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TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Hamilton Happenings

Legislation authored by Rep. Victoria Spartz to redesignate the Elwood U.S. Post Office building after fallen police officer Noah Jacob Shahnava was signed into law by President Biden last week. "I am very appreciative of the support of my colleagues to honor the heroism of Officer Shahnava," said Rep. Spartz. "The renaming of the Elwood Post Office will serve as a reminder of Noah's ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms for generations to come." Shahnava's life was cut short on July 31, 2022. During a routine traffic stop, he was ambushed and fatally shot by a repeat offender who had previously been convicted of shooting at police officers in Indianapolis.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Sadly, Indiana ranks high on a list we'd rather not be on - we are the third deadliest state for farm fatalities. According to the personal injury lawyers at Omega Law Group, data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that North Dakota has the worst number in the nation at 48.4 deaths per 100,000 ag workers. Missouri was second at 40.5 and Indiana ranked third at 37.5.

2 And there was more bad news on the economic front. - A new study shows Indiana is the ranked the 30th-best state for entrepreneurs in 2025. Simplify LLC released a study on the Best & Worst States for Entrepreneurs in 2025 after analyzing six categories of data from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Tax Foundation and the U.S. Senate. Indiana ranked 10th last year, falling 20 spots this year.

3 Three people who were involved in the murder of Chris Beaty must continue serving 108- and 164-year sentences after Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's legal team prevailed at the Indiana Court of Appeals. "Although no one can prevent deadly crimes before they happen, our office works hard to keep Hoosiers and their loved ones safe," Rokita said. "A big part of that work includes keeping dangerous lawbreakers off the street through our handling of criminal appeals." In separate appeals, the three defendants raised a variety of issues they claimed raised doubts about the validity of their convictions and the lengths of their sentences. In each case, however, the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the convictions and sentences.

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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!

The last couple of weeks we looked ahead at the year 2025 by the numbers! Now that we have that covered, let's look at our next national holiday coming up - a celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday!

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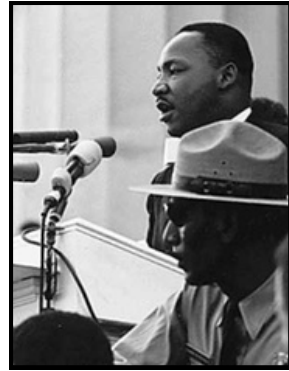
Although we are celebrating Dr. King's life on Jan. 13, he was actually born on the 15th of this month in 1929. Had he not been gunned down in 1968, he would be 96 years old this week.

1963

That's the year he helped lead the march on Washington and stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and gave his "I have a dream" speech.

17

The number of minutes that speech took.



Credit to NPS: National Archive and Records Administration
Dr. Martin Luther King giving his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington.

5

Martin grew up in a family of five. His father was Michael and mother was Alberta. Martin was one of three children. Michael was a pastor.

15

That's the age Martin was when he became a college student. Morehouse College, the school his father and maternal grandfather attended, opened their doors to high school juniors who passed an entrance exam.



Credit to National Park Service
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial opened in 2011.

18

That's the age Martin was when he decided to enter the ministry. He went to Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and was elected as student body president.

29

Although there is some disagreement, it appears Martin was arrested at least 29 times. Many were for things white people would not be arrested for.

6-12

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. All you have to do is write an essay based on the following quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: **"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."** More information can be found on the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest website, <https://iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/>. The online submission deadline is Feb. 28. This program is FREE for Department of Student Programs member schools. Cost for non-member schools is \$10 per essay. Department of Student Programs membership is independent of individual administrator membership through IASP. If you are unsure if your school is a DSP Member, or if you have other questions, please contact Jill at jslinker@iasp.org.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to get pregnant, or are pregnant, be sure to take **400 micrograms of folic acid** a day to help prevent birth defects.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"You and I are told increasingly we have to choose between a left or right. Well, I would like to suggest there is no such thing as a left or right. There is only an up or down."
Ronald Reagan

HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to North Elementaries' **Angie Gingerich and Rob Lugo. Principal Lugo is retiring at the end of this school year and Angie is being promoted to the top spot. Thanks for all you both do for our little ones!**



TODAY'S JOKE

**How do you know if a pool is safe for diving?
It deep ends!**

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **JOANN KOESTERS** for subscribing!

Times Has Free Home Show Tickets

The Noblesville Times once again has free tickets to give away for the 2025 Indianapolis Home Show which runs from Friday, Jan. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center.

All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) to news@thepaper24-7.com and be sure to include your name, where you live (city or town, not specific home address) and a little bit about yourself. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face in The Paper - you win!

And what a year to win Home Show tickets! The Indianapolis Home Show returns for its 103rd year! An Indiana tradition, the oldest home show in North America offers the latest in decorating, landscaping, construction and remodeling ideas. Visitors to the Indianapolis Home Show can talk to hundreds of home and décor experts for advice and explore thousands of the newest home products.

The opening day of the show is special because visitors can pay honor to all our heroes! All active and retired military, police and fire personnel get FREE ADMISSION for the day, plus FREE PARKING at the State Fairgrounds. Just bring a valid ID, and come enjoy the Home Show on opening day!

And on Sunday, Jan. 19, the Home Show, as a thank you to those who help teach our little ones, is giving teachers and school staff FREE ADMISSION. Just bring a valid ID!

The show opens at 10 a.m. each day and on Monday through Wednesday closes at 7 p.m. Closing time for Thursday through Saturday is 8 p.m. and Sundays wrap up at 5 p.m.

Regular admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.

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➔ OBITUARIES

Ivan Sherman

March 12, 1931 - December 25, 2024

Ivan "Sonny" Lothair Sherman, 93, lifelong resident of Hamilton County and recently of Fort Wayne and Lafayette, Indiana passed away at his home surrounded by family early in the morning of December 25, 2024.



Ivan was born March 12, 1931 in Marion, Indiana to Paul and Alice (Lowe) Sherman. Farming became his passion early as he first learned to drive a tractor at age ten and began helping on his grandfather's farm in Fall Creek Township. In answer to a recent inquiry, Ivan proudly recalled that he officially began farming when his grandfather gave him his first hog. Involved in FFA in high school, he nurtured his entrepreneurial interests by trying his hand at growing tomatoes and hiring a harvesting crew. Although he raised hogs and Angus and Brahman cattle in his youth and early adult life, he mainly grew corn and soybeans for the entirety of his career until retiring in his 60's. For the remainder of his life, he continued to stay up to date with agricultural news and technology and treasured creating a legacy of farming through acreage in Illinois.

Ivan graduated from Noblesville High School in 1949 and married his high school sweetheart, Delores Jean Wiggins, on June 26, 1953. They were blessed with two daughters and shared 29 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 1982.

Ivan enlisted in 1954 and served 5 years in the 738th Ordinance of the United States National Guard as a helicopter mechanic at various bases including Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Stout Field, Indianapolis. He still farmed while on active duty and even throughout the 12 years he worked as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service driving a delivery route out of the Broad Ripple post office.

Marrying in 1989, Cleatus Catherine "Cathy" DeLong brought light back into his life and they were married for 34 years. Together, they traveled all over the United States while he worked for Econoway-Overland Motor Coach driving tours, buying and selling motor coaches, and attending conventions. He was able to visit nearly all 50 states, only missing Oregon and Hawaii. He and Cathy shared a love of history and exploration and their house was a meeting point for their blended families to share conversations while viewing home videos, auto races, and football or basketball games.

Ivan was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He was often seen videotaping family gatherings, grandchildren's sporting events or recitals, and his many travels, ensuring each family member received a copy of the DVDs he made for them. Ivan had an appreciation for Indian motorcycles, trains, Chinese food, and couldn't pass up good deals on used cars, especially Cadillacs. Known for taking family members on impromptu and often unsolicited "Ivan Tours", he would drive down country roads looking at crops, farming equipment, elevators, and anything else off the beaten path. One memorable year, he surprised his extended family with a particularly fun ride in his motor coach to see the Reynolds Farm Equipment's light display and all joined in to sing Christmas carols over the loudspeaker.

A member of First Christian Church, Noblesville, Ivan was a 33rd Degree Mason with Hamilton Lodge #533 and a Past Worthy Patron of both Fishers Chapter #446 and Radiant Chapter #200 (Noblesville) Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a member of Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, and the Fishers Lions Club. Generous with his time to these organizations, he was also quick to lend a hand to his friends, fellow farmers, and family. Ivan was slow to anger, an ardent listener, and chose his words carefully. Many have described him as one of the nicest guys around.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, first wife, Delores Jean Wiggins Sherman, second wife, Cleatus Catherine DeLong Meyer Sherman, and sister, Sandra Leticia Sherman Lees as well as numerous other family and friends.

Surviving are daughters, Cyndi (Mike) Renn of Plain City, OH; Nancy (Mike) Ireland of Lafayette, IN; stepsons, Lonny (Shiryl) Meyer of Danville, IN; Brian (Peggy) Meyer of New Haven, IN; eight grandchildren, Katie (Kyle) Feucht of Marysville, OH; Jackie (Cole) Heissel of Remsen, IA; Colby (Mallory) Ireland of Hillsboro, IN; Hannah (AJ) Bursott of Lafayette, IN; Kellen Meyer of Fort Wayne, IN; Elizabeth (Tyler) Webb of Fort Wayne, IN; Payton Kubelsky of Danville, IN; and Kaiden Ortega of Danville, IN; six great-grandchildren, Emery, Harper, Grace, Elliot, Julia, and Elena; and one great-grandson on the way.

Surviving extended family includes brother-in-law Julius K. Lees of Midwest City, OK; nephews, Rod (Cathy) Lees of Midwest City, OK; Norman (Evelyn) Lees of Noblesville, IN; Eric (Stephanie) Lees of Plainfield, IN; sister-in-law, Myra Wiggins of Noblesville, IN; nieces, Kathy (Perry) Williams, Christy Wiggins and Vickie (Tom) Wright all of Noblesville, IN; and nieces Cheryl (John) Parks of Laytonsville, MD and Mary Sue (Chuck) Whitlock of Lafayette, IN; sister-in-law, Martha (Melvin) Steury of St. Joe, IN; brother-in-law Dennis Keller of Butler, IN, and many additional nephews and nieces.

We extend a special thank you to the wonderful staff at Guardian Angel Hospice, Elara Care, and Betz Nursing Home. Your expertise, kindness, and unwavering commitment to Ivan's comfort and dignity in his final days were truly remarkable. We are forever grateful for the support and care you provided.

Friends are invited to join family for A Celebration of Life on March 23, 2025 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hamilton Masonic Lodge in Fishers. Masonic Services will begin at 4:30 p.m. and Eastern Star services will follow. Hamilton Masonic Lodge #533 is located at 11500 Oak Drive, Fishers, IN 46037.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you consider a donation to Fishers Chapter #446 OES, 14491 Harrison Parkway, Fishers, IN 46038, Hamilton Masonic Lodge at the address above, the Indiana Masonic Home, online at imhf.org, or Hamilton County 4-H, 2003 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Penny Griffiee

July 28, 1949 - January 8, 2025

Penny Laraine (Young) Griffiee, 75, of Noblesville, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Penny was born in Noblesville, Indiana to Ivan Young and Nellie (Waterman) Landis.



Penny is survived by her daughter, Laura Davis; grandchildren, Daniel (wife, Olivia) Davis, Nicolas (wife, Deanna) Pickett, Jacob Pickett, Jordyn Davis, Luke Davis and Marc Davis; great grandchildren, Trinity, Brantley, Saphira and Arielle; brother, David (wife, Janice) Young; and sister, Connie Kline. Penny was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Feeney Hornak Shadeland Mortuary.

Noblesville Lions Induct New Member



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

The Noblesville Lions recently inducted Christy Oakes into the club. Christy is sponsored by Lion Jen Carr; and was inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, Club LCIF Coordinator and PDG. From left, Lion Jen Carr; Sponsor, Lion Julia Kozicki; and Lion Christy Oakes

Westfield Mayor Sets First Town Hall of 2025

Mayor Scott Willis will reflect upon his inaugural year in office at the first town hall of the new year on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Westfield High School Auditorium (18250 N. Union Street).

The town hall will provide residents with an opportunity to connect with Mayor Willis, review accomplishments from 2024, and learn more about upcoming projects and developments.

Residents are encouraged to actively participate in the town hall by asking questions and engaging in discussions about the future of our city.

"My administration takes great pride in being transparent and keeping an open line of communication between my office and the community," said Mayor Willis. "Town halls are one of the best ways I can connect with residents and receive their



Mayor Scott Willis

feedback in real time."

This event is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, advanced registration is encouraged. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxzc8m6>.

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Get a Little Stuck On The Wait List



This year had a lot of ups and downs for me.

CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

This past spring, I felt about as low as I have felt about my writing since I started. My book was going nowhere. There seemed to be nothing I could do to better its chances of being sold. I was unsure if anything I was writing was any good.

Then something happened. And that something was nothing at all.

There's a story Stephen King tells about his first novel, "Carrie," my more frightening namesake. The novel, to hear him tell it, was in the wastebasket. (This was in the days when documents were made of real paper and went into actual wastebaskets.) His wife, Tabitha, pulled the pages out, brushed off the cigarette ashes, and read them. She thought they were good. She encouraged him to continue. He did, and the rest is history.

I love this story because nothing happened. Tabitha believed in him. He decided not to quit. This is not the stuff of a screenplay—certainly nothing as exciting as Stephen King would write. But I love the story because I believe this is how most of the big miracles happen. In my case, I just moped around for a few days and finally realized that, if I was going to feel any different, I would have to do something different. And so I did.

I started planning a show for the first time in four years. I made plans to perform in front of people—not because it was the most practical course of action for a writer to take, but because it made me happy, and it connected me and my writing to other people. For the first time, I almost forgot I had a book being shopped around. As soon as I started making plans, everything changed.

I realized I loved the new book I was working on and dove into revisions. I was able to finish the book after that. I had been worried I would have less energy to devote to projects if I picked up another one. Instead, I had much more energy than before. I had just been a little stuck.

And, somewhere in the middle of all that, my book sold.

In a movie, there would have been a miraculous phone call that turned everything around.

"Hello, Carrie? We're interested in buying your book!" the caller would have said in the movie version of my life. This is not what happened. I was already unstuck when the good news arrived.

This is the lesson I'd like to take into the new year.

It's easy to get a little stuck. There are things that will genuinely slow me down and hamper my success and, as optimistic as I am, I'm not blind to these obstacles. More will come in the future. I know this.

But, somehow, I need to find a way to get unstuck.

Sometimes it's as simple as messing with my routine: Go out for a coffee once in a while, take a walk in the morning, call a friend I haven't talked to in a while. It doesn't really matter. That is the point. It doesn't matter what I do, as long as I get unstuck. The hardest thing is to recognize that I am stuck and realize I don't have to be.

I can't fix everything at once. I might spin my wheels for a while. But, with any luck, someone like Tabitha will give my rear bumper a push when I need it, and I can get myself moving again.

Happy New Year, Carrie



I know how tired you all are with my griping about my issues with technology. Yes, I have

DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

written about my computer and my iPhone, but my problems go back much further than those devices. I remember back in the 70s being a little confused about Post-it notes. Did you know they have a sticky side?

Now I have a major issue with my watch. It's an Apple product, which I was reluctant to buy, but my brother-in-law gave me one for Christmas several years ago. I became very attached to it, which is the whole point of a watch. Last year I bought a new version.

I was having the time of my life with it when, with no warning, my watch asked me for my passcode and then suddenly turned off. My watch had never asked me anything before. In fact, I was the one doing the asking. What day is it? What's the weather like tomorrow? Who's winning the Colts game? From my watch, I never heard a word. Not a peep. Do I have a passcode?

Incredibly, I found it. I entered it carefully. I got a prompt that said my code was wrong. It also said I had to wait ten minutes before I could try again, which was ironic because I didn't have a working watch. I have no idea how long 10 minutes is. When Mary Ellen says she'll be ready to leave for dinner in 10 minutes, I swear it takes a half hour, so I never know who to believe, my wife or the grandfather clock in the living room.

I tried the code again. This time, the watch directed me to attempt my code again in an hour. What kind of stupid security protection is that? What was I going to do for an hour? Later, my login failed again. Now it said

I had to wait three hours before another attempt. I decided to take in a movie.

I Googled the problem and was informed that I could reset the watch by pressing the side button. There were two side buttons on the watch. But, which one to press? I've had a lot of bad experiences in this area. I once messed with the wrong wires on my automatic garage door, and everyone else's door opened in the whole neighborhood..... at three in the morning.

I'm not sure this waiting time is an effective strategy to discourage someone with ill intentions. Although memory tells me that when I asked my wife out on a first date 45 years ago, she declined, claiming she was too busy, but she encouraged me to try again in three months. And I did. So, apparently, that method does work. Eventually.

And what a great idea for home security systems. How about a voiceover to the burglar at your window saying, "I'm sorry, we're here having dinner. Could you try breaking in again in three days when we are in Bermuda? Our security system just wants to confirm your criminal attempt.

I'm writing this column as I sit in the store where I purchased the watch, hoping one of the salespeople can help me figure out this problem. The manager told me it would be four hours before I could see the technician. I was very unhappy about the delay but my watch had a big smile on its face.

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

Pleasant Street Closure Delayed

After the recent winter weather, the closure of Pleasant Street between 13th Street and 16th Street has been delayed. Beginning on or after Jan. 20, Pleasant Street will be closed to through traffic between 13th Street and 16th Street. The closure will last until Phase 2 is complete in early 2026.

The closure is necessary to reconstruct and widen Pleasant Street to four

lanes and includes replacement of the bridge over Wilson Drain.

Residents and businesses will maintain access to their property throughout construction.

For more details about the project and up-to-date closures, please visit <https://www.reimaginepleasantst.com/>. You can also follow the project on Facebook and X.

Lions Hear About Shop For Kids



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

At the Jan 8th meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Dustin Dixon as a speaker for Shop For Kids. Dustin outlined how the organization began through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, and now operates as an independent organization. Donations are accepted and the organization can be reached at (317) 678-7248. From left, Dustin Dixon is thanked by Lion Hayden Parsons, Lions Club Vice President.

Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words:

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The 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball Season begins April 14, 2025 and ends on June 17, 2025.

There will be two Leagues: 13-15 year old Competitive League and 16-18 year old Competitive League.

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.

Registration Fee: 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

Player Evaluations: 13-15 year old players new to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball or 13-15 year old players wishing to re-enter the team draft need to attend the player evaluation session scheduled for March 16, 2025 from 2 pm-4 pm at Noblesville High School.

Register today at:
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Audi Q8 Sportback e-Tron, Genesis GV70 are the Ethereal Electric Crossovers that Remain Familiar



Audi Q8



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

German automakers seem to be going through an identity crisis as they embrace electric vehicles. Mercedes don't really look like Mercedes and BMWs are beyond hideous, but Audi has somehow introduced tech-forward models that still respect generations of heritage. Even with glass cockpits and ethereal powertrains, familiarity remains. A great example is the 2024 Q8 Sportback S e-tron.

That's quite a word salad of a name, but it means this is Audi's flagship crossover with a hatchback and electric powertrain. It's big, easily swallowing five passengers in high-German comfort. But it is also athletic, looking ready to zap miles from the clutches of the Autobahn or a twisty sweep through the Bavarian Alps.

I used to think crossover coupes were stupid. I mean, if you want an SUV, buy an SUV. But I get it now. One gets all of the style and exclusivity of a luxury coupe, but with the practicality of four doors, hatch, and fold-down rear seats for recreational pursuits. Sure, rear legroom and headroom are a little dearer, but that's just part of living for form over function.

This one in S trim looks like somebody provoked it. It's showing anger through its wide trapezoidal grille, slashed air intakes, and seething headlamps above. It seems like a lot of grillage for an EV, but the look connects it to other angry Audis. Chiseled muscular shoulders, winged lower body flares, and wrap-around LED taillamps wrap around 20" wheels. It's a big car that doesn't look big - an Audi that's refined and elegant.

Slipping inside, drivers face what pilots would call a glass cockpit...or what Audi calls its "Virtual Cockpit". Imagine flatscreen gauges, large infotainment touchscreen, and lower screen for climate controls. Drivers can grab a stylish bar across the console. Gears are selected by grabbing said bar and flipping a switch at the end with one's thumb. Sleek forms caress natural wood, wrapped dash, and panoramic roof. Settle into heated seats and caress a heated steering wheel. It's all radically new, but somehow familiar.

As you might imagine, passengers are well protected. Safety systems start with adaptive cruise and automatic emergency braking, but extend to lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection

systems. It's all helpful in a vehicle that makes considerable haste.

Batteries and motors only make the Q8 a smoother, quieter, and quicker Audi. All that conjures a solid 496 horsepower, and when matched with electric all-wheel-drive, shoves this big and heavy crossover 0-60 mph in 4.2 seconds. Range for the S version is rated 253 miles, but Q8's lower on the hierarchy can manage nearly 300 miles. Recharge times aren't bad, either. Fast charge 10-80% in 31 minutes or a full drink on a 240-volt home charger in 16 hours.

No matter where you drive the Q8, it's a big and heavy vehicle. An adaptive air suspension does a commendable job of controlling all of this mass, and gives drivers options for how tight or wafty they want their driving experience, but it always feels hefty to the hand. Fine, it's not a sports car. It's a sporty conveyance that will serenely whiff your family to wherever it wishes - as long as it isn't too far away.

All of this electric luxury comes at a price. A base Q8 costs \$77,800, but our S Sportback came to a lofty \$95,990. Competitors include the Mercedes-EQS SUV, BMW XM SUV, and Cadillac Escalade IQ.

Second Thought: 2025

Genesis GV70

Genesis Electrified GV70

If you like the idea of an electric luxury crossover that doesn't seem sci-fi, here's another one you might consider: The 2025 Genesis Electrified GV70.

The gas-powered GV70 was already debonair with its big grille, flowing forms, deep arching swage line in the bodysides, and rear window treatment that echoes the Porsche 928. The only clue this one is electric is the mesh-molded silver insert with a hidden door for the plug where a grille normally resides. The long hood, quad front light strips, and equally thin taillamps continue. It looks especially fetching over 20" wheels

Large screens for gauges, infotainment, and dual-zone automatic climate control glass up the cabin, but Nappa leather seats, sueded headliner, wrapped dash, and lush door panels dish deep class. Indulge in heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, and a heated steering wheel. Wireless phone charging and Lexicon audio add delights. Safety is enhanced by a head-up display, adaptive cruise, blind-spot intervention, and safe exit assist.

On-road, its electric drive dishes 429 horsepower and 516 lb.-ft. of torque through all-

wheel-drive. Boost Mode allows 10 seconds of up to 483 horsepower, running 0-60 mph in just 3.5 seconds. Range is limited to 236 miles, but drivers can fast charge 10-80% in just 18 minutes. Adding tech, the adaptive suspension system pre-reads the road to anticipate and adjust for rough pavement. Adjust drive modes from comfy to sporty.

While gasoline GV70s

start at \$45,700, Electrified versions rise from \$66,950 to our vehicle's \$75,750 sticker. Also consider the Tesla Model Y, Cadillac Lyriq, Mercedes-Benz EQB, BMW iX, and Audi Q4 e-tron.

Storm Forward!

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

Audi Q8

Likes

- Familiar style
- Glass cockpit
- Ethereal performance

Dislikes

- Limited utility
- Shorter range
- Whew... price

2024 Audi Q8 Sportback S e-tron

Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
 Powertrain: Li-ion batteries/motors
 Output: 496 hp
 Suspension f/r: Air Ind/Ind
 Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
 Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
 Driving range: 253 miles
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 Assembly: Brussels, Belgium
 Base/As-tested price: \$77,800/95,990

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MEETING NOTICE

The Nominating Committee of the Carmel / Clay Board of Parks and Recreation will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 5:45 p.m. in the Community Room at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave. Carmel, IN 46280. The purpose of the meeting is park business.

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- January 22, 2025* (January 2025 meeting is the fourth Wednesday)
- February 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
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The following are some of the special features at this year's show.

Centerpiece Home
Davis Homes is the builder of this year's Centerpiece Home, a structure built entirely inside the Exposition Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds! This year, Davis Homes showcases its two-story Sutcliffe Deluxe Craftsman.

Davis Homes, a local, family owned builder, is currently building in more than 20 Davis communities and custom communities in Marion County, along with building On Your Lot Custom Homes throughout Central Indiana. The Centerpiece Home interior is designed by Greg Riley and Ann Walker from Model Home Interiors. Landscaping comes courtesy of Precision Outdoors based out of Indianapolis.

Good Bones
Mina Starsiak Hawk is Committed to "Good Bones" in Indianapolis and Beyond

With her keen real estate acumen and strong sense of purpose, Mina Starsiak Hawk is dedicated to the art and the business of saving old homes. Mina co-founded the home renovation company Two Chicks and a Hammer with her mother in the late 2000s, with the goal of revitalizing Indianapolis one property at a time. She then became the star of the hit HGTV network show Good Bones, currently in its ninth season. With dozens of homes rehabbed and more than 13 million viewers per season, the show is one of the network's most successful series, and generated the spinoff show Good Bones: Risky Business. Mina will be on stage on Saturday, Jan. 18.

100 Day Dream Home
HGTV's Mika and Brian Kleinschmidt Build Homes in 100 Days

Custom home designers Brian and Mika Kleinschmidt create, build and completely personalize a home from the ground-up for their clients in only 100 days in HGTV's "100 Day Dream Home." Mika is a realtor and Brian is a developer. Together, this husband-and-wife team make dream homes come true, helping clients design and build the perfect house in the perfect location. Catch Mika and Brian at the Home Show on Saturday, Jan. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 26!

NEW THIS YEAR:

Cooking Stage with Food Demos and More
For the first time, the Home Show will feature a cooking stage Monday-Friday of the show. Chef Ross Katz, owner of RHB Resources, a chef

centric consulting and management company dedicated to advancing the culinary scene through education and implementation, will be onsite along with Chef Michael Gomez of Indy's own Gomez BBQ, demoing delicious recipes. There will also be a Traeger Grill giveaway tied to the cooking stage – stay tuned for more details!

Nina Klemm Debuts "House of Sleek"
Furniture and Designs Interior designer Nina Klemm, known from Bravo's Flipping Exes, merges her expertise in design, real estate, and fashion with her brand, Sleek by Nina K. Specializing in home staging, styling, and custom transformations, Nina's latest work highlights modern trends in interior design. She's also expanded her brand with House of Sleek (@shophouse ofsleek), an Indianapolis-based furniture boutique, to offer curated, high-quality pieces that elevate her designs. Check out Nina's custom designer room at the Expo Hall and discover the perfect blend of sleek style and luxurious furniture.

Backyard Retreat by Millers Mini Barns
Head to the West Pavilion to enter a Backyard Retreat, courtesy of Millers Mini Barns. It's the perfect place to gather design and décor inspiration for your outdoor spaces – complete with an A-Frame Cabin designed by Jamie Markley and a Pool House designed by Nancy Riesterer.

Sip Back and Relax at the Wine Bar
The Wine Bar by Booher Remodeling and PRP Wine International is the place to wine down. Featuring an open concept in the West Pavilion, the Wine Bar has a variety of wines for Home Show attendees to treat their taste buds.

Expert Advice on the Precision Outdoors Living Stage
Check out all the Home Show stage presentations on the Precision Outdoors Living Stage in the West Pavilion, designed and constructed by Precision Outdoors. A local landscaping company servicing the Indianapolis area for almost two decades, Precision Outdoors offers everything to build your outdoor dream space.

The Marketplace Offers Boutique Shopping Experience
At the Marketplace, Home Show attendees can find everything from affordable furniture to unique knick knacks you won't see anywhere else! Check out this boutique shopping experience – with everything from curated home décor and furniture to clothing, gift items and accessories. Take your next step in everything home décor, located in the Expo Hall.

Real Estate Saw Strong Finish

According to the local F.C. Tucker office, Noblesville's residential real estate market was strong to end 2024, with home sales increasing significantly over last December. Hamilton County overall saw a quieter December 2024 market, with slight decreases in sales.

In Noblesville:

- Closed home sales increased 168 percent compared to last December, an increase of 42 homes sold compared to this time last year.

- Homes in Noblesville remained on the market one day, or 3.4 percent, longer than this time last year.
- The average home sale price increased 49.9 percent to \$460,135.
- The average price per square foot increased 28.8 percent to \$188.

In Hamilton County:

- Available inventory decreased 12.4 percent.
- The average home sale price increased 2 percent to \$525,313.
- Pended home sales decreased 3.1 percent over last December.

Sue Maki Elected President of County Council

Sue Maki was elected president of the Hamilton County Council. She replaces Amy Massillamany. Brad Beaver and Steve Nation will serve as co-Vice Presidents. Election of officers is an annual practice at the first meeting of each year.



Sue Maki

Sue Maki was elected to the Hamilton County Council in 2020. She is an At-Large member.



Brad Beaver

Maki has a degree in political science from Baldwin Wallace University and an M.B.A. from Anderson University. She spent 18 years in the insurance industry, before taking the helm of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy as Executive Director. After HCLA, Maki served as Manager of Environmental Initiatives & Education for Carmel Utilities for 15 years before retiring in June 2021 to devote more time to her County Council role.



Steve Nation

Tom have two grown sons. They have lived and worked in Hamilton County for over 30 years.

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Jerry Mannell Art on Display in Fishers



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A gallery view of Jerry Mannell's exhibit.

The Fishers Arts Council artist for the month of January is Jerry Mannell – two-time winner of FAC’s Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists “Best in Show” award. One of the prizes for “Best in Show” is a solo exhibit in the gallery, and Jerry shares his best work with us this month. The exhibit “Free Associations” is on display at the Art Gallery at City Hall located in the Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, December 30 through January 31, excluding holidays, and can be viewed Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, and at the Second Friday free public reception on January 10, from 6-8pm.

Jerry became interested in art because while he was in high school, people recognized that he possessed talent, and that made him pursue art because it pleased him to do so.

That pursuit led to a commitment to being a fine arts major in college. Jerry also had recognition in literature, particularly in college, and his interest in books and ideas gave him insights into questions about life and human nature. He says, "When I began to look at art in that context...it added more meaning to what otherwise would have been just decorative."

Here's how Jerry describes his painting process: "I do oil on canvas almost exclusively. I start with a very small pencil sketch concentrating on composition and contrast. I transfer that sketch to a canvas and possibilities emerge defining content and color...I keep ambiguity alive by suggesting meaning without actually defining it." Jerry prefers to paint a composition that is primarily abstract, and then he likes to add images that will invite the viewer to add his or her own interpretation to the piece. He says

that process "entails creativity...and that's integral to good art."

Jerry says that the easiest part of his creating art is the initial pencil sketch he does. He has a sketch book full of possibilities. He admits, however, to having a whole collection of paintings that have not worked out for him. He says the most difficult part is trying to pull it all together at the end. "Sometimes just a change of color or an element will do the trick. Getting there can be challenging, but this part of the creative process is also the most fun."

When asked how he preferred to market and sell his work, Jerry had this to say: "The Noblesville and Fishers communities have been helpful. To the extent my work is a little different, I still sometimes struggle for an audience. Although I've been in group shows around Indy and in Muncie and Anderson for many years, I eventually opted to further my craft to the point where I'm personally satisfied with a specific body of work. That body of work is what I'm pushing now, and I'm planning on a digital portfolio to introduce myself to galleries I might fit into."

Join us for our free all-ages monthly celebration on Second Friday, January 10, from 6-8pm at the Art Gallery at City Hall in Fishers. We'll enjoy live music from Elizabeth Lee Music, art that pulls you, refreshments, and our Focus on the Artist programming at 6:45pm. Board member Pat Grabill will interview Jerry Mannell in the Fishers Municipal Center Theater.

Elizabeth Lee's performance is funded through a partnership with the City of Fishers.

Heights Superintendent Shares Update for New Year



DR. ARROWOOD Guest Columnist

Welcome back and Happy New Year. With 2024 in our rearview mirrors, we look ahead with anticipation as 2025 unveils roadways to exciting new beginnings and opportunities ahead of us. As we start this new semester, I want to express my gratitude to our extraordinary educators, support staff, administrators, and volunteers who continuously go above and beyond to create an enriching and supportive learning environment for our students.

January is **School Board Appreciation Month**. We are honored to celebrate and recognize members of our School Board of Trustees for their dedication and commitment to the district and its students. We have five extraordinary individuals who are tasked with the enormous job of governing our school district. They include Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, Arnett Cooper, Julie Davis, Benjamin Lehman, and Gretchen Pennington. These individuals diligently work to safeguard two of our community's most precious resources – our children and tax dollars – while striving to create the best educational environment possible with the resources available.

Our school board members are the unsung heroes of our education system. They navigate complex challenges, make tough decisions, and advocate for the needs of students, teachers, and families. Their efforts directly impact the quality of education, school safety, and the overall well-being of our community. Please join me in expressing appreciation to these individuals for their unwavering commitment to public education, visionary leadership, and relentless pursuit of excellence. Let's celebrate the positive impact they have on our schools and communities and recognize the vital role they play in shaping the future of education this month and

throughout the year!

In recognition of **National Mentoring Month**, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many community mentors for the positive impact they have on our students' lives every day. Through supportive, one-on-one relationships, these volunteers help students reach their potential in inspiring and life-changing ways. Our mentors are invaluable, and we appreciate you!

Hamilton Heights High School National Honor Society is partnering with Versiti to help save lives and make a positive impact through a community blood drive. The drive is set for Wednesday, January 22 from 3 – 7 p.m. at the North Vestibule (athletic entrance H) of the high school.

We Just Observed **Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**. I want to give a shout out to Hamilton Heights' three School Resource Officers (Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and Kevin Neal) for their service and contributions to our schools and community. Their unwavering commitment to protect our children, maintain a safe and orderly climate, and influence in creating a positive learning environment makes a remarkable difference at Heights. I also want to extend a note of gratitude to members of the Atlanta, Arcadia, and Cicero Police Departments and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Our community is safer, and we sleep more soundly because of you. We salute, honor, and thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Let's embrace this new year with resilience, curiosity, and a shared commitment to excellence. Thank you for working with us to ensure our students have the tools, support, and opportunities they need to reach their fullest potential. #WeAreHuskies

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

Galentine's Rebel Brunch: Celebrating Rebels, Supporting Women's History

Gal's Guide Library, the first women's history lending library in the United States, invites you to its annual Galentine's Rebel Brunch on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Osprey Pointe Pavilion (19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville, IN 46062). This year's event, themed "Rebel Gals," is open to all ages but designed with an adult focus. Tickets are \$45 per person and include an array of exciting features:

- Mimosa Bar
- Brunch Grazing Table
- Mantra Wheel
- Squad Selfie Spot
- Rebel-Themed Gift Bag
- "Importance of Rebels" Presentation
- Meet a New Rebel Friend (or Squad)

Dr. Leah "Riwo" Leach, Founder and Executive Director of Gal's Guide Library, returns with a brand-new empowering talk that blends her passion for women's history and Star Wars. Building on the momentum of last year's standing ovation, Riwo will explore the transformative power of rebels in shaping our world, inspired by Rose Tico's unforgettable words in *The Last Jedi*: "We're going to win this war not by fighting what we hate, but saving what we love!"

Leach is a trailblazer in preserving and

promoting women's history. Under her leadership, Gal's Guide Library has received Congressional Recognition and was named 2022 Organization of the Year by Advancing Noblesville. Riwo is a celebrated writer, filmmaker, and podcaster with multiple honorary doctorates. In 2024, she was awarded Artist Leader of the Year by Noblesville Creates. Her creative storytelling has redefined how history is shared and celebrated.

Galentine's Day originates from the TV show *Parks and Recreation*, in which Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) famously reserved the day before Valentine's Day for "ladies celebrating ladies, breakfast style." Gal's Guide takes this concept to the next level, combining fun, empowerment, and fundraising for an unforgettable experience.

Celebrate the rebel spirit while supporting the Gal's Guide Library's mission to preserve women's history. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased at www.galsguide.org

Don't miss this inspiring event filled with mimosas, meaningful connections, and a celebration of remarkable women who change the world!

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