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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers likely, with thunderstorms possible, mainly in the afternoon.
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HIGH: 82 LOW: 68



Westfield city data at risk?

Clerk-Treasurer alleges computers have spyware installed at city's expense

By JEFF JELLISON
Reporter Publisher

Westfield-based attorney William Webster, representing City Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard, has sent a letter to the Westfield City Council and Mayor Andy Cook notifying them the Clerk-Treasurer's Office has discovered that alleged spyware purchased by the City of Westfield has been placed on the clerk's office computers.

The letter states the alleged spyware, identified as BeyondTrust Jump Technology, has the potential to compromise Westfield's banking and payroll systems as well as city employees' confidential information.

Gossard and Webster have also provided the mayor and council members with paid invoices confirming that the city's IT department purchased the alleged spyware.

The letter continues as follows:

"Throughout the beginning of this year, while we were focused on the litigations brought by the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer's staff began to notice occasional oddities and/or glitches with their

computers. At first the Clerk-Treasurer's staff assumed this may have been related to the fact their computers are older models and that these glitches were innocuous. However, the problems not only persisted, but also began to grow increasingly suspicious. Staff members have reported seeing the mouse icon on their screens occasionally moving without their input, in a manner similar to when a remote user remotely access a computer and takes over input control. However, this was puzzling because in the past whenever city IT personnel have needed to troubleshoot issues with remote access, an authorization pop-up requests precedes the remote access session, and the employee allows the access. Another example of oddities that have been noticed include being unable to find previous emails in staff member email inboxes that staff members are certain were sent or received."



Webster



Gossard

and Gossard, Sandon Vieth works for Bryan Callahan, one of Mayor Cook's appointed examiners.

"Though we are not IT experts ourselves, it seems that someone had to type this email address into the staff member's computer and that it was saved to her computer," stated Webster in his letter.

According to Gossard, a review of invoices submitted by the city's IT director has disclosed three such invoices submitted for reimbursement to SHI International Corp. for the purchase of six software licenses from BeyondTrust. Webster's letter pointed out the Clerk's office has exactly six computers, which matches the number of licenses purchased on the invoices.

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Cook refutes spyware claim, says software is "standard in almost all industries"

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following is a response sent Wednesday evening from Mayor Andy Cook's office to The Reporter.

Mr. Webster's letter is troubling and the Administration has taken action to confirm that no breach of the city's computer network, which is backed up daily, has occurred.

In addition, the Administration is confident that, based on the security platform of our systems, we will be able to specifically determine if what is contained in Mr. Webster's letter is factual.

Prior to the financial investigation commissioned by Mayor Cook, the Clerk's office never raised any concerns about the security of the city's computer network. The BeyondTrust



Cook

software (or predecessor) is a program that the Clerk is well aware of and has used dozens of times. It allows the IT department, upon request and with permission, to remotely access a computer while it's in operation to assist with issues raised by individuals throughout the city. It's on every city computer and has been used for 10 years. This technology is standard in almost all industries.

It is strange that this is coming at a time when the Clerk has, after months and months, provided BKD with most – but not all – of the financial documents that have been requested.

The letter also implies wrongdoing from BKD, a well-respected and accomplished accounting firm that is part of the financial examination.

The future of Fishers City Hall

I still remember moving to the then-Town of Fishers in May of 1991. The 1990 census had pegged the town's population at just over 7,500. The town hall was in a building now housing an art gallery on 116th Street, just across the street from where the Depot building is now located.

It was not long after my move to Fishers when the new town hall opened for business. The town staff was excited to have much more room for a



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growing community.

In a recent podcast interview with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, he says the town never expected the structure to be the center of municipal government for a long period of time. The town council at that time constructed the building not with steel, but with a wooden frame.

"It's built like ... a large house," the mayor said. "That's a lot of wear and tear on a commercial building."

The town and city tried to



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deal with a building that has been sinking. The mayor said city hall is "falling apart."

Fadness made it clear to

the city council and to me in the podcast that building a city hall is "falling apart."

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Aasen named House GOP press secretary

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

Adam Aasen, Carmel, has been named press secretary for the Republican majority in the Indiana House of Representatives.

A former newspaper writer, Aasen has also been a periodic guest columnist for the Hamilton County Reporter.

He is a member of the Carmel City Council. Aasen and his family formerly owned and operated a restaurant in downtown Carmel. He also has worked in marketing consulting and has done volunteer work in the community.

Adam and his wife, Nicole, have a daughter and reside in the southeast section of Carmel.



Aasen



The Phil-ins and Meridian Bones will perform at Meet Me on Main in the Carmel Arts and Design District Saturday.

Don't miss Children's Art Gallery grand reopening this coming Saturday in Carmel

The REPORTER

It has been a long year, but The World's Smallest Children's Art Gallery in Carmel is excited to welcome visitors back once again. Due to the pandemic, the Gallery was forced to close its doors for over

a year. However, this Saturday, June 12, the gallery will celebrate with a Grand Reopening.

The Carmel Arts Council (CAC) Children's Art Gallery featuring the "World's Smallest Children's Art Gallery" was formally opened by May-

or James Brainard in January 1998. It was the first gallery in Carmel's Arts and Design District. Over the years, the CAC has hosted art shows featuring art from all grades in the Carmel Clay School System, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and lo-

cal non-profits.

The CAC provides two Visual Art Scholarships yearly and offers both a spring and fall art contest to the K-12 community. The CAC exhibits artwork of

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Property abatements, nonprofits, Career Center, women's shelter discussed at this month's County Council meeting

I want to thank the Hamilton County Reporter again for providing me the opportunity to share monthly columns with you about what is happening in county government, particularly focused on recapping the Hamilton County Council meetings from which I participate as the District 4 representative.



KEN ALEXANDER
Council Minutes

While our June meeting was brief this week, it was packed full of productive business and conversation and included four agenda items that consumed most of the meeting.

The first topic was a follow up regarding "real property" and "personal property improvements" abatements. When

the Council provides these abatements, it is generally done to support economic development and investment in our county. Mike Scholer of Beck's Hybrids in northern Hamilton County shared that Beck's recent expansion and hiring was in compliance with the terms of the abatement. Their recent expansion is important as it keeps good paying agro-tech jobs in Hamilton County. They are a tremendous employer, and we

are always pleased to see our local companies succeeding.

The second conversation was about the nonprofit grant program that is part of the Council's budget process. When I started on the Council, we did not have a formal process and I began asking questions, like: Why are we supporting this charity versus another, what is the money being used

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Westfield Schools ends mask mandate

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Board of School Trustees announced the intent to have 100 percent in-school learning for pre-K through grade 12 for the 2021-22 school year.

The board also announced an update on the mask policy in accordance with local and federal guidance. Effective Tuesday, July 1, masks will be voluntary in all schools and district buildings, while remaining mandatory on district school busses.

"As I have the rounds throughout the district, it is evident that our teachers and staff have done a great job rolling with the punches and adapting to all of the latest directives," said new Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser. "We are fortunate that we are at the point in this experience where restrictions are loosening and operations are beginning to look more familiar. Students, staff, teachers and administrators are encouraged to do what makes them comfortable, so long as you are following all prescribed guidelines."



Kaiser



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According to Webster, BeyondTrust allows for very sophisticated and advanced remote access into a computer system. The company's website states Jump Technology far surpasses traditional remote access, in that it allows for remote access into a computer without authorization from the computer's end user.

"Whoever installed this software and further whomever has been using this software to access the Clerk-Treasurer's information is unknown," Webster said in the letter. "However, the installation and use of this software without the Clerk-Treasurer's knowledge, is disturbing and unacceptable. This software gives whomever that is using it the ability to covertly spy on the Clerk-Treasurer's office."

Two other items that concern Gossard and Webster are: Whomever is using the software can make changes to city data, and it appears the changes were made by a staff member; and the software user may have viewed email correspondence between Webster and Gossard, circumventing attorney-client privilege.

Gossard has asked for the city's IT department to remove the software and is exploring purchasing new computers and segregating their systems from Westfield IT networks.



CITY HALL

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new city hall was never a priority for him as mayor, but "there does come a point when you're putting money into a building that really is not a sound return on investment. I think we've reached that point on a variety of levels here at city hall."

So, it would appear that the city of Fishers will be conducting a study on how to build and finance a new city hall.

"I think there is a good chance this [city hall] building will go away in the foreseeable future and we will build something different here," Fadness said in the podcast interview. "I don't think you are going to see any Taj Mahal because, frankly, our footprint hasn't grown that significantly."

This is not a matter of a need for more space, Fadness says, just a need to stop the financial bleeding from the constant requirement to handle the structural issues with the current hall.

In Deputy Mayor Elliott Hultgren's presentation to the city council's recent work session, estimates on the cost of a new city hall range from \$18 million to \$21 million.

The mayor says he is working on a financial strategy to build a new Fishers City Hall without burdening the city's taxpayers. At the same time, Fadness is working a financial plan to create a city community center as well. One proposal would have the new city hall contain a performing arts component within the plan.

The mayor expects a busy summer as he works with city staff and consultants on how a new city hall would be built and financed.

The works of this year's scholarships winners, Alexis Carter (left) and Jennifer Kerr (right) will be on display in the World's Smallest Children's Art Gallery at 40 W. Main St., Carmel.

underrepresented students which is brought to them by the Advisory Committee on Disability, and it offers training to high school students who are seen as emerging curators for special shows. The CAC also exhibits artwork from other countries and cultures, participates in Carmel on Canvas, Carmel International Arts Festival, and offers "Art in the Garden" for summer events.

This coming Saturday will be one of those special summer events. The World's Smallest Children's Art Gallery will reopen to coincide with Carmel's monthly Meet Me on Main event from 5 to 9 p.m. As part of the festivities, the "Phil-ins" will perform in the Garden from 4 to 6 p.m. and "Meridian Bones" will perform from 6 to 8 p.m.

In addition, the CAC will present the most recent scholarship winners, Jennifer Kerr and Alexis Carter.

Several pieces from each of these young ladies will be on display, along with the two highlighted above.

This will be a fun-filled evening for all ages with a chance to meet the artists, view the exhibit, and enjoy the live music. Children will be invited to join in on the fun by playing instruments and dancing in the Garden.

Patrons are invited to stop by to take part in this Grand Reopening at 40 W. Main St. from 5 to 9 p.m.



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

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Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts returns to full capacity for 'Center Presents' concert season

Schedule offers pop, rock, country, classical, jazz, family fun and more

The REPORTER

After a year of scaled-down events and online programming, the Center for the Performing Arts has booked a wide variety of national and international artists for its return to full-capacity concerts over the coming year.

The 2021-22 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions includes nearly 40 events in the usual range of genres, including the Palladium debuts of eclectic singer-songwriters Ben Folds and Rufus Wainwright; the country sounds of Clint Black and Farewell Angelina; rescheduled dates with humorist David Sedaris and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis; and classical outings with legendary violinist Itzhak Perlman and American Pianists Association award winner Sean Chen.

The schedule also includes fun variety shows from Pink Martini, Postmodern Jukebox and The Company Men; musical satire with YouTube star Randy Rainbow; tributes to the Beatles and George Michael; holiday shows from Debby Boone and Dave Koz; performances inspired by Latino and Irish folk traditions; and dazzling feats of acrobatics, magic and percussion for families to enjoy together.

A full list is included ar right, and more performances will be added throughout the season.

"We're proud of how we have maintained our mission over the past year through livestreams and virtual programming, and with the ongoing support of our donors and sponsors, we will continue pursuing new avenues to reach broader audiences," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the Center and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. "But right now, as the Center begins its second decade, we most look forward to bringing



Farewell Angelina will appear on March 4, 2022, and Clint Black on Oct. 24, 2021.



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Ben Folds will play on Nov. 12, 2021, and Las Cafeteras on April 8, 2022.



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Matthew Whitaker will play April 30, 2022, Itzhak Perlman on April 9, and Debby Boone on Dec. 4, 2021.



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our Central Indiana neighbors what they have been waiting for, which is the return of the live, on-site, performing arts experience."

Subscription packages are on sale now for the Printing Partners Classical, Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz and Hoosier Village Songbook series, offering benefits including up to 20 percent savings from the regular ticket price. Another option is a Create Your Own series package, which offers similar perks for

the purchase of **any three** or more events from the Center Presents schedule, including Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock, Telamon Passport, Country, Holiday and Family series performances.

Series package subscribers also are eligible for:

- Immediate purchase access to the entire 2021-22 Center Presents Season, before tickets go on sale to the general public
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2021-22 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions

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All performances will take place at the Palladium concert hall except those marked * at the Tarkington theater. New events will be added throughout the season.

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

- Brubeck Brothers Quartet: Dave Brubeck Centennial Celebration, Oct. 2
- Zach Brock Quartet, Feb. 5
- Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Feb. 27
- Stacey Kent, vocalist, March 20
- Matthew Whitaker, pianist, April 30

Faegre Drinker Encore Series

- Randy Rainbow: The Pink Glasses Tour, Oct. 7

Hoosier Village Songbook Series

- An Evening with Michael Feinstein and Guest Sandi Patty, May 7

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

- Rufus Wainwright & José González: Unfollow the Rules in the Local Valley Tour, Sept. 25
- Ben Folds: In Actual Person Live For Real Tour, Nov. 12
- Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: The Grand Reopening Tour, Dec. 10
- The Company Men, Feb. 18
- The Life and Music of George Michael, March 5
- 1964 The Tribute, March 11
- Croce Plays Croce, March 19

Printing Partners Classical Series

- Sean Chen, piano, Nov. 19
- Berlin Philharmonic Piano Quartet, Jan. 20
- Polish Winiawski Philharmonic Orchestra, Feb. 25
- Sphinx Virtuosi, March 19
- An Evening with Itzhak Perlman, April 9

Telamon Passport Series

- Pink Martini featuring China Forbes, Oct. 23
- Brazilian All-Stars, Nov. 5
- Tango Argentina, Jan. 28
- Piaf! The Show, Feb. 10
- Socks in the Frying Pan, March 20*
- Las Cafeteras, April 8

Country Series

- An Evening with Clint Black, Oct. 24
- Farewell Angelina, March 4*

Americana Series

- Henhouse Prowlers, March 18*

Holiday Series

- Debby Boone: A Debby Boone White Christmas, Dec. 4

- Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2021, Dec. 11
- The King's Singers – Holiday, Dec. 12

Family Series

- Buckets N Boards Comedy Percussion Show, Oct. 17
- David Williamson, magician, Jan. 22*
- Okee Dokee Brothers, March 5*
- Peking Acrobats, March 26

Special Events

- Gaither Vocal Band, Nov. 6
- An Evening with David Sedaris, Dec. 15

COUNCIL

to support, and how do we know if they are using the money to support the initiatives that the grant was to support?

Previously there were no controls and all we did was fund pet projects and the nonprofits that people were affiliated with. There are multiple examples, and clearly – that is not a healthy strategy. There are so many nonprofits in Hamilton County doing tremendous work. My goal would be to create a structure to help understand the impact of nonprofits and then focus spending on nonprofits that either provide functions the county would have to provide or minimize the financial impact that we would have to spend money on.

I worked for several months behind the scenes to develop a formal application that would help us understand the return on this investment. My fellow

councilor Sue Maki took that application and completed it. We made some minor tweaks but, in the end, the new process will not expand the funds or the process but we will now collect information that supports these investments with periodic updates from the nonprofits. I was pleased to be involved in this effort for the last 18 months. Our previous process was truly unwieldy and lent itself to councilors awarding pet projects, and I hope this moves us in a stronger direction with this program.

The next topic was a project that I identified last month, the Hamilton County Career Center. As stated last month, this program is a collaboration between all the Hamilton County schools, all the county Chambers of Commerce and Ivy Tech. This initiative will be a transformational project for the county as we

fight the demands of workforce development. While this did not get a unanimous vote, it did receive a positive 6-1 approval.

Some detractors will say that the county should not be in the business of education, which I believe misses the point. This was a vote similar to the abatement incentives the Council supported for Beck's and others; it was a vote to help support economic development that will keep a trained and accessible workforce here that can support the ever-growing demands of Indiana's and Hamilton County's economic development. This vote was a vote for business. Many of the people I talk with are constantly looking for collaborative government. This project is the very definition of that. For the businesses that wish to take part, I plan on doing a roadshow to get businesses engaged in sup-

porting this effort.

The last topic of consequence was the presentation of the Hamilton County Women's Shelter. This project has been a need in the county for decades. Prevail has done its best to support women for years, but without a family shelter, it cannot be complete. Councilor Fred Glynn has been a proponent of this project

for some time, and with the additional money from the county, Prevail and their professional design partner RQAW can do a proper building needs and program assessment to determine the size and budget for an investment in the shelter.

This is an exciting time to be on Council, and if you are interested in learning more about any of the programs

mentioned above or getting involved in Hamilton County council committees, please do not hesitate to reach out at ken.alexander@hamilton-county.in.gov.

Ken Alexander is serving in his first term on the Hamilton County Council, representing District 4, which includes Adams and Washington townships, and part of Clay Township.

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Apply now for Fishers Police Citizens Academy

The REPORTER

The Fishers Police Department (FPD) Citizens Academy is in its 39th year and is accepting applications for the 2021 program. The program will take place over 14 weeks on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the police headquarters building

downtown.

In order to qualify, you must be at least 16 years old. The first session is Aug. 11, with the graduation ceremony Nov. 17.

If you are interested, apply soon because the class is limited to 30 participants.

Fishers Police say the purpose of the academy

is to provide participants with an opportunity to better understand the role of police officers, and more specifically to strengthen the relationship between the officers of the Fishers Police Department and the community. Officers will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of

FPD Officers and insight into some of the specialized units and skills within FPD.

Topics will include how to make a traffic stop, how the K-9 Unit works within the agency, the role of the Fishers Dive Team, how Crime Scene Investigators process scenes, and how to safely navigate social

media and the internet. Students will have some classroom instruction and practical role play training each day.

Each applicant is subject to a screening process; advanced registration is required. **Walk-ins will not be accepted.** Begin the registration process by submit-

ting interest at [this link](#).

Once pre-registration and the background screening have been completed, applicants will receive an email from “FISHERS, IN” with final registration information details.

Registration is open until the class fills or until July 7.

Duke Energy Foundation grants seek to expand broadband internet access in underserved areas

The REPORTER

Two Duke Energy Foundation grants totaling more than \$113,000 will help improve broadband internet access in underserved areas in 15 Indiana counties.

The Foundation has awarded a grant of \$100,000 to the Purdue Center for Regional Development to work with counties to develop “digital inclusion plans” to assess broadband

access and needs. The targeted counties will receive \$5,000 each to develop the plans.

“Whether it was remote work, distance learning, or telehealth, the pandemic re-

inforced the value of broadband access and highlighted a digital divide between those who have access to the internet and those who do not,” said Stan Pinegar, Duke Energy Indiana state president. “As I visit community leaders and customers in our service area, the urgent need for improved connectivity inevitably comes up. We want to make sure that Indiana can compete in today’s rapidly digitizing economy and society. Internet access has become an essential part of every-day life.

Counties selected will be in Duke Energy’s 69-county Indiana service area and will need to complete an application to the Purdue Center for Regional Development to be considered for participation. Visit pcrd.purdue.edu/act to apply.

“Before we can tack-

le a challenge, we need a road map and resources that show us where needs are and how we can fill the gaps,” said Dr. Roberto Gallardo, director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development. “With the support of the Duke Energy Foundation grant, we can provide the technical assistance that will help local communities develop or implement their plans to address digital exclusion today.”

The Duke Energy Foundation is also supporting the recently announced Indiana Rural Broadband Strategic Partnership aimed at strengthening broadband infrastructure throughout Indiana. The Indiana Farm Bureau and five other organizations are leading the effort that measures how widely broadband is used by citizens.

The initiative encour-


ages residents to participate in the free, anonymous broadband speed test that can be done on any device connected to the internet. No personal information is collected. The information gathered will help direct investments in critical infrastructure that will expand the availability of high-quality internet access across the state. The Duke Energy Foundation grant of approximately \$13,000 will help pay for the software involved.

About the Duke Energy Foundation

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Attorney General Todd Rokita reaches \$550 million settlement with subprime auto financing company

The REPORTER

More than 5,000 Hoosiers are receiving \$261 checks as a result of a \$550 million settlement with the nation's largest subprime auto financing company, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced this week. The checks were sent on June 4.

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General reached the settlement last year with Santander Consumer USA Inc. The settlement, in which 33 states participated, resolves allegations that Santander vi-

olated consumer protection laws by making auto loans accessible to disadvantaged borrowers who had a high probability of defaulting.

"As part of our mission to protect Hoosier consumers, we will continue to hold businesses accountable for following the law," Rokita said. "Hard-working families face enough challenges without having to contend with companies trying to take advantage of them."

As part of Indiana's share of the settlement, more than 5,000 affected

Hoosiers are receiving direct restitution totaling more than \$1.3 million. Additionally, \$14.1 million in abusive, low-cost loans administered by Santander have been waived or forgiven for 1,515 Hoosiers. The State of Indiana also received \$30,000 in civil penalties.

This settlement stems from a multistate investigation of Santander's subprime lending prac-



Rokita

tices. The attorney general and other coalition members alleged that Santander, through its use of sophisticated credit scoring models to forecast default risk, knew that certain segments of its population were predicted to have a high likelihood of default. It alleged that Santander exposed these borrowers to unnecessarily high levels of risk through high loan-to-value ratios, significant

backend fees and high payment-to-income ratios.

The attorney general and the coalition also alleged that Santander's aggressive pursuit of market share led it to underestimate the risk associated with loans by turning a blind eye to dealer abuse and failing to meaningfully monitor dealer behavior to minimize the risk of receiving falsified information, including the amounts specified for consumers' incomes and expenses.

Finally, the coalition alleged that Santander en-

gaged in deceptive servicing practices and actively misled consumers about their rights, and risks of partial payments and loan extensions.

In addition to providing relief to consumers, Santander in the future is required to factor a consumer's ability to pay the loan into its underwriting considerations.

This settlement brings the total amount of money recovered by the Office of the Attorney General this year across all divisions to more than \$190 million.

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So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.
1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will meet to discuss E911 operations at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, in the Mayor's Conference Room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will hold a Community Input Session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, in the cafeteria at Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will hold a Workshop Session at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

An executive session will follow at 6 p.m. in the same location.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, in the Music Room at Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Noblesville Common Council Public Safety Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – South District will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – North District will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Jack N. Rector

May 2, 1949 – June 8, 2021

Jack N. Rector, 72, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, after a brief illness.

Jack was born May 2, 1949, in Anderson to Jack and Donna (Kleyla) Welsh. He graduated from Madison Heights in 1968 and was a member of the football, basketball, and baseball team. He was named to the Indiana All Star Football team in 1968. As a member of the basketball team, Jack held the single game scoring record for a period of time. He was also a member of the sectional and regional championship baseball team.

Jack went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Anderson College in 1972 where he played football and basketball. Jack began his 16-year teaching and coaching career at Pendleton Heights Junior High School and went onto Greenfield and Anderson High Schools. He also sold cars at Weidner Chevrolet.

Jack cherished his family and was a loving father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He had a colorful personality and passion for whatever he was involved in. He enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his grandkid's sporting events and activities. Jack loved a good game of euchre with his buddies and telling stories that could be exaggerated a bit. He was involved with several local AA Chapters and a volunteer at the Anderson Center where he could share his journey and guide others.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Rector and Donna (Kleyla) Welsh. Survivors include his daughters, Roslynn (Dustin) Dixon and Alicia Rector (Chris Conkling); grandchildren, Jaxon Dixon, Arianna Rector, Christian and Gracie Conkling; brother, Neal (Denise) Rector; sister, Angela Catton; nieces, Kristen Sokolowski, and Allison Tonk; and nephew, Ryan Rector.

Jack's family wishes to thank his caregivers, Mandra Zachary and Staci Harty, for their loyalty and extraordinary care they provided every day.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 2000 N. Scatterfield Road, Anderson. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 14 at the church with visiting hours one hour prior. Arrangements are being handled by Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Crossroads United Methodist Church.

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State softball preview

Dominant Golden Eagles face tradition-rich Boonville for 3A state championship

By RICHIE HALL

When asked about his two amazing pitchers, Guerin Catholic softball coach Jeff Buckner said that their success "is not by accident."

What Buckner said about them could also be said about the entire Golden Eagles team. With Izzy Kemp and Alicia Flores leading the way in the circle, and everyone else doing their job on offense and defense, the Golden Eagles are in the state finals for the first time in school history, winning first-ever sectional, regional and semi-state championships along the way.

"They are extremely excited to be setting the bar for the softball program," said Buckner. "They also set this bar for themselves at the beginning of last season, they love playing and competing. They also understand the impact they are making for our school and the sport of softball in our area."

Guerin Catholic will play in the Class 3A state title game at 8 p.m. Friday at Center Grove. The No. 2-ranked Golden Eagles will take on No. 10-ranked Boonville in the championship game. The Pioneers have a rich softball tradition, going all the way back to the IHSAA's first postseason tournament in 1985.

Boonville is led by Kaly Chapman, a former Pioneers player who was on the school's 3A state finalist team in 2010. As a first-year coach, Chapman led Boonville to a 20-6 record. The Pioneers started the season 1-2, then won nine straight games, the majority of them by 10 runs.

After dropping three of its last four



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Guerin Catholic's Ana Macha (5) is the Golden Eagles' leading hitter with a .635 average. Guerin Catholic plays Boonville Friday night at Center Grove in the Class 3A state championship game.

games to finish the regular season, Boonville blasted its way through the tournament. The Pioneers won their own sec-

tional by beating Mount Vernon Posey 11-1 and Evansville Memorial 8-0. With that, Boonville won its 22nd sectional championship, tying it for second on the all-time list with Indianapolis Lutheran. Center Grove is the all-time leader, having won its 24th sectional trophy two weeks ago.

The Pioneers traveled to Pike Central for the regional championship, winning that 10-3, their 15th regional title. Boonville is tied with Lake Central for second place on the regional list as well, with Center Grove again the leader with 17 regionals.

The victory sent the Pioneers to the Brown County semi-state, where it needed nine innings to get past Northview 2-1 in the semi-finals. Boonville then stunned No. 3-ranked Danville 6-1 in the final for its fifth semi-state crown. The Pioneers will be making their fourth appearance in a state championship game; they won a 3A state title in 2006 and were runners-up in 2007 and 2010.

"Boonville is a very solid team all-around with a talented pitcher and strong offense," said Buckner. "They are also a program that has a pretty strong softball tradition. We have played a pretty strong schedule to help prepare us to play a team like Boonville, but this will be our toughest test yet."

Senior Kaitlyn Knox is the Pioneers' top hitter, with a .457 average. Knox has 32 hits on the year, having scored 28 runs and batted in nine.

Another senior, Jayce Purdy, leads Boonville in nearly all the key statistics. Purdy has the team's most RBIs (34), hits (33), runs scored (33), doubles (8) and home runs (6). She is batting .393

going into the state finals.

Freshman Asthon Pryor holds a .408 average, while sophomore Chloe Apple leads in triples with three. Senior Ariel Thomasson is the Pioneers' starting pitcher; she is 19-6 for the season with 179 strikeouts and 1.60 earned-run average.

DOUBLE DOMINANCE

Pitching, of course, has been the hallmark for the Golden Eagles this season. Kemp and Flores have been an incredible 1-2 punch for Guerin, and both have multiple no-hitters and perfect games to prove it.

"Their success is not by accident, both Izzy and Alicia have an excellent work ethic and take pride in their preparation," said Buckner. "They also support and work with each other and want the other to be successful. They have rotated starts all year in the circle and at first base and have provided consistency for their teammates. They are both leaders at practice and Alicia being one of the senior captains has helped her teammates stay mentally tough throughout the season."

Both pitchers are averaging well under one earned run per game. Kemp's ERA is 0.399, while Flores' is 0.672. Kemp has struck out 212 batters, Flores has 202 strikeouts. Kemp has thrown six no-hitters and four perfect games, with Flores pitching three no-hitters and two perfect games.

As for the offense? The Golden Eagles are strong there as well. Guerin Catholic's top hitter is senior Ana Macha, who is batting a sensational .635, easily one of the best hitters in the state.

In 96 at-bats, Macha has collected 61 hits, including a team-leading five triples. She also leads in runs scored with 47. Buckner calls Macha "one of the top table-setters in the state, she is about as consistent as they come and her speed on the bases has put us in good positions early in most games."

Senior Aliyah Dorsey is next in line with a .440 average; she is tied for first in RBIs with 37 and has the most doubles with 17. Buckner said Dorsey "has also been a consistent presence at the top of our line-up."

Kemp is batting .417 and also has 37 RBIs. In addition, she leads GC in home runs with eight. Alicia Flores hits at a .367 clip, while Victoria Flores is batting .330.

"Victoria Flores, Izzy, and Alicia have been able to find ways between them to make sure Ana and Aliyah don't get left on base," said Buckner. "Lucy Schenk and Sarah Dilley have been coming on strong offensively in the second half of the season and in the post-season."

Buckner also said that junior Kirsten Mascari and sophomore Julia Hartley "have started to flip the line-up over and

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Major League Baseball standings

Wednesday scores		Seattle 9, Detroit 6, 11 innings
Texas 4, San Francisco 3, 11 innings		Washington 9, Tampa Bay 7, 11 innings
Oakland 4, Arizona 0		Colorado 4, Miami 3
Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 1		Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 14, Baltimore 1		Toronto 6, Chicago White Sox 2
L.A. Dodgers 2, Pittsburgh 1		N.Y. Yankees 9, Minnesota 6
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1		St. Louis 8, Cleveland 2
Houston 8, Boston 3		L.A. Angels 6, Kansas City 1

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	39	24	.619	-
Boston	37	25	.597	1.5
N.Y. Yankees	33	29	.532	5.5
Toronto	31	28	.525	6.0
Baltimore	22	39	.361	16.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	37	24	.607	-
Cleveland	32	27	.542	4.0
Kansas City	29	31	.483	7.5
Detroit	25	36	.410	12.0
Minnesota	24	37	.393	13.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	37	26	.587	-
Houston	35	26	.574	1.0
Seattle	31	32	.492	6.0
L.A. Angels	30	32	.484	6.5
Texas	24	39	.381	13.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	30	24	.556	-
Atlanta	29	30	.492	3.5
Philadelphia	29	31	.483	4.0
Washington	25	33	.431	7.0
Miami	26	35	.426	7.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	35	27	.565	-
Milwaukee	34	27	.557	0.5
St. Louis	32	30	.516	3.0
Cincinnati	29	30	.492	4.5
Pittsburgh	23	37	.383	11.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	38	23	.623	-
L.A. Dodgers	36	25	.590	2.0
San Diego	37	27	.578	2.5
Colorado	25	37	.403	13.5
Arizona	20	43	.317	19.0

WNBA standings

Wednesday scores		Seattle 95, Atlanta 71
Chicago 92, Indiana 76		

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	8	2	.800	-
New York	5	4	.556	2.5
Atlanta	4	5	.444	3.5
Washington	3	5	.375	4.0
Chicago	3	7	.222	5.0
Indiana	1	10	.091	7.5

Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	8	2	.800	-
Las Vegas	7	3	.700	1.0
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	2.5
Phoenix	5	4	.556	2.5
Dallas	4	5	.444	3.5
Minnesota	3	5	.375	4.0

Noblesville college athletic signings



Noblesville's Tim Alexander has committed to the Ohio Wesleyan University wrestling team. Pictured: Hannah Alexander (Sister), Ken Alexander (Father), Tim Alexander, Jen Alexander (Mother).

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make the offense more dangerous. Just as with the pitching it is the team support that has made our offense what it is."

Buckner said his team talks to each other "all the time and pay attention to what they are doing during practice," and that the players can consistently be heard cheering for each other during batting practice.

Guerin Catholic is 25-2 for the season. The Golden Eagles' only two losses have been to Roncalli, which is playing in the Class 4A state championship on Saturday.

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So far in the postseason, Guerin has only given up one run. The Golden Eagles began their run at the Hamilton Heights sectional, where they beat New Castle 5-0 in the semi-finals, then outlasted No. 1-ranked Yorktown 1-0 in 10 innings. Dorsey batted in the winning run in the 10th inning.

Since then, Guerin Catholic has been running unopposed, beating Norwell 12-1 for the regional title, then taking care of No. 7-ranked Bishop Dwenger 12-0 and Kankakee Valley 7-0 for the Twin Lakes semi-state championship.

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