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**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

**Hamilton Happenings**

Did you know murals are an eligible expense under the City of Noblesville. Façade Improvement Grant Program? Plus, mural grants are available within the Noblesville Cultural Arts District. Noblesville Creates can help you make it happen. Visit <https://bit.ly/4kGDVnx> to learn more and reach out to our Executive Director, Aili at [amcgill@noblesvillecreates.org](mailto:amcgill@noblesvillecreates.org) for help coordinating your mural project! Not necessarily an artist? Do you live in Old Town Noblesville and are interested in having a fence, garage door, or other surface transformed into public, community led artwork? Click here to explore and register for SERVE Noblesville's Historic Old Town Mural Walkway.

**Three Things You Should Know**

**1** Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla joined 26 state financial officers nationwide asking President Donald Trump to investigate the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Directives that subject American companies to comply with the environmental, social and governance disclosure rules in their domestic operations. The U.S. withdrew from the Paris Agreement earlier this year and Trump directed a review of international agreements and initiatives that unfairly regulate American companies. As part of this review, Nieshalla supports fiduciary-focused policies and has voted to remove investment funds, fund managers and proxy advisors that promote environmental and social agendas over financial factors, both as a board member of the Indiana Public Employees Retirement System and as chair of the Indiana Deferred Compensation Committee.

**2** The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications has filed disciplinary charges against Howard Superior Court I Judge Matthew J. Elkin. The commission charges nine counts of misconduct and alleges that did not treat all litigants fairly and with dignity, did not have order and decorum in proceedings before his court, and in one instance, failed to ensure that his court staff acted in a manner consistent with the judge's obligations under the Judicial Code. More information can be found at [courts.in.gov/ojar/about/members](https://courts.in.gov/ojar/about/members). Elkin is represented by attorney Jennifer Lukemeyer.

**3** Gov. Mike Braun signed an executive order directing IDEM, the DNR and INDOT to publicly report permitting data to make this process more transparent, efficient, and to support growth. Under the order, these agencies will be required to post monthly permitting data to their official websites. This includes the number of permit applications received, average processing times, the percentage of permits issued within statutory timelines, and updates on pending applications. The executive order also mandates that agency leadership regularly review their permitting processes to ensure compliance with timelines, identify opportunities for improvement, and maintain high-quality standards for issued permits.

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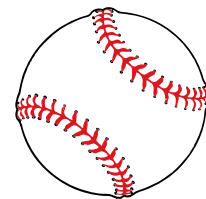
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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous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

**Today is March 31 and traditionally, Major League Baseball would be getting ready for its first pitch, which usually took place the first week of April. That changed in 2023 when opening day switched to the last Thursday of March. Not so this year when the Chicago Cubs and L.A. Dodgers played a two-game series in Japan on March 18-19. Regardless, here's a look at America's pastime . . . by the numbers.**



**30** There are 30 Major League baseball teams. Think you can name all 30? Give it a try before reading any farther, and give yourself bonus points if you can place them correctly in either the National League or the American League.

They are the Arizona Diamondbacks, Atlanta Braves, Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Colorado Rockies, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Kansas City Royals, L.A. Angels, L.A. Dodgers, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Oakland A's, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, Seattle Mariners, St. Louis Cardinals, Tampa Bay Rays, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays and Washington Nationals



**206** There are 206 Minor League Baseball teams across the U.S., the Dominican Republic and Canada that are associated with Major League Baseball teams. And no, we are not going to name all 206. If you can name them, you are out of our league!

**780** The number of active players in Major League Baseball. However, that number can be a bit tricky. MLB teams have what is called a 26-man active roster. But there is also a 40-man roster. That includes all the active players and others who are possibly injured or out on some sort of approved leave. It can also include some minor league players. The extra 14 can't play though . . . well, until September. Did we mention that baseball can be a confusing game?



**71,248,366**

That's how many people attended a Major League Baseball game in 2024, up slightly from the 70.7 million in 2023. Back in 2007 was the high water mark when attendance almost hit 80 million. As far as per game, about 29,500 went to each game last year. That's down a bit from 2007 when it was almost 33,000.



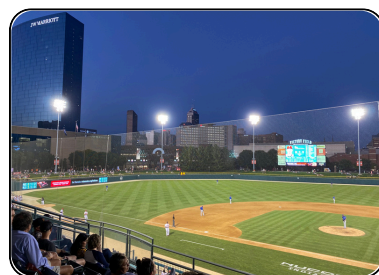
**COVID 19**

Thanks to COVID, the active roster went from 25 to 26 for the 2020 season. We share that for those keeping score at home.

**3** Three MLB teams are pretty close to us – the Chicago Cubs, White Sox and Cincinnati Reds. For those inclined, the Cubs are home Friday. The White Sox are home tomorrow as are the Reds.



**2** Closer to home, the Indianapolis Indians play at the AAA level in Minor League Baseball and there are two leagues – the International League and the Pacific Coast League. The Indians open the season tomorrow at Victory Field in downtown Indianapolis. First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. Bundle up! The weatherman says it'll be just above 50 when the game starts and in the 40s for the trip home.



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you want youthful skin, limit your exposure to the sun.

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



**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."  
**Lewis Grizzard**

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Why is everyone so tired on April 1?  
Because they just finished a 31-day march!

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**Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush**

**Put Phone Away or Pay on Road**

Officers with the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership are on high alert as they participate in an annual traffic safety campaign looking for people speeding or driving while distracted.

Distracted driving and speeding caused more than 17,000 thousand crashes across Indiana in 2024, resulting in 230 deaths.

To help save lives, the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is participating in a traffic safety campaign from April 5 through April 19. During the campaign, which is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, motorists should expect to see an increase in roving and high-visibility patrols.

"Distracted driving isn't just risky, it's deadly," said James Bryan, ICJI's Traffic Safety Director. "Taking your eyes off the road for even just a few seconds can change a life forever. No text, call, or notification is worth the cost of a crash."

Distracted driving, which involves cellphone use or any activity that takes attention away from the task of driving, is risky behavior that endangers everyone on the road, from the distracted driver and other drivers to passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Drivers can prioritize safe driving by keeping their hands on the wheel, their eyes on the road, and their focus on driving.

In 2020, Indiana passed a law prohibiting holding or using a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet. Since then, law enforcement agencies have worked to educate motorists, issuing 7,684 hands-free citations and 11,203 warnings in 2024

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## Commissioner Heirbrandt Supports Health First Indiana



**MARK HEIRBRANDT**  
Guest Columnist

As a Hamilton County Commissioner, I am proud to support Health

and serve more low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents. One young man, a victim of a violent assault who had been unable to afford dental care, was able to receive life-changing treatment. Trinity's team removed the wires from his mouth and helped restore his ability to eat, speak, and regain his dignity.

First Indiana (HFI), a transformative initiative that strengthens public health across our state. Born from Senate Enrolled Act 4, legislation passed by the 2023 Indiana General Assembly, Health First Indiana provides vital funding to counties like ours, allowing us to assess local health needs and implement evidence-based programs that prioritize prevention.

HFI funding has also enabled the Health Department to roll out new initiatives like radiological nuclear detection, Car Seat Safety and Safe Sitter Training, and the CredibleMind self-help website - tools our residents can take advantage of to lead healthier lives and create a safer community for everyone.

Since its launch in 2024, this state and local partnership has enabled the Hamilton County Health Department (HCHD) to enhance critical services in areas like mental health, maternal and child health, chronic disease prevention, and emergency preparedness. These programs are not only improving health outcomes but are also building a foundation for a healthier, more prosperous community.

As we look ahead to 2025, I urge the General Assembly to continue providing this critical funding in future state budgets and encourage qualified community organizations to apply for these critical funds. For more information, visit <https://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1858/Health-First-Hamilton-County>

*Mark Heirbrandt is a member of the Hamilton County Commissioners. He represents District 3, which includes Adams, Fall Creek, Jackson, Washington, Wayne and White River townships, along with the municipalities of Arcadia, Atlanta, Cicero, Sheridan and Westfield.*

Through HFI funding, HCHD has already awarded more than \$3.2 million to local partners to deliver essential services and ensure that residents can easily access the care they need. Trinity Free Clinic, for example, the largest provider of free health services in Central Indiana, used grant dollars to expand its dental services, allowing it to increase walk-in dental care



**Purdue Extension Program Assistant Lisa Hanni shares about National Agriculture Week with second grade students from Washington Woods Elementary. Students learned about how agriculture impacts them every day.**



Photos courtesy Purdue Extension Hamilton County

**Purdue Extension Educator Susan Peterson plays a "farm to table" matching game with second grade students from Fall Creek Elementary. Students learned about farmers work hard to provide their breakfast, dinner and everything in between.**



**Purdue Extension Program Assistant Bernie Huber helps second grade students from Southeastern Elementary create a soybean seed necklace. Students became farmers as they cared for a corn kernel and a soybean seed.**



**Darcy Herrington, 7, of Noblesville, creates a seed necklace at Hinkle Creek Elementary.**

## Ag Day Celebrates 39 Years of Education

Purdue Extension Hamilton County celebrated their 39th annual Ag Day program during National Agriculture week, March 16-22. Because of the construction at the 4-H Fairgrounds, local Extension staff took the Ag Day experience on the road to each participating school.

Over the course of Ag Week, Purdue Extension staff visited 72 classrooms,

delivered 42 presentations, and guided students through a hands-on seed planting activity. Teachers could also use a virtual "Ag Day Trail" created by local Extension staff and filled with educational videos and resources to reinforce the lessons shared. Nearly 2,000 students participated, deepening their understanding of agriculture's critical role in our daily lives.

With many Hamilton County residents now several generations removed from farming, Ag Days have never been more crucial in helping children understand the importance of agriculture.

March 18 marked the 52nd National Ag Day, hosted by the Agriculture Council of America. National Ag Day serves as a reminder to Americans of the vital role agriculture plays

in producing our food, fiber, and everyday essentials. It also highlights the importance of a strong agricultural economy and the wealth of career opportunities within the agriculture, food, and fiber industries.

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## Noblesville Lions Honored by 25D Governor



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On the evening of March 26, Noblesville Lions Club President Jeff Kozicki introduced the 25D Governor, David "Rocky" Simpson. Rocky is a member of the Greentown Lions Club; and happens to also be the district governor. Rocky highlighted all the good things clubs in his district have been doing. He said that the Noblesville club has been noted as an "Excellence Club" and presented our club leadership with a couple items of memorabilia. Rocky also highlighted the activities of Lions International, and what great things Lions are doing around the world. Pictured is Rocky Simpson, left, being given a "thank you" from Noblesville Lions VP Hayden Parsons

# All That Peter Does



What is the cat doing?" I asked my husband, Peter.

"He's levitating," Peter said. Or at least I thought that's what he said.

"The cat is levitating?"

"Meditating!"

"Oh."

We have a lot of conversations like this, and I suspect Peter and I are not alone. I was lying in bed later that evening, imagining our cat, Felix, floating over the nightstand, and the thing that struck me was that Peter would take it in stride.

Peter and I will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week, which doesn't seem possible for two reasons. First, because it cannot be possible that 10 years have passed since we got married, and second, because it cannot be possible there was ever a time I was not married to Peter.

In the past 10 years, I have learned that if the cat was to suddenly start to levitate, Peter would not fly off the handle. He would do some quick research and determine how frequent cat levitation was and if there was cause for concern. Will the cat return to normal gravity in time? Will we need to keep him on a harness?

I'd still be watching Felix floating 3 feet off the nightstand and Peter would already have a plan of action in place—in case we should need to fetch the cat off the ceiling or retrieve him as he started to float out the window. Peter would know what to do. This is what Peter does. It is not the only reason I love Peter, but it is one of the reasons.

It's called "learned helplessness," when the patient forgets how to make her own coffee (or buy it, for that matter), and everything required for her meal shows up, like magic, in the cupboard. That would be me. Peter occasionally expresses frustration if

we run out of something, because he has a secret inventory system that I am entirely oblivious to. If I start eating an inordinate amount of tuna or honey or potatoes, we will suddenly run low—and Peter does not allow us to run low on anything.

Peter plans our travel. Peter pays the bills. Peter knows how I am feeling before I do—which is handy because then I can just ask him.

"Why do I feel this way?" I'll ask.

"You've felt this way before," he'll remind me. "It will pass." And he is always right.

Peter does all these things because he cares for me. After 10 years, I know what Peter does and, because he does these things every day without saying a word, I could easily take what he does for granted.

But I don't.

Because we were not young when we married 10 years ago, and even then, I knew that coffee does not appear by magic and the bathroom is not automatically filled with toilet paper. I knew that problems have to be solved, that life would serve up an increasing number of problems as we aged, and that having someone beside me to help solve those problems was a precious gift.

Peter often reminds me that we don't know if we will be given another day together or another 30 years. "But either way," he says, "it will be too short." And he is right.

But as long as we are together, I know Peter will be there to help figure out whatever comes our way. And so, no, I was not overly worried about the cat levitating yesterday. It would certainly be unusual, but it would be nothing that Peter could not handle.

*Till next time, Carrie*

# I Know It's Timeless - That's the Problem



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

"What time is it?" I asked my wife.

"It's exactly five

o'clock," she replied as she glanced at the grandfather clock (Grandpa, from now on) in our living room.

"It can't be, Mary Ellen. It was precisely five o'clock 20 minutes ago. Come to think of it, it's been 5:00 all day. Isn't it only supposed to be five o'clock twice a day? I do like it, though, because whenever I look at the clock, it's time for an aperitif.

That's when we realized our favorite antique had ceased to function. It wasn't that we depended on it; we both have digital watches and a microwave that tells the time, but this was a fixture in our home with a long history in Mary Ellen's family. Just to annoy my wife, I suggested getting rid of Grandpa. Understandably, this made her angry...

"GET RID OF IT? GET RID OF IT? This is a family heirloom, over a hundred years old. It's timeless."

"I know it's timeless. That's the problem."

We finally found a repairman to come to our house. There are very few repairwomen who fix grandfather clocks. But there are also very few grandmother clocks. By the way, the big difference between a grandmother clock and a grandfather clock, according to Wikipedia, is that a grandfather clock is taller and has a much longer pendulum.

The repairman was very knowledgeable about the history of the antique, informing us it was over a hundred years old and of German origin. I wondered if I could fix it myself with a little intimidation. I tried my best German accent: "If you don't start verking, vee can make you tock."

The repair was

successful. We were delighted that Grandpa was back in working order. Not only was he keeping time, but his chiming ability had been restored. Recently, he hadn't celebrated each hour with a tuneful outburst but simply ticked away. Mary Ellen and I were eager to hear him and also see if his dinging and donging would awaken us at night.

The repairman left at 4:20 pm, so we had to wait until 5:00 to see if the old guy was really operating. It was like waiting for a pot to boil: 4:55, 4:56, 4:57, 4:58, 4:59, 5:00, 5:01, 5:02, 5:03...NOTHING. Mary Ellen wanted to wait a little longer. Grandpa was over 100 years old; he deserved a little time to get up to speed. Ironically, for most of his life, he was fast.

"I'm not sitting here another hour," I said.

But, of course, I did.

At 7:00 pm, he chimed, but he didn't at 8:00. At 9:00, he was right on target. Not at 10:00. So, we figured that he only chimed on odd hours, which seemed, well, very odd. The next day, he chimed at 9 pm again but only 8 times. Should we believe the clock or the number of chimes? The following day, he dinged whenever he wanted: 5:00, 5:50, 6:45, and 11:20. At noon, he chimed. We threw our hands up, just like Grandpa does at noon and midnight.

Now, a week later, for reasons we will never understand, Grandpa is functioning perfectly with a melodious sound right on the hour with the proper number of chimes. How long will this good fortune last?

Time will tell.

*— 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.*

# Spot The Signs, Stop The Crime

As Hoosiers and visitors alike prepare for spring break travel and festivities, Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on all Hoosiers to remain vigilant for signs of human trafficking. Spring break, a time often associated with relaxation and celebration, unfortunately provides opportunities for traffickers to exploit vulnerable individuals, particularly in areas with large crowds and tourist activity.

- Individuals who appear fearful, submissive, or unable to speak for themselves.
- People living in cramped or poor conditions, or with their employer.
- Signs of physical abuse, malnourishment, or lack of personal freedom.
- Answers that seem scripted or rehearsed when questioned.
- Minors engaging in commercial sex acts, with or without overt signs of coercion.

"Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery that thrives in the shadows, and spring break destinations can become prime targets for this evil enterprise," Rokita said. "Whether you're traveling to a beach, a big city, or staying close to home, we need every Hoosier to be the eyes and ears in our fight to prevent human trafficking and bring perpetrators to justice."

Large gatherings and travel hubs, such as those common during spring break, are known to create increased demand for trafficked individuals forced into manual labor, commercial sex acts, or other exploitative services. People in certain roles—such as hotel staff, restaurant workers, transportation providers, and medical professionals—are especially likely to encounter trafficking victims and should stay alert.

Signs of human trafficking to watch for include:

"Spring break should be a time of enjoyment, not exploitation," Attorney General Rokita added. "Traffickers prey on the vulnerable, and it's up to all of us to stop them. If you see something suspicious, report to local law enforcement immediately."

If you suspect someone is being trafficked, contact local law enforcement right away or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

Hoosiers are also encouraged to visit the US Department of State's Safe Traveler's program and Travel Advisory website.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes—including those who have been trafficked—by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers.



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lone. Violating the law is a Class C infraction, which carries a fine of up to \$500 and results in points being added to an individual's driver's license.

"We all share the road, and all Hoosiers share the responsibility to drive safely," said Douglas Huntsinger, ICJI's Executive Director. "Slowing down is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself and others."

Speeding is an aggressive and deadly behavior. It reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object or an unexpected curve. As speed increases, so does the likelihood of a

crash and the degree of severity, leading to more severe injuries for the driver, passengers, pedestrians and other road users.

"Speed limits and Indiana's hands-free law aren't just guidelines—they're in place to save lives," said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, "Our mission is to keep our community safe, and we will be actively enforcing these laws to ensure that every driver does their part."

To learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership, please visit: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/502/Traffic-Safety>

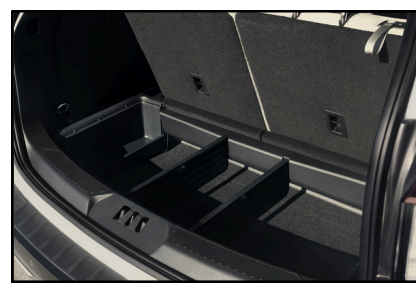
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# 2025 Ford Explorer Platinum is a Luxurious Performance-Oriented Crossover that Cruises Hands-Off

**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

The Ford Explorer has been a lot of things to a lot of people. It started out as an extended Bronco II that was based on the Ford Ranger pickup. By the early 2000s, it grew and gained an independent rear suspension – a big deal at the time. Its next generation grew more and adopted the Volvo XC90’s architecture that gave families a big safety hug. None of those would be considered a performance-oriented luxury crossover like the 2025 Ford Explorer Platinum we have here.

Explorer is America’s all-time best-selling SUV brand, and despite all of the changes, you could park the current one next to the original and know they are evolutions of the same. Yet, designers finessed it for 2025 with a larger grille, sleeker headlamps, front skid plate, and LED taillamps

that extend across the hatch nameplate. Platinum editions wear a satin chrome and ebony face plus 21-inch dark alloy wheels. Deep body sculpting hints at the performance within.

Platinum interiors are more Lincoln than Ford with diamond-stitched leather, wrap-and-stitch soft-touch surfaces and sliver mesh accents. Luxuriate further with a heated steering wheel and heated seats front/rear. Front seats are also ventilated in summer. A power steering column, crisp B&O audio, and panoramic roof add a veneer of luxury. I really like the tweedy fabric on the dash and doors. Third-row seats power fold to expand cargo capacity, but they’re better suited for kids than adults. It’s all very lush, but also stocked with technology.

Previous Explorer owners might notice flatscreen gauges and a larger touchscreen this

year. Phones connect wirelessly via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge them wirelessly too. Google Assistant now serves as the default voice assistant if you require such a thing. Stream videos and play games via the web, YouTube, Prime Video, and Vivaldi. Owners can use their phone as a key, drive hands-off on highways with BlueCruise, and stay safe with lane keep assist, blind spot warning, automatic emergency braking, and reverse auto brake systems.

We’ve come a long way since the original Explorer debuted for 1991.

What you don’t immediately notice is the rear-drive based architecture underpinning this fashion show. Shifting power focus from fore to aft allows a significantly more athletic and crisp

driving experience. It’s still a big three-row crossover better suited for cross-country drives than track days, but it seems a better dance partner in the driver’s hands. But don’t worry about winter weather or light off-roading because our fly ride comes with all-wheel-drive that handled a recent snow storm with ease. Get in and go without worry.

Base models come with a 2.3-liter turbo-four engine producing 300 horsepower, and that’s plenty to move a three-row crossover with aplomb, but we didn’t go for that little wheezer. Instead, our Platinum edition stepped up with a 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6 delivering a vigorous 400 horsepower and 415 lb.-ft. of torque. It wasn’t long ago that world-class supercars barely enjoyed that much power. All of it gets to the road through a 10-speed automatic transmission and electronic all-wheel-

drive. Fuel economy rated 18/24-MPG city/highway isn’t bad, but having a hybrid option would be even better.

As you might expect, the Explorer Platinum comes with a luxury price, but maybe not as luxurious as you imagine. A base Explorer starts at a reasonable \$39,755, but our top-trim model with turbo V6 and hands-off driving comes to a loftier

\$61,155. That compares favorably with key rivals like the Chevy Traverse, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Mazda CX-90, Toyota Highlander, Kia Telluride and Hyundai Palisade.

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

Likes	Dislikes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legit luxury</li> <li>Hands-off cruising</li> <li>Driving dynamics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tight third row</li> <li>No hybrid option</li> <li>Luxury price</li> </ul>

**2025 Ford Explorer Platinum**  
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Fuel economy: 18/24 mpg city/hwy  
Assembly: Chicago, IL  
Base/As-tested price: \$39,755/\$61,155

## Public Invited to Share Opinions on Roads

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces an opportunity to learn more and provide comments regarding its draft 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

The program is Indiana’s five-year planning and construction document that lists all transportation projects expected to be funded within the next five years using federal funding in addition to regionally significant state funded projects.

The current STIP (2024-2028) and draft 2026-2030 STIP are available on INDOT’s STIP webpage. Learn more about the STIP with the STIP Public Primer, also available on INDOT’s STIP webpage.

The open house will take place at the following location on Thursday, April 10, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Indianapolis Public Library, Ft. Ben Branch, 9330 E. 56th St. in Indianapolis.

No RSVP or pre-registration is necessary for the in-person open house.

Doors will open at 2:30

p.m. to allow time to view displays and talk with INDOT and Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) staff to ask questions about transportation projects and provide comments on the STIP.

Virtual open houses will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, April 24 at 5 p.m. Please click here or scan the QR code to register. A participation link will be shared ahead of the virtual meeting.



The public comment period for the draft 2026-2030 STIP will be open from Tuesday, April 1, to Friday, May 16, 2025. Comments may be submitted in-person at an open house, or via the STIP MapSurvey, INDOT4U (indot4u.com/855-463-6848), or by mail to:

Indiana Department of Transportation  
Attn: Cat Seely,  
Planning Public Outreach Manager  
100 N. Senate Ave.,  
N758-TE  
Indianapolis, IN 46204



Photo courtesy Salvation Army of Central Indiana

WTHR’s Scott Swan and pals remind us how important donating coats can be.

## Doing Spring Cleaning? Don’t Forget to Donate Old Coats

Thousands of Central Indiana children will need winter coats in the fall and the Coats for Kids team is already getting a head start on fulfilling this need. The Salvation Army of Central Indiana, along with Classic Cleaners and the Noblesville Times’ media partner WTHR, are accepting winter coat donations throughout the month of April. All sizes are needed from infant through teen and adult.

During April the public is invited to drop off a new or gently used

winter coat at any Classic Cleaners location. Collection boxes are placed at the front of each Classic Cleaners store to make donations easy and simple. These coats will be cleaned and stored for the Coats for Kids distribution day in November. The event in 2024 saw more 5,000 coats given to children in the Indianapolis area to ensure they were kept warm this last winter season.

Supporters who do not have a coat to give can still help make a difference in their

community. A donation of \$25 to the Coats for Kids program helps The Salvation Army of Central Indiana buy a brand-new coat for a child in need.

“It’s incredible to have so many partners in the Indianapolis area that want to share the gift of warmth,” said Major Malinda O’Neil, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Central Indiana. “Our Coats for Kids program can be essential to many families who need

winter coats, and to see others help gives us warmth and hope for another great event.”

The need is great in our community, and it is anticipated that at least 3,000 coats will be distributed at the Nov. 8 Coats for Kids event. Recent years have seen an increase in need as families face strained budgets and high inflation. Because size needs vary from year to year, upwards of 4,000 coats in all sizes will need to be on hand to serve every child.

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# Trace Adkins, Attica's Badlands Honoring Troops

Badlands Off-Road Park in Attica, in partnership with Can-Am, is excited to announce the 5th Annual Tribute to the Troops, which will take place on Saturday, July 5.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to honor those who protect us," said Kyle Knosp, owner of Badlands Off-Road Park. "2025 marks the 30th anniversary of Badlands Off-Road Park, so this is a special year for us. We're excited to host the event during the July 4th weekend to ramp up the patriotism!"

Country music superstar Trace Adkins will headline the event. Adkins has sold over 11 million albums, charted more than 20 singles, and earned numerous awards and Grammy nominations, accumulating over two billion streams. Opening for Adkins will be Cody Webb, who is currently enjoying over 29 million streams and is featured on more than 200,000 playlists.

While the music lineup is impressive, the Tribute to the Troops event is primarily a heartfelt tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country. It's designed for everyone who wishes to enjoy quality entertainment dedicated to celebrating and remembering military members. Badlands will be giving away 1,000 free tickets to military members as a gesture of thanks! To claim a promo code for a free ticket, simply complete the verification process on the event website via VerifyPass.

The fun doesn't stop at the show! Badlands Off-Road Park, in partnership with Can-Am, will host a charity raffle for a chance to win a side-by-side dream machine. The 72" Can-Am Maverick X3 RS Turbo, valued at over \$31,000, has been generously donated by Can-Am

for this annual event. One hundred percent of the ticket proceeds will go to the charitable organization Road Warriors.

Road Warriors provides "adventure therapy" to military veterans, empowering them through challenges that honor their service. Whether dealing with physical injuries or other types of trauma, the organization aims to provide adventurous experiences, such as off-roading, to help replace negative memories with positive ones. Road Warriors brought a group to Badlands in the fall of 2023 and looks forward to many more visits.

"It was truly amazing to welcome a group of soldiers to Badlands during a previous off-roading excursion. The joy that off-roading brought to these men and women was incredible. Our hats go off to the Road Warriors for providing these types of experiences to the courageous individuals who serve our nation," said Kyle.

Tickets for the charity raffle start at just \$10.00 and can soon be purchased at roadwarrior.org. The winner of the Can-Am Maverick X3 will be announced at the 2025 Tribute to the Troops event.

With Badlands' event field adjacent to the 1,500-acre park, off-roaders can enjoy a full day of riding before the evening entertainment begins and can stay for another day of exploration after the event! Next door, Off the Trail Vacation Rentals and Campground offers a wide variety of lodging and campsites for ultimate convenience. Be sure to check out their Maximizer package special for Tribute to the Troops weekend, which includes four bonus nights of camping or lodging with an event reservation!

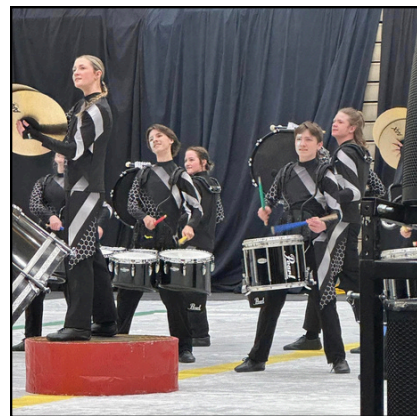
Tickets are available at [www.tributetothe troops.com](http://www.tributetothe troops.com).



A special round of applause goes to Cole Martin, Maddy Lustig, Nicole Eberhard, Micah White, and Luke Lively, who brought home multiple outstanding soloist awards.



Heights Band blew the competition away with their solid gold performances.



Every Heights' band member made a big splash by earning gold. Photos courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

# Heights Bands Hit All Right Notes

There's been something truly magical happening for the Hamilton Heights Band this month, and the accomplishments are nothing short of spectacular!

All Heights Band members who participated at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble all earned gold! The Jazz Band dazzled at the ISSMA Jazz Contest in Kokomo, earning a prestigious gold rating. A special round of applause goes to Cole Martin, Maddy Lustig,

Nicole Eberhard, Micah White, and Luke Lively, who brought home multiple outstanding soloist awards. The Hamilton Heights Middle School Jazz Band also performed well at the ISSMA Jazz Contest earning a Silver rating. Luke Aldwardt received an outstanding solo award. What an incredible showcase of Husky talent at the Kokomo event!

The Heights Indoor Percussion (HIP) group has also been hitting high notes, claiming 1st place overall in Class A

"Movement" at the IPA Invitational in Westfield and securing 3rd place at the IPA Noblesville Invitational. HIP placed 12th overall at the Indiana Percussion Association State Prelims Competition last Saturday earning a trip to the State Finals Competition at Indiana State University on Saturday.

Adding to the excitement, the HHMS Concert Bands shone brightly at the ISSMA Organization Contest. The 8th and

6th Grade Bands achieved a remarkable GOLD rating, while the 7th Grade Band earned a well-deserved SILVER rating. Each performance exemplified hard work, dedication, and musical excellence.

Congratulations to all the outstanding musicians, directors, and supporters who make up the Hamilton Heights Band family. Your passion and talent continue to inspire!

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# Fishers Spotlights Local Artists With Commissioned Art

As the Fishers Event Center continues to fill the calendar with big shows and sporting events, patrons are treated to a local flair as part of their venue experience. The new ultra-modern, 7,500-seat entertainment venue, which has recently hosted big names and events including Turnpike Troubadours, Alabama, Cirque du Soleil, comedian Jeff Foxworthy, the inaugural Pro Volleyball Federation All-Star Match and much more, has commissioned a group of local artists to create unique pieces of art showcased throughout the venue.

Featured artists include the below, with additional details and images of their work for the venue.

## AARON SCAMIHORN

- Aaron is an award-winning creative professional with a proven track record of captivating audiences and driving results. With two Emmys®, Four Gold Addys, and numerous illustration and design annual features, his expertise spans gig poster art, product design, and over 20 years in marketing. His diverse skillset focuses on illustration, typography, and design, and he maintains a strong network within the Indianapolis creative community and beyond, enabling him to bring big ideas to life.
- **See his work at Fishers Event Center:** Scamihorn's work is featured on two "Photo Op" walls on the first and second level concourse. These murals feature items representative of Fishers Event Center events and incorporate FECs branding. Scamihorn also designed the custom posters for Fishers Event Center events including Turnpike Troubadours, Lindsey Stirling, Alabama, the Indy Fuel home opener, the Mudsock rivalry basketball game, the Indy Ignite home opener, and Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats. He also designed a custom stamp featured on marigold seed packets which were distributed at the Rateliff concert in exchange for donations to the Marigold Project. and more.

## LUCIE RICE

- A transplant to Carmel in 2020, Rice originally hails from Kentucky, and received her MFA in illustration from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She then spent well over a decade refining her skills as

a freelance illustrator and designer in Nashville, Tennessee. Drawing creative inspiration from those Southern roots, combined with a passion for all things mid-century, Rice has created a unique style that is full of layered patterns, textures, bright color and detail. A few of her notable book, editorial, and corporate clients include Google, Purina, the Grand Ole Opry, the National Basketball Association, The New Yorker, ESPN, and Toyota. Partnering with Gaylord Entertainment, Rice has also designed the interior and exterior murals for all the Ole Red locations. In the last few years, she has also created public murals for clients in Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, California and Florida.

- **See her work at Fishers Event Center:** Rice's work is featured in murals for District Eats, the second level concourse visible from the bowl, and the second level staircase. Her designs were inspired by the uniqueness of Fishers Event Center as a venue in Hamilton County, reflecting the spirit of the community as a whole. Phrases like 'This must be the place' and 'You're exactly where you're supposed to be' embody this sense of belonging.

## CHROMATIC COLLECTIVE

- Chromatic Collective is a collaborative art duo featuring fine artists Rafael Caro and Erica Parker. Known for their vibrant use of color and captivating, graffiti-inspired illustrative style, they create stunning collaborations with energy and flair. Their journey has been shaped by studying fine arts at Herron School of Art + Design, followed by opening a public gallery, studio, and mural art supply shop in Indianapolis. After closing their brick-and-mortar location, the duo have focused on connecting with new communities and artists, as well as pursuing their aspirations in regional mural events.
- **See their work at Fishers Event Center:** Chromatic Collective's work is featured in murals at the back-of-house tour entryway, the back-of-house green room hallway, and the back-of-house zamboni garage. These murals were designed to evoke a sense of home for the touring acts visiting Fishers Event Center. Inspired by the fans and crafted to energize the performers, they aim to create an exciting and welcoming atmosphere in the most exclusive areas of the venue.

## MIKE ALTMAN

- Mike Altman is a local artist renowned for his ability to transform recycled materials into striking and thought-provoking art. His work often reflects a deep commitment to sustainability, breathing new life into objects that would otherwise go to waste. Altman partnered with Fishers Event Center to create a series of art pieces. Each character was inspired by the various touring acts that regularly grace the stage at the venue, from musicians to comedians, capturing their essence in a fun, playful way.
- **See his work at Fishers Event Center:** Altman's work is featured in the back-of-house green room hallway, and what made this project even more special was the choice of materials: Altman used the cardboard boxes that originally housed the arena's seats before they were installed. These boxes, which might otherwise have been discarded, became the canvas for his imaginative creations. The result was a collection of colorful, quirky figures that not only honored the artists who perform at the venue but also celebrated the history of the space itself.

## KRISTI ARMSTRONG

- Kristi Armstrong is the Ticket Office Manager at Fishers Event Center.
- **See her work at Fishers Event Center:** Having experienced sensory rooms at other venues, she was inspired to create a truly unique and meaningful piece of art for the Fishers Event Center Sensory Room Presented by DAMAR®. One key feature often found in similar spaces is custom wood wall art, specifically designed to reflect the venue's character. When tasked with creating this piece, Kristi thoughtfully considered what the artwork should showcase. Traditionally, sensory room wall art features the venue's logo or a team mascot. However, given that Fishers is home to three in-house teams, Kristi instead chose to focus on creating something universally meaningful and decided to feature Indiana's state flower, the peony. This choice not

only adds a calming touch to the room but also ties in a sense of local pride, all while incorporating soothing colors ideal for guests utilizing the space.

## FISHERS FLOWER FARM

- Fishers Flower Farm is nestled in the heart of Fishers, Indiana, and was founded by the mother-daughter duo, Kayti and Mackenzie, who built it from the ground up with family values at its core. They envisioned creating a space where families and friends could come together for meaningful, nature-inspired experiences right here in Fishers. In a world where instant gratification often takes precedence, the simple act of being present—with each other, with nature, and in the moment—can feel lost. Fishers Flower Farm offers a peaceful sanctuary where you can slow down, find joy and intention, and connect deeply with your loved ones while crafting something beautiful in nature. Their specialty cut flower varieties are thoughtfully curated and grown locally using sustainable and ethical practices.
- **On March 18, they partnered with the Fishers Event Center for a special activation during Nathaniel Rateliff and The Night Sweats.** To enhance the experience, they crafted two stunning flower towers, wrapped around "NRNS" letters, filling FEC concourse with vibrant, locally grown blooms for fans to take pictures in front of. This beautiful display not only added to the concert atmosphere but also served to encourage donations to the Marigold Project.

## TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE VENUE:

Situated on a sprawling 53-acre plot expanding upon the popular 18-acre lifestyle development Fishers District, the Fishers Event Center hosts everything from concerts, entertainment acts to basketball games while serving as a community-focused venue for local athletes to compete, graduation ceremonies and more. The new arena features state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, thoughtfully designed seating arrangements, cutting-edge technology, elevated food and beverage options, premier amenities,

and a commitment to quality and innovation. Home to three professional sports teams (Indy Fuel Hockey Club of the ECHL; Indy Ignite of the Pro Volleyball Federation; and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League), the Fishers Event Center also serves as the largest private event space in Hamilton County. Beyond its programming, the venue boasts extraordinary sightlines offering a great view from the front row to the back of the house. Designed with advanced technology and comfort in mind, the arena offers streamlined arrival, point of sale and departure experiences so you can spend more time enjoying events and less time in lines.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Fishers Event Center will host a wide variety of community events and concerts spanning genres including theater, sports, comedy, family, country, rock and more. The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as newer artists on the brink of big success. Upcoming events include:

- Dove Award winner Forrest Frank (Thursday, March 27)
- Superstar entertainer Blake Shelton (Saturday, March 29)

- Country star Megan Moroney (Thursday, April 24)
- Rick Springfield: I Want My 80s Tour, with John Waite, Wang Chung and Paul Young (Tuesday, June 17)
- Comedian Lianne Morgan (two shows on Saturday, July 26)
- Innovative storytelling leader Critical Role, celebrating its 10th anniversary (Saturday, August 2)
- The Grace and Glory Tour with Crowder, featuring Passion Music, Louie Giglio, and Kari Jobe Carnes & Cody Carnes (Thursday, October 16)
- Multi-platinum 13-time GRAMMY Award winner John Legend (Sunday, November 16)
- ...and much more! Visit FishersEventCenter.com for a full list of events.

**BEFORE YOU GO:** For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, visit FishersEventCenter.com. Fans can sign up for the venue newsletter to stay informed of event announcements and presale options. Review the Know Before You Go information, including details on the venue's hassle-free free flow pre-pay parking, clear bag policy, cashless policy, local directions, suggested lodging and venue maps, here.

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## RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, March 31, 2025  
4:45 p.m.

Hospital Board Room

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Call to Order

Michael Daugherty, Board Chairman

Approval of Agenda

Connect to Purpose

Physician Introductions

None

Approval of Minutes

- February 24, 2025 Regular Session

- February 24, 2025 Executive Session

Report of the Medical Staff Credentials

Ahmad Saltagi, M.D., President, Medical Staff

Quality Report

Eric Marcotte, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

UR/Quality Review

Sam Mishelow

• HPP.027 Institutional Review Committee – Approval

• HPP.259 Investment Statement Policy – Approval

• HPP.025 General Consent and Informed Consent for Medical Treatment - Approval

Experience and Growth Committee Report

William Kirsch, M.D., Chairman

Finance Committee Report

Michael Daugherty, Chairman

Financials – Amy Crouch, CFO

- Accounts Receivable Write off - Approval

Report of the President

Dave Hyatt, President / CEO

- Dashboard - February 2025

New Business

Adjournment

## TOWN OF CICERO

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Declare a Quorum Present:

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2025, 7:00 PM

Town Council Executive Session Memorandum, March 18, 2025, 6:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2025, 7:00 PM

Approval of 4/1/25 Claims:

Council Committee Reports:

1. OTC Report –

2. EDC Report –

3. SWU Management Board Report –

Legal Counsel Report –

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report

Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant

1. Tamarack –

2. Water –

3. Wastewater –

4. West Jackson Street –

5. 2025 Community Crossings Matching Grant –

Old Business:

New Business:

Ordinance 04-01-2025-01 Water & Wastewater Budgets

Ordinance 04-01-2025-02 Employee Handbook Amendment

RHI Water Skiing Clinic

Miscellaneous:

Comments by Citizens:

Motion to Adjourn:

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.

## HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Highway Meeting

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting on Friday, April 4, 2025, has been cancelled.

Todd E. Clevenger

Hamilton County Auditor

## HAMILTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

Dear Plan Commission Members:

Please be advised that our office has not received any petitions for consideration by the Hamilton County Plan Commission. I have spoken with Jim Galloway and, as President of the Plan Commission, he has cancelled the meeting for Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The next regularly scheduled Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

## HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13

Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Hamilton County Commissioners' Courtroom / County Council Chambers, First Floor, Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Noblesville, Indiana

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Communication/Reports:
4. Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2025
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:

DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0003-04-2025

A Development Standards Variance concerning Article(s) 03, 4 of the Hamilton County Zoning Ordinance in order to: Allow an accessory dwelling on a parcel in the A-2 zoning district.

Project Address: 22121 State Road 37 North

Noblesville, IN 46060

Parcel number(s): 07-07-10-00-00-011.000

Property is zoned: A-2

Size of property: 3.0 acres

Legal description: Acreage 3.00 Section 10, Township 19, Range 5

Owner: Joshua and Staci Icenogle

DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0004-04-2025

A Development Standards Variance concerning Article(s) 03, 4 of the Hamilton County Zoning Ordinance in order to: permit the reduction of the required minimum side yard setback from 50' to 18'.

Project Address: 23483 Newton Avenue

Noblesville, IN 46060

Parcel number(s): 07-07-02-00-00-007.001

Property is zoned: A-2

Size of property: 0.94 acres

Legal description: Acreage 0.94 Section 2, Township 19, Range 5

Owner: KGI Family Trust – Kevin Irion

DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0005-04-2025

A Development Standards Variance concerning Article(s) 03, 4 of the Hamilton County Zoning Ordinance in order to: permit the reduction of the required minimum front yard setback from 60' to 44'.

Project Address: 13478 E. 216th Street

Noblesville, IN 46060

Parcel number(s): 07-07-11-00-00-014.000

Property is zoned: A-2

Size of property: 18.69 acres

Legal description: Acreage 18.69 Section 11, Township 19, Range 5

Owner: Jane Shively

7. Director's Report:

8. Legal Counsel Report:

9. Next BZA Meeting - Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Hamilton County Commissioners' Courtroom / County Council Chambers, First Floor, Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana

10. Adjournment

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