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# Conner Prairie partners with Smithsonian for new exhibit

*Project expands story of local African American history*

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
*ReadTheReporter.com*

Conner Prairie is one of only nine organizations selected as part of a cohort to participate in the *Fostering Critical Conversations with Our Communities* program, a year-long, Smithsonian Institution community engagement initiative in collaboration with the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

Conner Prairie Curatorial Director Charlene J. Fletcher

er told The Reporter there will be a new exhibit in 2023 called Promised Land as Proving Ground (PLPG).

According to Fletcher, “PLPG focusses on African American history through the lens of African American spirituality. It is a completely different shift from what Conner Prairie is known for with regards to 1836 Prairie Town and 1863 Civil War Jour-



**Fletcher**

ney and it gives us an opportunity to tell the ones that weren’t inclusive stories but to also cover a larger swath of history and a more complex history. That exhibit is what we presented to the Smithsonian to apply for this particular cohort.”

Fletcher, who was hired in February 2021, explained that PLPG started as a Lilly Endowment planning grant with con-

versations beginning in 2018.

“I really expanded the original narrative to move beyond the AME Church [African Methodist Episcopal Church] and Quaker interactions with African Americans,” Fletcher told The Reporter. “The exhibit still covers that, but it is important to know why the AME Church was founded. It’s important to know the history of these organizations – these institutions – and to understand the African

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Sometimes you just need a dose of cuteness

I had the amazing foresight to take last Monday off, which happened to be a mostly sunny, almost 60-degree day. I planned to visit my mother and Betty Gerrard, a Noblesville legend, that morning.

My husband John and I also were taking care of two dogs for some friends of ours, Laci and Tiny. Laci is sweet but an old girl who doesn’t like to do too much anymore. Tiny, on the other hand, is younger and the biggest cuddle dog you’ll ever meet. She loves everyone and wouldn’t hurt a fly.

Of course, I instantly thought of taking her along on my visits. Matt and Cindy, her owners, heartily agreed. So off we went to see two special ladies, Tiny riding in the car just as calm as can be.

Long time readers may be wondering why I didn’t bring Rex, Mom’s dog, instead. While I love Rex, taking him places is stressful, as he doesn’t like strangers and sometimes bites. I figured Tiny could bring some smiles to not only Mom and Betty, but to everyone at their assisted living facilities. And I was right.

People were almost melting as soon as I walked in the door to Mom’s place. Nurses, CNAs, and other staff members rushed over to pet her.

Mom’s eyes lit up when I showed Tiny to her. I gently set her on Mom’s lap where she proceeded to relax while Mom stroked her soft fur. Unlike Rex, Tiny sat perfectly still, which was wonderful for Mom. Rex sometimes hurts her legs when he gets fidgety.

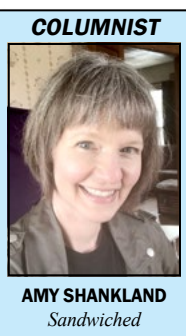
We had a delightful visit then set off to see the next special lady in my life. Tiny was a hit at Sanders Glen as well! We caught Betty as she was having lunch, so she couldn’t have Tiny on her lap for very long, but Betty loved seeing her explore her apartment.

After we left Betty’s, I opened up the sunroof on my Mini Cooper as we drove home. Tiny and I both took a deep breath and enjoyed the beauty of the sunshine and blue skies. She closed her eyes in contentment.

I’m a big believer in animal therapy. I’ve demonstrated this with my numerous years of working or volunteering at Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources in Cicero. Dogs can relieve loneliness, reduce the stress of those with dementia or Alzheimer’s, offer mental stimulation, and boost the mood of elderly people.

If you are taking care of an elderly family member, try to connect them with a sweet, furry friend whenever you can if they don’t have a pet. It not only makes their day but gives you something to truly smile about.

We’ll have Tiny and Laci as houseguests in April as well. You can bet I’ll be taking Tiny back to see these special gals!



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
*Sandwiched*

# 10<sup>th</sup> Darlington Bed Race returns to Noblesville’s square this summer

## The REPORTER

The event that has historically been the ‘kickoff to summer on the square’ returns this year. Due to the pandemic, the event that hosts more than 1,000 on-lookers had been postponed the past two years. Planning is well underway to host a bigger and better than ever Darlington Bed Race to kick off Summer 2022.

The event that supports the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks & Recreation raises funds to support youth programs that take place during out-of-school times. The Bed Race will also serve as June’s First Friday event for Noblesville Main Street.

[Click here](#) to see highlights from the last event.

“Each year the Bed Race raises money to fund scholarships for our youth programs,” said BGCN Director of Club Operations Abby Stutesman. “These scholarships provide positive, engaging activities for local children that are needed now more than ever. Youth are



Photo provided

**After a two-year hiatus, the Darlington Bed Race will return to Noblesville on June 3.**

needing the freedom and social connections that our organizations offer, and families are needing the financial assistance that events like the Bed Race make possible.”

“We always enjoy partnering with Noblesville Main Street and the Boys & Girls Club

while supporting the Bed Race! It’s such a fun, competitive and entertaining event, whether you participate on a team or enjoy as a spectator,” said Noblesville Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Amber Mink. “We look forward to helping make the 10th year extra special and

provide a unique opportunity to help raise funds for youth scholarships.”

Since its inception, the annual Bed Race has been generously title sponsored by Darlington Snacks.

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## Noblesville Lions Club welcomes CICF’s Larry Smith



Photo courtesy S. Craig, Noblesville Lions Club  
**On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions Club hosted Larry Smith of the Central Indiana Community Foundation as speaker. Smith presented an investing option for the club to look at for a donation the club received. CICF has grant options for investing monies to support future philanthropic causes for the club. The club had discussions and will make a decision at a later date. (Above) Larry Smith was thanked for his informative talk by Lions Club Vice President Kim Luckey.**

## ‘More power to your elbow’ on Nickel Plate Shamrock Express

### The REPORTER

The Irish are noted for their clever sayings, and many are appropriate for the upcoming Nickel Plate Shamrock Express excursions on March 12.

“A drink precedes a story,” the Irish say, meaning passengers can sip green beer and enjoy a sweet and salty snack box as they share great stories, all while riding the rails in northern Hamilton County.

Family and adult-only 65-minute trips are available in both the 1950s vintage coach and dining cars. Family rides depart at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Adult rides depart at 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5:30 p.m.

Family experiences cost \$28 for everyone age 3 and older (under age 3 ride for free) and include a salty or sweet snack and water or juice. Non-alcoholic “Irish Creams” also will be available for purchase.

Adult trips range from \$42 for coach (available afternoon only) and \$47 for dining car experiences (available all day long). Excursions include a choice of a beer, wine, mimosa or mocktail, as well as the snack box. Two special Irish cocktails will be available for purchase in addition to other drinks to give passengers to give “more power to your elbow.”

Irish music will fill the historic cars along with special fortunes and a visit from a leprechaun, who will note that “every man is sociable until a cow invades his garden” as he’s giving chocolate coins from his pot



Photo provided

**Have a shamrock sunshine fun time when you ride the Nickel Plate Express this spring. No, March 12 isn’t real spring, but it’s meteorological spring, baby!**

of gold. On the Nickel Plate Shamrock Express, absolutely everyone is Irish.

The historic cars and locomotives depart out of Forest Park in Noblesville, located at 701 Cicero Road. Reservations are required. Visit [NickelPlateExpress.com](#) to learn more about these one-day-only excursions.

### About the Nickel Plate Express

The Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate Track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

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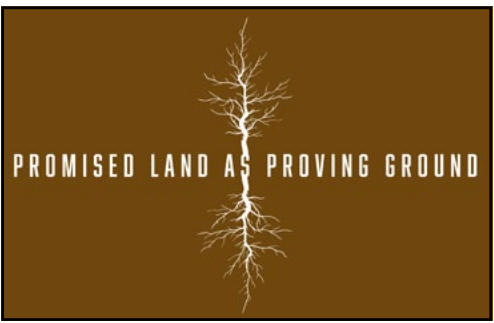
Currently, Conner Prairie is in the fabrication stage for PLPG, building portions of the exhibit and working with community partners.

“Encouraging and supporting these kinds of essential conversations that bridge and connect communities and strengthen connections between people is key to our strategic goals,” Director of SITES and Smithsonian Affiliations Myriam Springuel said in a press release about PLPG. “We are grateful for the collaboration with the Coalition which allows us to provide one-on-one coaching and cohort meetups with their guidance for our Affiliate participants over the next six months of training sessions.”

Visitors can expect what Fletcher

er calls an immersive experience when PLPG comes online next year. She says it will help visitors deepen their understanding of African American history and African cultural retention in food, music and activism.

“I think of the key differences and one of the things that folks can understand and expect to experience is actually seeing themselves in the story,” Fletcher said. “That’s Conner Prairie’s tagline: Step into the story. But we make history every day. We live history. The fact that we are living through a pandemic – that’s history, right? Visitors will be able to see themselves in this historic trajectory and where we will take our city, our county, our state, our nation as a world going forward.”



**About Smithsonian Affiliations**

Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term, collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to share Smithsonian collections, build collaborative networks and engage learners of all ages with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

BED RACE

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“The Bed Race has always been an exciting event for Darlington as a company to rally around and help both organizations be successful in their endeavors,” said Darlington Snacks CEO Phil Hockemeyer. “Their events help support and develop the leadership

skills of youth in the community. Both organizations are great assets for local families. We envision ourselves supporting this fun community event for years to come.”

New in 2022, to honor the 10th year of the “Greatest Spectacle in Bed Racing,” organizations made the decision to reach out to the community for help to illustrate the event through the renderings of a commemorative logo. Thanks to sponsor Peterson Architecture, all ages are invited to participate in a T-shirt design contest with a \$150 cash prize to the winner. The contest is currently open for entries through March 31, and a winner will be chosen by a fan favorite, head-to-head vote on [BGCN’s Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/BGCN). More information can be found online at [BGCN.org](https://www.bgcni.org).

Sponsorship and partnership opportunities to support the event are now available, and teams are able to reserve their spot in the 10th annual

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- All entries must be submitted Midnight on Thursday, March 31 to [astutesman@bgcni.org](mailto:astutesman@bgcni.org).

**The Winner**

- Two finalists will be selected, and then a winner will be chosen by a fan favorite, head-to-head vote via BGCN’s Facebook page.
- The overall winner will be announced and showcased on Monday, March 28 and will win a \$150 cash prize.



al event at [BGCN.org](https://www.bgcni.org). For information, questions and requests, email BGCN Director of Club Operations Abigail Stutesman at [astutesman@bgcni.org](mailto:astutesman@bgcni.org).



Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse


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

- **Mike Bragg**, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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# Carmel murder suspect says he’s Donald Trump, thinks his parents are Clintons

By KYLE BLOYD  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A Carmel man stabbed his father to death, handcuffed and beat his mother, then fled down Interstate 65, according to court documents.

Christopher Claerbout, 40, was formally charged Thursday **after being arrested on Monday night**.

Court documents acquired by News 8 state that Christopher Claerbout told investigators that he thinks he is Donald Trump and that his parents are Bill and Hillary Clinton. Investigators also say he handcuffed his mother to take her to Florida “under the war crimes act for the crimes that she committed against him and the crimes that she committed against the country.”

Claerbout allegedly told police “that his parents passed him around for sex as a child to a lot of politicians.” He described his mother as a “prisoner of war and that she was going to go to Guantanamo Bay,” according to investigators.

The Carmel Police Department was sent to the 3500 block of Rolling Springs Drive just after 6 p.m. Monday for a report of a domestic disturbance.

Officers arrived to find David Claerbout, 75, dead outside of the house. An autopsy showed he had been stabbed 20 times

Marcia Claerbout had been handcuffed, beaten and tied up with an orange extension cord. She told police she had been handcuffed since 9 a.m. She stated that she had been shoved down a flight of stairs, stomped on, spit on and threatened with a knife by her son.

“She stated that Christopher thinks that she is not his mother and that he has other conspiracy theories, to include thinking that he is Black. She stated that Christopher believes that he is Donald Trump and that she and her husband are Bill and Hillary Clin-



Claerbout

ton,” according to court documents.

She also said that Christopher had taken her husband’s car. Officers contacted OnStar and were able to discover that the vehicle was traveling south on I-65 near Seymour. Indiana State Police helped located the vehicle further down the interstate in Clark County. Once located, OnStar disabled the vehicle.

Investigators say Claerbout then fled from the vehicle but was caught by a police K-9. Police say Claerbout told them he was going to Florida.

Claerbout faces charges of murder, criminal confinement with a deadly weapon, criminal confinement resulting in serious bodily injury, domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, intimidation with a deadly weapon and two counts of theft.

An initial hearing has been scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

# Bill in state legislature will lessen burden on families dealing with estates following loved one’s passing

## The REPORTER

State Senator Tim Lanane’s (D-Anderson) **Senate Bill 67** passed out of the House Wednesday, its final step before heading to the Governor.

The proposed bill would adjust the required value of estates that are unsupervised or passed by affidavit. This would help ease the distribution of assets after an owner’s passing.

Sen. Lanane released this statement following

the passage of his bill:

“I appreciate the House passing this common sense legislation. My proposal will allow Hoosiers to settle estates through a simpler process than the one we have now at what can be a difficult time. I want to especially express my gratitude to Representative DeLaney and Repre-



Lanane

sentative Torr for all their help in getting this legislation passed. This straightforward bill will be a big help to families dealing with a left behind estate after the passing of a relative, and I’m glad we were able to get it approved this session.”

SB 67 will now go to the Governor’s desk for final consideration.

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# Indiana Donor Network, MediGO partner to improve organ transportation

## The REPORTER

Indiana Donor Network has partnered with a national logistics and communications company to technologically enhance how organ donations are transported locally, regionally and nationally.

Baltimore-based MediGO provides cutting-edge tracking capabilities and critical data collection throughout the transport process to predict an accurate time of arrival at a hospital or transplant center. In real time, the platform informs Indiana Donor Network of changes to a delivery’s timeline so all involved in the transport and transplant process can

better manage resources and improve chances of successful organ and tissue transplantation.

When Indiana Donor Network prepares organs and tissue for transport, information is populated into the MediGO platform, giving everyone involved access to critical information about the delivery. The information, available via a web application, includes GPS tracking, traffic and weather conditions, best and alternative travel routes, delays and more. The system also provides real-time map updates.

“MediGO’s platform significantly enhances our ability to know where an

organ is at all times and get real-time updates to transplant center staff,” said Sherry Quire, director of organ services at Indiana Donor Network. “This improves communication among teams, results in better organ recipient outcomes and ultimately helps us save more lives.”

Indiana Donor Network currently utilizes 15 MediGO tracking devices to monitor organs in transit throughout the state.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor online at **Donate Life Indiana**. **Click here** to learn more about the Indiana Donor Network.



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# ‘Heart’ your heart this February during American Heart Month

While February is a month to celebrate love, it is also a time to bring awareness to the heart in your body. This month marks American Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on cardiovascular health. With the ongoing pandemic and continuing effects of COVID-19, it is even more important now to be proactive with your heart health and to show your heart some love.

## How do I know if my heart is healthy?

The first step is an annual physical exam. Even if you do not suspect there is an issue, these exams use screenings and lab tests to ensure your heart is healthy. The exams help gauge your heart-health numbers, such as blood sugar and cholesterol levels, and serve as important preventive measures. If you are experiencing symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, arm pain or a sudden change in your ability to exercise, you should schedule an appointment with your provider.

It is also important to evaluate the factors that drive heart disease. Glucose, total cholesterol, triglycerides, body mass index (BMI) and weight are important factors that should be tracked on a regular basis. Finally, it's important to examine your

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DR. CAMEUAL WRIGHT

family history. There are several hereditary conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure that can increase your risk for heart disease. Utilizing resources like the [American Heart Association](#) can help you determine your heart-health numbers and find out if you're at greater risk for heart disease.

## What can I do to improve my heart health?

There are several preventative measures for keeping your heart healthy. Following a healthy diet – such as avoiding foods with high saturated fat, large amounts of sodium or high amounts of sugar – can help maintain a healthy heart. It is also important to avoid a sedentary lifestyle and incorporate activity on a daily basis. Even if you can get a little exercise each day, such as a walk outside or an at-home workout, it will help keep your heart in shape.

Finally, I recommend avoiding smoking, and if you are an active smoker, consider quitting. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), smoking is a major cause of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and causes one of every four CVD deaths. If you are looking to quit smoking, the [Indiana Tobacco Quitline](#) is a great resource to learn about the impor-

ance of quitting and to discover helpful tips in starting the quitting process.

## How do heart disease symptoms vary between men and women?

Many people wonder whether your gender affects your chances of heart disease. While both men and women can experience chest pain, the degree of the pain and the likelihood of other symptoms may vary. Women may experience symptoms that are more subtle or not chest-related, such as jaw pain and indigestion, and should pay particular attention to any unusual symptoms and get them checked out.

In addition, we also know that people of color are at a greater risk for heart disease. According to the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health](#), in 2018, African Americans were 30 percent percent more likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic whites. Your health care provider is the best resource to discuss your unique health picture and make recommendations.

## How are heart health and COVID-19 related?

The pandemic has undoubtedly increased our focus on our overall health and well-being. With the increase of people working from home and living a more sedentary life-

style, people are less likely to go to the gym and maintain a robust exercise routine.

Additionally, mental health can play a large role in your physical health. A [report from the CDC](#) shows that mental health is associated with risk factors for heart disease even before the diagnosis of a mental health disorder. It is especially important to focus on fostering positive mental health during the continued era of COVID-19, and if you do have comorbidities such as diabetes, lung disease or heart disease, you are at a higher risk for COVID-19 infections and are more likely to be hospitalized.

## How can CareSource help?

CareSource is passionate about helping our community and connecting them with specialists. Our care managers are eager to help coordinate care by providing annual exams, screening labs, electrocardiogram (EKG) or stress tests, and even connecting patients with nutritionists. CareSource also has a disease management program where we provide literature to educate and empower patients dealing with heart disease. Additionally, CareSource has a robust tobacco cessation program for patients to receive counseling and cessation products. To explore your options and start prioritizing your heart health, visit [caresource.com](#).

*Dr. Cameual Wright is the Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of CareSource.*

## United Way of Central Indiana announces marketing leadership change

### The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana announced Thursday that Greg Fennig, chief marketing, communications and community relations officer, will retire July 1. Peter Hanscom, United Way's vice president of marketing, will be promoted to the position.

Fennig joined United Way's executive team in 2019. Among his many achievements, Fennig helped facilitate the merger of United Way of Central Indiana and United Way of Putnam County in 2021 – the first expansion of United Way's service area since 1970. He also led the deployment of the Central Indiana COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund (C-CERF) grants to

organizations supporting residents in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks and Morgan counties. Prior to United Way, Fennig served as vice president of public affairs for Indianapolis Public Power & Light Company (now AES Indiana) and as president and CEO of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

Hanscom joined United Way as vice president of marketing in 2019. In 2020, Hanscom and the marketing and commu-



Fennig



Hanscom

nicated team led the effort to promote C-CERF, a community response to the pandemic, which raised over \$28.5 million. Hanscom also helped organize two new successful fundraising events, Over the Edge and Care-oke, and has grown United Way's digital presence to better tell the nonprofit's story and connect with donors, volunteers and advocates. In 2021, the Indianapolis Business Journal selected Hanscom for its annual Forty Under

40 list for his demonstrated leadership and achievement.

“On behalf of our board and staff, we would like to thank Greg for his exceptional service to United Way and congratulate him for an outstanding 29-year career in service to our Central Indiana community,” said United Way President & CEO Ann D. Murtlow. “Greg leaves big shoes to fill, but we are confident Peter is the right choice to lead our marketing, communications and community relations team. Peter has proven to be an inspiring leader, an exceptional strategist, a natural communicator, and a passionate promoter of United Way and its impact across our seven counties.”

# Looking for Peace in the Midst of Turbulent Times?



**These are crazy turbulent times. Life is so uncertain and unstable. Blustery winds of crime, disease, betrayal and fear are blowing all around us. Often, we are robbed of peaceful sleep by all the very real troubles of life. Even during these trying times would you like to live a peaceful and contented life?**

**In coming to this troubled earth, Jesus said that He came so that we might have life and more abundantly (John 10:10). He is our Good Shephard who leads us by quiet waters and green pastures (John 10:11; Psalm 23). Quiet waters and green pastures where there is no cause of fear and want. Turbulent times? Yes, but following our Good Shephard we can find a peaceful, abundant and contented life. Sound appealing?**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-7)*

You are invited to study with us, grow with us and turn to God in 2022. Let us help you lay hold of this marvelous peace. A warm welcome awaits you at the **Stony Creek Church of Christ!**  
We are located at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville.



## Stony Creek Church of Christ

**Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm**



# Trooper Philip Cooley promoted to Sergeant

The REPORTER

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter recently announced the promotion of Trooper Philip Cooley to the rank of Sergeant.

Sgt. Cooley will serve as a supervisor for a squad of troopers in the Indianapolis District. He was selected for this position through a competitive process including a written test, oral interview and review of performance evaluation.

Sgt. Cooley is from Grapevine, Texas, and was a 1994 graduate of Grapevine High School. He continued his education at the University of Dallas where he also played baseball. In 2014, he graduated from the 73rd Indiana State Po-

lice Academy and was assigned to the Indianapolis District. Cooley transferred from a patrol position to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division in 2019 where he primarily focused on school bus safety.

Sgt. Cooley also serves as a Staff Sergeant in the Indiana National Guard and recently returned from active duty. He was deployed within the United States to the southwest border on a United States Border Patrol Assistance Mission for one year.

In his new position, Sgt. Cooley will serve as



Cooley

a mentor and supervisor for a squad of troopers assigned to the Indianapolis District. Indiana State Police Indianapolis District Commander Lieutenant Josh Watson said, "Sergeant Cooley brings valuable experience to our district and we are fortunate to have him in a leadership role. He is a consummate professional when it comes to serving his community both as and Indiana State Trooper and a member of the Indiana National Guard."

Cooley resides in Hamilton County with his wife and two teenage sons.

# State Senate approves limits for nonprofits providing jail bail

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

State senators on Thursday afternoon clashed over whether bail restrictions should be extended to for-profit entities.

The argument came as the Senate approved a House-backed measure to limit the operations of non-profit bail organizations in Indiana. The Senate approved its own version in January, but lawmakers put that bill on the back burner in favor of the House version.

Nonprofit bail organizations would have to register with the state insurance commissioner, as for-profit bail entities already must do,

and could only get involved in cases where someone is accused of a nonviolent crime, lacks a violent criminal history, and faces a bail amount of \$2,000 or less.

Republican lawmakers filed the bill after a pair of murders in 2021 in which the suspects had been bailed out by the national nonprofit, The Bail Project.

Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, an Indianapolis Democrat, pressed the Republican bill sponsor, Sen. Aaron Freeman of Indianapolis, on the issue of for-profit bail. Taylor brought up Travis Lang, the man suspected of murdering Dylan McGinnis on Oct. 1 after The Bail Project covered his bail for a previous charge. Taylor

said Lang had already been bailed out by for-profit bail entities on at least two or three occasions before that.

"If you are concerned about people like Travis Lang and the fact that they're getting bailed out over and over and over again, why aren't you talking about the surety companies that bailed him out?" Taylor asked.

Freeman responded that a better question would be to ask about low bail amounts being set by judges.

"Will this bill fix it? No. I'm not telling you it will," Freeman said. "But, it will help. It will absolutely help."

The bill has to go back to the House due to changes made in a Senate committee.

# AG Todd Rokita defends Catholic institution's right to uphold doctrine on same-sex marriage

Submitted

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is defending religious liberty in a case involving the right of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to uphold church teachings on same-sex marriage in hiring and firing decisions.

"Our founding fathers guaranteed religious liberty at the very beginning of the Bill of Rights," Rokita said. "That's no coincidence. Religious liberty is America's first freedom. Here in Indiana, I will do everything in my power to protect this liberty for Hoosiers."

Rokita on Friday filed an amicus brief supporting the Archdiocese's right to require Catholic schools un-

der its authority to enforce a morality clause barring employees from same-sex marriages. A male teacher at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis sued the Archdiocese after getting fired following his marriage to another man.

Courts should not "permit litigation over whether and how the Archdiocese may recognize Catholic schools," Rokita writes in the brief. "The United States has a long tradition of preventing judicial entanglement in religious disputes — entanglement that



Rokita

can only lead to interference with church autonomy."

Last fall, Rokita filed an amicus brief with the Indiana Court of Appeals supporting the Archdiocese in this case. At this juncture, he is supporting the Archdiocese in a petition to transfer deliberation to the Indiana Supreme Court.

In a separate but similar case, Rokita in January led a 16-state coalition defending the right of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis to uphold Catholic doctrine on same-sex marriage.

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# Ukrainians' emotions run strong in central Indiana: "I felt helpless"

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ  
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Emotions are running strong for Ukrainians across central Indiana. Some of them have family members in Ukraine that are in desperate situations.

Alex Morozov lives in Carmel, but he has family in Ukraine.

"I had a sleepless night,

talking with our teams and it was my father ... it was my brother," Morozov said.

Morozov owns a software solutions company in Carmel and has more than 100 employees working for him in Ukraine, most of them in the western part of the country. He says it's heartbreaking to watch the country suffer.

"When you see those Russian missiles hitting Kyiv and you know that so many innocent [are] people there, it's tough," Morozov said.

Svitlana Ramer of Carmel moved to the United States about 13 years ago from Ukraine, but her mother and 90-year-old grandmother still live there. Ramer says her mother

called her at around midnight from Kyiv to let her know what was going on.

"She actually called me a couple of times around midnight and I was asleep, but then I called her back around 6 a.m. and I wasn't able to get hold of her for a little while," Ramer said. "I was really worried, but I finally got through and she said that they were OK,

but they woke up around 5 a.m. to explosion sounds."

Ramer says it's tough to be so far away from her family.

"I feel helpless that now that the airspace has been closed, and the actual military operation has begun, there's not even a way, really, to get her on a plane and get her out of there," Ramer said.

Morozov says he's hopeful that the sanctions against Russia will help Ukraine rise and that he's grateful to the United States.

"If America will help step up strong and provide those really hard, **heavy sanctions on Russia's economy**, it definitely will help in the long run," Morozov said.

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## Rep. Spartz, Sens. Braun and Young respond to Russian invasion of Ukraine

### The REPORTER

*Editor's note: Members of Indiana's Congressional delegation have commented on Russia's decision to invade Ukraine. Statements from Congresswoman Victoria Spartz and Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young appear below.*

### Rep. Spartz

"As a Ukrainian-born American who deeply loves our great United States of America and will always stand with you to protect it from any enemy – foreign or domestic – I would like to express my utmost disappointment with the lack of leadership and strategy on multiple fronts on the part of the current administration that puts our great country and our allies in danger.

"I would also like to ask my fellow Americans to stand with the people of Ukraine in their fight for peace and freedom against evil. They are fighting this war not just for them, but for all of us. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and be vigilant in our fight to preserve our freedoms for our children and for all people who died for them.

"We are a strong country of free people and always will be!"

### Sen. Braun

"Though I hoped the administration would proactively shut down Russian energy assets such as Nord Stream 2 to deter further aggression, as a majority of Senators voted to do, Putin and his cronies must now be punished with severe economic consequences for their unjustified invasion of Ukraine. The U.S. must unleash independent American energy production to lessen the pain of rising fuel prices on Americans, and the U.S. must be watchful to avoid endangering U.S. troops by involving them further in this volatile situation."

### Sen. Young

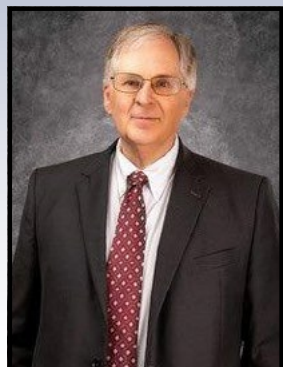
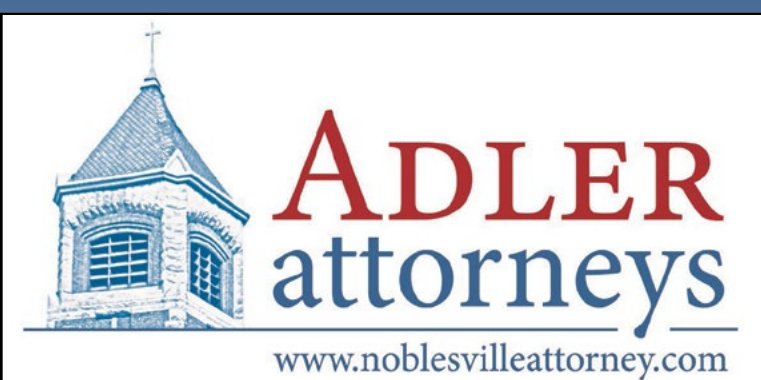
"Vladimir Putin is attacking the democratic, rules-based order that has benefited countless Americans and millions around the globe since World War II. The United States must stand with the Ukrainian people by immediately providing additional assistance, including military equipment and lethal aid.

"American strength and leadership in this moment is critical. The weak response from the United States following Russia's previous invasions of Georgia and Crimea left Putin undeterred in his perverse ambition of rebuilding the Soviet Union.

"In the face of Russian aggression in Ukraine, the United States must be united and resolute. Sanctions announced earlier this week by President Biden are a positive step, as are ongoing efforts to rally our NATO allies. We should immediately impose the strongest possible economic sanctions to make Putin a global outcast. We must cut off Russia from SWIFT and freeze the life of luxury enjoyed by Putin and his oligarchs.

"Leaders of the free world must awaken to the challenges that come with the return of great power conflict and a multipolar world. With Russia and China content to chart their own paths, despite the costs, we must examine what credible deterrence means – both for Putin in Moscow and Xi in Beijing. The goal should not be preparing for the next response, but to deter attacks in the first place.

"The stakes extend beyond Europe, as China is watching us and clearly has the same ambitions for Taiwan. It is essential that America sends an unequivocal message: Invading sovereign, democratic nations will never be tolerated."



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# Center for the Performing Arts offers many educational enrichment opportunities

## The REPORTER

### Want to be a better singer?

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Instructor Todd Neal is back with another round of this fun and casual course – four Wednesday nights from March 16 to April 6 – aimed at anyone who wants to improve their vocal delivery, with no previous training required. The sessions cover such topics as vocal technique, projection and stage presence as well as song selection and interpretation. [Sign up for Group Vocal Coaching here](#) at the crazy-low cost of just \$70 for the whole deal.

Many graduates of the class like to show off their new skills at the Center's annual World Voice Day celebration, when folks of all ages are invited to perform their favorite tunes on the Palladium stage. This year's event takes place on April 14, and [World Voice Day details are here](#).

### JazzTalk: A world of experience

Vocalist Stacey Kent has carved out a platinum-selling, Grammy-nominated niche in the jazz world with a soft-spoken approach steeped in sounds from Brazil, France and elsewhere. Born in the U.S., she launched her career in the U.K., where she met her husband and musical collaborator, saxophonist-composer Jim Tomlinson.

In advance of [her March 20 performance at the Palladium](#), Kent will



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Anyone wishing to improve their vocal delivery can take advantage of a four-week group vocal coaching course with Todd Neal. The classes will be held for four Wednesdays in a row from March 16 to April 6.

join host Todd Williams for the March 3 episode of the JazzTalk online discussion series. Absolutely free of charge, jazz fans, music students and folks of all kinds can Zoom along with them and even submit their own questions about Kent's life and work. Pretty cool, eh? [Register here for JazzTalk: Stacey Kent](#).

### Songs for outdoorsy families

The Okee Dokee Brothers write folk songs, but they are rock stars in the world of children's music, landing a Grammy win or nomination with each of their past five albums, as well as five Parents' Choice Awards. The Minnesota-based duo's latest releases include 2018's *Winterland*, a tribute to the season of coziness, family time and outdoor fun, and the 2020 two-disc set *Songs for Singin'*, with 27 original tunes in the vein of Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger inspiring families to engage in the current social conversation.

The "brothers" – actually childhood friends Justin Lansing and Joe Mailander, praised as "two of family

music's best songwriters" – will make their Center debut March 5 with two shows at the Tarkington. Tickets for kids and students are just \$15! [Grab some seats now to see the Okee Dokee Brothers](#).

### Kids' concert is all rainbows, unicorns

The Rainbows are something of a local supergroup in terms of quirky music for young audiences, with members including well-known children's performer Mr. Daniel, his son Roland, Ms. Michelle of ShooBee-Loo Music, Ms. Sheila of Itty Bitty Book Mobile, the Girl Called BOOKS and longtime local musician Mr. Phil. They perform original songs and children's favorites with a twist, including the possible appearance of a dancing unicorn.

And they are the stars of our next Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam session on Saturday, March 12. [Tickets are only \\$10 per kid](#), which includes the option of up to two free adult admissions.

If you're wondering: This weekend's Faegre

Drinker PB&J for February, Silly Safaris' "Animal Athletes," is sold out.


### Don't miss this 'moving' presentation

"Movement" is a term with many meanings, musical and otherwise, but ethnomusicologist Bertie Kibreh has found some interesting connections among them.

Currently a visiting professor at Indiana University, Kibreh will headline the next event in the Luminaries weekday speaker series. His March 22 presentation, "Music and Movement," will examine music making and listening practices from around the world, music's special power to evoke a sense of place, and its role as a soundtrack to the complex lives and identities of migrants, refugees and other people in motion. The 2 p.m. presentation is followed by light refreshments, so [get your Luminaries tickets here](#).

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Find more information on these programs and other events at [TheCenter-Presents.org](#).



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Delayed: Closure on 266th Street**

East 266th Street between Mt. Pleasant Road and Startzman Road will be under daytime road closures while tree clearing work is completed for an upcoming bridge rehabilitation project. Clearing will begin Monday, Feb. 28 and will continue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. concluding at the end of Friday, March 4.

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## Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Westfield Finance Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials, the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

## — CICERO —

### NOTICE

On March 1, 2022, the Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:30 at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

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## — WESTFIELD —

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

- 2203-VS-08; 16280 Ambia Circle; Peter and Stacy Miller request a Variance of Development Standard to encroach seventeen (17) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a swimming pool and deck on 0.25 acres +/- in the SF-3 Cluster District;
- 2203-VS-09; 16745 Glen Way; Joseph and Cynthia Mallon request a Variance of Development Standard to encroach seven (7) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a swimming pool and deck on 0.38 acres +/- in the SF2: Single-family Low Density District (Article 4.5(E)(3)(a)); and
- 2203-VS-10; 1111 E. 156th Street; Mike Buland requests a Variance of Development Standard to permit a second dwelling unit on 9.64 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 6.4(B)).

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Economic and Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
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2/25/22, 2/28/22

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission") will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM, on March 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, concerning a recommendation to the Commission to award a public-private agreement for the development, construction, and operation of a tree park in accordance with Indiana Code 5-23, et seq. (the "Act"). After review and analysis of proposals received pursuant to a request for proposals in accordance with the Act, a recommendation will be made to the Commission to pursue negotiation of a public-private agreement. Copies of the proposals and a written explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made will be available for public inspection and copying at the Westfield Government Services Center, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 during regular business hours. The Commission's office is at the Westfield Government Services Center, and it can be contacted by phone at 317-804-3150. This notice of public hearing is required by the Act. The public is invited to comment on any of the matters herein noted, and all taxpayers, residents or interested parties who appear will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the recommendation.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2022.

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## Eddie Lee May

August 1, 1958 – February 22, 2022

Eddie Lee May, 63, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at his home. He was born on August 1, 1958, to Jennings and Dorothy (Brown) May in Noblesville.



Eddie proudly served in the United States Army. He was a roofer and a painter, and also worked for Firestone, Kenley's Grocery Store, and as a Dog Catcher for Noblesville throughout his life. Eddie was a member of the VFW, Eagles, and American Legion, where he was a member of the honor guard. He enjoyed watching Colts football, Cubs baseball, IU basketball, and NASCAR. Eddie liked to go fishing, play shuffleboard, and throw darts.

He is survived by his wife, Sally May; daughter, Jennifer May; sons, Jake May and Jason Shadoan; stepdaughter, Misty White; siblings, Bonnie (Mike) Harris, Terry (Rene) May, Jay (Myra) May, and Sandra (Alan) Kuklenski; and grandchildren, Samantha, Lydia, Ian, and Arya.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Bill May, Dave Shadoan, and Judy King.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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

## Jennifer Dawn Nicholson (Rogers)

September 18, 1958 – February 19, 2022

No doubt she was singing as she became present with Jesus on Saturday, February 19, 2022. She was an amazing Christ follower, wife, mom, grandma, friend, teacher, singer, performer... She truly lived life to the full in all areas.



She ministered faithfully side by side with her husband, Dave. Jen was a gifted worship leader, doing so in every church they served. Jen was also an amazing teacher. Whether leading as the Choral Director at Noblesville High School, teaching younger children at Noble Crossing Elementary, Directing Chapel at Noblesville First UMC Preschool, or teaching private lessons (piano, voice, ukulele, etc.); she gave her all to her students.

Jen led women's Bible study groups, spoke and sang at conferences, and felt honored to sing the national anthem at Market Square Arena/Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Victory Field, multiple banquets and at many other venues.

She loved God with her whole being and was able to love whomever she met with His grace and kindness. She was passionate in her walk with Jesus and in her music. She wrote songs as well as performed (The Belfry, Epilogue Theater, Westfield Players, and others).

There is no way to give even a glimpse of her love, passion and commitment in this space. You can enjoy her songs and antics on YouTube. Two of her favorite life guiding phrases are: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4. "Music moves the soul like nothing else can." Jennifer Nicholson.

Her dad, M. Neil Rogers, and mom, Dottie (Skaggs) Rogers, arrived in heaven ahead of her, as well as three undelivered children. She will some day meet again with her loving husband, David "Dave" Nicholson; son, Josh (Hollie) Nicholson; daughter, Hannah Huntington; and her favorites, the grandchildren: Claire, Landen, Max and Sam; as well as sisters, Stephanie (Don) Fantuzzo and Allison (Mark) Gallo; brother, Mark (Bridget) Rogers; best friend, Beth Winchell; and 16 nieces and nephews. Although we all first look forward to seeing Jesus, it will be a great reunion with Jen in heaven.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022, with a Celebration of Life at 1 p.m. at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged and may be directed to the Jennifer Nicholson Music Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship fund plans to invest in music scholarships throughout Jennifer's community that allows us to honor her musical legacy. If individuals would like to contribute you can find ways to donate below:

– Donate online by visiting: [p2p.onecause.com/jennifernicholson](http://p2p.onecause.com/jennifernicholson)

– Cash/check can be mailed to NSEF, P.O. Box 724, Noblesville, IN 46061. Please write Jennifer Nicholson in the memo line.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.*  
2 Thessalonians 2:5-8 (NIV)

## Robert K. Tener

September 8, 1935 – February 15, 2022

Robert K. Tener, Colonel, Retired, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, died peacefully after a lengthy illness on February 15, 2022, with his wife Ann by his side. He was 86 years old.



He was born Robert Kinley Tener on September 8, 1935, to Alan L. and Grace Fawcett Tener in Cleveland, Ohio. Known to all as "Bob," he was the eldest of the "Three Tener Boys" (Bob, John, and Jim) growing up in Noblesville, where he was an accomplished student, musician (a clarinetist and singer), and athlete (mostly baseball).

Bob married Sara Sue Lorton in 1958. Together they had three children and traveled on military assignments to more than 20 places around the world. Bob balanced the demands of leading battalions of builders with joyous family skiing trips in the Alps, swimming in the Mediterranean, and visiting castles and museums. He gifted his family with global experiences and an appreciation of altruism.

Immediately after receiving his degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1957, Bob went on to earn a master's degree and a doctorate in structural engineering from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He served his 27-year career in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer.

He had a lifelong career of remarkable engineering achievements spanning five-plus decades in four distinctly separate arenas: military, service engineer, academe, and management. He crossed disciplines with significant achievements of national scope in the public, private, academic, and non-profit sectors.

His career led him to a position at the Pentagon, as well as to faculty positions in civil engineering at West Point and Purdue University. He was the District Engineer of Tennessee's Cumberland River Valley, where he headed up the Divide Cut of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and numerous other large Corps projects. One of Bob's strong suits as a regional leader in the Corps was his consistent prioritization of environmental conservation principles.

Through his military career, Bob received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievements in Vietnam in 1968, a Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service as a U.S. Military Academy faculty member in 1972, and a Meritorious Service Medal for service as Battalion Commander in Germany in 1975. Bob rose through the ranks, earning early promotions to both Major and Lt. Colonel. He retired in Dallas, Texas, in 1984 as Colonel.

Following retirement from the Army, he served on the Purdue University civil engineering faculty for eight years, where he advocated for effective industry-university partnering through leadership roles in the national education committees of the Associated General Contractors and the American Society of Civil Engineers. In 1995 he was one of the first two academics to become a Design Build Institute of America (DBIA) member and a Designated DBIA Professional.

In 2005, Bob became the founding Executive Director of the Charles Pankow Foundation, an applied research institute in California, advancing best practices in the engineering, design, and construction industry.

Bob retired from professional work in 2012. Among his numerous awards and recognitions are Iowa State's Professional Achievement Citation in Engineering; voted Professor of the Year four times by his Purdue students, and election to university honorary societies: Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Chi Epsilon, Beta Tau, Iron Key, and Mortar Board. In 2012, Bob was awarded the DBIA Brunelleschi Lifetime Achievement Award. He founded, and for six years chaired, the Board of Directors for the Inland Empire, California regional chapter of the National Architects, Construction and Engineers (ACE) Mentor program. He served on the Board of Trustees of the formerly named Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California, currently California Botanic Garden.

He and his wife Ann Joslin Tener lived in Claremont, Calif., for 18 years, where both were active in service and leadership work on community boards and city committees. In 2018, they retired to Bella Vista, Ark.

Bob is predeceased by his former wife Sara, his parents, and brother Jim. He is survived by his wife Ann; brother, John Tener (Nancy); children, Kinley Tener (Carol), Robin Tener, and Erin Tener Hollinden (Andy); stepchildren, Robert Joslin (Danni) and Nicole Joslin Green (Jason); and grandchildren, Keerin Tener (Sukh Chambers), Sean Tener (Kristen Robinson), Gillen Tener Martin, Anasazi Hollinden Shields (AJ), Lily Hollinden, Renee Richardson, and Reece Richardson; and great-grandson, Jack Edward Tener.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was known for his intellect, talents, generosity, caring, and warmth. He loved music, the mountains, botanical gardens, and developing people as well as structures. He lived an extraordinary life. He will be forever loved and never forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the Mildred Cooper Memorial Chapel, Bella Vista, Ark.

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#### (Vote for 3)

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Heidi Wilcox (R)

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## DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Adams/Wayne/Jackson/

White River Twps. (vote for 10)

Cymande (Mandie) Lackland

Clay Twp. (vote for 36)

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Jeremy Eltz

Missy Eltz

Annette Gross

Sara Hindi

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Kirsten Kowalewski

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Dallas Shelby

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Matthew Stone

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#### (vote for 39)

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Girls basketball state preview

# Millers take on Franklin for 4A trophy

**By RICHIE HALL**

With two minutes to in the fourth quarter, it was starting to sink in for Noblesville coach Donna Buckley.

Her Millers girls basketball team was up big at the Class 4A Logansport semi-state, on its way to winning the championship over Crown Point and getting the Millers back to the state finals after 32 years.

The major emotion for Buckley was that of excitement, "being really excited for our community, being excited for our kids, and for me personally, it's something that I've always wanted, a dream come true," she said.

Now there's one more game to play: The state championship itself. Fifth-ranked Noblesville will take on No. 2-ranked Franklin Community for the 4A title Saturday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis. Tipoff is scheduled for around 8:15 p.m., or following the 3A championship game between Silver Creek and South Bend Washington. The 3A game starts at 6 p.m.

**NO SURPRISE**

The appearance of the Grizzly Cubs in the state finals is clearly not a surprise. Franklin is 28-1 for the season, with its only loss of the year coming to Westfield, 42-40 in the semi-finals of the Hall of Fame Classic on Dec. 29 at New Castle. The Grizzly Cubs had won their first 16 games of the season before meeting the Shamrocks.

After dropping its Hall of Fame opener, Franklin beat Washington 58-47 in the third-place game. That was the first victory of a 12-game win streak that has carried the Grizzly Cubs into the 4A championship. Franklin began its tournament run by winning the Franklin Central sectional, where it beat Shelbyville 73-36 in the first round, Center Grove 56-49 in the semi-finals and Greenwood 65-44 in the championship.

Next for the Grizzly Cubs was the Columbus north regional, where they took care of East Central 78-65 in the semis before beating No. 3 Bedford North Lawrence 58-52 in the championship. Franklin then played at the Jasper semi-state, where it edged out Mooresville 49-46 to win the Grizzly Cubs' first semi-state since 1998.

Franklin is a relatively young team. The Grizzly Cubs have only two seniors, but those seniors are the leading scorers and two likely starters. Ashlyn Traylor, a 5-9



Noblesville coach Donna Buckley points out a play while talking with Kaitlyn Shoemaker during the Millers' regional championship game with Fort Wayne Snider Feb. 12 at Marion. Noblesville won that game, then beat Crown Point last Saturday for the semi-state title, qualifying the Millers for the Class 4A state championship game. Noblesville plays Franklin Community Saturday for the title.

guard who moved in from Martinsville, is averaging 17.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Kyrin Brunson, a 5-10 forward, is next with 14.2 points per game.

The other three probable starters are all sophomores. Erica Buening, a 5-9 forward, adds 7.1 points per game, while 5-11 forward Scarlett Kimbrell scored 6.3 points and leads the rebounding with 4.7 per contest. Lauren Klem, a 5-2 guard, rounds out the lineup. Junior guard Adelyn Walker, at 5-7, contributes 8.4 points off the bench; she is Traylor's sister and also transferred from Martinsville.

"They're really good," said Buckley. "The move-ins helped them a lot."

Franklin is a decent long-range shooting team. The Grizzly Cubs are 34 percent from the 3-point line, having made 272 out of 795 attempts this season. In fact, Franklin has made just as many 3-point attempts as it has two-point attempts (841).

"They shoot the 3 a lot, more than any team I've ever coached against," said Buckley.

Kimbrell leads the Grizzly Cubs in 3-point baskets with 55, while Klem has made 50 triples.

"They're just a little different in style than what we normally see," said Buckley.

The coach said Franklin plays different defenses, including man-to-man and zone - "a little of several different things," she said.

Of course, at this point in the tournament, there are no secrets, and no one is going to try anything new at the state finals.

"They know what we do, we know what they do," said Buckley. "It's just going to come down to who can execute better and be more fundamentally sound."

**TOUGH ROAD**

Noblesville will come into Gainbridge Fieldhouse with a 24-4 record. The Millers' losses were to Fishers, Westfield, Bedford North Lawrence and Zionsville, but they would avenge two of those losses during the tournament.

First up was Sectional 8 at Westfield, which was easily the toughest in Indiana. The Millers beat Zionsville 62-46 in the first

round, Carmel 57-48 in the semi-finals and No. 7 Fishers 54-48 in the final, giving Noblesville back-to-back sectional titles.

Then it was off to the Marion regional, where the Millers won easily, defeating No. 1 Homestead 61-40 in the semi-finals and No. 10 Fort Wayne Snider 78-63 in the championship. Then last Saturday at Logansport, Noblesville took care of No. 4 Crown Point, the defending 4A state champions, 62-41.

Junior Ashlynn Shade, the 5-10 guard who is committed to the University of Connecticut, leads the Millers' scoring with 20.5 points and rebounds with 8.4 per game. Sophomore Reagan Wilson, a 5-8 guard, is next with 9.9 points, and she also is on top of the assist list with 4.3 per contest. Shade is handing out 4.1 assists per game.

Freshman Meredith Tippner, a 5-9 guard, is contributing 9.7 points and 6.3 rebounds, with junior Kaitlyn Shoemaker adding 9.2 points; she leads the 3-point basket count with 46. Junior Brooklyn Smitherman, a 6-4 forward, rounds out the probably starter list with 3.3 points and 3.3 rebounds. Junior Dani Mendez, a 5-11 forward, has been solid off the bench with 3.7 rebounds and 3.2 points per game. Junior Brooklyn Ely, a 5-5 guard and sophomore Ava Shoemaker, a 5-9 forward with 4.8 points per game, will likely add solid minutes as well.



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Here is some information if you're headed downtown to cheer on the Millers:

- There are still tickets available to the game, according to information on the TicketMaster website. An unofficial count totaled around 1,850 tickets left as of early Friday morning. [Click here to see available seats.](#)
- If you purchased tickets, they will be sent to the purchaser's smart phone. Verification should be shown at the admission gate.
- There are multiple parking options throughout the downtown area that are within walking distance of Gainbridge Fieldhouse. The Virginia Avenue Garage, which charges a fee and is located directly to the east of the venue, connects to the Fieldhouse from the third floor of the garage via a walkway over Delaware Street. The entrance to the Virginia Avenue Garage is located off of Maryland Street.
- Gainbridge Fieldhouse will open its gates to fans beginning one hour prior to the start of the night session, at 5 p.m.
- If you can't make it downtown but still want to watch the game, it is being televised on Bally Sports Indiana. That channel is available on the following cable systems:
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# Mike Blackburn announces upcoming retirement as NIAAA Executive Director

Dr. Mike Blackburn, CMAA, has announced his retirement as the executive director of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, effective January 20, 2023. He will retire in his seventh year as executive director, previously spending 11 years as the NIAAA associate executive director. Before joining the NIAAA as a staff member, Blackburn spent 28 years as a high school athletic administrator/assistant principal.

In 2005, Blackburn came to the NIAAA from Northwestern School Corporation, located in Howard County, Kokomo, Indiana. He succeeded executive director Bruce Whitehead in 2016, with whom he served as associate executive director. Blackburn's retirement will conclude a nearly 51-year career that includes NIAAA leadership, school athletic administration, teaching and coaching.

"It has been a privilege to serve alongside our members and staff for the welfare of the profession and the association. I am sincerely grateful, and my words are insufficient to express my appreciation," Blackburn stated. "The NIAAA finds its strength in member selflessness, integrity, collegiality, and a volunteer spirit for the greater good. These qualities have always been and must continue to be, paramount for the NIAAA. My life has been blessed by personal relationships throughout my career and I will always cherish so many nurtured within the NIAAA family."

During Blackburn's tenure the NIAAA has continued its pursuit of excellence in professional development of those who administer the nation's school-based athletic programs. Enhancements include implementation of the Learning Management System (LMS) that allowed for online course delivery and provided Professional

Development Academy (PDA) State Coordinators ready access to teaching materials for their states. The association's 5th Strategic Plan was developed in 2019-2020 and became effective in 2021. The NIAAA received re-accreditation commissioned by Cognia in 2021, and the national office underwent renovation during that year. 'NIAAA U' instituted a series of yearlong specialty cohort studies, the Certification Program grew to six certifications by adding two levels for international athletic administrators, and the PDA Leadership Team was restructured and expanded.

The NIAAA office staff numbers have doubled since 2016, and the staff has provided increased member services including significant expansion of digital communications. Royalties provided to state athletic administrator associations have increased by over 200 percent in the last six years. During that same time the Leadership Training Institute curriculum expanded by 15 new courses, and nearly all courses required for certification became available online. All told, the number of courses has increased by 157 percent since 2005 and a total of 55 course titles will be offered in 2022. Also, since 2005 NIAAA membership has grown by 144 percent, roughly 7,500 members to a record total of over 12,500. Under Blackburn's leadership, the top five attended National Athletic Director Conferences were held from 2016 to 2020. Of the 53 conferences held, six of the top seven were among the most recent national conferences conducted from 2016 to 2021.

"Dr. Blackburn has been an exemplary servant leader for the NIAAA. He has led this organization to new highs in membership, and we continue to be fiscally sound," NIAAA Board President Mike McGurk said. "It has been through Mike's devoted

leadership that we have been able to overcome obstacles including the pandemic and a virtual conference, and still be making continued progress as an organization. We appreciate his dedication to the NIAAA, and we wish him the best on his impending retirement."

During the COVID-19 pandemic the NIAAA staff worked to expand online course offerings while also adding free online workshops. The effort was designed to assist athletic administrators in their role, help encourage their colleagues, and assist their personal mental well-being.

"The years of association progress has rested on the shoulders of the NIAAA Board, the work of the staff, Professional Development Academy Leadership Team, and servant leadership of hundreds of volunteer instructors, presenters, committee members, and many other roles. I am thankful for God's blessing of support from family, mentors, colleagues, and staff at all levels of my career," Blackburn said. "Prior NIAAA directors Bruce Whitehead and Frank Kovalesski established and built upon a foundation that directed the path of the association. We are all made better by those with whom we serve, and I am so appreciative of associate executive director Phil Rison and am very proud of each member of our talented and caring staff."

Affiliation with the NIAAA has been professionally long standing for Blackburn. He became a Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) in 1989, followed by earning the Certified Master Athletic Administrator (CMAA) in 2001. He was a longtime member of the Publications Committee, including a stint as chair and served on the NIAAA's 1st Strategic Planning Committee in 1999-2000. He was selected to join the board of directors beginning in 2006, how-

ever he became the associate executive director six months prior. During his years of service, he has been a part of 125 NIAAA Board meetings and has had the pleasure to serve alongside nearly 50 percent of those who have been on the board since its inception. He was a member of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) board of directors, leading a term as the IIAAA President and several years as permanent secretary. In addition, he served two terms on the Board of Directors and was vice chair of the Executive Committee for the Indiana High School Athletic Association and completed a term on the NFHS national conference advisory committee.

Blackburn's teaching and coaching career spans three Indiana schools/districts in Howard, Noble, and Fulton counties. His first year in athletic administration was the initial year of the NIAAA's formation. He earned a Ph.D. in educational administration from Indiana State University and holds both a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in education.

Blackburn has received the NIAAA Award of Merit, NIAAA Distinguished Service Award, NFHS Citation, NIAAA Commendation, and NIAAA State Award of Merit. He was the IIAAA Athletic Director of the Year and received the Indiana Association of Educational Office Professional (IAEOP) Administrator of the Year. He has been inducted into the National Association of Sports and Physical Education (NASPE) Presidential Hall of Fame, the Northwestern High School Hall of Fame, and the Howard County Sports Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, Brenda, have three adult children and spouses along with Blackburn's nine grandchildren.

INDYCAR news...

## INDYCAR brings real-time automated highlights to fans through WSC Sports partnership

INDYCAR, the sanctioning body for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, and WSC Sports, the global leader in AI sports video technology, announced they will partner for the 2022 INDYCAR season to bring AI-powered video highlights direct to fans.

WSC Sports' platform identifies key

moments in each race and automatically publishes highlights and content to NTT INDYCAR SERIES digital properties, along with driver and team social channels.

This is the first time AI-fueled technology will deliver real-time content directly to NTT INDYCAR SERIES fans, ultimately

providing more access and personalized content to consumers across the racing season.

As the title sponsor and technology partner of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, NTT collaborated with INDYCAR to architect a multi-year digital transformation roadmap to drive enhanced fan interaction and engagement, operational excellence and deliver SMART Racing and SMART venue innovations. To support execution, NTT not only lent its Smart Sports, Media and Entertainment business solutions, services and expertise, but those within its partner ecosystem which includes WSC Sports, an NTT-invested company, which NTT introduced to enable and enhance INDYCAR's content creation and distribution capabilities.

INDYCAR initially started working with WSC Sports at the beginning of the 2021 season and based on the success of recent collaborations, the series is expanding to a fully automated highlights solution for the 2022 season that begins Sunday, Feb. 27 with the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg presented by RP Funding on NBC. In addition, the WSC Sports platform will help fuel exciting new fan experiences such as ingesting streams from all race cars with In Car Cameras (ICCs), providing fans with automatically generated real-time highlights from an unprecedented and unique point of view of the race from their favorite driver.

"It's a thrill for us to be able to capture the excitement of INDYCAR racing and be able to share all the action with fans in re-

al-time," said Joe DaCosta, North America business development, WSC Sports. "Motorsports are a new focus for us in the U.S., and we are excited to be able to partner with a first-class organization like INDYCAR."

"The fierce physical challenges and unrelenting pressure of driving in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES will now be conveyed to millions of digital consumers in real time thanks to this partnership with WSC Sports," said SJ Luedtke, INDYCAR vice president of marketing. "In partnership with NTT, we're in the midst of an aggressive and dynamic transformation that will extend the reach of our sport and convey our bold and unique narrative in increasingly relevant ways."

Using machine learning technology, the WSC Sports platform auto-detects, indexes and tags each moment from a race in real-time so that highlights can then be distributed to digital properties automatically and at scale. This helps INDYCAR engage with fans and expand their reach, grow their brand and explore new monetization opportunities for their racing content. This partnership adds to WSC Sports' growing number of motorsports clients which already includes Extreme E and NASCAR.

### INDYCAR Race Director Novak named as FIA Judge

Kyle Novak, race director for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires, was elected by the FIA General Assembly as one of 36 judges to serve on the FIA Courts.

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# NBA standings

Thursday's games		Minnesota 119, Memphis 114
Detroit 106, Cleveland 103		Phoenix 124, Oklahoma City 104
Boston 129, Brooklyn 106		Golden State 132, Portland 95
Chicago 112, Atlanta 108		Denver 128, Sacramento 110

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	35	23	.603	-
Boston	35	26	.574	1.5
Toronto	32	25	.561	2.5
Brooklyn	31	29	.517	5.0
New York	25	34	.424	10.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	39	21	.650	-
Milwaukee	36	24	.600	3.0
Cleveland	35	24	.593	3.5
Indiana	20	40	.333	19.0
Detroit	14	45	.237	24.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	38	21	.644	-
Charlotte	29	31	.483	9.5
Atlanta	28	31	.475	10.0
Washington	27	31	.466	10.5
Orlando	13	47	.217	25.5

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	36	22	.621	-
Denver	34	25	.576	2.5
Minnesota	32	28	.533	5.0
Portland	25	35	.417	12.0
Oklahoma City	18	41	.305	18.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	49	10	.831	-
Golden State	43	17	.717	6.5
L.A. Clippers	30	31	.492	20.0
L.A. Lakers	27	31	.466	21.5
Sacramento	22	39	.361	28.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	41	20	.672	-
Dallas	35	24	.593	5.0
San Antonio	23	36	.390	17.0
New Orleans	23	36	.390	17.0
Houston	15	43	.259	24.5

# Westfield college signings

Madison Niehaus, soccer  
Jacksonville University

Samantha Smith, lacrosse  
Hope College



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governing body of global motorsport. As an FIA judge, Novak can be appointed to sit on an FIA International Tribunal or International Court of Appeal.

The International Tribunal is the first instance level of jurisdiction of the FIA and can hear disciplinary matters brought before it by the FIA President. The FIA International Court of Appeal is the appeal level of jurisdiction of the FIA and hears appeals of decisions taken by various sporting and disciplinary bodies, such as stewards or the FIA International Tribunal.

Novak, an attorney, is the sole INDYCAR representative among the FIA judges.

The appointment of Novak increases INDYCAR's representation within various FIA committees and roles. INDYCAR Pres-

ident Jay Frye serves on the Single-Seater commission, INDYCAR Director of Medical Services Dr. Geoffrey Billows is on the Medical commission, and INDYCAR Track Inspection Consultant Tony Cotman works on the Circuits commission.

"To be able to add to the list of INDYCAR representatives who have served the FIA is a tremendous honor," Novak said. "With the great competition and all of the growth we've experienced over the past few years, I think this shows the level of worldwide respect for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES."

Novak has served as NTT INDYCAR SERIES race director since the 2018 season, and he also will assume the race direction role for Indy Lights starting this season.

Look for more Westfield college signing photos in future editions of the Reporter

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