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TODAY'S VERSE

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

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 Thursday 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!

With just 43 days away from the Nov. 5 Election Day (and just 15 days until early voting begins), it seems a good time to take a look at how we elect presidents, the Electoral College

538 The total number of Electoral Votes available. The number of votes allocated to each state is based on the last U.S. Census and will remain the same through the 2028 election. In 2032, they may change based on the 2030 Census.

54 The most by any state and it is California. The top states and their Electoral votes after California are Texas with 40, Florida with 30, New York with 28, Illinois 19, Pennsylvania 19, Ohio 17, Georgia 16, North Carolina 16, Michigan 15, New Jersey 14, Virginia 13 and Washington 12.



11 The number of votes Indiana has. That is the 14th largest number and Indiana, Arizona, Massachusetts and Tennessee all have 11.

7 The least number of Electoral votes for a state or region is 3 and that's what these seven have - Alaska, Delaware, D.C., North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

270 The magic number! This is the number of Electoral votes needed by a candidate to win the presidency.



411 The place to go for all the election information you need, <https://www.vote411.org/>.



10-7-24

The deadline to register to vote. You can check and see if you are registered at www.vote411.org as well. Your friends at Sagamore News Media encourage all our readers to be sure to register and vote. It's a duty, a right and a responsibility!

It's Homecoming Week at NHS



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Noblesville High School Marching Millers perform Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" during the 2023 Noblesville Homecoming Parade. This year's parade is at 4 p.m. Friday through downtown Noblesville and features many NHS students.



BETSY REASON
Columnist

For Noblesville High School alumni, Homecoming Week means visiting their old stomping ground, seeing their former classmates and teachers, and

being welcomed back home for Friday night's Homecoming Football game.

For NHS students, Homecoming Week kicks off today with Spirit Week -- with themed dress-up days every day this week -- and Mini-Olympics and Homecoming Parade set for this Friday, plus a new Homecoming Tailgate fundraising event to support our Millers right before the Homecoming Game on Friday night. A Homecoming Dance culminates it all on Saturday night.

While the past three years, students have danced the night away on the football field, this year the dance moves to the newly expanded gym, which some refer to as a field house, at the high school.

Homecoming Week is highly anticipated as students gear up for events.

Overall theme for the high school students is "Neon."

NHS spirit week kicks off today with Class Color Day, seniors wear white, juniors wear blue, sophomores wear green, freshmen wear purple and faculty wear black.

Tuesday is Twin Day with students dressing like twins, same shoes, same pants, same tops.

➔ See BETSY Page A4

Three Things You Should Know

1 Hoosier Lottery Powerball tickets purchased for recent drawings should be checked carefully as two tickets are each worth \$50,000. A \$50,000 winning ticket for the Sept. 14 drawing was purchased at Depot Express located at 128 W. McClain in Scottsburg. And another \$50,000 winning ticket for the Sept. 16 drawing was purchased at Strough's Supermarket located at 624 N. Madison St. in Fortville.

2 Indianapolis International Airport once again has been honored in the J.D. Power 2024 North America Airport Satisfaction Study with the title of #1 in Customer Satisfaction among medium airports in North America. But the accolades didn't stop there. As part of the study, the Indy airport was also recognized as #1 in Food, Beverage and Retail and #1 in Terminal Facilities. This year's honor makes the seventh time overall that the Indy airport has been at the top of the J.D. Power rankings.

3 The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is celebrating National Public Lands Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday with events happening around the state. See dnr.IN.gov/places-to-go/events or on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer for listings of programs. Sept. 28 is also National Hunting and Fishing Day and the last Free Fishing Day of the year. Indiana residents can fish public waters without a license on Free Fishing Days. And on Sunday, Sept. 29 there will be free admission to all DNR properties that normally charge a gate fee. Information about how to be a DNR volunteer is at on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"We will fail when we fail to try."
Rosa Parks

OBITUARIES

None

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TODAY'S JOKE

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Because the pride goeth before the fall!

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

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Carmel Forms Diwali Celebration Committee

Carmel is forming a Diwali Committee, bringing together a diverse range of organizations from the Indian community to plan the city's inaugural Diwali celebration taking place on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Midtown.

- Raya Chauhan
- Sujata Chugh
- Shivani Desai
- Aashiv Jain
- Om Narla
- Shobha Reddy
- Anindita Sen
- Hardik Shah
- Neelu Sondhi
- Prachet Sowale
- Vrinda Sunil
- Karen Vohra

"Diwali is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes Carmel so special," Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam said. "I am proud to support the efforts of the Diwali Committee and look forward to a spectacular celebration."

The committee will be chaired by Carmel City Councilor Dr. Anita Joshi (pictured), reflecting the city's commitment to celebrating cultural diversity and inclusion. The committee aims to create a memorable Diwali celebration that highlights the rich cultural heritage of the Indian community.

In a move to foster community involvement and youth engagement, the committee will also include four students representing Carmel High School, Brebeuf and Park Tudor. Their participation is expected to bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the event planning process.

Committee Members:

- Dr. Anita Joshi (Chair, City Council Member)

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most popular festivals in India. It symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. The festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy, featuring vibrant decorations, the lighting of lamps and the sharing of sweets among family and friends.

The Diwali Committee is dedicated to ensuring that the celebration is a true representation of the community's values and traditions. The event will feature traditional music, dance performances, food vendors and activities for all ages.

"We are thrilled to bring together such a dynamic group of individuals to plan this year's Diwali celebration," said Dr. Joshi. "This committee is a testament to our city's spirit of collaboration and cultural pride."

For more information about the Diwali celebration or to get involved, please contact Dr. Anita Joshi at ajoshi@carmel.in.gov.

Hamilton County Health Department Accepting Grant Applications

The Hamilton County Health Department is now accepting grant applications from organizations with projects that address gaps in health care in Hamilton County. The grants will be funded through the state's Health First Indiana program created by Senate Enrolled Act 4. The General Assembly passed legislation last year that will invest \$225 million in public health over the next two years.

"Each local health department that opted into the program is allowed to determine and invest in the unique needs of their communities," Jason LeMaster, administrator for the Hamilton County Health Department, said. "We look forward to partnering with other health-focused organizations to address gaps in our public health services and find ways to enhance the health and well-being of our residents."

Applicants are encouraged to propose projects, programs, or activities aligned with the following priority Core Public Health Service (CPHS) areas for Hamilton County:

- Maternal and Child Health
- * Referral programs
- Improved Birth Outcome programs
- * Chronic Disease Prevention



Jason LeMaster

- Child & Adult Immunizations
- * Access to and Linkage to Clinical Care
- School Health
- * Trauma and Injury Prevention
- Fatality Prevention Initiatives
- * Tobacco Prevention and Cessation

There is currently no set limit on how much an organization can request in funding. Eligible and complete applications will be evaluated in accordance with the review criteria and must be approved by the Hamilton County Commissioners. Awards will be disbursed in single payments in January 2025.

To apply for a grant through the Health First Hamilton County (HFHC) program, interested parties can visit <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1858/Health-First-Hamilton-County>

The application deadline is Sept. 30.

Sheridan Historical Society Kicks Off New Scholarship Program



Photo courtesy of Sheridan Historical Society

On the left, Ron Stone, president of the Sheridan Historical Society, and Jean Hadley, right, present a scholarship award of \$1,000 to Sheridan High School 2024 graduate

New this year, the Sheridan Historical Society is awarding an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a graduating Sheridan Community Schools senior student pursuing a career in the skilled trades. Our winner this first year is Gavin Delaney.

The award is made through the endowment generosity of 1960 SHS graduate Jean Hadley. After his graduation from Sheridan, Hadley decided not to go on to college but instead go into the skilled trades. Now retired after a remarkably successful career tract in the skilled trades, he is trying to pay back to his boyhood community through a series of outright donations as well as setting up a skilled trades scholarship endowment. The scholarship is administered through the Sheridan Historical Society Scholarship Fund and will generate enough money each year from investments to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to one or two students going into the skilled trades as opposed to pursuing an academic degree. From his work experience, Hadley knows the value a skilled worker can bring to a community as well as providing an excellent income to support a growing family.

The Sheridan Historical Society is grateful to have Jean Hadley as a member and supporter of our organization. After high school, when times were tough for Jean and his family, going to college was just not an option for him. He will be the first one to tell you that he bounced around a bit in his younger years, successfully going from job to job, but he will also tell you that perhaps the most important thing he learned along the way

was how to successfully interact with people including fellow workers and vendors. He slowly and steadily continued to build upon his people skills to the point that his later employment situations revolved specifically around his ability to manage people in a fair and equitable manner. That skill served him well, as well as providing a very profitable career in the skilled trades.

Hadley wants the world to know that while being highly educated is important, it is not the be all and end all for some people. Being fair, kind, and helpful and being willing to go that extra mile to make others successful has its value in this world. Giving back to his root community is Jean's way of saying thanks and honoring each of us for the work we do. His endowment scholarship, he hopes, will help make a difference for trade school or apprenticeship program students by making it possible for students – male or female – become successful in their chosen skilled trades careers.

If you would like more information about the Sheridan Historical Society Scholarship program and how to apply for funding, please stop by the Sheridan Historical Society Museum and we will answer your questions and we will give you an application form. We are open from 1 pm to 4 pm on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, except for occasional holidays or severe weather. The Museum is located at 315 South Main Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County and serves as the northwest gateway to greater Hamilton County.



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Watching Scary Movies



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I have never been able to watch scary movies.

My mother will remind you (if she gets the chance) that I can't even watch embarrassing television programs, which is, frankly, embarrassing. I would watch that terrible moment when Lucy was about to get caught doing something embarrassing by her employer, Mr. Mooney, on "The Lucy Show" reruns, and I would have to leave the room in a hurry—making excuses about how I suddenly needed to help set the table. The truth was, I just couldn't stand to watch Lucy get caught.

Scary movies, of course, are much worse. If getting caught by Mr. Mooney was bad, imagine getting caught by a maniacal murderer or flocks of birds or a shark. As a result, I've never seen the scary movies everyone else has seen. I've seen photos from the movies, and I know the general plotlines, but when it comes to sitting down and watching the shark attack someone, I haven't been able to do it. Until recently.

Recently, I've seen a few scary movies, and it's not because I've become any braver. It's because my husband, Peter, has started signing out DVDs from the library with what is called "optional commentary." The movie plays but, while all the scary stuff is happening, the director—and sometimes an actor who was in the movie, or an historian or a film editor—jabbers away on top of the dialogue and the music, explaining how all the effects in the movie were made.

You might think this would be very annoying—particularly if I hadn't seen the movie without all the jabbering beforehand. Instead, I find it enormously comforting.

I watch the movie, miss some of the dialogue (but not too much), and the scary music is covered up by cheerful folks talking about

how they made it so scary. I love hearing how all those terrifying birds were enticed into flying after the children in "The Birds" (they put snacks in the children's hair!) I am delighted to hear the mechanical shark in "Jaws" was named Bruce, purportedly after Steven Spielberg's lawyer, and he broke down all the time and caused so much trouble that Spielberg feared that his career might be over. I even enjoyed hearing how the shower scene in "Psycho" was made and how the film, made in black and white, used chocolate syrup for the blood that circled down the drain after the murder—a murder that is never actually even seen, but seems so real with that terribly scary music playing.

I've been able to sit through all of this, almost like a normal person, just because I am reassured every minute that Janet Leigh was safe, no children were pecked by birds, and that terrible shark was, in fact, a very troublesome mechanical device named for a lawyer.

The whole experience makes me feel like I'm about six, and I wonder why I require so much reassurance. But I suspect I've always felt a little too responsible for the fate of others, even if (especially if) there is nothing I can do to change the outcome.

It's good for me to see, in every case, it's just ordinary people doing an extraordinarily good job of tapping into these primal fears of things that fly down from the sky and swim up from the depths and come after us when we least expect. It helps me to understand that I do the same thing in my own life, artfully fabricating fears of unlikely things, and doing an excellent job of scaring myself.

Till next time,
Carrie

Wolfsie's Circular Logic



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

My wife has given me an 11:59 pm curfew. Let me explain.

I feel compelled to take a certain number of steps daily. I did a lot of research on the optimum number for a guy my age. But the chart I was referring to asked: "Born in 1950 or before? Please consult a doctor before making a move." I could have made it easy on myself. You know, maybe a thousand a day. 1500 at most. But on my smartphone, I clicked 15,000 by mistake. Now, I was stuck. I never go back on my own words. And I wouldn't have been able to reset the app if I wanted to.

The problem with getting to 15,000 steps is that I don't have time to reach my daily goal. If you watched me jog (more like a lumber), you would realize how time-consuming this venture is for me. I start on the Monon most mornings. I wave to the people in wheelchairs, folks with canes, and women pushing babes in carriages as they zoom past me.

Recently, I started running in my basement at night to get in more steps. I'd dash around the ping-pong table, negotiate the couch, creep along the wall where the TV sits, and then circle around the treadmill. "WAIT," you say. "You have a treadmill in your basement? Why aren't you using that to exercise?" The answer is simple: I'm not some kind of exercise nut. Who goes on a treadmill at 11 at night?

The late-night dash was not helping me accomplish my goal for several reasons. First, I started to get very bored with my basement routine. True, I did see a few photos and paintings I had never noticed before. I also discovered a half bath in what I thought was an extra closet.

Then, I had a great idea. I decided to begin trotting around the neighborhood at precisely twelve midnight. You see, my walking app automatically resets to zero at midnight, so that is my first opportunity to get a jump on the next day's steps. I won't make my goal unless I get a head start on my 15,000. Please tell me you understand what I'm saying.

I knew Mary Ellen would disapprove. When she heard I was considering this endeavor, she forbade me from doing it. I got away with this a few times by constantly checking to see that she was fast asleep before I snuck out.

Then, after I rounded our neighborhood last week and headed back down the street, I saw a woman in our driveway. It was Mary Ellen in her nightgown, but she also wore a very angry face. She had apparently awakened to find me missing...and realized what I was doing. Yes, she had caught me running around on her.

She rightly told me in no uncertain terms how dangerous my behavior was. I wanted to deny I had done this, but not only had I been caught red-footed, but several neighbors had video of me on their ring doorbell.

I have promised never to do this stupid thing again. First, it's really dangerous. Second, standing in our driveway every night at 1 am in her nightgown could blemish my wife's untarnished reputation.

— 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Fishers
Fishers, Indiana
Nickel Plate Trail Bridge over 96th Street

General Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Public Works and Safety of Fishers, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive bids for the following project:
Bridge and trail construction work in Fishers, Indiana
Online Bids for the construction of the Project will be received for the project until October 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read at a special Bid Opening meeting at 10:15 am (local time) on October 14th, 2024, in the Fishers Hamilton Conference Room, located at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46037. The bid opening can also be joined virtually. No late bids will be accepted. Project Manuals will be available for purchase starting September 23, 2024.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Bid Opening: Meeting ID: 224-231-196-964, Passcode: UDFYjL
For special accommodations required for handicapped individuals planning to attend the public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the City of Fishers at (317) 595-3160 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

In general, the Work shall be completed by State of Indiana certified/qualified Contractor and Subcontractors for the Project and consists of:
Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Construction at the intersection of 96th Street and Nickel Plate Trail in Hamilton County, Fishers, Indiana.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Project Manuals will be available for purchase starting September 23rd, 2024.

Bid Documents and Plans can be obtained digitally from the City of Fishers via link: <https://cpqi.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/?group=8012654&provider=8012654&projType=all and/or www.questcdn.com Reference Quest Number 9330440>. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for a free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of \$42.00. Downloading the documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder's receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates and access to vBid, online bidding via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital bidding documents and vBid questions.

Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.

To access the electronic bid form, download the digital bidding documents and click the 'Online Bid' button or Online Bidding 'Available' button on the bid posting page.

Bids will ONLY be received and accepted through vBid via QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

All payments for Bidding Documents are non-refundable. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on September 27th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. (local time). Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Virtual attendance information is below. If attending in person, the meeting will be held in the Pavilion Conference Room.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Pre-Bid Conf: 224 231 196 964 , Passcode: UDFYjL

Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Work shall be constructed under a Unit Price Contract.
A Bid Bond or certified check in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each Bid. Performance and Payment Bonds each worth 100% of the Bid will be required of the successful Bidder.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on a State Board of Accounts Form 96 (revised 2010). Each Bid shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Bid Attachments (included in the project manual and proposal packet). A financial Statement (completely filled out and signed) shall also be submitted as required by Form 96.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of ninety (90) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The City of Fishers reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than ninety (90) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period.

Submission of a signed Bid by the Bidder constitutes acknowledgment of and acceptance of all the documents and terms and conditions of the Contractual-Legal Requirements and Technical Sections of the specifications in the Project Manual.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities or minor defects in bids or bidding procedure, or reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid as may be lowest responsive or most responsible as exclusively determined by the City of Fishers. The City of Fishers reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-22-18-2.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

In accordance with Indiana Code 22-5-1.7-11, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the E-Verify program.

In accordance with Indiana Code 5-22-16.5, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to certify they are not engaged in business with the Government of Iran, as defined in IC 5-22-16.5.

The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM
18025 River Road
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Tuesday, October 1, 2024
1:00 P.M.
The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.
I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE
II. BUDGET HEARING
III. PUBLIC COMMENT
IV. ADJOURNMENT
The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

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From Page A1

Wednesday, late arrival day, is Country vs. Country Club Day. Thursday is Throwback Day.

Friday is Millers spirit wear/Neon Day.

A fun activity will be the Mini Olympics/Pep Session on Friday, for NHS students only, at The Mill.

The excitement builds all week, leading up to Friday's Homecoming Parade. Students will be released 60 minutes early for the parade which steps off at 4 p.m. with parade grand marshals Tony and Marita Oilar. Tony Oilar is a retired athletic director, assistant athletic director, coach and teacher.

The parade route will begin on Harrison Street next to Ivy Tech Community College and will travel south on 16th Street, west on Logan Street, north on Ninth Street, east on Monument Street and end at the high school.

The parade usually features all of the high school athletic teams, choirs, marching band, school clubs and more. Plus, the NHS Alumni Association members will have a parade entry.

The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF) will offer a new VIP tailgate experience, a fundraising event to support NHS Millers, with food from Ford's Garage at 6 p.m. at the south entrance to Beaver Stadium, said district spokesperson Marnie Cooke. Tickets are \$50 each or two for \$85 for ages 18 and older, geared toward alumni and community supporters, and include food, game and VIP endzone viewing. The party will feature burgers, mac & cheese, desserts, snacks and beverages with vegetarian options available, with food under the tent and bleachers, tables and seats surrounding.

Show your school spirit with a VIP pass, swag and homecoming gear. Homecoming photo booths and backdrops will be available.

The Homecoming football game, Noblesville Millers vs. Franklin Central Flashes, will be at 7 p.m.

The football team, cheerleaders, trainers, managers and coaches from the 50-year class (Class of 1975) will be honored at halftime of the football game, said NHS Alumni board member Peggy Beaver, a 1972 NHS grad and alumni newsletter editor. Those being honored will have free admission at the south gate and reserved seats in the south end of the stadium.

The NHS Alumni Association board, which has set the next NHS Alumni Banquet for April 26, 2025, plans to ride in the parade again this year.

The final event of Homecoming Week is the dance. There is likely lots of buzz this year -- about what to wear -- in anticipation of Saturday's Homecoming Dance, especially with moving to the beautiful new indoor gymnasium and no worries about the weather. About 1,700 to 1,800 are anticipated to attend the dance for which \$10 tickets must have been purchased by last Friday.

I imagine there will be a lot of high school students posing for photos on Saturday around the Courthouse Square, a location that has become very popular for both amateur and professional photographers.

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



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Cross Country team rides on a float during the 2023 Noblesville Homecoming Parade. This year's parade is at 4 p.m. Friday through downtown Noblesville and features many NHS students.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Girls Soccer team members ride on a wagon during the 2023 Noblesville Homecoming Parade.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Girls Golf team members enjoy riding on their colorful balloon float during the 2023 Noblesville Homecoming Parade.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School's NHS Singers show choir members wave at the crowd during the 2023 Noblesville Homecoming Parade.

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Library Offers Free Bike Helmet Program

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) looks forward to hosting a "Bike Rodeo" in partnership with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to promote safety and wellness for children ages 7-10. This program will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fishers Library, located outside near the Nickel Plate Trail.

Attendees are asked to bring their own bike and arrive ready to learn safe ways to travel on bike path trails. After learning some safety basics, riders will then have the opportunity to put those skills into action through an obstacle course challenge aimed to build riding skills. Free helmets and fittings will be provided

(while supplies last) and a helmet must be worn to participate.

"We're excited to offer another Bike Rodeo at the Fishers Library," HEPL Youth Services Librarian Julie Stephens said. "The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bike Team's infectious enthusiasm envelopes the youth attending. The deputies' encouragement creates a fun learning environment. We're also grateful to the Friends of the Library for providing free helmets for participants."

HEPL hosted a Bike Rodeo earlier this year and with great program feedback, the opportunity to partner with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

again, and a generous sponsorship from the Friends of the Library, HEPL was delighted to offer a second Bike Rodeo.

For more information about the upcoming Bike Rodeo and to register for the program, please visit HEPL's events calendar at hamiltoneastpl.org.

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2024 KIA EV6 GT Is the All-Electric, Super-Zippy, Family-Friendly Performance Car Your Burbling Camaro-Loving Ancestors Never Imagined



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

On the way to the grocery store the other night, I was sitting at a red light in the 2024 Kia EV6 GT AWD. Opposite me was a '69 Camaro revving its engine, looking for a fight. As I sat in near silence listening to Aretha on the Meridian audio system, it occurred to me how utterly the Kia would dispense with that iconic Chevy. But this EV has talents your gas-burning ancestors never imagined.

Kia would have you think of the EV6 as a crossover, but it's more of an extended hatchback – what the Brits would call a “shooting brake”, a sporty car with space for sporting endeavors. But, check its wide stance, angry headlamps and slashed lower fascia. Bulging fenders surround fat 21”

wheels fronting lime green brake calipers. Our car wore Steel Matte paint, which lends a sinister look – like Clark Kent’s Batmobile. I especially like the barely sloping roof, gently kissed by the upturned rear pillar, and a wide curvy rump with just a strip of LEDs arching over.

It looks like it rolled off an auto show turntable.

The artwork continues inside where twin 12.3-inch screens top the dash for gauges and infotainment and sueded sport seats with lime piping that are heated and ventilated. The flybridge console houses cupholders, rotating gear selector and wireless phone charger. It's like commanding a spacious starship with a heated steering wheel. Safety is highlighted by front/rear automatic braking, augmented reality head-up display, and safe exit

assist that prevents passengers from stepping into traffic.

You can even back it into your garage from the key fob, but driving is still your responsibility.

Giving me confidence against that rambunctious Camaro is an electric powertrain that conjures 576 horsepower and 545 lb.-ft. of torque – delivered instantly to pavement through dual-motor all-wheel-drive. It'll demolish 0-60 mph in 3.4 seconds...if you're into that sort of shenanigans. But, the EV6 also flaunts 88/77-MPGe city/highway and fast charges 10-80% in just 18 minutes. Range is terrible at 218 miles, but choosing the rear-drive economy package raises that to 310 miles. I'd argue any modern EV in the EV6' price range should be comfortably over 300 miles.

You'll definitely want to drive it beyond its range!

Energize the big pedal and it whooshes silently away. In Eco mode, it's very happy slipping through city traffic, but click into Normal for making haste on the Interstate with regenerative braking feeding batteries on off-ramps. Put it into Sport mode to waste classic muscle cars. Adaptive cruise and lane centering steering calms long highway drives. The car weighs over two tons, but that road-absorbing weight is low down in the chassis and the adaptive suspension tames rough pavement and grips corners with equal aplomb.

Don't get indignant. I love classic muscle cars, especially Camaros. I own an old Corvette and there's little I enjoy more than revving its big V8 engine and shifting the manual transmission

while eviscerating country two-lanes on the weekends. But, the EV6 GT is an entirely different cocktail. It can tenderly take kids to school or unleash Ares on wannabe muscle cars. It also rides comfortably and swallows bicycles whole. It does everything well... except travel long distances without a charging station.

It's not cheap, either.

- Likes-**
- Exotic styling
 - Rapid acceleration
 - Jetsons interior
- Dislikes**
- Short range
 - Aspirational price
 - No hands-off cruising

While the EV6 starts at a reasonable \$42,600, our GT AWD eviscerated \$64,090. Compare that to the Tesla Model Y, Chevy Blazer EV, Ford Mustang Mach-E, and similar Hyundai IONIQ 5.

Storm Forward!

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

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County Creates Webinar for First-Time Voters



Beth Sheller

The Hamilton County Clerk's Office has set a webinar for Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. for new and first-time voters. Hamilton County Election Administrator Beth Sheller will offer expert advice on how to register to vote, the process for requesting an absentee ballot, and details on early voting opportunities.

"We understand that voting for the first time can be a bit intimidating, but it doesn't need to be," Sheller said. "Our goal is to help young voters, and their families navigate the voting process with confidence. Whether you're in college and away from home or just looking to understand your options, this



Kathy Kreag Williams

webinar will cover everything you need to know to make your vote count."

"This webinar is an excellent opportunity for first-time voters to familiarize themselves with the voting process," says County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams. "We hope to engage young voters and ensure they are well-informed and ready to participate in the democratic process."

Participation in the webinar requires advance registration. To secure your spot and gain valuable insights into the voting process, please register using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/first-time-voters>

Elks Offering Four-Year Scholarships

Senior year of high school brings a range of emotions: excitement, relief, sadness, fear. No matter how prepared one may feel for the next stage of life, a strong support system is important to help cope with these feelings.

Ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are open to high school seniors who will be pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis, in a United States college or university. Five hundred of these four-year scholarships will be awarded to the highest-rated applicants in the 2025 competition.

No connection to the Elks is needed to apply, but once someone is an Elks scholar, they are part of the #ElksFamily for life.

Applications for the 2025 Most Valuable Student scholarship opened on Aug. 1. If you know any high school seniors, encourage them to apply. Applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS. The application deadline is Nov. 12.

The Elks National

Foundation awards 500 four-year scholarships based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. National awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year. To be considered for our local lodge scholarships; to get preferential treatment; your son / daughter must also complete the 2025 MVS application.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of twelve semester hours), at a U.S. college or university. Eligible applicants include:

- Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States.
- Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks, nor do they have to have an affiliation with Noblesville Elks Lodge #576.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Complete details can be found at Elks Scholarship Information

Any questions feel free to contact Geoff Robinson at grobin6117@aol.com

Arts Crawl on Tap in Downtown Noblesville

Noblesville Creates and the Noblesville Cultural Arts District are excited to announce an Arts Crawl to explore Noblesville's Creative side and highlight the art and cultural assets in Downtown Noblesville. The Arts Crawl will be held Oct. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. and will begin at the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus.

Those who attend will follow an arts trail around Noblesville's downtown square with opportunities to participate in art activities, listen to music, shop for art at various art vendors' booths, enjoy local food/drink from Four Day Ray, Noble Coffee, Primeval Brewing, and Bier Brewery, and learn about all the arts available to Noblesville and surrounding communities. The official Arts Crawl Map will be released soon.

Activities throughout the Arts Crawl will be provided by Noblesville Creates, Hamilton County Artists' Association, Kiln Creations, Caravan Classes, The Workshops of G. B. Davis, Looking Glass Pottery, and more. Along the trail, you'll also find a variety of merchants, including Just Lagom, Antiques on the Square, and more.

Live performances by Bill Wilkison, Kelsey Van Voorst, and other talented artists will be featured throughout the trail. Additionally,

live music will be provided by Fast Cadillac, Chris Baird, Kelli Ray Yates, Steve VandeWater, David and Pamela Ackerman, The Dead Squirrels, and others.

A VIP ticket will soon be available for purchase, offering access to all hands-on art activities, along with discounts and special offers at many of the bars and restaurants on the tour. Exact details will be announced soon. For questions or pre-registration, contact the Noblesville Creates Partnerships & Projects Manager, Ryan Shelton, at rshelton@noblesvillecreates.org.

Noblesville Creates is seeking artist vendors to showcase the creative talent within the community. The organization is dedicated to promoting local artists and their small business partners, and is only accepting vendors with works of original design. Each application will be carefully reviewed by the Noblesville Creates team to ensure a high standard of quality and a diverse selection of products. Food vendors will not be accepted at this time. Those interested in participating can click here to access the application form. The application deadline is Friday, September 20, 2024.

To learn more about the Arts Crawl, visit <https://noblesvillecreates.org/artscrawl>

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We're All on Same Side for School Safety



DR. ARROWOOD
Guest Columnist

Takes Steps Last week, something really cool took place on our campus. Hamilton Heights

Middle School hosted an EMS and First Responders Day that gave over 350 students (all 4th and 8th grade students and some high school students interested in this career path) an up close and personal look at careers in public service. Students got an insider's view at what our emergency, police, and firefighters do on a daily basis. The event also reinforced the importance of these professional's roles in helping to keep our schools and community safe. Meeting those professionals who live and work in our community was a bonus! Thank you to Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher and Reaching New Heights contact at HHMS, and a talented inhouse team who worked in collaboration with our community partners for an interactive and engaging career exploration experience for our students.

What wasn't cool was an anonymous threat sent to the school district via social media this week. As most of you are aware, there has been a recent uptick in threats and rumors of violence on social media toward schools across the country. As evidenced by Tuesday's early morning threat made on social media, Hamilton Heights is no exception. The threat was determined to be unsubstantiated and non-credible.

As I wrote in my last message, school safety is a 24-7 responsibility. We have a

comprehensive and multitiered safety plan that addresses all hazards that may affect our schools. We have the latest surveillance and security technology throughout our campus, onsite Student Resource Officers (SRO) at each building, conduct a variety of safety and crisis drills each year to help prepare students and teachers for a worst case scenario, have safety specialists, committees, and work closely with local, county, and state law enforcement on all things school safety. Schools are among the safest places for students to be.

Here's what you need to know.

- If any threats arise, they are taken seriously and are investigated. We assess and then react to determine what action is needed. We will communicate as soon as possible with information or a directive.
- Our district utilizes a number of ways to contact families including email and text. If you aren't currently receiving text alerts/communication on your mobile phone and would like to, please reach out to your school's registrar.
- Every tip that the district or local law enforcement receives about a potential threat is investigated without exception.
- Students, families, and staff are encouraged to report all suspicions of threats against a person, school, or district and to local

law enforcement, including through the Hamilton Heights Quick Tip Line.

- Do not repost threats on social media. This creates additional danger for schools.

As a reminder, our district utilizes a number of ways to contact families including email and text. After communication was sent about the situation and continued developments at the school yesterday, we received some calls from parents concerned about not receiving school messenger texts to their mobile phones. If you aren't currently receiving text alerts/communication and would like to, please reach out to your school's registrar.

The bottom line is we are all on the same side when it comes to school safety. We all want our kids and staff members to be safe when they are at school. Parent and student involvement are vital as part of a front line of defense when it comes to preventing the spread of harmful messages. We need the entire community working to help stop these threats. Together, we can ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all our students. Thank you to those who saw something and said something. #WeAreHuskies

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His columns appear periodically in The Times.

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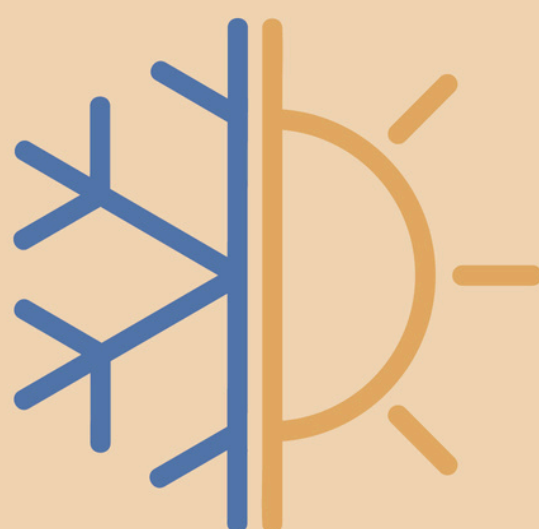
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Last week, the Noblesville Lions Club tested student's eyes at Alphabet Academy. From left, Lions Steve Shaw, Vicki Neddenriep, Dave McCord and Dale Unger.

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EMS/First Responder Day Opens Door to Career Possibilities

Last week, all 4th and 8th grade Hamilton Heights School students, along with some high schoolers, had the opportunity for an up close and personal look at career opportunities as part of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and First Responder Day. The event, conducted at Hamilton Heights Middle School, introduced students to EMS and first responder careers that involve serving the community with basic medical care to being the first to respond during a medical emergency or accident.

Students had the chance to learn about careers that align with their interests and skills so they can start to narrow down what careers to pursue in the future. They were also exposed to different types of careers within these fields that they may not have imagined from various agencies from around Hamilton County and the state who were there to support the event.

Students rotated through stations where they could explore, see simulations, demonstrations, and learn from those professionals working in these crucial jobs every day.

The fire departments shared the different calls they receive, such as house fires and medical calls, as well as showed students their vehicles, safety gear, and explained how the different equipment is used and that their work involves much more than fighting fires. Police Officers showed their vehicles and equipment to students and answered questions about their day-to-day responsibilities. Students got to meet Simon, a comfort therapy dog and

member of the Cicero K9 Unit. They also learned that in law enforcement, you can do a lot of things like specialize in tactics, canine unit, canine bomb unit, bomb squad, and be a detective and like Hamilton County Sheriff Deputy Jon Tindall, work as a School Resource Officer (SRO).

"This event was all about exposure," said Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher and Reaching New Heights contact at HHMS. "Out of the 350+ students who attended, I'm more than confident a handful of them changed the vision they have for their professional lives today. That is powerful and hard to quantify. That is what Reaching New Heights is all about. These moments are not possible without all the community partners pulling in the same direction and believing in the power of career exposure events like this."

"I was very excited about having our personnel participate in this event," said Chief Lance Overholser, Cicero Fire Department. "It presented us with the opportunity to reach students and pique their interest in a career they may not have considered. There is a great deal of opportunity in this field as an EMT, paramedic, and/or firefighter, locally and around the country. In fact, students can start taking classes at age 16 and at 18 earn their firefighter certification – a great first step toward one of a variety of possible careers in emergency medical services and as a first responder."

"We are always looking for ways to engage with

students and improve our outreach to promote exciting careers in this field," explained Chief James Carter, Jackson Township Fire Department in Arcadia. "This event provided us with an opportunity to do just that. We enjoyed talking to the high school students in attendance who are interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter – which is in great demand. I thought the event went well and hope the experience helped spark interest in a career in public service." Hamilton County's Emergency Management's Logistics Section Chief, Michael Franklin, Operations Section Chief, Shawn Miller, and Logistics volunteer, Jake Zier, Logistics Volunteer, were at the event complete with their command unit, drones, and gear. They thought it was a good event and a unique opportunity to share their role and function with the kids.

Rylee Worland, who is interested in the healthcare industry, could see herself as an emergency room doctor or nurse. "I learned that you could text 911 if you are in a dangerous situation and can't speak on the phone, and they respond just as fast," she said. "I also learned that when dispatchers answer the phone, the first question they ask isn't, 'what's your emergency?' They ask for your location." Conner Benson, who could see himself as a police officer, learned more about how the people worked in the helicopter during an emergency. Jaxson Glick said he didn't envision himself in the type of jobs he learned about at this event. But one job that was interesting to him was a firefighter. He learned that this involves a lot more

than just stopping fires. "It was also interesting because of the teamwork involved and I work well in a team because of the sports I play," he noted.

"I learned that the team is everything," added Mila Mann. "The skills you build now related to teamwork, are the skills that can help you tremendously if you pursue a first responder career in the future. From this experience, there were a few jobs displayed that I would consider pursuing like a lifeline nurse, 911 dispatcher, or a job with Hamilton County Emergency Management.

This unique experience gave students an opportunity to engage with several local EMS and First Responder teams including the Arcadia Police, Cicero Fire/Rescue and Police, Jackson Township Fire/Rescue, IU LifeLine and EMT/Paramedic, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Hamilton County Emergency Management and Public Safety, and emergency room medical professionals. We are grateful for all the individuals who were able to participate and make this special event possible and impactful.

"The professionals on site that day helped plant the seeds of inspiration in the hearts and minds of many students in terms of career possibilities," added James. "Meeting and learning more about those professionals who live and work in our community was a bonus for all of us." This program is a part of the middle school's Reaching New Heights Program created to make career exposure a guaranteed experience. These experiences inspire students, increase engagement, and help students feel more confident about their future.



More than 350 students attended the career day.



Students were exposed to careers that involve serving the community as first responders.



The program is a part of the middle school's Reaching New Heights Program.



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