual Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park, William Shakespeare's "King Lear," onstage Wednesday through Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.**



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

**Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's Shakespeare in the Park director Jen Otterman of Noblesville sits in her lawn chair on the grass at Federal Hill Commons and watches rehearsals during a previous season of the summer Shakespeare play.**



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park

**J. Charles Weimer of Fishers, who portrays the role of Kent, is among 14 cast members in Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 32nd annual Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park, William Shakespeare's "King Lear," onstage Wednesday through Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.**



Jen Otterman

### MEET THE CAST

King Lear, Glenn Dobbs, Mooresville; Kent, J. Charles Weimer, Fishers; Gloucester, Matt Hartzburg, Indianapolis; Edmund, Nathan Haston, Carmel; Goneril, Alyssa Lay, Indianapolis; Regan, Amalia Howard, Indianapolis; Cordelia, Rachel Kelso, Indianapolis; Albany, Aaron Ploof, Noblesville; Cornwall, Adrian Blackwell, Noblesville; Edgar and King of France, Nathaniel Taff, Noblesville; Oswald, Kelli Conkin of Noblesville; Fool, Ka'Lena Cuevas, Fishers; Player 2, Caroline Frawley, Carmel; and Player 3, Guy Grubbs, Indianapolis.

### MEET THE CREW

Director and properties, Jen Otterman, Noblesville; assistant director, master carpenter and script editor, Rob Heighway, Indianapolis; producers, Joni Corbett of Noblesville and Ka'Lena Cuevas of Fishers; sound operator, Geoff Lynch, Noblesville; light design, Eric Matters, New Palestine; light board operator and sound design, Lori Raffel, Carmel; fight choreographer, Kevin Robertson, Carmeltr; Costumes, Linda Findlay Grow, McCordsville.

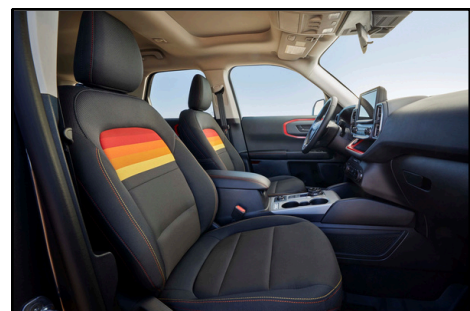
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**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

When I was a little kid, sometime around 1980, my dad bought me a Hot Wheels Ford Bronco with red, orange, gold, and yellow stripes down the side. I learned later it was a miniature version of the "Free Wheeling Edition" Bronco, F-Series pickups, and Econoline vans aimed at the era's young drivers. Trying to instill a little nostalgia and fun for today's kids, Ford tries again with the 2024 Bronco Sport Free Wheeling.

comes with yellow, red, and orange graphics, 17" black wheels with red-painted inserts, silver metal-look grille, and BRONCO applied to the front doors. There's a little silver bronco on the hood in case you missed the rest of its bucking color scheme.

Your kids may not embrace your whimsey when you roll up to drop them off at school in that sunbright brickhouse. Definitely gets attention, but the trip to the past meets tomorrow inside.

Sunset weave cloth adds yellow, orange, red, and brown stripes to gray canvas. Check the orange, yellow, and red stitching throughout the cabin too. Red trim on the dash and doors may glow-up too far. More sensible, owners also get rubberized floor mats, single-zone automatic climate

control, and heated front seats. Devices connect via wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto to the super-simple infotainment screen with actual volume and tuning knobs. Charge wirelessly too. I'd like a sunroof, but the interior is plenty bright already.

Ride safe with Ford's Co-pilot 360 Assist+ system that includes automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise with lane centering, blind spot warning, rear cross path detection, and evasive steering assist.

Forget big V8 engines from the past as the Bronco Sport makes steam with a 1.5-liter turbocharged "EcoBoost" three-cylinder engine – put to the road through an 8-speed automatic transmission and all-

wheel-drive. Given the engines size and cylinder count, it puts out a healthy 181 horsepower and 190 lb.-ft. of torque – on par with those big engines from 45 years ago. It is plenty peppy to get down the road, either towing 2,000 lbs. or achieving 25/29-MPG city/highway.

Compare that to under 15-MPG for the old Broncos.

I like the Bronco Sport. Creating a compact crossover that looks like the tough truck-based Broncos, but with a compliant four-wheel-independent suspension, quick steering, and tight dimensions makes for a very practical daily driver that flaunts ambient heritage. And, if you want to find a trail to a favorite fishing spot or get over winter muck, click through G.O.A.T.

Modes (Goes Over Any Type of Terrain) to adjust the powertrain for Sand, Slippery, Sport, Eco and Normal.

Think back to 1979. The Bronco was a full-size SUV, based on the F-Series pickup. The Bronco Sport couldn't be more different. It's the right vehicle for our time. It's definitely polarizing, so if you don't like the bright graphics, you can always get a Bronco Sport in boring colors like Desert Sand or Shadow Black. I won't judge.

It isn't the cheapest crossover available, but our bright little friend is reasonably affordable. Base Bronco Sports start at \$29,795, but came to a loftier \$37,695 ready for Free Wheeling. Competitors include the Subaru Forester, Toyota RAV4, Jeep Compass, and Chevy Trailblazer.

*Storm Forward!*

Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

- Likes**
- Urban practicality
  - Heritage inspiration
  - Turbo-three engine

- Dislikes**
- Single-zone climate
  - Red accents
  - No sunroof

**2024 Ford Bronco Sport Free Wheeling**

Five-passenger, AWD Crossover  
Powertrain: 1.5-liter I4-3, 8-spd  
Output: 181hp/190 lb.-ft.  
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind  
Wheels f/r: 17"/17" alloy  
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## Get Trash Bags – Do a Good Deed!



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It's that time of the year to stock up on your favorite trash bag while supporting Hamilton Heights Middle School athletics. The Fall Trash bag fundraiser goes until Sept. 24. These popular, heavy-duty trash bags come in five sizes: 13 gallon (red, 45/roll), 18 gallon (white, 60/roll), 30 gallon (black, 40/roll), 45 per roll) 39 gallon (yellow, 20 per roll), and 55 gallon (green, 15/roll). The cost per roll is \$14. Please make checks payable to: Hamilton Heights Middle School. The proceeds benefit the school's athletics department. Pick up is set for Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the middle school.

## Helicopter Plans Low-Level Flights Over County

In late-September to early October, residents across northern Hamilton County may notice a low-flying helicopter with a unique hexagonal frame under it. If so, no need to worry. It is on a groundbreaking mission to map groundwater supplies. This specialized equipment is part of an innovative project designed to enhance understanding of groundwater aquifers and subsurface geology, ensuring sustainable water management for the region.

Indiana American Water is partnering with Aqua Geo Frameworks and INTERA Inc. to conduct these aerial surveys, a crucial step toward a deeper understanding of the region's groundwater resources.

"This project marks a significant investment in our mission to protect Indiana's precious groundwater resources,"

said Matt Prine, President of Indiana American Water. "With advanced technology, we can better map and understand our aquifers, ensuring sustainable water management for our growing communities now and in the future."

The advanced mapping technique has been successfully employed in other areas of the country, providing valuable data that supports the responsible management of natural resources nationwide. The SkyTEM scientific equipment, suspended about 100 feet below the helicopter in a 'spider web' array, is designed to map geological structures and groundwater resources up to 900 feet below the surface.

Once the flights are completed, AGF and INTERA will analyze the data to create a comprehensive report. This report will guide Indiana American Water in detailed groundwater mapping and hydrogeological studies, paving the way for informed water management decisions.



Photo courtesy Indiana American Water

The helicopter and SkyTEM equipment will gather groundwater data in the area later this month and next.

Pilots specially trained in low-level flying will navigate a carefully planned flight path to obtain the most accurate underground data. LiveWire Aviation, based in Homosassa, Florida, will conduct low-level aerial surveys using specially trained pilots. The helicopter will follow a planned route to gather underground data, focusing on open spaces and avoiding residential areas, livestock, and buildings. LiveWire Aviation operates under FAA regulations, including parts 135, 133, and 137.

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# FOR THE RECORD

## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL CORPORATION

Executive Session Agenda  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
Noblesville Educational Services Center  
5:00 p.m.  
IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

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.

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM  
I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE  
II. RECOGNITIONS

- Staff Recognitions
- Hare Teacher Spotlight / Stony Creek Elementary School

## III. REPORTS

- Building Spotlight / Stony Creek Elementary School

Heidi Karst, Principal

- Department of Learning Update

Dept. of Learning

## 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
- Minutes / August 2024
- Out-of-State 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
- School Improvement Plans 2024-2025
- Centerpoint Easement

## 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.

## CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, 3:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Second Floor/City Hall/One Civic Square

Notice is hereby given that the Carmel Redevelopment Authority will meet on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square.

## CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Clay Township Board will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Minutes from July 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- V. Public Hearing
  - 1. 2025 Proposed Budget
  - 2. Resolution No. 2024-09-17-01 Additional Appropriations from General Fund #0101 in the amount of \$101,000.
- VI. Action Item
  - 1. Resolution No. 2024-09-17-01 Approving Additional Appropriation from General Fund #0101 in the amount of \$101,000.
- VII. Information Item
  - 1. 2025 Budget Adoption – Oct. 15, 2024
  - 2. Update on Township assistance
  - 3. Update on projects
- VIII. Financial Questions from Board
- IX. Board Comments
- X. Announcements
  - 1. Next meeting Oct. 15, 2024
- XI. Adjournment

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

The Sept. 23 Solid Waste Management District Board meeting has been moved to Sept. 30 at noon and will be held at the Hamilton County Judicial Center in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

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## Veterans Step Up For Library



Photo courtesy Sheridan Library

**American Legion KV Elliott Post 67 Commander Tom Deshon (right) and Shirley Kinkead (middle) presented Sheridan Public Library Director Kim Riley a check for \$1,500 from their veteran memorial fund. In 1965, veteran Jim Kinkead, created the fund by recycling cans to raise money to purchase war and historical books in memory of local veterans. The Sheridan Public Library has purchased numerous books throughout the years from the monies received from the memorial fund. The American Legions mission statement is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America."**

## Westfield Library Looking for Local Artists

The Westfield Library Foundation is proud to announce the opening of the Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery Wall at the newly constructed Westfield Washington Public Library. Located in several prominent areas throughout the library, the Art Gallery Wall will offer a dynamic space for exhibiting and selling art from local artists.

"Our goal is to enrich the community's cultural landscape and provide a platform for local artists to shine," said Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation. "Art has the power to inspire, provoke thought, and connect us. We're thrilled to offer this unique opportunity to showcase and celebrate the creativity of local artists."

The gallery will be located throughout the library including the large wall by Rivet at

the Library Café, the staircase leading toward the Atrium, and next to the elevator. The library is looking to fill the space with an array of mediums, including, but not limited to, photography, paintings, and mixed media.

The Foundation is accepting submissions for the 2025 Art Gallery Wall now through October 1. Selected artists will be notified in early November. Each piece of art must be matted, framed, or equipped for display using the library's hanging system. Additionally, artists will be responsible for installing and removing their work at the beginning and end of their assigned month. Those interested in applying should visit the Foundation's website at [www.westfieldlibraryfoundation.com](http://www.westfieldlibraryfoundation.com) or contact the library directly.

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## Carmel H.S. Alums Planning 60th



Photo courtesy of Mari Briggs

The class of Carmel High School of 1965 gathered recently to plan their 60th class reunion. If you are a member of this class, please contact Steve Brown at [thehawk65@embarqmail.com](mailto:thehawk65@embarqmail.com) for more information. All class members are invited to attend. As one planner said, "We are not getting any younger and we would love to see you again." From upper right: Mari Briggs, Harold Lowry, Steve Brown and Steve Roberts. From upper left, Bill Cruse, Mindy Cruse, Helen Fillipow and Pam Mills.

## Sen. Walker Shares Update



**KYLE WALKER**  
Guest Columnist

When our students are in school, parents should be at ease knowing their child is safe.

That's why Indiana is awarding more than \$24 million to nearly 500 schools and districts across the state through the Secured School Safety Grant Program.

The grant program was created by the General Assembly in 2013 in order to help ensure schools are secure and students are safe.

This funding will help schools across Indiana:

- Employ school resource officers or law enforcement officers;
- Purchase security technology and equipment;
- Design and construct additions on school property for security purposes;
- Implement student and parent support plans;
- Conduct site vulnerability assessments;
- Provide firearm training for staff, and/or
- Implement bullying prevention programs.

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**FISHERS NATIVE**  
Earns Fourth Paralympic Medal

Fishers native Noah Malone won a gold medal in the T12 100m at the 2024 Paralympic Games. He has earned his fourth Paralympic medal, following a gold and two silvers at the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

Noah's dedication, resilience and outstanding achievements are inspiring, and it has been a pleasure to watch him compete and represent his community on the global stage. Congratulations Noah, on your tremendous success! Fishers is honored to have cheered you on in this year's Paralympics Games.

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### FREE FISHING DAY

Hoosiers will not need a fishing license or trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters on Saturday, Sept. 28, for 2024's final Free Fishing Day.

Free Fishing Days give Indiana families a chance to spend time together and learn to fish throughout the state.

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

## Christopher Graves Joins Weichert

Weichert, Realtors® - EPG is announced recently that Christopher Graves has joined their Westfield office. Graves joins a dedicated team of knowledgeable agents at Weichert, Realtors® - EPG, who bring many years of combined real estate expertise to their clients.

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## HHHS August Coffee Bean Award Recipients Named



Photo courtesy photo Hamilton Heights Schools

Hamilton Heights High School August Coffee Bean Award recipients, from left Jude Bailey, Larry Endicott, Patience King, Natalya Zigler, Audrey Cain, Tori Wilson and Lily Curtis.

Hamilton Heights High School would like to recognize the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of August. They include Jude Bailey, Audrey Cain, Larry Endicott, Patience King, Lily Curtis, Tori Wilson,

and Natalya Zigler.

The name and award, inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of

recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and

a donut. The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students.

## Legacy Bible Church Presents Concert

The White River Wind Symphony will present "Around the World in 80 Minutes" on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. at Legacy Bible Church, located at 13490 Howe Rd. in Fishers.

Join us for "Around the World in 80 Minutes," an exhilarating concert band wind symphony performed by professional musicians that takes you on a musical journey around the globe. The concert includes captivating compositions from over ten countries. This concert showcases the rich diversity of world music. From the

rhythmic beats to melodic harmonies and the vibrant tunes of the Americas, experience the universal language of music in an unforgettable 80-minute adventure. Perfect for music lovers of all ages, this concert promises to be a delightful celebration of global culture and artistry.

Tickets for this concert are \$15 (plus \$1.88 processing fee) and children under 18 years are free. Tickets can be purchased at [fishersmusicworks.simplertix.org](http://fishersmusicworks.simplertix.org).

## Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Shares Board News

The Ascension St. Vincent Foundation recently announced new leadership to its Board of Directors for fiscal year 2025, including the retirement of John Murphy as Chair, and the appointment of Katie Lucas as Board Chair, Scott Bove as Treasurer, Cali Moore as Secretary and the addition of six new board members.

Ascension St. Vincent Foundation board members are dedicated to supporting our Ascension St. Vincent ministries. They actively engage in the work of the Foundation by recognizing and supporting the vital role philanthropy plays in fulfilling our hospitals' mission and inspiring others to support the cause.

New board members include:

- Michael Busk, MD, MPH, Vice President and Medical Director of the Ascension St. Vincent Health, Wellness, and Preventive Care Institute.
- Nessa Hamman, Co-Founder of Prime 47 Carmel/Prime Catering.
- Kalen Irsay Jackson, Vice-Chair and Owner of Indianapolis Colts.
- Dave Neff, CEO of Boilermaker Alliance.
- Jennifer Schaefer, Assistant Principal at St. Luke Catholic School.
- Jason Sondhi, CEO of EXOS (formerly Sondhi Solutions).

## Late Harvest Dinner Date Set

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank is thrilled to announce the return of our highly anticipated annual fundraising event, the Late Harvest Dinner.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at Late Harvest Kitchen, a farm-to-table restaurant. We invite the community to come together for an evening of delicious food and meaningful connection, all in support of our mission to combat hunger in Hamilton County. Hosted by the award-winning Chef Ryan Nelson and Laurie Nelson, all proceeds from this event benefit the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. This exclusive event promises to be a one-of-a-kind experience, with Chef Ryan curating the menu, showcasing the finest locally sourced ingredients. The evening begins on the terrace with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, where you can mingle in a relaxed and elegant setting. Then delight your senses with a gourmet dinner, followed by dessert, which promises to be the perfect sweet ending to an unforgettable evening.

In addition to the main event, we are excited to offer early admission for a limited-seating bourbon/wine tasting experience. Guests who purchase early admission tickets will have the exclusive

opportunity to sample a curated selection of three fine bourbons or wines, guided by Chef Ryan's impeccable taste. This special tasting will begin at 5:30 pm and is the perfect way to kick off an evening of celebration and generosity. Seating is limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot early.

This year, as ever, your participation matters. Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank serves as the vital hub for Hamilton County's hunger relief efforts, sourcing and distributing nourishment to bolster our community's well-being. Neighbors in our communities are served by the local pantries and we make sure pantries have the food needed in this fight to end hunger. With unwavering commitment and strategic resource allocation, we ensure every dollar entrusted to us translates into meals for those facing food insecurity. Together, we are filling plates and shaping a future where hunger is a thing of the past in Hamilton County. Every ticket sold goes to support the mission of ending hunger in Hamilton County.

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