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#### **TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

### 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 Executive Director Aili at 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

A second-edition publication  $oldsymbol{1}$  produced by Attorney General Todd Rokita in collaboration with Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith - titled the Churches' Bill of Rights provides guidance to Hoosiers about the rights and protections afforded to churches and other houses of worship under state and federal laws. The document is written in a Q-and-A format. It covers such topics as the extent to which churches may participate in elections and politics, churches' tax-exempt status, freedom of worship, protections for church governance and autonomy, and other topics. This document is an update of the September 2024 guidance Rokita's office sent to religious leaders and churches across the state on how to participate in election-related activities and engage on important matters of public policy in ways consistent with their taxexempt status.

Hoosier women leaders take a back seat to no one. Our friends at MarketBeat.com, a financial media company, surveyed 3.021 people to uncover the most inspirational female leaders in the country. The aim? To celebrate both household names and hidden heroes - leaders whose stories deserve a wider audience. Three Indiana women, Kristen Cooper (Founder & CEO; The Startup Ladies), Mel Raines (CEO; Pacers Sports & Entertainment) and Gail Boudreaux (President & CEO; Elevance Health) ranked in the top 100 nationally.

Unfortunately, the great Hoosier state did not fare well in a new study highlighting the U.S. states where residents are most and least committed to quitting smoking, utilizing data from the American Lung Association. Vape experts Provape used the most recent smoking cessation data from the American Lung Association and found that Indiana is the tenth least-determined state to quit smoking with 52.1 percent of current smokers making a quit attempt. Connecticut tops the ranking, with 63.6 percent of current smokers attempting to quit.



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As we approach Memorial Day, the unofficial start to summer, let's take a look at some of the numbers.



The date we observe Memorial Day and remember your favorite online edition won't be published that day. Who knows, maybe we'll be traveling!

This will be the 109th running of the greatest spectacle in racing, the Indianapolis 500! We still miss Jim Nabors - but what a wonderful day to be both a Hoosier and a racing fan! The green flag is set to drop this Sunday.



### 5-30-1868

The first official Memorial Day. That's when Gen. John Logan began paying tribute to the fallen U.S. soldiers from the Civil War. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land . . . " Word is that Logan picked May 30 because flowers would be in bloom.





people who attend the annual ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



The year Congress decided to switch Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. That took effect three years later.



45,000,000

How many American men and women who have served in the military during a time of war.



A moment of silence should be observed on Memorial Day for the 1,304,447 U.S. soldiers who have lost their lives in military conflicts ranging from the Spanish-American war to the Civil War to the world wars to the war on terrorism.

### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

See your dentist regularly – dental disease can contribute to a number of health problems like heart disease.

Today's health tip was brought



### TODAY'S QUOTE

"The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is." Winston Churchill

to you by Dr. John Roberts.



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### **TODAY'S JOKE**

What do frogs do to cool off on a hot day? Drink Croak-a-Cola!

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### SR 32 and Hague to Close Soon

State Road 32 and Hague Road are scheduled for closure in the next week or so as part of the Reimagine Pleasant Street Project in Noblesville.

Beginning on or after June 2, Hague Road, just north of the intersection of State Road 32, will close as crews construct a new roundabout. On or after July 7, SR 32 will also be closed to complete the roundabout.

In coordination with the Indiana Department of Transportation, the intersection is being reconstructed to a multilane roundabout. As part of the project, new pedestrian tunnels will be installed under SR 32 and under Pleasant Street to provide safe crossings for the Midland Trace Trail and Hague Road Trail.

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### **Hunger Gaps** Filled By **Expansion**



**MARK HALL** Guest Columnist

reduced-price school meals received a summertime boost: \$120 per child

Last summer,

hundreds of

thousands of

who qualified

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for food

Hoosier families

monthly for food while schools were closed. Indiana has decided not to participate in the federal summer food service program, "SUN Bucks", in 2025.

One of the leading indicators for Feeding Team pantry locations is proximity to families living in areas with larger use of free or reduced meals in schools. Gap families, those that have enough to get by, unless and until something unexpectedly happens, may or may not be receiving meal assistance for their children at school. Knowing this data, we respond with programming to fill this new

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### **Steve Nation to Speak** at First-of-Its-Kind Event

Steve Nation, retired judge, youth advocate and Hamilton County Councilor, will serve as a featured speaker at the nation's first-ever Attendance USA Conference, taking place tomorrow and Wednesday in Indianapolis. The event will bring together educators, policymakers, families and thought leaders from across the country to address the growing crisis of chronic absenteeism in schools.

Nation, who spent more than four decades serving the **Hamilton County** community - as prosecutor, judge and founder of the **Hamilton County** Youth Assistance Program – will speak about the importance of early intervention and keeping youth connected to school and their future.

"Throughout my career in the justice system, I saw the impact of disengagement from school long before it reached a courtroom," Nation said. "That's why I've committed myself to prevention helping students stay in school, earn their diploma and build a path toward a successful life."

Nation's long-standing focus on youth development and his leadership in launching proactive support programs have made him a respected voice in both legal and education circles. His work with the Youth Assistance Program has become a model for local communities aiming to address risk factors early and support student success outside of the classroom.

The Attendance USA



**Steve Nation** 

Conference 2025 will be held at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis. Other featured speakers include Brandon P. Fleming, former atrisk youth turned Harvard debate coach and founder of The Veritas Schools, and Jamie Merisotis, CEO of the Lumina Foundation and a leading advocate for education equity.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, chronic absenteeism affected 28 percent of U.S. students in the 2022-23 school year - nearly double the pre-pandemic rate of 16% in 2018-19. The conference seeks to provide unified, communitydriven solutions that reconnect students with learning and address the complex factors behind chronic absenteeism.

Dr. Carolyn Gentle-Genitty, founder of Attendance USA and Dean of Founder's College at Butler University, emphasized the urgency of the issue:

"These numbers represent more than just data—they represent students being left behind. This conference is about building a national movement to keep kids engaged and in school."

To learn more or register for the event, visit https:// tinyurl.com/ bd3akzbh.



Photo courtesy Mia Morales

The 6th Annual Juneteenth Jubilee is seeking

#### Fishers Celebrating 6th Annual Juneteenth at Conner Prairie

Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders club is presenting the  $6^{\text{th}}$ Annual Juneteenth Jubilee at Conner Prairie from 5-8 p.m. on June 19, 2025. This annual student-managed event, presented in partnership with Fishers Arts Council and Conner Prairie and supported by community members, features black-owned businesses and visual artists, culinary artists, community resources, as well as talented performing artists. The event offers free family friendly activities, creating opportunities for community connection and learning for people of all ages. This ongoing collaboration highlights a shared commitment to celebrating culture, history, and community through art, education, and engagement.

The Fishers Juneteenth Jubilee was founded by Fishers Equity Awareness in 2020 and has been organized and managed by students from Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders club since 2022. This is the third year it will be held at Conner Prairie. Last year 2,500 individuals enjoyed the Jubilee with their families. Roughly 30 spaces remain for vendors to join this annual event. The deadline to apply is May 19, 2025. Interested individuals can visit FishersArtsCouncil.org/J uneteenth to sign up. Entertainment applications are also open with a deadline of May 19.

Sponsorship

opportunities are also available for small and large businesses to help support different areas of the Jubilee. Details about sponsorship can be found at FishersArtsCouncil.org /Juneteenth and all sponsorship levels include a booth space at the 2025 event.

The Juneteenth Jubilee has left a lasting impact on the students involved. "Juneteenth is valuable because it helps connect our community together and educate people about something that might not get attention regularly," says Jayden Rucker, one of many student organizers for the Juneteenth Jubilee and 2024-2025 President of FHS Future Black Leaders Club. "It also serves as a fun celebration and opportunity to connect with local black-owned businesses to really promote the progress and growth that's been achieved over our history."

Les Reinhardt, executive director of Fishers Arts Council says, "We are proud to support these students and the community-focused event they create year after year. The student leadership makes all the decisions regarding vendors, entertainment, and promotions. It's truly amazing to see what our youth can make happen in Fishers."

### **Fishers Man Sentenced** to 202 Months in Prison

Taurean Young, a 40year-old from Fishers was sentenced by **United States District** Court Judge Cristal C. Brisco after pleading guilty to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine and fentanyl, announced **Acting United States** Attorney Tina L. Nommay.

Young was sentenced to 202 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release.

According to documents in the case, in May 2023, Young sold a pound of high purity methamphetamine on two separate occasions. In June 2023, law enforcement found Young with a firearm and also recovered a pound of methamphetamine, four ounces of fentanyl, a firearm, and body armor from his residence.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration

including the DEA North Central Laboratory and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from the Mishawaka Police Department. The case was prosecuted by **Assistant United** States Attorney Katelan McKenzie Doyle.

This case was part of an Organized Crime **Drug Enforcement** Task Forces investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.



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### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of
Commissioners will meet on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference
Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilto
County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The Executive Session will be for Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).

/s/ Todd E. Clevenger Hamilton County Auditor

The following manufactured homes will be offered for sale at public auction in conformity with IC 26-1-2-328 and IC 26-1-7-210: 1) 1999 Fairmont Friendship VIN# MY9948619ABF with the owners of record being Donald G and Charlotte A Pierce; 2) 1986 Fairmont VIN# MY8611268ABW with the owners GP01599AB with the owners of record being Loslie D and Zelma S Crawford; 3) 1991 Commodore VIN#
GP01599AB with the owners of record being Douglas Cox and Richard White,
Sr. The auction will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Suburban
Estates MHC Office located at 3222 Cicero Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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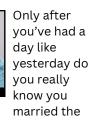
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## A Day Like Yesterday



right person.

**CARRIE CLASSON** The Postscript

The day started out fine. We were flying back from Mexico to the U.S. My husband, Peter, books all our flights, and he had arranged it so we did not have to get up at "the crack of stupid," as he would say. Instead, the cab arrived in the late morning, so I had time for a last walk around the city before we said goodbye to the wonderful staff at the apartment hotel where

It was only as we were getting off the first plane in the U.S., headed toward our connecting flight, that I suspected something might be wrong.

we stay every year.

"Felix smells!" I told

Felix is our cat. He had made a small noise a few minutes before landing, but I had thought nothing of it. Now it smelled as if something was badly amiss. I know you might be having your breakfast as you read this, so suffice to say, of the three types of potential messes an animal could make in a small container, this was the worst of the options.

"What do we do?" Peter

Peter had never had a cat before Felix, and so he considers me the resident cat expert, but my previous cat ownership was of no use in this situation.

"Maybe we can hit a bathroom before the next flight."

Unfortunately, the security line was very long, and as I slowly wound through the line, I was anticipating having to take this cat out of the carrier and walk through the screening. The mess was even worse than I feared.

"How long do we have?" I asked Peter when we finally got through security with our very smelly cat.

"Not long!"

"Do you think we can find

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a family bathroom?"

We did. I will spare you the details—but bathing a cat on a tight schedule is not something I would recommend if you have any choice in the matter. We exited the bathroom with only minutes to spare.

"Look innocent!" Peter said as we walked out. He started to laugh as we raced through the terminal. "If I ever had to dispose of a body, you're the person I'd want to do it with," he told me.

It was very late when we got home, and I knew the first thing I had to do was shampoo a cat. Felix wasn't any happier about the situation than I was, but I think he knew we were on the same team.

And then, when you think it can't get any worse, it does.

"Why is the carpet wet?" Peter yelled from the bedroom. I was in no position to investigate. I was shampooing a cat.

"Oh, no," I heard. And then, "Oh, NO!"

A sprinkler pipe had broken in the bedroom wall. The floor flooded with water. The walls were soaked. The carpeting was ruined. There was nothing to do but go to bed with our stilldamp cat who now smelled of baby shampoo.

"Should we put on life preservers?" I asked Peter.

It was now nearly morning. But before I fell asleep, what I remembered about this day was how much I had laughed.

I had laughed because, as bad as it had been, nothing that had happened was truly terrible. I had laughed because I knew we would make it through. And I had laughed because I had a partner who could-and wouldalways laugh with me in the worst of times.

Till next time, Carrie

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### How fast does light travel?

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WOLFSIE **Funny Bone** 

smarter than I am. She has earned more money than I

My wife is

have. She is far better looking and makes a better parent.

I wanted to tell you this up front because I'm going to make fun of her now, and I don't want you to think I'm a total jerk. As you'll see, I'm still not taking any chances.

This all started a few weeks ago when I was driving Mary Ellen's car and noticed that in six months, she had gone exactly the number of miles allotted to her on the lease. Pleased we had made the right consumer choice, I used the circumstance to initiate some lively marital patter.

"Mary Ellen, guess how many miles you've driven since you got the car in August?" I asked.

"Heavens, I don't know. If I had to guess, 800

"Eight hundred miles? You've had the car for six months. You've driven somewhere every day, seven days a week for six months. How can you say 800 miles? Just going to church on Sunday is 300 miles a month."

(My wife has an MBA, she's been a vice president of a major hospital, a Butler University administrator and her IQ is 20 points higher than mine. Okay, back to making fun of her.)

I began to realize that Mary Ellen has no sense of distance. speed or time.

"Mary Ellen, how far is it from New York to California?"

"I'll say 50,000 miles."

"That's not even close. You would see that if we drove there."

"Well, don't go by my odometer. According to you, it was 6000 miles off."

"Let's try it another way. If you got in the car in New York and drove straight to California, how long would it take?"

"In months?"

"Months? We could travel from New York to LA in less than a week."

"Not if we stop in Vegas. What's the big rush?"

(My wife dresses better than I do, has better manners, understands movies and speaks German. Okay, now back to the needling.)

"Mary Ellen, how far is it from the Earth to the moon?"

"Not a clue. I'll say five million miles."

Wow, I bet that even got a wince from Carl Sagan. "Actually, about 240,000 miles."

"I think these are trick questions. Whose car are we using?"

(My wife graduated in the top 10% of her class and is a gourmet cook).

"Okay, one more chance. If you get this answer within a million miles, I'll buy you an expensive candlelight dinner. How far is it around the Earth at the equator?"

"Now, that has to be a million miles."

"No, but you did just describe Christopher Columbus' recurring nightmare. It's actually 25,000 miles."

"My, it IS a small world. I thought that was just a Walt Disney expression." (She has a beautiful figure and is very sensitive)

"One more chance to redeem yourself. How fast does light travel?"

"Hmmm. Well, you say California is 3000 miles away, and my hairdresser is 10 miles from the house, and the moon is 240,000 miles from Earth, and the equator is 25,000 miles around. Keeping that in mind, I'd say light travels 186,000 miles per second."

"I'm absolutely dumbfounded! That is correct. How did you do that? You've been spoofing me all along. I am so gullible. But to be exact, it's 186,282 miles per second."

"I see, so it got faster."

– 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.

### **Carmel Promotes From** Within for Chief of Staff

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced that Nick Weber will serve as chief of staff for the City of Carmel. Weber will maintain his responsibilities as executive director of Economic Development for Carmel during this transition period.

With extensive executive leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, Weber will work closely with the mayor, city council and department heads to execute strategic initiatives and drive meaningful progress for Carmel residents.

Nick brings a wealth of experience in public service and a deep commitment to our community that will be invaluable as we continue moving Carmel forward," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "Nick's strategic thinking, collaborative approach and intimate understanding of Carmel's economic landscape make him the ideal person for this critical role. I have complete confidence that he will help our administration deliver on our promises to residents while leveraging his economic development expertise to enhance our city's prosperity."

In his role as executive director of Economic Development for Carmel, Weber oversees the city's Redevelopment Department and Department of Community Services. On behalf of the mayor, Weber has spearheaded the city's focus on the economic development opportunities that are present along the U.S. 31 corridor. Weber led internal efforts to increase financial scrutiny of developerrequested incentives and he also increased community engagement in the Carmel Small Business Network.

Prior to joining the City of Carmel team, Weber



**Nick Weber** 

worked at Faegre

Drinker advising

public and private sector clients in Indiana and across the country on complex economic development matters, including site selection and incentive projects totaling more than \$1 billion in capital investment. He previously served as deputy mayor of Economic and Workforce Development for the City of Indianapolis. Weber also worked in both Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis for former U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar. Early in his career, he worked in the administration of Indianapolis Mayor

closely with Carmel's business community and stakeholders, I've witnessed firsthand the tremendous potential and unique character that makes our city special," said Weber. "This new role presents an exciting opportunity to broaden my service to Carmel residents while continuing to support the city's remarkable growth trajectory. I look forward to working alongside Mayor Finkam and our dedicated team to advance the administration's vision for a vibrant and economically robust Carmel."

Stephen Goldsmith.

"Having worked

Weber graduated from Indiana University and was recognized as a Forty Under 40 in the Indianapolis Business Journal.

Rebecca Carl has served as Chief of Staff, announcing her resignation last month.



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2025 Chevrolet Trax LT



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basic transportation that's practical and enjoyable to drive or want a large-to-charge electric pickup that drives itself, one of these vehicles should

2025 Chevrolet Trax LT

For a recent drive from Indianapolis, Indiana to Bowling Green, Kentucky; Flint, Michigan and home, I had a choice of vehicles, but chose Chevrolet's entry-level vehicle, the Trax crossover. My brain wondered what I was doing as I drove out, but I made a surprisingly good choice.

Much of its style is cribbed from the Trailblazer, with which it shares architecture, and larger Blazer crossovers. Its front wears Chevy's chrome cross-bar grille, clinched to the sides under thin driving lamps and lower inset headlamps. Muscular body forms and zags of lower cladding add drama above 17" wheels.

Interiors are pretty cool too with drivers facing

Corvette-style twin flatscreens. Carbon-look dash trim, large round air vents, and chrome accents lend an upscale air, and as in expensive Chevys, devices connect wirelessly via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Automatic climate control was a nice surprise. Cloth seats are firmly bolstered, but thin lumbar support make backs stiff on long trips. Tip-tap to find lots of plastic, but it all looks good. Sacrifices must be made to keep prices low...

One of my favorite roads is 165 just south of Louisville where one finally greets the foothills of Appalachia in sweeping fast curves that stress a vehicle's powertrain and chassis. Speeds can easily have a "9" in front of them. And it doesn't matter if we're discussing a sports car or utility, GM engineers know how to dial in a chassis for the right balance of comfort and handling. Kick the Trax off a bridge seam and it just settles without drama. Steering is tight and precise. There's a lot of road noise that intrudes on the stereo. but I've driven \$40,000 crossovers that would be embarrassed by this car's handling. Chevrolet may have specified a less

sophisticated powertrain in the Trax, but it's one of my favorites. On paper, a 1.2-liter turbocharged three-cylinder engine, connected to the front wheels through a sixspeed automatic transmission, may not seem that exciting. However, it produces 137 horsepower and 162 lb.-ft. of torque. That allows quick enough acceleration onto freeways, but the turbo carries through the hills. A slight click down on the throttle crisply scrubs a gear or two while surging ahead. All that, and 28/32-MPG city/highway.

As I'm working on this story, I watch a video about the 1981 Citation X-11, the hottest variant of Chevy's infamous hatchback. Back then it had about 130 horsepower and ran 0-60 mph in 8.5 seconds. Don't think that's fast? A 1981 Corvette with a 5.7-liter V8 did it in 8.1 seconds. The Trax? Yep, 8.5 seconds. The lowest of today's Chevrolets, challenges top performers from the early '80s with a fraction of the engine displacement.

Chevrolet could sell lots full of the Trax

even without a low price, but it gets one anyway. Entry LS models start at \$20,500 while the sportier RS and more luxurious LT trims rise from under \$24,000. Shop the Kia Soul, Hyundai Venue, Nissan Kicks, Subaru Impreza and similar **Buick Envista for** comparison.

2025 Chevrolet Silverado EV LT

A couple of months ago, I tested the Chevy Silverado EV RST, which top-trim of the electric pickup with 460 miles range, air suspension, sportified interior, and city slicker body trim. It was also \$96,000. Yikes. So, let's see what we can get for slightly less coin.

For that, we try the middle-range LT trim. There are obvious differences. The LT trades body color trim for black plastic, 24" wheels become 22", and the RST's 460 miles range decreases by 70 miles. The air suspension is gone too. And, if I hadn't already driven the RST, I never would have noticed. At least we kept the fly twin-screen dashboard and hands-off Super Cruise system for relaxed highway driving.

Almost nobody will

complain about 390 miles range. It can fastcharge 100 miles every 10 minutes, so less than 40 minutes for a full tap. You'll need closer to 12 hours for the same on a 240v home or commercial charger - an easy overnight replenish. If you're counting milesper-gallon equivalents, it posts 70/59-MPGe city/highway.

Being a truck, the Silverado EV can do real truck stuff - like hauling 1,800 lbs. in the bed or up to 12,500 lbs. on its pre-wired hitch. Of course, towing a boat or camper will zap half of your range, but that's still enough to get to a local state park or city recreational area without worry. Copying a trick from the discontinued

Avalanche pickup, the rear cab wall folds in to load kayaks, lumber, or camping gear from backs of the front seats to the tailgate completely sealed and secure.

By the end of the year, Chevrolet will offer the Silverado EV in three trim levels: Work Truck, LT, and RST. An entry level price of \$57,095 rises to \$84,590 for our well-equipped LT not cheap, but still \$12k less than last time. Compare it to the Tesla Cybertruck, Ford F-150 Lightening, Rivian R1T, and similar GMC Sierra EV.

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- Rear styling
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- Hard seats

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Assembly: Changwon, Korea Base/as-tested price: \$20,500/24,000

## **Postcards Arriving Soon** as State Cleans Voter Rolls

Hoosier voters will be the mail from the Secretary of State's Election Division. The mailings are part of a statewide voter list maintenance. The goal is to identify outdated, duplicate, and inaccurate voter registrations to improve the accuracy and integrity of Indiana's voter registration list.

You don't have to do anything in response to receiving a postcard. If a postcard is returned by the Post Office as undeliverable, a second postcard will be sent to the forwardable address on file with the US Postal Service. The second postcard will ask the voter to confirm or update their residence address or cancel their Indiana voter registration using a postage pre-paid voter response card. Hoosiers who receive a second postcard should follow the instructions to

complete and return the pre-addressed, postage-paid response card to the Secretary of State Election Division.

This process required by federal and state law is part of an ongoing effort to identify outdated, obsolete, and inaccurate voter registrations.

A registration "flagged" as inaccurate by this process can only be canceled by a county voter registration board if the "flagged" registration is not utilized for voting in two successive federal elections. Voters can correct or update a "flagged" registration by mail, in-person at their county clerk's office, or at the polls when they vote in a Primary or General Election.

Over the past two voter list maintenance cycles, this process has led to approximately 800,000

inactive/outdated being canceled in Indiana.

"Sending these postcards is an essential step in maintaining clean and accurate voter rolls. It helps identify outdated or incorrect information and ensures our voter registration lists reflect current, eligible voters. This process is vital to protecting the integrity of our elections and upholding voter confidence across Indiana," said Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales.

These mailings should also serve as a reminder for Hoosiers to verify, update or start a voter registration online at https://indianavoters.in .gov/. Voters can also visit their county clerk's office to register or update their voter registration. An image of a sample postcard can be found online.

### **Boone County Group Applauds LEAP Developments**

The Boone County Preservation Group is applauding recent developments indicating that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation may be reconsidering the scope of its ambitious LEAP Research and Innovation District project. This shift aligns with the Preservation Group's longstanding concerns about the project's impact on local farmland and natural resources, as well as the lack of transparency with the

In a significant turn of events, the IEDC has placed two houses and their associated land back on the market potentially at a financial loss. These properties were purchased as part of the LEAP project.

community.

"This move suggests that the anticipated economic returns from the project may not materialize as expected," said Group Member Brian Daggy. "It's been more than three years, and the only confirmed LEAP tenant is Lilly. The fact that these properties

are back on the market indicates a shift may be happening."

Additionally, Governor Mike Braun has ordered a forensic audit of the IEDC and its affiliate, Elevate Ventures, in response to allegations of financial mismanagement and lack of transparency. As part of this investigation, all **Elevate Ventures** funds have been frozen and spending by the IEDC Foundation has been suspended.

"The Boone County **Preservation Group** and other community members have long raised concerns regarding the LEAP project and the lack of transparency around its finances," said **Group Member Jim** Love. "Reckless growth also creates a strain on taxpayers of existing utilities. The **Preservation Group** has consistently advocated for responsible land development that prioritizes the preservation of the area's agricultural

recent developments suggest that the state is beginning to acknowledge the validity of these concerns.

These recent events reinforce the Group's belief that the government should not act as a property developer, and is not

capable of the task.

"Fiscal responsibility and fiscal accountability are not built into the current IEDC model of development," added Daggy.

While the Preservation **Group supports** thoughtful economic growth, they advocate for development that is transparent, fiscally responsible, and respectful of Boone County's farmland, natural resources, and community identityand will continue monitoring the situation to ensure these values are upheld.

For more information about the Boone **County Preservation** Group and its mission, please visit preserving-boonecounty.org

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communities. We are thrilled to

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announce that after a few years of hiatus from Northern Hamilton County, the Feeding Team is bringing back mobile food pickups and adding office hours food pick ups to compliment the seventy-seven pantries in service today.

Beginning in June the Feeding Team and Gleaners food bank will host two mobile food pick-ups monthly. Weather permitting, the second Saturday of each month, beginning June 14th, from 10AM-12PM at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 IN State Road 19, Arcadia, IN 46030, and the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning June 24th, from 4PM-6PM at Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216<sup>th</sup>

St, Cicero, IN 46034.

These reoccurring mobile food distributions are designed for neighbors to drive through with volunteers loading food in each neighbor's vehicle. This is a big expansion to fill existing and upcoming food GAPs in our area. That said, we need help! Each Mobil Food Truck event needs twelve volunteers to assist with organizing and then food distribution into vehicles. If you want to help, please send an email to lisa@feeding team.org to get details and signup.

Next, during select office hours, beginning in June every other Thursday at the Feeding Team offices, we are launching a small neighborhood drive-through food pick up. As we finalize details, please check our Facebook page for information and how to get involved.

This month I heard an all too familiar story about a neighbor stopping by one of the pantries only to find it barren. This time it

happened to be in Cicero, where a volunteer was pulling up a cart of food to load the pantry. From about a block away she could see that a man was at the pantry shopping. As she walked closer his countenance and his eyes looked weary and distraught. This pantry on this day at this time, was essentially empty. He looked down and

discouraged he shook his head. In God's divine timing, the volunteer arrives as the man gets into his car to pull away. Gingerly, she approaches, pointing to her cart and lets him know that she is about to restock the pantry. Grateful and timidly, they move to the pantry where he selects enough food for a couple of days. Then, next, just as he's about to walk away, he turns to the volunteer and says "you should know, I wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for these boxes". Imagine the moment for a second, the joy of helping a neighbor who can't make ends meet. Many of us have been there. Many are still there. Many will be there in the future. That is why we exist. It's not often that we

With over 44,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, www.Feedingteam.org is a registered 501C3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may

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assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many foodchallenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

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

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

www.feedingteam.org facts - 77 pantries, 14,000 meals a month are provided, over thirty volunteer families. Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feeding team.org and mark@feedingteam. org or 317-832-1123.

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

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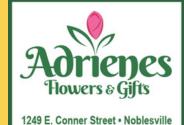
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"I am proud of the progress we have made on the Reimagine Pleasant Street project and the positive impact it's having on our community," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The new roundabout and

this area will enhance traffic flow, reduce congestion, and create a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists enjoying our city's trails."

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open to traffic in October. Hague Road will be closed to through traffic between State Road 38 and SR 32. Access will remain open for residents and Hague Road Nature Preserve.

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#### **RIVERVIEW HEALTH**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** 

Monday, May 19, 2025

4:45 p.m.

Hospital Board Room

\*AGENDA\*

Call to Order

Michael Daugherty, Board Chairman

Connect to Purpose

- Kristie Breitwieser

Physician Introductions

- None

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- April 28, 2025 Regular Session

- April 28, 2025 Executive Session

- May 9, 2025 Executive Session

**New Business** 

Legislative Session Review - Sydnee Cseresznyes, Volt Strategies

Report of the Medical Staff Credentials Eric Marcotte, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

- Credentials

- Bylaw Approval

- Rules and Regulations Approval

**Quality Report** 

Eric Marcotte, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

**UR/Quality Review Committee** 

Sam Mishelow, Chairman

- Policy Approval

- HPP.164 - Plan for Provision of Services

- HPP.174 - Protected Health Information - HPP.292 - Reproductive Health Care

- HPP.096 - Licensure Verification for Non-Staff Practitioners

- HPP.061 - Corporate Compliance Program

**Experience and Growth Committee** 

William Kirsch, M.D., Chairman

- Annual Merit Increase

Finance Committee

Michael Daugherty, Chairman

- Financials - Amy Crouch, CFO - Accounts Receivable Write off - Approval

Report of the President Dave Hyatt, President / CEO

- Dashboard - April 2025

Adjournment

#### **RIVERVIEW HEALTH**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** 

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** 

Monday, May 19, 2025

Hospital Board Room

5:15 p.m. \*AGENDA\*

Strategic discussions permitted under IC § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) Competitive marketing strategies permitted under IC § 16-22-3-28(C)(3)

### **NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS**

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM** 

18025 River Road

Noblesville, Indiana

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. RECOGNITIONS

§ ISBA Special Recognition § 2025 Teachers of the Year

§ Assistant Principal of the Year

§ Art at ESC 2025-2026

§ NHS Merit Scholars

§ Wind Ensemble / NHS

§ Journalism / NHS § Shadow Yearbook / NHS

§ Hare Teacher Spotlight / PR

III. REPORTS

§ Building Spotlight / Promise Road Elementary School

Tonya Moody, Principal

§ NYAP Presentation (Noblesville Youth Assistance Program) Michelle Schmidt, Early Intervention Advocate

§ ELA Program Review Presentation

Department of Learning

§ Strategic Planning Presentation / Engaging Community Relations Marnie Cooke, Dir. of Marketing & Communications

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the

Board about current agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public

Comments and Concerns.

V. CONSENT By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions

which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be moved

from the list at the option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

§ Claims

§ Donations

§ Minutes / April 2025 § Overnight and Out-of-State Trips

§ Personnel / Personnel Addendum

VI. ACTION By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or

actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

§ Employee Handbook 2025-2026 § Student Handbooks 2025-2026

The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to

§ ELA Curriculum Materials 2025-2026 § Meal Prices 2025-2026

§ Food2School Purchasing Cooperative 2025-2026

§ Noblesville Youth Baseball ("NYB") Revised Agreement VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA TOPICS

share input with the

Board about non-agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

#### **NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS**

Executive Session Agenda

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Noblesville Educational Services Center 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062

5:30 p.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

#### **NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS**

Executive Session Agenda

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Noblesville Educational Services Center 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062

9:00 a.m. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

#### **NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS**

Executive Session Agenda

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Noblesville Educational Services Center 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062

1:00 p.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

#### **HAMILTON COUNTY ISS BOARD**

**Meeting Notice** 

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County ISS Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 in Conference Room 1A; via TEAMS, Meeting ID: 218 289 984 103, Passcode: 7an2xo3Z or call in +1 219-225-8177,,950781886# United States, Lowell, Phone Conference ID: 950 781 886# The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of ISSD projects.





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# Miller Ambassador Graduates



Photo courtesy Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools graduated its 8th class of Miller Ambassador community leaders recently, bringing the total number of Miller Ambassadors to approximately 200. The Miller Ambassadors program is an engaging, year-long learning experience for select Noblesville community leaders and school district parents to enjoy a deeper understanding of Noblesville Schools. Program participants are exposed to all facets of running a district, including business management, academics, student services, operations and more. Applications for next year's class will open in June. Visit noblesvilleschools. org/millerambassadors for more information and a complete list of graduates. Pictured above are: Molly Babczak, Kristen Boice, Kenneth Bond, Amanda Congrove, Erica Davis, Jon Fryling, Hans Hesemann, Ryan Hietpas, Crystal Jones, Tracy Knepp, Melissa Loiselle, Ryan Lungerhausen, John Mann, Mindi Matthews, Christine McCormick, Matthew Miller, Brandon Mitchell, Pat Moor, Josmary Pearson, Lexie Rock, Lavon Simpson, Samantha Smock, Lance Stockton, Kent Williams and Melissa Zapata. Not pictured: John Mann and Josmary Pearson.



Asha Adhikari with the Hamilton County Commissioners



Photos courtesy Hamilton County

From left, Evan Lawhead (Hamilton Southeastern), Monica Greer (HCCOAOD), Josh Cale (Carmel High School), Asha Adhikari (Westfield High School), Commissioner Christine Altman, Sloan Ferguson (Fishers High School), Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Madison Bowman (Hamilton Heights High School), Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt and Ryan Vetor (Noblesville High School). Not pictured: Zachary Phillips (Sheridan High School).

### Westfield Senior Recognized at Hamilton County Youth Service Awards

Senior Asha Adhikari from Westfield High School was awarded the 32nd Annual Hamilton County Youth Service Award Monday afternoon. The ceremony was sponsored by the **Hamilton County** Commissioners and the **Hamilton County** Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAOD). Adhikari was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

As founder of the

Project Hope, Adhikari has led efforts to support the homeless while educating peers on the link between addiction, job loss, and housing insecurity. Her advocacy through Speech and Debate and personal experiences have deepened her understanding of addiction's impact, reinforcing her dedication to sobriety and service.

Six other students

the Youth Service Award by their school's counseling department. The other nominees include Josh Cale from Carmel High School, Sloan Ferguson from Fishers High School, Madison Bowman from Hamilton Heights High School, Evan Lawhead from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Ryan Vetor from Noblesville High School, and Zachary Phillips from Sheridan High School. They will each receive a \$300 scholarship.

"We are continually inspired by the passion and dedication of these students," said Monica Greer, executive director of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. "Each of the finalists has made a meaningful impact in their community, and their commitment to service and living drugfree is impressive. We're honored to recognize such outstanding young leaders."

# Indiana Health Board Kevin Martin has been named to the Aspire

**Kevin Martin Joins Aspire** 

Kevin Martin has beer named to the Aspire Indiana Health Board of Directors, bringing a wealth of business experience across multiple industries and disciplines.

Martin has held a wide range of C-suite and business ownership positions including President & Founder of Martin Equity, LLC and a former operating partner role with Johnson Ventures. As a financial expert and business advisor, he has a long track record of helping grow businesses and navigate complex partnerships and acquisitions.

"I welcome the opportunity to join the Aspire board. The work their team does to deliver physical and mental health services in the communities it serves is very impressive and helps so many in need," Martin said.

Aspire is a nonprofit community health system with locations in Boone, Hamilton, Madison and Marion counties, primarily serving Medicaid/Medicare populations and Hoosiers with complex health challenges. Its services include primary medical care, behavioral health therapy, substance abuse disorder treatment, recovery facilities and programs addressing social drivers of health such as employment and housing.

The company has continued to grow at a rapid pace, rolling out new initiatives including expanded medical and pharmacy services.



Kevin Martin

"As Aspire Indiana Health looks for more and better ways to serve people facing barriers to healthcare, we need someone with Kevin's business acumen, relationships, and knowledge of community need to help steer us in the best direction for smart, sustainable growth," said Antony Sheehan, Aspire President & CEO. "We're thrilled he has accepted our invitation to join our board and look forward to having his counsel for years to

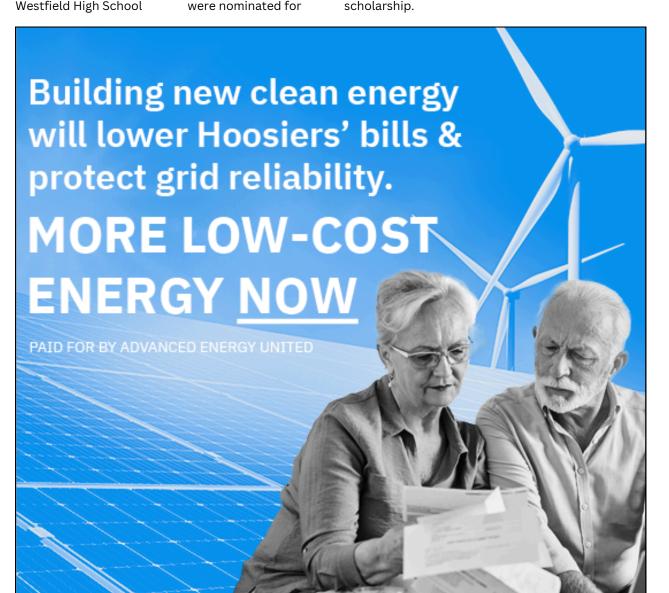
Aspire Board Chair Michael Collette added, "Through Kevin's appointment we are strengthening our Board's capacity and capability, deepening our connection to Marion County, and bringing in entrepreneurial skills that can only benefit Aspire moving forward. I'm so grateful Kevin is now part of our team."

come."

Martin received bachelor's and MBA degrees from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, and received a CPA license, now inactive. He has served on numerous boards including current appointments with The Orchard School and Brightlane Learning.

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#### **Heights Superintendent Shares Update**



ARROWOOD **Guest Columnist** 

Dave Post's Engineering class became the first in the state to offer Purdue University's

5S workshop as part of their Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). Representatives from Purdue University were on site to observe this groundbreaking achievement and to present the certifications. 5S is one of several Lean Manufacturing tools and is a globally recognized methodology focused on structured, team-based problem-solving to improve organizational processes and increase productivity.

Used by over a million businesses worldwide, it empowers individuals with the tools to analyze, refine, and optimize workflows. For students, integrating 5S principles into academics and daily life provides a forwardthinking mindset that strengthens critical problem-solving skillsvaluable both in education and future professional pursuits. Earning this certification signifies a student's proficiency in identifying risks, reducing errors, and driving efficiency, skills highly sought after in industries committed to excellence. This milestone marks an exciting step for Hamilton Heights, highlighting the school's dedication to innovation and real-world learning

opportunities.

In other exciting news, both the high school and elementary schools join the middle school in earning the prestigious ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). They are among an elite group of 190 schools across 29 states to have earned this honor. This distinguished five-year recognition underscores the district's unwavering commitment to a comprehensive school counseling program aligned with the ASCA National Model, which emphasizes a proactive and preventative approach to fostering academic, career, and social-emotional development for every student.

The IMPACT Awards Dinner, hosted by the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program, is now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year of honoring exceptional

Heights' students for their perseverance and resilience in overcoming personal challenges. Held at Hamilton Heights Middle School, the celebration welcomed 170 attendees, including students, families, school personnel, and community representatives. The program recognizes at least one student per grade (K-12), nominated by staff for demonstrating strength and determination in the face of adversity. This event is a true celebration of the accomplishments and triumphs of these remarkable students, many of whom have overcome significant challenges in their lives. The grit, perseverance, and unwavering spirit of these students serves as an important reminder that challenges do not define success-

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. While this is a good reminder for us to prioritize wellbeing, it's also a time to reflect on the profound impact of public education-not just as a foundation for learning, but as a pillar of community, growth, and support. Schools are more than classrooms; they are spaces where students discover their potential, build lasting connections, and learn the values of compassion and resilience.

resilience does.

Every day, educators, families, and community members come together to ensure that each child feels valued, empowered, and supported in their journey. By uplifting one another-through kindness, encouragement, and understanding-we create an environment where every student can thrive, and where seeking help is never seen as a weakness, but as a step toward strength and success.

Together, we are shaping a future where education not only equips students with knowledge but also nurtures the skills to lead with empathy, persevere through challenges, and build a brighter world for all. #WeAreHuskies

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

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### Local Families Use Memorial Funds to Invest in Youth, Community

With the help of the **Hamilton County** Community Foundation, two families have turned their tragedies into something that benefits the community. And this summer, they're inviting the public to get involved.

On June 6, Joe and Kathy Cox will host the second annual Abs Angels Legacy Golf Outing in memory of their 20-year-old daughter, Abigail, who was killed in a car accident in 2023. (Registration/informati on at abs-angels.com.)

On July 21, family and friends of Tony Etchison will host the fourth annual Tony **Etchison Memorial Golf** Outing and silent auction in memory of Etchison, 47, who died in a farming accident in 2019. (Registration/ information at etch21.com.)

Proceeds for the two events will benefit the Abigail Cox Legacy Fund and the Tony **Etchison Memorial** Foundation, respectively. Both funds are overseen by the Hamilton County Community Foundation. Abigail's fund provides a \$5,000 annual scholarship to Purdue University as well as gifts to more than a dozen other organizations, and beneficiaries of Tony's fund include \$5,000 gifts to both the Noblesville Youth Assistance Program and the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program.

"HCCF offers a variety of ways to remember and honor people in our fundholders' lives, including naming their fund after a loved one, making a grant in honor/memory of an individual, or starting a memorial fund," said **HCCF** Philanthropic Advisor Josie Frey. "We're honored by the trust our fundholders have in us and it is incredibly meaningful to be a small part of their philanthropic journey."

In 2024, the 10 Memorial Funds **Hamilton County Community Foundation** oversees distributed \$814,796.28. HCCF offers eight kinds of funds for charitable giving. There is no minimum requirement to start a fund. For more information, visit Types of Funds.

Joe and Kathy Cox said Abigail's fund allows them to stay involved in the things their daughter was close to, including Purdue University, Hamilton Southeastern High School Blue Crew, the Zeta Tau Alpha chapter at Purdue, and Young Life ministry.

"I like to hear the stories of what other

young people are doing

and being part of helping them do those things," Joe said. "So, staying involved is big and hearing those stories is helpful to me."

"People are thinking about her and talking about her and that's good for us that she remains in people's thoughts," Kathy added.

Abigail was "spirited," her parents said. Always commanded attention. Dimples, and a smile in her eyes. Just drew you in immediately. Full of spunk and passionate about anything she was involved in.

As she got older, Abigail became more involved in her faith, which became "an essential part of the person that she was," her dad said. "I think what is unique and draws people to her story is that she was just a regular girl, and she still was involved in regular girl stuff, but she found a way to shine God's light with anybody doing anything."

The summer after her sophomore year of college, Abigail went off to intern at Christcentered Kanakuk Kamp in Lampe, Mo. She was headed to Arkansas with others from the camp to do rappelling and rock climbing when a car crossed the center line and hit the car she was riding in.

"When we started planning a celebration of life ceremony, people were asking what they can do," Joe said. "We looked around a little bit and asked some questions of a few folks and we landed on creating a legacy fund for her. We had talked about doing our own 501(C)(3), but we couldn't get it pulled together quickly enough and we didn't want to have to do all the administration that would be required. That's how we came to HCCF."

It took one phone call to establish the fund, which was accepting donations in a matter of days. Initial funding came from family, friends of family, and people in the community. The golf event, an annual walk and donations that have followed provide the funds that continue to let the Coxes keep Abigail's memory alive.

"There's nothing that makes (our situation) easy," Kathy said. "I think what makes me most proud is that I continue to hear the impact that not only she had on people when she was here, but that she has on them now. I feel responsible

to continue what she

started. As a mom,

especially, that's my

drive. How can I continue what she was doing? Because I don't know, it just seems like that's what we're supposed to do."

Tony Etchison lived by three guiding principles: love everyone, be kind, make a difference.

"Tony was the most wonderful, loving, compassionate, empathetic person I've ever met," his widow, Toby, said. "Always saw the good in people, always told the boys (J.P., Gus and Tillman) that you never know what somebody's dealing with, so give a little love, give a little grace. Always thinking of the other person, never of himself. Never."

The story his friends and family like to tell is about the time someone stole Tillman's sneakers when he was in junior high school. The principal called and informed Tony that he'd found out who did it. Tony said: I'm not concerned about that. Does the child need shoes? Does the child need anything?

It turned out, the boy who stole the shoes just liked them and wanted him for himself.

"Tony just wanted to make sure that it was understood that kids make mistakes," Toby said. "And it doesn't define this child. And if there's a need to be met, let us help with that."

When Tony died, his friend Buddy Baker, a sports agent, wanted

to start a memorial fund in his honor. "We were going through all the emotions and thinking this might be a lot to take on," Toby said. "But then we got a year underneath us and saw how big everything was getting and how much people wanted to do to honor Tony."

"Why would you want to donate to the Tony **Etchison Memorial** Foundation?" family friend Jody Roudebush asked. "You'd want to because of what he tried to instill in everybody that he met, the fact that we're still trying to do the things that he did by supporting the youth of our community. A lot of times we're giving money, but we're not really advertising it. And that, again, that's kind of like how Tony worked. He just did it privately because it was the

Today, the fund follows Tony's guiding principles to give back to the community, kids, and families in need. Its recipients include Ascent 121, which provides trauma recovery services for teens, the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville and various organizations that help single mothers.

right thing to do."

"You start out with the best intentions and hope it does well," Toby said. "But I am surprised at how this has continued even after five years, that it continues to get bigger and better and more and more people involved in it. It makes me very proud and happy, that's for sure."



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