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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Hamilton Happenings

Carmel had a task force to look at housing. Now Carmel has a commission on housing to go over what the task force learned. The end result is that one of the groups will make recommendations to Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam. "This commission is another significant step forward in addressing our housing needs and I am grateful to these residents for their willingness to serve," she said. "We have clearly defined the challenges we face and are now taking steps to ensure the long-term sustainability of diverse housing options for future generations." Among the commission's plans: strategize options for protecting existing single-family neighborhoods, assess current zoning regulations pertaining to housing and study options and strategies for new affordable housing. Commission members will meet twice monthly.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Music icons Bret Michaels and The All-American Rejects will rock fans at the Miller Lite Carb Day Concert on Friday, May 23 at the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Miller Lite Carb Day is a full day of on- and off-track action and entertainment. All general admission, concert pit and VIP Deck concert tickets include admission to the concert and to on-track activities. Tickets are on sale now at IMS.com.

2 While we're on the subject of the track, Indiana Fever guard Lexie Hull will join IMS and NTT IndyCar Series President J. Douglas Boles to raise an NTT INDYCAR SERIES flag above the Pagoda at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The annual ceremony marks the start of the start of the 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season and is an important milestone in the countdown to the 109th Indianapolis 500. The first race of 2025 is Sunday's Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

3 House fires are unpredictable and can happen anywhere – but which cities are most vulnerable when disaster strikes? According to our friends at Home Gnome, Pomona, Calif. Is the most vulnerable city in the U.S. with Sacramento as the least. Thankfully, at least for the vulnerable list, no Indiana cities made the ranking. Others in the top five were Detroit, El Paso, Oxnard, Calif. And Wichita. Home Gnome compared the 200 biggest U.S. cities based on fire risk, access to career and volunteer firefighters and the percentage of homes using gas for heating.

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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!

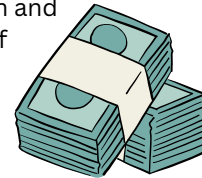
The Department of Government Efficiency – or DOGE – has certainly been in the news of late. Supporters and critics alike are paying attention to the department that President Donald Trump tasked businessman and billionaire Elon Musk to run. Love it, hate it or somewhere in the middle – there's no denying that the new department is all about the numbers.

\$840 Billion

Do we need DOGE? The debate continues. But the reality is that the U.S. Treasury Department reports that so far the federal government's fiscal year 2025 spending exceeds its revenues by \$840 billion.

\$4.92 Trillion vs. \$6.75 Trillion

The Treasury folks report that in fiscal year 2024 our government collected \$4.9 trillion and spent \$6.7 trillion, creating a deficit of \$1.8 trillion.



2001

In the last half century, the U.S. has experienced a fiscal year-end budget surplus four times. The last one was in 2001. The president then was George W. Bush.



When spending and money collected are the same, the budget is considered balance. But also remember that there is a difference between our national debt and our national deficit. The Treasury Department explains it like this: To pay for a deficit, the federal government borrows money by selling Treasury bonds, bills, and other securities. The national debt is the accumulation of this borrowing along with associated interest owed to the investors who purchased these securities. As the federal government experiences reoccurring deficits, which are common, the national debt grows.

2009

That's the year our federal deficit topped \$1 trillion for the first time, finishing at \$1.42 trillion. Since then, it has bounced around with 2020 being the biggest year at \$3.1 trillion.

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How many zeroes are in a trillion.

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To put numbers that can be hard to understand in perspective, people often use time. If we look at it in seconds instead of dollars, here's how long a thousand seconds are compared to others. One thousand seconds was 16 minutes and 40 seconds ago. You know, about the time you were having a cup of coffee. One million seconds is 11 days, 13 hours 46 minutes and 40 seconds. Brrrr. It was cold that day! One billion seconds is 31.5 years. Ah, youth! We remember what that felt like! One trillion seconds is 31,688 years. We were in an ice age (and boy was it cold THAT day!) and Neanderthals well may have been wandering around.



Photo courtesy NFD

Thanks to excellent work, many situations that could turn out bad turn out good. Firefighter Ryan Haboush and the resident's dog were all smiles.

No Injuries Reported in Noblesville House Fire

All's well that ends well after Noblesville Fire Department units responded to a report of a potential residential fire last week.

NFD first responders were called to a residence in the 19000 block of Mallory Road Wednesday night around 11. The resident had discovered the fire when a smoke alarm sounded, alerting her to the danger. She tried using a fire extinguisher and fire blanket before realizing the fire was too large. She then wisely called 911 for assistance.

Firefighters quickly located and isolated the fire to the screened-in porch at the rear of the home. A thorough search of the house ensured that no other areas were affected, and the resident's dog was safely located and removed from the home. Fortunately, there were no injuries to civilians, firefighters, or pets. The Noblesville Police Department and Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department assisted NFD during the response. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The fire serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of working smoke detectors in every home. NFD encourages all residents to ensure their smoke alarms are properly installed and functioning. If you or someone you know needs assistance with smoke detectors, the Noblesville Fire Department is available to help. Please email thash@noblesville.in.gov to schedule a visit.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Learn to read food labels and watch for ingredients that end in -ose, that means it's a form of sugar.



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

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Failure is not the opposite of success: it's part of success." Arianna Huffington

TODAY'S JOKE

Do clouds wear shorts? Sure! Thunderpants!

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The good folks screaming about losing DEI mean well. They're just D-E-A-D wrong.



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Barbara Ann Mitchell

July 28, 1931 - February 11, 2025

Barbara Ann Mitchell, 93, passed away peacefully, from this world, on February 11, 2025, in Greenwood, Indiana. She spent the last two years of her life, as a resident of Aspen Trace Senior Living Center. She received excellent care, from the staff, on Ambassador Square.



Barbara was born on July 28, 1931, in Weldon, Illinois, to Earl and Gertrude Oakes.

She graduated from Noblesville High School, in 1949. In 1950, she married Richard L. Mitchell. Barbara and Richard moved to Lafayette, IN., where they lived most of their lives, and raised their two children. Barbara was an active member of Central Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, IN. She was well known for her passion for playing bridge, golf, sewing, quilting, and hospitality. Among many highlights of her golf success, one that she was most proud of was the sinking of two (2) holes-in-one. She was a member of the Tri Kappa Sorority, the Elks Ladies Golf League, and several Lafayette bridge clubs, throughout her life.

Barbara will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and her unwavering love for her family. Her creativity with various crafts, especially with her sewing and quilting, was that of a true artist. She believed that anything worth doing deserved the best work that her hands could accomplish. She loved to sit outside and take in the activity of the birds and busy people coming and going. She enjoyed country music, reading, and talking with people. Barb will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Barb is survived by her two children, Terrylee Turnipseed (Stan) of Greenwood, Indiana, and Timothy Mitchell (Amy) of Anderson, South Carolina. Barbara was blessed with four grandchildren, Scott Turnipseed, Samuel Mitchell, Alexander Mitchell, and Sarah Mitchell, as well as three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 2016, her granddaughter, Sarah Mitchell, in 2022, and her siblings William and Richard Oakes, and Shirley Rita.

Barbara will be laid to rest at the Crownland Cemetery, in Noblesville, IN. next to her husband Richard. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Jessen Funeral Home & Simple Cremation in Whiteland. www.jessenfuneralhome.com

"It's so much darker when a light goes out than it would have been if it had never shone."

—JOHN STEINBECK



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NHS National Merit Finalists



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School has an impressive five National Merit Scholarship finalists this year. Congratulations to (from left) Alexander Marshall, Emma Duell, Vaibhav Patel, Megan Rowley and Eleanor Meginnis on this significant academic achievement.

Whitney Gray New Principal at Hamilton Heights

Hamilton Heights School Corporation announced that Whitney Gray has been named as the new principal for Hamilton Heights High School. Gray steps into the role held by Jarrod Mason, a respected colleague, mentor, and beloved principal who passed away unexpectedly in November.

Gray, who previously served as the assistant principal, brings a wealth of experience, knowledge of the day to day operations in the building, and a deep commitment to the school community. Gray was among a pool of 16 applicants and the top five candidates interviewed by the HHHS Principal Search Committee.

"It has been such an honor to serve as the assistant principal for the last 12 years," said Whitney Gray, of her tenure at Heights. "It's incredibly bittersweet, but I consider it a great privilege to step into the principal role and appreciate the unbelievable support I have received along

the way. Filling Mr. Mason's shoes is simply not possible, but I trust that the team we have will continue the dream and vision Mr. Mason had for Hamilton Heights High School. I am looking forward to 'Marching On...'"

"A committee of two HHHS teachers, the HHES and HHMS Principals, the HHSC Business Manager, and Special Education Director committed a lot of time and effort in going through the search process for the 13th principal in the history of Hamilton Heights High School," explained Dr. Derek Arrowood, HHSC Superintendent. "Whitney beat out a very deep pool but left no doubt in the committee's mind that she is absolutely the best person to lead our high school. I can't wait to see the great things Whitney is going to do to carry on Jarrod's legacy while creating her own and making a positive difference in the lives of all HHHS students."

Gray, who earned her bachelor's degree

from Indiana Wesleyan University (2008) and her master's degree from Butler University (2012). She joined Hamilton Heights as a special education teacher in 2009 and was named as the high school assistant principal in 2013.

Gray loves what she does, and it shows. She has spent her entire educational career at Heights and has said time and again, "there is no place else I'd rather be." She has earned a respected reputation through her servant style of leadership and "what's best for kids" philosophy. She has played a pivotal role in creating new programs inside and outside the classroom that have elevated teaching and learning at the high school. Gray's passion for education and her ability to connect with both students and staff has enabled her to establish and maintain a positive culture and a high standard of academic achievement. While this was never on her



Whitney Gray

radar, she is exactly where she needs to be.

In her new role as principal, Gray plans to continue fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. "There is a lot of emotion involved with this next step," she added, "but the joy and excitement are equally as strong as the heartache and pain of the last few months." Gray is unwavering in her commitment to helping students and teachers achieve their full potential and is excited to lead the school towards new heights of success, carrying on where Jarrod left off.

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Talking to a Friend



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

Yesterday, I got to talk with an old friend. I used to see Cheryl almost every day. But for the last several years, we have seen each other once a year, at most. She's going to direct my show, so we'll be working together again. We had coffee and soup on a very cold day, and I had this strange feeling I had slipped back in time. I didn't need to explain a thing, talking to this old friend. I knew her and she knew me, and I lost track of the number of times we finished each other's thoughts.

"If we can't find a chair that looks good..." I began.

"You could bring a throw to toss over it," she finished.

"Exactly," I said.

We did that all afternoon.

This is also the week my editor, Patty, is retiring. Patty has been editing my columns for most of the time I've been writing The Postscript. She's repaired my fractured sentences and added literally thousands of missing commas to my writing, as she has for writers for the last 44 years, and if anyone deserves a restful retirement from all that bad punctuation, it is her.

But I can't imagine not talking with my friend Patty every week because—although I'm sure she is one of the best editors in the business—that is not what makes her really special. What makes her special is that every week she says something nice about my column. There is no need for her to do this, but it means the world to me. She does this every single week, and I will miss her terribly.

But I somehow feel that Patty will remain in my life, just as Cheryl drifted away for a bit and circled back. The

people who are meant to be in my life have a way of staying there, in some form or another, sometimes taking a step back to make room for the new friends in my life.

And sometimes friendships end. I had a friend who ghosted me years ago. She did it three times and, finally, I decided I would stop reaching out to her except on her birthday. One year, on her birthday, she responded. She said she was sorry she had ghosted me. She said she had a lot going on in her life that made her anxious and insecure, and this was how she dealt with it.

I've learned that almost always, when people do something that hurts me, it has much more to do with their own hurts than me. And those hurts were usually there long before I met them. We had a good time, while we were friends, and the memory of her leaving is forgotten, replaced by memories of the lunches and laughter we shared.

Relationships change. One thing leads to another and, before I know it, I'm spending my time with new people, talking to new friends, without realizing how much has changed. I've met a couple of people in the last few months that I suspect (and hope!) will be friends in the future. And I know, as I grow older, keeping in touch with old friends and making new ones is important.

My grandmother lived to be 100 and outlived all her old friends. So she made new old friends. By the time she passed, many of her friends were closer in age to her children than to her, but she always seemed to have someone to talk to. And that is what matters.

We all need someone to talk to.

Till next time, Carrie

Time for Change



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I believe in change as much as the next person. I believe in change so much that I have an old pickle jar in my home office filled with quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies. Also, some golf tees, safety pins, and wintergreen Lifesavers.

When I was a kid, I saved the very same way. The thrill of this incremental approach never wore off for me. Well, not until recently. That container in my office has held the nest egg of the past 18 months, about \$200.00, I estimated, which translated into a nice infusion of cash for the vacation my wife and I are planning for our upcoming trip to Iceland. I took the sealed jar into my bank, hugging it tightly. I assumed the friendly teller would toss my hard-earned change into a high-tech coin counter and then sweeten my bank account with this windfall. Instead, I got the bad news. "Sorry, Dick, we no longer count change that way."

"Whatya mean you don't count change that way?" I said. "You're a bank. How could you not count my money?" Then I started waving my arms in the air like Jerry Seinfeld when he was informed that the rental company did not have a car for him even though he had a reservation.

I went to another bank.

"Mr. Wolfsie, we can count this for you, but we'll have to subtract three percent from your deposit for administrative costs. You know, wear and tear on our counting machine."

"Wait a second. You're going to charge customers to count their own money that they will put in your bank. Are your customers that dumb?"

"Apparently. That's why it's called chump change."

I told my wife about the problem and she

suggested that we have the young man across the street count it, put it in rolls, and we'd give him 2 percent of the total, a savings of several dollars over the bank's fee. Okay, a couple of dollars."

"They're not going to take the word of just some kid in our neighborhood," said Mary Ellen.

"Well, they don't know what an honest young man he is. His mom said he got an A in math and citizenship."

At this point, I just dumped the money on the carpet and started adding it all up. An hour later, I'd calculated a total of \$232.50. Now, I knew exactly how much change I had, but I was in the identical predicament I was in before I counted it. Nobody wanted my change. Of course, Kroger would take it, but their machine has a seven percent charge. And it's right next to the lottery ticket machine, so I seldom walk out of there ahead of the game.

Then, I wondered if I could sell the money on Craigslist or eBay. But how would I word the ad?

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I spent the better part of one afternoon investigating several other bank branches. It was a lost cause, and I was tired of toting around a 20-pound jar of coins.

And to make matters worse, I got a parking ticket. The meter had expired.

— 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.

Beckwith and OCRA Passing Out \$9.4 million

The Office of Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced 15 rural communities will receive more than \$9.4 million in federal grant funding to expand community facilities, improve water infrastructure and eliminate blight. "Hoosiers deserve a safe and vibrant place to live, work, and thrive," Lieutenant Governor Beckwith said. "Blighted properties lead to lower property values, increased crime rates, and poor economic development, but these grants can help these communities turn the corner. They will improve our neighborhoods, making them a more attractive place for both families and businesses."

OCRA distributes Community Development Block Grant funds to rural communities, which assist units of local government with various community projects such as infrastructure improvement, downtown revitalization, public facilities and economic development. "Congratulations to these 15 communities for earning funds for much needed local improvements," said OCRA Executive Director Fred Glynn. "Each project will improve the quality of life for their residents and I applaud these leaders for taking action."

The Blight Clearance Program strives to encourage Indiana

communities with blighted properties to focus on long-term community development and revitalization through improving quality of place, generating jobs and spurring economic revitalization. Eligible projects to receive grant funding through BCP are deteriorated or abandoned downtown buildings or vacant and unusable industrial sites.

- Projects receiving funding include:
- Benton County \$468,500
 - Jonesboro \$375,000
 - Shadeland \$150,000
 - Warsaw and Fellowship Mission \$500,000
 - Morgan County \$610,450
 - Seelyville \$750,000
 - Brazil \$750,000
 - Camden \$750,000
 - Claypool \$750,000
 - Earl Park \$600,000
 - Hope \$750,000
 - Hymera \$750,000
 - LaCrosse \$750,000
 - Odon \$750,000
 - Scottsburg \$750,000

Funding for OCRA's CDBG programs originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program and is administered for the State of Indiana by OCRA. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/cdbg.

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2025 Buick Enclave Avenir Three-Row Crossover is About Refined Style and Attainable Luxury – And it Can Even Drive Itself



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

With rare exceptions, Buicks are about refined style and attainable luxury.

Designs look as though they could come straight from a concept car and models offer Cadillac features at more affordable prices. And, the brand has a long history of putting all of that in family-friendly wagons and crossovers. It's never been better than with the redesigned 2025 Buick Enclave Avenir.

Concept Car Styling

Styling cues like the large grille and eyebrow driving lamps are taken straight from the recent Wildcat concept car but they translate well onto this large barge of a crossover with neatly creased fenders, flashy chrome window surrounds, and 22" nickel alloy wheels on Avenir trim. Brushed aluminum roof rails and brightwork along the sills gracefully cloak the tall bodysides.

Power open the rear

hatch, flip down second- and third-row seats with convenient buttons and free up enough space to harbor a couple of bicycles or luggage for an empty nester's grand tour.

Step inside where 30 inches of curved screenwork kisses a dashboard layered with stitched surfaces and aluminum-look trim. Bronze accents the console and doors. I especially like the blue dashtop and thick leather-wrapped steering wheel. We need more color in cars! The console seemingly hovers in mid-air, but contains deep cubbies within and beneath. Even tailored stitching in the seatbacks show a concern for every detail.

Cuddle up for long drives with heated, ventilated and massaging front seats. Middle row captain's chairs get their own heat. Avenir's 16-speaker Bose Performance Series audio is one of the industry's best with full, crisp sound whether you're relaxing to

Pavarotti or rocking out to Taylor Swift. Connect easily with wireless Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and console charging. Everyone rides beneath a twin-panel panoramic sunroof.

Wholly Competent Performance

Classic Buick wagons came with big V8 and V6 engines, but this one goes forth with a 2.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder delivering 328 horsepower and 326 lb.-ft. of torque. Especially given the eight-speed automatic transmission and all-wheel-drive, it makes good use of that power and does so relatively efficiently with 19/24-MPG city/highway. It's no speed wagon, but is wholly competent to move kids and crew.

Attention to safety starts with a head-up display and continues to standard automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, lane departure warning, and blind zone steering assist.

Ride and handling would

embarrass classic Buick wagons given its four-wheel independent suspension with continuous electronic damping control. In Tour mode, it soaks up rough pavement, but drivers can also put it in Sport mode for firmer responses. The big wheels thunk over bigger bumps, but are tame on most roads.

I was lucky enough to have the Enclave during a recent 8-inch snowfall in Indianapolis. It took time to wipe away all of the snow from its big body, but the all-wheel-drive system barely let a wheel slip. When the snow stopped, I hit the highways with Enclave's new hands-off Super Cruise driving system. Turn on cruise, waited for a green light across the steering wheel and lift off. Easy. A monitor watched me watching the road, so no reading or napping! Unlike in other vehicles with Super Cruise I've tested, the Enclave felt uneasy through curves. Hopefully it was just a fluke.

You don't need fancy

brands for luxury, elegance and performance; the 2025 Buick Enclave Avenir was styled by the best designers in the business, spoils passengers, moves quickly and offers it all at an attainable price. Enclaves start at \$45,000, but came to \$65,125 for our Avenir. Competitors include the Lincoln

Nautilus, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Mazda CX-90, Kia Telluride, Hyundai Palisade, and Lexus TX.

Storm Forward!

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

Likes

- Concept car styling
- Layers of luxury
- Peppy turbo power

Dislikes

- No engine options
- Sometimes thunky suspension
- Unsettled Super Cruise

2025 Buick Enclave Avenir

Seven-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 2.5-liter T4, 8-spd trans
Output: 328hp/326 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Elect. Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 22"/22" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Towing: 5,000 lbs.
Fuel economy: 19/24 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Lansing, MI
Base/As-tested price: \$45,000/\$65,125

County 2025 InterFaith Summit March 18

Good Samaritan Network is pleased to announce an InterFaith Summit on March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel.

The Good Samaritan Network Executive Director Nancy Chance said our "objective for the day is to address significant challenges facing Hamilton County and its residents. We want to recognize our similarities and embrace our differences, identify and consider solutions, and work together to be prepared."

This gathering aims to strengthen collaboration among churches, faith-based organizations, and places of worship and engage individuals and agencies committed to making a difference. Together, we will explore practical strategies and initiatives that empower all residents of Hamilton County.

Join in for an in-depth discussion with distinguished guest speakers and expert panel members as we tackle pressing issues affecting our community, including housing, mental health, volunteerism and community safety. The InterFaith Summit will engage in dialogue and possible plans to provide care methods for Hamilton County families in different areas, such as affordable housing, mental health, volunteerism, and more.

The ability "to bring together Hamilton County residents and especially the inter-faith community to increase awareness and engagement with an eventual outcome of being prepared during a devastating disaster or emergency," Chance said, it really is "a return to the grassroots of being a caring community."

Chance also said, "Sponsors, like Gaylor Electric – Chuck Goodrich, are crucial in making this free event possible for Hamilton County, and they deserve our support for taking on this unique event!"

Sponsorships are still available for: EVENT Sponsor, PARTNER Sponsor, and PRIVATE Sponsor. Besides RSVP sign-up, Sponsorship details and sign-up links are listed on our website (www.gsnlive.org/interfaithsummit).

Hamilton County InterFaith | Panel Discussions Schedule:

The summit will include Q&A, breakout sessions, presentation handouts, and panel discussion topics. Panelists are assembled from a cross-section of varied Hamilton County organizations to lead the discussions, including:

Homelessness, Housing Instability, and Uncertainties
Andrea Muirragui Davis,

The InterFaith Summit is March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel. Check-in begins at 8:10 a.m.. and the agenda runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Space is limited. Advanced online registrations are required by March 14. Visit: RSVP today at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/interfaith-summit>. The InterFaith Summit is free and includes entry, complimentary continental breakfast and boxed lunch.

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Volunteerism
Kim Rogers-Hatfield, CVA, Director of Community Resources with Heart of Indiana United Way

Chance said, "Understanding our differences while recognizing our similarities and working together to be better prepared and more resilient as a community is critical – especially in a disaster or emergency."

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HHMS Business Leaders Gain Real-World Insights from Local Businesses



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Will Schuler, CEO and owner of Will Power Excavation and Bulldozing, teaches more than 70 eighth graders about purchasing diesel futures.

By Connor James
HHMS Teacher

The HHMS Business Leaders program recently wrapped up a series of three immersive field trips, providing 77 eighth-grade students with behind-the-scenes exposure to 10 area businesses. These experiences gave students a first-hand look at different industries, from advanced manufacturing to food service and agriculture.

During each visit, business representatives shared key aspects of their operations and presented students with real-world challenges they currently face. Students will be put into groups of 4-5 based on their interest in each organization. Then, equipped with industry knowledge and fresh perspectives, students will collaborate

to develop innovative solutions. In May, they will present their findings to business leaders, showcasing their problem-solving and leadership skills.

These invaluable experiences were made possible by the dedication of HHMS staff and bus drivers, who worked tirelessly to make these trips possible for students. A huge thank you to our business partners - Arrow McLaren Indy Car Team, Chick-Fil-A (Westfield), Dark Side Roasters, Heuer Homes, LCJ Photo & Film, RE/MAX Edge, Remnant, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Ryan Fire Protection, and Will Power Excavation & Bulldozing for investing in the next generation of leaders!

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Heights Presents Emma! A Pop Musical



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From left, cast members Lillie Hooper, Hannah England, Rory Craig, Brinley Flaherty, Millie Inman and Ella Smith-Reynolds.

The community is cordially invited to enjoy Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department's production of Emma! A Pop Musical - a modern twist on Jane Austen's timeless tale. Whether you're a devoted Jane Austen fan or a newcomer to the world of musical theater, this musical promises an evening of entertainment, enchantment, and pure joy.

Emma, a senior at Highbury Prep, is certain she knows what's best for her classmates' love lives and is determined to find the perfect boyfriend for shy sophomore Harriet by the end of the school year. But will Emma's relentless matchmaking get in the way of finding her own happiness? Based on Jane Austen's classic novel, this sparkling new musical features the hit songs of legendary girl groups and iconic female singers from The Supremes to Katy Perry. Girl power has never sounded so good!

Don't miss your chance to support this delightful celebration of love, pop culture, and the talented youth at Hamilton Heights. Plan to sing along! The musical is being directed by Brooks Myers, Hamilton Heights Theater teacher and Drama Club Sponsor and Jill Walker, assistant director and Choir teacher. Three shows only: Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased online in advance or at the door.

All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department.

Cast & Crew

Emma.....Anna Kauffman
Jeff Knightley.....Gabriel Tolbert
Harriet.....KateLynn Bishop
Martin.....Liam Shaffer
Philip Elton.....Ricky Munoz
Jane Fairfax.....Jessa Steffen
Frankie Churchill.....Brinley Flaherty
Miss Bates.....Rory Craig
Ashley.....Chloe Westerfield

Welcoming Committee
 Millie Inman
 Lillie Hooper
 Ella Smith-Reynolds
 Hannah England

Small Male Ensemble:
 Alex Davis
 Ethan Wollam
 Hunter Wiles

Ensemble:
 Bonnie Brock, Zoey Brown, Aubree Clingler, Kyleigh Rose, Amelia Wiese, Selene Wiese, Zoe Wright, Abigail Pouch, Sydney Forrestal, Lilli Evans, Adeline Allen, Mckinsey Allen, Mallory Snider, Kinley Shaffer

Stage Manager:
 Addison Webb

Sound:
 Bella McDole

Lights:
 Logan DeLahr

Backstage Crew:
 Mallory Ortega
 Rebekah Beechler
 Tessa Hartwick
 Maddy Pouch
 Mary Rogers
 Eliza Allen

Directors:
 Mrs. B. Myers & Mrs. Jill Walker

Tyler Champion Signs With St. Francis



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Tyler Champion

Tyler Champion, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play football for the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne this fall. The University of Saint Francis is a member of the Crossroads League and a NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Thomas and Patricia Champion. Champion, who plans to study business management and pursue a career as a business consultant, chose Saint Francis because it has one of the best business programs in the state. In addition, during his campus visit the football coaches and team felt like a family.

A multi-sport athlete (basketball), Champion earned accolades and awards for his performance on the field. He was an All-Conference and Team Offensive Player MVP three times, named to the Hamilton County Second Team All-State 2024, holds six school records, and helped take the Huskies to a 2023 Hoosier Conference Championship title.

"I have been passionate about football since I was a kid," said Tyler Champion, who always had a dream of playing football in college. "I worked hard in the weight room and on the field to better myself to get opportunities at the next level."

He credits his parents

and teammates as being the most influential in his life. "My parents worked hard to help me succeed and sacrifice things in their own lives so I could have this opportunity," Champion explained. "My teammates have always been there to push and support me through everything, and I will cherish those relationships forever."

"Tyler has been an integral part of our success the past four years," said Jon Kirschner, Hamilton Heights Head Football Coach. "He is a tenacious, selfless player who, with his style of play, could make the tough catches look routine and keep the defense on their toes at all times. Tyler is a big play threat every time the ball goes to him. Tyler loves the game of football and sold out for his teammates and Husky Football each week. He is going to do great things at St. Francis, and I wish him nothing but the best at the next level."

"Tyler is one of the most athletic student/athletes to walk the halls of Hamilton Heights High School," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "He is a great competitor, a solid student in the classroom, and a very respectful and polite young man. The University of Saint Francis is certainly getting a good one. We wish him well."

Keaton Weaver Inks With Manchester



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Keaton Weaver

Keaton Weaver, Hamilton Heights' senior, signed a letter of intent to play football for Manchester University this fall. Manchester University is a member of the Heartland Conference and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. He is the son of Ryan Weaver and Michelle Derrer.

Weaver chose Manchester University because of its beautiful campus and the football coaches. It offers a good environmental studies program and is a place where he can play football at the collegiate level and work toward his long-term goal of becoming a pilot.

Weaver, who earned the Iron Husky Award, has held a lifelong love of football. He became passionate about the sport in the sixth grade when training with Coach Morelli at X-Factor QB Academy and has been going there ever since. When Weaver is not studying, training, or on the field, he can be found working at Pebble Brook Golf Club.

He credits his parents

who have pushed him to become the man he is today.

"Keaton was a two-year starter for us as a wide receiver," said Jon Kirschner, Hamilton Heights Head Football Coach. "His quickness, dynamic route running, and breakaway speed made him a dangerous threat on the outside for us the past two seasons. His athletic ability allowed him to be able to turn a five-yard catch into a touchdown. He has given everything to Husky football the past four years. I believe his hard work and dedication to Husky football will pay off for him in the coming years at Manchester. I wish him nothing but the best at the next level."

"Keaton has been a huge help with providing depth at the varsity receiver position the past three years," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "His speed and hands have helped the offense tremendously. He will be a huge asset for Manchester in the same way. We wish him the best as he continues to play the game he loves."



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Rudy Bowman Signs with SMWC



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Rudy Bowman

Rudy Bowman, Hamilton Heights' senior, signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), just outside of Terre Haute, Indiana, this fall. SMWC is a member of the United States College Athletic Association (USCAA) and an NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Kelley Cain and Jacob Bowman.

Bowman chose SMWC because it is a faith-based community, offers a strong academic program in his field of interest, and has a large, peaceful campus for a small school. During his visit, he found the cross country coach to be inviting and caring toward his runners. He also said the students and athletes were welcoming and made him feel included right away. Bowman plans to earn a degree in kinesiology and become a physical therapist.

Bowman is active inside and outside the classroom earning recognition and accolades as a runner. He ran varsity all four years of high school, received the Most Valuable Runner Award for cross country, Mental Attitude Award and Most Valuable Runner Award for track. He placed 20th at the Noblesville Sectionals, 39th at the Shelbyville Regional, 152nd and the 2024 IHSA State Championship, ran consistently under 17:00 for the 5K with a personal record of 16:15, All State Competition Class 3A. He participated in the indoor state track meet all four years, has a mile personal record of 4:3 and 800 personal record of 2:02. Bowman is a four-year member of Hamilton Heights Student Government, Hamilton Heights Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA), and Huskies for the Cross. He is also a member of Cicero Christian Church and its youth group.

His passion for the sport began his freshman year. Since

that time, Bowman invested time in the summer and winter to train for the upcoming seasons. "I have learned grit and patience with my sport," he said. "I have trained hard in-season to achieve my goals, listened to my body when it hurt and needed a break to avoid injury. I eat healthy to gain the nutrients and energy needed for my running career."

Bowman credits his papa, Tom Jarvis, as being the biggest influence as a runner. "He has taught me valuable lessons to strengthen my running skills like mental toughness, grit, and attitude," said Bowman, who believes none of this would be possible if it wasn't for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "I would also like to thank my high school coaches, Bill Trachtman and Bill Bowen. They have taught me many things about not only running as a sport but also the family and friendships of the sport. They have been a big part of the person I am today."

"Rudy has been a dedicated distance runner for the track program for four years," said Todd Jones, Boys & Girls Track Team Coach. "Rudy has become the leader of the distance running group."

"Rudy had a fantastic senior year in cross country," said Bill Trachtman, Hamilton Heights Boys Cross Country Coach. "He was our team MVP and qualified for the IHSA State Cross Country Meet. He worked hard each and every day and always had a positive attitude. He was a true leader on our team!"

"Rudy is a prime example that hard work pays off," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "He really attacked his off-season plan for improvement the past few years and now he's rewarded with the opportunity to continue his passion of cross country and track at the next level. We wish him the best at Saint Mary of the Woods."

Max Bowman Signs With SMWC



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From left, Joan Jarvis (Mimi), Max Bowman and Thomas Jarvis (Papa).

Max Bowman, Hamilton Heights' senior, signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), just outside of Terre Haute, Indiana, this fall. SMWC is a member of the United States College Athletic Association (USCAA) and an NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Kelley Cain.

Bowman chose to go to SMWC because of its teaching program, campus, and how uplifting and welcoming the team was during his visit. Bowman plans to study mathematics and education and ultimately become a high school math teacher.

A multi-sport athlete (swimming and Unified Bocce Ball), Bowman was a recipient of the Husky Award for Cross Country. Bowman, who has been running since the sixth grade, also attended an All Star Cross Country camp and ran with multiple coaches to better his skills and endurance. He is a member of the Hamilton Heights Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) and the youth group at Cicero Christian Church.

Bowman credits his papa [Tom Jarvis] who has been a major influence in his development over the years. "He has taught me many things that have helped me with decision making and taking care of myself," said Max Bowman. "I

would also like to thank my mom for everything she has done for me. I would like to thank my coaches for giving me this opportunity. I can't wait to see where this step in my life will take me."

"Max has been a dedicated track team member for four years and he is always willing to help the team out when needed," said Todd Jones, Boys & Girls Track Team Coach. "Max even did 300 hurdles one year because we needed someone to fill that spot at a track meet."

"We are very happy for Max to receive this opportunity to continue his cross country and track & field career at Saint Mary of the Woods," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "He is such a gentleman and a tremendous role model for other athletes here at Hamilton Heights. He will be a great addition to their teams, both academically and athletically."

"Max was a varsity runner throughout his four years on the HH Cross Country team," said Bill Trachtman, Boys Cross Country Coach. "This past season he was our Mental Attitude award winner. Max always had a positive disposition no matter how he finished a race. Max has a special way of connecting to his peers on the team and making everyone feel like they are a vital part of our program."

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