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TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

Hamilton Happenings

Just a reminder, there will be no Noblesville Times Print or Online Edition on Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The Times will publish the regular Monday and Friday Online Editions.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Usher in 2025 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks and lakes. First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start the new year. They offer a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature, and connect with friends. Find one near you at on.IN.gov/INStateParkEvents. The hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America's State Parks. They will take place in all 50 states. For more information, visit America's State Parks website at stateparks.org.

2 Our friends at Grunge Gourmet polled 3,000 people in search of the best dive bars for food - and three in the Hoosier State finished among the national leaders. At No. 58 was the Dugout Bar in Indianapolis - a local dive with comfort food. The circle city also had No. 98 with the Whistle Stop and its classic bar food like burgers sandwiches and salads, with some intriguing dishes like duck wings and brisket fries. And up in northern Indiana, the Five Star Dive Bar in Elkhart finished 108th. The Vortex in Atlanta, Rudy's Bar & Grill in New York and Flora-Bama in Perdido Key, Fla. were the top three in the U.S.

3 Dr. Jerry Pattengale, a distinguished Indiana Wesleyan University professor and administrator, has been named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb for his lifetime achievements and commitment to the Hoosier state. The award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in service to the state or the governor and embody Hoosier values such as hospitality, wisdom and dedication to their community.

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borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

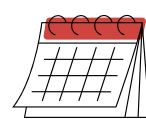
Ready or not, 2025 is here! Here's a quick glance at the year ahead . . . by the numbers!

2.5 percent

The good / not-so-good news for Social Security recipients in 2025 is that there will be a cost-of-living-allowance increase. It will be 2.5 percent, which is better than nothing . . . but worse than the 3.2 percent increase last year. (Also on the not-so-good side, there will be a small bump in costs for Medicare when the monthly base for Part B goes up a little less than \$10 a month.)



365 Yup, 2025 is not a Leap Year or anything. So we're looking at a normal 365-day calendar year.



76 Sure, some of us love winter! Brrrr! The cold, fresh exhilarating air, the glisten of newly fallen snow on the trees . . . while others of us yearn for the return of warm temperatures, sunny days and green grass. Either way, there are 76 days until winter changes over to spring. It happens on March 20.

3 Want to know when the other three seasons start? Wonder no more! Summer begins on Friday, June 20. Fall gets kicks off on Monday, Sept. 22 and we're back to winter on Sunday, Dec. 21!

2 For stargazers, this month is not just the start of a new year, but a great opportunity for two events. Tonight is the Quadrantid meteor shower. The Quads come from a dormant or extinct comet, scientists believe. It comes around every five or so years. The second event is what's called a "Parade of Planets." This takes place after sunset on Jan. 10. What is that, you ask? Well, according to one of the best sources of information in the entire world - the Farmers Almanac - the Parade of Planets is where multiple planets come together in close proximity. The first one this year begins next Monday.

11 One more bonus for stargazers. There are 11 meteor showers on tap this year. In order, they are: The previously mentioned Quads, the Lyrid shower April 21-22, Eta Aquariid May 4-5, Southern Delta Aquariid July 29-30, Perseid Aug. 11-12, Draconid Oct. 8, Orionid Oct. 21, Taurid Nov. 12, Leonid Nov. 17, Geminid Dec. 14 and Ursid Dec. 22.

10 That's the number of U.S. Postal Service holidays we have left this year. They are:



- Jan. 20 Monday - MLK Birthday
- Feb. 17 Monday - Washington's Birthday
- May 26 Monday - Memorial Day
- June 19 Thursday - Juneteenth
- July 4 Friday - Independence Day
- Sept. 1 Monday - Labor Day
- Oct. 13 Monday - Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 Tuesday - Veterans Day
- Nov. 27 Thursday - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25 Thursday - Christmas

\$19,000

For those wonderful people who give charitably, the annual gift exemption allowed by the IRS is increasing to \$19,000 this year. Of course, not only do those people help others, they also can take advantage of potentially helpful tax strategies.

1 All in all, a new year is one more opportunity to live your best life, be your best self, help make a difference in our one world, do one good deed a day, take things one day at a time . . . and, well, you get the idea!

Happy New Year and here's to the best for everyone!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

To improve sleep, keep your bedroom cool, dark and quiet.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential." Ellen Goodman

OBITUARIES

Eva Grinstead

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

TODAY'S JOKE

My one and only New Year's resolution? I want to be good friends with luck all year!

One Last Rant Before End of Year



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Let's jump on the soapbox one last time before we bid adieu to the madness that has been 2024.

(You know, it kind of feels like I've been on the soapbox more this year than any other. Maybe I've just become the old guy yelling at the kids to get off his lawn. I told a friend that the other day and he said yes, I am, but that the world has also changed and we need more people on soapboxes. Not sure what that means, but there you go.)

Anywho, did you see the exchange between Sen. Josh Hawley and NCAA President Charlie Baker earlier this month? Baker used to make \$185K a year as the governor of Massachusetts. His salary now isn't public, but we're told his predecessor Mark Emmert pulled down just a tad less than \$3 mill a year.

Is Baker in the same ballpark? Probably. Hopefully he's not a lot higher. Because anyone making \$57,000 a week or about \$1,445 an hour ought to have answers. Not some of the answers. Capital A, capital L, capital L - ALL the answers.

But when he was being grilled by Hawley during a committee hearing about the impact of legal sports betting on college athletics, he had darn few.

(So long as I'm the old guy yelling at kids about the grass, let me add in here that nothing good comes from the now-legal practice of sports betting. The hypocrisy with baseball alone probably has Shoeless Joe Jackson and Pete Rose turning over in their graves.)

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## OBITUARY

### Eva Grinstead

February 26, 1940 - December 26, 2024

Eva A. Grinstead, of rural Sheridan, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on December 26, 2024 after an extended illness. She was born on February 26, 1940, in Kokomo, Indiana, to Richard and Bernadine (Thompson) Cowell and graduated from Michigantown High School in 1958.



Eva dedicated 45 years to her career as a beautician, running her own Country Charm Beauty Shop, where she touched the lives of countless clients with her skill and kindness. Beyond her professional life, she found joy in the outdoors, spending hours tending to her yard, trimming bushes, and caring for her beloved roses and lilies. Eva enjoyed walking the Monon Trail in Carmel with friends and had a deep appreciation for travel, visiting 18 countries over the years.

She was a devoted member of the Sheridan United Methodist Church during her younger years, and her faith remained a central part of her life.

Eva is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Barton Grinstead; her children, Andrew (Vickie) Grinstead and Bethanie (Gus) Trometer; her grandchildren, Lindsey (Brendan) Pearsall, Brock (Jen) Grinstead, Bond Trometer, and Lyric Trometer; and her sister, Mona Ruby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Bernadine (Thompson) Cowell; her brother, Jeffery Cowell; and her sister, Connie Langston.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her private caregivers - Aleta, Bethanie, Tami, Terra, Wanetta - and the compassionate team from Home Sweet Home, including Amber, Heather, and May. Special thanks are extended to the Brighton Hospice nurses, Brei, Jeanie, and Leah, for their exceptional care and support.

Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. Second Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating.

Eva will be laid to rest at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Eva's memory may be made to the Sheridan United Methodist Church, 207 E. Second Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana.

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## OCRA Has County Connection with Beckwith, Glynn

Following a multitude of impressive appointees, Lt. Gov.-elect Michah Beckwith and Gov.-elect Mike Braun announced Fred Glynn as the newly appointed director of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). As director, Glynn will lead the agency as it works with local, state and national partners to provide assistance and resources to help all communities meet their goals in economic growth and community development.

The incoming administration continues to emphasize the importance of balance between service to the public and success in the private sector.

"Fred is the perfect combination," Beckwith said. "It takes a resilient and determined person to succeed in the corporate world, but it takes a selfless, genuine person to willingly give that up to serve the community. Fred checks both boxes, which makes him an excellent choice, and I look forward to collaborating with him in the future."

Prior to this appointment to OCRA, Glynn worked as a true Hoosier entrepreneur with over 20 years experience in both business and finance. His emphasis on



Lt. Gov.-Elect Michah Beckwith

practical and innovative solutions gave him a leg up and helped numerous Indiana-based companies thrive. Despite his private sector success, Glynn primarily focused on giving back to his community and assisting in the betterment of Indiana. He has also served Hamilton County as a councilman.

"I appreciate the confidence Lt. Gov. Michah Beckwith has placed in me for this pivotal role," Glynn said. "I look forward to working on bringing a more interactive experience with local government agencies, and a more streamlined process to OCRA for the betterment of our communities across the state of Indiana."

Beckwith will take office later this month. He is dedicated to empowering Hoosiers to speak up for family values, demanding transparency in government and providing ample opportunities to thrive in today's economy.

## County Shines at Franklin College Competition

The Franklin College Art Department recently announced the winners of the third annual Franklin College High School Art Competition and Hamilton County was well represented. High school students in grades 9-12 were invited to submit artwork for a juried exhibition in the following categories: 3D/ceramics, drawing, graphic arts, painting and photography. The submitted artwork was displayed at Franklin College during the first week in November, with winners announced at a reception. Cash prizes were awarded for each category.

The judges deemed **EJ Shults'** entry in the drawing category to be the overall winner. He is a student at Hamilton Southeastern High School.

Additional winners, who consented to releasing their information, included:

3D/ceramics category - honorable mentions in

this category included: **Alexander Larkey** of Hamilton Southeastern High School

Drawing category - Honorable mentions included: **Lucy Gard** of Hamilton Southeastern High School, **Hanna Maudlin** of Hamilton Southeastern High School and **Jax Scamahorn** of Hamilton Southeastern High School.

Graphic arts category - Honorable mentions included **Gavin Tucker** of Hamilton Southeastern High School.

Painting category - honorable mentions included: **Maisey Kleinmaier** of Hamilton Southeastern High School, **Riley Meggenhofen** of Hamilton Southeastern High School and **Addy Rogers** of Hamilton Southeastern High School.

The students' works were judged by Franklin College art professors Randi Frye, Barry Barnes, Denis Kelley and David Cunningham.

## Saying Thanks!



Photo courtesy Hamilton County Sheriff Office

**Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, left, and Chief Deputy John Lowes went out of their way to thank Santa for always being there and helping the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation spread joy during the holiday season! Santa's dedication to handing out gifts to children in our community has brought countless smiles and made a lasting impact over the years. To show their appreciation, the Department presented St. Nick with an award for his unwavering commitment to doing so much good in Hamilton County. Of course the Sheriff and his staff are much to modest to point out how much they have done - but we're not. Hamilton County is incredibly blessed to have the Sheriff's Foundation and a kind and caring law enforcement force that consistently goes above and beyond for this county. They all deserve an award!**

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# One More Sun



**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

It is an unusual living situation, in many ways.

My husband, Peter, and I spend almost half the year down in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. We had a terrible experience in another town (an absentee American owner with a filthy rental) and we came running back to San Miguel, desperate to find a place to stay—any place that was clean and halfway affordable. And that is how Jorge found us.

“I have an apartment on Loreto that is available for the month,” he wrote, in response to my frantic post on the San Miguel Facebook page.

“That will be expensive,” I warned Peter.

Jorge told us the price. It was not expensive.

“That will be a dump!” I warned Peter.

It was not. It is a small apartment in a small hotel called “House of the Suns,” and has (according to Jorge) nearly 3,000 suns painted on various surfaces and hung from all the walls. Most of these were painted by Fabrizio, the artist Jorge keeps on more-or-less permanent retainer.

Our apartment is not fancy, and it is not large, but we are happy. All our friends either own their own homes here or rent something much larger and fancier. I sometimes admire their space (and their bathtubs!) but I cannot imagine leaving Jorge.

Every time we are down here, I buy another painting at an art gallery and hang it on the wall. Peter buys another cooking gadget. We buy more pillows, and the cupboards fill with our brightly colored dishes from the market and... we leave all of it, right where it is. Our apartment is rented out to other people while we are away, but Jorge does not mind.

Even so, I was reluctant to broach the subject of the table.

There is nothing wrong with our kitchen table. It's heavy and round and built for the

outdoors, so it did not start its life expecting to be a kitchen table. That is not a serious problem. But it occupies a large percentage of our small kitchen and has awkward legs. And so (because I have a far-too-busy brain), I had been agitating about this table.

“I think we need a new table,” I told Peter.

“You better ask Jorge.”

Peter's No. 1 concern is keeping Jorge happy, and I share this concern. But I also wanted a new table. So I waited for the appropriate time, and I sprung.

“I have a very serious question for you,” I told Jorge—letting him know this might not be as serious as my words implied.

Jorge smiled. “Yes?” Jorge is always patient with my Spanish.

“I saw a table. It is square and painted, and I think it would be nice in the apartment. I wonder if I could buy it.” I did not think Jorge would need much convincing, but I wanted to seal the deal. “And perhaps I could pay Fabrizio to paint a sun on the table.”

Jorge smiled. Adding one more sun to our kitchen table certainly could not hurt.

“No problem,” Jorge said.

“For sure?” I asked.

“For sure,” he said.

So I went out the next day, and I bought the used blue and green painted table, and I carried it home. And the very next day, Fabrizio painted a magnificent sun on the top.

I don't know if this is how hotels are supposed to operate—letting us put our art on the walls and swap out the furniture—but it seems to work for all concerned.

And now, I am looking at the chairs...

*Till next time, Carrie*

## Who is the Mystery Shopper?



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

Every year during holiday time, I pick a favorite Christmas column from the past 25

years that I particularly liked and thought you'd like to read again. Or for the first time. Or maybe the second time, but you do not remember the first time. Any of these work for me.

This story begins several years ago when the UPS truck pulled up to the curb at our house. We saw the driver struggle with a huge carton the size of a big-screen TV. He maneuvered it to the front porch and left it leaning against the door. I went outside to look at it.

“Who's it for?” asked Mary Ellen.

I checked the label, which was addressed to me, but sometimes that sticker is misleading. Some of our credit cards are in my name; some are in Mary Ellen's, so when a delivery is made, we are not sure who ordered it and who the gift is ultimately for. If the wrong person opens it, there goes the surprise on Christmas morning.

“It says it's for me,” I told her, “but I have no recollection of ordering anything so big. Maybe you ordered it, Mary Ellen.”

My wife thought for a moment and so began the weirdest conversation in our 45-year marriage. “Dick, I know what it is. It's that special item I mentioned two months ago that I wanted for Christmas. You said you found it in a catalog. Don't you remember? I am so excited! Thank you.”

“I have absolutely no memory of what it is. Can you give me a hint?”

“No, I can't give you a hint. That would ruin the surprise.”

“Ruin the surprise? Ruin

the surprise? The gift is for you! It's supposed to be your surprise. But you already know what it is. I'm the one who doesn't have a clue.”

“It doesn't seem right to tell you. That's not in keeping with the spirit of giving, Dick.”

“Okay, how about if you whisper softly in my ear and I promise I won't tell you what you said.”

It scared me a little that this made sense for a brief moment. It was driving me crazy that I had no memory of what I bought her.

“Is it a high-tech item?” I asked.

“Not really,” said Mary Ellen.

“Do you plug it in?”

“No.”

“Is it artwork?”

“No, not even close. But I don't want to play anymore. If you guess it, I'll have nothing to look forward to on Christmas morning. I want to see the expression on your face when I open it and you see what you got me.”

Later that morning when Mary Ellen went out grocery shopping, I opened the box. Let me tell you, it was a really neat present. I don't think I have ever been happier with something I bought my wife. Before Mary Ellen got home, I resealed it, then gift-wrapped it and placed it under the tree. Of course, now we both knew what was in the package. It will still be a surprise on Christmas morning, as long as we can both keep a secret.

*— 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.*

## County Well Represented in Indiana Humanities Awards in '24

**The tentative slate of grants and deadlines include:**

**Accessibility and Inclusion Grants**, in partnership with the Indiana Arts Commission

- Up to \$1,000
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis beginning in January or February 2025
- Provide funds to help make public humanities programs open and accessible to diverse audiences

**Action Grants**

- Up to \$3,000
- Applications due the last day of each month
- Support a broad array of projects that help people learn new information, consider different perspectives, share ideas and understand one another better

**Historic Preservation Education Grants**, in partnership with Indiana Landmarks

- Up to \$3,000
- Applications due Feb. 28, 2025 (round 1) and Sept. 30, 2025 (round 2)
- Support programs that educate the community about historic places and properties — and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them

**INcommon Grants**

- Up to \$5,000
- Applications due July 31, 2025
- Support programs that use humanities ideas, readings and scholars to spark in-depth thinking and conversation around the persistent social, economic, cultural and racial issues that our communities continue to face

**A More Perfect Union Grants**

- Up to \$5,000
- Applications due in August or September (to be announced in late spring/early summer)
- Support programs that promote civic education and help address the civic-health challenges that Indiana faces

**Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships**

- \$5,000 per fellow
- Optional draft applications due Feb. 28, 2025; final applications due April 30, 2025
- Support humanities research that explores anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana and that considers how Black Hoosiers have responded

Dozens of cultural institutions, libraries, universities and other nonprofit organizations in nearly 60 communities across the state received grants from Indiana Humanities to provide public humanities programs this year. As part of that, Hamilton County was well represented with Noblesville, Fishers and Carmel prominently on the list.

Projects supported by Indiana Humanities funding include an oral history training, an exhibition on the Potawatomi people of northwest Indiana, a celebration of Japanese language and culture, a Civil War festival, documentaries on Indiana's Latino heritage and more.

“Indiana Humanities is committed to ensuring that all Hoosiers benefit from cultural programming,” said George Hanlin, director of grants at Indiana Humanities. “I'm pleased that we've awarded funds to so many groups across the state and that we've been able to serve such a diverse group of people.”

Indiana Humanities

awarded 44 Action Grants, 51 Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development Grants, 18 Historic Preservation Education Grants, 8 INcommon Grants, 29 One State/One Story Community Read Grants, one Preserving Main Street Grant, and 5 Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships totaling approximately \$317,000.

Indiana Humanities will offer approximately \$300,000 in grants in 2025, including funds that will enhance accessibility efforts for public programs, and help Hoosiers commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

The nonprofit plans to host webinars about its offerings and anticipates holding in-person grant workshops around the state to provide additional information about the grant guidelines and application instructions.

For more information about Indiana Humanities' grants, contact George Hanlin, director of grants, at ghanlin@indiana-humanities.org.

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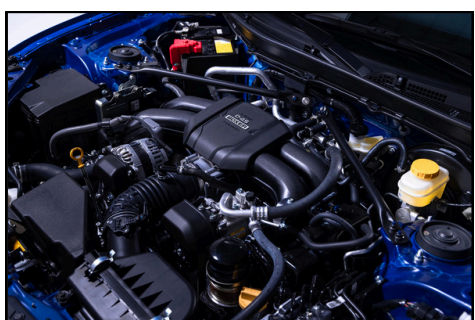
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# 2024 Subaru BRZ tS Proves Some of the Greatest Cars Come from the Craziest Mix of Parents



**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

Some of the greatest cars have been birthed by the craziest mix of parents. Who would have thought Toyota and Subaru could conjure one of the all-time best sports cars with a delightful brew of classic Celica, modern Supra, WRX rally car, and a pinch of Porsche Cayman. There's even a little back seat to get the kiddies to school. It's the 2024 Subaru BRZ tS.

Its front fascia, boomerang taillamps, and WR Blue Pearl paint are pure Subaru. I like the aggressive side sills, body color spoiler, and dual exhaust outlets that add drama out back. But it doesn't take long to see some Toyota Supra in the bubble coupe profile. It's not surprising since the BRZ and Toyota GR86 are essentially the same car. Look closer and there's a bit of Porsche Cayman in there too. It all works well planted over dark 18" wheels fronting gold

brake calipers. An optional convertible top would make it even better.

There's a blending of styles and parts inside too. The leather-wrapped steering wheel and touchscreen are from Toyota, but the controls and seats channel Subaru. Given the finicky operation of Subaru's tablet touchscreen, I'll take the simpler screen in the BRZ. While it does have Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, they are not wireless and USBs are not compatible with Apple's latest format. Digital instruments add a modern touch and are easy to read when you're driving earnestly.

Cars like this tend to have super hard seats, tight legroom, and manual everything. Not the BRZ. Sueded seats are grippy, but also heated and thickly padded. Suede and blue stitching dress the cabin while automatic climate control and deep audio ease the drive. There's

even a large dead pedal on the left and adaptive cruise so drivers can relax. Automatic emergency braking blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection add margins of safety no matter where you're going.

None of this is surprising since even the high-performance Subaru WRX rally car is comfortable during daily driving, but unlike other Subarus that come standard with all-wheel-drive, the BRZ is only rear-drive for that flick-wrist sports car feel. A good set of winter tires plus standard stability control should set you straight for most inclement weather.

You have to rev the snot out of it, but the Subaru-sourced 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine delivers 228 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque. That's enough to run 0-60 mph in 5.8 seconds, but dropping in the WRX' turbocharged engine would light this party

properly and provide a raft of torque to relax daily driving. Besides, it really couldn't make the current 20/27-MPG city/highway much worse. This car really needs a taller sixth gear in the snick-snick manual transmission for highway cruising.

The chassis with STI-tuned suspension and limited-slip rear differential could certainly handle more power. It feels welded to the road on fast asphalt, but also glides over rougher pavement. Magical. But it's the engine that makes it all possible. As with Porsche, Subaru engines have horizontally-opposed cylinders that enable the engine to be placed low in the chassis for the balanced handling one expects in a sports car. It also allows a very low hoodline for excellent visibility that reminds me very much of the Cayman.

Some drivers will buy the BRZ as a fun way to get to get groceries

while others will savor every curvy road and hot on-ramp. No matter who you are, I think you'll agree strange parenting made a pretty special car. And, it's also relatively affordable with a \$31,095 base price, rising to \$36,465 as-tested. Also consider

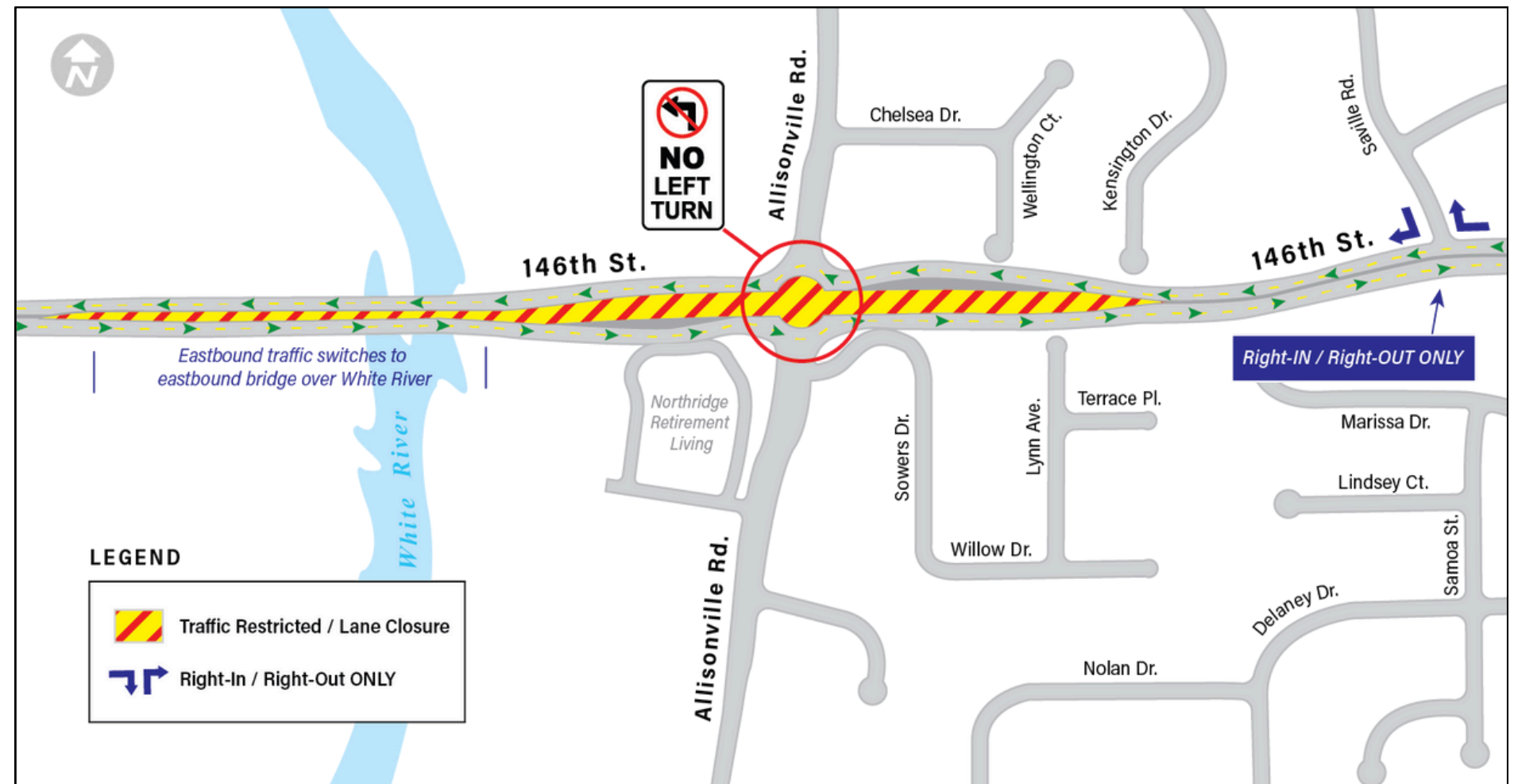
the Mazda MX-5 Miata, Nissan Z, and similar Toyota GR86.

*Storm Forward!*  
  
*Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.*

Likes	Dislikes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balanced handling</li> <li>Cozy interior</li> <li>Everyday usability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No turbo</li> <li>No convertible</li> <li>Fuel economy</li> </ul>

**2024 Subaru BRZ tS**  
*Four-passenger, RWD Coupe*  
 Powertrain: 2.4-liter I4, 6-spd  
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 0-60 mph: 5.8s  
 Top speed: 140 mph  
 Fuel economy city/hwy: 20/27-MPG  
 Assembly: Ota, Gunma, Japan  
 Base/as-tested price: \$31,095/\$36,465

# 146th and Allisonville Project Shifting Again



On or after Jan. 9, traffic at 146th and Allisonville will shift again.

The contractor is implementing a traffic phase shift for eastbound 146th Street. Traffic will be shifted to

the south and will now utilize the bridge carrying eastbound 146th Street over the White River. The contractor will utilize construction barrels to delineate the driving area from the

construction zone. See graphic below for the new lane configuration.

As always, please use extreme caution when driving in this area and watch for flaggers during the phase shift.

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Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 14, 2025. A double-elimination tournament will be played June 8-17, 2025.  
 \* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

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I digress.  
 Hawley, a Republican Senator from Missouri, got in Baker's face about transgenders in college athletics. Maybe it's because I'm a father of two daughters, albeit it was a ways back? Maybe it's because I THINK I have an ounce of common sense still left in my aging gray matter? Maybe it's because I want those pesky kids off my lawn? Whatever the reason, how in the world is this an issue?

How did the word biological get added before saying male or female in today's world? Is there another kind? Did God go and create a non-biological female . . . and instruct them to disrupt girls' and women's sports?

Here's the deal. There were several instances this past volleyball season where teams forfeited matches instead of playing against San Jose State - a team that had a male playing on the women's team.

Maybe it was a protest? Maybe it was safety? Maybe it was fear of a lawsuit?

Think about that one for a second. Baker all but said to Hawley that denying a male athlete the ability to play a female sport - and dress and shower with females in the locker room - could result in a lawsuit. I wonder what the liability is if a male seriously injures a female during athletic competition? Let's go a step farther? What's the exposure for the NCAA if a male commits a crime against a female athlete in the locker room?

Let's go back to me

being a dad of female daughters who were high school and college athletes. There is no part, not one tiny iota of my being that would have been OK with a male dressing, undressing, showering, etc. with my daughters.

What parent would be OK with that?

It seems to me that the NCAA - and much of the world - is so afraid of a lawsuit or ticking off this group or that one that we have lost our minds.

And no, this is not some old narrow-minded guy denying anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community anything. You folks can keep adding all the letters you want, live the way you want, participate in any sort of relationships you desire. It's your life. And the limits on my life are such that I don't get to tell you how to live. But the opposite is true, too. You don't get to extend your rights to the point where they infringe on others.

The NCAA needs to find a little backbone and fortitude and start standing up for all their athletes, not just the ones they are afraid of.

It's maddening because it's all part of this "woke" world we live in today. A friend of mine pointed out that he sees "woke" as simply being aware - conscious of the needs of others and actively try to help; recognizing the diverse needs within society and doing

what he can to support them.

I wish everyone looked at it that way.

I also wish that if you disagree with the folks who take wokeness to a whole other level that the debate wouldn't turn into WW III. But that's the reality in today's world, isn't it. Many on the woke side aren't as level-headed and caring as my friend. They have their view and Katy bar the door if anyone sees things differently. It's been said in this space multiple times that our world has turned into two groups, you're either with us, or agin' us.

That's sad - and it's getting us nowhere.

OK, let me get one more rant off my chest before we close the book on 2024.

This unfolding story about drones is fascinating to me. (Anyone want to guess when we'll hear about them near Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana?)

It's been said by many that the federal government's position - we don't know what they are, but they do not pose a threat - is insane. If we don't know what they are, how would we know if they're a threat or not?

Let's not forget that this is the same federal government that couldn't shoot down a balloon as big as a school bus traveling slowly across the United States until after it floated near enough to military locations to record who knows what kind of sensitive data and

information.

How many presidents have warned us of what our government could become? Just in my lifetime we have heard Eisenhower and Reagan famously speak up. Remember what Reagan said: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'" Or when he said: "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem."

Whether we are talking exploding crime and homelessness in some of our major cities, open borders, a president pardoning his own son, balloons, drones, statements that make no sense . . . this list could go on a while . . . the reality is we live in a world turned upside down. It does not appear that it's going to right itself anytime in the near future either.

Buckle up, Buttercups! Twenty-two four was a wild one. Lord knows what 2025 will bring.

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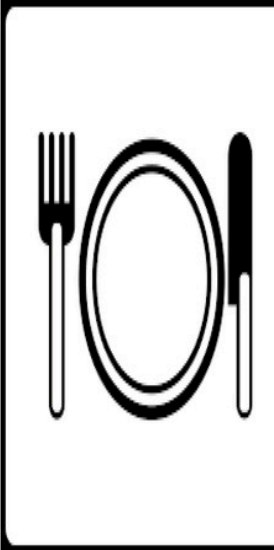
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