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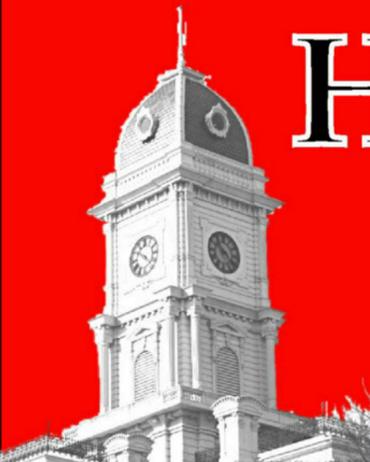
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Fishers approves agreement funding Fishers Freedom Festival

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryinFishers.com

The Fishers City Board of Public Works and Safety approved an agreement with the Fishers Freedom Festival, providing \$85,000 in cash support for the 2017 event. In addition to the cash, the city also provides "in-kind" support in the form of public safety, public works and other support from city departments during the summer celebration.

The Fishers City Council approved the \$85,000 funding as part of the 2017 city spending plan. This agreement implements the support. The cash amount is the same as provided by the city in 2016.

Mayor Scott Fadness told the board the city is looking at how to evaluate support of nonprofit organizations from city coffers. Fishers spends roughly \$300,000 cash per year supporting local nonprofits, such as Conner Prairie and the Freedom Festival.

The city council is establishing a structure to evaluate requests for financial support from nonprofit organizations, beginning with the 2018 budget process. In the meantime, the board approved the agreement with the Freedom Festival to fund it at the same level as 2016.

"This contract is a new concept," Fadness said. "(Nonprofit groups) will have to sign these contracts prior to the City of Fishers releasing any funds going forward."

In Cherry Hills, Sunblest neighborhoods...

Fishers Police investigating two burglaries

Fishers Police Department is investigating two day-time residential burglaries that occurred Monday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Both homes are located within a couple of miles of each other in the Cherry Hills and Sunblest neighborhoods. Both homeowners reported jewelry missing from their homes. Evidence at both homes indicate the suspect(s) gained entry by kicking in the front door.

If you were visiting either of these neighborhoods yesterday and observed anything out of the ordinary or live in these neighborhoods and have exterior security cameras please call the Fishers Police Department at 317-595-3300.

Please remember to report suspicious persons, vehicles, and activity immediately to 911.

Work begins in riparian corridor in Grand Junction



Artistic rendering courtesy the City of Westfield

Work will begin tomorrow on the early stages of riparian corridor construction in Westfield's Grand Junction Park and Plaza project. The first phase of the work will include removing trees along the Grassy Branch Creek. This anticipates forthcoming work which will allow the banks of the creek to return to a natural state for improved water flow. Trees will be replanted, with numbers to be determined at a later date.

An artist's rendering of the completed corridor is shown here.

The work is being done in conjunction with the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office as part of routine legal drain maintenance. Work for this phase of the project will likely last for one week.

The County Line

Political reorganization scheduled for March 4

By FRED SWIFT



Hamilton County's political parties will elect their leadership for the next four years when they gather for their reorganization meetings two weeks from Saturday. The general public may have little interest in this process, passing it off as "just politics," but political life matters to our community.

The reorganizations will be major gatherings, more than 400 precinct committeemen and vice committeemen for the Republicans, probably substantially fewer for Democrats. The GOP meeting will be held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. Demo-

crats who have fewer committeemen, have not announced their location.

A year ago it looked like the major contest would develop for the GOP chairmanship. Now it looks more likely that the Democrats could have a contest for the top spot. Republican chairwoman Laura Campbell is believed to be in a strong position for re-election. Her past rival, Pete Peterson, has indicated to some folks that he probably will not try again.

Democratic chairman Keith Clock has decided against running for re-election. Reports indicate Joe Weingarten, a leading party activist, and perhaps others, may run to succeed Clock. Usually it is not a job that attracts great interest in Hamilton County. There is only one elected Democrat among the 125 officeholders in county, city and township government.

Why is a party chairmanship important

to the county? For several reasons. An effective GOP chairman can mobilize an organization that can potentially turn out a huge vote for not only local office seekers, but for candidates statewide. In 2018, for example, Republicans will be trying to recapture the U.S. Senate seat now held by Joe Donnelly. Hamilton County with its normally big vote could make the difference and make a new senator very grateful. Various kinds of help might come to the county. For example, a deserving young man or woman might get some needed help with a military academy appointment.

It is also true that when the county is seeking a major public works project, state money is often needed and a word from the chairman of the governor's party can help. Similarly, if a local county resident is trying

Noblesville man killed in auto accident

On Monday an early morning crash on I-465 has claimed the life of a Noblesville man.

Just before 2:30 a.m. emergency crews were called to I-465 eastbound near Michigan Road for a serious crash. Upon arrival responders found two inverted vehicles, one on the right shoulder of the interstate and one in the ditch. 66 year old David Kriehn, Noblesville was the driver of the vehicle in the ditch, a red 2002 Honda. Kriehn was ejected from the vehicle as it rolled several times, he was rushed to St. Vincent Hospital where he later died from his injuries. The driver of the other vehicle, a 2009 Nissan Murano, was 35 year old Elizabeth Vargas-Hernandez of Indianapolis, she was not injured. There were three passengers in the Nissan who were checked and released by medics at the scene.

Preliminary investigation and witness statements led police to believe Vargas-Hernandez was traveling at a high rate of speed in the right lane when she came upon the Honda. Vargas-Hernandez struck the rear of the Honda causing it to slide off the road and overturn several times in the ditch. The Nissan also overturned and came to upside down on the right shoulder.

Based on the investigation Vargas-Hernandez was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death. She was also cited for operating a vehicle without ever receiving a driver's license. A blood draw was taken for blood alcohol content, those results are pending.




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Hamilton County will see new troopers patrolling roads



Photo courtesy Indiana State Police

Eleven Indiana State Police Rookie Troopers were issued their patrol cars to begin solo patrol in a ceremony on Tuesday. The troopers are pictured with Indianapolis District Commander Lt. Jeff Payne and Assistant Commander F/Sgt. Dana Harshman.

In a ceremony Tuesday, led by Superintendent Doug Carter, 54 Indiana State Police Rookie Troopers were issued their patrol car to begin solo patrol. Eleven of those troopers are assigned to the Indianapolis District, covering Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Shelby, Johnson and Boone Counties. The probationary officers recently completed a three month field training period with veteran troopers. They will serve a one year probationary period before attaining permanent status as a trooper.

In addition to the field training, the new officers received approximately 950 hours of structured training in law enforcement techniques when they were assigned to the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy. The curriculum included criminal law instruction, emergency vehicle operations training, psychology, traffic law, crash investigations, self-defense, first responder, and other general law enforcement related areas.

The troopers assigned to the Indianapolis District are:

Trooper Christopher Cannon – A 2012 graduate of James Whitcomb Riley High School in South Bend, he went on to study Criminal Justice at IUPUI. Cannon currently resides in Hamilton County.

Trooper Nicholas Cox – A 2006 graduate of Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis, after high school Cox enlisted in the United State Army where he served as a military police officer from 2006 until 2011. In May of 2009 he was deployed to Afghanistan for a 12 month tour of duty.

Trooper Cox resides in Marion County with his wife and three children.

Trooper Tigh Freestone – After graduating in 2000 from Russell High School in Russell, Pennsylvania, Freestone joined the United States Army. He served three separate deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo during active duty, and he is now in the Indiana National Guard. Freestone lives in Hamilton County with his wife and two children.

Trooper Chris Hanson – A 2010 graduate of Mount Vernon High School in Fortville Indiana, and native of Greenfield Indiana, Hanson furthered his education at Marian University majoring in Sport Performance. Hanson was very successful running track and cross country in college, and recently set a new record for the Indiana State Police Academy running 2400 meters (1.5 miles) in 8:01. Hanson now resides in Marion County with his wife.

Trooper David Herron – A 2009 North Montgomery Graduate, Herron grew up in Crawfordsville. He later attended Vincennes University where he studied Conservation Law Enforcement. Upon completion of college, he was hired by the Indiana Capitol Police where he worked for two years before being hired by the Indiana State Police. Herron currently lives in Shelby County with his wife.

Trooper Daniel Magnabosco – A 2012 graduate of Speedway High School, and later studied Criminology and Criminal Justice at Indiana State University. Magna-

bosco now lives in Speedway.

Trooper Joseph Malone – A 1995 graduate of Deptford Township High School in New Jersey. After high school Malone joined the United States Army where he served as an Infantryman and Ranger, with combat tours to Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Egypt, Philippines, and Korea during his 20 year military career. Joseph now lives in Johnson County with his wife and two children.

Trooper Ty Mays – A 2003 Morrystown High School Graduate, Mays went on to serve our country in the United States Marine Corps. Mays has also studied Business Management at University of Phoenix. Ty now resides in Marion County.

Trooper Taylor McCluskey – A 2010 graduate of Southport High School in Indianapolis. McCluskey went on to work for a financial institution as a Home Equity Loan Specialist. Taylor currently resides in Marion County.

Trooper David Taflinger – A 2010 graduate of New Washington High School. He currently lives in Hendricks County and has one child.

Trooper Casey Witzgreuter – A 2006 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne, he went on to study Criminal Justice and Public Affairs at IUPUI. Upon graduation from college, Witzgreuter was hired by the Indiana Capitol Police where he worked as a police officer for two years before being hired by the Indiana State Police.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the McAlister's Deli, 8355 East 116th Street, Fishers, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of county finances.
/s/ Robin M. Mills,
Hamilton County Auditor

MEMO

TO: Hamilton County North Board of Zoning Appeals
FROM: Charles Kiphart, Director
Hamilton County Plan Commission
DATE: February 14, 2017
RE: Next Hamilton County North Board of Zoning Appeals meeting

Dear North BZA Members:
Please be advised that our office has not received any petitions for board consideration. With the approval of the minutes and election of officers being our only business, I have discussed this with Kris Johnson, and, as Chairman of the Hamilton County North BZA, she has canceled the regularly scheduled Hamilton County North BZA meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The next Hamilton County North BZA meeting will be held Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet on February 24th, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hamilton County Clerk's Office in the County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville.

Tammy Baitz,
Hamilton County Clerk and Secretary to the Board

COUNTY LINE

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to get a state position or wants to fill a vacancy on a local court, a confidential note from the chairman to the governor can often turn the trick.

For the Democrats, there is virtually no clout at the Statehouse and very little locally. But, a strong county organization will be needed if the party is ever to make inroads here. Several years ago when county Democrats had a heated contest for chairman, a local newsman played on a famous Winston Churchill quote to describe the pending reorganization. He wrote: 'Never have so few worked so hard for so little.'

In an interview a few years ago Clock said serving as chairman of the minority party was a labor of love, and certainly not profit. His organization never made a breakthrough in local elections, but last year it did fill the party's ticket for the first time in many years.

In party reorganization there will also be a vice chairman, secretary and treasurer elected. Republicans need a male, assuming Mrs. Campbell remains as chairwoman. Terry Anker has been considered for the post, and Mario Massillamany has indicated interest. The party treasurer is currently Pete Peterson. Whether he wants to continue or whether he has the support to win re-election remains to be seen.

Among Democrats it seems uncertain who is interested, let alone who is favored, for the vice chair, secretary and treasurer all of which are jobs with substantially less influence than the chairmanship.

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Calvin C. Kirby

October 4, 1940 - February 13, 2017

Calvin C. Kirby, 76, of Carmel passed away February 13, 2017. He was born on October 4, 1940 in Paoli, IN the son of Clarence and Audrey Buchanan Kirby.



In addition to his parents, Calvin was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn and brother, Hubert.

Survivors include daughters, Caroline (Eric) and Christen; grandsons, Drew, Dayton, Hunter and Scotty; brothers, Vernon (Barb), Vasco (Mary) and sister, Annabelle.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 10 am with a Celebration of Life Service to follow at 11 am in Orchard Park Presbyterian Church.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Calvin's complete obituary. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield.

Carol Ann Grady

February 7, 1947 - February 8, 2017

Carol Ann Grady, 70, of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Tampa General Hospital. She was born on February 7, 1947 to Robert and Florence (Myers) Ludy in Portland, Indiana.



Carol was a member of St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church. She enjoyed spending time in sunny Florida, and loved spending time with her friends and family.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Gwendolyn (Jim) Plew; mother, Florence Hamill; grandchildren, Camden, Callie and Carsen Plew; brother, Vern Ludy; sisters-in-law, Ann Grady, Rhonda Ludy and Bea Grady; several aunts & uncles; and lots of nieces & nephews and great-nieces & -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick Grady in 2015; father, Robert Ludy; and brother, Scott Ludy.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road in Fishers, with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Patrick Click will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, St. Nicholas Fund, Accounting Department, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

David A. Kriehn

February 6, 1951 - February 13, 2017

David A. Kriehn, 66, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2017 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on February 6, 1951 to Gordon and Eleanor (Bischoff) Kriehn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



David graduated from Northwestern University and received a Masters of Divinity from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He and Joan served as missionaries to Taiwan from 1988-2001. David was a manager for Famous Dave's BBQ in Indianapolis, and enjoyed gardening, reading, and crossword puzzles. He also loved to bake, with bread as his specialty. Most of all, David enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan Kriehn; father, Gordon Kriehn; children, Greg (Renee) Kriehn, Kristi (Pete) Powell, Jeff (Erin) Kriehn, and Laura (Jonathan) Pilarski; brother, Richard (Barb) Kriehn; and ten grandchildren, Olivia, Andrew, Leah & Daniel Kriehn, Arianna, Conner & Brielle Powell, and Emma, Ethan & Elijah Kriehn. David's mother, Eleanor Kriehn, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation from 4:00 pm to the time of service.

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- Matthew 11:29

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Don E. Roberts

March 24, 1937 - February 11, 2017

Don E. Roberts, 79, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Riverview Hospital as the result of a stroke. He was born on March 24, 1937 to Aaron and Maggie (Ginder) Roberts in Noblesville, Indiana.



Don graduated from Noblesville High School in 1956 and Ball State University in 1960. Thereafter, he entered the United States Navy where he served on the USS Essex from 1960-1962. Upon leaving the Navy, Don began teaching in the Noblesville Schools where he taught for 25 years. He started an aviation program at Noblesville High School where he taught students his love of flying by building a Primary Mead Glider, a Chinese Bandit, a Japanese Zero, and a 3/4 scale Douglas SBD Dauntless. Don's wood projects included a baby cradle, dollhouses, replica World War II tanks, Navy ships, and a playhouse for his granddaughter. One of his most important projects to him was the building of the Santa House on the Noblesville Court House square. Don portrayed Santa Claus each Christmas for 12 years and was in the Christmas Parade for many years including 2016. The same love he poured into his students, his country, and community was reflected in the love Don had for his grandchildren. He was a member of the Navy Club, Experimental Aircraft Association, and Noblesville First United Methodist Church. Besides teaching, Don also had a construction company and was co-owner of the Noblesville Airport.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janet Roberts; son, Jeff Roberts (wife Beth); daughter, Kathy Absher (husband Dave); four grandchildren, Bailey, Hank, and Dillon Absher, and Grace Roberts; brother, Ed Roberts; and sister, JoAnn Randall.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his two brothers, Joe Roberts and Aaron Roberts Jr.; and sister, Peggy Bauer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, February 17, 2017 at the church, with an additional visitation from 9:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Dick Judson will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, IN 46060; or Experimental Aircraft Association, PO Box 6201, Fishers, IN 46038.

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Sylvia Anne Elizabeth (Spencer) Wilhelm

August 1, 1941 - February 11, 2017

Sylvia Anne Elizabeth (Spencer) Wilhelm passed away at Harbour Manor in Noblesville, Indiana on February 11th at 2:45 in the afternoon. She was born in St. Helens, England to Olivia Marie (Greener) and Jack Spencer on August 1, 1941, along with her triplet brother John and sister Mary (Ascroft). She married Michael Robert Wilhelm, a US Army serviceman in 1965 and gave birth to their first child, Paul in 1969, and their twins, Michael, and Melissa (Grandstaff) in 1974.

A former resident of Logansport, Indiana, she was an avid singer and toured with the Festival of Praise in 1985 which featured gospel greats Dallas Holm, Phil Driscoll, Sandi Patti, Russ Taff and others. A favorite recent memory that she loved to recount was her trip to Washington DC for the Annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the invitation of former President George W. Bush as a guest of former Secretary of Transportation, Mary E. Peters. Stories of her private tour of the White House, lunch at the Navy Mess in the basement of the West Wing, and the sense of security she felt under the watchful protection of a Secret Service detail lit up her face every time she would regale you with the tale.

Although her life was full of fond memories, nothing was more important to her than her relationship with the Lord, Jesus. If she were here, she would ask you if you knew Him and would be more than willing to introduce you if you didn't. She is with Him now; safe, healthy, and whole again.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her former husband Michael, sister Julie, brother John, and nephew Michael Ascroft, whom she helped deliver into this world. She is survived by her three children, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and her sisters Anita (Byrne) and Mary (Ascroft), and their respective families in the United Kingdom. She was 75 years old.

Two wakes are scheduled to celebrate her life. The first is set for Thursday, February 16th from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm in the Noblesville home to which she longed to return, 6479 Angel Falls Drive. The second is on Sunday, February 19th at 1526 Grant St. in Logansport, Indiana from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. All who knew her are invited to casually stop by to see an old friend.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Donald Fields

August 12, 1925 - February 11, 2017

Donald Fields, 91, of Carmel, IN, passed away peacefully in his home on February 11, 2017. He was born August 12, 1925 in Elwood, IN, son of Mahlon and Ethel Myerly Fields.



Prior to Don joining the US Navy in 1945, he served in the Merchant Marines. He had a 32 year career in research and development with General Motors, Gas Turbine - Allison Transmission Plant. Don was a member of the Carmel Golden K Kiwanis as well as the Janus Development Services in Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Betty; son, Donnie; daughter, Laurel I; grandson, Spencer; 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

Survivors include his children, Paula (Harold), Melissa (John), Spencer (Celeste) and Kim (Eric); 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and special friend, Millie.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in Carmel Friends Church, with visitation beginning at 1 pm.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to share your condolence and read Don's complete obituary.

Robert D. Thompson

February 22, 1935 - February 8, 2017

Robert D. Thompson, 81, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at his home. He was born on February 22, 1935 to Kelly and Gladys (Blankenship) Thompson in Stonega, Virginia.



Bob served his country for 41 years in the Indiana National Guard, and worked for Wholesale/Hall Ro-Cap in Noblesville. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and the Moose.

Bob is survived by his children, Garnette (Gary) McConnell, Deborah (Thomas) Sizemore, Diane (Steve) Kayse, Trooper (Andrea) Thompson, and Jennifer (Lee Roy) Hiner; siblings, Lucille Brooks, Doyle Thompson, Betty Godbey, Vernon Thompson, Connie Myers, and Patricia Myers; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy May Thompson in 1998; three sisters; one brother; and two great-grandsons.

Visitation will be from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, February 20, 2017 at the funeral home, with Rev. Mark Fidler officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation of Indiana Inc., 964 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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Robert I. "Bob" Ridenour

July 14, 1930 - February 4, 2017

Robert I. "Bob" Ridenour, 86, of Westfield, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at his home. He was born on July 14, 1930 to Carl L. and Mazy M. (Spraker) Ridenour in Flora, Indiana.



Bob graduated from Kokomo High School in 1948 and served his country in the Army from 1951-1953. He attended Indiana University Kokomo and graduated from Indiana Business College. Prior to his retirement in 1994, Bob worked for 20 years running Plotner's Style Shops in Peru and Logansport, Indiana. Eventually, he and his wife purchased the business, renaming it Elaine's. In retirement, Bob worked part time several years at Bear Slide Golf Course. He enjoyed travelling to Florida several winters and fishing. Above all, Bob absolutely treasured time spent with his family. In fact, the happy birthday song at family gatherings will not be the same without him.

In 1956 he married the love of his life, Elaine Fiser from Peru, IN, and she survives. Also surviving are two children, Brad (Karen) Ridenour and Robyn (John) O'Donnell, both of Indianapolis. Surviving grandchildren include Alec and Cameron Ridenour and John Robert, Carly, Nicholas, and Kaitlyn O'Donnell, all of Indianapolis. Additional survivors include a sister, Julia Ann Orr of Rockford, IL and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by both parents as well as three brothers, J. Dane Ridenour, Frank Ridenour, and Joe Ridenour; a sister, Jean Brunner; and his infant son, Jeffrey Blake. Services will be held at 12:00 pm, with visitation 2 hours prior, on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Radiant Christian Life Church, 16162 Carey Road in Westfield, where Bob was a member. Pastor Gary Sobol will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278; or St. Vincent Hospice, c/o St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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IHSAA releases enrollment figures...

Westfield football headed to Class 6A

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

It's not really breaking news to report that Westfield is growing.

Anybody who's been around the city knows how much bigger it's gotten over the past two decades. But the effects of the growth are noteworthy, especially when it comes to the Westfield High School athletic programs - specifically football.

The IHSAA released its enrollment figures that will be used to determine the classes and sectional pairings for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Westfield is ranked 25th on the list with 2146 students, up from 34th two years ago.

The top 32 schools will be placed in Class 6A for football, so that means the Shamrocks will be moving up a class. Westfield won the 5A state championship last fall.

The 'Rocks had been in 5A since 2009. Now, during part of that time, 5A was the biggest football class, so Westfield was one of the big teams for a few years. The IHSAA introduced the 6A class in 2013, but that year the



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The Westfield football team will be moving up to Class 6A next fall. The latest enrollment figures from the IHSAA puts the Shamrocks at 25th, with the top 32 teams playing in football's highest class.

Heady to become Marian men's basketball coach

Carmel head boys basketball coach Scott Heady will be the new men's basketball head coach at Marian University next season.

Various media reports came out on Tuesday that said that Heady will be announced as the Knights' new coach on Thursday. Heady will replace Carson Harris, who resigned from the head coach position last week after two years with Marian.

Heady came to Carmel in 2010, and this season marks his seventh with the Greyhounds. He achieved a tremendous amount of success during that time, coaching Carmel to back-to-back Class 4A state championships in 2012 and 2013. The Greyhounds also won the sectional in 2015 and 2016. Heady's record at Carmel is 134-37.

Heady is no stranger to the college game: Prior to coaching for the 'Hounds, he was an assistant at Anderson University for two years. Heady spent 13 years at Warren Central (1995-2008), where he won a regional title in 2000. Heady also coached in Connorsville for two years (1993-95), winning back-to-back sectional championships.



Heady

Millers fall to Lawrence Central

Noblesville found itself frustrated in Lawrence on Tuesday, as the Millers fell to Lawrence Central 56-52 Tuesday at the Bears' gym.

Noblesville led 35-24 in the third quarter, and were still up 42-34 early in the fourth period. But LC took over after that, outscoring the Millers 22-10 in the final seven minutes of the game.

"Turnovers are what beat us," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. The Millers had 18 turnovers, which resulted in 18 points for the Bears.

"That's the game," said McCauley. "Unfortunately, we beat ourselves tonight, and that's what's disappointing."

Max Flinchum scored 22 points for the Millers, including four 3-pointers. Nolan Ginther added 14 points, with Grant Gremel scoring nine points and pulling five rebounds.

Noblesville is now 10-10 and travels to Avon on Friday to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play for the season.

Lawrence Central 56, Noblesville 52

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ryan Barnes	1-1	3-3	5	2
Rico Duncan	1-1	0-0	2	4
Max Flinchum	6-11	6-7	22	1
Nolan Ginther	5-8	4-6	14	2
Grant Gremel	3-4	3-3	9	1
Xavier Hines	0-3	0-0	0	1
Nick Mills	0-4	0-0	0	2
Totals	16-32	16-19	52	13
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	12	16	12	52
Lawrence	11	7	13	25 - 56



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Nolan Ginther scored 14 points for the Millers in their Tuesday game at Lawrence Central.

Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-10) Flinchum 4-7, Noblesville rebounds (16) Gremel 5, Ginther 3, Mills 0-3, Barnes 2, Flinchum 2, team 4.

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Hamilton Southeastern's Zach Gunn scored 22 points for the Royals in their 74-63 win over Pike on Tuesday.

No. 9 Royals beat Pike, run win streak to four

Hamilton Southeastern ran its win streak to four on Tuesday by beating Pike 74-63 at the Royals' gymnasium.

Southeastern, which returned to the Class 4A media rankings this week at No. 9, led 19-12 after the first quarter, then jumped ahead 33-22 at halftime, and would maintain its double-digit lead for the second half.

Zach Gunn scored 22 points and pulled seven rebounds. Conner Rotterman added 20 points, while Noah Smith scored 13 points and dished out five assists. Chaz Birchfield grabbed six rebounds.

The Royals are now 18-4 and travel to Brownsburg on Friday to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play for the season.

Southeastern 74, Pike 63

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nick Bowman	1-2	0-0	2	1
Austin Holzum	0-1	0-0	0	2
Chaz Birchfield	3-6	2-2	8	4
Aaron Shank	1-2	2-2	5	0
Jerron Bond	1-1	0-0	2	1
Conner Rotterman	8-12	2-2	20	3
Jack Davidson	0-1	2-2	2	1
Noah Smith	4-5	5-6	13	0
Zach Gunn	10-18	2-6	22	0
Totals	28-48	15-20	74	12

Score by Quarters

Pike	12	10	16	25 - 63
Southeastern	19	14	19	22 - 74

Southeastern 3-point shooting (3-7) Rotterman 2-3, Shank 1-1, Gunn 0-2, Holzum 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (32) Gunn 7, Birchfield 6, Shank 3, Rotterman 3, Smith 3, Bowman 2, Holzum 2, team 6.

'Rocks blast WeBo with big second quarter

A huge second quarter broke Westfield's Tuesday night game with Western Boone wide open.

The Shamrocks outscored the Stars 24-3 in that period, and that led them to a 56-34 victory at The Rock. Westfield led 8-3 after the first quarter, but that second-period surge gave the Shamrocks a 32-6 lead at halftime.

Ian Kristensen scored 17 points for Westfield, with Aaron Bennett and Jonah Welch each chipping in 11 points. Bennett made three 3-pointers. Kristensen pulled seven rebounds, with Caleb Welch grabbing six. Josh Van Dyke handed out four assists.

The 'Rocks are now 6-11 and host New Castle on Friday.

Westfield 56, Western Boone 34

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zach Banks	3-3	3-3	9	2
Aaron Bennett	4-4	0-1	11	2
Josh Van Dyke	2-4	0-0	4	2
Jaret Bailey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jonah Welch	4-6	3-6	11	2
Caleb Welch	1-2	1-1	4	3
Ian Kristensen	7-13	2-5	17	0
Michael Koza	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-32	9-16	56	11

Score by Quarters

Western Boone	3	3	11	17 - 34
Westfield	8	24	11	13 - 56

Westfield 3-point shooting (5-10) Bennett 3-3, Kristensen 1-4, C. Welch 1-2, Van Dyke 0-1. Westfield rebounds (23) Kristensen 7, C. Welch 6, J. Welch 4, Banks 2, Bennett 1, Van Dyke 1, Bailey 1, Koza 1.



Kristensen

WESTFIELD

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Shamrocks were 40th, so they would remain in 5A.

As recently as 1998, Westfield was a 2A school. The Shamrocks took a brief sojourn in 3A in 1999 and 2000, then moved up to 4A in 2001, remaining there for eight years. So growth is nothing new.

"We've know for a long time that we'd be going to 6A," said Westfield head football coach Jake Gilbert. "We are ready for the new challenge. It will be tough, but this past year we played seven teams that will be 6A next year and we scrimmage a few more over the summer."

"We've tried to do everything we can to get us ready for this move. We have a long

way to go, but our kids are working hard and we are excited to see where we stand in our new tournament. Nothing will change in regards to our predominantly 6A conference or regular season."

With Westfield's move up to 6A, this means six of the seven Hoosier Crossroads Conference teams will now be part of the big class. The only 5A team left in the HCC is Zionsville, another school that is growing rapidly. The Eagles are 36th (up from 43rd) in this latest re-classification with 1928 students. But the No. 32 school, La Porte, has 1946 students, so Zionsville could be in 6A very soon.

But La Porte might not be 6A next season, due to another team moving up because of the IHSAA's success factor. Fort Wayne Snider won the 2015 5A state title in 2015, then won a regional in 2016 before the 'Rocks stopped them in the north semi-state. With four points for a state championship and two points for a regional plaque, Snider has six factor points, which requires them to move up a class.

As for other Hamilton County schools... Carmel remains on top of the list, with an enrollment of 5000 students. The next five are Ben Davis (4362), North Central (3772), Warren Central (3736) and Penn (3345). North Central moves back up to third this time around, after being behind Warren for the past several years.

Fishers moves up a couple notches to seventh in the latest report, with a total of 3250 students. That move actually pushes its sister school, Hamilton Southeastern, down a spot to ninth, with 3118. Noblesville remains 11th with an enrollment of 2882.

Guerin Catholic moves up four places to 141st with 758 students. Hamilton Heights also took a big jump, up 10 spots to 148th with 728 students.

Sheridan moved up two notches to 296th, with an enrollment of 329. Meanwhile, University made the biggest move of all the county schools, jumping 16 places to 310th with 289 students. That move could put the Trailblazers on the bubble of having some teams move up to 2A next fall.

The IHSAA will use these enrollment figures to set its classifications and release them to the public within the next couple weeks.

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Guerin Catholic senior...

Austin Boyer selected to participate in the 2017 United World Games

On June 19, 2017 Austin Boyer, a senior at Guerin Catholic High School will leave the United States to play in the United World Games.

Austin has been the first male selected from Indiana to ever play on the American International Sports Teams (AIST) in the United World Games. Players from all over the USA will join to compete internationally. This experience will give them the opportunity to explore a new culture while also learning valuable life lessons through personal experiences. Austin will also be able to improve his skills on the field of play as well as have a better understanding of the world around him. Austin will represent the USA and gain an educational experience of a lifetime.

Austin's mother, Dawn Boyer, received an email last fall from AIST stating that Austin had been selected as a member of the U19 United World Games. She opened the Invitation and read all about it, being very skeptical. She researched online as well as asking Austin's current and previous coaches and a few college coaches that they had been in contact with.

After hearing back from a couple coaches telling us it was definitely a legit invite and a true honor that Austin was chosen to participate in the U19 USA Men's Select Team traveling to Austria, Germany and Italy June 19-29. They are shocked and honored. There are only three ways to be selected to be a member of this team:

1. Be seen and recruited by AIST directly (at showcase tournaments, etc)
2. Recommended by Coaches
3. Attend a try out session and be selected

After speaking to AIST, it was confirmed that Austin was seen and recruited directly by AIST.

Now Austin will be able to play the sport he loves in another country with teams from all around the world. The United World games will have 40 different Nations attending.

Along with working, Austin is raising money to be able to participate. There is a GoFundMe account set up in his honor as well as any donation checks can be mailed to his attention at 20236 Hague Rd, Noblesville, IN 46062. Any donation is great appreciated for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

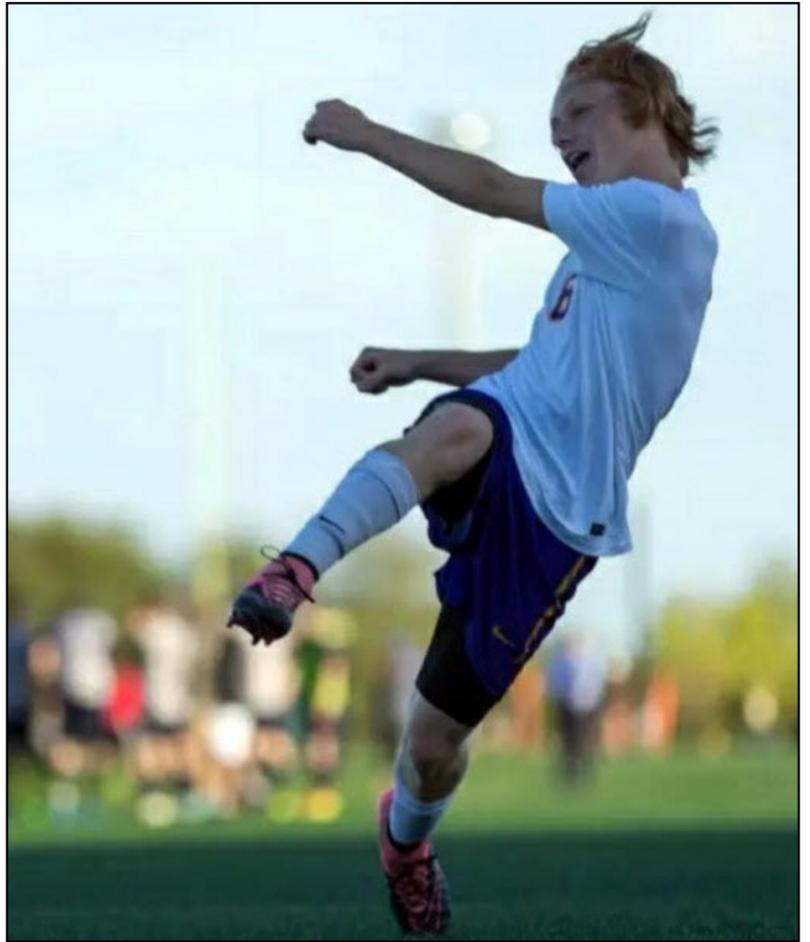


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Guerin Catholic senior Austin Boyer will represent the United States this June at the United World Games. Boyer was chosen to participate in the U19 USA Men's Select Team and will travel to Austria, Germany and Italy.

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University comeback falls short at Heritage Christian

A furious late comeback fell agonizingly short for the University Trailblazers as they dropped a 45-43 decision at heritage Christian Tuesday night.

After scoring just one point for nearly ten minutes, University found themselves trailing 43-37 before Ethan Sickels hit a left corner three pointer with 1:11 remaining to cut the lead to 43-40. Zach Hodgkin came up with the defensive play of the night poking the ball away and David Howard picked up the ball to complete the steal. Hodgkin then found Sickels in the right corner for a game tying three pointer with 44 seconds left.

Heritage Christian missed a shot, but the Blazers we called for a foul in the scrum for the rebound. The Eagles made both free

throws for a 45-43 lead. University went for the win, but Sickels three pointer hit the front of the rim and Hodgkin's putback attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

Sickels led University with 15 points, making five of seven three pointers.

Howard had nine points and Emerson Halbleib had eight. Hodgkin finished with seven points, a team high seven rebounds and five assists.

The foul line was difference in the game as University made just one of seven charity tosses, while the Eagles made 10 of 13.

The loss drops University to 10-10. The Trailblazers have lost 9 of their last 11. University will host the Lebanon Tigers Friday night at The U Center.

Heritage Christian improved to 10-9 on the season.

Heritage Christian 45, University 43

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ethan Sickels	5-7	0-0	15	0
David Howard	4-6	0-2	9	3
Emerson Halbleib	4-6	0-1	8	1
Zach Hodgkin	3-4	1-4	7	1
Josh Watson	2-3	0-0	4	3
Josh Alford	0-3	0-0	0	2
Tyler Wott	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	18-29	1-7	43	11

Score by Quarters
 University 13 11 12 7 - 43
 Heritage 12 10 12 11 - 45
 University 3-point shooting: (6-11) Sickels 5-7, Howard 1-2, Alford 0-1, Watson 0-1.
 University rebounds: (15) Hodgkin 7, Howard 4, Watson 3, Sickels 1.



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NBA standings

Tuesday's scores

Chicago 105, Toronto 94
Cleveland 116, Minnesota 108
Sacramento 97, L.A. Lakers 96

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	36	19	.655	-
Toronto	32	24	.571	4.5
New York	23	33	.411	13.5
Philadelphia	21	34	.382	15.0
Brooklyn	9	46	.164	27.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	33	21	.611	-
Atlanta	32	23	.582	1.5
Charlotte	24	31	.4336	9.5
Miami	24	32	.429	10.0
Orlando	21	36	.368	13.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	38	16	.704	-
Indiana	29	26	.527	9.5
Chicago	27	29	.482	12.5
Detroit	26	30	.464	13.0
Milwaukee	24	30	.444	14.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	34	22	.607	-
Oklahoma City	31	25	.554	3.0
Denver	25	30	.455	8.5
Portland	23	32	.418	10.5
Minnesota	21	35	.375	13.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	42	13	.764	-
Houston	40	17	.702	3.0
Memphis	34	23	.596	9.0
Dallas	22	33	.400	20.0
New Orleans	22	34	.393	20.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	46	9	.836	-
L.A. Clippers	34	21	.618	12.0
Sacramento	24	32	.429	22.5
L.A. Lakers	19	38	.333	28.0
Phoenix	17	39	.304	29.5

Westfield hires new coaches

Westfield High School announced the hiring of two new head coaches Tuesday evening.



Scanlon

Kevin Scanlon will be the new head boys soccer coach, while Tony Peters will move up to head coach of the boys tennis team.

Scanlon has worked at Westfield High School for the last twenty years. He is currently an Assistant Principal at HWS. Prior to that, he was a Dean of Students, Health/Physical Education Teacher as well as being the varsity soccer coach for 11 years.

He currently holds his USSF National 'C' License coaching at Indiana Fire Juniors Soccer Club. Past clubs he has coached for

the last approximately 25 years are Dynamo, Indy Inferno, Carmel United and Westfield United.



Peters

While at IUPUI, he was a four-year starter and a two-year captain.

He holds a Masters in Educational Administration from Indiana Wesleyan and a Bachelors in Physical Education with minors in Health Education and Athletic Training from IUPUI.

Kevin has been married to his wife Jill for almost 19 years. They have three kids, sons Drew (14) and Conor (13) and daughter Brigid (11). They enjoy outdoors and traveling when not participating in sports.

"I have had the pleasure to work with Kevin over the past 20 years," said WHS athletic director Bill Davis. "He is an outstanding person and great coach. He led our program very successfully in the past and we are fortunate to be able to get him back."

Peters brings 15 years of coaching experience starting in 2001 as an assistant coach at Deerfield High School in Deerfield, Illinois. While at Deerfield, the team earned many conference championships and four Top 3 finishes in the state tournament including winning the Illinois State Championship in 2005. The last four years he served as the assistant to Mike Raymond and helped the team become a much more competitive team including a 13-2 record in 2015.

Tennis has always been an important part of Coach Peters' life. He earned three varsity letters at Warren Central High School playing singles, was active in the

Indiana University Club and Intermural programs and currently plays twice a week at CRC.

Professionally, Peters is a Mathematics teacher. He currently teaches AP Statistics and Algebra Two. He earned his BS in Education: Mathematics from Indiana University Bloomington and his MS in Mathematics from Northeastern Illinois University.

Personally, Peters loves spending time with his wife, Natalie and two wonderful daughters Payton (7) and Tinley (5). In his free time, he enjoys playing and watching all sports and grilling on his Big Green Egg.

"Tony is an outstanding Mathematics teacher and has assisted with our boys tennis program," said Davis. "He is a high character person and will be a great leader for our boys program. We look forward to continued success in our program."

Action-packed countdown to 101st Indy 500 begins on Thursday

The epic countdown to the 101st Running of the Indy 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil begins at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 with the official unveiling of the 2017 ticket design at the new Cummins Distribution Headquarters in downtown Indianapolis. The event will feature Hulman & Company President and CEO Mark Miles, Cummins Inc. Chairman and CEO Tom Linebarger, Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Doug Boles and 100th Running champion Alexander Rossi.

A brand new Indy 500 milk bottle campaign, highlighted by the delivery of 101 bottles over 101 days, will also debut at this event. Please note: admission to the ticket unveiling at the Cummins Distribution HQ is by invitation only.

The Indy 500 and Cummins have shared many moments in history. In 1911, Clessie Cummins served as a member of the pit crew for winning driver Ray Harroun during the inaugural race. After founding Cummins in 1919, Clessie and other Cummins engineers

frequently turned to the Indy 500 to validate their latest technological advances.

The day's festivities conclude in the evening at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway pavilion with a special fan party featuring Hulman Motorsports leadership and Verizon IndyCar Series drivers Alexander Rossi, Ed Carpenter, Josef Newgarden and Conor Daly. The party begins at 7 p.m. and concludes at 9:30 p.m.

A very limited number of spots remain open for this event. Fans can RSVP at this

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"At IMS, we spend each and every day looking forward to the Month of May and we know many of our fans feel the same way," said IMS President Doug Boles. "This year's IndyCar Grand Prix and Indy 500 are going to be must-see events, filled with thrilling racing and world-class entertainment opportunities. We're excited to begin our countdown and preview many big things ahead for our ticketholders and community partners."

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The Pete Dye Course at French Lick Resort earns 2017 NGCOA Golf Course of the Year honors

The Pete Dye Course at French Lick Resort, the award-winning golf destination in Southern Indiana, has been named the 2017 Golf Course of the Year by the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA). This marks the first time a Pete Dye designed course has received this honor.

The announcement was made this past week at the NGCOA 2017 Golf Business Conference, held in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, FL.

The NGCOA selected its finalists based on four criteria; quality of golf course, quality of ownership and management, outstanding contributions to the local community, and significant contributions to the game of golf.

The Pete Dye Course at French Lick Resort fit all of these criteria perfectly and was nominated by the Indiana Golf Course Owners Association, a chapter of the NGCOA. Other finalists for the 2017 national award included Canoe Brook Country Club (New Jersey), Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club (Florida) and Poppy Hills Golf Course (California), which rounded out the final four for this prestigious honor.

"We are thrilled and humbled to receive this honor from the NGCOA, and to be recognized alongside so many top facilities from around the country," said Dave Harner, director of golf at French Lick Resort.

"The Pete Dye Course has become a symbol of excellence in the industry being an economic driver that is changing the lives of so many people through jobs, major golf championships, and our many charitable events such as Riley Children's Foundation with our previous Legends and upcoming Senior LPGA Championships."

The Pete Dye course, which opened in 2009, burst on to the national scene by receiving America's best new course accolades by the two leading golf

publications in the country, *Golf Digest* and *GOLF Magazine*.

The course has been recognized for its many contributions to the community including millions of dollars of economic impact from major golf championships and job creation, as well as raising hundreds of thousands of dollars through charity events including Riley Children's Foundation, the fundraising arm of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health from the Legends Championships and upcoming Senior LPGA Championship presented by Old National Bank.

The Dye Course has benefitted a number of students through the Evans Scholarship and caddie program the course provides, which was founded by the Western Golf Association (WGA) and specifically famed golfer Chick Evans Jr. in 1929. Today, more than 840 caddies are attending one of 19 universities on a Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship. The scholarship covers full tuition and housing costs for up to four years. A wonderful opportunity for youth.

The course was also a major factor in the \$600 million restoration and casino development project lead by its founder and chief visionary, Bill Cook, whose corporate philanthropy changed lives and communities around the world including the small town of French Lick, Indiana. The development of the Pete Dye course and the reclamation of French Lick Resort continue to have an enormous economic impact on the small town of French Lick. Cook's generosity and vision still provides jobs for nearly 1,700 of the county's 3,000 residents.

"This honor is also a testament to the vision of Mr. Cook and Chairman of the Board of Cook Group, Inc., Steve Ferguson, who both recognized the impact that this project would have on the community and the thousands of lives who live in the region," said Harner.



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