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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Mainly morning showers and storms. Mostly cloudy.  
 Tonight: Showers and storms.

HIGH: 82 LOW: 59



# Hamilton County among nation's healthiest counties

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County has been recognized as the 16th healthiest county in America by *U.S. News & World Report* in collaboration with the Aetna Foundation.

"Our ranking reflects the long-term investments made by the county and our cities and towns in parks, recreation, and open spaces as well as readily available quality health care," County Commissioner Christine Altman said. "Hamilton County both attracts and retains active and engaged residents of all ages."

Accompanied by news, analysis and in-depth reporting, Healthiest Communities fea-

tures rankings drawn from an examination of nearly 3,000 counties on 84 health and health-related metrics in 10 categories. Population health and equity are the most highly weighted factors in the methodology, followed closely by education and economy. Data were gathered and analyzed by the University of Missouri Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems (CARES).



Altman



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mation on coronavirus cases, deaths and vaccine rates, as well as data on the pandemic's economic impact and demographic factors that could place a community at higher risk from the virus. These tools complement the rankings data to reveal multiple correlations between the coronavirus pandemic and com-

munity health. "The Hamilton County Health Department is dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of residents of all ages in Hamilton County and protecting the environment in which they live," said Jason LeMaster, administrator for the Hamilton County Health Department. "We are grateful to have the collaborative efforts of public health partners devoted to meeting the challenges of public health issues in Hamilton County."

The rankings are available on the U.S. News Healthiest Communities platform. [Click here](#) for more information.

# Drivers asked to be patient during this weekend's CarmelFest

**The REPORTER**

CarmelFest will take place on Sunday, July 4 and Monday, July 5. Each year the event attracts thousands of visitors to Carmel.

The Carmel Police Department has issued tips on negotiating traffic, as well as street closures that motorists may encounter during the two-day event that includes firework displays both days and a parade Monday, July 5.

**Quick tips**

- **Please be patient** – Keep in mind that there will be many people trying to use the same streets at the same time. Officers will be working to get you in and out as soon as possible so you can get to your destination in a reasonable amount of time.

- **Watch for pedestrians** – There will be thousands of people crossing the streets following the parade and fireworks. Many of them will be children. Please pay close attention.

- **Please follow officers' instructions** – Keep moving in the direction officers send you. The officers will be following a traffic plan designed to get visitors out of the CarmelFest venues as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please follow their directions in order to ensure traffic flows as smoothly as possible.

- **Parking** – Parking is permitted only in city garages, parking lots, along city streets or with the permission of a property

# Noblesville's Hyde Park agreement will bring master plan vision to Hamilton Town Center area

**The REPORTER**

The City of Noblesville and MAB Capital Investments entered into a partnership at Tuesday's Noblesville Common Council meeting to establish Hyde Park. The 274-acre master plan development will encourage investment and foster economic development within walking and biking distance of Hamilton Town Center.

"This project provides an infusion of residential options near Exit 210 and several No-

blesville attractions," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The plan also increases the real estate assessed value from \$527,000 to an estimated \$142 million once completed."

Hyde Park will include a variety of businesses, retail,



Jensen



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the master plan include a senior living community, multi-family, and townhomes; in addition to mixed-use, office space and

restaurants, residential and recreational uses within and adjacent to Hamilton Town Center. Examples included in the master plan include a senior living community, multi-family, and townhomes; in addition to mixed-use, office space and

neighborhood-serving retail. "Hyde Park provides the city with a long-range plan in one of the most sought-after areas of our city. This project gives us a vision plan to help guide development trends," said Sarah Reed, community and economic development director. "These are suggested uses and each piece of the project will come through the Noblesville Common Council as a

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# Boys & Girls Club shows officials why they matter



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Last week, Boys & Girls Clubs across the state took part in Legislator Appreciation Week by offering Club tours to local elected officials. While at the Club in Noblesville, officials had the opportunity to meet youth members and get an update on how the Club is continuing to provide imperative services to local youth and families. Pictured with Executive Director Becky Terry is County Councilman Brad Beaver.

# Fishers woman named Elite Ms. Agriculture USA Queen

**The REPORTER**

Celya McCullah-Glowacki, Fishers, was recently crowned the 2021 National Elite Ms. Agriculture USA.

Miss Agriculture USA is a new nonprofit agricultural promotion organization featuring queens of all ages that promote, celebrate and educate about all the diverse aspects of agriculture.

Glowacki is currently the Advocacy and Literacy officer at the National FFA organization after having worked with the Indiana Department of Education as state supervisor of agriculture education. Her interests include advocating for agriculture, conservation education and mentoring Native

American youth involved in agriculture. Additionally, Celya enjoys running, reading, sports, and Disney. She and her husband Chris have two corgis.

Originally from Pryor, Okla., Celya was active in 4-H and FFA in high school and attended Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. After a career in sports television and marketing, where she received an Emmy for her work on ESPN's *SportsCenter*, she transitioned to a career in agricultural education.

Celya will hold the national title through June of 2022.

For more information about the Miss Agriculture USA organization, visit [missagricultureusa.com](http://missagricultureusa.com).



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# Noblesville Duck Race returns to Logan Street Pedestrian bridge

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Main Street will hold the annual Noblesville Duck Race from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 24 at the Logan Street Pedestrian Bridge. At 3:30 p.m., a total of 2,000 ducks will be dropped from the bridge. The first-place winner will receive \$1,000 and second and third place will win \$500 each.

Noblesville Main Street is selling Duck Race tickets for

\$5 at the Noblesville Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Federal Hill Commons. Visit Noblesville Main Street in the orange tent to purchase. In accordance with the Indiana Gaming Commission, customers must use cash or check and be 18 or over to purchase tickets. Each entry purchased will correspond with one of the 2,000 ducks that will be dropped.

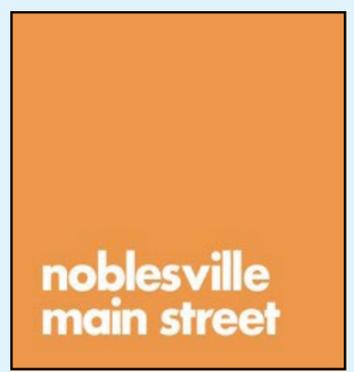
The Noblesville Duck Race

is a significant fundraiser for Noblesville Main Street that allows the organization to continue to enrich downtown Noblesville. The Noblesville Duck Race will feature children's activities, local vendors, food trucks/stands, and live music.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor, please email [jenny@noblesvillemainstreet.org](mailto:jenny@noblesvillemainstreet.org). To become a sponsor, vendor, or volunteer at any of Noblesville

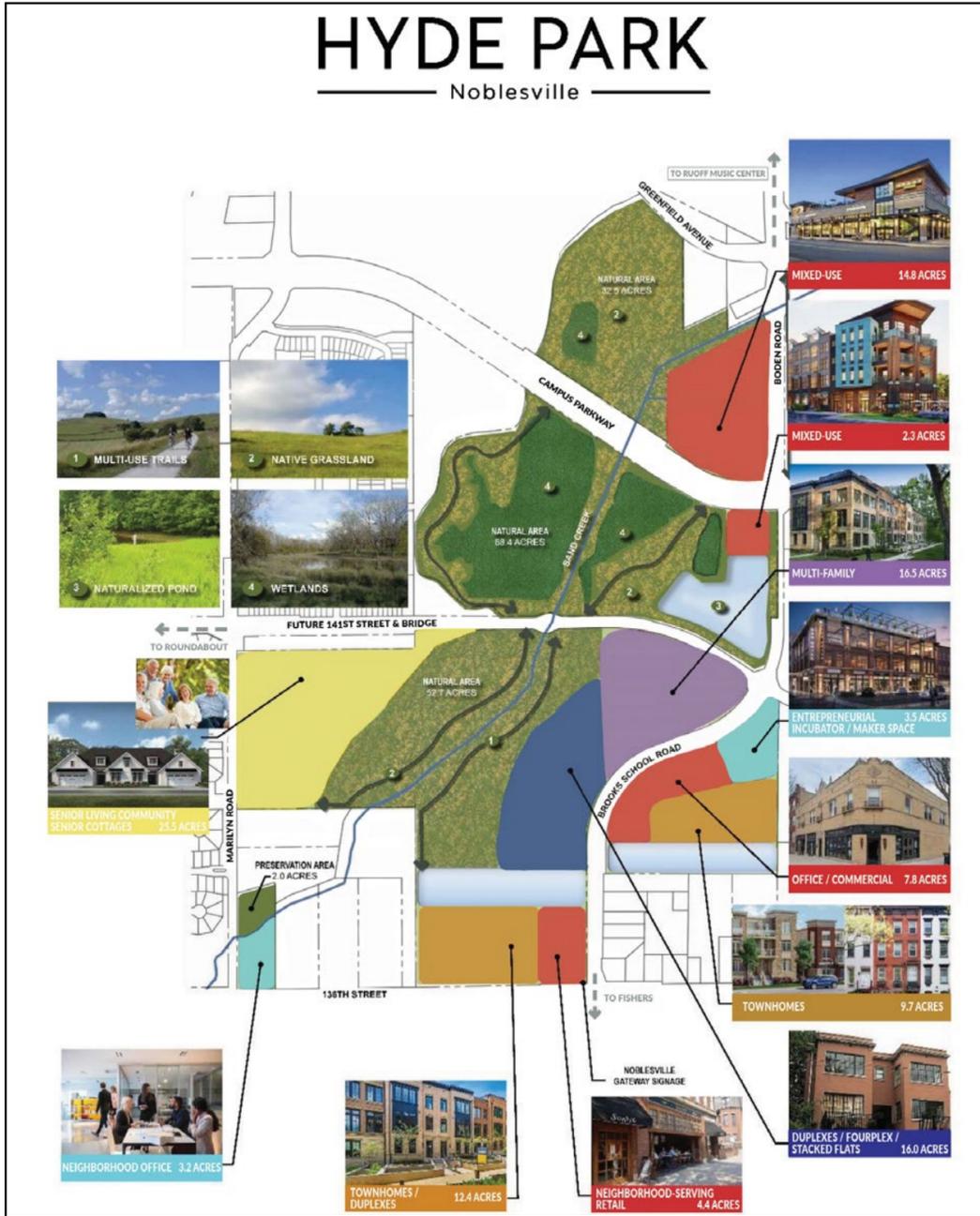
Main Streets events, call Noblesville Main Street at (317) 776-0205 or visit [noblesville-mainstreet.org](http://noblesville-mainstreet.org).

**About Noblesville Main Street**  
 Noblesville Main Street is a 501(c)(3) independent, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the culture and community of the city's downtown historic district by creating partnerships and programs to connect people to unique places and experiences.



# HYDE PARK

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new development.”

To assist in funding the project, the city will issue a series of developer-backed TIF bonds, which Jensen says creates zero risk to the taxpayer or the tax rate. The bonds will be a total not to exceed amount of \$35 million and proceeds will be made available to the developer for infrastructure and site improvements for

the project.

“We are very pleased to partner with the City of Noblesville for this transformative master-planned development,” MAB Capital Investments President Steve Ball said. “The response from the development community has surpassed our expectations and we are thrilled to announce Birkla Investment Group as

our first partner within the development.”

Ball mentioned that Noblesville-based Bedrock Builders will serve as development manager for Hyde Park.

As part of the agreement, MAB Capital Investments will be creating a passive recreation amenity and dedicating the 162-acre park and open space system

with over two miles of trails and also will install the missing 2,800 feet of road and bridge infrastructure connecting 141st Street from Marilyn Road to Boden Road as part of the project.

Construction will begin before Dec. 31, 2022 and build out of the full project is anticipated to be completed within 10 years.

# CARMELFEST

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owner. Please be respectful of private and business property. You should get permission *before* parking on private property or in business parking lots.

### Street closures

Keep in mind that there will be several road closures that will affect traffic flow around CarmelFest.

- Gradle Drive will be closed to all vehicular traffic, except emergency vehicles, between Range Line Road and 3rd Avenue from 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 3 until 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6.

- 3rd Avenue SW will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians and bicycles, between Autumn Drive and Industrial Drive from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. on Monday, July 5. This closure will be strictly enforced as a safety zone for fireworks preparation and launching.

### Parade Traffic Monday, July 5

The CarmelFest Parade is on Monday, July 5 as July 4 falls on Sunday this year.

- Carmel Drive between Keystone Parkway and Range Line Road will have lane restrictions starting at 9 a.m. and will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10 a.m.

- Range Line Road between Carmel Drive and City Center Drive will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

- Range Line Road between City Center Drive and

Main Street will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

- Main Street between Range Line Road and Lexington Boulevard will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10:40 a.m.

After the parade, officers will hold all vehicular traffic until the streets are clear of pedestrians. Traffic will be allowed to flow only in the direction away from the parade. Streets will open in succession after the parade has safely passed.

### Fireworks Traffic Sunday, July 4 & Monday, July 5

The CarmelFest fireworks shows draw thousands of spectators. This year there will be fireworks on July 4 and July 5.

On July 4, they will be shot off from West Park on the west side of the city and Badger Field on the east side. On July 5, the fireworks will be shot off from 3rd Avenue SW and Industrial Drive. The fireworks show on July 5 signifies the end of CarmelFest.

Most spectators will plan to leave immediately after the show. This mass departure slows traffic flow. Officers will be diligently working to manage the traffic flow to keep it moving. Please plan ahead and choose parking according to your post-fireworks destination.

To learn more, please visit [CarmelFest.net](http://CarmelFest.net).

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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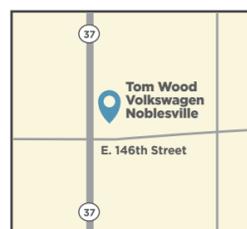


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# AG Rokita: Parents Bill of Rights equips parents with roadmap to engage in children's education

This past school year had many challenges caused by COVID-19. Among them was a shift to remote learning, which gave parents a unique window into their children's classrooms. For some, it shed light on troubling ideologies being imposed in K-12 school curriculum.



**GUEST COLUMNIST**

Numerous parents and state legislators have contacted me to express concern about how much indoctrination, not instruction, is being thrust upon students. While American students fall behind the rest of the world in math, science, reading, and writing, some schools are prioritizing political agendas over academic achievement.

These dangerous ideologies only serve to divide our children, which leads to a divided society. A divided society destroys our civic institutions by falsely discrediting them. Critical race theory and similar curriculums aim to co-opt America's traditional U.S. history and civics curriculum by imposing deeply flawed, factually deficient instruction and racial division into the classroom.

Across the state of Indiana, we've seen concerned parents begin to engage in renewed ways in their children's education. For some, it's the first time they've

stepped into a school board meeting or interacted with their school administrators. In the Indiana Attorney General's Office, we're committed to empowering parents to engage in meaningful civic dialogue that will positively impact their child's educational experience.

That's why my office recently released a Parents Bill of Rights aimed at giving all Hoosier families the confidence and tools to exercise their voice in their children's education. This empowering, multi-part guide addresses how academic standards and curriculum are created. It also serves as a roadmap for parents to get involved and provide input and expectations to local education leaders.

As the chief legal officer of Indiana, I will do everything I can to nurture the strength of the nuclear family and protect all children. I hope this is the priority of every elected official. Pro-

visioning parents with an understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities with respect to their children's education is a huge part of this office's ongoing mission.

Ultimately, we know that the single, most effective way to hold school officials and teachers accountable is for parents to engage in their children's education. The Parents Bill of Rights empowers them to do just that.

As I've traveled throughout the state of Indiana, I've heard firsthand the concerns of parents who are deeply concerned about misleading ideologies being imposed in their children's school curriculum. The first line of defense to hold school districts accountable lies with active and engaged parents. The Indiana Attorney General's Office will stand in their corner every step of the way as they exercise their individual liberties in the interest of their children.

Please visit [in.gov/attorneygeneral](http://in.gov/attorneygeneral) to download a copy of the Parents Bill of Rights.

# INDOT to close two local bridges

**The REPORTER**

Motorists traveling from Carmel into Marion County will experience two bridge closures beginning Tuesday, July 6. The closures will be put in place to allow workers to install new deck overlays. 96th Street over I-465 will be closed on Tuesday, July 6 and is scheduled to remain closed until Friday, July 9. During the closure,

the public can take the signed detour: Ditch Road to 106th Street to Spring Mill Road and back to 96th Street.

The second bridge to close is Westfield Boulevard over I-465. The bridge is scheduled to close on Wednesday, July 7 and will remain closed through Sunday, July 11. During the closure, the public is asked

to take the signed detour. For traffic coming from the north, take 96th Street to Keystone Avenue to 86th Street back to Westfield Boulevard. For traffic coming from the south, take Westfield Boulevard to 86th Street to Keystone Avenue to 96th Street back to Westfield Boulevard.

Most construction work is weather dependent.

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Applications can be emailed to [arcadiatownhall@gmail.com](mailto:arcadiatownhall@gmail.com), dropped off at the Town office at 208 W. Main St. or faxed to (317) 984-9510.

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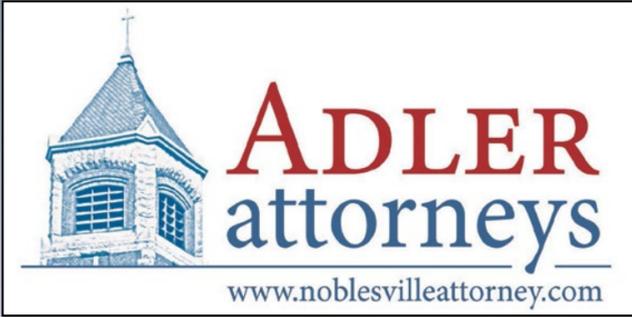
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 (Seated, from left) Gary Hipes, Kim Luckey, Bill Lynch, Julia Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, and John Grimes. (Standing, from left) Walt Scheid, Mark Bachar, Joe Arrowood, John Terhune, Jake Doll, and Steve Craig. Not pictured: Gordon Resler.

## Noblesville Lions Club inducts 2021-22 officers

**The REPORTER**

At last week's meeting, the Noblesville Lions Club inducted new officers for the coming 2021-22 year. Past District Governor Lion Dan Wilcox attended and inducted the new officers and chairmen.

**President:** Bill Lynch  
**First VP:** Kim Luckey  
**Second VP:** Gordon Resler  
**Secretary:** Julia Kozicki

**Treasurer:** Jeff Kozicki

**Membership:** Steve Craig  
**Tail Twister:** Mark Bachar  
**Lion Tamer:** Walt Scheid  
**Mkt. Comm.:** Jake Doll  
**Chaplain:** John Grimes  
**Service Chair:** Joe Arrowood  
**LCIF Coord.:** Gary Hipes  
**Board of Directors:** John Terhune, Joe Arrowood, Gary Hipes, and Gene Beck

## State troopers apprehend Hamilton County escapee in Fort Wayne

**The REPORTER**

*Editor's note: This story was corrected following an update from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The original incorrect information was provided by the Indiana State Police.*

A Hamilton County Community Corrections escapee was safely taken back into custody after being tracked down by state troopers on the northwest side of Fort Wayne.

Rafael Rosa III, 27, Noblesville, was in Community Corrections on a work release program and did not return to custody on June 18.

A cooperative investigative effort between the Hamilton County Sheriff's

Department and the Indiana State Police led troopers to believe that Rosa was most likely in the Fort Wayne area.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. last Friday after several hours of intensive surveillance and intelligence gathering efforts, troopers were able to successfully track Rosa's location to the Knotty Pine Motel on Goshen Avenue. Once troopers converged on the motel, Rosa attempted to evade capture by fleeing on foot. The troopers gave chase and quickly gained control of Rosa within a



**Rosa**

short distance and without further incident.

Rosa was transported to the Allen County jail, where he remains held pending transfer back to Hamilton County.

The primary coordination of this fugitive apprehension was led by Master Troopers Brian Kreger, Joe McLaughlin, and Joel Lemmon from the Fort Wayne Post. In order to successfully and safely effect this apprehension, they were assisted by a team of uniformed troopers and plain clothed detectives from the Fort Wayne Post.

**Thank you for reading The Reporter!**

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**Deonna Baxter**

March 21, 1951 – June 29, 2021

Deonna Baxter, 70, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on March 21, 1951 to Donald and Dorothy May (Phillips) Figert in Logansport.

Deonna attended the nursing program at Goshen College. She was an active member at First Baptist Church of Goshen. Deonna enjoyed baking, collecting things, and learning about the medical field. She loved being a mother, a wife, and visiting with friends. Deonna was an amazing prayer warrior.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, John Baxter; daughters, Jennifer (Chris) Nigh and Christine Baxter; grandchildren, Kaylie, Lilyana, and Brecken Nigh; siblings, Danna (Steve) Ridenour, Donita (Ken) Koike, and Dario Figert; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Sabrina Figert; and nephew, Dan Ridenour. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Hamilton Hills Church, 10293 E. 126th St., Fishers, with Pastor Randall Waller officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baptist Children's Home, 354 West Street, Suite 1, Valparaiso, IN 46383, or at [baptistchildrenshome.org](http://baptistchildrenshome.org).

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

**April Jeanne Wolfe**

January 19, 1979 – June 26, 2021

April Jeanne Wolfe, 42, Noblesville, unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at her home. She was born on January 19, 1979 in Memphis, Tenn.

How are we supposed to sum up someone's entire life into four sentences and make that honor their whole existence and impact, especially someone who made as big of an impression and impact on those around her as April Wolfe?

From a first impression, or even her Facebook, you would see that she loved her big truck, listening to her music as high as it could go, and if you scrolled a little further you could see she was an avid and badass four-wheeler. But you were really blessed if you were able to see her being the best, most loving, and devoted mom and wife who would give ANYTHING for all four of her boys. If you were a part of her pack, you knew her loyalty knew no bounds. She would protect you at all costs and love and support you in whatever condition you came to her in.

In the words of her 16-year-old son, she is the "best person ever" and if you are reading this today, we can only assume she impacted your life with her presence, her cooking, her contagious laugh, and in all the ways we will miss her every single minute.

Her love, strength, loyalty, hint of sass and defiance, along with endless shared memories will live on through her husband, Kirk Wolfe; her momma, Lorrie Murphy; and her pride and joys, Kj, Jared, and Colin Wolfe.

Services to honor April will be held at 1 p.m., with visitation beginning at 11 a.m., on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

To honor April's favorite Saturday tradition, we ask that you try shopping at your local farmers market and supporting small businesses near you.

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**Myron L. Rockhill**

December 3, 1921 – June 25, 2021

Myron L. Rockhill, 99, Carmel, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021. He was born on December 3, 1921 in Winchester, Ind., son of Marvin and Vada (Thornburg) Rockhill.

Following his graduation from Lynn High School, Myron attended Fort Wayne International Business College.

Myron and Phyllis Horton were married on August 4, 1946. Their love story began in August of 1942 when they met on a public bus between Butler University and Carmel. Myron was headed to his first day at Bunker Hill after enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and Phyllis was on the bus on her way home from college. While enlisted, Myron served as an Aviation Machinist in the South Pacific.

Myron and Phyllis were privileged to travel the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean. Through the years they enjoyed camping, attending sporting events and playing cards with friends and family.

Myron worked 36 years as an Auditor and Accountant for Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op. After retiring in January of 1984, Myron and Phyllis looked forward to getting away from Indiana winters by spending six months in Florida and six months in their Carmel home.

Through the years, Myron made many life-long friends. He was recognized as a kind, loving, and thoughtful Christian man, who made friends easily and wanted to please others. Myron was a survivor and possessed stamina as he recovered from open heart surgery and breast cancer. Even during his later years with dementia, he kept his sweet spirit.

He was a member of the Randolph County Historical Society, Carmel Clay Historical Society, and the Carmel Masonic Lodge. Before dementia set in, Myron had an incredible memory and wrote his memoirs, which were made into a memory book.

In addition to his parents, Myron was preceded in death by brothers, Elden Rockhill and John Robert Rockhill; and sisters, Doris Locke and Virginia Coffin.

Survivors include his loving wife of almost 75 years, Phyllis Rockhill; children, Jerry (Denise) Rockhill, James (Sharon) Rockhill, and Jean (Tom) Pluchar; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

There will be a gathering of family and friends at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Carmel Friends Church, of which Myron was a member, and where his Celebration of Life Service will begin at 1 p.m. The Carmel Friends Church is located at 651 W. Main St., Carmel.

Military Honors will be presented.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16C Lane #8051, Syracuse, IN 46567, or at [quakerhaven.com](http://quakerhaven.com); or to the Carmel Clay Historical Society, 211 1st St. SW, Carmel, IN 46032, or at [carmelclayhistory.org](http://carmelclayhistory.org).

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

*Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers. So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"*

1 Corinthians 14:22-25 (NIV)

**Indiana asks appeals court to block judge's order to continue expanded federal unemployment benefits**

By BRADY GIBSON  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Indiana sued over the decision.

The state of Indiana is asking an appeals court to block federal expanded unemployment payments from resuming in Indiana. The Attorney General's Office filed a motion late Monday night, asking the Court of Appeals to stay a Marion County judge's order.

That order, issued last week, requires Indiana to immediately rejoin the federal pandemic unemployment programs, including the \$300 weekly payments.

Judge John Hanley ruled that Governor Holcomb violated Indiana law when he ordered the state to end its participation in the federal unemployment expansion June 19.

Five Indiana residents and Concerned Clergy of

In the filing Monday night, the state claims those five people did not have standing to file the lawsuit, and that Indiana law doesn't mandate participation in the program.

"The Governor has determined that CARES Act benefits are now contributing to a labor shortage and stunted Indiana's recovery from the pandemic by making it easier for people to delay returning to the workforce," state lawyers wrote. "Consequently, employers have been, and are, struggling to fill open positions."

The state has also filed its notice that it will appeal the Marion County ruling.

The Department of Workforce Development has not resumed the federal payments.

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The Carmel boys basketball team, shown here after winning its second consecutive state championship in April, started its run with a sixth straight sectional championship in March. The Greyhounds will continue to take on the same teams this year, as Hamilton County's 4A schools will stay in Sectional 8 for the 2021-22 school year.

## Limited changes in sectional groupings

### The REPORTER

The COVID-19 pandemic is hopefully in its last stages, but an after-effect will be felt during the upcoming Indiana high school sports season.

In April, the IHSAA voted to freeze enrollment figures from the current classification cycle, which began in the 2019-20 season, for the 2021-22 school year. The organization noted in a press release that enrollments for the just-finished 2020-21 school year "showed significant fluctuation likely affected by the pandemic which raised

questions about their true representation."

That means all schools will stay in their current classifications for each sport this coming year. The only exception are schools that are affected by the IHSAA's Tournament Success Factor, and will be moving up a class, down a class, or remaining in a higher class.

Because of this, there isn't much change for Hamilton County schools when the sectional groupings were announced. There will be some new schools here and there, but no radical re-groupings.

Starting with the fall sports, boys soccer doesn't have too many changes. In Class 3A, the highest class, the sectionals are the same. Sectional 8 consists of Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Muncie Central, Noblesville and Pendleton Heights, while the Sectional 10 group is Carmel, Shortridge, North Central, Pike, Westfield and Zionsville.

In Class 2A, Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights stay in Sectional 22. The sectional had been a six-team group, but will now be seven teams as

Covenant Christian moves in. The other teams are Brebeuf Jesuit, Cardinal Ritter, Lebanon and Western Boone.

Class 1A Sectional 39 remains the same, consisting of Anderson Prep Academy, Liberty Christian, Sheridan, Taylor and Tri-Central. Sectional 40 features one change: Tindley replaces Howe. The other schools are the same: Heritage Christian, International, Park Tudor, Seccina and University.

In girls soccer, all local 3A sectionals are the same. Class 3A Sectional 8 is identical to the boys (Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Muncie Central, Noblesville and Pendleton Heights), while 3A Sectional 10 features Arsenal Tech, Carmel, Guerin Catholic, North Central, Pike, Westfield and Zionsville.

Hamilton Heights plays in 2A Sectional 24 with Delta, Jay County, New Castle and Yorktown. Sheridan and University play in 1A Sectional 37 with Eastern, Taylor, Tipton and Tri-Central.

### - VOLLEYBALL - EAGLES MOVE UP

In volleyball, one school will move up due to the success factor, and that impacts two local sectionals.

Heritage Christian makes the jump to Class 3A and will go to Sectional 27. Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights are in that sectional, along with Bishop Chatard, Brebeuf Jesuit and Shortridge. It will remain a six-team sectional, though, as Indianapolis Manual is leaving the group.

Heritage had been playing in 2A Sectional 43, in which Sheridan and University play. That sectional will now be a four-team group, with the Blackhawks and Trailblazers also playing with Park Tudor and Western Boone.

There are no changes in 4A Sectional 8. That lineup will stay Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville.

### - FOOTBALL - STARS IN 3A

The success factor will also mark a change for a football sectional involving county teams.

Western Boone, state champions in 2A for three straight years, will be moving up to 3A. The Stars will move to Sectional 28, a group that includes Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights. Other schools are Brebeuf Jesuit, Crawfordsville, North Montgomery, West Lafayette and Yorktown. Chatard had been in this sectional, but the success factor bumped the Trojans up to 4A.

The other local football sectionals are the same. Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville and Westfield stay in 6A Sectional 3; Avon, Brownsburg, Carmel and Pike play in 6A Sectional 4, and Sheridan remains in 1A Sectional 46

with Covenant Christian, Edinburgh, Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis Lutheran, Park Tudor and Tindley.

### - BASKETBALL - BIG SCHOOLS THE SAME

The county's Class 4A schools will have the same lineup in both girls and boys basketball. Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville will continue to battle it out in Sectional 8 this coming school year.

Hamilton Heights will stay in 3A Sectional 24 in both girls and boys basketball, playing with Delta, Jay County, Muncie Burriss, New Castle and Yorktown. Guerin Catholic's girls and boys teams will remain in Sectional 27, but now both sectionals will only have five teams with the loss of Manual. The Golden Eagles will play with Brebeuf Jesuit, Chatard, Lebanon and Shortridge.

In Class 2A girls, Sheridan will stay in Sectional 38, which also drops to five teams as Lafayette Central Catholic moves back down to 1A. Other schools in that sectional are Clinton Prairie, Fountain Central, Rossville and Seeger.

The University girls play in Sectional 43, which has the same five-team lineup. The 'Blazers will compete with Cascade, Covenant Christian, Park Tudor and Western Boone.

As for the 2A boys teams, Sheridan plays in Sectional 39, where the roster will stay the same: Blackford, Eastbrook, Madison-Grant, Taylor and Tipton play with the Blackhawks.

University's boys stay in Sectional 42, which drops to six teams with the loss of Howe. Other teams in that sectional are Covenant Christian, Irvington Prep, Park Tudor and Seccina.

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# Major League Baseball standings

Wednesday scores		Boston 6, Kansas City 2	
Washington 15, Tampa Bay 6	Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 2	San Diego 7, Cincinnati 5 (6 innings)	Baltimore 5, Houston 2
Milwaukee 15, Chicago Cubs 7	St. Louis 7, Arizona 4	Chicago White Sox 13, Minnesota 3	Oakland 3, Texas 1
Atlanta 20, N.Y. Mets 2	Miami 11, Philadelphia 6	L.A. Angels 11, N.Y. Yankees 8	Detroit 9, Cleveland 4 (Game 1)
Seattle 9, Toronto 7 (10 innings)		Detroit 7, Cleveland 1 (Game 2)	

## American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	50	31	.617	-
Tampa Bay	47	34	.580	3.0
Toronto	41	37	.526	7.5
N.Y. Yankees	41	39	.512	8.5
Baltimore	27	54	.333	23.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	47	32	.595	-
Cleveland	42	35	.545	4.0
Detroit	36	45	.444	12.0
Minnesota	33	45	.423	13.5
Kansas City	33	46	.418	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	48	33	.593	-
Oakland	48	34	.585	0.5
Seattle	42	39	.519	6.0
L.A. Angels	39	41	.487	8.5
Texas	31	49	.388	16.5

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	41	35	.539	-
Washington	40	38	.513	2.0
Atlanta	38	41	.481	4.5
Philadelphia	37	41	.474	5.0
Miami	34	45	.430	8.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	48	33	.593	-
Chi. Cubs	42	39	.519	6.0
St. Louis	40	41	.494	8.0
Cincinnati	39	40	.494	8.0
Pittsburgh	29	50	.367	18.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	50	29	.633	-
L.A. Dodgers	49	31	.613	1.5
San Diego	49	33	.598	2.5
Colorado	34	47	.420	17.0
Arizona	22	60	.268	29.5

# WNBA standings

Wednesday scores		Minnesota 82, Phoenix 76	
Chicago 91, Dallas 81		Las Vegas 99, Los Angeles 75	

## Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	11	5	.688	-
Chicago	10	8	.556	2.0
New York	8	9	.471	3.5
Washington	7	9	.438	4.0
Atlanta	6	9	.400	4.5
Indiana	1	15	.063	10.0

## Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	12	4	.750	-
Seattle	12	4	.750	-
Minnesota	8	7	.533	3.5
Dallas	8	9	.471	4.5
Phoenix	7	8	.467	4.5
Los Angeles	6	9	.400	5.5

# Colts legends, business leaders teaming up with Athletes in Action to engage local youth

### The REPORTER

Gary Bracket, Rick DeMulling, Joe Reitz, Devon McDonald and many more Colts legends this summer will hold a private **Topgolf gathering** on behalf of non-profit Athletes in Action to educate, engage, and encourage youth in local communities.

The event will take place on July 12 at Topgolf in Fishers with one hundred sports, business, and community leaders. Attendees will share fellowship, a good meal and Topgolf competition with former Indianapolis Colts as they celebrate and experience "victory beyond competition."

"The great thing is that so many of my teammates and I learned the value of creating a positive community impact from one of Indy's all-time greats, Tony Dungy," said former Colts player, Gary Bracket. "He taught us that we are more than just football players. We are role models. Yes, we played professional sports but now it's still imperative that we serve as role models to the community."

"By summer's end, we will have impacted middle

school, high school and college students with positive messages about victory beyond competition," said Colts alumni Joe Reitz.

One such demonstration is reflected in Athletes in Action's community partnerships that help youth, such as **Athlete in Action's Leadership Academy, High Impact Ministry's Juvenile offender program and Brookside Community Center's Project Play Summer Camps.** With the help of these programs, everyone can make a positive impact on the Indianapolis and surrounding communities.

"I am so proud to help impact underserved youth of the Brookside Community by sharing my story at "Project Play" Summer Camps," said Colts alumni, Rick DeMulling. "It is extra special because I reside in the Brookside community, and it's such a blessing to serve youth where I live."

"Together, we are impacting underserved youth in three dimensions: Physical, mental, and spiritual at Brookside Community Play," said Andrew Neal, pastor and COO of

Brookside Community Development Corporation.

When the Aspen Institute released its **2020 State of Play study**, it was found that 20 percent of youth surveyed said that the cost of sports prevented them from participating, with minority children affected twice as much by this lack of access. Therefore, creating community outlets such as Brookside Community Play where kids can develop life leadership skills needed to succeed and be involved in play is crucial to impacting future generations of leaders.

"We understand that pro athletes are role models," said Darrin Gray, Chief Marketing Officer for Athletes in Action. "We understand the positive influence pro athletes have on the community as we educate, engage and encourage youth. This year's Topgolf event is an opportunity to bring Indianapolis leaders together to highlight their impact on local youth."

A limited number of corporate partnership opportunities are available by contacting Darrin Gray. To learn more about the fund-

raiser event or to donate, please visit [proexperience.org](http://proexperience.org).

**About Athletes in Action**  
Athletes In Action (AIA) is a sports ministry

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