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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.  
Freeze Warning until 10 a.m.  
Tonight: Mostly clear,  
with patchy frost.

HIGH: 54 LOW: 34



## Noblesville Lions give back to city by picking up trash



This past Saturday, Noblesville Lions Club members picked up trash along assigned city streets. They covered Field Drive from 16th Street to Cumberland Road, and Cumberland from Monument Street to Conner Street.

Photo provided

## Historic group of Carmel projects total \$335 million

Adding up the costs of the Carmel community's current public building projects, the total is enormously impressive and probably historic.

These local government projects have all been reported previously, but generally one by one from officials of the various entities undertaking their own building programs, namely Carmel Clay Schools, Clay Township, the City of Carmel and the Carmel Public Library.

These include the first of the school system's \$105 million facilities improvement plan. This year nearly half of that amount will go into high school upgrades (new boilers, roofing, etc.), planetarium improvements, baseball and soccer field renovations and parking expansion. Next year a new \$43 million natatorium has been approved.

The Clay Township administration has a \$65 million Community Impact program underway, which features a new fire department administration building and fire buffs' museum, a Dad's Club fieldhouse, a historical society museum and major improvements in several local parks.

The city recently approved a \$125 million bond issue to finance numerous street improvements and additional roundabouts plus the new water tower feature that will allow huge video displays.

The Carmel Clay Public Library is in the midst of a \$40 million renovation and expansion of the main library and construction of a parking garage.

All told, these building programs have a total cost of about \$335 million. Little to no property tax increase is promised in these massive programs. How do they do it?

It's done by a combination of making use of existing debt retirement rates when current bonds mature, a rapidly increasing tax base, proceeds from existing building funds and, in some cases, refinancing some debt at current lower interest rates.

All the building is certain to bring more change to the public face of the community, as if change was not already almost a daily occurrence in Carmel.



FRED SWIFT  
The County Line

## Westfield High School National Honor Society goes to war with invasive species



Volunteers from the Westfield High School National Honor Society recently helped at Cool Creek Park. The group worked to improve the environmental health of the park by removing invasive species, which will help native plants thrive.

Photo provided

## Carmel 'Show Up for Racial Justice' rally

*Gathering at the Gazebo next to City Hall will address violence towards Asian Americans*

### The REPORTER

In acknowledgment of recent acts of violence directed toward Asian Americans around the country, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, members of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations, Carmel Interfaith Alliance and Communities Allied for Racial Equity (CARE) will hold a gathering at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 at the Gazebo next to City Hall.

"I am appalled by the recent acts of violence against people of Asian descent around the country," Brainard said. "It is imperative that we stand by all members of our community; that we make sure that every single person who lives in or is a visitor to Carmel feels safe. We will not



Brainard

allow discriminatory or violent behavior towards anyone."

Speakers and guests will include emcee Kelvin Okamoto of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations; Rupal Thanawala, president of the Asian American

Indianapolis Chinese Community Center; Hai Soo Woo, president of the Korean American Association of Indiana; Evan Kreutzer, president of the Carmel-Kawachinagano Sister City Committee; Ming Ye, president of the Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City Committee; and Elijah Choi from the Advancement of Asian Americans in Arts and

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## Jocelyn Vare pens open letter to new Democrat on Fishers City Council, criticizes GOP members

By LARRY LANNAN  
LarryInFishers.com

Editor's note: Vare's letter can be read in full on Page 4 in today's edition and online at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

Democrat Jocelyn Vare, an at-large member of the Fishers City Council, has issued an open letter to the new Democrat who will soon take office on the council, and in the letter is sharply critical of her Republican colleagues.

North Central District Councilor Samantha DeLong, also a Democrat, is moving out of Indiana and resigning from the council. Democratic precinct officials will caucus in a few days to select DeLong's successor.

"Unfortunately, I routinely experience reluctance from our City Council Republican colleagues to address important, non-partisan city issues," Vare writes in her letter. "For example, I've seen firsthand



Vare

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## Carmel Education Foundation streaming this year's Musical Showcase on Facebook, YouTube

### The REPORTER

The 35th annual Carmel Education Foundation Musical Showcase, presented by CEF, will be streamed via Facebook and YouTube during the weekend of April 23-25.

For the past 34 years, the Showcase has been an opportunity for elementary and middle school choral and ensemble groups to perform on stage in the Dale E. Graham Auditorium at Carmel High School. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Showcase has shifted to a virtual format for 2021.

CEF was fortunate to receive a City of Carmel Performing Arts Grant to support the Showcase, and used funding from the grant to purchase microphone

packages for each Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) elementary and middle school's music department. Music teachers used this equipment to record student choir and ensemble performances at their schools. The Carmel High School technical theater department has woven these performances, along with videos from guests including Carmel City Council President Sue Finkam and CCS Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford into a streamed production. Students from Carmel High School's TV Station, CHTV, serve as emcees throughout the show.

In past years, the Showcase was coupled with the CEF Telethon to raise funds for program-



Carmel High School students at emcee taping: (from left) Elsa Bray, Hallie Reeves and Max Kim.

ming and operations. While the CEF Telethon no longer exists due to access and data security, this year's Showcase offers a unique opportunity for support of the Foundation.

Fanning Howey, school

architects, are supporting the 2021 CEF Musical Showcase by generously matching donations to CEF received through April 25.

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## Hairbangers Ball to headline Noblesville Fourth of July festival

### The REPORTER

Editor's note: An article published by the Reporter on Tuesday, April 21 contained incorrect information concerning the City of Noblesville's upcoming July 4th celebration. The incorrect information published by the Reporter was obtained directly from the City of Noblesville's website. Noblesville has since corrected the information and issued the following release.

The City of Noblesville is actively preparing for a spectacular 2021 Noblesville Fireworks Festival, and city officials have announced details for the free events

taking place on Sunday, July 4 beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the Stars & Stripes Forever Parade through Downtown Noblesville.

The Noblesville Fourth of July parade, festival, and fireworks display is the longest continuously running celebration in Central Indiana and an annual tradition in Noblesville since 1997.

"We are planning a great community celebration for the Fourth of July," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "While COVID-19



Jensen

impacted our plans last year, we were still able to enjoy the holiday safely. I know more families and residents are eager to get out this summer and our plans provide fun activities for all ages. I know the Noblesville community will enjoy the festivities we have planned as we honor our nation's independence."

The day kicks off with the annual Stars & Stripes Forever Fourth of July Parade at 4:30 p.m. Registration to participate in the parade is \$25 (nonprofits

are not charged) and entries must be submitted by June 30. Forms are available at [NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com](http://NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com).

The free Fireworks Festival will take place at Forest Park from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will include traditional park amenities such as playgrounds, shelters and shade; along with festival items like a mobile zipline, an axe throwing trailer, flying trapeze, inflatables, trackless train and a kids' area. An adult area will include a beer garden and games. Hairbangers Ball

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California 750ml

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Woodbridge Mondavi Chardonnay 1.5L	8.97
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## Letter to the Editor

# An open letter to the new member of the Fishers City Council

*Editor's note: Jocelyn Vare is an At-Large member of the Fishers City Council and was, with Sam DeLong, one of Fishers' first-ever elected Democrats in 2019. The Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair, Dayna Colbert, will call a caucus of eligible precinct committee persons to vote for a new Democratic city councilor to represent the North Central district and fulfill DeLong's term through 2023.*

Dear Editor:

My colleague and fellow Democrat, Councilor Sam DeLong, recently submitted her resignation from the Fishers City Council to relocate to be closer to family. I thank Sam for her service and look forward to the Hamilton County Democratic Party's caucus thoughtfully selecting her replacement soon.

Sam served the City of Fishers and her constituents of the North Central district well through difficult circumstances, taking office just before the onset of the pandemic. As one of Fishers' first-ever elected Democrats, she also faced a surprising number of partisan obstacles to fulfilling her City Council responsibilities, just as I have.

To the future new Democratic member of the Fishers City Council, I am eager to collaborate with you. I know that we will share a commitment to make government more transparent and accessible for residents, create policies that improve diversity, equity and inclusion, and represent Fishers citizens' interests above all.

Now I want to share the truth with you. As public servants, we have the responsibility to always do the right thing for our community and our constituents, even if that makes the Republican council members uncomfortable.

I understand why our colleagues may feel uncomfortable. For the first time ever, the Fishers City Council includes representatives of both political parties.

A bipartisan legislative body is a new opportunity for lively debates on how to achieve the best outcomes for the city. But it requires an acceptance of diverse perspectives in order to be productive.

Unfortunately, I routinely experience reluctance from our City Council Republican colleagues to address important, non-partisan city issues. For example, I've seen firsthand their reluctance to address Open Door Law compliance concerns that obstruct government transparency. I've seen their reluctance to improve the way the City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions, even when failing to do so risks the integrity and diversity of our local government. I've seen their reluctance to supervise the State Road 37 construction project even though it is currently \$40 million over budget. I've seen their reluctance to critique the Fishers Health Department, a new department of city government created hastily during the pandemic. They seem reluctant to oversee municipal spending of taxpayer funds, even though such oversight is the cornerstone of fiscal responsibility.

Although there are many challenges, you and I cannot get discouraged. We can't give up. For example, if I ask multiple times for city information but still don't receive it weeks later, I keep asking. If I raise a constituent's concern to the City Council but receive silence in response, I keep using my voice. And if another council member tells me that I am overstepping when I demand better for our city, I know that demanding better is exactly my job.

Soon it will be your job, too. Our oath of office obligates us to serve our city and its residents according to the law – but we also serve according to our heart. Always stay honest, principled and fierce, and I know you will serve your community well.

*Letters to the Editor do not reflect the opinions of The Reporter, its publisher or its staff. You can submit your own Letter to the Editor by email to **News@ReadTheReporter.com**.*

# Fishers Health Department: No permits needed for garage sales

## The REPORTER

The Fishers Health Department has announced it has become aware of several false claims stating that permits

are required for garage or yard sales. The health department stated the organization does NOT require a permit for garage or yard sales.

While masks are not mandatory, mask wearing is encouraged for sellers and shoppers.

Please call (317) 595-3211 with any questions.

# Carmel High School takes first place at Science Olympiad state tournament

## The REPORTER

The Carmel High School Science Olympiad team competed in the Indiana State Tournament on Saturday, March 20. The team, with sponsor Cyndy Henry, came in first place overall and qualified for competition in the National

Tournament.

Individual award winners include the following students:

## 1st Place

- Botany – Krish Jayarapu and Jinhee Won
- Codebusters – Rhea Acharya, Lillian He and Lalith Roopesh
- Designer Genes – Krish Jayarapu and Jinhee Won
- Dynamic Planet – Raghav Sriram and Jingyu Xiao
- Experimental Design – Rhea Acharya, Briana Chen and Shrithan Sandadi
- Forensics – Lillian He and Olivia White
- Fossils – Annie Kim and Daniel Tian
- Geologic Mapping – Lalith Roopesh and Raghav Sriram
- Ornithology – Krish Jayarapu and Annie Kim
- Sounds of Music – Tyler Dierckman and Dan-

## 2nd Place

- Anatomy and Physiology – Archit Kalra and Jinhee Won
- Astronomy – Briana Chen and Shrithan Sandadi
- Chemistry Lab – Daniel Tian and Shrithan Sandadi
- Circuit Lab – Rhea Acharya and Kevin Wang
- Detector Building – Tyler Dierckman and Olivia White
- Disease Detectives – Olivia White and Jinhee Won
- Machines – Tyler Dierckman and Kevin Wang
- Protein Modeling – Lillian He, Krish Jayarapu and Archit Kalra

## 6th Place

- Write It-Do It – Briana Chen and Annie Kim

## Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, April 26, 2021.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.



# AG Rokita, Dr. Box warn of COVID-19 vaccine survey scam

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box are warning Hoosiers of a new scam targeting consumers who have received their COVID-19 vaccine.

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General and the Indiana State Department of Health have recently learned that consumers are reportedly receiving unsolicited emails and text messages asking them to complete a survey about the Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca vaccine. In exchange, consumers are offered a free product, but asked to pay shipping and handling fees. Instead, the scammers bill them and never send the product.

"Hoosiers should keep their guard up, safeguard their personal information, and take steps to avoid becoming victims of a scam," Rokita said. "If you receive an unsolicited message offering money or a reward

related to the COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to file a report with our Office's Consumer Protection Division. Our Office relies, in part, on consumer complaints to conduct investigations into scams and scammers."

Rokita and the Office of the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division offer the following tips for consumers to identify and avoid falling victim to a scam:

- Don't give your financial, medical, or personal information to anyone claiming to offer money or gifts in exchange for your participation in a COVID-19 vaccine survey.

- Carefully examine any message that claims to be from a trusted source. Don't call or use the number in the email or text. If you want to call the company that sup-



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posedly sent the message to verify its legitimacy, look up its phone number online.

- Don't click on any links or open attachments. Doing so could install harmful malware that steals your personal information without you realizing it.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers may file a complaint online by visiting [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

To learn more about COVID-19 and the Indiana State Department of Health's ongoing response, visit [coronavirus.in.gov](http://coronavirus.in.gov).

## Spartz files legislation to hold federal agencies accountable in issuing regulations

## The REPORTER

U.S. Representative Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) has introduced legislation to end the practice of "sue-and-settle," which is a tactic used by the executive branch that undermines the Administrative Procedures Act and costs taxpayers billions.

The Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2021, introduced alongside Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), shines a light on "sue-and-settle" litigation and restores the transparency, public scrutiny, and judicial review protections of the federal rulemaking process.

"I introduced the Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act to ensure transparency and accountability in our federal government and restore the public's trust in how it

makes decisions," Rep. Spartz said. "We simply cannot not allow the activist agencies and special interest groups to circumvent the rulemaking process and implement burdensome

regulations on small business and individuals without proper due process."

Historically, federal agencies and like-minded special interest groups have used "friendly lawsuits" or "sue-and-settle" tactics to create new regulations without following the rulemaking process. Spartz's bill addresses this issue by requiring public notices, courts to consider public input and regulatory statutes, the Attorney General to certify on proper agency's authority and funding,



Spartz

and reporting to Congress to improve transparency and legislative oversight. It also establishes timeframes for public input.

According to the American Action Forum, from 2005 to 2016, 23 sue and settle regulations resulted in a cost burden of \$67.9 billion, with \$26 billion in annual costs. Sixteen of the rules impose paperwork burdens on American job creators of more than eight million hours.

Earlier this week, Representative Spartz and Senator Grassley led 16 of their colleagues in sending a [letter](#) to President Biden urging him to prohibit this harmful and costly practice.

[Click here](#) to view the full text of the bill.

## U.S. Senate bill aims to boost farmers' crop yield, increase conservation, climate efforts

## The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Tina Smith (D-Minn.), along with Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), last week introduced the Conservation and Innovative Climate Partnership Act to support farmers seeking to adopt conservation and innovative climate practices on their farms.

This bill bridges the divide between the innovative research taking place at land-grant institutions and those who farm for a living by helping family farms adopt climate friendly strategies like planting cover crops and using no-till practices.

"Hoosier farms feed our families and are integral to our supply chains. Every farmer faces unique decisions in their farm management, and pressure from the federal government to cut carbon emissions can place stress on the good work already underway," Sen. Young said. "My Conservation and Innovative Climate Partnership Act gives farmers access to the latest tools and research in order to be successful while keeping American soil productive and healthy."

"Strong farm programs that encourage conservation and climate practices will help farmers maintain sustainable and productive operations well into the future," Sen. Smith said.

"They will also help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions to fight climate change. This bill connects farmers with the information and resources they need to take action."

"The Purdue University College of Agriculture, the state's land-grant institution, supports the Conservation and Innovative Climate Partnership Act sponsored by Senators Todd Young, Tina Smith, Mike Braun, and Brian Schatz. Purdue Extension provides tools and insights to help people, communities and farmers make climate smart decisions, and this legislation will provide support and funding to move these important efforts forward," said Dr. Karen Plaut, Glenn W. Sample Dean of the College of Agriculture.

The Conservation and Innovative Climate Partnership Act would do the following:

- Enable partnerships between land-grant institutions and local farmers to increase uptake of conservation and innovative climate practices

- Allow farmers to voluntarily adopt practices that



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suit their individualized needs

- Require land-grant institutions to partner with a non-profit, state, or federal entity

- Allow the partnership to conduct a variety of activities to support farming communities like workshops, distribution of digital materials, and tests to measure the effectiveness of conservation and climate smart practices

- Provide \$13 million in funding for four-year grants, with a maximum grant of \$400,000

[Click here](#) to view a summary of the bill. Companion legislation was also sponsored in U.S. House by Representatives Newhouse (R-Wash.-04), Spanberger (D-Va.-07), and Pingree (D-Maine-01).

Bill supporters include Purdue University, Indiana Corn Growers Association, Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Farm Bureau, Agribusiness Council of Indiana, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, Corteva, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington State University, The Nature Conservancy, and Washington Potato Council.

## Camping reservation website gets new look

## The REPORTER

The website for making camping reservations at DNR properties has a new look and features to make booking your next getaway a snap.

You now have more options to search for camping, cabins, or day-use facilities by filtering your search results to look at park activities, specific site types, accessibility needs, and your desired date range.

Other features allow you to:

- Discover available sites for the upcoming weekend for last-minute trips.
- Save favorite campsites, cabins, and facilities for quicker access to making future reservations at those locations.
- Shop for a variety of Indiana State Parks products, including gift cards, park passes, clothing, and

gifts galore.

- Check the balance of a DNR camping gift card.
- Donate to support Indiana State Parks.

Now is a great time to book your next trip at [camp.in.gov](http://camp.in.gov). If you have not already done so, be sure to create an account to track your reservations, favorite campsites, and opt in to receive news, information and special offers from DNR.

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## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself.*  
1 Corinthians 4:1-3 (NIV)

### Floyd Dale Millikan January 18, 1934 – April 14, 2021

Floyd Dale Millikan, 87, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Wellbrooke of Westfield. He was born on January 18, 1934 to Lester and Blanche (Wood) Millikan in Hamilton County.



Floyd proudly served in the United States Air Force. He worked for Mitchel and Scott Machine Shop for many years. Floyd was a member of Eagle Creek Friends Church.

He is survived by his wife, Laurola Millikan; daughter, Gail (Fred) Neiswinger of Missouri; sons, Dale (Cindy) Millikan of North Carolina and Dean (Lisa) Millikan of Sheridan; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Private services were held at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with burial at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

### Kerrylee “Kerry” G. Vincent October 16, 1959 – April 17, 2021

Kerrylee “Kerry” G. Vincent, 61, Westfield, passed away at home on April 17, 2021 surrounded by his loving family, after a long battle with Frontal Temporal Degeneration and Parkinson’s Disease.



Kerry was born October 16, 1959 in Bowling Green, Ky., son of the late Glenn and Marietta Vincent.

He graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and obtained his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. Kerry spent almost 40 years in the municipal electrical industry, starting his career at Richmond Power & Light (RPL) as an Engineer and Line Superintendent, and spent 20 years of his career at Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) before his retirement.

Kerry will forever have a special place in his heart for Linemen.

Kerry loved to play baseball and volleyball and watch NASCAR. And those who knew him would say he was radically passionate about Kentucky Wildcats basketball. He loved to talk about his family and enjoyed telling work stories to anyone who would listen, and of course he could always talk about the Kentucky Wildcats. He was a member of Cornerstone Bible Church, and faithfully attended Bible Study Fellowship (BSF).

Survivors include his wife of almost 35 years, Becky; two daughters, Amanda and Hannah; brother, Terry; seven nieces and nephews, and eight great-nieces and great-nephews.

Family and friends will gather for the calling at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Cornerstone Bible Church, 720 Liberty Drive, Westfield, where the Celebration of Life service will begin at 5:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Kerry may be directed to the Cornerstone Preschool, 720 Liberty Drive, Westfield, IN 46074. Envelopes will be available at the service. Also, online donations can be made at [discovercbc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/cornerstone-preschool](http://discovercbc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/cornerstone-preschool).

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements. Condolences: [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com).

### John Jones October 14, 1946 – April 8, 2021

John Jones, 74, Sheridan, passed away on April 8, 2021. He was born on October 14, 1946 to the late Edward and Agnes Jones in Chicago, Ill.



John wanted to serve his country and he honorably served in the United States Air Force, earning the rank as sergeant. John wanted a career in law enforcement and was hired by the Zionsville Police Department; he proudly served the Zionsville community for 45 years before retiring. John loved horses and would share his love for horses every chance he got; he would volunteer his time and take horses to the Gibolt Children Home, where the children could learn about horses and he would give the children rides. He would always brag about the look on the kids’ faces when he would pull up to the home with the horses.

John was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was honored to serve them as their District Deputy and State Form Director. John also looked forward to bowling and competing in leagues. He loved spending time with his friends Jeff and Jane Morris and John and the grand fur babies Bo, Bella, Breezy and Baby B.

John will be missed by his daughters, Judith A. Yost and Beverly M. Anglim. He was a proud grandfather to Crystal M. Rosendaul, Dylan A. Yost, and Lauren O. Yost. He is also survived by his aunt Catherine Kiszkan, his brother-in-law Mark Sisul, his sister-in law Robin Pudlowski, and his two cousins, Mike Cecich and Bill Jones.

A celebration of John’s life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 410 Pearl St., Cicero, where family and friends are invited to gather from 10 a.m. till time of Mass.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guest book, leave a condolence or share a memory at [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com). Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Jones Family.

### David Gerald Wooldridge September 13, 1961 – April 2, 2021

David Gerald Wooldridge, 59, Lebanon, passed away on April 2, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 13, 1961 in Rush County, Ind., to Stephen and Kathryn Wooldridge.



David was a graduate of Westfield High School, Class of 1979. He went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Airforce. He retired as a Tech Sergeant in 2004. While he was stationed in England, he met Miriam Jacqueline Rachel (Keniry) Wooldridge and the two of them were married on September 24, 1987 in Gloucestershire, England, and they have been at each other’s side for 33 years. David also knew the importance of an education. He received his master’s degree at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Ala., and he also attended the Le Cordon Bleu Chef School in England and received his chef certification. David enjoyed woodworking and he was Master Craftsmen carpenter in England.

When David returned to Indiana, he became a member at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

David will be greatly missed by his loving family, his wife of 33 years, Miriam; and their son, Devon Wooldridge. He was a proud grandfather to Beau Scott Wooldridge. He was a loving son to Stephen and Kathryn (Lee) Wooldridge and brother to Stephen (Jodi) Wooldridge and Jennifer (Greg) Homola; and an uncle to several nieces and nephews. Preceding David in death were his grandparents, Marion Ray and Roberta Steffey; and grandmother, Mary Stout.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Hamilton Memorial Park, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield, IN 46060. Donations in David’s memory can be made to Lung Cancer Research Foundation at [lungcancerresearchfoundation.org](http://lungcancerresearchfoundation.org). Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence or share a memory at [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com).

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## Sagamore to host NCAA men's golf Regional

Today Bryson DeChambeau is one of the most recognizable figures in the game of golf. A Ryder Cup team member, seven-time PGA Tour winner and U.S. Open champion.

Six years ago, he was a college junior leading his SMU Mustangs to share of an NCAA Regional championship at The Sagamore Club in Noblesville. Within weeks, he was the NCAA individual national champion.

Next month, some of the best collegiate men's golfers in the country will once again descend upon Sagamore, as the club hosts another NCAA Regional in a joint effort with Ball State University and the Hamilton County Sports Authority.

The event is slated for Monday, May 17 through Wednesday, May 19 with 54 holes of competition over the three days. Play is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. for each of the first two rounds and 7:30 a.m. for the final round.

Sagamore is one of six Division I regional sites across the country (complete list below). The top five teams from each site will advance to the NCAA Championships at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. The full field for this year's event will be announced Wednesday, May 5 on Golf Channel.

The 2015 Regional at Sagamore featured eight of the top 50 teams in the country, including co-champions SMU and Illinois, and 13 of the nation's top 100 players. In addition to DeChambeau, another future individual national champion and PGA Tour winner was in the field that week in Oregon's Aaron Wise.

The Sagamore Club, a Jack Nicklaus design that opened in 2003, features a par-72 layout that can play to a length of 7,173 yards. It also hosted the NCAA Division II Championships in 2010.

The Hamilton County Sports Authority is a leading promoter of regional and amateur sports development. It promotes events in Hamilton County and serves as a resource for organizations in bidding on and planning for events. Noblesville and Hamilton County are located southwest of Muncie, with The Sagamore Club less than an hour's drive from the Ball State campus.

### 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regional Sites

The Champions Course, Albuquerque, New Mexico (host New Mexico)  
 Golden Eagle Golf & Country Club, Tallahassee, Florida (host Florida State)  
 Golf Club of Tennessee, King Springs, Tennessee (host Vanderbilt)



Photo provided

**The Sagamore Club in Noblesville will host one of six NCAA Division I men's golf regionals. Play takes place May 17-19 with 54 holes of competition over the three days.**

Karsten Creek Golf Club, Stillwater, Oklahoma (host Oklahoma State)  
 The Sagamore Club, Noblesville, Indiana  
 Tumblecreek Golf Club, Cle Elum, Washington (host Washington)

## Carmel's Brian Waddell commits to Purdue

Carmel basketball star Brian Waddell made it official on Wednesday: He is headed to Purdue University.

The 6-foot-7 senior made the announcement on his Twitter account: "Excited to announce I've committed to Purdue University!" Waddell had become a prize target for the Boilermakers in recent week, with his stock rising after leading the Greyhounds to a Class 4A state championship on April 3. Waddell had a double-double of 20 points and 10 rebounds in Carmel's win over Lawrence North.

There is a family connection, too. Waddell's father Matt Waddell played for Purdue in the 90's. He was part of two Big Ten titles that the Boilermakers won in 1994 and 1995.

Waddell will be part of a freshman class that is full of talent and state champions. Other incoming freshmen that have committed to Purdue are Caleb Furst, the 2021 Mr. Basketball who won two 2A state titles with Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, and Trey Kaufman-Renn, twice a 3A state champion with Silver Creek.



Kent Graham/File photo

**Jillian Osswald is one of three Hamilton Heights girls basketball players who were named to the All-Conference team.**

## Several Huskies athletes receive All-Conference awards

Hamilton Heights had several winter sports athletes receive All-Hoosier Conference honors for the 2020-21 season.

Here is a list of athletes receiving All-Conference and Honorable Mention in their respective sports:

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 All-Conference: Gus Etchison, Luke Carroll

Honorable Mention: Lucas Letsinger, Noah Linville

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 All-Conference: Jillian Osswald, Camryn Runner, MyKayla Moran.

Honorable Mention: Ella Hickok  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
 All-Conference: Nathan Cox, diving

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
 All-Conference: Tara Holder, 200 free-style; Teegan Madara, 200 IM; Cylie Starr, 50 free; Tara Holder, 100 free; Teegan Madara, 500 free; Tara Holder, Mady Hutcherson, Teegan Madara, Cylie Starr, 400 free relay.

Honorable Mention: Tara Holder, Teegan Madara, Kennedy Weaver, Cylie Starr, 200 medley relay.

**WRESTLING**  
 All-Conference: Evan Tilton, 160 pounds; Charles Brown, 170 pounds

Honorable Mention: Isaiah Rodriguez, 120 pounds; Cooper Mansfield, 145 pounds; Josh Brown, 220 pounds.

**BOYS OVERALL STANDINGS** (includes fall and winter sports)  
 West Lafayette 64, Western 54, Hamilton Heights 53, Northwestern 44, Rensselaer Central 34, Twin Lakes 33, Tipton 30, Lafayette Central Catholic 26, Lewis Cass 24, Benton Central 23.

**GIRLS OVERALL STANDINGS** (includes fall and winter sports)  
 Hamilton Heights 51, West Lafayette 40, Northwestern 39, Tipton 39, Western 36, Benton Central 34, Lafayette Central Catholic 24, Rensselaer Central 22, Twin Lakes 22, Lewis Cass 18.

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Lacrosse

# Millers girls win all-county game with 'Hounds

The Noblesville girls lacrosse team won an all-county battle with Carmel on Wednesday, beating the Greyhounds 13-10 at Murray Stadium.

The Millers were in control early, leading 7-0. Carmel made a comeback by halftime, cutting Noblesville's lead to 9-6. The two teams went toe-to-toe during the second half, but the Millers controlled possession of the ball during the final three minutes to clinch the victory.

Chloe Barnett led the Noblesville scoring with four goals, while Brooke Miller and Sidney Klinger both had three goals. Rheagan Haney, Mallory Miller and Maya Hill all added one goal. Emma

Potter and Klinger both handed out two assists, with Haney, Maddie Christie and Mallory Miller each making one.

Potter had a strong night with six draw controls and two ground balls, while Haney had four draw controls, one ground ball and one forced turnover. Several Millers stepped up on defense, with Klinger picking up two ground balls and Mallory Miller, Chaney Cornell and Lindsay Wilson all getting one. Cornell also made two forced turnovers, with Barnett and Mallory Miller both having one.

Anna Dunke and Maddie Christie each scored three goals for the Greyhounds.

Hannah Kim and Julia Cherubini added two goals each, with Kim also making an assist.

Noblesville improved to 7-1 with the win and hosts Westfield Friday night for its Senior Night game. Carmel dropped to 6-1 and plays at Park Tudor tonight.

The Hamilton Southeastern boys' team took care of Center Grove 16-3 on Wednesday.

Ten different Royals players scored at least one goal, and six of them had at least two goals. Scoring twice were EJ Reichert, Garrett Smith, Ryan Kemp, Brandon Sogocio, Michael Mattaliano

and Michael Matheny. Smith also handed out four assists.

Ty DeSplinter led the defense with four ground balls and a forced turnover, while Reichert and Max Blackburn both scooped up three ground balls.

Southeastern's junior varsity team won 14-3. Nick Overy scored three goals, with Owen O'Rourke, Kai Trott, Shane Gastineau and Mason Wright all adding two. O'Rourke, Trott and Gastineau all handed out one assist, while Wright had three ground balls and one forced turnover.

The Royals will play Guerin Catholic on Friday.

## Track and field

# Carmel cruises in three-team meet

The Carmel boys track and field team won a three-team meet Monday at Noblesville's Beaver Materials Field.

The Greyhounds scored 73 points to Westfield's 33 and the Millers' 20. Zachary Cox was a double winner in the 110 and 300 hurdles.

Tyler Smith led a 1-2-3 Shamrocks sweep in the 800 run, while Noblesville's Mac Smith got two victories in the 100 dash and the long jump.

Results now follow. The 3200 run, 4x800 and shot put were not available.

110 hurdles: 1. Zachary Cox (C) 14.86, 2. Philpott (C) 15.85, 3. Christiaan Huisden (W) 16.91.

100 dash: 1. Mac Smith (N) 11.20, 2. Donovan Duffy (C) 11.34, 3. Anthony Iskander (C) 11.36.

1600 run: 1. Joel Mumaw (N) 4:51.09, 2. Travis Hickner (N) 4:54.61, 3. Garrett Mowry (W) 4:54.82.

4x100 relay: 1. Carmel 43.10.

400 dash: 1. Owen Schafer (C) 50.53, 2. Andrew Willman (C) 52.35, 3. Joseph Harris (W) 53.97.

300 hurdles: 1. Cox (C) 39.59, 2. Huisden (W) 42.99, 3. Philpott (C) 43.01.

800 run: 1. Tyler Smith (W) 2:06.87, 2. Max Woehler (W) 2:08.48, 3. Robby Bogdajewicz (W) 2:11.60.

200 dash: 1. Duffy (C) 22.88, 2. Gregory Gottlieb (C) 23.09, 3. Dylan Walker (W) 23.46.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel 3:28.19.

Shot put: 1. Evan Brehl (C) 48-8, 2. Mark Herman (C) 39-2, 3. Drew Franklin (C) 38-



Noblesville's Mac Smith (second from left) won the 100 dash and the long jump during the Millers' three-team meet with Carmel and Westfield Monday at Beaver Materials Field. Also pictured are Carmel's Anthony Iskander (far left), Westfield's David Frey (second from right) and Carmel's Donovan Duffy (far right).

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Cleveland 121, Chicago 105			New York 137, Atlanta 127, OT	L.A. Clippers 117, Memphis 105
Indiana 122, Oklahoma City 116			Utah 112, Houston 89	Denver 106, Portland 105
Phoenix 116, Philadelphia 113			Dallas 127, Detroit 117	Sacramento 128, Minnesota 125
Toronto 114, Brooklyn 103			Miami 107, San Antonio 87	

## Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	39	19	.672	-
Brooklyn	39	20	.661	0.5
Milwaukee	35	22	.614	3.5
New York	33	27	.550	7.0
Atlanta	32	27	.542	7.5
Boston	31	27	.534	8.0
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Miami	31	28	.525	8.5
Charlotte	28	29	.491	10.5
Indiana	27	31	.466	12.0
Washington	25	33	.431	14.0
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Toronto	25	34	.424	14.5
Chicago	24	34	.414	15.0
Cleveland	21	37	.362	18.0
Orlando	18	40	.310	21.0
Detroit	18	41	.305	21.5

## Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	44	15	.746	-
Phoenix	42	16	.724	1.5
L.A. Clippers	42	19	.689	3.0
Denver	38	20	.655	5.5
L.A. Lakers	35	23	.603	8.5
Portland	32	26	.552	11.5
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Dallas	31	26	.544	12.0
Memphis	29	28	.509	14.0
Golden State	29	30	.492	15.0
San Antonio	28	29	.491	15.0
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New Orleans	25	33	.431	18.5
Sacramento	24	35	.407	20.0
Oklahoma City	20	39	.339	24.0
Minnesota	16	44	.267	28.5
Houston	15	44	.254	29.0

# Major League Baseball standings

## American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	12	7	.632	-
Tampa Bay	10	9	.526	2.0
Baltimore	8	10	.444	3.5
Toronto	8	10	.444	3.5
N.Y. Yankees	6	11	.353	5.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	10	7	.588	-
Chi. White Sox	9	9	.500	1.5
Cleveland	8	8	.500	1.5
Detroit	7	11	.389	3.5
Minnesota	6	11	.353	4.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	12	7	.632	-
Seattle	11	7	.611	0.5
L.A. Angels	9	7	.563	1.5
Texas	9	10	.474	3.0
Houston	7	10	.412	4.0

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	7	6	.538	-
Philadelphia	9	9	.500	0.5
Miami	8	9	.471	1.0
Atlanta	8	10	.444	1.5
Washington	7	9	.438	1.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	11	7	.611	-
Cincinnati	9	8	.529	1.5
Chi. Cubs	8	9	.471	2.5
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	3.0
St. Louis	8	10	.444	3.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	14	4	.778	-
San Francisco	11	7	.611	3.0
San Diego	10	10	.500	5.0
Arizona	8	10	.444	6.0
Colorado	6	12	.333	8.0

<b>Wednesday scores</b>		Milwaukee 4, San Diego 2
Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 5		Arizona 5, Cincinnati 4
Miami 3, Baltimore 0		Atlanta 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Pittsburgh 3, Detroit 2		Arizona 8, Cincinnati 5, 10 innings
Detroit 5, Pittsburgh 2		Toronto 6, Boston 3
Colorado 6, Houston 3		Chicago Cubs 16, N.Y. Mets 4
Oakland 13, Minnesota 12, 10 innings		Kansas City 9, Tampa Bay 8
Washington 1, St. Louis 0		Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, postponed
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 4		

# Brissett, veterans help shorthanded Pacers to victory

By BRENDAN ROURKE  
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Coming into tonight’s game, Indiana (27-31) realized they would host the Oklahoma City Thunder (20-39) without a true post player. Domantas Sabonis, Myles Turner, and Goga Bitadze were sidelined with injuries, while Ja-Karr Sampson was assessed a one-game suspension after his altercation with the Spurs’ Patty Mills on Monday. The tallest player available was Indiana’s newest signee, the 6-7 Oshae Brissett.

Along with veterans Malcolm Brogdon and Caris LeVert, Brissett answered

the call and willed Indiana to a 122-116 victory over the visitors. Guarding a 7-2 Moses Brown, the forward tallied an impressive 23-point, 12-rebound double-double in 42:06 of game time. He finished with a +/- rating of +12 – trailing only T.J. McConnell’s +17.

“I came in here with high hopes,” Brissett told Bally Sports Indiana post-game. “I knew the work I put in was going to pay off. But to this extent, it’s crazy.”

“I think he’s the best late signing of the season, maybe in the history of the game,” Brogdon said with a smile. “He’s

playing amazing basketball.”

In crunch time, it was Brogdon who sealed the deal. After committing a costly turnover that trimmed Indiana’s lead to two, the guard put the game away by sinking four straight at the free-throw line. He finished with a game-high 29 points, 15 rebounds, and seven assists. LeVert added 28 more, completing the trio that Indiana leaned on for the win.

With the Pacers undermanned at center, the offense found success around the perimeter early and often. The Blue & Gold started 4-of-7 from long range, including a pair from both Edmond Sumner and Justin Holiday, to help take an 18-12 lead midway through the first.

The hot start fizzled for a moment, as the Thunder found 10 unanswered points in the paint in a 1:56 span. Oklahoma City found itself in front, 22-18, with 4:22 remaining in the first.

However, the Pacers caught fire once again. Threes from Brogdon and Aaron Holiday, followed by a pair from McConnell, anchored a 16-6 run down the stretch to grab a 34-28 lead after one. The squad finished the frame 8-of-14 from deep.

Two quick buckets from McConnell and Kelan Martin pushed the Blue & Gold’s lead to double digits in the second. From there, the squad maintained a comfortable lead for much of the frame. Brissett and Martin fought for rebounds like seasoned veterans. With 6:11 to play, the former Butler star snagged his third offensive board of the frame and tipped in a layup to grab a 53-41 lead.

From there Brogdon and LeVert combined for the next 18 Pacers points. LeVert showed his versatility, swiping the ball from Theo Maledon’s hands and sprinting for a fast-break slam at the 3:45 mark. Later, Brogdon’s stop-and-go driving layup kept a 63-53 Indiana lead.

When the Thunder cut the lead to single digits, Sumner and Brogdon notched consecutive layups to stretch the lead back to 12. Darius Bazley’s free throws with 17.3 seconds to go trimmed it to 67-57 before the break.

Indiana’s lead bounced between eight and 12 early in the third as the squad kept up its physicality and quick defensive hands. Starting at the 9:32 mark, Brissett recorded his second block, while Justin Holiday followed with his second steal to keep a 71-61 lead. Seconds later, Brogdon found Brissett cutting to the rim for a crafty reverse layup to extend the margin to 12.

However, the Thunder finally broke through Indiana’s defenses, notching 11

straight – all from Bazley and Brown – to trim the comfortable lead to 73-72 with 6:59 remaining. Brissett’s triple from the left side finally ended the spree and Indiana’s 2:33 scoring drought.

Soon after, Indiana leaned on its veteran starter once again. Brogdon tallied seven of a 10-2 Pacers run to jump ahead 86-76 with 3:35 to go.

Down the stretch, Brogdon teamed up with Brissett to maintain a lead. Leading 89-84 with less than a minute to go, Brogdon found the forward for a bank shot to push the lead to seven. After Tony Bradley responded with a bucket, the guard knocked one in himself. With 13.2 seconds remaining, Brogdon pulled up from 21 feet and drilled a jumper to take a 93-86 advantage into the final frame.

The Thunder continued to make things competitive in the fourth. After McConnell’s fadeaway dropped and earned a 97-90 lead, Oklahoma City used a 7-2 spurt to trim the lead to two with 8:25 to go. When Brogdon and Brissett teamed up to stretch the lead back to seven, they responded with a 6-1 spree to cut Indiana’s lead to 105-104 at the 5:08 mark.

But, Indiana kept up the pressure, finding LeVert for five straight to stretch the gap to six with 4:41 to go. Brissett then extended the run after swatting Kenrich Williams’ layup attempt and finishing with an emphatic slam on the other end. Indiana held a 112-104 lead with 4:15 remaining.

Oklahoma City cut Indiana’s lead to 113-109 on Williams’ layup with 2:55 to go. After that, Indiana appeared to be on its way to an easy win. The squad tallied six straight to extend the lead to 118-109 with 1:49 to go.


However, the Thunder responded swiftly. Leading 118-113, Brogdon threw a pass to the left side, attempting to find a teammate. Ty Jerome intercepted the feed and found Maledon for a 25-foot triple that cut the Pacers lead to 118-116 with 24.5 seconds to go.

Yet, the veteran remained calm, making up for it immediately by sinking four straight at the charity stripe over the final 16.2 seconds.

“I was a little upset with myself over that turnover,” he said. “(It was) a stupid play...so I knew I had to make free throws. I knew I had to do what I do best, get to the free-throw line, and knock down shots at the end of the game to redeem myself.”

Indiana has a two-day break before taking on the Detroit Pistons on Saturday.

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