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■ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:7-8 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

A new ministry, Widows of Hope, is beginning Oct. 3 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Pastor Bonnie Zickgraf is the ministry facilitator and a peer widow. The Rev. Jesse Mullins is the lead pastor. The group will meet on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Come in Door No. 5 and go to the first main hallway on the left to the Community Room. Emmanuel is located at 16000 Cumberland Rd. in Noblesville. For urgent questions, contact the church or text at (863) 258-8079.



So long September. Here comes the spooky season.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I never dreamed about success. I worked for it."
- Estee Lauder

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Why do the French eat snails?

Because they don't like fast food.

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Olympics of Motocross 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!

Olympics of Motocross Coming to Indiana



Indiana has long been known as the place to be for racing. From the Greatest Spectacle in Racing at the corner (if a roundabout can be called a corner) of 16th and Georgetown in Speedway to the Brickyard to Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clayton to dozens of tracks around the state . . . if there's a need for speed, Indiana's got you covered!

And for those looking for the two-wheeled variety, well quite simply the highest level of racing on the planet is coming to the motorsports hotbed of the greater Indianapolis area this weekend as the world's most prestigious and single-largest professional motocross event will descend on Montgomery County and the city of Crawfordsville for the 78th running of the Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations. Ironman Raceway will become the fifth different United States venue to host what is affectionately referred to as the "Olympics of Motocross" for the three-day affair beginning Friday. And with that, The Times takes a closer look at this event, by the numbers!



34 That's how many countries (and two international delegations) will be vying for the coveted Chamberlain Trophy and the distinction of being the best in the world.

450cc
Both the MXGP and Open classes will feature 450cc motorcycles.

250cc
MX2 comprises 250cc motorcycles.

108 That's how many athletes from across the globe will compete, making the MXoN the largest and most diverse gathering of racing talent on the planet.

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The lineup for Team USA will consist of three of the sport's biggest and most successful stars, anchored by four-time AMA Pro Motocross Champion and two-time AMA Supercross Champion Eli Tomac (Colorado). He will be flanked by 2024 AMA Supercross 250SX West champion R.J. Hampshire (Florida) and rising star Haiden Deegan (California), the reigning back-to-back AMA Pro Motocross Champion.

23
The host nation is the standard bearer of success at the MXoN, having claimed 23 victories in 46 attempts, with the USA's most recent triumph coming on home soil in 2022 from Michigan's RedBud MX

\$140.84 to \$192.34

Ticket prices that range from Sunday general admission to general admission for all four days.



78th Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations

October 3-5, 2025
Ironman Raceway - Crawfordsville, IN
www.MXoNUSA.com

Friday, October 3
6 a.m. Gates Open
2:30 p.m. MXoN Start Practice
5 p.m. Nucor Grand Parade of Nations
9 p.m. Rave of Nations Laser Light Show

Saturday, October 4
6 a.m. Gates Open
8 a.m. BLU CRU SuperFinale Practice & Qualifying
10 a.m. MXoN Free Practice
1 p.m. BLU CRU 65 SuperFinale
1:45 p.m. BLU CRU 86 SuperFinale
2:30 p.m. MXoN Qualifying Races
9 p.m. Rave of Nations Laser Light Show

Sunday, October 5
6 a.m. Gates Open
9:20 a.m. BLU CRU 125 SuperFinale
10 a.m. MXoN Warm-Ups
12:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
1 p.m. MXGP + MX2 Race
2:40 p.m. MX2 + Open Race
4 p.m. MXGP + Open Race
5 p.m. MXoN Trophy Ceremony

■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Gov. Mike Braun named Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources Suzie Jaworowski, former Indiana State Representative Dollyne Sherman and Cory Cochran, a business executive from Floyd County to the nominating committee of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the administrative agency that makes decisions in the public interest to ensure utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. They will join four members previously nominated by the General Assembly. Braun also announced that applications are now open for three IURC commissioner vacancies and encourages entrepreneurial candidates who will objectively consider proposed energy-related filings and their impact upon Hoosier ratepayers to apply to serve on this commission. The roles are full-time positions. Interested candidates can apply at <https://www.in.gov/gov/governors-office/iurc-commissioner-application/>

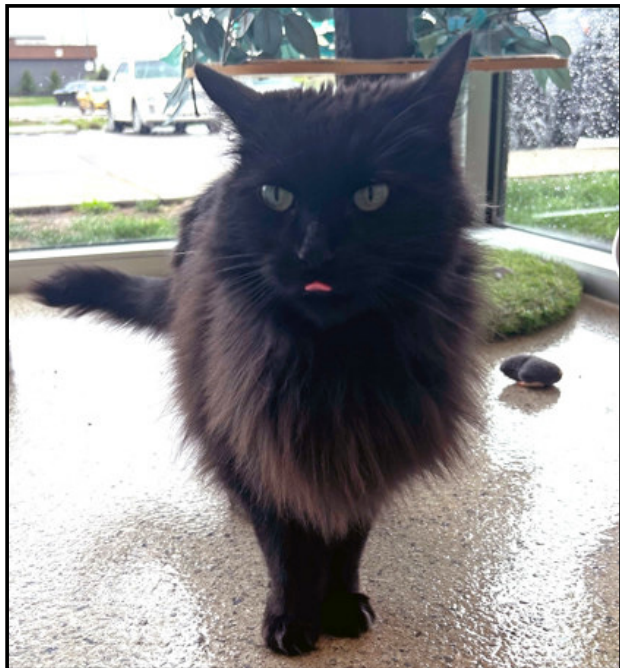
2. Purdue University remains the highest-ranked public university in Indiana and, for the third straight year, places as the state's only public institution among the nation's top 50, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2026 Best Colleges rankings. IU ranked second in the state and 73rd nationally. Overall, the University of Notre Dame was the highest ranked in the state and 20th in the nation. After those three in the state, IU-Indianapolis was next and followed by Valparaiso, Ball State, Maria, Oakland City, University of Indianapolis and Indiana State.

3. By the end of this month, the new Aer Lingus nonstop transatlantic flight that launched in May will have carried more than 20,000 passengers between the Indianapolis International Airport and Dublin Airport in Ireland. Yet Aer Lingus is just getting started! In 2026, the Irish flag carrier will add an extra nonstop flight each week between Indy and Dublin on Thursdays starting on April 13 and continuing through the summer travel season. "We're going from four nonstop flights per week to five per week," said Maggie Cunningham, director of air service and airport experience. "We had set a goal of increasing flight frequency in summer 2027, so to hit that goal an entire year earlier is a testament to how successful the flight is among leisure and business travelers."

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ADOPT A PET BINKY



Binky is an introverted feline with a hidden playful side. This 9-year-old female Domestic Longhair has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 8/26/24. She may seem withdrawn at first, but give her some time to get comfortable in her new home, and we know she will blossom into a much more confident and playful cat. She loves string toys the most, just so you know. Binky would love to meet you soon at HSHC anytime Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Sunday from 12-5 PM. To meet her, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt.



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Where Did Wave Start? Dick Knows



Dick Wolfsie
Columnist

I'm a big baseball fan, and recently I met my old friend Howard in Chicago to see the Cubs play the Astros. While we were sitting there, we witnessed what has been dubbed "The Wave," a coordinated crowd movement in which fans stand and raise their arms in sequence, creating a rippling, cascading effect across the stadium, either vertically or horizontally. You probably know this unless you have been living in a cave, where you seldom can get enough people to create that required result. While we witnessed these phenomena, Howard put down his Chicago-style hot dog, turned to me, and said, "Robb Weller invented The Wave.

I was stunned. I knew Robb. I worked with him on TV in Ohio, and our TV careers crossed paths in Chicago and New York. Now, Howard had never lied to me. That very day, he told me he had shot his age in golf 85 times, quite

an accomplishment for a septuagenarian. I didn't want to brag, but I have shot my IQ more than 300 times. That sounds much better than 25 over par.

But back to The Wave. So, here's the story. Weller was once known as the Hippie cheerleader at his alma mater, the University of Washington, because in the 70s, in that role, he sported a beard and long hair. Robb was the yell leader. The yell leader hypes the crowd with various cheers that energize the entire stadium. Robb's cheers were a little wild and goofy, but he brilliantly controlled the chaos. In 1971, he choreographed an early version of The Wave, but it wasn't until 10 years later that his idea crested.

By 1981, on his way to a successful TV career, Weller accepted an invitation from the same band leader he had worked with a decade earlier to return to his Alma Mater and recreate his initial concept.

In the game, the future Hall of Famer John Elway

was the quarterback for Stanford. The Cardinals were clear favorites to beat Weller's team, the Huskies. Weller realized that virtually no one at the event had ever seen, much less performed, The Wave, but he somehow engineered a revival, this time running along the sidelines, encouraging the crowds to rise and fall in sequence, as close to one person at a time as possible.

During the frenzy, Robb's team scored two touchdowns in under two minutes. Robb was encouraged to do The Wave once again, but this time it wasn't just the students who complied; the entire stadium joined in. The word is that Elway was baffled.

The rest isn't just history, but it is kind of a mystery. Why did The Wave catch on? Dozens of stadiums, pro and collegiate, started doing it. Virtually, every sport. It was even seen at the Olympics. Why did it catch on? Says Robb, "Fans want to be part of the game. They want interaction. Getting up to use the bath-

room or get a hot dog is not enough." By the way, the first time you experience The Wave, it can be quite stunning when you see it headed in your direction.

Now, there is admittedly some controversy about the origin of The Wave. Others have claimed to have created this worldwide phenomenon before Weller, but most of these assertions have little factual foundation or are based on concepts that resemble a form of whack-a-mole, where people stand up in groups. That's not what it is supposed to look like.

Wave goodbye to those impostors.

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.

Spotlight on Art Back for 4th Year



Spotlight on Art, a beloved annual fundraiser benefiting children in Hamilton County, returns for its fourth year — bigger and better than ever. The event has moved to a larger venue and will showcase a wider variety of art, including paintings, jewelry, pottery, and more. Guests are invited to shop for a cause, as 50% of all artist sales are donated to support local youth.

This year's event will be held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel on Thursday, Nov. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sales benefit three local nonprofits: the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Prevail, and the Children's TherAplay — all of which provide critical services to children across the county.

In a unique and touching addition, children from the

community also contribute by creating and donating their own artwork to be displayed and sold at the event. Their generosity and creativity help drive home the purpose behind Spotlight on Art: empowering kids through community connection and support.

Over the past three years, the event has raised more than \$150,000 to support these organizations, and this year's goal is to make an even greater impact.

For more information or to purchase tickets, or for sponsorship opportunities, please contact evan-gaarden@msn.com.

Tickets to Spotlight on Art can be purchased at <https://prevailart.home.qtego.us/> or by using the QR code.



FOR THE RECORD

For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Noblesville Times. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Times encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

AGENDA / WORK SESSION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM
18025 River Road
Noblesville, Indiana
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025
1:00 P.M.

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. TEACHER CONTRACT PRE-RATIFICATION MEETING
III. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
IV. SPECIAL EDUCATION TOUR FOLLOW-UP
V. PUBLIC COMMENT
VI. ADJOURNMENT

The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.



Barktoberfest takes place at Asa Bales Park (205 W. Hoover Street) on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tail-Wagging Fun Coming to Barktoberfest

Barktoberfest, presented by Community First Bank, returns to Asa Bales Park (205 W. Hoover Street) on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a day full of tail-wagging fun benefiting the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

Your four-legged friends (and their humans) are invited to take part in Westfield's longest running dog-themed event where you can enjoy:

- The Mutt Mart, packed with pet-related vendors
- An agility course for adventurous dogs
- Complimentary pet portraits
- Caricature artists to capture your dog's unique personality

In addition, pups (and their people) can put their best paws forward by participating in the crowd-favorite costume contests. Costume contests are free to enter and will be hosted every half hour, 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m., throughout the event. The entry categories are best duo / group, silliest, and spookiest; prizes will be awarded to each category's

winner.

The Humane Society for Hamilton County will be on-site with adoptable pets looking for their fur-ever homes. New this year will be the opportunity to participate in the 50/50 Fetch, an exciting twist on the classic 50/50 raffle! Attendees may purchase a \$10 tennis ball for a chance to win half the jackpot in a one-of-a-kind event that combines fun and four-legged friends. All tennis balls must be purchased at the Humane Society for Hamilton County tent during the event. The winning tennis ball will be selected by one of our Westfield Police Department K9 officers at 1:45 p.m.

Tickets to attend are \$8 per person in advance, and \$10 on the day of the event (online or at the door). Children ages 5 and younger are always free. Dogs do not need a separate ticket. Ticket proceeds directly support The Humane Society for Hamilton County. The first 200 visitors to the Community First Bank tent will receive a complimentary wag bag filled with coupons and other treats.

For more information, visit westfieldin.gov/barktoberfest.

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Hyundai Santa Fe XRT



Land Rover Defender

Who Wore it Best for Adventure: 2025 Land Rover Defender 110 Or Hyundai Santa Fe XRT?

Retro-modern sleekness for the glampground comes in hard-edge British flair or family-friendly Korean chic



Casey Williams
Columnist

2025 Land Rover Defender

Among luxury SUVs, there are many pretenders

that are far more in their element parallel parking at a downtown bodega than maneuvering through rugged mountain passes. They may look good, but are a little light in capability. While the 2025 Land Rover Defender 110 may look a little too pretty for dirty, it's the real cowboy.

Like OG Defenders there's plenty of aluminum in the bodywork, but this one bears flush facias, sleek body sides, floating black roof, 20" wheels and quad taillamps mounted flush. Round LED headlamps, roof rails, and safari windows pay homage to the ancestors. There are even black patches on the hood that look like steel step plates.

Interiors continue the modern rugged theme with rubber mats and synthetic dash coverings that all look like they could be hosed down after a day of adventure, but that could ruin the heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, and heated steering wheel). A slick curved touchscreen sits proud of dash cubbies while flatscreen gauges, head-up display, and Meridian audio go deliciously with the panoramic sunroof and tri-zone automatic climate control.

Still, this is a proper boy scout with survival skills a-plenty. Check the adaptive air suspension, four-wheel-drive with 2-speed transfer case, and Terrain Response System to configure the powertrain and traction system for all conditions. There's even a wade sensing system for river fording.

Safety is enhanced by automatic emergency braking, 3D cameras, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection.

Tucked between the fenders is a 3.0-liter turbocharged six-cylinder engine and eight-speed

transmission. A mild hybrid system adds power and efficiency. The assemblage delivers a robust 395 horsepower and 406 lb.-ft. of torque – enough to pull 8,200 lbs. of RV or boat. Clip 0-60 mph in 5.8s unattached. Drive as you wish because fuel economy rates just 18/20-MPG city/highway.

This Land Rover has the all-road capability of its ancestors, but a considerably more comfortable ride. On the long drives it encourages, I'd have plenty of time to consider the 110's base \$63,500 and \$85,023 as-tested prices. Competitors include the Toyota Land Cruiser, Mercedes-Benz G-Wagen, GMC Yukon AT4, and Jeep Wrangler.

2025 Hyundai Santa Fe XRT

Hyundai's latest Santa Fe, especially in more adventurous XRT trim, channels the Defender's sleek modernist vibe into a more urban-friendly conveyance. It's more suited for dropping off-spring at camp than tackling the XX desert, but it definitely looks the part with all-road tread and black gloss black trim.

The XRT's 18-inch wheels shod in all-terrain tires are legitimately ready for light off-roading. Look close to notice an additional 1.3-inches of ground clearance, but a total of 8.3-inches is still fairly low for even moderate trails. This is more about looking the part with a little extra clear-

ance for snow or rocky dirt roads.

Interiors continue the rugged technophile theme with simple dash panels, heated vegan leather seats, and subtle satin aluminum trim that elevates the panache slightly. As in the Defender, drivers face flatscreen gauges and command an intuitive flatscreen, though these are joined together in one sweeping panel. Dual charging pads, USBs for everybody, and wireless Apple CarPlay/Android Auto keep everybody connected in all three rows of seating.

Keeping this wagon moving is a 2.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine whipping 277 horsepower and 311 lb.-ft. of torque through an 8-speed automatic transmission and electronic all-wheel-drive. That's not going to challenge the Land Rover's potent powertrain, but is plenty for lively acceleration. Fuel economy rates 19/25-MPG city/hwy.

The Hyundai Santa Fe XRT is not a Land Rover Defender off-road, but is at least as handsomely styled and looks suave moving family and posse to and fro. With base prices starting at \$34,800, and coming to \$41,790 for XRT editions, it's also an incredibly good value.

Storm Forward!

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

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“Almost There” is About as Perfect as it Gets



Carrie Classon
The Postscript

Everyone will tell you that when you sell a book, you don't get to pick the cover. I know this, and I am fine with it. I don't know much about selling books, and my publisher does nothing but sell books, so I trust they would know what makes for a good cover. But I was flattered when they asked me for ideas about what I'd like on the cover of my book, and I knew right away: Emily Anderson.

Emily Anderson is a wonderful artist who paints scenes from nature in Minnesota. Unlike many northern landscape artists, her work is never dreary. Her scenes of the natural world just exude joy and a sense of discovery and—it might sound odd, but it's true—humor. Her work makes me smile. I want to be in whatever place she has painted. And so, when they asked what I wanted, I said, “Emily Anderson.”

But of course, it was just to give the publisher an idea. I never told Emily anything about this. I don't know her personally. The closest I came to speaking to her was writing to ask her permission to use one of her pictures on my website when “Loon Point” was looking for a publisher. She was very kind and said I could use it. I never told

her I recommended her art because I never in my wildest dreams thought they would contact her.

Then I heard from my editor.

“We have some cover mock-ups for you to see,” my editor said, “but we've had a hard time reaching one of the artists for permission.” I looked at the mock-ups and was astonished to see... Emily Anderson!

I was over the moon. But why couldn't they reach her? I found her number and immediately dialed her up.

“Hi, Emily! I don't expect you to remember me, but several months ago you let me use one of your pictures on my website for my book.”

Silence. I could tell she had no idea who I was.

“Well, the book sold. ...”

I heard a sharp intake of breath.

“And my publisher has been trying to reach you...” Now, I heard laughter starting on the other end of the line.

“Oh, no,” Emily said.

“Did you get an email? They said they reached out to you by email and on Instagram. ...”

There was more laughter. I had never spoken to Em-

ily before, but I could tell I liked her. Now she was really laughing. “I thought it was spam!”

“Oh, no!”

“Yes! I even asked a couple of friends. ‘Do you think this is spam?’ I asked them. ‘Totally spam!’ they agreed.”

Now we were both laughing.

“I will get back to them right away!” Emily said.

I had to wait a few days, but I learned that my publisher had licensed Emily's work to use on the cover of “Loon Point.” It is not just similar to the cover I wanted—it is exactly what I wanted and never imagined I would get. Emily is delighted to be a part of it.

And there's one more thing. The painting has a name. The name of the painting is “Almost There.” I imagine (although I'd have to ask Emily) that it refers to the image of the lakeshore and a canoe that has almost landed, perhaps to camp for the night.

But it seems to me, a first-time novelist, writing this book late in life about the things that matter most to me, having a cover called “Almost There” is about as perfect as it gets.

Till next time,

Carrie

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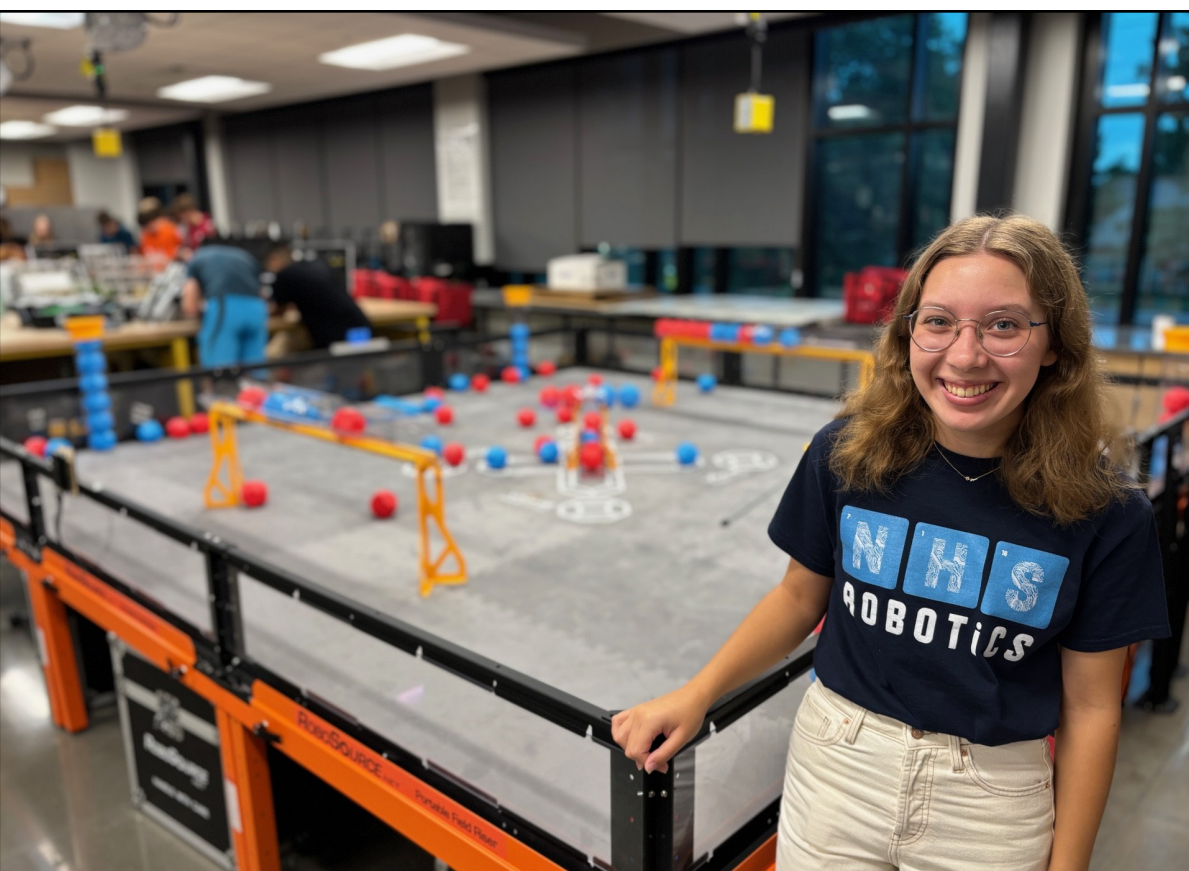
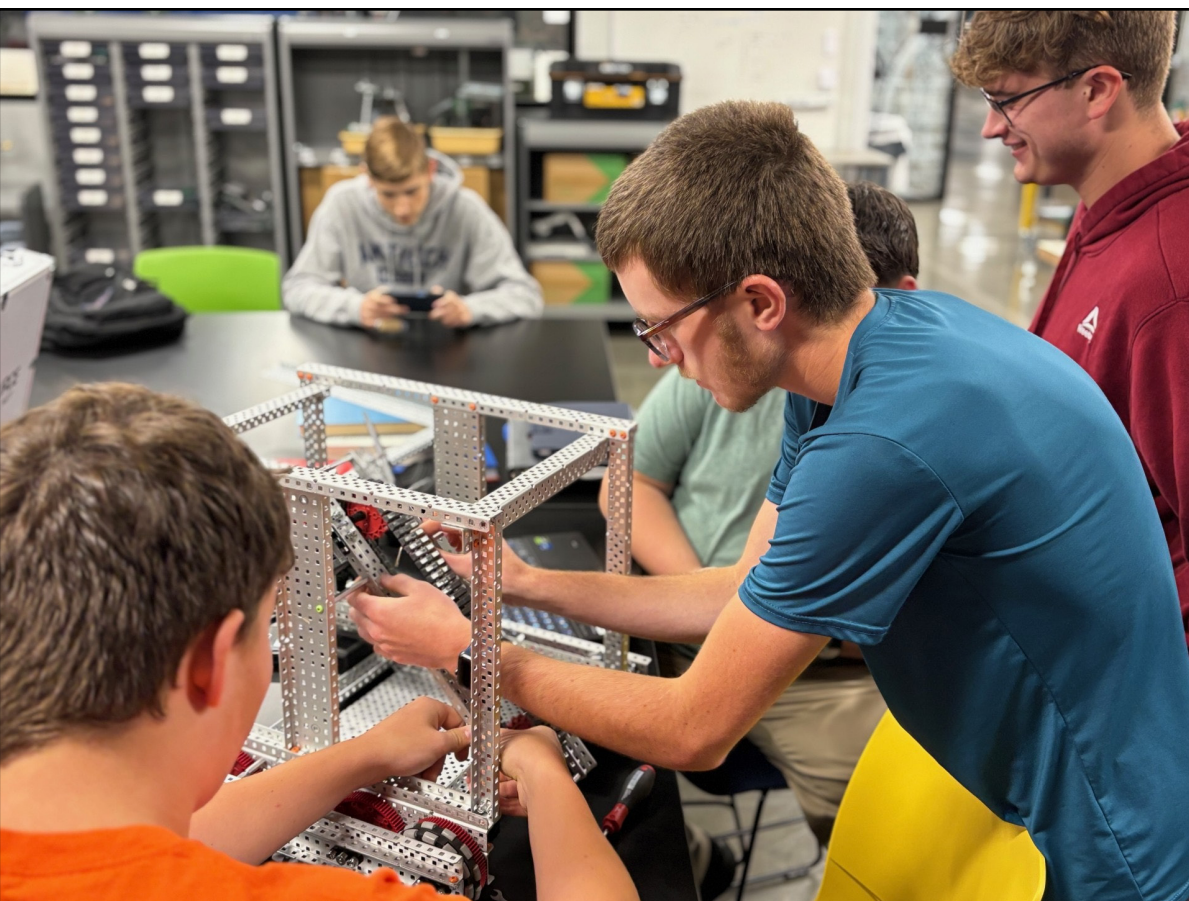
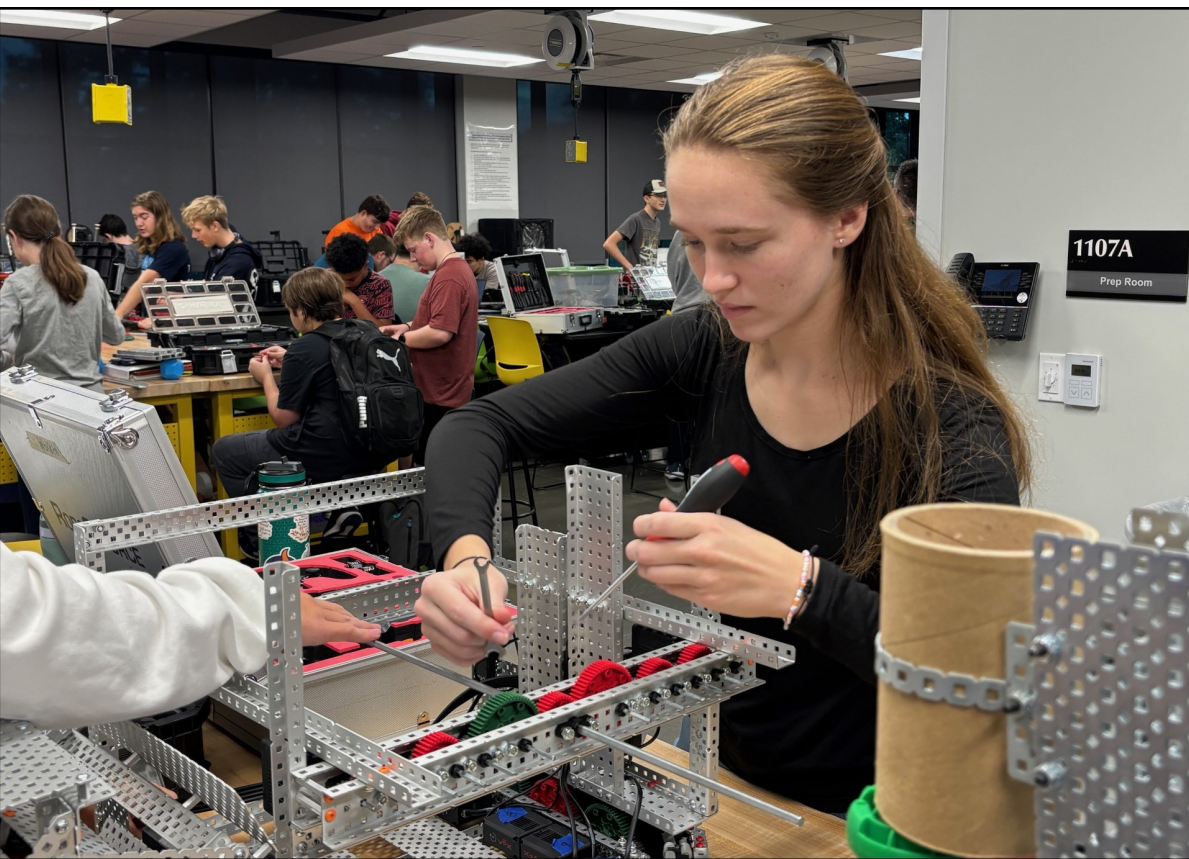
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Rotary Supports NHS Robotics



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For the fourth year in a row the Noblesville Rotary Club has donated proceeds from their BrewBBQ event to the Noblesville High School Robotics Club. This year's \$5,000 donation brings their total investment in students to \$16,000. The Robotics Club has been able to fund equipment and competitions thanks to these dollars and has grown to over 40 students strong. Thank you to the Rotary Club for supporting NHS!



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

From left, Melissa Martin (HHEF President), Dr. Bret Bailey (HHMS Principal), Connor James, Amber Bowen, Laken Bowen, Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), and Amy Prater (HHEF).

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at: <https://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero>. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

Connor James Named Husky Hero

Connor James, the CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher and Reaching New Heights Contact at Hamilton Heights Middle School, has been named the Husky Hero for August. Now in his fifth year at HHMS, James, the 2025 Hamilton Heights' Teacher of the Year, is an honor that reflects his innovative teaching style, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to student success.

Under James' leadership, HHMS continues to expand opportunities that empower students to confidently tackle academic challenges, explore career pathways, and make informed decisions about their futures. His work exemplifies the spirit of the Husky Hero-dedicated, forward-thinking, and deeply invested in helping every student reach new heights.

Here's what some of the nominators had to say about James:

"Mr. James is always very supportive and upbeat. He is very understanding and always happy to help. I have had him as a teacher for multiple years, and never once have I seen him in a bad mood. He always has a smile on his face. Mr. James always works very, very hard to give his students amazing opportunities. For example, he worked very hard to set up trips for the Husky Business Leaders last year. He set up visits to places such as Arrow McLaren, Chic-Fil-A, Will Power, etc. Then, he put us all in groups based on our preferences and favorite places we visited. He actually took our input into serious consideration when doing this. Mr. James is supportive, positive, upbeat, hardworking, and so much more. I am sad that I will no longer have him as a teacher in the future." -Meredith Robinson

"Because he [Mr. James] has prepared me for the real world in multiple ways. He has helped me improve upon my public speaking skills, and he has taught me about things I will use in

real life, like how to write a resume and how to properly attend a job interview." - Emma Crook

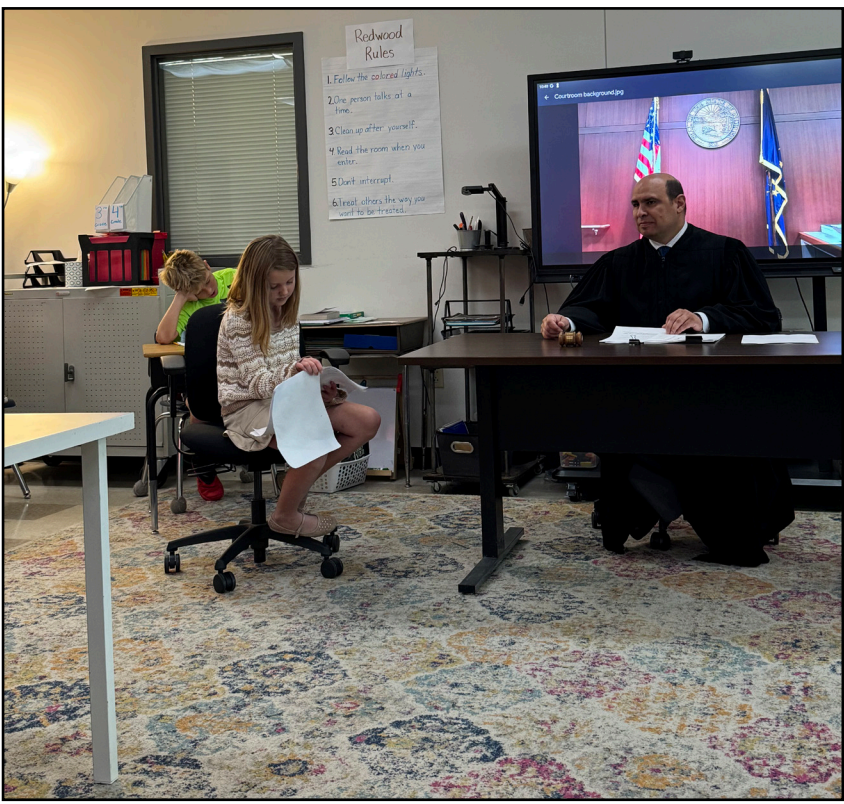
"This teacher is constantly going above and beyond to give his students 'real world' examples and experiences. He provides learning outside of the classroom and brings industry leaders to the students as reliable resources. He is a constant reminder of kindness, and his leadership is impacting many, many students. Mr. James exemplifies a Husky Hero on a regular basis, but his most recent post on LinkedIn touched on so many initiatives we are currently sharing within our school system! Teach 1 to Lead 1 talks about Compassion and understanding others. He asked a group of boys to join him for lunch and talked, listened, and learned about them. He's a true mentor." - Brian Doak

"Knowing that community members and/or parents took time out of their day to recognize the work educators are doing at HHSC is very admirable," said Connor James, after receiving the recognition. "I'm grateful some of the work I do was noticed among the many other heroes who are impacting students in deep and meaningful ways at HHSC."

"Teaching can be a taxing profession," he continued. "Educators are 'on' all day attempting to support their students. I plan to use this award and recognition as a way to encourage and show appreciation to the other educators and team members in our building. Providing them with some coffee and snacks is a small gesture but may fill their tanks so they can invest more in Husky students."

I believe it has never been more difficult to be a teenager. I hear about some of struggles and challenges students are encountering on a daily basis. It motivates me to try and pour myself out daily with the hope I can encourage them to learn something new and become a better version of themselves."

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County Judges Visit Local Schools for Constitution Day

Hamilton County judges spent time in classrooms throughout the county this week and last teaching kids about the United States Constitution. September 17 is Constitution Day - which commemorates the signing of the nation's founding document in 1787. The Indiana Supreme Court encourages judges and attorneys to use the day as an opportunity for civic education.

On September 15, newly ap-

pointed Magistrate Judge Sarah Shields visited a kindergarten class at Geist Elementary School where she introduced students - including her son - to the role of judges and magistrates. She followed that up with a trip to LeafSpring School in Fishers on September 16 where she read to preschoolers - including her daughter.

"The Constitution can feel big and complicated, but even young

kids understand the idea of rules and fairness," Judge Shields says. "It was fun to show them that judges are here to help with that."

Commissioner Christopher Barrows also presented on September 16. He spoke to over 800 eighth-grade social studies students at Westfield Middle School. "Eighth grade is the perfect age to start connecting the dots between history and real

life," Barrows offers. "The students had great questions, and you could tell they were really thinking about how the Constitution applies to their lives."

Finally, Superior Court Judge David Najjar visited Geist Montessori Academy on September 22 where he helped third and fourth grade students stage a mock trial of Goldilocks vs. The Three Bears. Students took on roles as jurors, attorneys, a bai-

liff, and a court reporter.

"When students get to be the jurors or attorneys, it clicks for them that the Constitution is about real people making real decisions," Judge Najjar adds. "That hands-on experience sticks with them in a way a textbook never could."

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Fall Fun On Tap in Fishers

The City of Fishers, Fishers Parks, and community partners invite residents to celebrate the season with a lineup of fall events for all ages with family favorites like Boo Bash and Glow in the Park to community traditions at the Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health, during Fall Fest.

This season's calendar also features new opportunities to connect, explore, and enjoy Fishers, including Opening Night with the Indy Fuel, the debut of the Fishers Community Center, and expanded trail connections across the city.

Fishers' 2025 fall event lineup includes:

Fishers Police Department Open House
Tuesday, September 30 | 5 – 7 p.m. | Fishers Police Department (4 Municipal Drive, Fishers) | Free

Stop by the Fishers Police Department for an open house to meet and connect with officers, learn about their specialty units, and more. Learn more at Police.FishersIN.gov.

Conner Prairie's Headless Horseman
Thursdays – Sundays, October 2 – 26 | 5 – 10 p.m. | Conner Prairie (13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers) | Tickets required

Take the iconic Haunted Hayride through the grounds of Fishers' very own Smithsonian affiliate, Conner Prairie, to encounter spooky frights and enjoy a cornfield maze, carnival ride and games, barrel train ride, marionette show, and more. Get tickets at ConnerPrairie.org.

Fishers AgriPark Fall Festival
Saturday, October 4 & Sunday, October 5 | Various Times
Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health (11171 Florida Road, Fishers) | \$5/residents, \$7.50/nonresidents (children 2 & under free) | Registration required

Enjoy fall-themed farm fun at the Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health, at the annual Fall Festival, including a scarecrow trail, animal encounters, music, food trucks, and more. Pre-registration is required at FishersAgriPark.com.

Fishers AgriPark Campout
Friday, October 10 at 4 p.m. - Saturday, October 11 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, October 11 at 4 p.m. - Sunday, October 12 at 10 a.m.
Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health | \$75/resident family, \$112.50/nonresident family

Group registration (up to 6 people) includes a grass area for a tent or canopy, a personal fire pit, a movie in the park, activities, and breakfast. Bring your tent, food and drinks, and

sleeping gear. Register at FishersAgriPark.com.

Fishers Fall Break Camp
Monday, October 13 – Friday, October 17 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Holland Park (1 Park Drive, Fishers) | Ages 5–12 | \$199.50/residents / \$285/nonresidents | Drop-in: \$52.50/residents / \$75/nonresidents

Kids can experience the season at The Great Fall Escape, a weeklong fall-themed day camp at Holland Park, brought to you by the Fishers Community Center team. Designed for children ages 5–12, the program features daily activities highlighting the sights and traditions of autumn, including nature exploration, seasonal crafts, outdoor games, and science-based learning. Register at FishersCommunityCenter.com/Camps.

Indy Fuel Opening Night
Friday, October 17 | 7 p.m. | Fishers Event Center (11000 Stockdale Street, Fishers)

Cheer on Fishers' hometown team as the Indy Fuel return for their second season at the Fishers Event Center. Celebrate Opening Night and experience the excitement of professional hockey right here in Fishers as the team hits the ice for another action-packed season. Learn more and get tickets at IndyFuel-Hockey.com.

Fishers Parks' Boo Bash
Saturday, October 25 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | NPD AMP | Free

Fishers Parks' Boo Bash, presented by GBC Bank, returns with live entertainment, costume parades, decorated booths from local businesses and community organizations, food trucks, games, and activities. Guests are encouraged to bring canned goods to support the Trick or Eat community food drive benefiting local food pantries. Learn more at FishersParks.com/BooBash.

Fishers Trick or Treat Hours
City of Fishers' official Trick-or-Treat hours are Friday, October 31 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Police cars will be patrolling the neighborhoods to ensure everyone's safety, but remember to walk in groups and stay on the sidewalk when possible.

Fishers Community Center
11400 Johnson Farm Way, Fishers

The new Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health, opens to the public with a community open house on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. Residents can enjoy free access to the indoor track and playground with a Community Pass available for download in late October (playground reservations required) at FishersCommunityCenter.com, along with dining at the Sahn's

Community Cafe. Paid members enjoy the full suite of amenities including an Aquatics Center with a rock-climbing wall and the region's only NinjaCross System, a state-of-the-art Fitness Center with access to group exercise classes, and a Sports Court with basketball, volleyball, and pickleball courts. Learn more at FishersCommunityCenter.com.

Fishers Veterans Day Ceremony
Tuesday, November 11 | 11 a.m. | Theater at Fishers Municipal Center | Free

The City of Fishers and Fishers Armed Services Commission invite residents to a Veterans Day Ceremony honoring our local heroes and their families. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/FishersHonors.

Get Creative This Fall at Fishers Art Center
Try your hand at pour painting, make slime with your little one, and learn to knit a winter headband at the Fishers Art Center, located in the Fishers Municipal Complex (1 Municipal Drive, Fishers). Whether you are new to art or looking to expand your skills, you'll find options designed to fit your interests and schedule. New three-day workshops, multi-week classes, and Make It Take It workshops are now open for registration at FishersArtCenter.org.

New Trails Connect the Community
This fall, Fishers is opening new connections across the city. From the 106 Plaza along the Nickel Plate Trail, Strengthened by IU Health, to the upcoming Fishers White River Park and new bridges and trail links connecting Carmel, Zionsville, and Indianapolis, our trail network is growing to bring people, places, and experiences closer together. Learn more at FishersParks.com/Trails.

Geist Waterfront Park Fall Hours
Non-swim season: playground, kayak launch & trails open dawn to dusk | 10811 Olio Road, Fishers

Swim season may be over, but there's still plenty of fun to be had at Geist Waterfront Park, including our pirate-themed playground, kayak launch, and trails. Free for residents and nonresidents. Learn more at FishersParks.com/GWP.

Become a Waterway Steward

Help keep Fishers' waterways clean by volunteering to remove trash and debris from Geist Reservoir or the White River, preventing pollution from flowing downstream. Volunteers are eligible for rewards after their first cleanup. Learn more at VolunteerFishers.com.

Learn more about fall fun in Fishers at FishersIN.gov/Events.

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