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TODAY'S VERSE

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- Psalm 23:4

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Wizards bring tricks, dunks

The school principals and teachers are ready, and the excitement is building.

Every two years since 2012, Noblesville Schools Education Foundation invites in the Harlem Wizards basketball team as a fundraiser for the district.

Well, it's that time again. Harlem Wizards will return this Wednesday to The Mill.

For those who haven't experienced a Harlem Wizards show, it is definitely one not to miss.

The world-famous team shows off its slam dunks, tricks, hoops and alley oops while playing against Noblesville Schools Mighty Millers, made up of our favorite teachers and principals and staff.

There are so many fun things about attending this game.

For one, there is a ton of audience participation, and don't be surprised if players run up into the bleachers and snap selfies with your mobile device.

Secondly, kids who have purchased a Harlem Wizards replica jersey can be a Wiz Kid and join Wizard players on the court for pre-game warmup, participate in a grand entrance and team-photo opportunity. It's definitely worth the price of the jersey to see the kids' faces light up as Wiz Kids, as they join the Wizards in a dance routine, plus invitations for



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

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HONEST HOOSIER

I'm P'd! Politicians! Stop choosing Party over People! Park the party pandering or pack up!



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'New economy' challenging state officials

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FISHERS – Indiana is struggling to navigate the crossroads between the old and new economies.

Traditional business has been met by non-traditional avenues of the economy, including AirB&B, Uber, online shopping, people renting their own vehicles, and even Tesla. Many of these new economic avenues are not part of the traditional tax structure and state legislators are working to find ways to include them.

Several legislators, including Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson, Rep. Tony Cook and Sen Victoria Spartz, met with members of Hamilton County's four chambers of commerce, to give a "half-time report" on action at the Statehouse during this year's short session.

"This new economy affects Hamilton County in so many ways," said Rep. Todd Huston. "We've built a lot of things off of taxes generated by car rentals, hotel room rental fees, we just didn't imagine how this new economy would affect our

funding strategies,"

House Speaker Brian Bosma said Indiana isn't alone, other states struggle with the issue as well.

"We've found ourselves at this intersection between the old and new economies and we're working hard to find solutions that benefit both," he said.

Education Funding:

Indiana's economy and its education system are closely tied, and there are issues with both school funding, and preparing students for the workforce.

The legislature had to move more money into school funding this year, to make up for the potential loss of per-student money caused by a higher-than-expected enrollment. Indiana had between 6,000 and 7,000 more students enrolled in public schools than anticipated.

Legislation working its way through the Statehouse would boost funding using money from the State Tuition Reserve Account. Bosma said as much as \$100 million could be transferred from the \$300 million account.

Workforce Development:

In addition to funding schools, the legislators discussed the state's workforce. Bills to re-evaluate workforce-related programs, and encourage students to complete training in high-demand skills are being considered.

"We're trying to fundamentally change the system, to let employers drive the programs they need their workers to have. Employers know the skills their people need, and what skills will be needed 5 to 10 years down the road," Huston said.

Opioid Epidemic:

According to the Indiana State Department of Health, nearly 100 Hoosiers die each month from a drug overdose. Under proposed legislation, up to nine new treatment centers could be opened, which would greatly improve access to addiction treatment programs throughout the state.

This would ensure that Hoosiers, particularly in underserved areas, would have options to begin and sustain their recovery process.

NHS threat not credible

The Times
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A threat, made by a Noblesville High School student against the school, made Thursday, were found not to be credible, the corporation said in a statement released Thursday night.

The threat, made during a bus ride home from school, was reported by two students using the corporation's confidential "SpeakUp" reporting app on the students' iPads.

NHS administrators and Noblesville Police immediately made contact with the student making the threat and determined it was not credible.

Administrators have taken appropriate action with the student to address this issue.

"We would like to send our appreciation to the NHS students who chose to speak-up and share the concern. It's important as a community that we take the time to listen, be cognizant of things happening around us, and report them when we aren't comfortable or are concerned. These two

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OutHouse to offer work-sharing space

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Workers who don't go to a regular office – maybe work from home – will soon have an alternative.

Noblesville's first co-working space, the OutHouse, is scheduled to open mid-March at 540 Westfield Road.

"OutHouse is like the Starbucks of coworking. You'll eventually find one on every corner," said Taylor Jennings, owner.

Jennings is the owner of Jennings Commercial Interiors, a seller of high-end office furniture. "Our primary line of business is commercial office



JENNINGS

furniture," said Jennings, owner of Jennings Commercial Interiors. "But we saw a need for people who may have to travel to work, or who work remotely, to having a space they could use as an office."

The OutHouse will be equipped with Jennings furnishings.

"Jennings Commercial Interiors designed the environment at OutHouse to be a place where people can say they 'Love where they work.' This is a service they provide to companies on a national scale," Jennings said. "You won't be sitting in a wooden chair for 8 agonizing hours a day at OutHouse. We provide members with ergonomic chairs that make sitting feel good."

Jennings said more than 20 people have already signed up for space in the

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Photo provided

Rendering of the interior of the OutHouse, a work-sharing space set to open mid-March.

HEALTH TIP

Sunlight increases your risk of developing cataracts – wear sunglasses that block UVA and UVB.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



OBITUARIES

Paul Charles Darling, A Celebration of Life is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the Westfield Lions Club, 120 Jersey St., Westfield.

Mary E. (Stage) McCullough, No services

Rachael E. Ratliff, Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call Grandmaw on speed dial?
Insta-gram!

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank ERIC GUNDERSEN of Noblesville for subscribing!



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Life is like art. You have to work hard to keep it simple and still have meaning."

Charles de Lint

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