

# Westfield CrossRoads Church helps 26 families across county

**Submitted**  
What can 250 people do to impact Hamilton County communities in one week in a significant way? Home repairs for 26 families!

A total of 250 people from around the country, mostly high schoolers, gathered in Westfield last week and completed repairs on 26 homes in northern Hamilton County. In conjunction with Group Mission Trips of Ft. Collins, Colo., CrossRoads Church at Westfield ([ForOurNeighborLife](http://ForOurNeighborLife.com)) invited church high schoolers and their adult leaders from eight states from as far away as Nebraska, New Hampshire, and New Jersey to participate. In groups of five to seven people, each day they spent their days with a homeowner doing significant home repairs, including mobile home skirting, building wheelchair ramps, constructing decks, and doing exterior painting.

All of the repairs were free for the residents. The construction repair material costs are being paid for by CrossRoads Church, by the participants, and through a local Central Indiana Community Foundation grant. Senior adults, veterans, and families who are struggling with home needs were the primary recipients.

Ruth Griepentrog, whose 18-month-old daughter has



Part of an eight-state collaboration of young people working to spread Christ's love through good works, this team from Ashland, Ohio, rebuilt the deck and added new rails and a ramp at the home of Rob and Ruth Griepentrog of Westfield.

physical challenges, said, "Our family had an amazing week. A team from Ashland, Ohio, spent five days working in our yard and giving us a new deck with ramp! The old deck was in really rough shape with lots of splinters and not safe for our daughter. They tore off the old deck surface and rails, resurfaced it, and added new rails, stairs and ramp. This team worked CRAZY hard to accomplish this incredible project for us and we are so very thankful to have a safe place for our daughter to play outside with her family."

Eric Lohe, pastor of CrossRoads Church at Westfield, said, "This effort is one of four church initiatives called, 'For Our Neighbor.' We are trying to meet, know, enjoy, and serve the needs of our local neighbors." CrossRoads wants to both be good neighbors and also involve others in helping community neighbors.

Lohe emphasized, "Westfield Washington Schools was an incredibly great community partner in this effort by housing the 250 people at Westfield Middle School for the week. The Rotary Club of Westfield

and the Women of Westfield provided an awesome meal for the participants and Westfield Welcome provided water bottles and sunglasses for everyone. Culver's of Westfield donated ice cream for the whole camp celebration on Friday evening. We live in a great community that cares about all of its neighbors!"

"Group Mission Trips ([groupmissiontrips.com](http://groupmissiontrips.com)) serves in 25-plus communities in the United States each summer and does week-long youth

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# The dog days of summer

"Mom, would you rather go to Aiden's state baseball tourney 3 ½ hours away on the east coast of Florida and sit in the hot sun for possibly four days OR watch Alex?" This was the question my daughter Emily asked me this week while we were in Tampa.

Alex is our golden mini doodle grand-dog. Given my rather, I chose Alex. Actually, Chuck and I chose Alex. Surely it would not be that difficult to watch such a sweet dog. Little did we know.

And so, our adventure began. Emily brought him to our house on Wednesday evening. Who knew a dog would sit and stare at the door for such a long time, crying for his mama?

I was given the list of "how to care for Alex": The food, the leash, the bed, and the toys. Our house soon became an obstacle course of watch what you step on.

Measure his food three times a day. Take him on a walk in the morning and in the evening. He will need to go out a few times in between. Don't forget to take a doggy poo bag when you walk him. Remember the word "off" is what you say whenever he barks.

Thursday morning our alarm went off at 6:22. Alex was our alarm. After a quick



JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Heart

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# Carmel shows patriotism in big way in Midtown thanks to flag donation



On Friday at 9 a.m., a garrison flag donated by U.S. Army Veteran Michael Poulimas and his wife Janet Poulimas was draped in front of the Midtown Allied Solutions building over Elm Street in Midtown Carmel. The city of Carmel orchestrated this unveiling in preparation of the city's Fourth of July weekend festivities. According to city spokesperson Dan McFeely, "The city of Carmel streets are filled with red, white and blue every year for Independence Day. It's really nice to see our local residents and businesses showing their patriotism as well. Midtown Plaza looks awesome." See more photos online at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

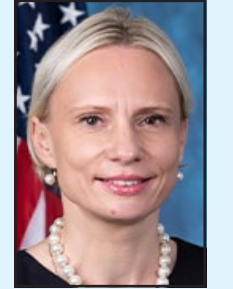
# Rep. Spartz tapped to serve on GOP-led health policy task force

**The REPORTER**  
House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (Calif.-23) **has announced** the formation of the Healthy Future Task Force, led by Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Republican Leader Brett Guthrie (Ky.-02) and Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Republican Leader Devin Nunes (Calif.-22).

Leader McCarthy appointed Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (Ind.-05) to serve on this important task force, which will build on Republican health policy successes and craft a patient-focused agenda for the future.

"I appreciate Leader McCarthy appointing me to serve on the Healthy Future Task Force," Rep. Spartz said. "I will work with my colleagues to put forth real, patient-focused solutions that will lower health care costs, increase competition and value in the marketplace, support healthier outcomes for patients, and spur innovation."

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Spartz

# Carmel's Inlow Park closing Monday for Phase 2 of improvement project

**The REPORTER**  
**Lawrence W. Inlow Park** will close Monday, July 5 to undergo planned improvements as part of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's (CCPR) **Reimagining Parks initiative**. Through this initiative, CCPR is working to update and enhance existing parks to improve accessibility and safety and offer year-round fun.

This project is the second and final phase of improvements at Inlow Park, following the new playgrounds installed in 2019. This phase of improvements will include a new



Rendering provided  
Carmel's Inlow Park will get a new splash pad as part of Phase 2 of the improvement project.

splash pad, two pickleball courts, new restroom building, expanded parking and more. The park is anticipated to reopen after construction is completed in

December 2021. The park's playgrounds will be closed during construction. The community

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# Fishers Mud Day is back



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The messiest event of the year is back in Fishers. This year, Mud Day, presented by Centier Bank, returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. Fishers Parks & Rec is turning the open space at Cyntheanne Park into a giant mud pit for hours of mud fun with food trucks, music, and more.





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## CROSSROADS

mission home repair camps,” Lohe said. “I have been attending these camps since 2005 working as staff and a volunteer. Our church has sent a number of students and adults to these work camps. This year we got to bring this to our community and hope to be offering this to our neighbors again in June 2023.”

As part of its For Our Neighbor initiatives, CrossRoads Church at Westfield also provides free pet food to Hamilton County residents the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m., offers free Zumba every Tuesday evening on their campus, and is sponsoring their annual fall festival and Premier Chili Cook-off, Wild,



Wild Westfield from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. The event is free to the public and will include games, inflatables, food,

and a mechanical bull. CrossRoads Church is located at 19201 Grassy Branch Road in Westfield. You



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can find out more online at [ForOurNeighbor.Life](http://ForOurNeighbor.Life) or by emailing at [ForOurNeighborinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ForOurNeighborinfo@gmail.com).

## DOG DAYS

venture to the yard, I fixed his breakfast. Alex refused to eat ... all day. He was on a hunger strike. No mama. No eat.

I took him for a walk, or rather he took me for one. Who knew there were so many trees and bushes that needed sniffed? He left his tinkle on quite a few of them.

Good thing I remembered to take the doggy poo bag! He found the perfect yard in the vast sea of 93 homes in our neighborhood. Trust me when I say, he sniffed them all. The lucky (?) yard had the highest grass making it so that I had to "part it" to find the treasure he

had left.

Whenever he caught a glimpse or a whiff of a dog, he greeted them with a bark, at the top of his lungs. I'm talking forte to the max in music terms. I tried to calm him with a loud "OFF!" He must be hard of hearing or maybe he just chose to ignore his granddog mama. My grandmunchkins have been known to do the same.

Alex became like velcro to me. We carried on a continuous conversation. "Good dog, want a treat, get out of Grand Chuck's chair, Grandma is going to go potty, are you tired, let's go night-night." Yes, I did most of

the conversing. His wagging tail told me he understood.

Chuck and I were going to take a bike ride but we looked at Alex's sad eyes and decided a walk, with him, around the neighborhood would be a better idea.

On Friday morning, I thought Chuck had rolled over next to me in bed. There was Alex with his head sharing my pillow. I had told him, "No sleeping in my bed." He must not have heard me.

I moved to the living room where he followed me, of course, and we took a nap on the chaise. Who needs a blanket when you have a 25-pound mini (?) lap dog?

Alex went off his hunger strike. Don't tell Emily, but I rewarded him with a bit of cheese.

We did venture out for dinner on Friday. When we got back to the house, we were greeted by jumps, leaps, bounds, full-body wiggles and cries of "welcome home!" Yes, we heard him crying when we left the house. We ate quickly.

It's Saturday morning about 5:00. Alex and I have been outside for his morning tinkle. He's been fed and is back to bed. Me? I went to bed without a topic for this week's column but woke up and knew what the subject would be ... the dog days of summer. I will reward myself with a nap, later.

Emily and family come home today. Aiden had three great playing games but sadly, his team had two, not-so-great games. I'm sure going to miss my granddog, Alex.

Chuck asked me if this adventure made me want a dog. I quickly said, "No." I'll just love my granddog and send him home like I do his human siblings. This granddoggy mama is tired. It's like having a four-legged toddler in the house.

Another thing not to tell Emily – Alex is going to miss us. He told me so. Next time we are here for a visit maybe they will need us to care for Alex. Never thought I would be asking Emily if she didn't need to "go away" for a few days.

## SPARTZ

The Healthy Future Task Force will listen, learn, and lead in developing the next chapter of the Republican's health care agenda, which will focus on:

- Breaking down barriers to help all Americans live healthier and longer
- Increasing care choices
- Expanding the range of available providers
- Encouraging investment in new cures and therapies
- Lowering the cost of health services
- Providing a strong safety net for the most vulnerable Americans
- Protecting access to care for all Americans
- Ensuring patients remain in control of their health care

Leader McCarthy also appointed the following House Republicans to serve on the Task Force:

- Tom Cole (Okla.-04)
- Larry Bucshon (Ind.-08)
- Morgan Griffith (Va.-09)
- Mike Kelly (Pa.-16)
- Richard Hudson (N.C.-08)
- Brad Wenstrup (Ohio-02)
- Rick Allen (Ga.-12)
- Bruce Westerman (Ark.-04)
- Jim Banks (Ind.-03)
- Kevin Hern (Okla.-01)
- John Joyce (Pa.-13)
- Greg Murphy (N.C.-03)
- Beth Van Duyne (Texas-24)
- Mariannette Miller-Meeks (Iowa-02)

## PARK

is asked to respect closure signage and barricades.

Inlow Park is only one of six parks in the Carmel community to receive funding from the **Clay Township Impact Program**. Improvements will provide benefits for all township residents to enjoy and make the community a better place to live, work and play.

To learn more about all the parks being reimaged, visit [carmelclayparks.com/reimagining-parks](http://carmelclayparks.com/reimagining-parks).

**Click here** to learn about the first phase of improvements, the park's state-of-the-art playground.

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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.

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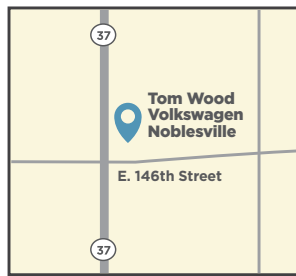


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# Broadway stars, Grammy honorees coming to Carmel to serve on industry mentor team for Songbook Academy

Public events will include livestreamed talkbacks, masterclasses July 18-23

## The REPORTER

Grammy-winning vocalist Catherine Russell and stage and screen stars Telly Leung and Solea Pfeiffer will join Michael Feinstein as professional mentors at this year's Songbook Academy summer intensive, the nation's leading youth music program focused on the timeless standards of jazz, pop, Broadway and Hollywood.

Now in its 12th year, the Great American Songbook Foundation's flagship education program has selected 40 top high school vocalists from 15 states coast to coast to take part in an interactive online experience the week of July 17-24. Participants are matched with vocal coaches and music directors for small-group classes and one-on-one coaching. Each day, the students will meet virtually in masterclass, lecture and workshop settings with professional mentors who will share their personal tricks of the trade, performance-based feedback and professional insight on pursuing careers in the world of performing arts and entertainment.

Several celebrity talkbacks and masterclasses will be livestreamed for public viewing during the week, and final performances will premiere online Aug. 6-8, with the schedule to be announced. News updates and video streams will be available through the Songbook Foundation's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

The Songbook Academy 2021 mentors include:

- **Michael Feinstein**, five-time Grammy Award nominee, music preservationist and founder of the Great American Songbook Foundation, who also emceeds the week's public events. His broadcasting work has included the PBS series *Michael Feinstein's American Songbook* and the Emmy-nominated special *Michael Feinstein: The Sinatra Legacy*.

- **Mandy Barnett**, the original teen star of *Always ... Patsy Cline* at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium, frequent Grand Ole Opry performer and recording artist. Her latest studio album, *Every Star Above*, was recorded with a 60-piece orchestra

and arranged by legendary jazz maestro Sammy Nestico.

- **Trist Ethan Curless**, co-founder of the pop-jazz vocal group m-pact, now a member of The Manhattan Transfer. He also has worked as an audio engineer for other famed vocal groups, including Pentatonix, Straight No Chaser, VoicePlay and Take 6.

- **Telly Leung**, actor and recording artist whose Broadway and touring credits include Aladdin in Disney's *Aladdin*, *In Transit*, *Allegiance* (with George Takei and Lea Salonga), *Godspell* and *Rent* (final Broadway company). Among other TV credits, he appeared as Wes the Warbler on *Glee*.

- **Solea Pfeiffer**, best known as Eliza Hamilton in the first national tour of *Hamilton*, as well as starring in *West Side Story* at the Hollywood Bowl and New York City Center's production of *Evita*. She is set to star in Tyler Perry's upcoming feature film *Jazzman's Blues* on Netflix and will soon be seen in the Broadway-bound adapta-

tion of *Almost Famous*.

- **Catherine Russell**, jazz and blues vocalist and Grammy Award winner for her work on the *Boardwalk Empire* soundtrack. Her recent albums have included *Harlem on My Mind* (2016) and *Alone Together* (2019), both of which received Grammy nominations for Best Jazz Vocal Album.

- **Vuyo Sotashe**, South African-born vocalist and composer who has performed with celebrated jazz artists including Dee Dee Bridgewater, Jimmy Heath, George Benson and Al Jarreau. He has toured with the Jazz at Lincoln Orchestra and appeared as a leader and sideman at major international jazz festivals.

Featured guests for the week will include **Jonathan Flom**, international theater educator and author of books including *Act Like It's Your Business: Branding and Marketing Skills for Actors*; **Catherine Walker**, a University of Michigan professor and musical director for stage productions; and **Stacy**

**Wolf**, author, professor and director of the Program in Music Theater at Princeton University.

This year's music directors and vocal coaches include educators from leading universities and music directors who have played for artists from Frank Sinatra to Kristin Chenoweth to Chuck Berry. New to the team this year is **La Tanya Hall**, founder of the vocal jazz degree program at Oberlin Conservatory, who has worked with such artists as Diana Ross, Quincy Jones, Michael Feinstein, Patti LaBelle, Harry Belafonte and Aretha Franklin.

The Songbook Academy is sponsored nationally by the Efroymson Family Fund and made possible through the generous support of 2021 Education & Engagement Sponsors Libby and Randy Brown and the City of Carmel. The Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation Mentor Champions support the involvement of a national faculty of music directors and professional vocal coaches.

## About the Great American Songbook Foundation

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers in the Songbook Library & Archives; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum. More information is available at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).

## What future U.S. Senator received the Boy Scout "God and Country" award at age 14?

### The REPORTER

**1863** – The Civil War came to Indiana when over 2,000 Confederate soldiers crossed the Ohio River into Corydon. Under the command of John Hunt Morgan, the troops known as "Morgan's Raiders" overwhelmed about 400 members of the Indiana militia. They plundered their way through several towns, including Salem, Vernon, Dupont, and Versailles. Fearing an attack on Indianapolis, Governor Oliver P. Morton ordered five regiments of Union soldiers to guard the Statehouse. The Confederates escaped into Ohio where they were captured about three weeks later.

**1889** – Noble Sissell was born in Indianapolis. A composer, lyricist, bandleader, singer, and playwright, he joined James "Eubie" Blake to produce Broadway musicals. Their most successful show was *Shuffle Along*, which introduced the hit song "I'm Just Wild About Harry." Sissell, one of the founders of the Negro Actors Guild, was known as the "unofficial mayor of Harlem."

**1921** – The Fourth of July Parade in Indianapolis included over 5,000



former soldiers and sailors from World War I. Led by Governor Warren McCray and Mayor Charles Jewett, the procession traveled throughout the mile square. Community singing, band concerts, and bicycle races were held in city parks, with a large fireworks display that evening at the fairgrounds.

**1925** – Indiana Governor Ed Jackson and his wife Lydia called upon President Calvin Coolidge at White Court in Swampscott, Mass. The President and his wife Grace were living at the spacious oceanfront home which served that year as the "Summer White House." Newspapers reported that the Governor's visit was purely a social call and that politics were not discussed. The Jacksons were on their way home from a Governor's conference in Maine.

**1946** – 14-year-old Richard Lugar received the

Boy Scout "God and Country" award at Central Avenue Methodist Church in Indianapolis. The youngest boy in the city to become an Eagle Scout, Lugar was president of the church youth fellowship group and a member of the Sunday School orchestra. He went on to become mayor of Indianapolis and the state's longest-serving United States Senator.

**1971** – The community-owned "Miss Madison" hydroplane won both the Gold Cup and the Indiana Governor's Cup in the annual Regatta in Madison. Driver Jim McCormick was cheered by the 100,000 spectators who lined both banks of the Ohio River. It was an unforgettable day for the Jefferson County city. Fire bells rang, sirens sounded, and crowds spilled into the streets as crew members carried McCormick on their shoulders to the judging stand.

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# Indiana Dept. of Health report identifies safety risks with insurer ‘white bagging’ policies

Report highlights yet another way insurance companies attempt to subvert health care providers, dictate medical treatment for at-risk patients

### The REPORTER

A report released Thursday by the Indiana Department of Health, in conjunction with the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, Indiana Department of Insurance, and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, identifies patient safety risks associated with insurer “white bagging” policies.

White bagging refers to the practice in which a health insurance company denies payment to a health care provider or pharmacy unless they obtain specialty infusion drugs, premixed and pre-labeled, from a designated pharmacy often owned by or affiliated with the insurance company. The practice prohibits clinicians from controlling the handling, preparation, dosage, and storage conditions of the drugs prior to administration.

As required by [House Enrolled Act 1405](#), the report was submitted to the Indiana Legislative Council Thursday to inform lawmakers on the safety of white bagging and action they can take to regulate the practice. The Indiana Gen-

eral Assembly tasked state agencies with the report after hearing patient and provider testimony during the 2021 session claiming long delays in care resulting from white bagging policies, which some large health insurance companies have recently begun mandating.

A growing number of states have passed legislation or have taken administrative action to regulate the practice, including Louisiana, which passed a law last month banning health insurance companies from requiring drugs to be white bagged.

“Patients who are already dealing with catastrophic and life-altering illness should not be asked to suffer the additional distress and harm of delayed or missed treatment,” the report said. “Indiana has more work to do to protect and provide the best outcomes for our citizens.”

According to the report, “drug shipments can be delayed, sometimes by several days, thereby impacting chemotherapy schedules for oncology patients. Prior authorization and network

issues not only place significant time and labor burden on health care personnel but also result in delayed treatment.”

The report identifies best practice guidelines, including legislative efforts other states have taken to regulate or prohibit white bagging.

“The Massachusetts report to the legislature concluded that drugs requiring sterile compounding by a pharmacist are not appropriate for white bagging as determined by [the Massachusetts] Board of Pharmacy.”

The report concluded by expressing the need for the Indiana legislature to take action to protect patients.

“The impact on patient safety, health outcomes, and overall cost to the system must be considered as policies are developed,” the report said.

**Hoosiers for Safe Meds**, a coalition of Indiana patient and provider organizations committed to protecting patients from mandatory white bagging, has called on state lawmakers to limit the practice, which they say threatens pa-

tient safety, delays care, and compromises the integrity of specialty drugs.

“Insurance companies have represented that these measures will reduce costs, but when it comes to patient safety, no cost saving measure is worth the risk,” said Darren Covington, Executive Vice President of the Indiana Pharmacists Association and Chairman of the Hoosiers for Safe Meds Coalition. “Given the rapid expansion of these policies, Indiana should move quickly to establish guardrails around these practices to protect the growing number of Hoosiers caught in the line of fire. Not only will these policies result in delayed patient care and wasted drug costs, but they will add administrative costs to the health care system due to rescheduling critically ill patients.”

Jessica Gendron, an Indianapolis resident who was diagnosed with breast cancer in February, says legislation is needed and will help patients like her who have been subject to white bagging. Gendron’s health insurance company stopped

covering a white blood cell boosting shot she needed infused at the hospital in between chemotherapy treatments to help her rebound from chemotherapy quicker and allow her to receive more regular treatments.

“After two treatments my insurance company decided to stop covering the shot at the hospital and wanted to mail the drug directly to my home for me to administer myself, which my oncologist deemed extremely unsafe,” Gendron said. “The drug can be compromised during shipping and there’s no way to tell if the drug has dipped below the acceptable temperature. If I give myself a drug that was compromised, it can make me really sick.”

Gendron says she is most concerned for others with complex diseases who are not able to speak up and advocate for themselves.

“What’s most disheartening is that the only people who lose in this scenario are people like me who are really sick and not only need these drugs to conquer cancer, but they need these drugs to survive,” she said.

Covington says the report findings and best practice guidelines are a great place for policymakers to start as they consider legislative action next session.

“These aren’t just hypothetical situations, but patients’ lives are actually being impacted by this practice,” Covington said.

**About Hoosiers for Safe Meds**

Hoosiers for Safe Meds has come together to establish guardrails around mandatory white bagging practices to preserve quality and patient safety, and ensure care is not delayed for Hoosiers. The coalition serves patients across the state of Indiana and is made up of the following organizations: Indiana Pharmacists Association, Indiana Oncology Society, Indiana Academy of Dermatology, Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology, Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety, Indiana Rural Health Association, Indiana Organization of Nursing Leadership, Indiana Hospital Association, and the Indiana Radiological Society. To learn more, visit [hoosiers4safemeds.com](#).

# Fishers road construction updates, week of July 5

### The REPORTER

**State Road 37 & 146th Street**

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

**State Road 37 & 131st/135th Streets**

The westside of 131st

Street at SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both north and southbound. SR 37 southbound left and right turns onto 131st Street will be restricted. Westbound turns onto SR 37 will also be restricted on 131st Street. [Click here](#) to view the detour map.

The northbound SR 37 right turn lane onto 135th Street is currently closed from 131st Street to approximately halfway to 135th Street for Phase 1 construction. This portion of the dedicated turn lane will not

reopen to regular capacity until the interchange is complete.

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

**116th Street at the Nickel Plate Trail**

The City of Fishers started construction on the Nickel Plate Trail pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street on June 1. The closure is anticipated to last 60 days. During the construc-

tion, 116th Street will be closed from east of Municipal Drive to west of Maple Street. All local business and public parking access will remain open.

106th Street will serve as the **detour route**, with the detour beginning at Hague Road for eastbound thru traffic and Lantern Road for the westbound thru traffic.

Portions of the Nickel Plate Trail are now open, including the paved portion from 131st Street to North Street, and from South Street to 106th Street. The 116th Street tunnel will

complete the trail connection through downtown Fishers, joining South Street and North Street, and establishing a full connection from 131st Street to 106th Street. While the tunnel is under construction, a pedestrian detour route will provide access through downtown between the north and south sections of the trail. View the pedestrian detour map [here](#).

To learn more about the project, view construction images and project renderings, and find detour maps, visit [playfishers.com/284/Nickel-Plate-Trail](#).

rect traffic.

**Crack Sealing – DPW**

Over the next two weeks, as weather allows, DPW will be crack sealing in the following areas: Hamilton Pass, Mollenkopf Road, 97th and 98th streets, 96th Street east of Olivo Road, 113th Street, USA Parkway, 106th Street (Eller Road to Lantern Road) and Eller Road (106th Street to Allisonville Road). Lane restrictions and flaggers will be in place.

**Diamond Grinding**

Beginning on Wednesday, July 7, DPW and its contractor will be diamond grinding Allisonville Road from 116th Street to Orchard Boulevard. The work will require rolling single lane restrictions and reduced lane width. The work will take place between 4:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, July 7 – Allisonville NB (single lane restrictions)
- Thursday, July 8 – Allisonville SB (single lane restrictions)
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# HCAA artists’ work on display at Art Gallery at Fishers City Hall

The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts Council will hold a free public artist reception for the artists of the Hamilton County Artists’ Association (HCAA) and Craig Ogden on from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 9 in the Art Gallery at City Hall, Fishers. The HCAA artists are part of the 2021 Season of Art presented by the Fishers Arts Council. The HCAA exhibit will be on display in the main galleries through July 29.

Besides the HCAA exhibit, Craig Ogden will begin his three-month exhibit in The Alcove at City Hall. His work is driven by the exercise of expressionism through abstract painting. His exhibit will continue through the end of August.

In all, there will be 60 paintings on exhibit in the galleries. The artists exhibiting are Ladan Abbaspour, Margot Bogue, Simona Buna, Regina Bunting, John Dierdorff, Karen Fehr, Brad Fields, Melinda Hamilton, Michael Jack, Mary Jane Keys, Craig Ogden, Sue Payne, Kay Richards, Joanne Roder, Mark Rouse, Mansoureh Sameni, Sheldon Shalley, Tresa Steenberg, Walt Thacker, Linda Tyler and Elaine Wolfe.

As always, the art is for sale. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday during the Fishers Farmers Market season.



There will be 60 paintings exhibited in the galleries through July 29, including *The Top of the Canal* by Margot Bogue.

**About the Hamilton County Artists’ Association**

The Hamilton County Artists’ Association (HCAA) operates as a 501(c)(3) non-profit run by volunteers, and stands as the original and only juried fine arts organization in Hamilton County. The membership consists of over 65 Hamilton County artists who have been juried into the HCAA, as well as Supporting Members from across Indiana.

## New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

- Here are the new library items lists for the week of June 28:
- New Adult Fiction Books**
1. The saboteurs, by Clive Cussler
  2. Blotto, Twinks and the Maharajah’s jewel, by Simon Brett
  3. Flat white, by Sandra Balso
  4. The Venice sketchbook, by Rhys Bowen
  5. The unforgiven, by Heather Graham
  6. Independent bones, by Carolyn Haines
  7. Mean and shellfish, by Tamar Myers
  8. The lady has a past, by Amanda Quick
  9. Family reunion, by Nancy Thayer
  10. A distant shore, by Karen Kingsbury

- New Adult Nonfiction Books**
1. International energy conservation code, by International Code Council
  2. Run less, run faster: become a faster, stronger runner with the revolutionary 3-runs-a-week training program, by Bill Pierce
  3. Pure America: eugenics and the making of modern Virginia, by Elizabeth Catte
  4. Love is an ex-country, by Randa Jarrar
  5. The conversation: how seeking and speaking the truth about racism can radically transform individuals and organizations: a science-based approach, by Robert W. Livingston
  6. Eat better, feel better: my recipes for wellness and healing, inside and out, by Giada De Laurentiis
  7. Manic: the Bath school disaster and the birth of the modern mass killer, by Harold Schechter
  8. A world on the wing: the global odyssey of migratory birds, by Scott Weidensaul
  9. Beatiful things: a memoir, by Robert Hunter Biden
  10. The ABCs of being mom: advice and support from the mom next door, birth through kindergarten, by Karen Bongiorno

**New DVDs**

1. Dracula
2. 55 steps
3. Animal kingdom. The complete fourth season
4. One piece. Collection no. 25
5. Beast beast
6. Pay back
7. Rams
8. Hunted
9. The Salisbury poisonings
10. Say your prayers

**New Music CDs**

1. Dangerous: the double album, by Morgan Wallen

## New this week at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:

**Fiction**

1. Beach Read – Emily Henry
2. Bullet – Iris Johansen
3. Family for Beginners – Sarah Morgan
4. Love For Beginners – Jill Shalvis
5. Pack Up the Moon – Kristin Higgins
6. President’s Daughter – James Patterson
7. Surviving Savannah – Patti Callahan
8. The Trouble With Hating You – Sajni Patel
9. Upstairs House – Julia Fine
10. Words Between Us – Erin Bartels

**DVDs**

1. Godzilla Vs. Kong

**Video Games**

1. Dungeons & Dragons: Dark Alliance (Xbox)
2. Outriders (PS4)

**Young Adult**

1. Ali Cross Like Father Like Son – James Patterson
2. Box in the Woods – Maureen Johnson
3. One Great Lie – Deb Caletti

**Inspirational Fiction**

1. Protecting Tanner Hollow – Lynette Eason
2. Steadfast Mercy – Ruth Reid

**Children’s**

1. Beauty & the Beast – Trixie Belle
2. Bench – Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex
3. Fish Are Not Afraid of Doctors – J.E. Morris
4. Little Big Nate Draws a Blank – Lincoln Peirce
5. Little Mermaid – Trixie Belle
6. Little Penguin & the Mysterious Object – Laura Driscoll
7. Not Yeti – Kelly Dipucchio
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1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NIV)

IMCU President & CEO set to retire next year

The REPORTER

The Board of Directors of Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), Central Indiana’s largest credit union, announced Thursday that longtime President and CEO Ron Collier will retire on Dec. 31, 2022.

Collier has served as President and CEO since 2003 and has been a leader in the credit union industry for over 40 years. During his tenure as CEO, IMCU has grown from \$768 million to \$2.9 billion in assets, from 89,000 to 141,000 members, and from 235 to 400 employees, who serve members through 33 locations in central and southern Indiana.

Collier was born in Indianapolis and is a 1975 graduate of Warren Central High School. He attended Ball State University, earning his Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Education. After college, he taught at

Noblesville High School for three years, where he also coached baseball, football and swimming. He then worked three years at the Indiana Credit Union League. In 1985, Collier joined IMCU as the Training Director. In 1992, he advanced to Vice President of Planning and Administration, and in 2003, he became IMCU’s Chief Executive Officer.

Collier and his wife, Debbie, have three children: Ashley Hecker (Josh), Katie Collier, and Danny Collier (Kayla). They also have four grandchildren: Colin Hecker, Connor Hecker, Micah Collier, and Samuel Collier. Upon retirement, he says he looks forward to enjoying time with his family, golfing, fishing, vacationing and cheering on the Colts, Pacers and Cubs.

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Collier

Used bike sale, donation day coming July 24 in Westfield

The REPORTER

A used bicycle sale and donation day will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 24, sponsored by Recycled Cycles at the group’s repair shop at 810 E. Main St., Westfield. The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa’s BBQ.

More than 20 top-condition bikes will be sold at bargain prices. Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other bikes. Last year, Recycled Cycles repaired and gave away over 300 bicycles to deserving families who might not otherwise have afforded new bikes for Christmas.



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The group repairs child and adult bikes throughout the year under the sponsorship of Good Samaritan Net-

work. Donations of any used bike no matter the condition will be accepted. Parts of un-repairable bikes are salvaged

to make whole bikes. All bikes have been inspected, lubricated and adjusted for safe use.

IU researchers pioneering non-invasive technique for neurological conditions

The REPORTER

**Indiana University School of Medicine** researchers are developing a new, noninvasive brain stimulation technique to treat neurological disorders, including pain, traumatic brain injury (TBI), epilepsy, Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease and more.

“Given the increasing use of brain stimulation in human brain study and treatment of neurological diseases, this research can make a big impact on physicians and their patients,” said Xiaoming Jin, PhD, associate professor of anatomy, cell biology and physiology.

When someone experiences a brain injury, nerve injury, or neurodegeneration, such as in epilepsy

and TBI, there is damage to the brain which can lead to loss and damage of nerve or neurons and development of hyperexcitability that underlies some neurological disorders such as neuropathic pain and epilepsy.

“The conventional treatment is mainly to try to directly inhibit such hyperexcitability,” Jin said, “but we found the initial damage of the brain or nerve system was caused by a loss of brain tissue, which causes the nervous system to compensate for loss of function by working harder, so we need to stimulate activity instead of inhibit it.”

The technique, described in a newly published paper in *Neurotherapeutics*, uses a new type of magnetoelectric nanoparti-

cles that can be delivered to a specific part of the brain using a magnetic field. After, a magnetic wave can be emitted to stimulate neural activity in that particular part of the brain. The method is noninvasive, good for stimulating deep brain function and is more efficient than traditional methods of brain stimulation, without the need for genetic manipulation.

“This is the only new type of nanoparticle that allows us to effectively stimulate the brain without doing any invasive procedures,” Jin said. “We can inject the nanoparticle as a solution into the vein and then bring it to any part of the body. When you apply a magnet on the head, you can localize and deliver the

nanoparticle to the targeted brain region.”

The team has been working on the technique for five years in collaboration with the University of Miami and hopes to begin studying the method in humans in the next couple of years. The study has received funding from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of the United States Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, as well as the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), which helped provide funding for a medical neuroscience graduate student, Tyler Nguyen, to participate in the research.

[Click here](#) to learn more about research from the Jin Faculty Laboratory.



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# World-class goalkeeper tells her tale

## *Carmel woman earns place in Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame*

By **RICHIE HALL**

Canadian soccer is celebrating a big anniversary this year: It was 35 years ago when it fielded its first-ever women's international team.

That historic 1986 team featured a goalkeeper from Ontario named Carla Chin. She would be with the team for nine years, culminating in a trip to Canada's first-ever Women's World Cup in 1995.

Twenty-five years later, Carla Chin Baker and seven of her teammates have a permanent place in Canadian soccer history, as they have been inducted into the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame. The induction honors the eight players who were part of that original Women's National Team. Chin Baker, who lives in Carmel, got a chance to reconnect with her teammates when they were presented to the country in a Zoom meeting in April.

"It was fantastic, because some of them I hadn't seen since '95," said Chin Baker.

Chin Baker started playing soccer at age 12, playing in a coed league. When she got to high school, a friend asked her to try out for a club team.

"That's when I got exposure to travel soccer," said Chin Baker. She continued to play and by 1986, when she was at university, she represented Team Ontario in its provincial championship. When that was successful, Chin Baker was picked from a pool of players amongst the different provincial teams to represent Canada's first national women's team.

Chin Baker played her first international game on Dec. 11, 1987 at the Women's World Invitational Tournament (the Chunghua Cup), at Kaohsiung, China. The Canadian team won its first game, beating Hong Kong 2-0, giving Chin Baker the first of her 10 clean sheets in international competition.

It was a personal experience for Chin Baker, as her grandparents are from mainland China. Kaohsiung wasn't too far from where they were born.

"They were in a village probably about 10 miles away, but we couldn't really venture too far from our congregation," said Chin Baker.

The Canadian team played three more games at the tournament, one at Kaohsiung and two more in Taipei. It was a remarkable experience for Chin Baker, who was 21 at the time.

"It was absolutely incredible," said Chin Baker. She said it was "eye-opening" because it helped her "appreciate you had living in North America, in Canada. It really made me very grateful for the opportunity to represent my country, but also to see other parts



**Carla Chin Baker (right) was inducted into the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame this past spring. Chin Baker was part of the first Canadian Women's National team and would join the team in its first-ever appearance at the Women's World Cup in 1995. Chin Baker is shown here with teammate Annie Caron, who was also inducted into the Hall of Fame.**

Photo provided

of the world."

Chin Baker would go on to play 29 international games with the Canadian team. The team played in a qualifier for the first-ever Women's World Cup in April 1991 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The Canadian team made it to the finals, with Chin Baker recording four clean sheets along the way, but fell to the United States team in the final.

The team qualified for the second Women's World Cup in 1995, which was played in Sweden. The Canadian team finished its group play 0-1-2, including a loss to eventual champion Norway.

Still, it was a great experience, and Chin Baker said she was "unbelievably blessed and very honored to have that opportunity and to earn my way into a starting position during that event. It was an incredible experience, one that I'll definitely never forget. Highlight of my national team career, of course."

As one of the first national team players, Chin Baker saw several changes during her stay on the team.

"In the early days, when it first started, it was all from the provincial teams, and then they started to branch out to the universities," said Chin Baker. The provincial championships would be the equivalent to each state from the United States playing each other.

And nowadays? "It's so different," said Chin Baker. "Now they run those residency programs and they have a U17 national team, U20 national team. They

have the younger national teams and a full women's team."

Chin Baker and her teammates were at university when they were part of the national team; Chin Baker graduated from McMaster University in 1990.

"We would just play with our university teams, then at spring play with our club teams," said Chin Baker. "At any point during the year, they would email us and say, are you available. We'd have a training camp, then travel to any event what we wanted."

By January 1991, Chin Baker was living in the U.S. and working at universities across the country. After working at several colleges, she was an assistant coach at Notre Dame from 1993 to 1998, helping the women's team to its first national championship in 1995 – "a pretty good year," she said.

In 1998, Chin Baker officially retired from the program. That same year, she got married, and her family eventually settled in Carm-

el in 2007. She is now an assistant girls soccer coach at Park Tudor, and also was an assistant girls lacrosse

coach for the Greyhounds this past year, helping them to a state championship.

Chin Baker's daughter

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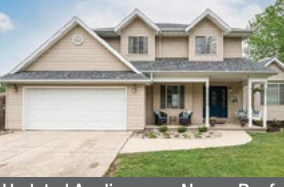
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| American League |    |    |      |      | National League |    |    |      |      |
|-----------------|----|----|------|------|-----------------|----|----|------|------|
| East            | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   | East            | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   |
| Boston          | 52 | 32 | .619 | -    | N.Y. Mets       | 42 | 36 | .538 | -    |
| Tampa Bay       | 47 | 36 | .566 | 4.5  | Washington      | 40 | 41 | .494 | 3.5  |
| Toronto         | 43 | 38 | .531 | 7.5  | Atlanta         | 40 | 42 | .488 | 4.0  |
| N.Y. Yankees    | 41 | 40 | .506 | 9.5  | Philadelphia    | 39 | 41 | .487 | 4.0  |
| Baltimore       | 27 | 56 | .325 | 24.5 | Miami           | 35 | 46 | .432 | 8.5  |
| Central         | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   | Central         | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   |
| Chi. White Sox  | 49 | 33 | .598 | -    | Milwaukee       | 51 | 33 | .607 | -    |
| Cleveland       | 42 | 38 | .525 | 6.0  | Cincinnati      | 42 | 40 | .512 | 8.0  |
| Detroit         | 37 | 46 | .446 | 12.5 | Chi. Cubs       | 42 | 42 | .506 | 8.5  |
| Kansas City     | 35 | 47 | .427 | 14.0 | St. Louis       | 41 | 43 | .488 | 10.0 |
| Minnesota       | 33 | 48 | .407 | 15.5 | Pittsburgh      | 29 | 53 | .354 | 21.0 |
| West            | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   | West            | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   |
| Houston         | 51 | 33 | .607 | -    | San Francisco   | 52 | 30 | .634 | -    |
| Oakland         | 49 | 36 | .576 | 2.5  | L.A. Dodgers    | 52 | 31 | .627 | 0.5  |
| Seattle         | 44 | 40 | .524 | 7.0  | San Diego       | 49 | 36 | .576 | 4.5  |
| L.A. Angels     | 41 | 41 | .500 | 9.0  | Colorado        | 36 | 48 | .429 | 17.0 |
| Texas           | 33 | 50 | .398 | 17.5 | Arizona         | 23 | 62 | .271 | 30.5 |

| Saturday scores                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| N.Y. Mets 8, N.Y. Yankees 3     | Miami 3, Atlanta 2           |
| Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 3          | Houston 3, Cleveland 2       |
| Philadelphia 4, San Diego 2     | L.A. Dodgers 5, Washington 3 |
| Milwaukee 11, Pittsburgh 2      | Oakland 7, Boston 6          |
| Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2    | Colorado 3, St. Louis 2      |
| Kansas City 6, Minnesota 3      | L.A. Angels 4, Baltimore 1   |
| Detroit 11, Chicago White Sox 5 | San Francisco 6, Arizona 5   |
|                                 | Texas 7, Seattle 3           |

# WNBA standings

| Eastern Conference |    |    |      |      | Western Conference |    |    |      |     |
|--------------------|----|----|------|------|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Team               | W  | L  | PCT. | GB   | Team               | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  |
| Connecticut        | 12 | 6  | .667 | -    | Las Vegas          | 13 | 4  | .765 | -   |
| Chicago            | 10 | 9  | .526 | 2.5  | Seattle            | 13 | 4  | .765 | -   |
| New York           | 9  | 9  | .500 | 3.0  | Minnesota          | 9  | 7  | .563 | 3.5 |
| Washington         | 7  | 10 | .412 | 4.5  | Dallas             | 9  | 9  | .500 | 4.5 |
| Atlanta            | 6  | 10 | .375 | 5.0  | Phoenix            | 7  | 9  | .448 | 5.5 |
| Indiana            | 2  | 16 | .111 | 10.0 | Los Angeles        | 6  | 10 | .375 | 6.5 |

| Saturday scores            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Indiana 73, Connecticut 67 | New York 82, Washington 79 |
|                            | Minnesota 99, Phoenix 68   |

# HSE grad Noah Malone going for gold at Paralympics in Tokyo

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD  
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Up close, nothing bothers Noah Malone. The former IHSAA 200-meter state champion at Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) High School currently runs at Indiana State, a huge get for the Sycamores, who lured one of the Indianapolis area's prime sprinters to Terre Haute despite interest from multiple Big Ten programs. Each time Malone takes his mark, a minor miracle resurfaces.

"I can see well enough the lines and everything on track; I can see well enough to be mobile," Malone said. "The closer they get, the more I can see, but like other than that, everything is kind of blurry, so."

Six years ago, Malone's doctors discovered the then-junior high student had Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy, an inherited form of vision loss that often results in rapid and permanent loss of vision in both eyes.

"A couple of days after noticing it, my doctor said over the next year it is going to get a lot worse," Malone said. "That is really scary for a 13-year-old kid ... I was very into track and field then, and once my vision got worse, I wasn't really sure if I was



Noah Malone, a graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School now attending Indiana State University, is headed to the Paralympics in August.

going to be able to compete at a high level. I had goals to become a high school state champion and to go to college for track and field, and I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to accomplish any of that."

Malone kept running and winning. Earlier this month in Minneapolis, Malone made the U.S. Paralympic track and field roster heading for Tokyo in August in stellar fashion.

His official ticket to Tokyo was punched in the 100-meter dash, with a time of 10.74. The current top Paralympic T-12 time in the world in the 100-meters? Malone's previous time of 10.66 clocked before the U.S. Qualifications.

Later in Minneapolis, Malone's quali-

fying attempt 400-meter dash, the first 400 of his competitive career, was clocked at 49.38 seconds. That time is the fastest by a T-12 visually impaired athlete in American history.

"I was blown away because I didn't know what the American record was beforehand," Malone said. "Right now, I am ranked in the top three in the world in three different events. I am hoping to capitalize on that in Tokyo ... My goals are to medal, gold medals for those events."

Just as HSE High School paved the way toward Malone's athletic stardom, countless hours inside the classrooms of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired gave him a chance to live the life he wanted.

Ahead of his senior year of high school, Malone spent most of his academic time at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, relearning everyday activities following his diagnosis.

Regardless of what happens on the track in Tokyo this August, a new role model is ready to be a bright light on the world's grandest athletic stage.

"I think it is, I think it is for visually impaired people to be inspired and show that there is a way you can portray your talents," Malone said. "I just want to make all my friends, teachers, coaches and family proud in Tokyo. They all have helped me so much along this journey."

Even when a fantastic gift is taken away, some people find a way to guide us where we need to go.

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