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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly cloudy.
Tonight: Rain chances by
later evening, possibly
mixing with snow overnight.
HIGH: 48 LOW: 32



Courtyards of Carmel OK'd for seniors project

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

After several years of negotiations, residential developers have reached agreement on the purchase and rezoning of prime land at Smokey Row Road and Keystone Parkway. Operating under the name Courtyards of Carmel, the firm will start construction early next year on a subdivision designed for residents 55 years of age and older wishing for smaller and more maintenance-free homes.

Courtyards of Carmel, whose parent company is the Ohio-based Epcon Corporation, plans 169 single family homes on the 59-acre tract.

The developer is the third firm to propose a Planned Unit Development (PUD) on the ground in the past four years. Previous groups interested in the project abandoned their plans.

The Carmel City Council gave approval of the PUD plans earlier this month after lengthy consideration with special emphasis on handling potential traffic challenges at the property entrance near Smokey Row Road and Keystone Parkway.

The property was owned for more than 100 years by the Hull-Brennan family. The last family resident, Henry Hull, died in 2015.

The home on the property is of particu-



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Historical Society

Portions of the Hull-Brennan House near Smokey Row Road and Keystone Parkway date back to the 1830s. Historians say the structure is of architectural and historical significance. Epcon Corporation plans to build 169 new homes on the 59-acre site that includes the old dwelling.

lar significance because of its historic and architectural style. Part of the structure dates to 1834 with a larger brick portion dating to 1853. It was originally the home of the William Wilkinson pioneer family.

Epcon Corporation will give the house

and small acreage around it to the Indiana Landmarks foundation, which will seek a buyer interested in restoring it. This is a service that Landmarks employs to save historic Indiana homes and other structures.

Voices of faith

Jackie Carter, Laverne Houser, Donna Cecil McNeely, Hazel Box, Dollie Wainscott, Virginia Sherley, Freida Street and most of all, Audrey Hart.

These women may not have known the way to Bethlehem, but they knew the way to Jesus.

As a child, I watched them live out their faith. You see, my faith was entrusted to them. They were not Bible scholars or teachers or preachers. They simply lived as scripture taught them.

For me, they brought the scriptures to life. They lived lives like that which is taught in I and II Timothy in the New Testament.

They loved me well. They showed me and so many others what living by faith meant.

Their lives were not without complications and heartache. They just knew that God would be faithful in their lives. They lived with hope and they lived with joy, even though they knew tragedies and the unfairness of life.

Most of them have gone on to hear the words "Well done, good and faithful servant" as they entered heaven. My mother and her dear friend Jackie Carter are still with us still, showing us what a life well lived and loving well looks like.



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Carmel could offer grants to residents for sidewalk repair

By DENISE MOE
For the Reporter

At the Dec. 7 meeting, the Carmel City Council will consider an ordinance that could financially help residents improve the sidewalks on their property in front of their homes.

The ordinance, sponsored by Northeast District Councilor and Council Vice President Sue Finkam, would transfer \$50,000 of funds not used from the 2020 city council budget to a new, yet to be created non-reverting sidewalk fund.

Residents could apply for grant money

from this new fund to cover at least part of the cost of repairing and maintaining the sidewalks in front of their homes. Finkam said details of the program are still to be finalized, but she hopes residents can begin applying for grants in April.

"It's something residents in my district have inquired about," Finkam said. "We felt like this was a good time, with all of the challenges of COVID hitting pocketbooks."

Finkam says she hopes the program will promote safety, mobility and beautification,



Finkam

especially in some of Carmel's aging neighborhoods. She said she plans to ask the city's engineering department to identify areas where sidewalk repairs are most needed.

"When people invest in their property, it helps property values remain high all across the neighborhood," Finkam said. "We felt this could not only be a way to support families in improving their sidewalks in front of their homes to prevent injury, but it is also a way to help spur investment in the entire neighborhood."

Westfield named official Santa letter drop-off location

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township and the City of Westfield have been named as official Santa letter drop-off locations.

The North Pole Mailboxes will be available to accept letters now through Dec. 18. Township and city officials will make sure that Santa sees the letters and writes back. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your letter to Santa.

Mailboxes will be located outside the Township office at 1549 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel; Westfield City Services at 2728 E. 171st St., Westfield, and the Grand Park Events Center at 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield.

Elven Kathy cavorts at Nville's Corner Cottage



Photo provided by Janet Leonard

Kathy the elf was found on Small Business Saturday outside Corner Cottage, located in Noblesville. The event is conducted annually as a way to support local merchants during the holiday season. Small business Saturday is often the single most profitable day in the year for local small shops and artisans.

New public art coming to Fishers' Nickel Plate Cultural District

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission funds new art projects to contribute to vibrancy of downtown

The REPORTER
New public art pieces are coming to Fishers' Nickel Plate District, infusing new vibrancy into the downtown community.
In August, the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission announced seven new art projects around the city, including two Signature Projects and five Quick Action Projects. A community survey completed in 2019 as part of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission's Master Plan identified permanent art installations a top priority among residents.
Earlier this summer, the Commission received \$450,000 from the City of Fishers to fund art and culture projects around the community. The City acquired these funds through the sale of the Meyer Najem building located at 11787 Lantern Road and received proceeds of this sale due to the Economic Development

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Applications now open for 2021 Carmel International Arts Festival

The REPORTER
After a year off due to the pandemic, the annual Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF) will return in 2021. The admission-free event, which attracts 30,000 festival goers in Carmel, will take place on Sept. 25 and 26.
The festival has opened the applications for artists who wish to have a booth at the event and to have their artwork entered in the juried competition. As in year's past, there is a total of \$7,000 in prize money for the winners and additional scholarship monies are awarded to local high school students.
CIAF Executive Director Rachel Ferry said she's excited to have the event return after going all-virtual for 2020.
"The Executive Board is already deep into the planning stages for the 2021 festival," Ferry said. "All of the artists who were supposed to be here for the 2020 fest will automatically be invited back for next year – and we also have spots open for artists to still apply! We cannot wait to see the community come

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ART

Agreement negotiated between the City and Meyer Najem in 2012.

The first Quick Action Project—Indiana Black History Temporary Art – featured the Wes Montgomery mural, which was on display in front of Fishers City Hall throughout October. The traveling mural, which was fully funded by the Commission, was the first work in Koda Witsken and Israel Solomon’s series, *A Celebration of the Cultural Contributions of Black Hoosiers: A Traveling Mural Program*. The piece is currently traveling throughout Hamilton County until next summer where it will find a permanent home in Fishers.

The next Quick Action Project is slated to make its debut in early 2021 includes a series of eight, large-scale banners on The Edge Parking Garage, 8890 E. 116th St. The 24-foot tall by 10-foot wide banners will feature the

work of Indianapolis-based artist Tasha Beckwith. The vibrant series will highlight the diversity of the Fishers community and will be on display for approximately 12 to 18 months.

The third Quick Action Project funded by the Commission will be a mural on the Fishers Police Department Parking Garage, 4 Municipal Drive, from Terre Haute-based artist Becky Hochhalter. Set to debut next summer, the colorful, 1,000 square-foot mural will showcase Fishers community life and will serve as a key activation point along Fishers’ Nickel Plate Trail.

Proposals were open to artists and artist teams nationwide and were submitted through a RFQ process. Project artists were then selected by the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission’s Nickel Plate District Cultural Designation Sub-

committee, which includes representatives from local non-profit arts organizations, Nickel Plate District business owners, residents, Commission members, and City of Fishers staff.

The two Signature Projects planned by the Commission will open in late 2021. The Subcommittee is currently reviewing proposals for the 116th Street and I-69 Gateway Feature project, slated for install next fall. The gateway feature will serve as an iconic entrance point for the Nickel Plate Cultural District and welcome commuters to Fishers. An RFQ is **currently open** for a large-scale interactive art piece to be located at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, 5 Municipal Drive, along the Nickel Plate Trail. The piece will be incorporated into the Library’s new entrance and outdoor plaza, which will be located along

the Nickel Plate Trail and set to open next fall.

“Art is a vital component of community life and an integral part of establishing a vibrant community and lifelong learning,” said David Decker, Chair of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission. “During our master planning process, we received feedback from residents desiring more permanent art installations. Thanks to the economic development work of the Mayor, Fishers City Council, and others the Fishers Art and Culture Commission was granted the funding to provide these opportunities for our residents. Our Commission felt that these projects set the tone and foundation for many future projects to come and we are excited to contribute to the city’s vibrancy.”

Click here to learn more about the projects and cost breakdowns.

VOICES

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It was in the wee hours of Sunday morning, this past week, that I again received a call from Jasmine, the night nurse at Prairie Lakes, letting me know that my mother was being taken to Saxony Hospital. She was not doing well.

I’ve often said that I know the call is coming, eventually, letting me know what I dread. I had no idea so many calls would come before it, which would cause my anxious heart to fear the worst. As I tell my mother, "God still has plans for you, even at 94." It's Saturday morning as I write and she can now say she has survived COVID and sepsis.

Among the family and friends who are my "go to" prayer warriors is Corinne Gunter. Our history goes back some 25 plus years when I was her Sunday School teacher. She thought I would appreciate the message that morning that was given by Julie Earlywine, the pastor's wife at Mercy Road Church Northeast.

I watched it, online, from my kitchen table. It was so good that I watched it again, taking notes in my Bible in I and II Timothy.

It was her words, "It is not what you are doing, but how you are living your life that makes a difference," that got the attention of my heart as she named the people whose faith had made a difference in her life.

She asked, "Who are the people in your life that are watching your faith being lived out?"

"It's not the task that changes people ... it's your life."

It's when we go through hard and difficult times that we seek and find who God really is in our life. We often look back at those who have gone through similar circumstances and see how

they handled the pain. They give us hope.

I know the people whose names I typed at the beginning of this column did not have easy lives, but they did know that in the midst of their heartache that God would be with them. They knew the words to the song "Great is thy Faithfulness," but more importantly, they knew, personally, the one who was faithful.

Our greatest challenge today seems to be finding joy in the midst of our pain.

Finding joy in the days ahead after returning from the graveside of a child. Imagine that happening three times.

Living with breast cancer and dying from it at a very young age, leaving behind a small child and loving husband.

Losing one's eyesight and having to depend on others for the things we all take for granted.

Knowing the heartache and humiliation of having a minister husband leave them for the church treasurer.

I saw how these women lived with their pain. They showed me what hope looked like.

They knew the pain and unfairness of life, yet ... they had a voice that told of their God and His faithfulness. Nothing would steal their joy.

I watched them. I heard their voices. The names most people would not recognize or remember, but I do, and because of their example they have made a difference in my life.

To whom has your faith been entrusted? Is your life making a difference in the lives of others?

It's not about the journey to Bethlehem but who you are seeking.

Their heartache was great but their faith was greater. I witnessed it.

CICF

and support art in our city, in-person, next September.”

On average, 400 applications are received for CIAF’s juried exhibition with 150 selected to compete. Applications can be submitted online at carmelartsfestival.org/artist-application and will be accepted up until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. Artists who have been accepted through the jury process, will be notified by April 11 and they will have until May 2 to accept the invitation and submit payment for booth fees. For artists looking to apply, there is a \$30 non-refundable application fee and upon acceptance

of invitation, a booth fee applies with a premium for a limited number of corner booths. Artists must rent or supply their own 10-by-10-foot tent with weights as well as any tables or chairs needed for their display. All artwork submitted must be original pieces.

As a part of the application process, all artists will be required to submit four digital images to be juried. Three of these images must be of the work the artist plans to exhibit at the show, and the final image should be of their booth setup. Artists can only exhibit art at the show that is the same style as the juried images.

The 2021 festival will

be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26. The artist judging begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and awards will be announced as soon as the judging is complete. All award monies will be mailed to the winners within two weeks of the conclusion of the festival. Saturday evening the Festival Board is still planning to have the Art Rocks concert at the main event stage on Main Street.

Awards

- Best of Show: \$1,500
- 1st Place: \$1,000
- 2nd Place: \$750
- 3rd Place: \$500

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- Best of Media (10 awards): \$150 each
- Honorable Mentions (10 awards): \$100 each
- Mayor’s Award: \$250

Media Categories

- 2D, Original 2 Dimensional Design
- 3D, Original 3 Dimensional Design
- Ceramics
- Fiber
- Glass
- Jewelry
- Painting
- Photography
- Wood


For more information, visit carmelartsfestival.org or check out CIAF on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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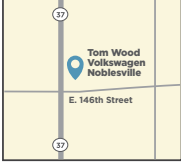
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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

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- Lysol
- Hand sanitizer
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Noblesville Lions Club raises over \$2K selling pies for Thanksgiving



Photos provided

On Nov. 11, the Noblesville Lions Club picked up and distributed pies that were sold for a Thanksgiving fundraising event, raising over \$2,000 for the club's giving activities. The Club thanks all those who bought pies for the Lions' cause. Fundraisers this year have been limited due to the COVID-19 problems. (Above) Lions gathered up the pies for distribution. (Right) Lion George Long (far right) was the Chair of the fundraising event.

New at Hamilton East Public Library Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Nov. 23:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. Head wounds, by Michael McGarrity
2. In the lion's den, by Barbara Taylor Bradfore
3. The last druid, by Terry Brooks
4. You betrayed me, by Lisa Jackson
5. V2: a novel of World War II, by Robert Harris
6. The kingdom, by Jo Nesbo
7. The sentinel, by Lee Child
8. The Noel letters: from the Noel collection, by Richard Paul Evans
9. The wonder boy of Whistle Stop, by Fannie Flagg
10. Truly, madly, deeply, by Karen Kingsbury

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. HTML, CSS, & JavaScript in easy steps, by Mike McGrath
2. Amboy: recipes from the Filipino-American dream, by Alvin Cailan

3. What's your eneatype?: understanding the nine personality types for personal growth and strengthened relationships, by Liz Carver

4. Wellness by design: a room-by-room guide to optimizing your home for health, fitness + happiness, by Jamie Gold

5. No rules rules: Netflix and the culture of reinvention, by Reed Hastings
6. Liar's circus: a strange and terrifying journey into the upside-down world of Trump's MAGA rallies, by Carl Hoffman

7. Do it afraid: embracing courage in the face of fear, by Joyce Meyer
8. Stephen Hawking: a memoir of friendship and physics, by Leonard Mlodinow

9. The violence inside us: a brief history of an ongoing American tragedy, by Chris Murphy

10. The French art of not trying too hard, by Ollivier Pourriol

New DVDs

1. Ride like a girl
2. When calls the heart. Finding home & A moving

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3. The rising of the shield hero. Season one, part one

4. The rising of the shield hero. Season one, part two

5. Brooklyn nine-nine. Season seven

6. Ride your wave

7. Bacurau

8. Beanpole

9. Better things. The complete third season

10. The blacklist. The complete seventh season

New Music CDs

1. Kidz Bop 2021, by Kidz Bop Kids

2. Now that's what I call music! 74

3. Now that's what I call music! 75

4. Absolute Disney: Villains, by Walt Disney Records

5. Kidz Bop Halloween party!, by Kidz Bop Kids

6. Absolute Disney: Holiday, by Walt Disney Records

7. Backyard bop, by Red Yarn

8. Ukulele moon, by Emily Arrow

9. What you see is what you get, by Luke Combs

10. N.A.T.I.O.N. by Bad Wolves

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. This phase is anticipated to be completed by the end of November. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes

for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

96th Street

There will be daily lane closures for signal work the week of Nov. 30 on 96th Street east of Interstate 69 as part of the resurfacing

and median island project. Weather permitting, pavement marking will also begin. Please use caution when driving through this area. Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more.

Nickel Plate Trail

Currently, grading and paving and crossing improvements are taking place on the Nickel Plate Trail between 126th Street and 131st Street.

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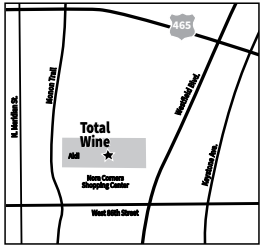
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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: No shallow analysis here of Carmel's debt, deficit

Dear Editor:

Carmel residents got a Thanksgiving turkey of a financial blast from the city Wednesday.

It revised its annual financial reports to the State Board of Accounts to reflect a \$17.1 million in the red in 2019 after restating 2018 numbers.

Paired with the \$46.5 million CRC deficit, the Carmel political machine had \$63.6 million in deficit for 2019.

In an April article in the *Indianapolis Monthly*, the mayor was quoted as saying:

“Some of my opponents try to scare people with a very shallow analysis of the debt. They don’t make the distinction between deficit and debt. Every year, we spend less than we bring in. Last year, we had unencumbered money of over \$50 million. So, it’s not deficit spending.”

Well, there you have it. A combined \$63.6 million deficit and a \$1.6 billion debt.

How shallow can it be?

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Corbett: Noblesville's leaders should heed the public's "collective wisdom"

Dear Editor:

I sympathize with **Mr. Merrell of IDI and his concerns** regarding the proposed route for the State Road 32 bypass. Pleasant Street is not the best alternative but the city insists on pursuing it, as it has for 20 years, ignoring the protests of those who would be most affected.

The city's position seems to be motivated by misplaced priorities, putting the movement of traffic ahead of local stakeholders, when it should be the other way around. How can these road improvements best serve local residents? Certainly not by bulldozing their homes, businesses and parking lots.

We've seen a lot of destruction in the name of "road improvements" over the past 100 years. Historically, highway projects nationwide seldom worried about their effect on local communities, as smooth traffic flow nearly always took priority, regardless of what was in the way.

But we're smarter now. Enlightened cities and traffic engineers are recognizing their errors and working to correct them. Some roads are being dismantled and communities rebuilt. But Noblesville continues to pursue an idea born some 20 years ago that is very little changed from the original concept that plows right through town instead of going around it.

Fortunately, Noblesville's desire to tap federal and state funds is forcing it to confront realities it would just as soon ignore. The Feds recognize the devastation that a new road thoroughfare can cause and requires community leaders to engage with local stakeholders if they want federal funds.

I attended several of the public meetings. At one, an invited participant asked if the city knew where the traffic was coming from that necessitates this bypass, and where it was going. It's a great question. The reply was that the data is available but was far too complex to present in that meeting.

I pressed that point at a later meeting and was told that a consultant had collected that data through cell phone records, but that the city hadn't wanted to spend the money to have it analyzed. I think that would be money well-spent because I suspect that just a portion of the east-west traffic on SR 32 is headed directly through town, with much of it traveling to and from major population centers south of Noblesville. If that's the case, why not pursue a southern route bypass, which would give those drivers a more direct route instead of forcing them to drive into town? It might add an extra minute or two for those who actually are heading east or west, but it would also open areas that are currently inaccessible to development.

The most important benefit: We would lose no businesses and no homes.

Mr. Merrell notes a significant issue that has plagued Noblesville planning for at least a generation. Important decisions on large projects seem to be made BEFORE the public is engaged. Plans are presented as done deals with public input an insignificant afterthought.

Consider the loss of the train, the Levinson building, and proposed condos in Seminary Park. The public weighed in but was ignored. Fortunately, the condos idea was scrapped early after a whistleblower went public, but it's not hard to imagine that ill-advised project moving forward had concerned citizens not gotten wind of it.

The bypass was moving along that way until the city was forced to get public input due to these funding requirements. Had the public been involved earlier, perhaps collective wisdom and some inspired leadership would have led to a better solution early on. Instead we're still tweaking a tired, 20-year-old idea that was flawed from the beginning.

I encourage the city to listen to Mr. Merrell and the others who have patiently and repeatedly pointed out the errors in this plan, and respond with a better idea that respects our residents, our businesses and our built environment.

Mike Corbett
Noblesville

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What is expungement? How can it help restore your reputation?

Submitted by Adler Attorneys
NoblesvilleAttorney.com

Paul Poteet recently said in the Reporter that he was not sure what expungement meant but thought that Adler Attorneys probably knew what an expungement was. We do! Paul, here is the answer.

It is for those who have learned from their past mistakes and now live as law abiding citizens; the Indiana Expungement Law may provide a second chance for a fresh start with a clean record.

An expungement is a court-ordered process where an individual's criminal records are destroyed or sealed, essentially erasing the conviction. Expungement is possible for arrests records, misdemeanor convictions, and, in limited circumstances, felony convictions.

1. Arrest Records

The law may allow for the expungement of arrest records where: (1) the arrest or criminal charge did not result in a conviction; (2) the conviction was expunged; or (3) the criminal conviction was vacated on appeal. In most cases, individuals seeking expungement of their arrest records must wait a year from the time of the arrest or criminal charge, or from the time the court vacated their conviction.

2. Conviction Records for Misdemeanors or Class D Felony (Level 6 Felony) Convictions Reduced to Misdemeanors

An individual convicted of a misdemeanor or Class D (Level 6) felony reduced to a misdemeanor may seek expungement of the conviction records where: (1) at least five years has elapsed from the date of the individual's last conviction; (2) there are no pending charges against him or her; (3) the individual has not been convicted of a crime within the past five years; and (4) the individual has paid all fines, costs, and fees.

3. Conviction Records for Class D (Level 6) Felony Not Reduced to a Misdemeanor.

The expungement requirements for a Class D (Level 6) felony and a misdemeanor are similar, but with one important difference: the waiting period. An individual seeking expungement of a Class D (Level 6) felony must wait eight years from the date of conviction and must not have been convicted of a crime within those eight years.

4. Conviction Records of All Other Felonies

Even where an individual is convicted of a felony graded higher than a Class D (Level 6), expungement may still be possible. A person may seek expungement if: (1) a period of at least eight to 10 years from the date of conviction or three to five years from the completion of the sentence has past; (2) there are no pending charges; (3) the individual has not been convicted of a crime within the past eight to 10 years; and (4) the individual has paid all fines, costs, and fees. However, expungement of a higher-graded felony is at the court's discretion, meaning the court may deny expunging a felony conviction even if all the requirements are met. Certain felonies are ineligible for expungement.

One's reputation is an invaluable asset. Past mistakes can have devastating personal and professional consequences. Much like the concepts of forgiveness and redemption, expungements offer hope for individuals who made mistakes in the past. Indiana's expungement law provides options for individuals to clean up those past mistakes and restore their reputation.

Because every situation is different, consult with an attorney to discuss any specific factual circumstances. The information here is offered for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for legal advice.

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When was the Indiana High School Athletic Association formed?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1849 – Indiana Governor Paris Dunning addressed the General Assembly about the need to appoint delegates to the new Constitutional Convention. This was one of the governor's final acts before his term ended the next day. The bill authorizing the convention was signed the following month by Governor Joseph A. Wright. The new constitution was ratified in 1851.

1868 – Two steamboats, the *America* and the *United States*, collided on the Ohio River in the area of Switzerland County. The accident happened in the dark of night on a dangerous bend in the river. It was believed that the captain of the *United States* did not hear the warning whistles of the *America*. Both vessels caught fire and 72 people died.

1903 – The Indiana High School Athletic Association was organized by high school principals. Their stated purpose was "the encouragement and direction of athletics in the high schools of the state." The first meeting was held at the Statehouse in the office of Fasset A. Cotton, the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1920 – "Made in Richmond" was the theme of an expansive display at the city's YMCA. Over 50 local companies participated. Among them was the Starr Company which presented several pianos and photographs, International Harvester which demonstrated their tractor wheat drill, the Pilot Automobile Company which revealed their new five-passenger touring car, and the Richmond Baking Company which offered a variety of cakes and cookies.

1937 – Former United States Supreme Court Justice Willis Van Devanter was welcomed back to his hometown of Marion. Over 1,000 attended a dinner in his honor. He spoke of growing up in Marion and attending Asbury College (now DePauw University). He had recently completed 27 years on the nation's highest court, having been appointed by President William Howard Taft.

1955 – Piano virtuoso Van Cliburn performed with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at the Murat Theater. The 20-year-old received high marks from *Indianapolis News* critic Corbin Patrick, who described him as a "young man with a future. His style is Texan, big and expansive." Van Cliburn went on to world fame three years later when he won the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary. And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli: Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.
Acts 28:7-14 (KJV)



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AG Hill: Deceptive mailings suggest recipients have won impressive prizes

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Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill is warning Hoosiers to beware of advertising pitches that mislead consumers into thinking they have won significant prizes. This tactic is often employed to lure people to locations where they are subjected to used-car sales pitches. Despite successful legal actions taken previously by the Office of the Attorney General against this tactic, advertising firms and auto dealerships continue to put it into practice.

Recently, the Office of the Attorney General filed two complaints against auto prize mailing promoters engaging in this conduct – one in Bartholomew County in south central Indiana and one in Lake County in Northwestern Indiana.

In Bartholomew County, Budget Direct Mail Promotions LLC (BDM) and Heritage Automotive Sales LLC designed and ran a promotion for a sales event at Heritage Automotive. BDM and Heritage Automotive are owned by the same individual. The Attorney General's complaint alleges BDM sent mailings to 40,000 Indiana recipients that included game pieces indicating that each recipient had won one of six specified prizes: \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000,

\$500, a 55-inch flat-screen TV or a Yamaha ATV.

When 142 recipients took their mailings to Heritage Automotive's sales event to claim their prizes, each recipient was instead subjected to a sales pitch soliciting the purchase of a vehicle. The recipients were finally informed they had not won any of the six prizes prominently represented on the mailing. Each recipient instead received a \$5 gift card to either Kroger or Walmart. The mailings also failed to include proper disclosures required by Indiana law.

In Lake County, the Attorney General's complaint alleges Rush Hour Events LLC promoted and ran a sales event on behalf of an Indiana vehicle dealership.

To promote the sales event, Rush Hour Events sent promotional mailings to 33,325 Indiana recipients. Each mailing created the impression that the recipient had won a significant prize. The recipients of the mailings were directed to the dealership to claim their prizes. Once lured to the dealership, 116 recipients were subjected to a sales pitch urging the purchase of a vehicle. The recipients of



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dealers in Indiana are good, honest, hard-working professionals," Hill said. "Unfortunately, every industry has its share of individuals who seem bent on skirting the law in order to maximize profits."

He urged Hoosiers to be vigilant.

"When it comes to these advertising schemes that promise great prizes just for showing up, we encourage consumers to remember the old maxim that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," Hill said. "As we work to enforce the law and impose penalties against anyone violating the rules, we also advise Hoosiers to take steps to avoid becoming victims in the first place."

Hill offered consumers these three tips regarding prize mailings:

- Be skeptical. It is highly unlikely you won any significant prize. Even if your mailing contains a game piece showing you won a significant prize, it is like-

ly that every mailing sent contained an identical "winning" game piece. Checking the fine print on the mailing will likely reveal that the odds of winning a significant prize is one in tens of thousands.

• If you wish to see whether you have won a prize, be prepared to handle a sales presentation for a new vehicle. The mailing was sent to get you into the dealership to sell you a vehicle. If you're not in the market for a vehicle, inform the salesperson of this fact and request your prize. Be prepared to say no and walk away if the salesperson continues to push a sale.

• If you do end up deciding to purchase a vehicle at such a sales event, take your time and check various resources such as vehicle history reports and the Attorney General's "Purchasing a Vehicle" fact sheet. The salesperson will likely push you to buy immediately, but doing your due diligence on a used vehicle purchase is almost always the better option.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam or targeted by scammers should file a complaint with the Office of Attorney General at indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.



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Late surge sends 'Blazers past Shortridge

Senior Camden Brown scored a career-high 25 points to lead University's boys to a 56-50 season opening road win at Indianapolis Shortridge.

The Trailblazers outscored the Blue Devils 9-2 over the last three minutes to gain the victory. University had just one field goal in the fourth quarter, but made 14 of 16 free throws in the period.

Junior Larry Pierce had 11 points and a team-high six rebounds and made five of six foul shots in the fourth quarter.

"I'm proud of the focus and determination that our guys showed down the stretch to come away with a win on the road against a really tough Shortridge team," said University coach Brandon Lafferman.

"Camden Brown was great on the offensive end both inside the paint and

from outside. Larry Pierce made a lot of big plays throughout the game on both ends and helped close out the win with a huge offensive rebound and two key free throws," Lafferman continued.

Brown, the Trailblazers only returning starter, added five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Mitchell Martin chipped in with eight points and five rebounds and Matt Jones had 7 points. Freshman Sabien Cain had a team-high four steals.

Avery Giles led Shortridge (0-2) with 19 points.

"We will look to build off this and learn from it as we get back to practice next week to prepare for two tough opponents. Limiting turnovers, rebounding and continuing to gain game experience will all be key for our young team," Lafferman concluded.

The Trailblazers will host a pair of games next weekend at The U Center. Greenwood Christian comes to University on Friday night with revenge in mind. University handed the Cougars their only loss of the season last year, 48-47 in the PAAC championship game giving the Blazers their third straight league title. Greenwood Christian was 24-1 and a Sectional champion when last season was interrupted by the pandemic. Class 3A Speedway visits on Saturday. The Sparkplugs opened their season with a 75-35 win over North Montgomery.

Attendance at University home games is limited to parents only. Both games are scheduled to be streamed on University High School's YouTube channel.

UNIVERSITY 56, SHORTRIDGE 50				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kasey Ash-Simpson	1-2	0-0	2	2
Kahmi Bracey	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sabien Cain	1-3	0-0	3	3
Matt Jones	2-6	1-2	7	3
Larry Pierce	3-9	5-6	11	3
Camden Brown	6-10	11-13	25	3
Seth Hogg	0-1	0-0	0	1
Mitchell Martin	3-6	2-5	8	2
Totals	16-37	19-26	56	18
Score by Quarters				
University	14	17	11	14 - 56
Shortridge	13	15	13	9 - 50
University 3-point shooting (5-14) Jones 2-6, Brown 2-2, Cain 1-2, Pierce 0-2, Martin 0-2.				
University rebounds (25) Pierce 6, Brown 5, Martin 5, Cain 3, Ash-Simpson 2, Jones 2, Hogg 2.				

Seven 3s for Joseph Bobilya . . . GC takes care of Ritter

Guerin Catholic took care of Cardinal Ritter 80-62 Saturday at the Eagles Nest.

Joseph Bobilya hit seven 3-pointers on his way to 28 points. Kaleb Edwards scored 20 and Matthew Gillis added 16.

"We were not ready to go at the tip and they came out and got us down early," said Golden Eagles coach Bobby Allen. "They played harder than we did

in the first half, but we talked about it in the locker room and our seniors came out and led us in the second half with great effort and energy. We are a work in progress right now, and our guys know that. We are excited about this group but we all know we have a long way to go."

Guerin Catholic is 2-0 for the season and plays Friday at Hamilton Heights.

Sixth win in a row . . . Fishers girls beat Warsaw

The Fishers girls basketball team ran its win streak to six in a row Saturday afternoon by beating Warsaw 52-44 at the Tiger Den.

The Class 4A No. 7 Tigers played well defensively, leading 14-8 after the first quarter and 26-17 at halftime. Warsaw cut slightly into Fishers' lead in the third period by scoring 15 points, but the Tigers stayed in front 39-32 at the end of the period, then held that margin during the fourth quarter.

Katie Burton scored 14 points for Fishers, with Audra Emmerson adding 12 points. Emmerson, Hailey Smith and Olivia Smith all pulled four rebounds, with Emmerson making four steals.

The Tigers improved to 7-1 with the win. Fishers plays at Hamilton Heights on Wednesday, then hosts Bishop Chatard next Saturday afternoon.

FISHERS 52, WARSAW 44				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Audra Emmerson	3-7	5-6	12	0
Olivia Smith	4-10	0-1	8	2
Katie Burton	6-14	1-2	14	0
Katie Howard	2-6	0-0	5	0
Hailey Smith	3-5	0-0	6	2
Jordan Imes	0-0	0-0	0	0
Joirdyn Smith	1-2	0-0	2	0
Emily Gausepohl	2-3	0-0	5	0
Kaiya Walker	0-0	0-0	0	1
Karina Scott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-47	6-9	52	5
Score by Quarters				
Warsaw	8	9	15	12 - 44
Fishers	14	12	13	13 - 52
Fishers 3-point shooting (4-14) Howard 1-4, Burton 1-4, Emmerson 1-3, Gausepohl 1-1, O. Smith 0-2.				
Fishers rebounds (18) Emmerson 4, H. Smith 4, O. Smith 4, Burton 3, Gausepohl 2, Imes 1.				

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ahead 68-62.

Amhad's twin brother Armon Jarrard got MV back up 74-64 with a layin. But then it was Heights' turn to go on a fast run, and it did, tying the game at 74-74. Etchison drained three free throws after begin fouled on a 3-point attempt, Letsinger and Luke Carroll both hit a pair of foul shots, then Letsinger put in another 3 to tie the game.

That was as far as the Huskies got. A free throw by Avery Williams got Mount Vernon back in front, and the Marauders would stay in front until the buzzer. Etchison's dunk kept Heights within 78-76 with 38 seconds left, but MV sealed the game with four straight foul shots.

"I thought we did a great job in that third quarter, but we gave up too many transition buckets early," said Ballenger. "Made a great run to give us a chance and then late, we didn't knock free throws down."

Etchison began his senior season with 39 points, including five 3-pointers. Letsinger drained three 3s while scoring 16 points and Linville added 12 points. Etchison and Carroll both collected six rebounds, while Linville and Letsinger both pulled five.

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"I thought Letsinger and Linville played really well," said Ballenger. "I thought Kinder came off the bench and played well defensively. I thought Luke Carroll did a really good job defensively inside on the bigger guys and really held his own."

The Huskies go on the road for the first time this season on Friday, traveling to New Castle.

MOUNT VERNON 83, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 78				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	13-24	8-11	39	3
Noah Linville	4-5	2-2	12	3
Luke Carroll	2-4	2-6	7	5
Isaac Wilson	0-3	2-2	2	3
Lucas Letsinger	4-10	5-6	16	2
Drew VanOeveren	0-1	0-0	0	0
Braden Kinder	1-2	0-0	2	1
Tillman Etchison	0-0	0-0	0	0
Blake Stevens	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	24-49	19-27	78	18
Score by Quarters				
Mount Vernon	24	20	18	21 - 83
Heights	19	16	27	16 - 78
Heights 3-point shooting (11-23) G. Etchison 5-9, Letsinger 3-7, Linville 2-2, Carroll 1-1, Wilson 0-3, VanOeveren 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (23) G. Etchison 6, Carroll 6, Linville 5, Letsinger 5, Wilson 1.				

Southeastern falls to Pike

Hamilton Southeastern dropped its first game of the season to Pike on Saturday, falling 84-73.

Stats from the game were not available at press time. The Royals are 1-1 for the season and will host Avon Friday to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

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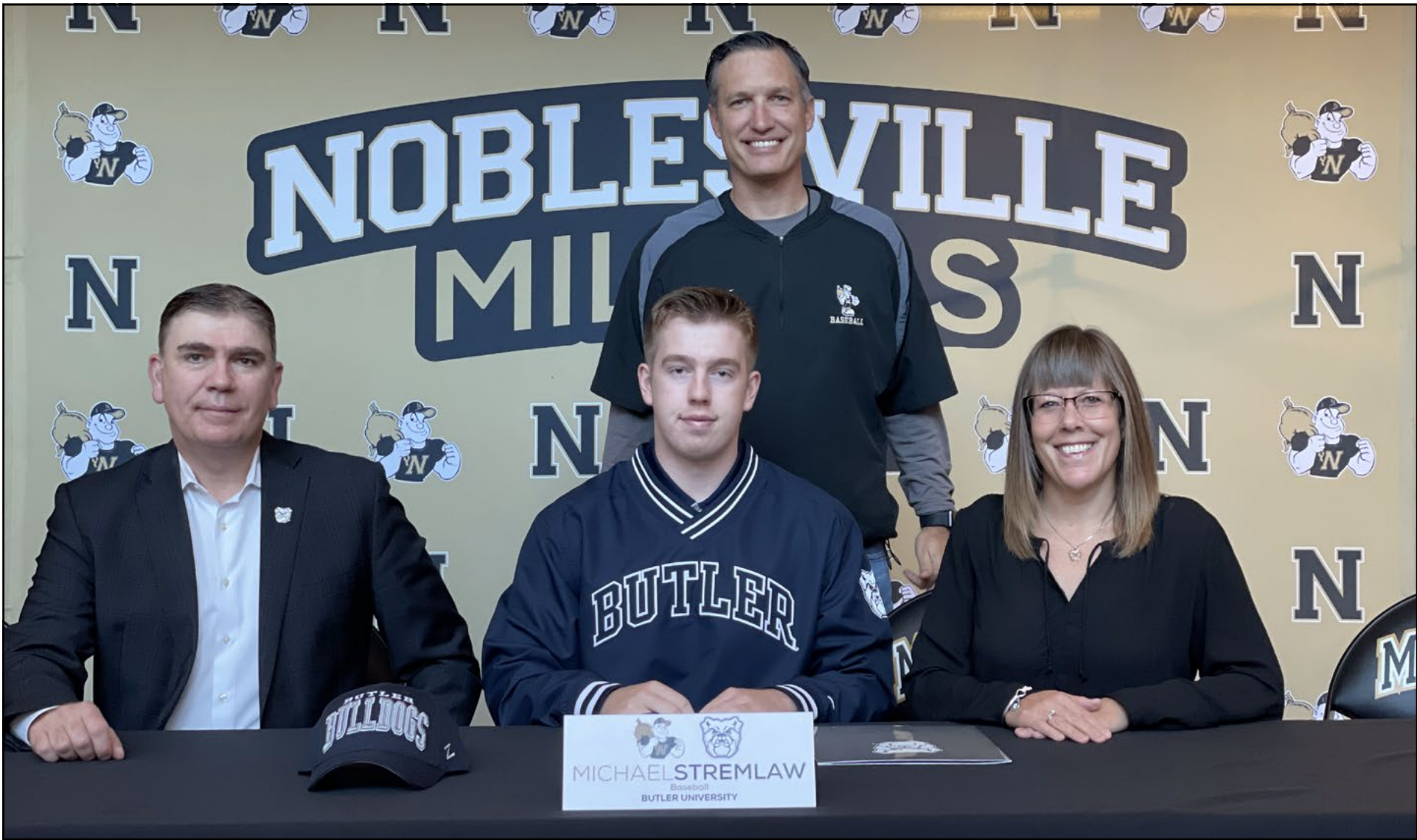
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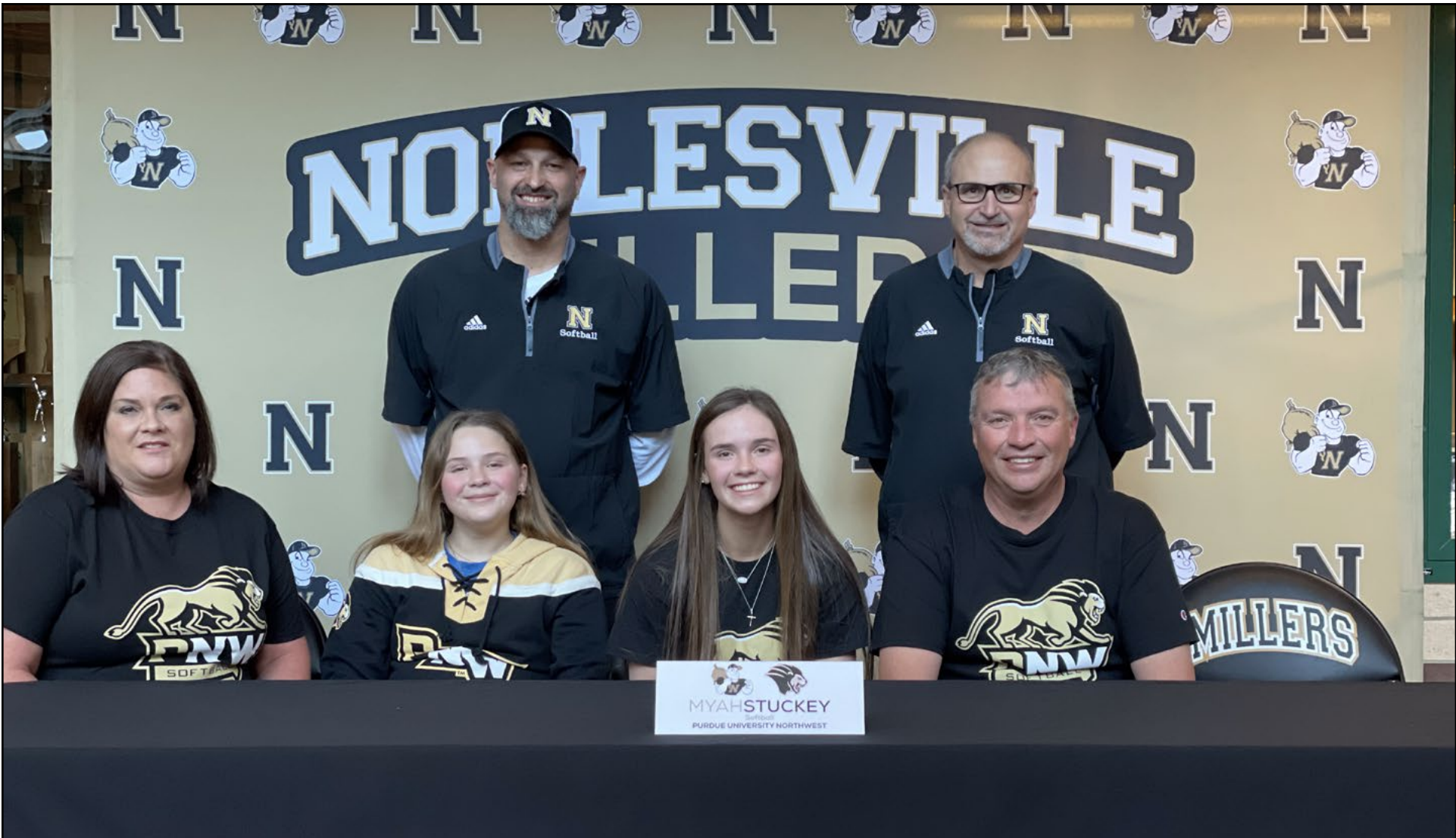
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Noblesville High School athletic signings



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Michael Stremlaw has committed to play baseball at Butler University.
Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Greg Stremlaw (Father), Michael Stremlaw, Wendy Stremlaw (Mother).
Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Baseball Head Coach Justin Kever.



Myah Stuckey has committed to play softball at Purdue University Northwest.
Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Anna Stuckey (Mother), Bella Stuckey (Sister), Myah Stuckey, Jim Stuckey (Father).
Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Softball Head Coach Deke Bullard, Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach Larry DeSalvo.



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