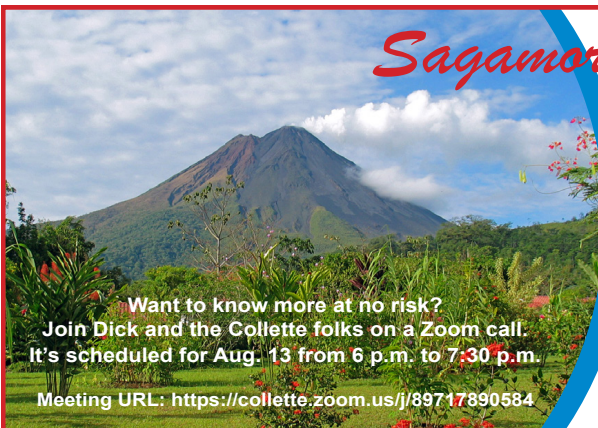


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■ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and Tipton County SWCD will host a Farmer Field Day on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Grain Farms, 15415 E 281st St. in Atlanta. This event will provide area farmers, landowners, and ag professionals with timely updates on nutrient management, herbicide regulations, and conservation practices, along with opportunities for continuing education credits. Registration opens at 8. Continuing education opportunities include: PARP, CCH and CCA credits. Registration is required by Sept. 3 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZFZF729> or by contacting Courtney Lockwood at tate9@purdue.edu or (317) 776-0854. Farmer Field Day is made possible through the collaboration of Hamilton and Tipton County SWCDs, Purdue Extension, and local agricultural partners.



Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to all the farmers out there. Won't be too much longer until they're back in the fields. Safe travels, boys!

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Focus on being productive instead of busy."
- Tim Ferriss

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Why did the bullet quit his job?

He got fired.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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!

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Superman? No silly. It's meteors. Lots and lots of meteors. On this date in 1609, the noted Galileo Galilei demonstrated his first telescope to Venetian lawmakers. See, even back then the government had its hands in everything. Galileo used his telescope to see the stars of the Milky Way, the phases of Venus, the four largest satellites of Jupiter, Saturn's rings, lunar craters and sunspots. In honor of his achievement, we're going to take a look skyward today and see what is in store in the heavens for the rest of this year . . . by the numbers!

37 A meteor from the Perseid meteor shower moves at about 37 miles a second. And yes, even though the Perseids hit their peak earlier this month, stargazers can still reasonably expect to see a few stragglers.



20 The next shower comes from the Orionids. It begins in late September and runs for almost two months. The peak should come on Oct. 20-21 when you can - depending on the conditions - see about 20 meteors per hour.

10-21-25

That's the peak for the Orionids shower. It starts the first of the month and runs until about Nov. 7. They got their name because they appear to come from the constellation . . . you guessed it, Orion! Anyone remember what movie Orion's Belt was a prominent clue? Remember Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones in Men In Black!

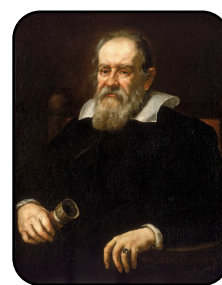


10-8-25

On Oct. 8, the Draco-nids should be at their peak. This is a northern hemisphere shower named after the constellation Draco. They should begin Oct. 6 and last until Oct. 10. If you are lucky, you can see perhaps 10 an hour.



77 Galileo lived to the ripe of age of 77! He passed away on Jan. 6.



Galileo Galilei

1,600,000

According to odds-makers, your chance of being struck by a meteor is about 1 in 1.6 million! On the other hand, your odds of being struck by lightning is about 1 in 15,300.



Perry Como

1957

That's the year Perry Como sang Catch a Falling Star and Put it in Your Pocket. Remember that one? If so, better save it for a rainy day!

■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Calling future nurses: Marian University and Ascension St. Vincent are looking for you. The university's Leighton School of Nursing and Ascension St. Vincent will showcase the many pathways in a burgeoning field and the opportunities to give back to the greater good at a free event on Aug. 27 from 4-7 p.m. in the main lobby of Ascension St. Vincent's Women and Infants Hospital, 2001 W. 86th St., Door 4A, in Indianapolis. This event is for anyone interested in nursing at any level - from high schoolers to career changers- to help current and future nurses find their calling while filling the ongoing need for healthcare professionals in Indiana.

2. Indiana Landmarks recently announced the 10 Most Endangered, an annual list of Hoosier landmarks in jeopardy: College Hall, Merom Camp & Retreat Center, Merom; Emily Kimbrough Historic District, Muncie; Kiwanis Field, La Porte; Mineral Springs Hotel, Paoli; Rudicel-Montgomery Polygonal Barn, Waldron; Shields Memorial Gymnasium, Seymour; Sollman School, Snake Run (near Fort Branch); Sposeep & Sons Building, Wabash; Traders Point Covered Bridge, Indianapolis; and West Side Recreation Club, South Bend. Places that land on the 10 Most Endangered list often face a combination of problems rather than a single threat-abandonment, neglect, dilapidation, obsolete use, development pressure, or owners who simply lack money for repairs. Since the list was introduced in 1991, demolition has claimed only 21 of the 172 Most Endangered sites, while 105 places are completely restored or no longer endangered. To find out more about each of the 10 Most Endangered, visit www.indianalandmarks.org.

3. Distinguished as one of the best fall festivals in the nation by USA Today's 10Best readers, the 6th annual Jack Pine Glass Pumpkin Festival takes place Fri. Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 21 in Ohio's stunning Hocking Hills Region. Open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, this much-loved, free fall festival has grown to draw more than 10,000 art lovers from around the country to this renowned glass artist's studio in southeast Ohio to purchase fall décor, holiday gifts and more. Festivalgoers are encouraged to car-pool and reserve VIP Advance Discount Parking for \$5 at GlassPumpkinFestival.com. Guests who reserve parking receive a \$5 coupon towards their Jack Pine pumpkin purchase. Plenty of day-of parking is available for \$10 per car.

Dollars + \$ense can be found on the Noblesville Schools website under the community and business department sections, or by visiting noblesvilleschools.org/dollarsandsense



Noblesville Schools Share Dollars and \$ense

Noblesville Schools launched a new website called *Dollars and \$ense*, where residents can find details on Noblesville Schools finances, learn more about how Indiana schools are funded and stay up to date on school district costs, spending and financial accomplishments.

"We take our role as stewards of your taxpayer dollars very seriously and are committed to financial transparency," Noblesville Schools superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. "This site makes financial information easier to access and helps explain exactly how your money is being spent."

On the Dollars + \$ense site residents can find:

- District financial highlights
- Links to Noblesville Schools financial documents
- How school finance works at the federal, state and local levels
- How different "buckets" of money are funded and what specifically the money is spent on at Noblesville Schools
- How referendums work
- Answers to frequently asked questions like "What is Noblesville Schools doing to help lower my high property taxes?"
- Charts with Noblesville Schools actual financial data for each fund

"I am always available to answer questions from the community about our finances," added Noblesville Schools Chief Financial Officer David Hortermiller. "But this website makes it quicker and easier for our taxpayers to stay informed and get the answers they need."

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Photo courtesy City of Carmel

An architecture rendering of Signature55 in Carmel, a community for older active adults.

Carmel Moves Forward on Senior Redevelopment Project

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam and the Carmel Redevelopment Commission advanced plans for the City's newest development to the Carmel City Council, a collaboration among key groups that features highly sought-after housing options for active older adults, as well as dedicated park space.

Signature55 Carmel, a public-private partnership among Rebar Companies and Develop Signature, the City and Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, covers more than four acres on Old Meridian Street, just north of the Carmel VFW Post 10003 and west of Carmel Middle School.

- Signature55 Carmel features include:
- Housing units and amenities for active older adults.
- Dedicated space for a future Veterans park with a central water feature, designed by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation in conjunction with the City's veterans.
- Paved walkways to access the park from Old Meridian Street and the VFW post, with eventual trail connectivity to a Veterans Greenway.
- A parking garage with 356 parking spaces, 75% unreserved and open to the public.
- Public restrooms operated by the developer.

"I frequently hear from active older residents who want to downsize their living space yet are eager to remain in Carmel," said Mayor Sue Finkam. "Signature55 offers an appealing option for them alongside generous park space for all of our residents and visitors to enjoy."

Carmel Redevelopment Commission Executive Director Henry Mestetsky and Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Director Michael Klitzing discussed the redevelopment project and future park at the VFW Post on Aug. 11, a gathering organized by City Council Vice President Matt Snyder, who has long championed parks and trail connectivity in the area.

Following tonight's action, the City Council will review the project that will ultimately require a bond resolution and an intergovernmental land transfer of the park-designated space. The City has the opportunity to purchase the land at well under the appraised value as part of the redevelopment that, as planned, can be accomplished with no additional city debt and once developed, is expected to generate \$483,000 in taxes annually.

Signature55 is purchasing the site from Cross Development, which had pursued a project approved by the City in 2022 that did not ultimately move forward.

Signature55 leaders have been engaged in other area developments including The Signature at Carmel.

Lions Hear from Noblesville City Engineer



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

At the Aug. 13 meeting, Noblesville City Engineer Alison Krupski gave an update on construction projects throughout the city. She share timelines for various projects and took questions and suggestions from members. First Vice President John Einsfeld recognized Noblesville Krupski for her informative presentation.

Building Better Workplaces Event Brings Big Names to Carmel

The Building Better Workplaces event, led by workplace strategist and striveHR founder Angie Redmon, will gather some of Indiana's most respected executives and HR leaders for a morning of candid conversation, practical strategy, and culture-shaping insight



Angie Redmon

The event will take place Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 8-11:30 a.m. at SEP in Carmel.

Designed for executives, HR professionals, and culture champions, the event focuses on real strategies and proven practices that strengthen engagement, improve retention, and create workplaces where people want to stay.

Featured panelists include:

- Dawn Bunting – Director of HR, SEP
- Michelle Baker – Chief People Officer, FORUM Credit Union
- Julie Wright – VP of Employee Engagement, Royal United Mortgage
- Mike Mumau – Chief Customer Officer, SEP
- Amanda Medlen – CEO, IDO
- Mike Wilson – Chairman, Leaf Software

Attendees will hear from leaders at award-winning organizations, gain a behind-the-scenes look at

what actually drives recognition-worthy culture, and participate in interactive sessions that translate directly into next steps.

Building Better Workplaces event founder, Angie Redmon, has spent over two decades helping organizations transform their culture and earn recognition as top workplaces. A former HR executive who led teams to multiple "Best Places to Work" and "Top Workplaces" honors, she now partners with company leaders to align people strategy with business goals, improve retention, and strengthen engagement. Her work combines the precision of data-driven analysis with the insight of real-world leadership experience, making her a sought-after strategist for organizations committed to becoming employers of choice.

"Award-winning workplaces aren't built by chance," Redmon says. "They're built on clarity, leadership, and culture strategies that stick. And that's exactly what this event is about."

Tickets are now available: <https://strivehr.net/BBW2025>

Heights Sets All-Class Reunion

The Hamilton Heights Alumni Association (HHHA) invites all graduates of Hamilton Heights and its consolidated schools — Atlanta, Arcadia, Cicero, Jackson Central and Walnut Grove — to attend this year's All-Class Reunion Luncheon. The luncheon is set for noon on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Hamilton Heights Activity Center, 420 W. North St. in Arcadia.

This year's Honor Class is 1975, with additional classes recognized. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the legacy of Hamilton Heights.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 for reservations made in advance or \$25 at the door. Mail reservations to: HHHA c/o Colleen Starrett, 329 W. Buckeye St., Cicero, IN 46034



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Toyota Corolla is the Best-Selling Nameplate of All Time and is Super Affordable, But It's Also Pretty Natty in FX Trim

Corollas start at a value-packed \$22,325, or thirteen times more than the original from 1968



Casey Williams
Columnist

Most people probably think the best-selling automobile of all time is the Model T or Beetle. Nope. While Ford built over 15 million Model Ts and Volkswagen vended over 23 million Beetles, the ever-durable Toyota Corolla crossed 50 million a few years ago and kept on replicating. Whether you get the most affordable sedan with hubcaps or our natty 2025 Corolla FX, get a color you like because it'll likely last evermore.

Corollas have always enjoyed interiors nicer than they deserve and this one's is no exception. Sweeping layers of orange-stitched plushitude, sporty gray cloth seats and leather-wrapped steering wheel welcome passengers. Front doors are soft-touch, rear doors hard plastic. Climate control is one zone, but is automatic. A super intuitive 10.5" screen sprouts from the dash to control devices wirelessly connected through Apple CarPlay or Android Auto. Charge wirelessly in the console. We're way past AM radios!

While the FX looks like it would tear up a track packing a turbo, it doesn't. Instead, it runs a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine delivering 169 horsepower and 151 lb.-ft. of torque. Thanks partly to the continuously variable transmission and front-drive, it achieves 31/39-MPG city/highway. Run 0-60 mph in under 8.5 seconds, but expect plenty of rev noise as the CVT holds gear ratios.

None of that is especially exciting, but the 1968 Corolla made due with just 70 horsepower to run 0-60 mph in a lethargic 17 seconds. Today's Corolla would have matched period Cadillacs!

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Base/as-tested price: \$22,325/\$29,728

a compliant ride, even over rough pavement, but the FX improves handling with sport suspension tuning. Honestly, there's very little difference from behind the vague steering wheel. I'd prefer the refinement of an independent rear suspension, but the torsion beam is well behaved. The FX looks cool, but check out the GR Corolla's 300 horsepower turbocharged engine and all-wheel-drive for legit fun.

Being affordable doesn't forego safety as the Corolla FX came with automatic emergency braking, radar adaptive cruise, blind spot warning, lane tracing assist, and rear cross traffic alert.

All this, and a window sticker that will make you laugh. Base models start at just \$22,325 with our sporty FX coming to \$29,728. Given the Corolla's renowned durability, that's an incredible value, compared against the Honda Civic, Subaru Impreza, Nissan Sentra, VW Jetta, and Kia K4.

Storm Forward!

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

Taking Pictures of Flowers



Carrie Classon
The Postscript

The internet has gotten to be a mean place.

I have a Facebook author page (CarrieClassonAuthor), but folks looking for insightful comments on current events will be disappointed. I post pictures of flowers most of the time and occasional photos of my cat, Felix. It is not the place to go for cutting-edge news. Other than my photos of flowers, I don't do much on Facebook, but I am a member of a few groups, and most of them have to do with writing.

As of this week, I think that might change.

"Is anyone writing today really addressing the important subjects?" Someone wanted to know in one of these writers' groups.

"No. The only writers saying anything important are dead," someone else replied, and a whole lot of people agreed.

I couldn't let this sit unanswered. Of course, in retrospect, I should have. But there are so many people writing today whom I admire.

"Of course there are!" I wrote.

"Like who?" The poster wanted to know.

Oh, dear. Now I was on the spot. But this person

seemed to want to know, so I felt I owed them an answer.

I wrote down Anne Lamott, just because I happened to be reading right now her book on faith. And then I thought of how happy Louise Penny made me feel every time I visited her community in Three Pines. I thought of how every one of Elizabeth Strout's books has made me tear up because they are just so true and so close to the heart. I kept writing down more authors' names as I thought of them. I wanted to assure this person that important and beautiful and true things were being written by living authors every day. It was quite a list by the time I was through.

"So, has any of them actually said anything important?" this person asked.

Oh, my. Now I felt that all of contemporary literature was resting on my shoulders.

Since I was at my computer, and I knew Anne Lamott posted something nearly every day, I simply took the last words she wrote on Facebook and pasted them into my reply:

"I have no answers but do know one last thing that is true... Life is much wilder, complex, heart-breaking, weirder, richer, more insane, awful, beautiful and profound than we were prepared for as children, or that I

am comfortable with. The paradox is that in the face of this, we discover that in the smallest moments of taking in beauty, in actively being people of goodness and mercy, we are saved."

A moment later, a reply appeared. "So, she sold you on the idea to accept being ignorant, but if we see pretty things, we're good to go?"

And I felt so unreasonably sad.

I somehow thought this person really wanted to know if there were important things being written about today. Instead, they were looking for more fuel for an argument that had finished long ago in their head.

I went for a walk. I walked into a church that keeps the little chapel open for meditation. I sat with a handful of people in the candlelight. I wondered if all of them had just gotten beaten up on the internet.

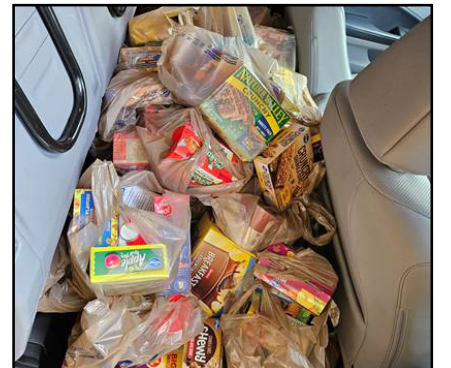
And I realized it didn't matter. Wonderful things are being written every day. My writing down a few writers' names had simply reminded me of some I had neglected.

When I got home, I went back to my book by Anne Lamott. I'll stick to posting pictures of flowers from now on.

Till next time,

Carrie

Lions Roaring With Collections!



Photos courtesy Noblesville Lions

The Noblesville Lions recently collected food donations at the Logan Street Kroger to support Fueled for School, the Noblesville nonprofit that provides nutritious meal packs to K-12 students experiencing food insecurity. The Lions wish to express their appreciation to David Himmelhaver and his team at Kroger for welcoming our members. Thanks also to the many Kroger customers who gave generously. In addition to a loaded pick-up truck full of peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, canned pasta and other food items, over \$200 was also donated by shoppers. Fueled for School Executive Director Kristina Trusty shared that the donations provided will be going home with students as soon as this Wednesday. Pictured, from left, Lions Lisa Dick, Steve Shaw, Skylar Herold, Julia Kozick, Jen Carr, Jeff Dick and Scott Willis.



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Feeling a Little Flush



Dick Wolfsie
Columnist

My wife has a huge walk-in closet off her bathroom. She has a shower, spa/bath, and several drawers and shelves for her toiletries and make-up. At least that is what she tells me. I'm not allowed in there, so I have no way of confirming this. We do not share a bathroom. Let's put it this way: We have been happily married 43 years, and then there was the year we shared a bathroom.

The other day, I stood on the commode in my john to extract a nail from the wall. I fell, broke the toilet seat, and chipped the bowl when my hammer hit it. That meant I had to use Mary Ellen's lavatory temporarily until I replaced the broken fixture.

Because she doesn't trust me in her powder room, she accompanied me whenever I entered her restroom. This got very creepy as you can imagine. (Author's note: I am quickly running out of synonyms for bathroom.)

I had never shopped for a toilet before, so I wasn't exactly sure how to begin. As you know, it is often tough finding help in these huge hardware stores. Spending more than 30 minutes walking up and down the aisle, I had already invested more time in the search than I had in picking out our new washer and dryer, or my wife's engagement ring, or my wife for that matter (love at first sight). One confusing thing was the toilets were way up high on the shelves. When's the last time you looked up at a toilet? Don't answer that. I did run into a few employees. They had some interesting responses to my plea for assistance...

"I don't know anything about plumbing. I'm in power tools."

"I'm sorry, I only work in

aisle 23."

"I'm sorry, I know nothing. I am 23."

"I'm sorry, I can't walk over there with you. I'm 93."

"Oh, so you are looking for a toilet? Way in the back. Careful, there's no lock on the door."

The products had some intriguing sales pitches. One of the toilets had a sign that said:

WILL FLUSH A DOZEN GOLF BALLS

"That's a stupid thing to promote," I said. "Who would flush golf balls down the toilet?"

"You did last summer when you shot 34 over par?"

The sales guy asked me if I wanted a round or an oblong seat. I looked for a mirror to catch a peek over my shoulder to see what would fit best, but this will also be the guest bathroom, and our friends come in all shapes and sizes.

Some of the toilets were labeled "smart," with prices in the thousands. They have several buttons and a remote control, but what they remotely control is still a mystery. I don't want a smart toilet. I don't want one that answers the phone, or is connected to Bluetooth, or gives me a weather report. I don't want my bottom warmed or scented. I simply want my toilet to sit there.

And I promise to do the same.

Dick Wolfsie is a retired TV personality, author, speaker, teacher and all-around good guy. His award-winning column appears here weekly. If you'd like to learn more about joining Dick on an upcoming trip to Costa Rica, go to this paper's website and click on the Collette Travel ads.

Beware Fake 'DMV' Text Scams

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers about a text message scam falsely claiming to be a "final notice" from the State of Indiana Department of Vehicles, not the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These fraudulent messages aim to steal personal and financial information from unsuspecting individuals by threatening actions related to alleged traffic violations.

"These scammers are nothing more than digital pickpockets trying to steal your identity or hard-earned money," Rokita said. "Hoosiers should remain alert of any message demanding personal information, report the message as junk and contact their phone provider for blocking solutions."

The scam messages claim that, as of Aug. 19, 2025, individuals with outstanding tickets will face the following actions if payment is not completed:

1. They will be reported to the DMV for a ticket violation. Their vehicle registration will be suspended.
2. Their driving privileges will be suspended for 30 days.
3. They will be transferred to a toll booth and charged a 35% service fee.

They may face prosecution and will suffer potential impacts to credit scores.

Rokita is calling on Hoosiers to remain vigilant

and take the following precautions:

1. Do Not click on any links in unsolicited email or text messages claiming to be from the DMV
2. Do Not provide personal information, such as your driver's license number or Social Security number.
3. Do Not share any card or account information through text messages or unverified links.
4. Report the unwanted text messages as junk on the app you use and block the phone number or email address.
5. Contact your phone provider for call/text blocking solutions. Many manufacturers have

built-in features to block unwanted calls or offer apps to block and label potential spam calls. Click here for a list of resources available.

6. Forward spam emails to the FTC at spam@uce.gov and report at report-fraud.ftc.gov.

If you have already provided personal information or money through a link in these email or text messages, file a consumer complaint immediately online at indianaconsumer.com or call 317-232-6330.

For more information on avoiding scams, visit the Indiana Attorney General's website at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral.

Sheridan Resident Promoted at Farmers Bank

Sheridan resident Drew Cripe has been promoted to Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking at The Farmers Bank — a role that elevates his leadership to the highest levels of the organization. As a member of the Senior Management Team, Cripe will oversee the bank's commercial banking operations, expand his leadership to additional direct reports, and help guide strategic decisions that shape the future of the bank's business relationships and community impact.

Cripe joined The Farmers Bank in 2011 and has built a reputation as a trusted partner to customers and colleagues alike. Over the past 14 years, he has led the Agriculture Division, working directly with farmers and agri-businesses across the bank's footprint to provide customized lending solutions, operational guidance, and financial strategies to support their growth. When reflecting on his career with The Farmers Bank, Cripe shared, "I am most proud to have mentored new lenders, equipping them with the skills, confidence, and support they needed to succeed in

their roles. I also value the opportunities I've had to build long-standing customer relationships that continue to thrive today."

In addition to his agricultural expertise, Cripe has been a visible leader in the field — meeting face-to-face with business owners, strengthening client relationships, and delivering exceptional frontline service. He has successfully managed commercial lending portfolios, fostered cross-department collaboration, and mentored emerging talent within the bank.

His ability to combine deep industry knowledge with a customer-first mindset has made him an invaluable asset to the bank's commercial clients. Cripe's leadership has consistently advanced the bank's mission of delivering tailored financial solutions while maintaining strong ties to the communities it serves.

"Drew has been steadfast in his commitment to providing outstanding customer service to everyone he comes into contact with and has earned and carried the trust of his



Drew Cripe

team to achieve results for the bank," said Brad Cunningham, Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer at The Farmers Bank. "This was a well-earned promotion for someone who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to our core principles and to those we aim to serve as one of Indiana's oldest banks."

Chris Cook, President and CEO of The Farmers Bank, added, "Drew's promotion is more than a recognition of past success — it's an investment in the future of The Farmers Bank. He brings a valuable perspective on the commercial banking landscape, a keen understanding of

market opportunities, and the ability to help steer strategic direction of our organization. His voice at the leadership table will be instrumental as we continue to innovate, grow, and serve our customers."

Cripe is a proud Purdue University alumnus, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business Management. He resides in Sheridan, Indiana, with his wife and three children.

For more information about The Farmers Bank and its continued commitment to the community, visit <http://www.thefarmersbank.com>

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Heights Announces '25 Hall of Fame Class

The Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee is proud to announce its Class of 2025, featuring four outstanding student-athletes and one exceptional team. This year's honorees include Rick Russell (HHHS '86), Lacy (Spurgeon) Bowyer (HHHS '98), Aaron Sheller (HHHS '02), Heather (Reeves) Davis (HHHS '07) and the Hamilton Heights 2015 Girls Softball Team.

"On behalf of the committee, we are very pleased to welcome these deserving Huskies to the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame," said Mitch Street, Committee Chairman and Dean of Students. "They represent our sixth Athletic Hall of Fame class."

The Athletic Hall of Fame honors Hamilton Heights High School athletes, coaches, teams, and program contributors for their achievements and lasting impact on the school's athletic legacy. Through this program, the stories and accomplishments of past Huskies are preserved and celebrated—creating a legacy for generations to come.

A special luncheon and induction ceremony will take place at noon on Saturday, September 27 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 SR 19, Arcadia, Indiana. Inductees will receive a commemorative metal display, and their names and photos will be permanently featured in the Athletic Hall of Fame located in the Athletic Center.

Tickets for the ceremony and luncheon are \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Mitch Street at mstreet@hhschuskie.org or 317-984-3551, ext. 1092. Tickets are also available at the high school's main office during school hours.

2025 Inductees

Rick Russell (Hamilton Heights High School - Class of 1986)

Rick Russell was a multisport athlete who was best known for his success on the basketball floor. He was on the

All-Hamilton County Team in 1984, 1985 and 1986. He was named the Hamilton County Player of the Year in 1986. Russell is one of the top 50 scorers all-time in Hamilton County, scoring 1,119 points in his career as a Husky. Russell went on to play basketball at Marian College (now Marian University), where he scored 2,150 career points and still holds multiple shooting records. Russell is a captain with the Noblesville Fire Department.

Lacy (Spurgeon) Bowyer (Hamilton Heights High School - Class of 1998)

Lacy (Spurgeon) Bowyer was a multisport athlete but perhaps made her biggest mark as a swimmer. Besides being a swimmer, Bowyer played volleyball, basketball, track, and field. She was the first state swimming qualifier in school history when she participated in the 100 M backstroke in 1996 (14th Place Finish), 1997 (11th Place Finish), and 1998 (11th Place Finish). She held the school record in the 100 M backstroke and the 100 M Fly until 2017. She also set the school record in the 50 M free-style during her career at HHHS. Bowyer went on to swim at the University of Indianapolis where she was a 3-time national qualifier in various events. Lacy is an education at Hamilton Heights Middle School where she teaches a variety of robotics and technology classes. She also started and is the advisor of the middle school's highly successful Robotics Club.

Aaron Sheller (Hamilton Heights High School - Class of 2002)

Aaron Sheller was a participant in football, wrestling and baseball during his career at HHHS. Sheller was a sectional wrestling champion each of his four years in high school. He was a conference champion for three of his four years. He also earned a spot on the 2002 Indiana All-Star Wrestling Team after a season where he won the regional and placed 4th in the state. At this time, Sheller was the highest placed wrestler in school history. He finished his

career with the most-career wrestling wins at the time of his graduation. This record was broken just this past year by Michael Cain. Sheller also had success on the football field where he still holds a record for tackles for loss and was a member of the 2001 Hamilton County All-Defensive Team. Sheller operates Sheller Farms and Sheller Family Foods. He is also actively involved as a wrestling coach at HHMS.

Heather (Reeves) Davis (Hamilton Heights High School - Class of 2007)

Heather (Reeves) Davis was a multisport athlete participating in cross country, swimming and track and field during her time at HHHS. She was a conference champion in track and field in 14 of a possible 16 events during her career at HHHS. An athlete can only participate in four events per year. She was a state qualifier in 2005 (1600 M) and in 2006 (4 x 800 M Relay). She was a conference swimming champion for multiple years as well. Davis led the cross country team to a 6th place semi-state finish, and the team was ranked 10th in the state among all the schools in the state of Indiana. She was a two-time semi-state cross qualifier. Davis resides out of state with her family and works as an engineer.

2015 Girls Softball Team

This was one of the most successful girls' athletic teams in school history. They were conference, sectional, and regional champions and finished as one of the top 8 teams in the state. They were the first softball team to win a regional and move on to a state appearance. Head Coach Landi Lockwood described this team as gritty and filled with leaders not only on the softball field, but in the school. They left a blueprint for the 2016 softball team to repeat their accolades. Assistant Coach Tim Whisman put it best; "This team was living proof that 'Good teams have good players, great teams have great teammates.'"



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Adults and kids alike can let their story start with the library by getting their Library Card!

Library Kicks Off Library Card Sign-Up Month

This September, Hamilton East Public Library invites the community to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and discover all the ways a library card can spark creativity, inspire discovery, foster connection, and more.

This year's theme, "My Library Story Starts Here," highlights the many nontraditional services available at HEPL — from creative tools and business resources to technology access and spaces for play. Throughout the month, HEPL will share real stories from patrons through videos, photos, and testimonials, showing the powerful impact a library card can have. Whether it's igniting a new passion,

launching a big idea, or providing a welcoming place to belong, these stories remind us just how meaningful a library card can be.

Back by popular demand, HEPL's Show Your Library Card and Save campaign returns September 1–30. Community members who sign up for or renew a library card at the Fishers or Noblesville branch can enjoy exclusive discounts at participating local businesses simply by showing their card.

"Every library card tells a story — of curiosity sparked, goals achieved, and connections made," said Kelsey Sweet, Director of Marketing and Commu-

nications at HEPL. "This September, we're inviting our neighbors to begin or continue their own library story. By partnering with local businesses, we're also celebrating the ways our community supports one another."

A full list of participating businesses and their special offers is available on the library blog at hamilton-eastpl.org.

Whether you're a lifelong patron or a first-time visitor, there's no better time to start your own library story. Visit the Fishers or Noblesville branch in September to get or renew your card and see where it can take you.

Sen. Walker Shares Update



Sen. Walker
Guest
Columnist

Thanks to conservative fiscal governance in recent years, Indiana continues to have a stable financial outlook.

We have sustained this outlook by maintaining adequate reserves, proper debt management and low debt service costs, and our state's cash balances will remain strong due to the responsible budget passed this year.

Our pension liability will also remain manageable

and has continued to decline due to our proactive, sizable annual contributions.

These budgetary practices provide Indiana with the high financial flexibility to adjust to changes in revenue and expenses.

Through the state's hard work maintaining conservative fiscal principles, Indiana has maintained the low cost of living and an affordable housing supply that make the state a great place to live.

DELAWARE Township

Begins Expansion and Park Project

Recently, Delaware Township announced a project to expand the government building and add a pocket park on the Nickel Plate Trail.

This project will provide gathering places, public restrooms, a water fountain and space for outdoor games.

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

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