

■ 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

The Noblesville High School Hire a Miller Career Fair is slated for Tuesday, March 24 at NHS. This may be especially attractive for employers who have job opportunities that may be filled by current or graduating NHS students. However, registration is required. The high school is partnering with Junior Achievement and the Noblesville Education Foundation to offer this employment fair. Additional details will be made available as the event nears. In the meantime, find out more information by contacting Josh Back with Junior Achievement (josh.back@jaindy.org) or hireamiller@nobl.k12.in.us.

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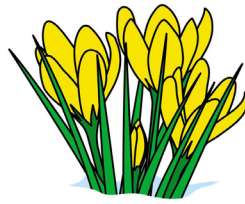
Marching to Beat of . . . Numbers BY THE NUMBERS

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!

Look at the calendar, it's March! (Unless you forgot to turn the page, in which case you might still think it's February. But no, there aren't 30 days in February – so get going!) The wonderful month of March is when we really start seeing some nicer weather (hopefully) and we re-set our clocks (unfortunately) and we enjoy some Pi (no, not sugar cream – the mathematical version). So it seems to us like March is all about numbers, which is as good a reason as any to take a closer look at March . . . by the numbers!

31 days Has March

Let's break it down! That's 744 hours which is 44,640 minutes which is 2,678,400 seconds. Want to coordinate stopwatches? OK, ready, set, mark!



3-20-26

First day of spring, or the spring equinox, takes place on March 20 at 10:46 a.m.

12 to 67 to infinity and beyond

Did you know the month of March is named for the Roman god of War, Mars? How many Roman gods were there? Well, a lot. We know there were 12 main gods, 20 principal gods and 67 named deities. But in reality, the Romans seemed to have a god for everything so there were bunches.



3-8-26

Like it, hate it, love it or whatever, we still move the clocks ahead one hour on March 8 at 2 a.m. Spring forward friends! Can't wait . . . right?

SPRING

238

We get that hour back on Nov. 1, some 238 days from now. And who says you can't catch up on sleep!

139

For those who can't wait for summer, sorry. June 21 (which is when summer begins this year) is still 139 days away.

58

That's how old James Bond (Daniel Craig) turns today. Even worse, Jon Bon Jovi turns 64 today. We need a nap now!

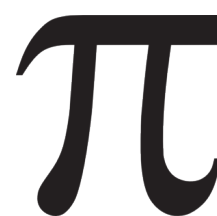
1983

Want to feel old . . . or maybe outdated. It was on this date in 1983 when CDs and CD players were first released. Yup, vinyl, 8-tracks, cassettes were all more or less replaced by CDs then. And today, young folks wouldn't know what a CD was if it got caught in the sunlight and glared all over their faces.



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March 14 is celebrated as National Pi Day. If you don't recall what Pi is, join the club. But our "friendly" AI companion tells us that it represents the everlasting ratio of any circle's circumference. And if you don't know exactly what that means, ask your own AI!



■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a new work zone initiative to increase worker safety. INDOT is implementing Project Greenlight, a program to equip highway workers with Guardian Angel safety lights, to help bring awareness to workers in times of limited visibility. These safety lights are wearable devices with flashing green patterns that increase worker visibility from all directions. When worn with a high visibility vest, these lights help workers become 89 percent more visible to the traveling public according to a study from Battelle Memorial Institute. Bright green is the most visible color to the human eye and is the most visible from longer distances. The color green is also easily distinguishable from the rest of INDOT's standard work zone lighting.

2. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College recently announced the launch of its new online Master of Sport Leadership degree, debuting in Fall 2026. Designed for driven professionals ready to lead in the fast-paced world of athletics, this dynamic program equips students with the advanced skills and strategic insight needed to excel in coaching, sports administration and athletic leadership. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in sports and entertainment occupations is expected to grow significantly over the next decade, with nearly 100,000 new openings projected each year due to expansion and workforce turnover. The Master of Sport Leadership at SMWC blends practical, real-world application with the College's signature focus on ethical leadership, personal growth and community impact, helping graduates stand out in an increasingly competitive field. For more information or to apply, visit smwc.edu/sportleadership.

3. Attorney General Todd Rokita recently announced that his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has surpassed \$100 million in provider welfare fraud recoveries since January 2021. One of MFCU's duties is to investigate health care providers who intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through deceptive billing practices. The sum of the \$100 million represents recoveries of various amounts secured in 89 cases, some civil and criminal. In addition to fraud, MFCU also investigates drug diversion and the abuse and neglect of patients at Medicaid-supported facilities. In criminal cases spanning all three of these categories, the unit since January 2021 has secured 252 indictments, 233 convictions and 292 exclusions from being allowed to continue billing Medicaid and/or Medicare.



Photo courtesy Hamilton County SWCD

Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt shared the commissioners' growing concerns about future water supply, while outlining recent accomplishments and next steps aimed at securing sustainable water resources for the county.

Leaders & Great Efforts Honored at SWCD Meeting

Conservation leaders, farmers, educators, and community partners gathered to celebrate local environmental excellence at the 2026 Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting.

The SWCD recognized Grand Park Sports Campus and Westfield Green Together with the Outstanding Conservation Project Award for their 2025 native tree planting at Grand Park Sports Campus. The Clay Middle School Invasive Species Symposium was recognized with the Excellence in Environmental Education Award. Hamilton County Master Gardener Alecia Larkin was recognized with the Friend to Conservation Award for her support of SWCD programs and services. Special recognition was also given to Heather and Jeff Figurelli of Fig's Farm for exemplary conservation stewardship and commitment to protecting soil and water resources in Hamilton County, earning them the River Friendly Farmer Award.

Further special recognition was given to Shawn Miller for his year of service on the Hamilton County SWCD Board of Supervisors

Representatives from the Nature Conservancy, Sarah Reilly and Danielle Randles, delivered presentations on edge-of-field drainage practices and new initiatives to install these practices for conservation-minded farmers in Indiana.

Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt and Jack Wittman, PhD., of Intera presented on water conservation and availability concerns within Hamilton County. Commissioner Heirbrandt shared the commissioners' growing concerns about future water supply, while outlining recent accomplishments and next steps aimed at securing sustainable water resources for the county.

Crystal Neuman was elected to the SWCD Board of Supervisors and sworn in at the SWCD

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Lamb or Lion? I don't care. Just happy to see the month when spring begins!

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present."

B. Olatunji

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What happens when a snowman throws a tantrum?

He has a meltdown.

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ADOPT A PET CLAIRE



Claire is a young and energetic pup with a zest for life and a love of playtime. This 2-year-old female German Shepherd has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 1/18/26. She is a playful companion who's always ready to chase after her favorite toys or enjoy a peanut butter treat, and she's eager to start her next chapter with someone who can show her the ropes of being a loyal house pet. To meet Claire, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt, then stop by HSHC anytime 12-5 PM daily (closed Wednesday).



Photos courtesy Andy Chandler

As Andy reflects on the human tragedies from the Holocaust, his words and images remind everyone to never forget.



Columnist Reminds Us All to Never Forget Atrocities, Horrors of Holocaust



ANDY CHANDLER
Columnist

How do we keep memory alive? At that point where memory becomes history?

snow-covered teens on the day the Russian military cautiously approached the camp.

Late January in Indiana is a time that a friend from Texas refers to as "The Gray Zone." While not a lot is going on, for the Indiana State House things are in full swing to get the Rotunda ready for a special ceremony. Every year, representatives, judicial officers and executive staff take time out from noon to 1 p.m. for the Holocaust Remembrance Program, annually hosted by the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council.

Secondly, as the sun went down, something macabre and chilling: for security reasons, stadium lights turned on, flooding the camp in artificial lighting. Truly a chilling site and memory.

The 27th of January 1945 was the date of liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. Since then, the 27th of January is commonly recognized as a day of memory with ceremonies internationally.

In the next few days, our CANDLES group would go onto walk through Auschwitz I and Auschwitz-Birkenau. We walked through gas chambers, torture cells, looked into the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe, walked the selection area and recited the Kaddish (Hebrew prayer for the dead) outside of the Twins Barracks and Mengele's Blood Lab.

My wife and I were present last year in Poland at Auschwitz-Birkenau for the 80th anniversary commemoration ceremony. This year I'll be present at the Indiana State House. Talk about coming full circle.

My most personal memory was a moment my wife allowed me to be alone and walk down Block Road B where many who were chosen for extermination took their last walk. My heart was heavy and I remembered a song in my head. Pearl Jam's Just Breathe:

Auschwitz is a chilling place. A survivor, Primo Levi, once said of it "God cannot exist, because there is Auschwitz." To walk the camp is both a somber and sacred experience.

"Yes, I understand that every life must end, As we sit alone, I know someday we must go..."

Two things I remember about last year's commemoration was how remarkably warm it was. Only in the lower 40s and much warmer than the

What of the survivors? Hoosiers cannot think of the Holocaust without remember one of the survivors of Auschwitz who not only survived but came to the United States. Coming to Indiana, she started a family, a museum, and was the driving force to make Holocaust education man-



datory in our schools.

equip teachers to teach this critical time in world history.

Eva Mozes Kor.

Visitors to Terre Haute, can visit a CANDLES Holocaust Museum, a museum that honors her story of survival, renewal and forgiveness. Virtues in demand today.

By the time of this publication: the ceremony will have happened, but there is always work to do to not only honor those who perished, but to ensure the circumstances that made this possible, never happen again.

CANDLES, short for Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors, is where I volunteer at. The museum has many artifacts to Eva's time at Auschwitz, her time in Indiana, and a 3D presentation where visitors can ask Eva questions. Also available are education programs to help

Never forget.

Andy Chandler is a presidential historian and a candles archivist at Candles Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute and the Ernie Pyle WW II Museum in Dana Ind.

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CASEY WILLIAMS
Columnist

A favorite memory with my grandfather was going with him to collect his brand-new 1984 GMC three-quarter-ton pickup – with four-wheel-drive, power windows and AM/FM radio. The single cab, long box body signaled real work, but cloth seats added luxury. Back then, it was the GMC truck to have, but I wish I could take my grandpa for a ride in the 2026 GMC Sierra EV AT4 I'm driving this week.

Even forty years on, my grandpa would probably recognize the Sierra EV as a GMC with its large logo on a black expanse of plastic that simulates a grille. Red tow hooks, black trim, 18-inch wheels wearing all-terrain tires and steel step plates identify the off-road-focused AT4 package. There's also a 2-inch lift. My grandpa could only have dreamed of the long four-door cab and front power-opening trunk with power outlets.

It's a new day inside with flatscreen gauges, 16.8-inch touchscreen and head-up display. Layered materials are exquisite, more Cadillac than tough trucker. Heated and ventilated front seats, heated rear seats and crisp Bose audio add luxuries – as does wireless phone charging. Forget Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, but there's Google Built-in. I'd like GMC to return proper light controls and start/stop button. Screens are nice, but buttons are better.

Taking a cue from the old Chevy Avalanche, the rear cab wall can fold inward to load longer items from front seats to tailgate. The rear window can also be removed on nice days. Enjoy spray-in bedliner, LED lighting and power outlets in the bed for work and play. The power-opening tailgate transforms to a stairway to leap up inside.

My grandpa's truck wasn't nearly as flexible.

Just for fun, I pulled specs for his K2500 "heavy duty" pickup. Its 5.7-liter V8 generated 175 horsepower and 275 lb.-ft. of torque and could tow 7,000 lbs. Today's compact Canyon pickup exceeds all of those specs, packing a turbo-four engine producing 310 horsepower and 430 lb.-ft. of torque. It can tow 7,700 lbs. Times have changed!

Our electric bruiser instantly lays down 625 horsepower and 775 lb.-ft. of torque, allowing it to zap 0-60 mph in 4.5 seconds or tow up to 12,300 lbs. Two-motor four-wheel-drive tackles trails and deep snow, but also claws at pavement when all demons scream. Until recently, no Corvette harnessed that much power nor galloped so gallantly.

Fully charged, our extended range pickup can travel 390 miles. Add 100 miles every 10 minutes on a fast charger, but getting from 60-100% on a 240v home charger took about 17 hours. It's a big battery. But still, 390 miles! You could lose about half of that range by clicking a trailer on the back.

That's not all of this truck's tricks. It rides on an adaptive air suspen-

sion that dampens bumps and enhances ground clearance. A foot of snow barely bothered it. Four-wheel steering imbues the maneuverability of a mid-size pickup. Need to parallel park? Press the screen to turn all four wheels in the same direction to crabwalk to the curb.

It's pretty safe too with automatic emergency braking, rear auto brake, and blind spot warning. Go hands-off on approved highways with GM's SuperCruise. Relax, sip coffee, and watch fields slip by.

I'd love to have my grandpa's old truck as "square body" pickups from that era bring big money...and lots of memories. Yet, they don't have half the tricks of the Sierra EV AT4. And better than most, GMC has designed a future-tech pickup that still feels familiar.

As you might guess, a Cadillac-grade electric pickup probably has a lush price tag. It does, starting at \$62,400 and rising to \$82,090 for our AT4.

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

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A Technology Black Hole



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

For the most part, I congratulate myself on being relatively competent at managing technology. I don't have an overwhelming fear of learning new apps or platforms and have even caught myself feeling a little smug when others profess terror at the prospect of updating their website or mastering a new program.

All smugness disappeared this week.

I got caught in a technology black hole over a \$20 bill. I owed a company \$20 for forwarding my email to me. This is something that should have taken less than a minute to resolve. Three days later, I was still battling.

The company was based in India. I won't bore you with the details of why it was based in India or how this company was chosen (I had plenty of opportunity to question the choice over the last three days), but it has provided excellent service, and I had had no reason to believe it wasn't a good choice. Until this week.

I couldn't log in to my account. That was the only problem. They did not have my phone number on record, and the only other means of verifying my account involved

changing information in the directory of my website, and I knew—before I even tried—I was in over my head.

(I realize there are tech-savvy folks reading this right now and saying, "How hard could that be?" and I'm sure they are right; it was probably much easier than I imagined, but that does not mean it was not far more difficult than I could manage.)

So I wrote an email. The response I received provided an entirely new set of instructions for how to verify the account. I wrote back asking for clarification. A different tech person replied with an answer that appeared to bear no relation to the question I had asked.

I wrote back with more questions; they dutifully provided replies. Every email was signed by a different employee of this very large tech company in India. Every letter was exceedingly polite—and made not one bit of sense.

I parsed the letters carefully. I read them aloud. I looked for similar phrases as if I were looking for clues to find a buried treasure—although in this case, my treasure was the privilege of paying them

\$20 and not having my email shut off.

Twenty emails later (this is not an exaggeration), I began to despair. I realized I had accomplished almost nothing in the last two days other than write emails to India. I had visions of an endless line of Indian technicians—stretching as far as the eye could see—ready to write pleasant replies to a witless woman in the U.S. As I exhausted the patience of one technician, another would step into his place, producing an infinite supply of unfailingly polite and utterly incomprehensible technical jargon.

I caved.

I hired someone on Fiverr from Bangladesh to serve as an intermediary. With my permission, he took over my computer, figured out how to get into my account, arranged a Zoom call with the company and—after a scheduled Zoom call and yet one more phone conversation—I was able to pay the \$20.

"I don't suppose I could pay for more than a year?" I asked at the end of the final phone call.

"No, but this will take you all the way to the end of 2026!" the exceedingly cheerful company spokesman told me.

I have many wonderful expectations for 2026, but I am already working up a little dread for the year's end.

Till next time,
Carrie



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**Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.*


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Better Than This



DICK WOLFSIE
Columnist

I am now beginning my 26th year of writing this humor column. It seems like yesterday I was floundering for ideas, unable to put together a coherent sentence, and making bad puns. Wait, that was yesterday. You were way ahead of me on the joke, weren't you?

This insight has made me realize that there are countless things in my life I am no better at than when I started on this earth 79 years ago. I say countless, but I'm going to count some of them anyway.

1: Am I better at fixing things? NO! I still hire a handyman for everything. All that has changed is the price. It's about 50 bucks an hour. It's \$65.00 an hour if I try to assist him. Sometimes when I do try to assist, Randy will ask, "Why are you trying to help? What did I ever do to you?"

2: Am I a better typist? NO! After 2500 columns, 12 books and thousands of emails, I still hunt. Then, after quite a while, I peck. My wife can watch her favorite TV show

while composing a letter on her laptop and never once look at the keys. I tried that. Here's what it looked like: DeAr joE, good TO hEAR from You. Let,s get toGether fOR a DRINK!

3: Am I a better listener? NO! This is especially true with directions. I listen to the first sentence, and then space the rest. Yes, I do have a GPS, but I don't trust the device. It's a man's voice. What do they know? I could have changed it into a woman's voice telling me where to turn, but Mary Ellen wasn't available that day to sit next to me.

4: Am I better at making friends? I have always had two or three close friends. That has never changed, but the friends keep changing. That should tell you something.

5: Am I a better dresser? NO! Whenever Mary Ellen and I go out, I ask her if what I am wearing is okay. "You look fine," says my wife. "But do you have to wear those terrible pants? And that shirt is horrible. And while you're

at it, ditch those shoes."

6: Am I a better driver? NO! But I admit it. I once accidentally went over a meridian when I was making a left-hand turn. A policeman pulled me over and wanted to give me a breathalyzer test. "I'm not drunk," I told the officer, "I'm just a lousy driver."

7: Am I any better at putting down the toilet seat, eating without staining the tablecloth, remembering to wipe my feet when I come in the house, and putting the dishes in the dishwasher in the correct slots? NO! NO! NO! NO! (And thanks to my wife for helping me with Number 7).

8: Am I any better at following the plot of a movie? NO! "Mary Ellen, why is everyone jumping off the ship? "It's the Titanic, Dick. Sorry if the shipwreck disturbed your nap."

10: Am I a better writer? Well, I'm not sure, but you did get all the way to number

10. By the way, I didn't get any better at numbering, either.

Dick Wolfsie is a retired TV personality, author, speaker, teacher and all-around good guy. His award-winning column appears here weekly.

County Marks 30 Year Anniversary of Hepatitis A Outbreak

Health Department Reminds Community of Importance of Vaccines

Thirty years ago, a Hepatitis A outbreak in Hamilton County sent more than 1,000 residents seeking treatment. Today, that anniversary serves as a powerful reminder: outbreaks can happen at any time, and vaccination is our best defense.

In January 1996, potential exposure linked to a Westfield restaurant led more than 1,000 people to receive immunoglobulin shots, with eight confirmed cases reported. Health Department staff worked extended hours to contain the spread, inform the public, and protect the community.

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus. It spreads through close personal contact or by consuming contaminated food or drink. Symptoms can include fever, fatigue, nausea, abdominal pain, dark urine, and jaundice. Vaccination is the best way to prevent infection.

The 1996 outbreak remains a powerful reminder of how quickly infectious diseases can spread — and how critical prevention efforts are in protecting public health.

"Thirty years ago, our community saw firsthand how rapidly an infectious disease can impact

thousands of people," says Jason LeMaster, Administrator of the Hamilton County Health Department. "That experience reinforces why we must remain vigilant against vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccines are one of the safest and most effective tools we have to protect individuals, families, and our community."

Today, public health officials are closely monitoring measles outbreaks occurring in parts of the United States and around the world. Measles is one of the most contagious viruses known and can lead to serious complications, especially in young children and those with weakened immune systems. Like Hepatitis A, measles is preventable through routine vaccination.

"The circumstances we saw in 1996 could absolutely happen again with a disease like measles if vaccination rates drop," says Janice VanMetre, Director of Nursing for the Hamilton County Health Department. "Measles spreads incredibly fast — even faster than Hepatitis A — and it only takes one case to spark an outbreak in an under-vaccinated community. We strongly encourage residents to make sure they and their children are up to date on Hepatitis A, MMR, and all recommended vaccines."



Jason LeMaster



Janice VanMetre

The Hamilton County Health Department encourages residents to review their immunization records, consult with their healthcare provider, and seek reliable information from trusted public health professionals.

For more information about Hepatitis A, measles, or recommended vaccines, visit the Hamilton County Health Department website or call the Immunization Clinic at (317) 776-8500.

SWCD

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Annual Meeting by Mark Heirbrandt. A former Fishers City Councilor, sustainability was one of Crystal's core policy priorities, and that dedication continues in this new role.

The Hamilton County SWCD works to conserve soil and water resources by identifying local priorities, providing education, and connecting landowners to technical and financial assistance that supports

conservation practices. To learn more about programs, services, and upcoming events, visit www.hamiltonswcd.org

Baldwin's National Guard Bill Clears Senate

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) that would set guidelines and enhance training for the Indiana National Guard's military police force passed the Senate by a vote of 38-10 last week.

Indiana's constitution makes the governor the commander in chief of the Indiana National Guard and provides the governor with broad authority to deploy the National Guard. In the rare event the Guard is needed to perform police duties, House Bill 1343 would strengthen qualifications for the National Guard police force by requiring its members to complete specialized law enforcement training before obtaining any police powers.

The bill would also re-

quire the governor to give reasonable notice to local law enforcement agencies that would be affected by the National Guard police force's activation and require it to coordinate with local law enforcement under recognized National Incident Management System guidelines.

"Local police and the Indiana National Guard have stood side by side while responding to natural disasters and civil unrest in the past. While it is rare for the Guard to perform police duties, House Bill 1343 would establish clear standards so our National Guard police force is prepared for Indiana's worst day," Baldwin said. "Given the current national political environment, I've heard criticism this bill somehow will lead to more policing

by the National Guard. That is not the intent or the effect of this bill. The question is this: In those instances when the Guard does perform police duties in our state, don't we want them to be equipped with the highest level of training possible? This is the right thing to do to protect Hoosier communities, our Guardsmen and ensure the Indiana National Guard maintains the highest level of public trust and professionalism."

HB 1343 now returns to the House for further consideration.

Baldwin represents Senate District 20, which includes Noblesville, Carmel, Cicero and unincorporated areas of Hamilton County.

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Witham Announces March Events

Witham Health Services will host support groups and community education classes alongside scholarship opportunities and an upcoming fundraiser led by its volunteer organization.

Support Groups and Education

Witham will host the following support groups and community education classes in March. The support groups are free unless indicated. For more information on Witham's support groups and classes, visit www.witham.org/classes-and-support-groups.

- The Breastfeeding Support Group meets weekly on Mondays (except holidays) from 10-11 a.m. in the VIP Dining Room (2605 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon) and gives mothers the opportunity to meet and discuss their breastfeeding needs in a group setting with other mothers. Meetings are facilitated by a board-certified lactation consultant. Individual breastfeeding support is available with a lactation consultant is also available. For individual pricing and to schedule an appointment, call 765-485-8411.
- The Alzheimer's Support Group for those who care for Alzheimer's patients will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at 6 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room (2605 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon).
- The Cancer Support Cooking for Wellness class will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 1 p.m. at the Boone County Cancer Society (1208 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon). Participants will receive recipes that are focused on using fresh, nutritionally dense ingredients and samples of every delicious dish. Please call the Boone County Cancer Society at 765-482-2043 to RSVP.
- The Cancer Support Group is for patients living with cancer and for those supporting a loved one with cancer. The group will meet on Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at the Boone County Cancer Society (1208 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon). Please call the Boone County Cancer Society at 765-482-2043 for more information.
- Witham's Diabetes Self-Management Class is designed for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes or gestational diabetes. Call the Diabetes Education Department at 765-485-8256 for individualized classes, scheduling and pricing.

Wellness Classes

The Witham Wellness Center will host the following wellness classes in March. Classes are held in the Witham Wellness Center in the South Pavilion on the Witham Main Campus at 2505 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Payment can be made in person at the start of class by cash or check. Call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 or visit www.witham.org/our-services/wellness for more information.

- BeMoved Dance is a dance fitness program for people of all ages and abilities. It's held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class.
- Flow Yoga is a great way to center your day with movement and mindful breathing. It's held weekly on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per class.
- The free indoor cycling and stretching program is designed to reduce the risk of any chronic disease you may be facing or help manage your weight. It's held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-10:45 a.m.
- Restorative Yoga is a gentle and slow style of yoga that encourages physical, mental and emotional relaxation. It's held weekly on Mondays from 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per class.
- Rock Steady Boxing 1 & 2 is a non-contact boxing program for people with Parkinson's Disease. It's held weekly from 9-10:15 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and is \$30 per month for unlimited sessions.
- Rock Steady Boxing 3 & 4 is a non-contact boxing program for people with Parkinson's Disease. It's held weekly from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and is \$30 per month for unlimited sessions.
- SilverSneakers Classic, a free class designed for those 65 or older, uses a chair for seated support while listening to music, moving and having fun. It's held weekly from 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. on Mondays.
- SilverSneakers Chair Yoga, a free class designed for those 65 or older, calms the mind and body with seated meditation and gentle stretching. It's held weekly from 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit, a free class designed for those 65 or older, increases cardiovascular and muscular endurance with a seated/standing circuit workout. It's

held weekly from 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. on Thursdays.

- Tai Chi for Health (Beginners and Advanced) improves flexibility, muscular strength, fitness and balance. It's held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Cost is \$5 per class.

Scholarships

The Witham Health Services Foundation is offering two scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors from Lebanon High School and Western Boone High School who will pursue a degree in a medical field. Applications are available through the guidance offices at Lebanon and Western Boone High Schools and online at www.witham.org/scholarships. Completed applications must be returned to the applicant's guidance office by 3 p.m. on March 20.

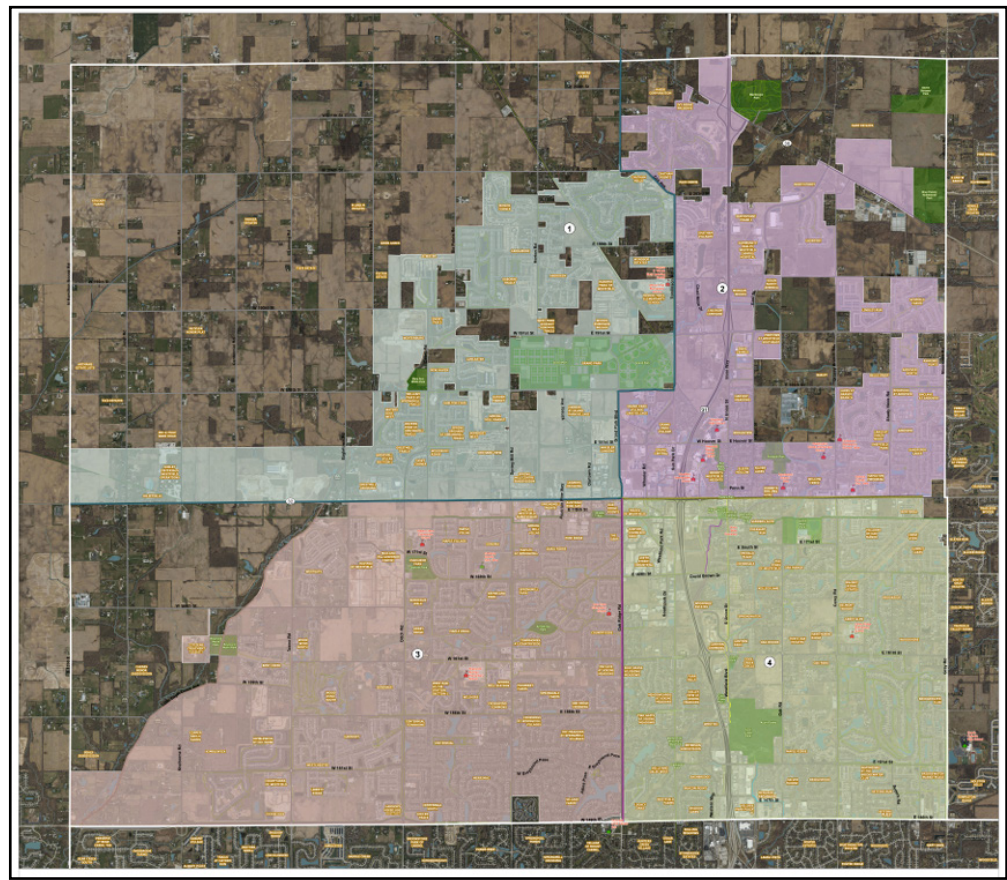
The Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors from any of Boone County's four high schools who are pursuing a degree or continuing education in a health-related field. Applications are available through each high school's guidance counselor's office. Completed applications must be submitted to the applicant's guidance counselor's office by March 6.

Volunteer Organization Fundraiser

The Witham Volunteer Organization is hosting a fundraiser with Jawbone BBQ on Wednesday, March 11, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the ER entrance (2605 North Lebanon Street). Jawbone BBQ will donate 10% of all sales from the event to the Witham Volunteer Organization.

About Witham

Witham Health Services is an independent county health system established in 1915 through a monetary gift from Flavius J. Witham. Our desire is to provide exceptional and easy experiences to all we serve and improve health through genuine care and unwavering support. Witham's main campus in Lebanon, Indiana, includes a 60-bed acute care facility. Witham's clinics are located in Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Jamestown, Thorntown, and Zionsville, Indiana. In Whitestown, Indiana, at Anson, Witham operates a 24-7 ER and a full array of radiology and laboratory services, as well as primary care, specialty care, and convenient care practices. More information about Witham Health Services can be found at www.witham.org.



Graphic provided by Westfield Police Department

WPD Policing Districts map.

WPD Working to Strengthen Community Presence

The Westfield Police Department has adopted a policing district model, assigning officers to designated zones to improve response times while increasing proactive patrols and visibility in neighborhoods, schools, trails, and business areas, which began Jan. 1.

District policing divides the city into four geographic districts. Officers are assigned to the same district for 1-3 months at a time and are tasked with patrolling and completing proactive work primarily within that area. While officers may still assist citywide as needed, the model is designed to promote consistency, faster response, and stronger familiarity with their assigned district. This marks a shift from the previous patrol approach, in which officers had areas of responsibility but could complete duties anywhere in the city, which

sometimes led to longer response times.

"By having officers assigned to a specific area, we will ensure we have a consistent presence in every corner of the community," said Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen. "Officers will become more familiar with the people, streets, businesses, and recurring issues within their district, allowing them to be more proactive and responsive."

"My administration has emphasized the importance of public safety since day one. This approach will help our residents build trust with our officers instead of only seeing them during emergencies," stated Mayor Scott Willis. "By having officers out in our neighborhoods and on our trails more often, increasing their visibility and day-to-day presence, we're creating more opportunities

for positive interactions and stronger relationships within the community."

To support district policing, the department adjusted staffing assignments to ensure consistent coverage within each district while maintaining flexibility for citywide needs. Officers bid which district rotation they would like based on officer seniority, and supervisors are assigned to oversee specific districts, improving communication and accountability.

This updated policing model also gives officers the time and structure to engage proactively by attending neighborhood gatherings and building trust through regular, positive connections.

For more information about the Westfield Police Department or to view the policing district map, visit westfieldin.gov/police.



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Heights Middle School's 6th Grade Girls Basketball Husky Invite Champions team members and coaches and their spirit-filled cheer squad include Amelia Andis, Kinsley Bowyer, Ayva Cherry, Sophia Comer, Emelia Cook, Esmae Dotson, Chiamaka Ebigo, Hallie Engle, Calista Hite, Sydney Hodge, London Maynard, Payton Sisson, Brooke Stuart, Michaela Suarez, and Ella Wilson. 6th Grade Cheerleaders include Kylan Owens, Keira Gerlach, Winter Clear, Lola Fonderoli, Maci Pickett, and Jolie Bradley. Basketball Coaching Staff include Head Coach Laurie Prater, Assistant Coaches Taylor Catron and Jessica Clinger, Team Manager Maddox Clinger and Sarah Prince, Cheerleading Coach.

6th Grade Lady Huskies Crowned Husky Invite Champions

By Laurie Prater

HHMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

The 6th Grade Lady Huskies proudly hosted the Husky Invite recently and finished the day as tournament champions, capping off an incredible season.

The Huskies opened tournament play against Frankton, where their defense set the tone early. The team held Frankton to just 15 points in a dominant performance. Ayva Cherry led the scoring effort with 19 points while

Calista Hite and Kinsley Bowyer each added six points.

In the championship game, the Huskies faced the Tipton Blue Devils. After a long day of competition, the team showed grit and determination, battling through fatigue and working together until the final buzzer. It was truly a total team effort to secure the victory. Ayva Cherry once again led the Huskies with 14 points, and Michaela Suarez contributed eight points in the championship win.

The Lady Huskies' success would not have been possible without the energy and support of the outstanding 6th Grade Cheerleaders, whose enthusiasm helped power the team throughout the tournament.

With teamwork, determination, and tremendous support from their cheerleaders and coaching staff, the Lady Huskies close out the season as Husky Invite Champions. Congratulations to this dedicated group of athletes on a memorable and successful year!

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HAMILTON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Safety Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste offices, 1721 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss occupational safety topics.

NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Notice

The City of Noblesville Redevelopment Authority will meet on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at the following link: <https://www.noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions>.

A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville>.

ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION WESTFIELD

Meeting Notice

Monday, March 16, 2026 – Meeting time changed to 7:30pm & meeting location changed to Westfield City Hall

Stepped up Parking Enforcement Designed to Better Serve Carmel

Parking enforcement will be enhanced in the City of Carmel in the coming months in support of business needs and improved access for residents and visitors.

“Parking issues can create numerous challenges for residents, local businesses and patrons,” Carmel Police Department (CPD) Chief Drake Sterling said. “Excessive parking violations contribute to traffic congestion, reduced accessibility to commercial areas and create challenges to our small business-friendly downtown model.”

Business owners and residents have expressed concerns over parking compliance, noting an increase in parking violations, including unauthorized parking in marked disability spots and loading zones, or remaining in a 3-hour or 15-min-

ute parking spot past the posted time limit.

CPD researched methods to best enhance parking compliance, examining multiple options before determining that the most effective ways to address enforcement include:

- Equipping CPD vehicles with technology that assists with enforcement.
- The addition of two positions for part-time enforcement officers to address day-to-day parking violations. The officers will be scheduled at peak times when violations are the highest.

Initial costs for the increased enforcement are covered by CPD's current budget, with no additional appropriations needed in 2026 and revenue from

violation fines supporting continued enforcement.

Chief Sterling said prior efforts to increase enforcement have been successful, pointing to an increase of 58% in identification of violations following the addition of a single officer in March 2025.

“We are eager to see how the additional attention to this issue improves compliance,” Sterling said. “With enhanced equipment, I am confident that we can make a positive impact for livability in our great city.”

CPD will additionally be working with the City's engineering department and the Carmel City Council as part of their ongoing parking study, anticipating further recommendations in the future.



Photo courtesy Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

Bur Oak Bridge is a 500-foot-long, 14-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle bridge that spans the White River.

Carmel Parks Honored for Bur Oak Bridge

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation received a 2026 Great Lakes Park, Facility or Program Award from the Great Lakes Park Training Institute. The award recognizes the Bur Oak Bridge at Hazel Landing Park.

Specifically, the award honors outstanding parks, facilities and programs completed within the last five years. Eligible projects demonstrate forward-thinking design, cost-effective solutions and meaningful community impact. Based on these criteria, GLPTI recognized Bur Oak Bridge for its innovative design and regional collaboration.

Bur Oak Bridge is a 500-foot-long, 14-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle bridge that spans the White River. It con-

nects Hazel Landing Park in Carmel with Heritage Park in Fishers, strengthening Central Indiana's regional trail network by linking the Monon Greenway, Big-4 Rail Trail and Nickel Plate Trail.

The \$11 million project was made possible through a collaborative regional investment, with funding contributions from:

- Clay Township – \$5 million through its Impact Program
- Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation – \$3 million
- Hamilton County – \$1.6 million
- Delaware Township – \$1.3 million
- City of Fishers – \$400,000

“At its core, Bur Oak Bridge provides pedes-

trians with a safe and accessible connection between regional trail systems,” said Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director of Parks and Recreation/CEO. “Overall, this award reinforces the importance of investing in projects that enhance recreation, mobility and connection throughout our community and the region.”

The name “Bur Oak Bridge” reflects the ecological and cultural significance of the native Bur Oak tree and was selected in consultation with representatives of the Miami, Delaware/Lenape, Shawnee and Peoria tribes. Interpretive signage at each end of the bridge will highlight the White River's natural and cultural history, as well as its Indigenous heritage.



Photo courtesy of Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts / Joshua Hasty

From left, David and Annette Greene, Carl Butler and Jeffrey Goens.

Co-Chairs Named for Allied Solutions Center's 2026 Gala

With Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts' annual fundraising gala coming in September, its steering committee is already making plans under the leadership of this year's committee co-chairs.

The Center Celebration 2026 presented by Ice Miller, set for Sept. 19 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, promises to be an unforgettable evening featuring a cocktail reception, dinner, a live auction, after-parties, and entertainment by host Michael Feinstein and a headline artist to be announced in March, when the remaining tables are put on sale. All proceeds support Allied Solutions Center's arts programming and its growing menu of education and enrichment opportunities for people of all ages. More information is available at TheCenter-Presents.org/Gala.

Leading the Gala Steering Committee this year are longtime Carmel residents David and Annette Greene, now serving their second year as co-chairs, and Carl Butler and Jeffrey Goens, serving the first of their two years as co-chairs.

David Greene is a retired Central Indiana banking executive, and Annette is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant with Northwest Radiology. They are frequent patrons of Allied Solutions Center and served on the steering committee for several years before becoming co-chairs last year.

“That's where we were educated on the mission of Allied Solutions Center. We have truly become huge fans and advocates – hook, line and sinker,” David said. “We believe the Center isn't merely a venue, it's the centerpiece of our community, and we love the way it welcomes everyone to experience the wonder of the arts, reaching out to segments of the community that are often underserved.”

Butler and Goens are attorneys who have been concert season subscribers at Allied Solutions Center since its opening and perform in the Indiana Wind Symphony, one of its six resident arts companies. Butler also serves on the Allied Solutions Center Board of Directors.

“Jeff and I were initially attracted to Allied Solutions Center because it provided easy access to a variety of truly outstanding performances in world-class venues, but we became more involved when we learned of the many incredible outreach programs that provide opportunities for all members of our broader community, regardless of their background or circumstance, to experience, engage in, and learn from the life-changing performances presented here,” Butler said. “I can personally attest that education in, and exposure to, the performing arts can put one's life on an improved trajectory.”

Programs supported by the gala proceeds include the Peanut Butter & Jam performance series for families with young children; the Prism Project, a performing arts summer camp for youth with disabilities; free matinee performances and science presentations for school groups; a donor-funded Transportation Grant Program that reimburses transportation costs for school groups attending events; and arts classes for adults, including vocal music, songwriting, two levels of stand-up comedy instruction and three levels of ukulele instruction. The gala revenue is generated through table reservations, corporate partnerships, direct donations, and the auction for prize packages including luxury getaways and VIP professional sports experiences, donated by Allied Solutions Center supporters.

Last year's Center Celebration 2025 presented by Ice Miller, with rocker Richard Marx as the headliner, generated a record \$708,000 in support of Allied Solutions Center's mission “to inspire and engage the Indiana community with enriching arts experiences.”

“The gala really is a communitywide celebration,” President/CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott said. “Each year, I am amazed and grateful to see how our staff, donors, sponsors, partners and artists put all the pieces together to create an event unlike any other in this region.”

Future Healthcare Workers at SHS Get First-Hand Opportunity

On Friday, twenty future medical professionals or students interested in healthcare from Sheridan High School met with representatives from Ivy Tech Community College and Community Health Network during a special luncheon organized by SHS.

Ivy Tech Community College offers top-tier training programs for RNs and several other medical fields. In fact, 1 out of 3 nurses in Indiana are trained through the programming offered by Ivy Tech.

Community Health Network also joined in on the luncheon as they expanded into Hamilton County last year with a campus near 191st and East streets in Westfield. A Medical Office Building opened on

the campus last spring and a six-story hospital now under construction is set to open in the spring of 2027. Because of the new hospital they will need hundreds of new employees, so SHS students were able to explore internships and career opportunities that the future Community Hospital Westfield will offer.

SHS was honored to host Dr. Rachel Kartz, Ivy Tech's Hamilton County Chancellor, and Quelyn Hughes, Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive for Community Health Network's campuses in Westfield and Kokomo, as well as several members of the Community Health Network and Ivy Tech teams. SHS students did not disappoint and shared their enthusiasm

for the workforce and the opportunity to learn and work firsthand. One representative shared, “I was truly impressed with your students, faculty, and facility. Your students are ambitious, engaged, and eager to learn—an excellent combination for a successful future in the healthcare field!”

Principal Rick Davis commented, “This was a terrific opportunity to bring together Ivy Tech, Community Health Network, and our awesome students in order to help bridge the connection from high school to post-secondary training to the workforce.” Thank you to Mr. Davis and Ms. Jill Cali for helping make this one-of-a-kind opportunity possible for Sheridan students!