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TODAY'S VERSE

Job 27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Hamilton Happenings

Andy Mohr Collision Center – Fishers has been certified by Collision Performance Network for maintaining the right tools, equipment, training and facilities necessary to repair participating Automaker brand vehicles according to the manufacturer's specifications. In achieving their Certification, Andy Mohr Collision Center – Fishers is now an integral part of the most advanced repair capable and efficient collision repair Network in the country. The Collision Performance Network is made up exclusively of best-in-class collision repair businesses that have met or exceeded the strict requirements of the certification program.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Eli Lilly plans to increase its investment at the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Lebanon. The new \$4.5 billion expansion brings Lilly's total LEAP investment to more than \$13 billion and will enable Lilly to significantly increase its internal capacity to produce more innovative and next-generation therapies for clinical trials. In May 2022, Lilly first announced its plans to invest \$2.1 billion and create up to 500 new jobs at LEAP. At the company's Lebanon groundbreaking in April 2023, Lilly announced an additional \$1.6 billion investment and 200 new jobs at the site. During the 2024 Indiana Global Economic Summit, Lilly announced an additional \$5.3 billion expansion and 200 more jobs. Once completed, LMF is expected to add an additional 400 full-time jobs.

2 Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading a 14-state lawsuit against the Federal Communications Commission's new rule that could limit phone calls for inmates and prevent local police from performing one of their most basic functions – investigating and preventing crimes by surveilling inmate calls. By capping the cost for inmates far below any reasonable level, the FCC will impose new costs on taxpayers and deprive state and local authorities of many safety benefits that come from allowing inmates access to audio and video calls. The FCC's new rule would likely force some jails to eliminate such services altogether – directly undermining the goal of expanding inmate access to calls that the FCC claims it is pursuing.

3 The Indiana Economic Development Corporation secured \$550,000 in competitive grant funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration to support the export activities of Hoosier small businesses through the Indiana State Trade and Export Promotion grant program. IN-STEP. Grant funding will be available to Indiana companies beginning through September 2026, or until all funds are distributed.

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

Today is Oct. 7, one year exactly from the day Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attack on Israel. This was the first invasion of Israeli territory since the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. It also occurred during the Jewish religious holiday Simchat Torah. With tensions escalating still, here is a quick look at that fateful day.

1,180

The number of people killed by the invaders. That included 797 civilians, including 36 children and 379 security workers.



251

That's how many civilians and soldiers were taken captive and held in Gaza.

3,400

The number of people on the Israeli side who were wounded. That includes civilians and soldiers.



6,000

The Israeli Defense Force reports that 6,000 Gazans crossed the border and came into Israel. That number included 3,800 special forces and 2,200 others.



4,300

The barrage of rockets that were launched at Israel the morning of Oct. 7.

21

The communities, kibbutzes and military bases that terrorists hit that morning along the Gaza-Israel border.

43

The number of Americans killed in the attack that day.



Hamas took around 250 hostages back with them. Since then, some have been killed and some released. About 100 remain unaccounted for or are still in captivity today, including Americans.

250

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teens need about ten hours of sleep while school-age kids should get 10-12.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween."

Erma Bombeck

OBITUARIES

None

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



TODAY'S JOKE

What does a ghost call a mistake?
A boo boo.

Secretary of State Morales Urges Registration and Voting

If you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years old by Election Day and you aren't registered



to vote—what are you waiting for? You have a RIGHT to register and vote and should exercise it.

Today is the final day for eligible Hoosiers to register to vote in this most important upcoming election for our local, state and federal public servants.

I think it's unfortunate that many U.S. Citizens take their right to vote to select who our government leaders will be for granted. For many, citizenship is a right of birth, and unhappily sometimes birthrights, which are automatic in nature, require no effort and are not valued and exercised.

Unlike many of my fellow Americans and Hoosiers, I was not born here. Through great effort and determination, my family and I pursued the American Dream and immigrated legally to the United States.

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Halloween Happenings, Fall Festivals, Trunk-or-Treat



Hey ghosts and goblins, it's time for Halloween happenings and fall festivities. And we have lots of fun things to keep you busy, including

several trunk-or-treat events. Here's our list of 35 things to do throughout October:

1. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch at Russell Farms in Noblesville, open daily through Oct. 27 also with corn maze, petting zoo, miniature golf, kids activities, bounce houses, pedal tractors, country store and

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

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Sheridan Cutting Ribbon, Opening Conversation

Trail development has been a big focus this year for the Sheridan community. This past spring, the Town of Sheridan started work on an extension of the Monon Trail to bring it from Biddle Park into downtown. At the same time, the community began work on a trail head located directly behind Town Hall on Ohio Street. The trail extension was completed in August, while the trail head received its finishing touches in September.

The new paved trail head has 43 parking spots and will double as parking for Town Hall staff and visitors during the week. Easy access to the Monon Trail will take users south past Biddle Park, through the Sheridan countryside and into Westfield. In 2025 the Monon Trail will be extended north to the Hamilton-Boone County line, completing the trail in Hamilton County 32

years after the first sections of the trail were laid in Carmel.

The community will host a ribbon cutting on Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. at 506 S/ Main St. All are welcome to attend the event and stay for the community conversation hosted by Sheridan Main Street, Inc., Monon Meets Main.

Sheridan Main Street, Inc.'s new initiative, Monon Meets Main, is an outreach for all members of the community to participate in the planning of how best to incorporate the trail into the community's wishes for Sheridan. Sheridan Main Street Inc is a volunteer organization working with Indiana Main Street to preserve the historic nature on our Main Street and promote a vital place to live, work and play. Please join the first conversation following the ribbon cutting.

'AAA' Long-Term Rating Helps Judicial Center Work



Amy Massillamany

S&P Global Ratings has assigned Hamilton County a 'AAA' long-term rating to its existing general obligation bonds and its lease debt not subject to annual appropriation. At the same time, S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AAA' long-term rating to the county's 2024 general obligation refunding and project bonds, with a preliminary par amount of \$55 million. The outlook is stable.

"The savings on the refunded bonds will allow the county to finance improvements to the county's Judicial Center by extending the current tax rate for four years," Amy Massillamany, president of the Hamilton County Council, said. "That ensures the project can be completed with no tax increase."

In assigning its AAA bond rating, S&P analysts noted the County's "very strong economic profile, characterized by robust economic



Mark Heirbrandt

growth, including the highest population growth among Indiana counties in the latest census," among its key attributes.

It also noted Hamilton County's "strong budgetary management practices" that "have enabled the county to maintain an extremely strong reserve position while managing its operating and capital expenditure growth and limiting new debt."

"This rating saves our residents money, by providing a lower cost of borrowing to finance capital projects. This also makes the county more attractive to businesses and signals a sound and stable economic climate," Mark Heirbrandt, president of the Hamilton County Commissioners, said. "It certainly speaks to the hard work and teamwork of our county commissioners, county council, and finance team over the past three months."

Arts Crawl Tickets Available



Noblesville Creates and the Noblesville Cultural Arts District are hosting an Arts Crawl on Oct. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. to explore Noblesville's Creative side and highlight the art and cultural assets in Downtown Noblesville.

This event is made possible thanks to 32 generous donors from the Noblesville Creates 11th Annual Anniversary Gala held in September of 2023. Noblesville Creates board members and staff presented a vision for an Arts Crawl at that event and donors, partners, artists, and community members have all expressed enthusiasm for the idea.

At the event, attendees will explore an arts trail around Noblesville's downtown square, featuring art activities, live music, and opportunities to shop from local art vendors. Enjoy food and drinks from Four Day Ray, Noble Coffee, Primeval Brewing, and others while discovering the arts within the Noblesville Cultural Arts District. The Arts Crawl Trail, which leads visitors around approximately 3 square blocks in Noblesville's downtown, is studded with arts-centric businesses and organizations, as well

as public art. The trail includes well-known landmarks as well as hidden gems that will delight both residents and visitors. The official Arts Crawl Map will be released soon.

Art activities will be provided by Noblesville Creates, Hamilton County Artists' Association, Caravan Classes, The Workshops of G. B. Davis, Looking Glass Pottery, and more. Along the trail, you'll also find merchants like Just Lagom, Antiques on the Square, and others.

Live performances by Bill Wilkison, Kelsey Van Voorst, Fast Cadillac, Chris Baird, Kelli Ray Yates, Steve VandeWater, David and Pamela Ackerman, The Dead Squirrels, En Pointe Indiana Ballet, and more will be featured throughout the trail.

Attendees can get the most out of the Arts Crawl experience by purchasing a VIP ticket in advance. This registers participants in advance for all of the art activities while also receiving discounts at Primeval Brewing, Just Lagom, Noble Coffee, Noblesville Creates, and more. Ticket lanyards will be available for pick up at the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus on Oct.12.



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MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(5).
/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor

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CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I have a problem with inspirational quotes.

“You are never too old to set a new goal or to dream another dream,” is a quote attributed to C.S. Lewis. He didn’t say it.

“It is never too late to be what you might have been” is something George Eliot is supposed to have said. She never said that, either.

I could keep on going, but it’s a safe bet that, if you read it on Facebook and it is attributed to Mother Teresa, Einstein or Keanu Reeves, they almost certainly did not say it.

For the longest time, I’d hop on Facebook and debunk a quote and, while it was satisfying to let folks know that Einstein was much too busy making discoveries to say the things he supposedly had said, and Mother Teresa did not spend her time writing poetry, I don’t think I made anyone any happier by pointing it out.

I thought it was important to set the record straight. But what I finally realized was that inspiration doesn’t inspire us because it comes from a reputable source. The real reason the quotes incorrectly attributed to George Eliot and C.S. Lewis troubled me was because I worried they were incorrect in more ways than one.

George Eliot died at 61. C.S. Lewis was dead by 64. Maybe they didn’t say it was never too late, or you were never too old because, in fact, it sometimes is too late, and maybe I am too old. This is the sort of thing I worry about, some of the time. I wonder if I might be showing up a little too late for some of my dreams.

I consider myself a very fortunate person. I’ve gotten to do so many

interesting things in my life, and I spend every day doing things I genuinely enjoy. But sometimes, I look at the careers of people I admire, and I realize they didn’t dither around as long as I did. They stuck with one thing from a very early age. While here I am, at 62, looking forward to a first novel that won’t be published until I’m 63, and I wonder (because how could I not?) if I didn’t get kind of a late jump on things.

Of course, none of us knows how much time we get. So many authors and artists I admire died very young. They made this huge splash, and their ripples are still being felt, but they didn’t live long. I like to imagine that, since I eat a lot of broccoli and don’t drink bourbon, I might squeeze out more than the expected number of years to write things and tell my stories. I like to think that the actuarial tables do not apply to me. But, of course, they do.

And, because they do, I will do what I can with whatever time I have left.

I’ll do this because I believe with every fiber of my being that starting late is so much better than never starting at all. And I’ll do it because knowing that life is short (no matter how long it is) provides my greatest incentive to make this time—now—matter.

And, honestly, I don’t care how much or how little I am remembered after I die. I’d just as soon make room for new people to tell their stories when the time comes. My goal is to make meaning of life now. To be useful today. Maybe even offer a little inspiration—even if I am not the most reputable source.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

The Cost is on the Punkin’



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

“It’s time again to celebrate that most beloved and versatile fall fruit—the pumpkin.”

That’s a sign posted at the Dunkin’ Donuts shop near me. There are similar signs at Trader Joe’s and Starbucks. Every aisle has something Halloweeny or pumpkiny, which are not words, except in September and October. Christmassy pops up in November and December. Thankgivingly never made it. And Easterly only comes up when you are traveling from California to New York.

Now, I’m not a big pumpkin fan. I don’t even like small pumpkins. But here are just a few of the current seasonal options I now see at the stores noted above. You can stop reading the list anytime. You’ll get the point.

Pumpkin pie mix, Pumpkin-flavored cinnamon bagels, Pumpkin Greek Nonfat Yogurt, Pumpkin Cream Cheese Spread, Organic Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew, Pumpkin Spice Latte Starbucks, Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffin, Pumpkin Scones, Pumpkin loaf, Pumpkin Spice Signature Latte, Nutty Pumpkin Coffee, Pumpkin toothpaste, Pumpkin Pasta, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Pumpkin-flavored cinnamon rolls, Pumpkin Cream Cheese Spread.

Now, let’s wander over to Trader Joe’s and see what else you can buy. But first, pick up a copy of their in-store publication, Fearless Flyer. Whoever writes the copy has a way with words—maybe the wrong way.

For example, in their promotion for Sugar Bee Apples, the writer says, “We take excellent products and cross-pollinate them with fair prices.” I can’t imagine how they did that. But I once saw a Rottweiler/Chihuahua mix.

Caramelized Onion Goat Log: We discover that this dish “creates a synergistic symphony on the palate.” Well, I’ll pass. I don’t want my tongue making noise. I’m already bad enough with soup.

Petite Pumpkin Spice Cookies where “the white icing furthers the foray into pumpkin spice territory.” This sounds like something a Vladamir Putin Pumpkin might do.

Pumpkin Spice Latte: “This Latte elevates PSL to another level.” I recently got some blood tests back from the lab. I think they said my PSL was already too high.

Pumpkin Butter: “It does not actually contain butter,” they admit, “but its great flavor is credited to its fruit-to-sugar ratio.” Compared to real butter, whose great taste is primarily credited to cows. Maybe they should place a note on the few perfectly symmetrical organic pumpkins they sell: I CAN’T BELIEVE IT’S NOT PLASTIC.

Pumpkin Bread: They admit that baking at home can produce a superior product, but then they say, “...but time does not always allow for such domestic pleasantries.” I asked my wife if she could think of any domestic pleasantries. I had never seen Mary Ellen stuck for an answer.

Joe’s Sandwich Pumpkin Cookies are “twistable, crunchable, crumbleable.” I’m guessing that they are also inedible, but remember, I’m not a pumpkin partaker.

Finally, there’s Trader Joe’s Harvest Brunch Turkey, Apple, and Pumpkin Waffle Recipe Dog Treats, the lengthiest named product in America. These treats are trendy on the West Coast because they are gluten-free, for pups that prefer meat to Wheaties.

Finally, Harpoon Dunkin’ Pumpkin Box O’ Beer? Yes, a box of beer. Somehow, that doesn’t sit quite right with me. I never wanted a box beer abs.

If you are a pumpkin fan, please don’t be offended. I just wanted to make you smile when you read my column.

And orange you glad you did?

– 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.

Cicero Kiwanis Sets Membership Drive



The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is a group of dedicated community members committed to improving the lives of children and families in the area. Through hands-on service, fundraising, and advocacy, the club focuses on making a positive impact in the community, one child at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is excited to announce a community-wide membership drive throughout this month. This campaign aims to attract new members who are passionate about serving the community and making a positive difference.

The drive will culminate in a special New Member Open House on Saturday, Oct. 26, providing prospective members with the opportunity to meet current members, learn more about Kiwanis and its impact, and discover how they can get involved in local projects and initiatives. The open house will be held at Red Bridge Community Building from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. with breakfast being served from 7:30 a.m. -8 a.m.

"We're looking for individuals who share

our commitment to improving the lives of children and building a stronger community," said Mark Bailey, President of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero. "This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in giving back and joining a network of like-minded volunteers."

Founded in 1977, the Kiwanis Club of Cicero is part of Kiwanis International, a global service organization dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. The local club organizes a variety of service projects, fundraising events, and initiatives that benefit Cicero and surrounding areas.

For more information about the membership drive, the open house, or to RSVP, please visit www.cicerokiwanis.org/join and click the “email us” button.

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more. Admission is \$8-\$15. For schedule, visit <https://www.russell-farms.com>

2. The Headless Horseman rides again during Conner Prairie's annual Headless Horseman Halloween program through Oct. 27 in Fishers, featuring hayrides, Trail of Terror, fall-themed activities, barrel train ride, Sleepy Hollow Marionette Show, Mis-Fortune telling with Carl Voyant, live deejay and live music performances from Sweet Tunes, live shows, food and more, with tickets at connerprairie.org

3. Pick a date, Oct. 8-12, to enjoy Fishers AgriPark Fall Festival 4-8 p.m. each of these five days, with special programming each day at 4 p.m. Activities include a scarecrow trail, campfire and s'mores, pumpkin painting, animal encounters, inflatables, games, crafts, music, food trucks and more with registration at \$5 per person for residents.

4. Join the Nefarious Noblesville Ghost Walk 7-8:45 p.m. Oct. 11 in downtown Noblesville by unseenpress.com, with reservations required.

5. Enjoy a safe trunk-or-treat with warm beverages and candy 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at Independence Village Fishers South senior living community.

6. Attend the Bavarian Harvest Day packed with German-inspired food, beer, music, hayrides (noon-5 p.m.) and other activities noon-10 p.m. Oct. 12 at Urban Apples in Westfield.

7. Join residents and staff at Harbour Manor Care Center for the third annual Fall Festival noon-3 p.m. Oct. 12 in Noblesville, with food truck, chili cookoff, fall treats, games with prizes and music by Sweet Tunes band.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Parks

Meet The Sanderson Sisters from Hocus Pocus while trick-or-treating, and enjoying live music, games, hay rides, free candy and food trucks 5-8:30 p.m. Oct. 17 during Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park (Cool Creek Park, Carmel/Westfield).

8. Encounter mystical dragons, The Circle City Ghostbusters and The Sanderson Sisters from Hocus Pocus while trick-or-treating, and enjoying live music, games, hay rides, free candy and food trucks, 5-8:30 p.m. Oct. 17 during Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park (Cool Creek Park, Carmel/Westfield), for \$5 per person with ages 2 and younger admitted free, online at myhamiltoncountyparks.com or onsite day of the event.

9. Enjoy the Princess and Superhero Halloween Bash 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 19 at Pinheads in Fishers, with an interactive bowling reservation special 10 a.m.-noon with snacks, character photos, plus trunk-or-treating noon-2 p.m.

10. Join the FeverDream Halloween music and arts festival noon-10 p.m. Oct. 19 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

11. Celebrate an early Halloween 2-6 p.m. Oct. 19 at Clay Terrace in Carmel during the free 12th annual Boo 'n Brew Fall Festival, with trick-or-treating, live bands Stella Luna & the Satellites followed by Toy Factory, horse-drawn hayrides, family friendly beer garden, Silly Safari animal shows, pet costume contest,

corn maze and pumpkin patch.

12. Attend a Fall Fest with live music, food trucks and more 6-9 p.m. Oct. 19 at Providence & Cafe Jardin Coffee Shop in Noblesville.

13. Kids can Trunk of Treat 5-7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the First Christian Church in Noblesville. Still time to host a trunk.

14. From Horses to Horsepower, this Halloween Burnout Event is open to trucks, cars and motorcycles beginning at 5 p.m. Oct. 19 with lawn chairs, families invited with concessions available, on 211th and Creek Road, Noblesville.

15. Enjoy live music with Jai Baker 3 at the 2024 Halloween Party on Geist at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Wolfie's Grill Geist location.

16. Bring the kids and come to Noblesville Jim Dandy for the annual Halloween Bash 5-8 p.m. Oct. 23, with prize drawings, coloring, crafts, face painting and more.

17. Save the date for this year's first-time Fall Floral Gala 6-9 p.m. Oct. 23 at Mustard Seed Gardens in Noblesville.

18. Create your own Trucker Hat Bar, enjoy spiked cider, fall treats

and store discounts during a Truck or Treat Hat Party 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24 at The Wild Bohemian Boutique in downtown Noblesville for \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

19. Bring the family to Noblesville Parks & Recreation's Frights at Forest Halloween event 5-9 p.m. Oct. 25 at Forest Park. Take a spooky (not scary) trail filled with trick-or-treat stations, wear your best costume for a chance to win in a costume contest, and also enjoy hayrides, inflatables and food trucks.

20. Dare to take the fifth annual Cicero Haunted Trail on Oct. 25-26 at Red Bridge Park, with kid-friendly hours 4:30-7:15 p.m. and frightening hours 7:30-10 p.m. All proceeds benefit Cicero Parks. Take the trolley with stops in town.

21. Ages 21 and older, put on your costume for a Halloween and Costume Party with band Living Proof at 10 p.m. Oct. 25 at Britton Tavern in Fishers.

22. Visit First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville's free Trunk-or-Treat event 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26 in the church parking lot, with kids encouraged to wear costumes and enjoy trunk-or-treating and a make-n-take craft,

music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner.

23. Join Fishers free Boo Bash 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers and enjoy live, interactive stage entertainment with 31SVN, themed costumes and decorated booths, Halloween goodies, games, photo opps, costume parades, recurring shows and more.

24. Join in an unforgettable "Night with the Witch & Famous" Halloween party with costume contest, drinks, tarot and fundraiser for Gal's Guide Library in downtown Noblesville beginning at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at Gal's Guide at Noblesville Creates at 8th and Maple.

25. Join Ahlwardts present "Human Jukebox Halloween edition" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel with Ryan Ahlwardt and Lauren. Come dressed as your favorite singer, entertainer or music group/band with prizes for best costume with tickets \$20-\$30 plus \$25 minimum food and beverage per person with doors opening at 5:30 p.m., choose your cabaret seating at eventbrite.com

26. Enjoy a free Halloween Village for the community 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church with trick-or-treating, costume contest with prizes and dancing.

27. Wear your best costume and play Halloween Bingo 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, for \$25.25 cash only for the night, early birds at 6:30 p.m. for \$5 extra.

28. Put on your running or walking shoes and your best costume and join Carmel Runners Club's Halloween Run & Walk at 6 p.m. Oct. 30 leaving and returning to Bier Brewery in Carmel, with awards for

funniest, scariest, most creative and best group.

29. Watch for the Nickel Plate Express Halloween Railbike Express, which is sold out on both Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 on the historic Nickel Plate Road in Noblesville

30. Kids can enjoy safe trunk-or-treating 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 31, during Noblesville's trick-or-treating hours, in the parking lot of the Noblesville American Legion (on South Eighth Street), sponsored by American Legion Riders Post. 45.

31. Trick-or-treat during official hours on Oct. 31 in Hamilton County: 5-8 p.m. in Carmel and Westfield, 5:30-8 p.m. in Fishers and Noblesville, 6-8 p.m. in Arcadia, Atlanta and Cicero.

32. Join the Mystic Monster Mash at 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at Mystic Images Tattoo in downtown Noblesville, with free haunted house and indoor trick-or-treating, with "not-so-scary" soft opening for littles at 6 p.m., with spooktacular fight for the brave at 7 p.m.

33. Join the Halloween Westfield Ghost Walk for a brief encounter with Westfield's most haunting legends and folktales, including stories of ghosts of the Underground Railroad, from 8-9:45 p.m. Oct. 31, with reservations required at unseenpress.com

34. Join the Halloween Costume Party at 9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Nippers Grill & Tap in Carmel with costume contest and 9 p.m. raffle with tickets to those in costumes.

25. Those looking for pumpkins and carmel apples and more may find an array of choices at Gatewood Farm & Greenhouses in Noblesville.

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



Photo courtesy of Conner Prairie

The Headless Horseman rides again during Conner Prairie's annual Headless Horseman Halloween program now through Oct. 27 in Fishers, featuring hayrides, Trail of Terror, fall-themed activities, shows, food and more, with tickets at connerprairie.org

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Genealogy Conference to Connect Family Historians, Enthusiasts

Family historians, genealogists, and enthusiasts will gather for the First Annual Family History Day Genealogy Conference, taking place Oct. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noblesville Library. This event, hosted by Crossroads Discovery Center at the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL), promises to be an unparalleled opportunity for individuals passionate about uncovering their family's history to connect, learn, and share their experiences.

The conference will feature a range of educational sessions, engaging presentations, and expert-led discussions on topics such as all levels on censuses, newspapers, DNA, cemeteries, land records and more. Historical, genealogical, and lineage groups will be available to answer questions and provide more information on their work throughout the event. Attendees will have the chance to network with both historians and genealogy enthusiasts, who share their passion for family history.

The event will be headlined by Juliana Szucs, a celebrated speaker and expert in the field of genealogy research, known for their work with Ancestry.com. Additional featured speakers include:

- JaKobi Burton, Indiana African American Genealogy Group
- Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist
- Kamia Jackson, Program Committee Chair of Indiana African American Genealogy Group (IAAGG)
- Lauren Peightel, Manager of Engagement at Indiana Historical Society
- Amber Oldenburg, One Branch at a Time Genealogy

- Glory-June Greiff, Historian-At-Large

Sessions

The conference will also include sessions designed for all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned genealogists. Topics include:

- Tuning Into the DNA of Your Ancestors
- Navigating Federal Census Records
- Genealogy Next Steps: Digging Deeper
- Breaking the Silence: Understanding One Man's Naval Experience in World War II
- Land For the Landless: Homestead Records and How to Use Them
- Sermons in Stones: the Symbolism of Grave Markers and Cemetery Art

Attendees will leave the conference equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to continue their family history research with confidence. Whether you're just beginning to trace your ancestry or are a seasoned genealogist, this event will provide invaluable insights, tips, and strategies for making the most of your research.

"The Crossroads Discovery Center staff are thrilled to offer this free genealogy conference right here at the Noblesville Library," Crossroads Discovery Center Assistant Manager Ann Grilliot said. "Learn from top notch speakers. Connect with fellow researchers and discover more about local history and genealogy groups. Whatever the stage of your genealogy research, just curious, starting again, or seasoned veteran, wherever your ancestors are from, you'll find new ways to uncover family history." Registration for the Family History Day Genealogy Conference is free and available at hamiltoneastpl.org.

Arts in Autumn returns in Carmel



The Arts in Autumn, sponsored by Allied Solutions, returns on Saturday from 2 - 6 p.m. This fun fall festival will stretch from Midtown Plaza to the Indiana Design Center parking lot and leads into the Arts & Design District for Allied Solutions' Meet Me on Main from 4 - 8 p.m.

Enjoy food and beverage vendors, arts and crafts merchants, family fun activities, a screening of the movie "Coco" on the big screen, live music from Chad Mills, custom photos booths and an Instagram dog costume contest. Follow Experience Carmel on Instagram for more details.

Trick-or-Treating, sponsored by

CrossRoad Engineers, P.C., will be a featured activity from Midtown to the IDC and at participating Allied Solutions' Meet Me on Main locations. Be sure to grab a complimentary trick-or-treat bag at the City of Carmel tent then customize it at the arts and crafts table at the IDC location.

Also at the IDC, we are excited to welcome back the Carmel Street Department and Indiana Department of Transportation who will host a Touch-a-Truck station with big vehicles for kids

We encourage event-goers and their pets to dress up in their favorite costume, snap a photo and tag @ExperienceCarmel in your social media post.

Fall Foliage Tour Oct. 20

Join members of the Hamilton County Historical Society on their Annual Fall Foliage Tour on Oct. 20th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, participants will travel to northern Hamilton County to enjoy the fall scenery and learn from local historians about the history of the area.

First, gather at the Roberts Settlement Chapel (3102 E 276th St, Atlanta, IN 46031) at 2 p.m. to hear about their newly opened Legacy Walk exhibit. Visitors will then travel to the Hamilton Heights History Hall (420 W North St, Arcadia, IN 46030) to learn about school history in the area, and then lastly to Arcadia Depot Museum to learn

about the Nickel Plate Express as well as local businesses like Arcadia Glass (107 W South St, Arcadia, IN 46030).

Participants will be responsible for their own travel, but the society encourages carpooling with other groups. Optional dinner gathering afterwards at Northbrook Brewing (119 W Main St, Arcadia, IN 46030).

RSVPs are requested. Call the museum at (317) 770-0775 or email info@hamiltoncoinhs.com before Oct. 16. The event will occur rain or shine and is free of charge, although cash donations are accepted for the Historical Society, Roberts Settlement and the Arcadia Depot.

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2024 Mercedes-Benz CLE 450 Proves Uniting Two into One Invigorates the Soul



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Mercedes-Benz makes its money on crossovers and sedans, but its soul is defined by coupes.

Sharing the basic chassis and powertrains with their more conservative siblings, coupes sit a little lower, slope a little sweeter, and cosset more personally. If sedans get kids to school and aspiring executives to work, then coupes encourage a little more fun. And, so it is with the 2024 Mercedes-Benz CLE 450 4MATIC Coupe.

Elegant Simplicity

It's actually two cars united as one, replacing C- and E-Class coupes. Beneath the skin, it's more C-Class than E-Class, but you won't care because it looks and drives so well.

Mercedes design as you know it was dominated by Bruno Sacco, chief

stylist at Mercedes-Benz from 1975-1999 and who gave us such crisp designs as the 1980s "W124" E-Class Coupe and first-generation CLK. Those cars were proud, but understated, with a minimum of bling and extraneous lines. Gorden Wagener, under which our CLE was styled, learned well.

Looking at its face, with its chrome star hung on a single lamella, identifies this coupe as integral to a long tradition of sporting Mercedes going back to the 300 SL Gullwing. Angled headlamps and large air intakes signal aggression, but it's a smooth, muscular arc of a car with just the right creases to keep it interesting. Thin taillamps wrap across the trunk, under a subtle spoiler. Gleaming 20" wheels add at least a little bling.

Sit down, look around, you're in a Mercedes. There's a

flatscreen instrument cluster and tablet-style touchscreen kissing the console, but slabs of metal weave panel the dash (wood is available). Round air vents recall "R107" Mercedes SL roadsters from the 1980s. Seats and trim look like leather, but are actually MB Tex—a vinyl that will outlast you. Front passengers enjoy seats with heat, ventilation, and massagers. Rear seats are tight, but livable. A panoramic glass roof, heated steering wheel, and serene Barmester audio serve vices.

The CLE uses a similar touchscreen to the current S-Class and SL roadster. Functions stay in the background until selected, then expand. A touch retracts them again. It's intuitive with use, but can be a bit confusing at first. Devices connect wirelessly and charge wirelessly too. Safety abounds; drivers get a head-up display to

keeps eyes on the road, but they're also aided by adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection systems.

Drives Like A Mercedes

The CLE's powertrain is like nothing from the past. Pumping behind the big three-pointed star is a 3.0-liter turbocharged inline-six-cylinder engine with a mild hybrid system and 9-speed automatic transmission. Not only is it immensely powerful with 375 horsepower and 369 lb.-ft. of torque, but it's also incredibly efficient rating 23/33-MPG city/highway.

Anchored to the road with all-wheel-drive, it is quite happy storming the left lane of Texas interstates or blasting through Indiana snow or... slogging city streets to the office. Whether you've driven Mercedes your entire life, or are just discovering them

now, you should know there's a nimble heftiness to their manners that is incomparable. It soaks up the road like an iron sponge, settling for hours on end, but never unwilling to chase a curve.

Mercedes coupes were never inexpensive, and neither is the CLE. Base models start at an obtainable \$56,500, but

clocked in at a very luxurious \$75,170 for our test model. AMG versions climb higher still. Competitors include the BMW 4-Series, Audi A5, Lexus RC and Ford Mustang.

Storm Forward!

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

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CARMEL CHRISTKINDLMARKT, INC.

Pursuant to Section 1.7 of the Bylaws of Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc. (the "Corporation"), notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, called by at least thirty five percent (35%) of the directors in office. This special meeting of the Corporation will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.. This special meeting will be held at Carmel City Hall, Law Conference Room, 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032. Directors may also participate via videoconference.

The purposes of the meeting shall include the following:

1. For the acknowledgement of the removal of directors and appointment of directors of the Corporation by the Mayor of the City of Carmel.
2. For the election of the officers of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
3. For the selection and supervision of legal counsel of the Corporation.
4. For the review and approval of an Operations and Reimbursement Agreement.
5. For transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CARMEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 - 9:30 A.M.

Carmel Clay Public Library, Board Room, 425 E Main St.

CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT MERIT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

AT 4:00 P.M.

TRAINING ROOM

CARMEL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

THREE CIVIC SQUARE

The purpose of this meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective new employees.

IND. CODE §§ 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5)

MEETING NOTICE CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

MERIT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

4:10 P.M or Immediately Following the Executive Session (Whichever is Later)

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The City of Carmel Police Merit Board

Merit Board Meeting

Agenda

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 10, 2024 – Executive Session

September 10, 2024 – Regular Session

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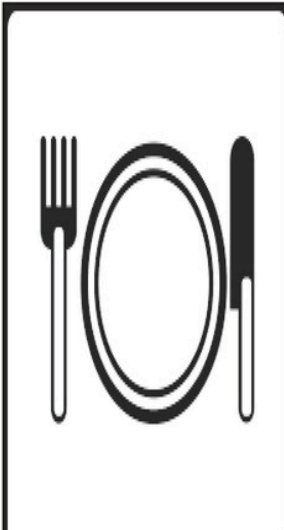
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The Champs!



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

For the second year in a row, Hamilton Heights Middle School's 8th grade volleyball teams rose to the challenge of tournament competition to bring home the Mid-Indiana Conference Championship title. The Lady Huskies 8th grade team beat the Tipton Blue Devils in the first round of the tournament 25-6 and 25-20. They played the Logansport Berries Saturday and won 25-10, 25-12. They faced the Western Panthers and won 25-11 and 25-8 for the title. "The girls played incredibly!" said Coach Shalyn Garrison. "They played as a team and in sync with each other! I couldn't be more proud of these girls and how much they have improved throughout the season! Back row, from left, Coach Shalyn Garrison, Chloe Stuart, Reagan Van Kirk, Elena Tebbe, Riley Suarez, Mila Mann and Dalyla Burrow. Front Row: Klaeh Griffith, Megan Waldron, Olivia Mackey, Ella Worley and Camille Powell.

↓ VOTE

From Page A1

As your Indiana Secretary of State, I understand that the right to vote is sacred—a responsibility handed down from previous generations who fought for our freedoms. For me, the right to vote is deeply personal. When I was in high school, I legally immigrated with my family to Sellersburg. Immediately, we were welcomed by the kindest people and learned the true meaning of Hoosier Hospitality. After graduating college, with a Green Card in my wallet, I served in the United States Army and the Indiana National Guard, it took years to become a naturalized citizen. I am proud of my U.S. Citizenship, I cherish it, I defend it and I will always value and exercise my citizenship rights by voting.

Organizing and overseeing elections that are safe, secure, trusted, and transparent is my most serious and important responsibility as Indiana Secretary of State. Elections are only meaningful if citizens vote, so encouraging eligible Hoosiers to register to vote, and vote, along with addressing voters' concerns has been a responsibility I take very

seriously as well.

Throughout the past 22 months, as your Secretary of State, I have taken a commendable and principled stand by promoting continued voter engagement efforts by encouraging eligible Hoosiers to register to vote and to get to the polls. The push serves as a reminder that the right to vote transcends party lines and remains the cornerstone of our great nation.

Leaders have long championed personal responsibility, civic duty, and respect for the Constitution. By focusing on voter registration and turnout, my office is embracing these core values and reinforcing the principle that every eligible Hoosier has the opportunity—and the obligation—to participate in the electoral process.

I am proud to say with our voter outreach efforts, over 90 percent of eligible Hoosiers are registered to vote and that Indiana's voter registration rate continues to grow. Historically, Hoosiers have supported measures that ensures the integrity of safe and secure elections—often through policies aimed at preventing voter

fraud. However, promoting voter registration efforts does not contradict these ideals. It aligns with the belief that the election process should be both secure and accessible. By standing up for voter registration and participation, my office is upholding that the legitimacy of our elections depends not only on preventing fraud, but also on ensuring that every eligible voter has the chance to be heard.

But the work of reaching out to every eligible voter is not done, and there may still time be a few hours left to register to vote. Please take my request seriously! Go to Indianavoters.com to register to vote, confirm, or update your registration. The process takes less than two minutes.

Americans are incredibly blessed to have the right to vote. Please join me in valuing and exercising your rights by registering and voting this election season.

Diego Morales is the first Latino elected to a statewide office and is Indiana's 63rd Indiana Secretary of State.

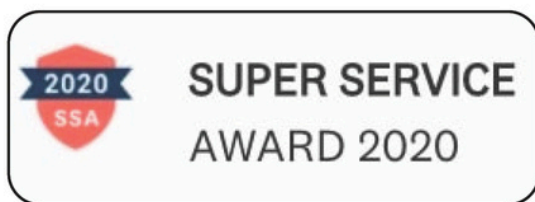
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Blocking and Tackling - The Working Food Challenged



MARK HALL
Guest Columnist

This month I want to tell you Martha's story. She lives in Northern Hamilton County, works full-time, and is a single mom trying to provide for her kids and herself. The problem is when Martha has any unplanned sizable expense, she becomes part of the working poor in Hamilton County.

According to the Census, the ACS-1 survey reports that the median household income for Hamilton County in 2022 was \$114,866, \$56,943 in per capita income and 4.5% of our neighbors live in poverty. By most standards Hamilton County doesn't have a large population living in poverty. In addition to an increasing number of people in our transient and homeless populations, we see more neighbors that float in and then out of pantry use. These are likely our neighbors, like Martha, who float in and out of being considered working poor. They may have stretched things too thin and often don't know where to turn when food is scarce. These families traditionally earn too much income to qualify for public assistance and don't know where to go to get help either.

Feeding Team targets pantry locations accessible to "GAP Families", who, just like Martha, have very little experience getting help when the need arises. They need a few meals to get by before their next payday.

Martha's situation is not unique. She walks a monthly financial tightrope and when something goes wrong, she needs help to get by. Martha is like most people; she so desperately wants to do things on her own. Martha hid her food insecurity from coworkers, family and friends until she couldn't hide it anymore. Once her parents found out that she was feeding her

family from the pantries, they immediately jumped in to help, but Martha refused. That's how we learned her story and it's how we usually hear about pantry use, from a friend, a volunteer or from a family member. Feeding Team's mission is to have food available for hungry neighbors whenever they might need a meal. Admittedly, it's a difficult lofty goal to achieve. But then you hear about the Martha's of the world, the impact that a few meals have had on her and her kids' lives, and we are filled with the feeling of quiet satisfaction. We can never meet the entirety of the needs, but, like the kid throwing the starfish back in the ocean, we helped one.

If you find yourself in need, maybe occasionally you are like I was, a member of the working poor, then Feeding Team Pantry's are especially for you. They are here for you, 24-7-365. They are completely anonymous, no shame and no guilt. We take no information and have no expectations of you other than you merely take only what you need please. Leave food for others that are also in need.

Some future day, we hope that you consider giving what food you can and sharing your blessings with others that could use some help.

The Feeding Team launched pantry 71 in Whitestown recently, with locations 72, 73, and 74 already secured, these pantries will be deployed in the coming weeks. We are grateful for the support of our community, volunteers, sponsors and donors. Thank you.

With over 40,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, www.Feedingteam.org is a registered 501C3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions

asked, free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

www.feedingteam.org facts - 71 pantries, over 11,000 meals in August 2024, over one hundred individual and thirty volunteer families. Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or (317) 832-1123.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX, Talent Logistix. Feeding Families outdoor Free Food pantries is the corporate charity of his company. Mark and his wife Lisa founded the food charity program the team after living with food insecurity as a young married couple with kids.

Baldwin Endorsed by Indiana Chamber

State Senator and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Scott Baldwin was recently endorsed by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Business for Responsive Government in his campaign for re-election to represent District 20.

"Your leadership and support for a pro-jobs, pro-economy agenda have positioned Indiana as a national leader in economic and governmental success," stated Vanessa Green Sinders, president and CEO of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, in her endorsement letter. "As Indiana faces a rapidly changing economy, we need



Scott Baldwin

thoughtful, committed leaders like you to navigate challenges and seize opportunities. Your continued leadership is crucial for our state's future."

"I'm proud to have earned the endorsement of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Indiana

Business for Responsive Government," stated Baldwin. "When businesses are strong, communities are strong. That's why I'll continue to fight to lower taxes, reduce red tape and skill up our workforce so businesses can create more good jobs and keep Main Street and Indiana strong."

Baldwin, with more than 25 years of military and law enforcement experience, is a successful entrepreneur and business owner, a husband and a father of three.

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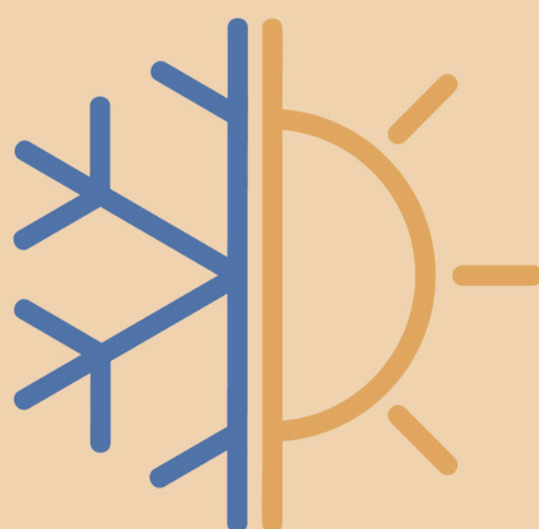
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