

Help when you need it most

Hamilton County Trustee Association working to prevent evictions

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

The CDC eviction moratorium order has been extended through Oct. 3, but not for everyone. It applies only to individual counties experiencing substantial or high COVID-19 positivity rates.

That means the eviction moratorium can and start and stop repeatedly through Oct. 3.

Hamilton County rates are on the rise, and the county has recently been in the substantial category, though that is based on the state coronavirus map, which updates weekly. If you need help, the time to seek assistance is now, before eviction proceedings begin, and the Hamilton County Rental Assistance Program can help those struggling to pay rent, utilities, or both.

Hamilton County Trustee Association (HCTA) President Danielle Carey Tolan told The Reporter, "People who are not getting help may not even know what is out there for them. It is not just affecting renters; it is affecting landlords, which is a huge econom-



Tolan

ic driver for our community." According to their website, HCTA is made up of all nine townships in Hamilton County. Their mission is to help families and strengthen the community.

The organization will soon be working with probate courts, judges and magistrates about evictions and how they can help through the Hamilton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (HCERAP).

"If we aren't all working together, they [the courts] are going to get overrun and people are going to get evicted," Tolan said. "We have been lucky enough that here in Hamilton County we don't have the tent cities or people living under bridges. Most of our homeless are living in their cars or are couch surfing, so we don't see it like we would in downtown Indy or Chicago or Seattle. But if we don't work together to help fix the problem and help these renters that really do need help, it's going to become a big nightmare for everybody in Hamilton County and the state."

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New eviction moratorium What it means for Hoosiers

By **RICHARD ESSEX**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The new eviction moratorium through Oct. 3 is not retroactive.

The idea is to give cities and states with money in the pipeline the time to get that money to renters facing eviction.

This past Wednesday afternoon, the docket in Marion County's Center Township Small Claims Court was packed with tenants facing eviction. Almost all nine of that county's small-claims courts are seeing a tremendous increase in evictions. Rachel Hockenkamp is trying to stop them. She's a staff attorney for **Indiana Legal Services Inc.**, an organization providing no-cost advice to renters facing eviction.

Hockenkamp believes the new moratorium will cover evictions that were filed last week, but not evictions that have been completed.

She said Wednes-

day the latest moratorium from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "went into effect [last Tuesday] night and does not cover any eviction completed before yesterday."

I-Team 8 has been following the numbers for more than a year. There are close to 100,000 Hoosier households facing eviction, with close to 30,000 in Indianapolis and the rest of Marion County.

Andrew Bradley is with **Prosperity Indiana**, a community economic development organization keeping a close eye in evictions.

He said, "And really what it means is that it gives the state and the six different locally run emergency rental-assistance programs an opportunity to get those resources into the hands of renters and landlords who are still waiting to receive them."

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Happy 40th, Emily!

Oh, my dear daughter Emily, how can you be turning 40 this week when my mind still thinks I am 40? I don't listen to what my body thinks. My body thinks I am 65.

This week, we celebrate from a distance, yet my heart is so near to yours.

Your gift is on its way, but being the daughter of your grandmother, who never stopped giving me advice until she passed, I will do the same.

So here goes ...

Five minutes on the phone with your mother will make her day. Never think "it's just five minutes."

Putting yourself in "time out" is important, even more so, when you are 40. Take a bubble bath by candlelight while binge watching Netflix. Tell Drew, Aiden and Leah you will treat them to pizza ... at the pizza place. They can bring you back leftovers. Tell them not to rush.

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COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart



Heights, Sheridan schools receive generous donation

The REPORTER

A group of businesses and individuals from Northern Hamilton County recently formed a charitable advocate group known as SHHAG, and the group has announced its first donation of \$65,000 to the Sheridan and Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Programs.

The funds will be divided equally between the schools that will support the invaluable work of these programs in each district.

Hamilton Heights and Sheridan Youth Assistance Programs provide services year-round. The program is now in its seventh year at Heights and sixth year at Sheridan. It is a tremendous lifeline to services for area families in need.

Youth Assistance Early Intervention Advocates Mary Ann Haymaker (Heights) and Lisa Samuels (Sheridan) are the "go to" individuals for connecting families to resources for food, clothing, financial assistance, mental health counseling, medication management, parenting support and a little bit of everything in between. They are supported by a vast network of compassionate partners, and often work in tandem with other in-school advocates serving schools in Hamilton County.

Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program serves children ages 3 to 17 ½. The Early Intervention advocates

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Nickel Plate Express announces popular excursions for this fall

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Express is heading into the fall full-throttle, with many popular excursions returning for the 2021 season.

The nonprofit returned to normal operations in July, partnering with Carmel's Sugar Creek Winery for a wine tasting event that welcomed more than 300 to Forest Park in Noblesville on July 10.

Upcoming events include the family favorite Superhero Express in August as well as holiday staples like Wizard Express and Reindeer Ride.

In addition to family rides, the Nickel Plate Express will welcome back the Uncorked Express, Dinner Express and the Ales & Rails ride.

"We are so excited to open our doors and welcome passengers again," said Executive Director Dagny Zupin. "It has been incredibly rewarding to have families and couples



Photo provided by Daniel Grose

Upcoming events include the family favorite Superhero Express later this month.

back on board and making memories on the Nickel Plate Express."

The Nickel Plate Express

will celebrate its third anniversary this September, after beginning excursions in Atlanta in September of 2018.

To learn more about Nickel Plate Express and see a 2021 schedule, visit NickelPlateExpress.com.

Carmel builds good will between community, police



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Last Tuesday at the Carmel Gazebo, the Carmel Police and Fire departments came together with community partners to hold National Night Out, an annual event inviting local families to connect with law enforcement officers and first responders. The police department partnered with community members to show support for crime prevention. Police and fire personnel visited with kids, talked about safety, and answered questions. Multiple vendors were also there to share safety tips. See more photos on Page 3 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

HELP



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

HCERAP has already helped a lot of people.

“We have amazing success stories of people getting out of situations they could never imagine getting out of,” Tolan said. “Some were truly affected by COVID. One was hospitalized, lost her voice box and now has some mental problems because of all the medications, and we helped her. She’s able to stay on her feet, but she got so far behind because of not being able to work for eight months. There are amazing stories out there.”

This program is not just for people who are either diagnosed currently or have been in the past.

“As long as you can show that COVID affected you financially in one way or another ... You lost your job. You were furloughed. You had to take care of your kids because of schools closing or their kids got contact-traced with COVID in the classroom or they got trace contacted at work. If you can show anyone in your household was financially affected by COVID and are under 80 percent of the Hamilton County area medium income, you can apply.”

HCERAP opened the program March 15. The Hamilton County Commissioners applied for the program through the U.S. Treasury and it is administered by HCTA.

“It makes sense for the HCTA to do it because this is what we do day in and day out,” Tolan said. “This is our bailiwick. We saw

Area Median Income (AMI) in Hamilton County

As of April 1, 2021

Median income for a family of 4: \$81,600

Household Size	30% AMI (Extremely Low)	50% AMI (Very Low)	80% AMI (Low)
1	\$17,150	\$28,600	\$45,750
2	\$19,600	\$32,650	\$52,250
3	\$22,050	\$36,750	\$58,800
4	\$26,500	\$40,800	\$65,300
5	\$31,040	\$44,100	\$70,550
6	\$35,580	\$47,350	\$75,750
7	\$40,120	\$50,600	\$81,000
8	\$44,660	\$53,900	\$86,200

Graphic provided

If can show anyone in your household was financially affected by COVID and are under 80 percent of the Hamilton County area medium income, you can apply for assistance through the HCERAP at hctaindiana.com/era. You can also call the HCERAP Call Center at (317) 618-3125 (hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) or email info@hctaindiana.com.

the need immediately. We have had over 1,300 applicants to date since March 15. We have awarded over \$3.1 million of the \$10 million available.”

In 2018, there were 26,000 renters in Hamilton County. While that number has certainly increased, 2018 is the last set of official numbers HCTA had to work with in structuring this program.

“Based on the 2018 numbers we knew we would be able to help approximately 3,000 renters,” Tolan said. “Out of that, 14 percent of those renters are house-burdened. They can barely pay their rent and utilities – their basic needs. Fourteen percent of the renters in Hamilton County are living paycheck to paycheck.”

Before you apply, have the following documents ready

Please make digital copies of these documents before starting the application process. You will upload these documents during the application. Many partner sites can help you digitize your documents.

- Government Issued ID for each adult (16+) household member
- Proof of any income for each adult (16+) in the household
- Signed Lease Agreement
- Utility Bill (if applicable)
- Proof of COVID-19 impact

Please note, you may be asked to provide additional documentation. The landlord must also register for this program and verify that your rent is in arrears or otherwise in jeopardy.

For a more detailed list of documents [click here](#).

HCTA has over a dozen partners throughout the county including nonprofits, churches, libraries and others.

“If people need Spanish translation or just need help applying because they themselves cannot get through the technology part of applying online,

there are other places they can go get assistance,” Tolan said.

No matter where you live in Hamilton County, just go to hctaindiana.com/era to start the process of asking for assistance and your information will be given to the case manager in your local township.

MORATORIUM

The CDC’s latest moratorium is based upon the infection rate of the virus in each county. It covers all Indiana counties except those listed in yellow on the [state’s coronavirus map](#). A county can lose the morato-

rium protection if the virus infection rate drops over a 14-day period.

Bradley says the latest moratorium will provide some relief in the short term, but he expects multiple waves of evictions ahead.

“I think the larger point is a moratorium itself is really just a Band-Aid that kind of covers and to some extent delays the underlying conditions of housing instability and affordability that really predate COVID and have

just been exacerbated by the pandemic,” Bradley said.

The Biden administration has said it hopes the new moratorium will buy enough time for states to get COVID relief money to renters and landlords.

HAPPY

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When a “mean mom” invades your offspring’s territory, never be afraid to stand your ground to protect your children. You can be kind even while speaking your mind. Your mother has watched the karma ghost come back to haunt a few mean moms. It may take years but it will come back to them.

Your kids will remember the times you were silly. Do more of the silly. Those memories will always make them smile.

Make sure you are in the Kodak moments with them. You know ... pictures. I learned the hard way that you need to be in the pictures, not just the one taking them.

Enjoy your sisterhood community. Find those girlfriends that you can be “real” with. Every girlfriend has a little bit of the Velveteen Rabbit in her. Lean in, listen to their stories and learn how to love them well. Your girlfriends need you and they need your wise voice. In return, I pray they love you well.

Take Drew on dates. Dates without kids. Listen to his heart. Tell him the thoughts from your heart. Never forget the love you found all those years ago. Love will look different over the years. Make sure your love is treated with the same care as you promised at that altar some 12 years ago. I pray Drew loves you well.

Just know, life happens. It can be unfair. It can be cruel. You will get through the muck and yuck. You will heal from the hurts and the bruises. At 40, you have had a few. You will have more.

The losses and goodbyes will be the most difficult

things you will endure. Value the time you have with those you love. The older you get, the more you will value that time.

Your children will grow up. They will leave the nest. Who knows, they may move back to Indiana. As long as they are happy, allow them to fly. You can give them directions (you are your mother’s daughter after all) but their GPS may take them places you never expected. Trust them. They are being raised by wise parents (and grandparents).

Don’t allow your 9-to-5 job to become 24/7. Allow time for pauses. Don’t sleep with your job. It can be an evil bedfellow.

Hold tight to the legacy of your grandmother’s faith. Trust God to hold your pen as He writes your story. Faith is not about going to church and obeying all the commandments. It’s about having a personal relationship with God. It’s knowing He will always be with you, no matter the circumstances.

Take a deep breath whenever you become stressed. Hold for five seconds. Slowly breathe out through your mouth for 10 seconds. Repeat this several times. Trust me, it will help with stress. I know this well.

Laugh, my dear daughter, laugh! Picture your mom dancing in a TikTok video. OK, maybe not.

Never think that you are too old to do something. Well, you are too old to skydive. Don’t even think about it.

I love you, Emily. I am blessed to call you my daughter.

Just enjoy life, my dear Emily. 40 is a such a sweet number but I can assure you ... so is 65.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE—

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coordinate services for the youth and families they serve. The program operates in all six public schools in Hamilton County and takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community’s vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers.

The Early Intervention Advocates in each community work under the appointment of County Circuit Court Judge Paul Felix

and County Superior Court 1 Judge Michael Casati.

About Hamilton County

Youth Assistance

Hamilton County Youth Assistance is a private/public partnership involving its board members and the Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Hamilton Heights, and Sheridan communities. For more information about Youth Assistance Programs in Hamilton County, go to youthassistance.org.

PREVAIL

Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse

prevailinc.org

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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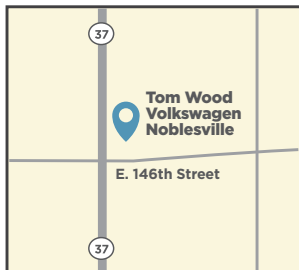


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Local DAR chapter to honor Revolutionary War soldier

The REPORTER

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution – Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, Hamilton County invites the public to attend the Commemoration Ceremony of Davis Whelchel at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Whelchel Cemetery, located east of 116th Street and Olio Road.

In honor of Davis Whelchel's service and sacrifice for our country's freedom, the local DAR chapter has installed an official bronze plaque at the site to acknowledge this American Patriot.

Davis Whelchel was born in 1752 in Virginia and enlisted in the army in 1775. He served as a Major, Lieutenant, Private, Ranger and a Spy out of South Carolina. He fought alongside his father, Dr. Francis Whelchel, and brothers at the Battle at Kings' Mountain, forcing the British out of South Carolina.

Under the command of Colonel Steen, he was often called to scout the British and Tories before going into battle. Whelchel was a Lieutenant in the Company of Captain John Thompson, and later replaced Major Jolly, filling that rank until the British troops left South Carolina after Cornwallis was taken at Yorktown and the end of the war.

Soon after Indiana became a state, Davis and his



The headstone of Davis Whelchel before cleaning (left) and after (right).

Photo provided

wife Nancy Barnes brought their family to settle in Fall Creek Township in Hamilton County. Davis Whelchel died on Sept. 4, 1833, and is buried in Fishers.

The 50th Anniversary Committee of the NSDAR Hoosier Prairie Chapter works diligently to identify and locate possible patriots like Davis Whelchel who are buried in Hamilton County and provide the recognition their service deserves. This takes various stages of research to verify patriot records, including locating where the patriot is buried and receiving permission to properly clean the headstones and installing commemorative plaques.

About NSDAR

The National Society

Where to park at the cemetery

Please park in the public lot near Great Lakes Ace Hardware and the Goodwill store at 116th Street and Olio Road. Attendees may walk to the site, or shuttles will be provided to the cemetery path from the above parking. Note that terrain on the pathway is flat, but rough. Look for the Whelchel placard to catch a shuttle in front of the Ace Hardware store. The suggested time to arrive to park is 10 a.m.

A representative from the Sons of the American Revolution will be posted at the cemetery path entrance.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members an-

nually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, visit dar.org.

When was the car radio invented?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1918 – Opha May Johnson of Kokomo signed up for the Marine Corps, becoming the first official woman Marine. She was soon promoted to sergeant and handled critical clerical jobs necessary during World War I. She was the highest-ranking woman in the Marine Corps during her time in service. Later she served as a clerk in the War Department.

1931 – "Take the world with you to uninhabited places" declared Indiana newspaper ads for the Mo-



torola "auto radio." New technology made it possible for cars to receive clear broadcast signals as they moved from place to place. A recent study by the Radio Manufacturers Association indicated that "the new motor-car radio does not increase driving dangers nor distract drivers' attention."

1945 – Japanese forces surrendered, ending World War II. Cheering crowds filled the streets of cities in Indiana and across America as millions celebrated the end of the war, which for the United States had lasted almost four years. Approximately 338,000 men and 118,000 women from Indi-

ana were in uniform.

1951 – Samuel Woodfill died on his farm near Vevay. A major in the United States Army, he was a veteran of World War I and World War II. Winner of the Medal of Honor, the Legion of Honor, and the French Croix de Guerre, he was one of the most decorated soldiers of the 20th Century.

1976 – Oscar McKinley Charleston was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Born in Indianapolis, he was a batboy for the Indianapolis ABC's before beginning a long career in the Negro Leagues. His best season was in 1921 with the St. Louis Giants when he hit 15 homeruns, 12 triples and 17 doubles, stole 31 bases, and had a .437 batting average.

2011 – Wind gusts from an approaching thunderstorm caused a stage to collapse at the Indiana State Fair. A large crowd had gathered to be entertained by the band "Sugarland." Just before they came on stage, the storm struck and caused a temporary roof to fall onto a crowd of spectators, killing seven people and injuring 58.

Letter to the Editor

Illinois reader: Not enough adults in Washington, D.C.

Dear Editor:

In his book *On the House: A Washington Memoir*, former House speaker John Boehner captions a photo of him walking between then-VP Joe Biden and President Obama, writing, "I usually didn't agree with either of these guys on policy, but they weren't bad people. Photos like this didn't endear me to some members of my party – most, really – but somebody had to be the adult in the room, find common ground, and get things done."

Reading this left me somewhere between hope and resignation. Hope in that such cordiality existed as recently as a decade ago, and resignation from seeing so little of it lately.

Much has been written about President Ronald Reagan and then House speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill working together on the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

Despite their contentious 1996 presidential campaign, former Kansas Senator Bob Dole and President Bill Clinton became good friends and worked on several projects together.

Sometimes politicians fail to seize the moment. President Carter couldn't pass a tax bill even with a heavily Democratic Congress. President George H. W. Bush, with sky-high ratings after the Desert Storm victory, couldn't beat Bill Clinton in 1992. Nobody's perfect.

Yet Bush's leadership during the first Iraq War was surehanded and restrained, and Carter coordinated a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt. In each case, there was, as Boehner might say, "An adult in the room."

We still have adults in the White House and Capitol Hill – just not enough of them.

Jim Newton
Itasca, Ill.

Letter to the Editor

Reader has several questions concerning masks on school buses

Dear Editor:

I am a great grandmother of elementary students, and I have questions concerning Kids & COVID.

People are to wear a mask to "protect" themselves from COVID. After wearing that mask all day, at what point does the mask stop protecting the wearer, and the mask then becomes the source of infection for the wearer?

Are children riding the school bus to and from school required to wear a mask at all times? How long is that mask protecting the children? How do we know what the saturation point is?

In a district with only one bus route for all students – that is, the elementary school students, the middle school students, and the high school students – the elementary students are seated in the front of the bus, the middle school students are seated in the middle, and high schoolers are seated in the rear of the bus.

The elementary students must remain in their seats on the bus while the older students unload in the mornings.

The little kids must sit there with masks on breathing the air surrounding the older students as the older students walk up the aisle to exit the bus.

Then for the afternoon trip back home, again the elementary students are loaded first, and they must sit there breathing the air from the older students while the older students enter the bus walking past the elementary kids to the older students' assigned seats.

The elementary students spend a lot of time sitting on a bus while the older students are unloading and/or loading.

Does this sound sanitary?

Jeanne Flanders
White River Township
Hamilton Heights School District

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It's easier than ever to volunteer in Fishers

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The city of Fishers makes it easy to find ways to help improve your community, and with the new volunteer management platform, donating your time and talent is easier than ever. Visit volunteer-fishers.com today to check out a full list of volunteer opportunities, or see a few examples below.

Shepherd's Center needs your help

Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County's Community Caring Program allows seniors to live independently with dignity in their own homes for as long as safely possible by connecting volunteers with home-bound, isolated, and/or financially fragile seniors 55 and over.

Community Caring Volunteers have a passion for giving back to seniors in their communities. All one-on-one volunteers complete an interview, background check and training. Many of the volunteers are 55 and over themselves and enjoy helping those in the same life stage. Volunteers must be available to donate a minimum of one hour per month.

[Click here](#) to volunteer.

Agape seeking volunteers

Agape cultivates personal growth by strengthening the mind, body and spirit through unique horse-facilitated experiences. Agape is looking for more superstar volunteers to support riders in weekly classes to meet the growing

schedule. The largest needs right now are Saturdays at both sites and weekdays at its east location.

[Click here](#) to volunteer.

Join the Fishers Fire Corps

A Fire Corps member provides support to city firefighters by performing services at emergency incidents and non-emergency events at department facilities and department functions. This includes responding to incidents to provide incident rehabilitation to firefighters and support to individuals affected by an emergency.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, pass a criminal background check, and have received a high school diploma or GED.

[Click here](#) to volunteer.

Feeding Team food pantries depend on neighbors like you

Our neighbors in Hamilton County are amazing. Hundreds of people each month play a part in providing meals to food challenged neighbors. Simple acts of generosity multiplied hundreds of times help provide thousands of no questions asked meals that are available 24/7.

This column intends to inform, encourage, and tell stories of our neighbors who give to and shop from the pantries.

Yellow, honor system "Take What You Need, Give What You Can" food pantries are new to this area, which prompts lots of questions. How does this work? Where did the idea come from? Why do you do it? How can we get involved?

Food charities have been a personal cause since Lisa and I struggled with food insecurity in the 80s. It became our primary business charity in the mid-90s.

Using data from the American Community Survey, we created a county map highlighting areas with income levels slightly above what qualified for public assistance. The data also revealed 27,000 food insecure neighbors in Ham-

GUEST COLUMNIST



MARK HALL

ilton County before COVID hit. Recent estimates exceed 50,000 today.

Armed with data, we started knocking on doors asking to place a pantry near challenged population areas. Once locations were secured, several organizations stepped in to help build, paint, and deliver the pantries. Each week volunteers maintain the pantries, pick up food, sort and then stock non-perishable food items. Their service makes thousands of meals available in pantries county wide. It is a simple model powered by a vision to serve neighbors, a business, several donors, and lots of volunteers. Take what you need, simply meaning NO NEIGHBOR need go hungry because food is available. Give what you can, simply meaning when you are able, please help a neighbor by contributing into any of the pantries.

The model was adapted from the small outdoor book libraries that became popular over the last decade. The

Feeding Team honor system is fueled with funding from businesses and individuals. It is capped with donations from neighbors who want to help struggling families.

We will never know the stories of most of our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. We believe it's not our business unless a neighbor shares their story. In future columns, we will share stories from neighbors about how your generosity served them in times of need. Be assured that the face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this simple way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Want to get involved? Visit feedingteam.org.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org, or by calling (317) 832-1104.

FeedingTeam.org Facts

- 26 pantries
- 4,500 meals in June
- 21 volunteer families

Sept. 26: Food/Fund raiser at Federal Hill Commons

Sen. Todd Young helps introduce bipartisan bill to remove unnecessary barriers for students with disabilities

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Bob Casey (D-Pa.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) introduced the Respond, Innovate, Succeed, and Empower (RISE) Act to help ease the transition from high school to college for students with disabilities.

The legislation would amend the Higher Education Act (HEA) and clarify that students with previous documentation of a disability would be able to continue using that documentation as proof when they transition to higher education. This would help ensure students who receive special education or accommodations because of a disability do not need to spend time and money to go through unnecessary new diagnostic testing.

"All Hoosiers deserve opportunities to access higher education," Sen. Young said. "Now more than ever, we should be removing barriers and allowing individuals to attain skills necessary to enter the workforce. This bill is a smart step to streamline the college enrollment process for people with disabilities, which will help equip students to advance their careers."

The RISE Act would also make school policies and data more transparent for students and families so they can make informed decisions on the college that best fits their needs. The legislation also provides

additional support for technical assistance to colleges and universities to better serve students with disabilities.

"The RISE Act will help eliminate unnecessary barriers for students with disabilities and ease their transition to higher education," Sen. Casey said. "No student with a documented disability should have to jump through extra hoops or incur extra costs to access the services and support that they need to thrive. All students deserve the opportunity to realize their full potential."

"Learning disabilities are real and they are lifelong. But for too long, the process for receiving accommodations has placed the burden on students and families to navigate the complex higher education system," said Lindsay E. Jones, President & CEO of the National Center for Learning Disabilities. "We applaud these Members of Congress for their leadership on this important civil rights issue and look forward to working with Congress to make the RISE Act a reality."

"I am about to enter my sophomore year of college and I don't have any accommodations for my ADHD because my school is forcing me to again prove I have a disability and get an expensive evaluation despite the fact I was already diagnosed 2 years ago," said Malachai Pruett,



Young

NCLD Young Adult Leadership Council member. "The RISE Act would mean that students like myself don't have to jump through hoops to have a level playing field, and don't have to watch our grades slip simply because we can't afford to get re-evaluated for conditions we already know we have."

The RISE Act is endorsed by the following organizations:

National Center for Learning Disabilities, The Advocacy Institute, AHEAD, AIM Institute for Learning and Research, American Association of People with Disabilities, Association of University Centers on Disabilities, Autistic Self Advocacy Network, Center for Learner Equity, Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Council for Exceptional Children, Decoding Dyslexia Network, Education Reform Now, Eye to Eye, Higher Education Consortium for Special Education, Learning Disabilities Association of America, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, National Association of School Psychologists, National Down Syndrome Congress, RespectAbility, Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children and TeachPlus.

[Click here](#) to read the RISE Act.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission

The Cicero Plan Commission has an opening for a **Plan Director**.

For a complete list of duties and job application, please see the town's website at

www.cicero.in.org

Applications will be accepted through **Friday August 13th.**

Please send application and resume to:

Dan Strong
331 E Jackson St.
P.O. Box 650
Cicero, IN 46034

or

dstrong@townofcicero.in.gov

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Sheridan, IN 46069

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Find out “What’s Up” from young leaders in Carmel



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In the fifth episode of “What’s Up Carmel” presented by the Carmel Mayor’s Youth Council, the Podcast Crew hosts guest Jim Crider. Crider is the City of Carmel’s Director of Administration, handling the city’s day-to-day operations while assisting the mayor with special projects. In this episode, Crider shares his experiences serving in the U.S. Army for 28 years, which he says has had many benefits for his current position. Through the military he has seen numerous events that have changed his perspective on life, such as the fall of the Berlin Wall. (Top left to bottom right) Claire Qu, Trevor Tilev, Matthew DiDonna and Jim Crider. [Click here](#) to watch the podcast.

Noblesville native launches candle business . . . with a twist

Submitted

Shelby Fisher and James Schwer are Ball State students who spent their summer establishing Cloud Candles LLC and taking their invention on the road. As delta-8-THC becomes a phenomenon in the Hoosier state, Cloud Candles is the first to infuse the hemp derivative into candle wax. The patent pending formulation allows for a novel way to experience delta-8 without the harsh smells or hassle typically associated with delta-8. Stronger than a CBD candle, consumers can use Cloud Candles to enhance anything from game night to a nice meal or their bedtime routine. With backgrounds in biology and chemistry, neither Fisher nor Schwer thought they would find their passion in candle making.

“I never thought I would own a business, let alone invent something new with my partner or write a provisional patent,” said Fisher, a Noblesville native. “But it’s been an amazing learning experience and a ton of fun.” Though their business may have taken a creative turn, they haven’t forgotten their biology backgrounds. “We use clean burning soy wax and locally source our materials to ensure that our business is not only environmentally sustainable but supports the local economy,” said Schwer. The two say community is also an important part of their business model and their personal lives. Fisher says she has fond memories of growing up in Noblesville, and she and Schwer make it a point to come home a couple of times a



Photo provided

month to visit her mother or try a new restaurant. They say they look forward to giving back to the communities that have shaped their business and themselves into what they are today. Cloud Candles are currently being sold online at cloud-candles.com and in Muncie. Fisher and Schwer say they are also looking to connect with businesses in Noblesville to expand their brand. To find out more about Cloud Candles, visit cloud-candles.com or email info@cloud-candles.com.

Get your tickets now for the ultimate Fab Four tribute in Carmel

The REPORTER

“The Long and Winding Road” leads to Coxhall Gardens on Sunday, Sept. 5 when Carmel Symphony Orchestra and Hamilton County Parks and Recreation proudly present the performance of the summer: Classical Mystery Tour. Whether you lived and loved those Swinging ‘60s or simply love the timeless music of that era, you’ll want to be at Coxhall Gardens, 11677 Towne Road, Carmel, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5. The critically-acclaimed quartet of Classical Mystery Tour musicians will pay highest tribute to the Fab Four through musical stylings, costuming and spot-on delivery – all backed by the sensational symphonic sounds of the CSO led by Artistic Director Janna Hymes.

[Click here](#) to watch the Classical Mystery Tour promo on YouTube.

Classical Mystery Tour has been hailed by *Broadway World* as “the world’s best Beatles show with symphony orchestra.” *The Los Angeles Times* wrote

that Classical Mystery Tour elicits “a high goose-bump quotient ... [it’s] more than just an incredible simulation ... the crowd stood and belated for more!”

Select your perfect ticket from among four levels: General Admission (bring your own blanket or chair and enjoy the performance from lawn seating), Festival Terrace, VIP Terrace or VIP Tables. Bring your own picnic feast to the park – or make it a really classic evening and check out the pre-concert party in Coxhall Garden’s Cripe Pavilion. Regardless of the ticket you select, be sure to wear your most fabulous ‘60s apparel and help recreate and celebrate that groovy ‘60s vibe.

For all of you Fab Four history buffs – this Classical Mystery Tour performance takes place exactly 57 years and two days after the original Fab Four appeared in concert for two shows at the Indiana State Fair on Sept. 3, 1964. That’s reason alone to celebrate.

Get the all the details at CarmelSymphony.org, and get your tickets at [this link](#).

Indiana Supreme Court rejects AG Rokita’s request to stop lawsuit over emergency powers

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indiana Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected Attorney General Todd Rokita’s request to stop Governor Eric Holcomb’s lawsuit over a new legislative emergency powers bill.

The five justices who sit on the court unanimously refused a request to intervene in the case on an emergency basis, according to the Tuesday order.

The request to permanently stop the lawsuit remains under consideration, and opposing filings were due to the court by Friday.

The ruling comes after Rokita appealed a Marion County judge who in early July ruled in favor of Holcomb. The judge rejected Rokita’s claim that only he could file a lawsuit on behalf of the state and said Holcomb does have the constitutional right to defend executive powers in court.

Holcomb is asking to overturn a new state law that would allow lawmakers to call their own special session. The governor vetoed the bill this spring, and lawmakers overrode that veto.

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Carmel makes rapid response to boost safety for students in new ‘no-bus’ zones

The REPORTER

Due to a shortage of bus drivers for Carmel Clay Schools, the school district has announced the creation of “No-Bus Zones” within roughly a one-mile radius of schools, with accommodations for those needing to cross busy streets or dangerous intersections.

Focused on providing the safest access to schools, the City of Carmel, Carmel Police Department and Carmel Clay Schools are working together on a plan to reduce the impact this change will have on Carmel students and families.

“The safety of our students and families is a top priority and when I learned of the School District’s decision to change the bus routes, along with the rest of the community, I immediately reached out to our Engineering, Streets and Police departments to work as quickly as possible on a plan to enhance the safety of those who must now bike or walk to

school,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “We have worked hard to build our network of paths and sidewalks to provide for a more walkable and bicycle-friendly community.”

Traditionally, the first week of school is a time when our police and fire officials are more visible and tuned into the patterns of transportation to our schools. This year, that heightened awareness will continue for as long as it takes to make sure we can adequately provide the safety measures needed.

Below is a list of changes being made, along with some additional resources:

- Up to nine signalized, mid-block crossings are being installed near schools, with more to come if needed.
- Elementary students will start classes 10 minutes earlier, middle school students 20 minutes earlier and high school students



Brainard

20 minutes later; all elementary schools will now be open at 7:15 a.m. to promote rolling arrivals prior to the busy bell time.

- Carmel Police officers will be stationed around the schools to monitor and deter speeding and for general safety purposes. Further measures are being explored at this time.
- Carmel Clay Schools will

work closely with Carmel Police to identify and remedy any needed crosswalks or additional safety measures.

- Each Carmel school building has a connection point to the more than 200 miles of paths and trails and hundreds of miles of sidewalks that can be used to safely traverse the city.
- A connected and safe network of sidewalks, paths and trails make Carmel the perfect place to form a “Walking School Bus,” defined as a group of children walk-

ing to school with one or more adults. It could be as small as just a few families or as big as a neighborhood. [Learn more about this here.](#)

- Another option would be to form “Bicycle Trains,” which are similar to the Walking School Bus, but with bikes. [Learn more about that here.](#)
- Schools, neighborhood associations and parents can also find valuable resources here:

- [saferoutesinfo.org](#)
- [saferoutespartnership.org](#)
- [walkbiketoschool.org](#)

• If bicycling and walking is not an option, families are encouraged to carpool, to help ease congestion at schools for drop-off and pick up.

Bike Carmel, a program of the City of Carmel, has bicycle safety pamphlets and other resources available for individuals, classrooms, or schools. Please contact Bike Carmel at kwhited@carmel.in.gov.

New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Aug. 2:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. The bone code, by Kathy Reichs
2. Tiny tales, by Alexander McCall Smith
3. The summer of lost and found, by Mary Alice Monroe
4. Katharine Parr, the sixth wife, by Alison Weir
5. The Newcomer, by Mary Kay Andrews
6. The final twist, by Jeffery Deaver
7. That summer, by Jennifer Weiner
8. Pup fiction, by Lauren Berenson
9. Murder at Sunrise Lake, by Christine Feehan
10. The night hawks: a Ruth Galloway mystery, by Elly Griffiths

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. The human cloud: how today’s changemakers use artificial intelligence and the freelance economy to transform work, by Matthew Mottola
2. Wretched refuse?: the political economy of immigration and institutions, by Alex Nowrasteh
3. The nature of oaks: the rich ecology of our most essential native trees, by

Douglas Tallamy

4. The complete salad cookbook: a fresh guide to 200+ vibrant dishes using greens, vegetables, grains, proteins, and more, by America’s Test Kitchen

5. World travel: an irreverent guide, by Anthony Bourdain

6. You are your best thing: vulnerability, shame resilience, and the Black experience: an anthology, by Tarana Burke

7. Stampede: gold fever and disaster in the Klondike, by Brian Castner

8. Blood and treasure: Daniel Boone and the fight for America’s first frontier, by Bob Drury

9. The next Everest: surviving the mountain’s deadliest day and finding the resilience to climb again, by Jim Davidson

10. Everything is fine: a memoir, by Vince Granata

New DVDs

1. Lilly’s light: the movie
2. Rock dog 2: rock around the park
3. Space dogs: tropical adventure
4. Leo Scooby-Doo!: Haunted Hollywood
5. Furious 7
6. Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence

New Music CDs

1. Kidz bop: the original album, by Kidz Bop Kids

Actors Theatre of Indiana welcomes award-winning Billy Stritch to the next *ATI Live at Feinstein’s* event

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) will present *A Night with Billy Stritch – “Billy’s Place”* as the next in the ATI Live at Feinstein’s shows. This performance will take place Thursday, Aug. 26 at Feinstein’s Cabaret Club located inside The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30.

Stritch is an award-winning pianist and singer, known to audiences across the country for his many solo concert performances and as accompanist and musical director for Liza Minnelli, Tony Bennett, Marilyn Maye, Linda Lavin and Christine Ebersole. He has created his own weekly Facebook livestream music show called “Billy’s Place.” Every week, he spotlights a different composer or performer from The Great American Songbook.

The London Jazz Times raved, “Billy Stritch is one of the finest, most entertaining piano players and singers on the planet!” following a 2018 performance.

The show at Feinstein’s will feature his favorite songs from well over 50 online shows. Expect to hear music by Cy Coleman, Hoagy Carmichael, Barry Manilow, Rodgers and Hart, as well as original compositions and selections from

the Brazilian bossa nova canon. He’ll also be sharing intimate stories from his varied and wide-ranging career.

“Mr. Stritch gives one hell of a show. He’s stylish, sophisticated, and an incredible talent... (his) execution is flawless: he finds power and passion in everything he plays. Music lovers would do themselves a great disservice by missing out on this stellar entertainer,” stated Paul Broussard in *Stage Click Magazine* in New Orleans.

Stritch is one of the premier singer-pianists on the New York and national jazz and cabaret scenes. He began his career in Houston, Texas, where he formed the vocal trio Montgomery, Plant and Stritch. The trio performed all over New York and Europe from 1983 until they disbanded in 1990. A chance meeting with Liza Minnelli in March 1991 resulted in her asking him to create vocal arrangements for the record-breaking extravaganza *Liza Stepping Out* at Radio City Music Hall. In addition to his 25-year collaboration with Liza, Stritch recently toured with the legendary Tony Bennett as Tony’s pianist and musical director.

A solo entertainer in his own right, he has performed his own shows (including tributes to Mel Tormé and

Cy Coleman) in concert halls and nightclubs across the country. He also serves as music director for such leading vocalists as Linda Lavin, Christine Ebersole, Paulo Szot and Marilyn Maye. He is the co-writer of the Grammy-winning song “Does He Love You” recorded by Reba McEntire and Linda Davis. When he’s not on the road, he is the pianist for Jim Caruso’s Cast Party open mic night every Monday at New York’s legendary Birdland Jazz Club and he and Jim hold forth on Sunday nights at Bemelmans’ Bar in Manhattan’s fabled Carlyle Hotel.

Currently during COVID-19, he is hosting his own weekly Facebook livestream show “Billy’s Place,” celebrating The Great American Songbook with songs and stories from his varied career. The show airs every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. on his [Billy Stritch Facebook page](#). He has recorded five solo CDs and his latest CD release *Billy’s Place* (Club44 Records) is a collection of his favorite songs from these online concerts.

ATI is pleased to bring this amazing talent to Feinstein’s in Carmel. ATI formed a partnership ear-



Stritch

lier in 2021 with Feinstein’s and has been presenting local and national artists once a month. Shows are scheduled through October 2021.

Feinstein’s was modeled after the legendary Feinstein’s / 54 Below in New York. Two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-winning musician Michael Feinstein officially opened Feinstein’s Cabaret Club in The Hotel Carmichael in May 2021.

“Actors Theatre of Indiana is honored to partner with Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael in presenting local and national top-quality entertainment for our ATI Live at Feinstein’s” series,” said ATI Co-founder Don Farrell. “Feinstein’s is known world-wide as being a sophisticated destination for live-music of world-class musical talent.”

Get tickets at [atistage.org](#) or by visiting [prekindle.com/events/feinsteins-cabaret](#). The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. An American Bistro influenced menu will be available when the doors open. This special one-night engagement performance is underwritten through a generous donation by Rob and Natalie Manges.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Aug. 9

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 west side 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

116th Street in downtown Fishers has fully opened to four lanes of traffic after the completion of the Nickel Plate Trail tunnel. Upon completion of the Nickel Plate Trail, slated for spring 2022, pedestrians will access the trail via the tunnel to provide safe passage beneath 116th Street.

Construction in the area related to the downtown development projects will impact the roadway at various times in August and September. Beginning the week of Aug. 9, 116th Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Municipal Drive and Maple Street between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for final asphalt surface placement at the Nickel Plate Trail. All lanes are anticipated to reopen by Thursday, Aug. 12.

Also beginning the week of Aug. 9, gas main work will be taking place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of 116th Street and Fishers Center Drive and is anticipated to last three to five days. Click here to view restrictions and the detour map.

Britton Ridge

ADA ramp work is currently taking place in Britton Ridge and is anticipated to be completed in August.

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Members of the AmeriCorps NCCC Oak 8 Team take a break from their volunteer projects to pose with County Council Member Steve Schwartz (far left), Chris Stice, Alaina Shonkwiler, Rob Levis and Bruce Oldham, near the Taylor Center's Koteewi Trace outdoor exhibit – a full-scale, recreation of a Native American Village, located in Strawtown Koteewi Park. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

County Councilman Steve Schwartz visits Strawtown Koteewi Park

Meets with AmeriCorps NCCC Region Director, Rep. Spartz's staffer

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Council Member Steve Schwartz recently visited Strawtown Koteewi Park to meet with park leadership and inspect some of the recent developments and programs that he and other members of the County Council have supported.

While there, Schwartz was joined by Rob Levis,

Region Director for AmeriCorps NCCC, a federally coordinated organization that trains and then assigns young adults to communities throughout the country that benefit from their dedicated volunteer service, and Alaina Shonkwiler, Director of Outreach and Engagement for Congresswoman Victoria Spartz.

During the visit, Ham-

ilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) Director of Parks Chris Stice introduced the guests to young adult members of the AmeriCorps team (Oak 8) that recently engaged in key improvements at the park during their volunteer service stay, hosted by Hamilton County Parks.

While at the park, Schwartz, Levis and Shonkwiler were also provided a tour of the Taylor Center of Natural History. Afterwards, Schwartz visited the construction site of what will become Strawtown Koteewi Park's new maintenance facility. When completed, the facility will house the staff and equipment required to maintain

the nearly 800 acres of parkland and the various facilities located throughout the park.

Schwartz also took time to speak with park staff and counselors overseeing HCPR's Outdoor Adventure Summer Day Camp – a new program that offers participating youth the opportunity to ride horses, take on the challenges of a treetop ropes course, learn how to fish and even enjoy the recreational sport of archery.

To learn more about Strawtown Koteewi Park and its new developments, or Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, visit MyHamiltonCountyParks.com or call (317) 770-4400.

Thomas Edward "Ed" Christman

July 12, 1928 – August 1, 2021



Thomas Edward "Ed" Christman, 93, Noblesville, passed away in his home peacefully on Sunday, August 1, 2021. He was born on July 12, 1928, in Fortville, Ind., to Wanda Christman.

Ed moved to Noblesville in his early childhood and held many memories in the area living with his mother, father, and brother Pete. He graduated from Noblesville High School in 1946 and began his hobby of flying in 1947. After becoming a licensed Private Pilot, Ed achieved his dream of owning his own airplane and took great joy in flying around the country. Ed enlisted in the Army in 1951 and proudly served as a First Lieutenant in Artillery.

Ed attended Purdue University to study Animal Science. Working first with United Feeds then Moorman's, Ed was known throughout Hamilton and contiguous counties for his expertise in livestock nutrition for over 35 years. He also raised 300 feeder pigs and Angus cattle at his farm outside of Cicero. He later worked at Kitterman Machine Co. as a Tool & Die Maker.

On July 18, 1978, Ed married Jane Waterman and took on the responsibility of raising four more children. The two built strong relationships by hosting most family holidays and Wednesday night suppers. Passionate for adventure, they traveled the country on their motorcycle and collected many amazing stories and photos. They visited all 48 continental states, filling a goal they had set. They filled their time at home with weekly breakfasts with friends, riding his motorcycle, and getting donuts from Fortville (always picking up enough to share). Their journey together was a multitude of experiences, enabling Ed to have endless stories to share and inspire friends and family to explore what the world has to offer.

Having lived a long and fulfilling life, Ed had developed many hobbies, including riding his motorcycle with Goldwing Chapter P, bowling (Indiana State Seniors Singles Champion!), golfing with his buddies, flying both life-size and model airplanes, and coaching little league baseball. Later in life, Ed spent much of this time building and flying model airplanes, reading many books, watching his grandchildren play ball, learning to play the organ, and visiting the Atlanta Music Hall. He was passionate about sharing his hobbies with everyone and has many accounts of letting others fly his plane, bringing his grandchildren along on motorcycle trips, and spending hours sharing his adventures with anyone who would listen.

Ed was an avid learner with an extensive appetite for wisdom gained through the voyage of life. He was the epitome of perseverance and strength, and with great tenacity for achievement – Ed was a man who kept coming back. His devotion to family, friends, and life inspired those around him. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Jane Christman; children, Dave and Nick (Leeann) Christman, Kim (Steve) Scully, David (Melanie) Bailey, and Brian Bailey; 11 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; three dogs; and an extensive extended family. He is predeceased by his parents, Clifford and Wanda Stevenson; brother, Marlin "Pete" (Sylvia) Christman; daughters, Linda Christman and Kaye Bailey; and grandson, Daniel.

Ed donated his body to science for the advancement of medicine and will not be having a traditional service. A celebration of life will be hosted for close family and friends and will be announced at a later date.

Ed's family is incredibly grateful for all the support, prayers, and thoughtful gifts prior to and following Ed's death.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
2 Corinthians 3:12-18 (NIV)

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Girls golf

Westfield's busy week finishes with victory at State Preview tournament

By RICHIE HALL

CARMEL - This past week has been a busy, yet productive one for the Westfield girls golf team.

The No. 2-ranked Shamrocks concluded a stretch of five tournament in six days on Saturday by winning the State Preview meet at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. Westfield finished first with a team score of 301.

"It was a battle out there, honestly," said Shamrocks coach Trevor Neu. "We had a stretch of really good holes and got off to a decent start."

The tournament featured a shotgun start, with different players beginning on each of the 18 holes. Neu said that his team started on some of tougher holes, "so that maybe was in our favor," he said. "We got through some of those early."

Neu said the 'Rocks "had a couple hiccups" on hole No. 9, "but the girls that struggled responded well after that and went on a nice streak."

"They really battled back after some tough holes," said Neu. "But that's this course. You got to take the good with the bad. When you have a double (bogey) in there, you know you got to battle and work your way back and just try to stay consistent. The girls did that all day long."

Westfield's Sam Brown was the only player to finish under par for the tournament, carding a two under par 70 to claim medalist honors. Brown made four birdies in her round.

"I think that I played decent," said Brown. "I think I definitely left some shots out there, but it was enough to bring it home."

Brown's performance at Prairie View continued a remarkable run: During the Shamrocks' busy stretch, Brown has fin-



The Westfield girls golf team takes a selfie with its State Preview tournament trophy Saturday after winning the event, which took place at Prairie View Golf Club. The Shamrocks scored a 301 for their fourth tournament victory over the past five days.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ished under par four times in five tournaments, and was even par at the fifth tournament.

"It's been super busy, but it's been fun to come out and play," said Brown.

Sophie McGinnis scored a 75 for Westfield, making three birdies and plac-

ing ninth individually. Allie Hildebrand scored a 77 and Brette Hanavan added a 79; both made two birdies. Allie McKewon rounded out the Shamrocks' scoring with an 85.

To recap, the 'Rocks won four of the five tournaments they played during the

week, and were the runners-up in the fifth tournament. With school starting next week, the tournament pace will slow down next week, but Westfield couldn't have asked for a better start.

Neu said Brown had "a fantastic first week" and the other players had "great, great weeks."

"It's just a lot for us to build off of and just hopefully stay the course and maybe clean up a few things here and there," said Neu. "But super pleased with this week."

GREYHOUNDS PLACE SECOND

Third-ranked Carmel was the team runner-up with a score of 308. Ava Hedrick and Claire Swathwood both carded 74s, which made them part of a five-way tie for fourth place.

Swathwood collected four birdies in her round, with Hedrick making three. Swathwood went from six over on her first six holes to five under over the next 11, including a 31 on the back nine.

"It takes another level of determination to flip a round around like Claire did today," said Greyhounds coach Kelly Kluesner.

Michael Headlee finished with a 78, while Ava Nguyen scored 82. Both had one birdie. Kamryn Williams carded an 87.

"The girls played really well on such a tough course," said Kluesner. The coach said that Prairie View lived up to its expectations at the tournament, playing hard and fast with "swirling winds and tucked pins."

"It was a true challenge and the girls handled it perfect. We are so happy with

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Carmel's Ava Hedrick talks with assistant coach Dan Patane (left) and her father Tom Hedrick after her round at the State Preview meet. Hedrick finished with a 74, putting her in a five-way tie for fourth place.

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our score today,” said Kluesner.

Fifth-ranked Center Grove and fourth-ranked Homestead tied for third with identical scores of 316. Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 6 in the state, finished in fifth place with a 324. Yanah Ralston led the Royals with a 78, including one birdie. Marissa Spreitzer (80), Ella Bui (82) and Lauren Stewart (84) rounded out the Southeastern scoring. Spreitzer, Bui and Cora Zink (90) all had one birdie as well.

Noblesville, ranked No. 8, placed ninth with a team total of 358. Caroline Whallon was the Millers’ low woman with a 78, making one birdie, followed by Sophi Stutz with 91. Jordan Adam (93), Olivia Anderson (96) and Erin Burt (100) each had one birdie.

Guerin Catholic tied for 13th as a team with a 385. Christina Pfefferkorn scored a 79, making one birdie, while Izzy Pinon added an 84.

Team scores: Westfield 301, Carmel 308, Center Grove 316, Homestead 316, Hamilton Southeastern 324, Castle 335, Floyd Central 340, Evansville North 343, Noblesville 358, Penn 381, Franklin Community 381, Brownsburg 383, Guerin Catholic 385, Western 385, Crown Point 388, NorthWood 388, Columbus North 389, Greenfield-Central 444.

Medalist: Sam Brown (Westfield) 34-36=70.

Other Westfield scores: Sophie McGinnis 40-35=75, Allie Hildebrand 41-36=77, Brette Hanavan 42-37=79, Allie McKeown 43-42=85.

Carmel scores: Ava Hedrick 37-37=74, Claire Swathwood 43-31=74,



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Hamilton Southeastern coach Steve Guenin talks with his team at the finish of the State Preview meet at Prairie View Golf Club. The Royals placed fifth. Pictured at left is Southeastern player Lauren Stewart.

Michaela Headlee 38-40=78, Ava Nguyen 42-40=82, Kamryn Williams 41-46=87.

Southeastern scores: Yanah Rolston 36-42=78, Marissa Spreitzer 39-41=80, Ella Bui 44-38=82, Lauren Stewart 44-40=84, Cora Zink 44-

40=84.

Noblesville scores: Caroline Whallon 41-37=78, Sophi Stutz 45-46=91, Jordan Adam 45-48=93, Olivia Anderson 48-48=96, Erin Burt 48-52=100.

Guerin Catholic scores: Christina Pfefferkorn 39-40=79, Izzy Pinon 40-44=84, Jenny Zerla 55-55=110, Audrey Kuncze 56-56=112, Sarah Rigg 61-61=122.

Westfield sent a second varsity team to Chippendale Saturday for the Kokomo Invitational, and won it with a score of 314.

Addi Kooi and Mallory Mortl each scored 72s, tying them for second place individually. Claire Thompson added an 84, while Sam Lemieux and Sophie Thompson both scored 86.

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Boston 2	Toronto 1	8 innings
Oakland	12	Texas 3
Philadelphia	5	N.Y. Mets 3
Tampa Bay	12	Baltimore 3
Detroit	2	Cleveland 1
Cincinnati	11	Pittsburgh 3
Houston	4	Minnesota 0
San Francisco	9	Milwaukee 6, 11 innings
St. Louis	5	Kansas City 2
Washington	3	Atlanta 2
Colorado	7	Miami 4
San Diego	6	Arizona 2
L.A. Dodgers	5	L.A. Angels 3

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	67	44	.604	-
Boston	65	48	.575	3.0
N.Y. Yankees	61	49	.555	5.5
Toronto	59	50	.541	7.0
Baltimore	38	71	.349	28.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	65	46	.586	-
Cleveland	53	55	.491	10.5
Detroit	54	59	.478	12.0
Kansas City	47	62	.431	17.0
Minnesota	47	64	.423	18.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	66	45	.595	-
Oakland	63	48	.568	3.0
Seattle	58	54	.518	8.5
L.A. Angels	56	55	.505	10.0
Texas	39	72	.351	27.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	58	53	.523	-
N.Y. Mets	56	54	.509	1.5
Atlanta	56	55	.505	2.0
Washington	50	61	.450	8.0
Miami	47	64	.423	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	66	45	.595	-
Cincinnati	60	51	.541	6.0
St. Louis	55	55	.500	10.5
Chi. Cubs	52	60	.464	14.5
Pittsburgh	41	70	.369	25.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	70	41	.631	-
L.A. Dodgers	66	45	.595	4.0
San Diego	63	49	.563	7.5
Colorado	50	61	.450	20.0
Arizona	35	77	.313	35.5

Noblesville cross country Alumni Race



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

The Noblesville cross country teams hosted their annual Alumni Race Saturday morning at Chinquapin Ridge Course at White River Elementary School.

Pictured alumni racing the course are:

LEFT: Noblesville High School graduates Sophie Reichert, Abi Little, Ian Montarsi and Cole Kimmel. Montarsi and Kimmel are 2021 graduates of NHS.

BELOW LEFT: Incoming NHS seniors Luke Shinneman and Joel Mumaw, and NHS graduates Blake Hipkiss and Jack Commeville.

BELOW: NHS graduate Jill Moor.



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