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COUNCIL MINUTES

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At the March meeting of the Hamilton County Council, we had a light agenda, but it was dominated by two lengthy presentations at the beginning. These presentations were for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and an update on the Efficiency Study by KPMG. We moved that these items be referred to a future executive session for further review. As those evolve over the course of the year, I will share updates and pertinent information.

One item that came up during the President's comments was that one of our long-serving board appointees resigned due to personal reasons. His appointment was due to expire in August, but it highlighted an item that I was already working with staff to change. We have many committees and boards that we appoint members from our community to serve. Very few people express interest in serving and many more do not know that the opportunities even exist. I

am looking to build another link on the County Council website that allows for people to explore the opportunities, connect with persons already serving and apply if they so wish.

The standard fare of committee reports, grant appropriations and vendor claims were addressed early in the agenda. Several items are still rolling in that were impacted by the change in county's labor and trades (LTC) pay scale. This will affect wage rates but also the benefits for individuals that fall within the general labor and trades categories. This change in the LTC scale was to help fill roles and compete against the private sector.

One additional appropriation that was large needs special notice. Hamilton County's Visitor and Convention Board (HVCB) had a bond that had roughly \$1 million left. This bond is paid by revenues generated through tourism. While they could continue to follow that payment structure, our HCVCB leadership showcased their fiscal discipline through the pandemic and beat their revenue projections last year. These additional proceeds from 2021 combined with revenue from the first quarter of this year allowed us the

opportunity to appropriate these dollars specifically to pay off the 2011 HCVCB bond. Kudos to the HCVCB leadership and board who willed this to happen. It is unthinkable that they could achieve this following a pandemic that crushed the hospitality industry, but such was the impact of Grand Park in Hamilton County. It is just another example of how Hamilton County can invest and maintain its AAA bond rating.

On the local political front, the business of campaigning is heating up with activities smashed together in the run-up to the primaries in May. The county continues to review several projects and analyze their funding needs. ARPA is still an active program as is the ERAP for rental assistance. It is anticipated that the federal government will send the county another ARPA grant with far fewer strings attached. Unlike many of our "blue" counties, we have been running a tight ship with our county's finances and we do not have the needs like others.

It is also worth noting that the county's efforts are not alone. Our citizens and local businesses appear to be returning to a normal not seen since 2019. Hard work is contagious and "a

rising tide lifts all boats" so I am still positive about our economic future. While most of us are not fond of the federal government's gross incompetence as it relates to fiscal stewardship, it would be a disservice to our community to not look at opportunities to invest this money to the benefit of the county.

In case you didn't know, the county has its own [YouTube channel](#) where you can watch live and recorded county meetings, including our County Council. If items mentioned above are of interest, I'd suggest watching and reaching out as you feel is appropriate.

As always, I am thankful that the Hamilton County Reporter for publishing my Council updates and a special thanks to you, the readers, and residents of Hamilton County, for reading it and being engaged in the discussion. Our county is better because of you all. I welcome your questions at ken.alexander@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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

SHERIDAN

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purchase and signing. They are \$15 each, which includes state sales tax.

The public is invited and encouraged to bring a special keepsake that is special to them. Items can be funny, unique, sentimental, or come with a great story. There is a limit of one item per attendee and one minute to tell about it.

Event organizer Loretta Sutherland said, "This book is so timely as many of my friends are cleaning out and downsizing their own houses in preparation for retirement.

This includes my basement that I have been working on for three years! Come, share your treasures and stories and listen to Donna who laughed, cried and relived many memories."

Refreshments will be served. A time for author questions will follow the program.

Cronk is a farmer's daughter at heart and cherishes the rural roots of her youth near Liberty, Ind. She spent 37 years as a newspaper journalist, 31 of them with the *New Castle Couri-*

er-Times.

The author currently writes a column for several Indiana newspapers. She is married to Brian, a long-time Hamilton Southeastern Schools administrator and teacher. They have two grown sons. Cronk's previous books are inspirational fiction: *Sweetland of Liberty Bed & Breakfast* and *That Sweet Place: At Home in the Heartland*.

Reservations are not necessary. For information, call Kim Riley at (317) 758-5201.

PREVAIL

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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Chuck Haberman running for Noblesville School Board

Submitted

Chuck Haberman, currently serving as the Assistant Director of Economic Development for the City of Noblesville, has announced his bid to run for Noblesville School Board.

"We're fortunate today to have such a great school system with outstanding teachers and staff, a myriad of programs and offerings, and top-notch facilities," Haberman said. "I'm running for School Board because I'm passionate about ensuring we continue to provide the best for the kids and young adults in our community. My daughter will be starting kindergarten in the fall and a son a couple years behind her, making the future of the school system near and dear to my heart."

Haberman was hired by the city in 2020 as Workforce Development Manager until his promotion in November 2021. Before joining city government,

Chuck led HR and talent development teams in the construction industry.

"Working in Economic Development, I know firsthand how critical our workforce is to the future of our community; every conversation begins and ends with workforce," Haberman said. "The cornerstone of a solid workforce foundation is the K-12 education system."

Haberman served eight years in the United States Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer. During his service, he traveled the world over three deployments and discovered his passion for service, leadership, and lifelong learning. After the Corps, Haberman received his B.S. in Organizational Leadership and Supervision from IUPUI, a M.P.S in Organization Development and Change at Penn State, and most recently finished



Haberman

the Certified Economic Developer Certificate from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute.

"I believe every student should have the opportunity to define their own future success, be provided with the tools, resources, and experiences during their time in Noblesville Schools, and to understand the possibilities of their choices," Haberman said. "My personal career pathway had many dips and turns, but the valuable lessons I hope to convey to the next generation of students are these: everyone's journey is their own, define your own success, be a lifelong learner and learn when you need it, and don't waste an experience or opportunity."

Other community involvement by Haberman include:

- Miller Ambassadors –

Class of 2022

- Noblesville Chamber of Commerce – Board Member, Board of Directors

- Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County – Vice Chair, Campus Board of Trustees

- Hamilton County Economic Development Corp. – Board Member, Board of Directors

- Hamilton County Leadership Academy – Class of 2020

- Twin Oaks of Noblesville Homeowner's Association – Vice President, Board of Directors

- Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Indiana – At Large Council Member

Haberman lives in Noblesville with his wife, Kari; daughter, Paige; and son, Connor. They love being outside as often as possible, especially with friends and family.

Feel free to connect with him on his [Facebook page](#) or email at ElectChuck-Haberman@gmail.com.

Carmel American Legion, IU Health North partner for COVID vaccine clinic

The REPORTER

IU Health North and Carmel American Legion Post #155 will hold a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic open to all community members on Saturday, March 19. The vaccine clinic will take place at Post #155, 852 W. Main St., Carmel, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Pfizer vaccine is available for those ages 5 and over. Anyone can sign up to

get vaccinated, regardless of whether they're a veteran.

You can register online at ourshot.in.gov (enter 46032 as your Zip code) or by calling 2-1-1. Walk-ins are welcome as supplies last, so registration is strongly recommended.

Please your COVID-19 vaccination card if you have one. Parental consent is required for children under 18 to get vaccinated.

GOP offers training for precinct committeemen

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Party is looking for interested people to serve as precinct committeemen.

Precinct committeemen and vice precinct committeemen have an important role to play in the party from helping to ensure fair elections to helping Republican candidates get elected.

If you are already a precinct or vice precinct committeeman or are interested in becoming one, party officials have scheduled training sessions for you to learn about what the role entails. This training will cover topics such as precinct committeeman election and appointing vice precinct committeemen, turning out the Republican vote on Election Day, recruiting workers and filling polling site boards, being part of

Republican functions, and participating in caucuses and electing the Hamilton County Republican Party Chair.

There are three training sessions scheduled – two in-person and one virtual training:

1. Monday, March 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County GOP Office, 209 E. 175th St., Westfield

2. Wednesday, March 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Hamilton County Government Center, 1 N. 8th St., Noblesville

3. Saturday, March 26 from 10 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting ID is 854 7949 1543 and the passcode is 480456.

Please RSVP for one of these sessions by calling (317) 894-9600 or by emailing hcrp@hamiltoncountygop.org.

County Councilor Steve Schwartz gets MIBOR RPAC endorsement

Submitted

Hamilton County Councilor Steve Schwartz has received an endorsement from MIBOR REALTORS Political Action Committee (RPAC).

"As a small business owner and entrepreneur, Steve understands the ins and outs of our community's fiscal landscape," said Evan Elliott, Chairman

for the MIBOR RPAC Trustees. "Steve has always put the people of Hamilton County at the forefront, and we support his continued success on the Hamilton County Council."

As current Hamilton County Council President



Schwartz

and 43-year Noblesville resident, Schwartz has been proponent and driver of economic growth, low taxes, and making fiscally conservative decisions for Hamilton County. Schwartz has represented District 3 on the

Hamilton County Council, which includes Noblesville, Jackson, and White River Townships.

About MIBOR RPAC

Established in 1969, RPAC advocates on behalf of realtors and real estate issues that benefit agents across the state. RPAC is member driven and non-partisan in its selection of candidates to endorse.

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He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

Do you want to live a peaceful contented life flying with eagles, then turn your eyes and heart to Jesus? Open your heart and listen to Him. Embrace the truth He revealed. Turn your life to Jesus!

The good folks at the Stony Creek Church of Christ would be delighted to study with you at a time of your convenience and a place of your convenience. Or, attend one of our services and begin your flight with eagles.



Stony Creek Church of Christ

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Letter to the Editor

Women’s history is American history

Dear Editor:

In 1981, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Representative Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored the first joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women’s History Week. In 1987, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 designating the month of March as Women’s History Month.

Why is it important to shine a light on the need for equal rights and recognition for women? For many years the rights of women have not been recognized equally, and in this country, women have been able to vote in elections for only 100 years. The suffragists who fought long and hard to obtain that vote deserve to be an important part of history which is taught and remembered by all citizens. (Did you know the Wyoming Territory was the first to grant women the vote?)

Women’s History Month celebrates women trailblazers, legislators, leaders, and all who have contributed to making the United States a place for all young girls to strive to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution honors not only those who have descended from the patriots of the American Revolutionary War, but all women who remain committed to the freedoms of our democracy and equal rights for all.

In particular, this month I remember and honor my GGG grandmother, a Cherokee woman called “Belle Ann” who gave up her two daughters for adoption when she and many families were forced to leave their homeland of North Carolina on the “Trail of Tears” – walking west for 800 miles and enduring extreme weather, disease and starvation and eventually costing thousands of lives. I don’t know what ultimately became of Belle Ann, but I know that her commitment to her daughters to give them up for adoption to a white couple ensured my ability to be here today. Thank you, Belle Ann for your sacrifice; you are a wonderful example of a mother and a leader.

Happy Women’s History Month!
The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, nonpolitical women’s service organization dedicated to preserving the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence.

Sharon McMahon
*Past Regent, Historian
Chair, American Indians Committee
Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, NSDAR
Noblesville*

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader rebuts premise of Ray Adler’s column

Dear Editor:

Mr. Adler’s column was interesting but misleading in its simplistic “us vs. them” tone.

Perhaps the easiest counterpoint to his argument is to mention that one of his examples – Starbucks – is an exemplary company that, in fact, makes quite a good profit, and yet pays 100 percent education benefits – even for part-time employees. The company also provides generous health insurance benefits and paid maternity leave – again, even for part-time employees.

Starbucks could, and would, unquestionably make a larger profit if it did not provide those unnecessary benefits. So, they do not do it because it improves their bottom line. They do it because it fits their long-standing corporate culture, but most importantly, because it helps their employees’ bottom line and it contributes to both their employees’ and society’s long-term health and welfare, making our communities, states and nation a better place for all to live in. Starbucks is just one of many such companies. Promoting such an attitude is admirable.

It does, however, go without saying that companies must make a decent profit or they would be irresponsible to their stockholders and, in fact, unable to provide those types of benefits. But I imagine that even Mr. Adler’s law firm donates, of its own accord, to what it deems worthy social causes; not because it makes them more money, but because it helps our community be a better place.

Suggesting that Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren support the idea seems like a dog whistle. The idea that the rest of society must bear the burden so that stockholders can – at any and all costs – maximum their profits is simply unsustainable. There is a balance to everything in life and to suggest simply that maximizing corporate profits equals more liberty is a false narrative.

More liberty for whom, and at what cost?

Gary Kent
Noblesville

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Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader: Support our teachers, support staff

Dear Editor:

Our teachers and schools are receiving a lot of negative attention. In the midst of fruitless debates about the functioning of our school board and the curriculum our schools are teaching ... is a crisis!

According to the *Indiana Business Journal* article titled ‘**Nearing a collapse, Indiana needs more special educators**, our schools are struggling to fill their special education vacancies. The article went on to cite statistics from the Indiana Department of Education that shows the number of special education teachers in Indiana declined 4 percent from 2014 to 2021 while the number of students in special education grew by 12 percent during the same period.

Our special education students, parents, teachers, caregivers, and support staff are near and dear to my heart. COVID made it more difficult for parents and caregivers when our schools transitioned to virtual learning.

I come from a family of teachers. Teaching is a lifetime commitment. Our teachers are paid low and often experience burnout because of the multiple roles that they must play. We should consider how our public discourse is affecting their morale.

Please take a moment to thank our Carmel Clay School teachers for their dedication to educating our children.

Lastly, Carmel Clay Schools is accepting nominations through Friday, March 18, for **CCS Support Staff of the Year**. It takes a village to raise a child.

Please consider nominating a support staff at bit.ly/supportccs2022.

Sheldon Barnes
Carmel

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Downtown District Council Committee meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, has been canceled.

The Westfield ARPA Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Westfield Building Corporation will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Noblesville Park Board will meet in and executive session pursuant to 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) at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in the Forest Park Lodge at 701 Cicero Road. A public meeting will follow at 3:30 p.m. or immediately following the executive session, whichever comes first.

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The Hamilton County Reporter

A story of resilience

This month's column is about a neighbor Lisa and I met while loading the pantry at the Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416 on South 14th Street.

We have been doing food charity service work for over 16 years in inner-city Indianapolis with Shepherd Community Center before launching Feeding Team a few years ago. Over all the years and all the neighbors, we never encountered a story or situation quite like Pamela's (not her real name).

Pam lives in Noblesville. She works locally in fast food and often works extra shifts to make overtime income. We met Pam on a Friday in the early afternoon as she was shopping for a meal she would have for dinner later that evening. We do not engage with neighbors at a pantry unless they want to talk, and that was clearly the case here as Pam explained her story. You see, she has just completed a transplant surgery where she was the recipient. Pam explained that because of her worsening health condition she was unable to work and as a result did not have food. Pam was embarrassed that she needed help but grateful to the community for providing it. The anonymity of getting food from one of the pantries made her comfortable in doing so.

What makes Pam's story so unique was that she was on her way to her very first shift at the restaurant after her transplant. Pam was wearing the restaurant uniform as she stopped by to get food for after work. Pam



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

explained that her surgery was about a week prior, and she couldn't afford to wait and heal before going back to work. She had no choice but to risk it. The food in the pantry was a short-term stopgap to get her by until her paychecks started again.

Over the years, we have had the opportunity to serve countless neighbors in need. Pam stands out — she was determined to be self-sufficient. She knew her situation was very tough, unfair, and yet she met it head on with a determined focus and a smile. As is the case with a vast majority of neighbors who use the pantries, we have no idea how Pam's story has progressed, and we are okay with that. It is none of our business. It is rewarding to be a small part of a neighbor's life.

Your donations, along with funding from corporate partners, makes small miracles like Pam's possible. Without the dedicated efforts of so many volunteers, donors, and friends of Feeding Team this would not be happening all over Hamilton County every week.

With over 27,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout Hamilton County.

Neighbors ask, "Why do this? What's in it for you?" The answer is always the

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38 pantries
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same: Serving people feeds my soul. It is a calling, not work.

When criticized or questioned, I encourage people to learn my story before assuming anything. There were many suppers when we as a young couple with young kids could only afford Dinty Moore beef stew and a potato for dinner. Surreal moment. This is why the pantries exist. As a typical young family, we could not always make ends meet.

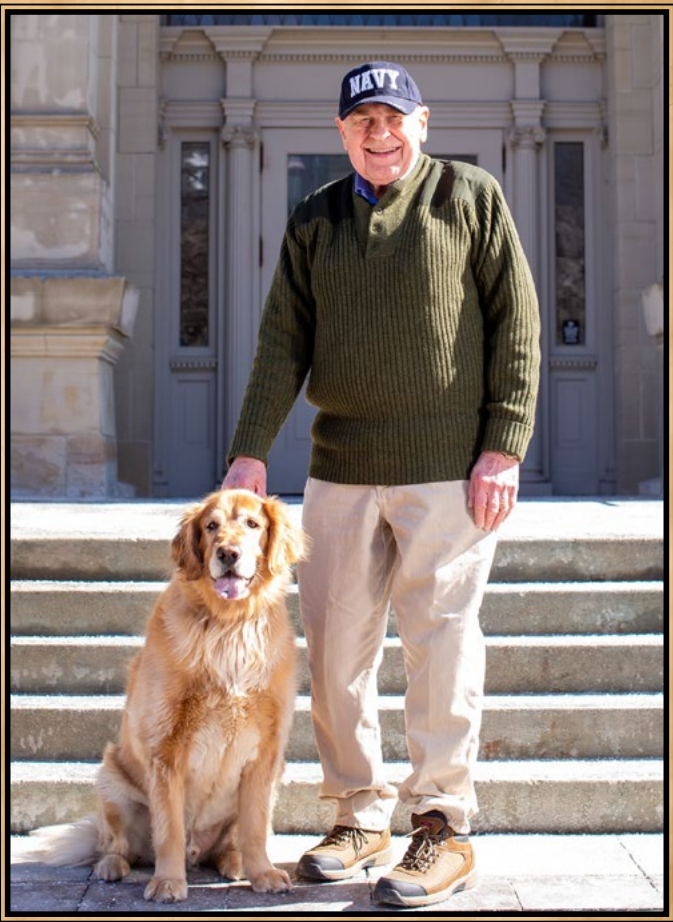
Thank you for embracing the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County.

In future columns we will share more 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 straightforward 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. Would you like to get involved? We are in the process of evaluating our next 10 pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

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.

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Hamilton County lawmakers support \$1B tax-relief package for hardworking Hoosiers

The REPORTER

Hamilton County lawmakers recently voted in support of passing the largest tax cut in the state's history, sending the \$1 billion tax-relief package to the governor where it could soon become law.

According to House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers), **House Enrolled Act 1002** will drop the state's individual income tax from 3.23 percent to 2.9 percent over seven years. He said once fully phased in, Indiana would have one of the lowest income tax rates in the nation.

"Our state is in a historically strong fiscal position and revenues continue to outpace expectations," Huston said. "I'm excited about providing much-needed tax relief to hardworking Hoosiers. In Indiana, we've recently paid down over \$1 billion in debt and we're projecting a record \$5 billion in reserves. Hoosiers are facing rising inflation and now is the time to put money back into the pockets of those who earned it."

"When you think about Indiana's economic strengths, some of the first things that come to mind

would be our pro-business climate and low cost of living," said State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville). "These tax cuts serve as another tool in our state's toolbox to help attract talented workers and their families to the state."

State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) said the bill will also help lower utility bills for Hoosiers and businesses by eliminating the 1.46 percent Utility Receipts Tax currently paid on electricity, natural gas, water, steam, sewage and telephone bills.

"This legislation marks the largest tax cut in Indiana's history," Torr said. "We're strengthening our state's reputation for being fiscally responsible and finding areas to cut taxes on behalf of hardworking Hoosiers."

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said once both tax cuts are fully implemented, Hoosiers would save over \$1 billion a year.

"Because of our state's long history of financial responsibility, we are in a position to lessen the burden on Hoosier taxpayers," Schaibley said. "Our economy is doing really well and now is the time to support

Hoosiers and return more of their hard-earned dollars."

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said the legislation includes using reserves to make a one-time \$2.5 billion payment toward pre-'96 teacher pension obligations. This comes after Indiana has paid down well over \$1 billion in debt over the last year alone.

"As a fiscal conservative, my focus remains on limited government spending, trimming waste and keeping taxes low," Jeter said. "This legislation is a strong reflection of my commitment to financial responsibility, and I'm looking forward to it becoming law."

HEA 1002, a priority for Republican lawmakers, comes as the state's budget reserves are expected to hit a record \$5 billion at the end of fiscal year 2022. As revenues continue to outpace expectations, Hoosier taxpayers can expect a \$125 refund this spring as part of a combined refund of over \$545 million. A new law supported by Hamilton County lawmakers will ensure the maximum number of Hoosiers qualify for the refund.

Carmel priest under investigation for misconduct with a minor

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A priest at a Carmel Catholic church has been suspended from public ministry.

The Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana says the Rev. James De Oreo has been accused of inappropriate conduct with a mi-

nor.

De Oreo is a priest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, located on the southwest corner of West 146th Street and Oak Ridge Road.

The case has been reported to Indiana Child Protective Services. The

diocese says an investigation is underway.

The diocese asked anyone aware of any misconduct by De Oreo to call Child Protective Services at (317) 234-5437 or the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana at (765) 742-0275.

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Carmel’s first Black equity director claims firing was discriminatory

By JASMINE MINOR
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Timothy Knight was the first equity director for the Carmel city government. The position, he says, became official in January. However, just last week, he was fired.

“I was (told) I was fired for insubordination,” Knight told I-Team 8. “There were no warnings. There was no coaching. There were no indicators that my behavior wasn’t welcomed.”

Knight says while he tried to change the culture, he ended up experiencing discrimination in the workplace.

“The end of December 2021, I became concerned about who would support the work, who would provide me with the guidance, and who would advocate for the work, and my principal argument was that this work really does belong near the top of the food chain,” Knight said.

He touts over a decade of working in government, including jobs as a police officer, a social science researcher, and a homicide investigator.

Knight says he was instructed by Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard to avoid “critical race theory.” Shortly af-

terward, Knight says he was told by his direct manager “not to expect any support from his team.”

When I-Team 8 reached out to Brainard’s office, a spokesperson said the city government could not discuss personnel matters but shared a statement:

“Dr. Knight was chosen to fill the position of DEI officer. The city strives to be fair in all its employee decisions and hire the best people for each position, regardless of race. Dr. Knight’s supervisor chose to terminate Dr. Knight. The city, as standard policy, doesn’t discuss individual

personnel issues.”

However, I-Team 8 found another city government worker who says she believes she’s faced similar discrimination.

“That place ... they’ve gone backwards in time,” said Michele Leaks, a former employee benefits manager for the city government.

“We first started the diversity and equity training. We did a survey of employees and so a lot of employees said things like ‘We don’t need that’ or ‘I work with a Black person and they really don’t want to leg up just because they’re Black.’”

Leaks says many of those comments came after the George Floyd riots in 2020. She says she left on her own terms in October after serving nearly two years in her position. She says she was hopeful things would get better when Knight took his position and was shocked when she heard he was fired.

“The first thought that came to my mind, as a person of color, is ‘Did he speak in a manner that challenged your authority?’”

Leaks said. “It just feels like a time, a land that time forgot.”

Knight says he and Leaks were the only Black people in the city government’s human resources department and no Black people are in leadership. He says a diverse culture is “top down.”

“The space isn’t yours,” Knight said. “You have a key. You have a pass code. People speak to you, but you’re not given the same level of tolerance as other people in this space.”

I-Team 8 asked the Republican mayor what he was doing to address race and equity in the workplace. A spokesperson sent I-Team 8 a statement.


“Mayor Brainard established Carmel’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations 13 years ago. The mission of the Commission is to advise the Mayor on ways to better recognize and appreciate the contributions of our citizens of all races and ancestries, and to identify obstacles that may prevent full citizen participation in all civic and oth-


er activities taking place within Carmel’s corporate boundaries. The Commission serves as a forum for citizens to informally raise and discuss situations in our community that involve possible prejudice, intolerance or bigotry that adversely affects the public welfare.

“The Mayor also established the Carmel Interfaith Alliance about five years ago to address similar issues and bring together leaders within the various faiths and cultures of our community.

“The police department staff of officers currently has 16.5 percent of minority officers, 5 percent are African American, because the Mayor strongly believes the police department should be representative of all members of the community.

“Last year, the Mayor and Carmel City Council established and funded the City’s first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position and that position was advertised at minority job fairs, similar to the way our police department has done in the past as they have worked to include minorities.”





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New ATI podcast covering local, regional theater starts today

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Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) **today at noon** will introduce a new video podcast called “Lunch Break with Actors Theatre of Indiana.”

ATI is the resident professional theatre company of The Studio Theater at The Center for The Performing Arts in Carmel, and this is the 17th year of bringing high-powered theatrical productions, world premieres and nationally recognized acting and musical talent to central Indiana.

This new video podcast will take place every other Wednesday at noon and can be found on the Actors Theatre of Indiana [Facebook](#) [page](#).

You can learn the latest in what’s happening in local and regional theatre with the ATI Trio – Don Farrell, Judy Fitzgerald, and Cynthia Collins. These three will host the podcast and be joined by a variety of other guests.

Don Farrell is an ATI co-founder and serves as Artistic Director of the professional theatre company. He has produced every production of ATI’s history including the Palladium debuts of two-time Tony Award-winning Sutton Foster (*An Evening with Sutton Foster*) and two-time Tony Award winning Broadway legend Chita Rivera (*CHITA: A Legendary Celebration*), both to critical acclaim. He has directed many shows for ATI, as well. He has been a member of Actors’ Equity Association since 1992, is a veteran of the concert/theatrical stage, and has worked steadily in practically every capacity of the

business. He has spent over 33 years working as a professional singer, dancer, actor, director, choreographer, and producer with a career that includes Off-Broadway, International Tour, National Tour, Las Vegas, Regional, Symphony concerts and educational productions.

Cynthia Collins received her BFA in Theatre from Ohio University. She has performed Off-Broadway in several productions, including touring nationally in *Singin’ In The Rain* and internationally in *My Fair Lady* as well as multiple cruise line appearances. Her television/film credits include: *Law & Order*, *Law & Order SVU*, *Ed*, *Sex and the City*, *OZ*, *Die Hard III*, *Sabrina*, *Maid in Manhattan*, *The Thomas Crown Affair* and more. She has had the pleasure of working with such artists as Ben Vereen, Sandy Duncan, Claude Aikins, Comden & Green, Cy Coleman, Avery Schrieber, Joel Grey, Cyndi Lauper, Fred Waring and his famous Pennsylvanians, Chita Rivera, Sutton Foster, Diane Rehm and Billy Stritch. She is Co-Founder and Associate Artistic Director of ATI and has been in many ATI productions.

Judy Fitzgerald has also been in several productions with ATI. In addition, Broadway credits include Radio City Music Hall with Glen Close and Madison Square Garden with Liza Minnelli and Danny Burstein (conducted by Marvin Hamlisch). She has toured nationally with Debbie Reynolds, Shirley Jones and Omar Sharif and has performed in

Off-Broadway productions: *Swingtime Canteen* with Tony Award winner Charles Busch at the Blue Angel, *Dodsworth* with John Col-lum, George Lee Andrews and Dee Hoty at the York Theatre and the John House-man Theatre; *Face the Music* and *That’s The Ticket!* with Tony Award winner George S. Irving.

Be sure to tune in with The Trio **today at noon** for the first of the new video podcasts “Lunch Break with Actors Theatre of Indiana” to learn just what you can expect on the podcast. You just might hear about a few surprises, too.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell, and Judy Fitzgerald with a mission to celebrate the power of theater and contribute to the quality of life in Central Indiana by offering high quality professional theater performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate, and entertain. An award-winning Equity Professional Theater company, Actors Theatre of Indiana is the resident professional theater company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, now in its 16th season of high-powered musical theater productions, world premieres, and innovative community works.

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1 Timothy 3:1-3 (NIV)

Aurelia Brinzea

December 26, 1925 – March 13, 2022

Aurelia Brinzea, 96, Carmel, passed away on March 13, 2022. She was born on December 26, 1925, in Canton, Ohio, to John and Anica (Popa) Bikis.

After graduating from Timker High School in Canton, Ohio, she attended Raedel College in South Bend, Ind.

Before retiring, Aurelia worked for the Timker Steele Company.

Aurelia loved spending time with her kids and grandkids.

In addition to her parents, Aurelia was preceded in death by her husband, George Brinzea.

Survivors include her daughter, Brenda (Wayne) Burnett of Carmel; son, George (Anne) Brinzea of Columbus, Ind.; and grandchildren, Megan Chapelle, Maria Chapelle, George Brinzea and Allyson Brinzea.

Services will be private.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Madonna L. Colip

September 2, 1927 – March 13, 2022

Madonna L. Colip, 94, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Well-brooke of Westfield. She was born on September 2, 1927, to George and Elsie (Wright) Tudor in Anderson, Ind.

Madonna was a hospital volunteer and enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, cooking and baking. She enjoyed living in various locations while her husband, Robert, served in the United States Air Force.

She is survived by her son, Robert T. Colip; daughter, Cathy C. Blake (Donavon); grandchildren, Sara Blake (Brett Meggison) and Rachel Day (Greg); and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Madonna was preceded in death by her husband, Retired USAF Col. Robert C. Colip, in 2005; and her sister, Jennie Worley (Paul).

Private family services will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home. Entombment will be at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Macular Degeneration Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, P.O. Box 1952, Clarksburg, MD 20871-1952.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Timothy "Tim" Neal Byer

December 29, 1957 – March 9, 2022

Timothy "Tim" Neal Byer, 64, passed away March 9, 2022, at his home in Indianapolis. Tim was born in Noblesville on December 29, 1957, to Robert Neal and Joyce Elaine (Gwynn) Byer.

Tim grew up in Noblesville and attended Noblesville High School until moving to Madison County in 1974. He was a 1976 graduate of Pendleton Heights High School.

Tim was employed with Sweitzer's Office Furniture in Noblesville from 1983 to 2001. He was a resident of Ocala, Fla., from 2010 until 2019 when he returned to Indiana to be near his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Byer; sons, Johnathon (Kaitlin) Byer and Jason (Nikki) Byer; granddaughters, Madison and Morgan Byer; grandson, Mikah Byer; sister, Bonni (Tim) Bell; and nieces, Jessica Bell and Jennifer (Jeff) Oxford. He was preceded in passing by his parents and grandparents.

Tim was a simple man with a kind heart and soul who loved his family.

A Celebration of Life Gathering for Tim will be announced and held at a later date.

Carolyn S. Johns

January 13, 1931 – March 10, 2022

Carolyn S. Johns, 91, formerly of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Melody Living in Lake of the Hills, Ill. She was born on January 13, 1931, to Virl and Bernice (Hagan) Fore in Rochester, Ind.

Carolyn was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and Tri Kappa. She volunteered at Riverview Hospital since 1988.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter, Claudia (Mark) Arnold; grandchildren, Jessica (Kevin) Brown, Allison (Jim) Hawkins, and Ryan Stensland; and seven great-grandchildren, Tyler, Kailey, Natalie, Spencer, Madeline, Andrew and Alex.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Bud" Johns.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Richard Greeson

October 17, 1935 – March 14, 2022

Richard Greeson, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022, at his home. He was born the youngest of eight children on October 17, 1935, in Burlington, N.C.

The family lived there until Richard was about 12 years old when they moved to Cocoa, Fla., on the Indian River. It was there that Richard played both basketball and football, finished high school, was in the Army Reserves, and became a Christian at a tent meeting.

When Richard was 16, his dad died as a result of a car wreck. Around age 20, he decided to study to be a preacher at Florida Christian College in Temple Terrace, Fla., where he met and married Faye Durham at the conclusion of their first year at the college. Richard and Faye had four children (Wayne, Linda, Annette and Sherry) by 1964. They lived the life of moving between small Churches of Christ every three to four years. They lived in many states, including Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio and Mississippi.

In 2005, Richard and Faye were living in Meridian, Miss., and Faye died at the age of 67. Richard moved soon afterwards to Indiana closer to three of his children. After arriving in Indiana, Richard met and married DonnaBell Widmoyer. Donna and Richard have loved their life together. They have enjoyed travel to Hawaii, the Caribbean, Florida, Ireland, Spain, and many states. They have entertained family and friends often with great food and enjoyable times.

Richard is survived by his wife, DonnaBell Greeson; children, Wayne (Chris), Linda (John), Annette (Ron) and Sherry (Darrell); 25 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Ralph.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Egbert Greeson and Edith Howell Truitt; and his siblings, Ruby, Troy Lee, Evelyn, Alton, Egbert, and Robert.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Evangelist Lanny Smith will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fishers Church of Christ, 10082 E. 126th St., Fishers, IN 46038.

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Sylvia Clare Brown
March 12, 1937 – March 4, 2022

Sylvia Clare Brown, 84, Cicero, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022. She was born in London, England, to Earnest Robert and Florence Lydia Clare (nee Todd). Sylvia left Oxford, England, in 1966 and traveled across the Atlantic to New York City on the QE2. Making her way to Indianapolis, Sylvia met Christopher van Dyck Brown. They were married September 7, 1968. Sylvia along with her husband founded the Indianapolis Festival Music Society, which is now known as the Indianapolis Early Music Festival.

In 1977, Sylvia and Chris relocated to Lake Forest, Ill. During her life, Sylvia was very active in The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, where she sang in the Adult Choir. She was also a member of The Lakemister Ringers.

Sylvia was employed with Lake Forest College and Lake Forest School of Management, eventually becoming the Program Director for Ragdale, an artist’s community in Lake Forest, until her retirement in 2002. She served as a Stephen’s Minister and was a member of Toastmaster’s International.

In her late forties, Sylvia took to the stage and appeared in many local theater productions in Lake Forest, Ill., and Antioch, Ill., (PM&L). She played leading roles in *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Into the Woods*, and *Blyth Spirit*.

Sylvia was gifted and a creator of beautiful things, such as exquisite miniature Christmas trees with handmade ornaments, floral decoupage, crocheted blankets, needlepoint, and embroidery. Most importantly, she was also a beloved friend and mom, earning the appropriate title “Queen of Hearts.”

In addition to her parents, Sylvia was preceded in death by her brother, Douglas Clare; and husband, Christopher van Dyck Brown.

Survivors include her loving daughters, Kipleigh Brown-Phillips of Glendale, Calif., Neilia Brown-McGuinness of Noblesville, and Alisa Brown-Steady of Fox Lake, Ill.

In Sylvia’s honor, guests are encouraged to wear florals and or bright cheerful colors to her Celebration of Life Service at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022, in The Overlook Room at Forest Park Inn, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in memory of Sylvia to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038. Envelopes will be available at the service.

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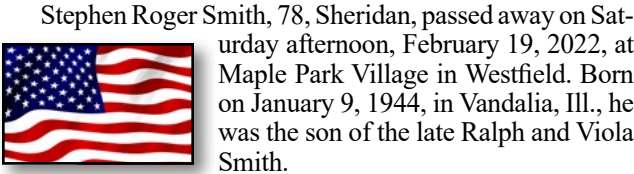
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Stephen Roger Smith
January 9, 1944 – February 19, 2022



Stephen Roger Smith, 78, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday afternoon, February 19, 2022, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. Born on January 9, 1944, in Vandalia, Ill., he was the son of the late Ralph and Viola Smith.

After completing his years of service in the United States Air Force, Stephen went to work in the environmental sector. He spent the majority of his working years as a fuel tank inspector, most recently working for Environmental Petroleum Services.

When he wasn’t on the jobsite, Stephen was somewhat of a homebody. He enjoyed watching the Colts and keeping up with NASCAR, but family was his favorite past time. He loved traveling with his wife and couldn’t imagine life without his grandkids.

Stephen is survived by his sons, Lonnie E. Smith (Bonnie) of Crothersville, and Mark A. Smith (Jennifer) of Westfield; daughter, Teresa A. Hottinger (Andy) of Sheridan; grandchildren, Tasha Van Middles Worth (Joe) of Sheridan, and Stephanie Smith of Westfield; great-grandchildren, Justice and Tatum; brother, Charlie Smith of Beecher City, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Nadine Deal; and by his wife, Glenda L. Smith on December 5, 2013. She and Stephen were married in 1963.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Inurnment will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Scott McDermid will be officiating.
Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Mildred (Micki) Clark
May 10, 1929 – March 5, 2022

Mildred (Micki) Clark passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on Saturday, March 5, 2022, in Carmel. Micki was born in Whitley County, Ind., and was the daughter of Raymond B. Martin and Elsie L. Martin.

Micki was blessed with a large and loving family. In her early years, while attending nursing school in Indianapolis, she fell in love with a dental student, John Krieger Clark. They married on October 7, 1950. John continued with his schooling while they started their family. After John graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry, the family moved to Ft. Wayne, Ind., where they opened a dental practice and grew their family. Micki focused on raising the children in her early years and returned to work as their children grew, working alongside her husband as his business partner in later years. Micki loved to read and could often be found curled up in a comfortable chair with a good book.

Micki is survived by four children, John (Anita) Clark, Cindy (David) Black, Susan (Tim) Kearby, Lynn (Mike) Coghlan; eight grandchildren, Adam Black, Dan Black, Mike Black, Stephanie Burgett, Jenny Fager, Dan Kearby, Lauren Coghlan, and Nicole Coghlan together with six great-grandchildren.

Micki will be remembered in a private ceremony in Avilla, Ind., where Micki will be laid to rest in the Clark family plot, alongside her husband of 54 years, John Krieger Clark.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.
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John Christopher Sciaudone
October 19, 1966 – February 17, 2022



On February 17, 2022, John Christopher Sciaudone lost his six-year battle with brain cancer. He died peacefully surrounded by his family, his wife Stephanie and his amazing children, Sophia, Jack and Lauren.

Chris was born in Connecticut to John “Jack” and Sharon (Cade) Sciaudone on October 19, 1966. He was the proud older brother to Jennifer (John) Burns, Allison Kozel, and Andrew (Alberty) Sciaudone. Before Chris’s junior year of high school, the Sciaudone family moved to Marion, Ind. As a child, Chris developed his love of sports, especially tennis, golf, Indiana University basketball, and Notre Dame football. Chris was a member of the tennis team at Marion High School. After he graduated, Chris attended Indiana University and was a member Sigma Nu Fraternity, the Beta Eta chapter.

Chris moved to California after college, and he coached tennis at the Clermont Racquet Club. Four years later, he returned to Marion and helped coach the Marion High School boys tennis team to a state championship. He also began to work with his father at the family business, Tulox Plastics Corporation, as the national sales manager. Chris was happy to return to Marion where he was surrounded by family and friends.

Chris met his wife Stephanie through a good friend in 1997, and they married in April 1999. They have three beautiful and talented children, Sophia, Jack, and Lauren. Chris was so proud of his children and told anyone who would listen about their numerous activities and talents. Chris was particularly proud of Sophia’s academic success and commitment to IU Dance Marathon, Jack’s athletic triumphs, and Lauren’s singing talent. Jack and Chris shared a love of baseball, which eventually led to Chris’s involvement in Noblesville Youth Baseball where he served as its Executive Director.

Chris was an awesome, encouraging, and loving dad. He taught his children the importance of faith and family through his words and actions. Chris never missed a performance, event, or activity that his children were involved in. Chris shared his passion for sports with his family and they spent many hours watching sporting events together. The family attended many Notre Dame football games and tailgates. They also enjoyed several trips to Walt Disney World. And Jack and Chris enjoyed many, many rounds of golf on courses all over the country.

Chris’s Catholic faith was of utmost importance to him. He was parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. His children attended school at OLG. And Chris quickly immersed himself in the OLG community, volunteering his time and making many friendships.

Chris and Stephanie decided to send the children to Guerin Catholic High School after they graduated from OLG. Chris was a great advocate for Guerin Catholic and loved the Guerin Catholic community. It is an understatement to say that the Guerin Catholic community was part of Chris’s extended family.

In his last years of life, Chris reignited his love of tennis and became the head tennis coach of the Guerin Catholic Boys Tennis Team. Chris loved coaching the special group of student athletes and shared his love of tennis with his players. He inspired his players with his words, actions, and faithfulness. Chris lived his life by the Guerin philosophy, “Love the children first, then teach them.”

Despite suffering from brain cancer, Chris always had a positive attitude and a smile on his face. He lived life to its fullest until his final moments. Chris was often described as a storyteller and a man of words. As a tribute to him, friends and family have used the following words to describe Chris: Faithful, brave, leader, inspiring, coach, teacher, kind, loving, caring, generous, thoughtful, encouraging, funny, and grateful.

Chris was so thankful for the care he received during his six-year brain cancer journey from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Brigham Women’s Hospital in Boston, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He also appreciated the support he received from his employer, Graphic Packaging, where Chris was an account executive.

Chris found comfort in his unshakable faith in the Lord. Chris was a wonderful husband and father, a fabulous friend, and an amazing coach. Chris will missed by all who knew and loved him, and his legacy will always live on in his family’s and friends’ hearts and memories.

A funeral mass was held in Chris’s honor at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and a celebration of life was held at the Ritz Charles.

Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Frances Sciaudone and William and Lillian Cade of Norwalk, Conn. He is survived by his wife, children, parents, siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to go towards the Sciaudone children’s education may be made to the Sciaudone Memorial Education Fund at Old National Bank or the Go Fund Me “For the Sciaudone Family” Fundraiser.

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Kate Clarke, Alyssa Crockett selected as 2022 Indiana Girls All-Stars

Carmel's Kate Clarke and Westfield's Alyssa Crockett are among the 13 players that have been selected to join IndyStar Indiana Miss Basketball Ayanna Patterson of Homestead for the 2022 IndyStar Indiana Girls All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced Tuesday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Patterson's selection as Miss Basketball was announced this past Friday. The other players completing the 2022 Indiana Girls All-Stars, listed alphabetically, are Jessica Carrothers of Crown Point, Hope Fox of East Central, Rayah Kincer of Franklin Central, Ally Madden of Blue River Valley, Kynidi Mason-Striverson of Silver Creek, Mila Reynolds of South Bend Washington, Olivia Smith of Fort Wayne South, Zoe Stewart of Terre Haute North, Lilly Stoddard of Crown Point, Ashlyn Traylor of Franklin and Tanyuel Welch of North Central.

Kincer is injured and is not expected to play in the games.

Rod Parker of Homestead has been named the head coach of the 2022 All-Stars. He will be assisted by Brittany Maners of Princeton and Kevin Moore of East Central. Parker is 379-128 in 21 seasons as coach at Homestead, including a Class 4A state championship in 2017 and a Class 4A runner-up finish in 2015. Maners has a 139-67 record in nine seasons as a varsity coach, four years at Evansville Central and the past five seasons at Princeton. Moore has a 221-88 mark in 13 seasons as coach at East Central.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 8 at a site to be announced. The first game against Kentucky will be June 10 at the Owensboro Sportcenter in Owensboro, Ky. The final game against Kentucky will be June 11 at Southport Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The games in Indianapolis are at Southport because Gainbridge Fieldhouse is unavailable because of a third phase of renovations will be occurring there during June.



Photo courtesy Westfield High School

Westfield's Alyssa Crockett (above, at her signing ceremony where she committed to the University of Michigan) and Carmel's Kate Clarke (below, also committed to Michigan) were selected to the 2022 Indiana Girls All-Stars team, it was announced on Tuesday.

All three dates will be doubleheaders with the IndyStar Indiana Boys All-Stars, whose roster will be announced next month. The rosters for the Indiana girls Junior All-Stars and the Indiana boys Junior All-Stars also will be announced later.

The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year, June 5 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Bedford North Lawrence and June 8 against the Indiana seniors at a site to be announced.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana Boys All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The All-Star senior girls have played Kentucky every year since 1976, except 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The All-Star senior boys have played Kentucky in all but three years since 1940: 1943 (World War II), 1944 (World War II) and

2020 (COVID-19 pandemic).

The Indiana Senior girls lead 51-39 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 40-10 in games against the Indiana Junior girls. The Indiana Junior girls lead 9-1 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 101-44 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 40-10 in games against the Indiana Junior boys. The Indiana Junior boys lead 6-4 in their series with Kentucky.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The Indianapolis Star, with its IndyStar brand, is a title sponsor.

Miss Basketball is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The remainder of the team is finalized by Broughton after observing numerous games and events throughout the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across the state. Broughton also reviews votes submitted by coaches and media who each could recommend up to 10 players.

Miss Basketball traditional wears the No. 1 jersey; Carrothers was runner-up in the Miss Basketball balloting and is wearing No. 2. All other jersey numbers randomly assigned.



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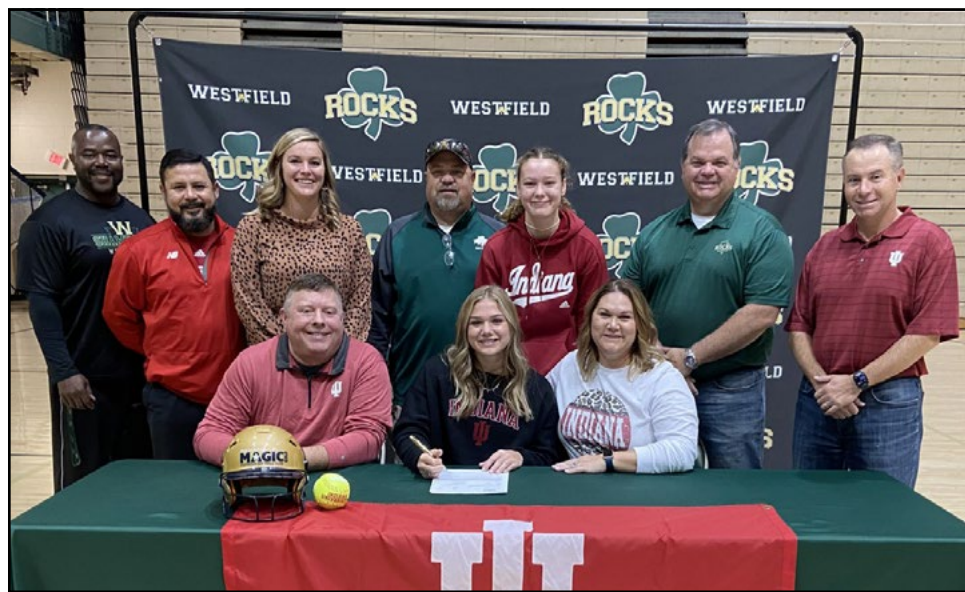
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Boys track and field

Tigers win dual meet

The Fishers boys track and field team won a dual meet at Carmel on Tuesday, 79-53.

The Tigers won 10 of the 16 events, including 1-2-3 sweeps in the 800, 1600 and 3200 runs. Keefer Soehngen picked up victories in the 400 dash and 800 run, and joined Grant Shelton, Makell Wiggins and Tyler Tarter for a first-place finish in the 4x400 relay.

Tarter also won the 300 hurdles. Other event winners for Fishers were Tate Meaux in the 1600, Cooper Kane in the 3200, Paul Kelley in the high jump, JonAnthony Hall in the long jump, Josh Forbes in the pole vault and the 4x800 relay team of Tom Wolkenhauer, Jacob Maehler, Colin Simons and Alec Foster.

Carmel was led by James Philpott, who won the 110 hurdles and 200 dash; the Greyhounds went 1-2-3 in the 200. Philpott also was part of Carmel's first-place 4x100 relay team, joining Desmond Duffy, Greg Gottlieb and Jaylen Zachery. Duffy also was first in the 100 dash. In the field, Evan Brehl won the shot put and Nolan Ring triumphed in the discus.

Team score: Fishers 79, Carmel 53.

4x800 relay: 1. Fishers (Tom Wolkenhauer, Jacob Maehler, Colin Simons, Alec Foster) 9:00.42.

110 hurdles: 1. James Philpott (C) 15.24, 2. Tyler Tarter (F) 15.55, 3. Adom Quist (C) 15.86.

100 dash: 1. Desmond Duffy (C) 11.12, 2. Bryce Williams (F) 11.56, 3. Cade Williams (C) 11.60.

1600 run: Tate Meaux (F) 4:29.32, 2. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 4:30.23, 3. Matthew Kim (F) 4:38.32.

4x100 relay: 1. Carmel (Duffy, Greg Gottlieb, Jaylen Zachery, Philpott) 41.82.

400 dash: 1. Keefer Soehngen (F) 48.85, 2. Curran Eastes (C) 53.27, 3. Cole Taylor (C) 54.42.

300 hurdles: 1. Tarter (F) 40.54, 2. Michael Schnurr (F) 43.18, 3. Quist (C) 43.38.

800 run: 1. Soehngen (F) 2:01.38, 2. Simons (F) 2:01.96, 3. Foster (F) 2:03.04.

200 dash: 1. Philpott (C) 22.46, 2. Gottlieb (C) 22.54, 3. Camren Avant (C) 23.22.

3200 run: 1. Cooper Kane (F) 9:52.20, 2. Caden Carpenter (F) 9:55.07, 3. Nick Pulos (F) 9:55.63.

4x400 relay: 1. Fishers (Grant Shelton, Makell Wiggins, Tarter, Soehngen) 3:24.20.

High jump: 1. Paul Kelley (F) 5-10, 2. Aydrin Caldwell (C) 5-8, T3. Nathan Struve (C) 5-4; Ayornide Akindoju (C) 5-4.

Long jump: 1. JonAnthony Hall (F) 20-3, 2. Joe Syrus (F) 19-10, 3. Caldwell (C) 19-7.25.

Shot put: 1. Evan Brehl (C) 48-3, 2. Daniel Armstrong (F) 44-5.25, 3. Ben Jeffery (C) 42-8.5.

Discus: 1. Nolan Ring (C) 155-4, 2. Joseph Drew Franklin (C) 137-0, 3. Joel Gates (F) 136-5.

Pole vault: 1. Josh Forbes (F) 13-0, 2. Alex Lara (C) 9-6, 3. Tristan Capps (F) 7-0.

Lacrosse

Carmel boys, Westfield girls pick up all-county wins

The Carmel boys lacrosse team won an all-county game with Fishers 15-7 Tuesday night at Murray Stadium.

Kyle Fedorcha had a dominant night for the Greyhounds, as he poured in seven goals, five in the second quarter alone. Fedorcha also made a fourth-quarter assist.

William Spratz added three goals, with Jake Klein putting in two goals. Quinn Huber, Charlie Mock and Brock Rose each scored one goal. In addition to Fedorcha, five other Carmel players made one assist: Klein, John Kenney, Leo Prosser, Spratz and Mock.

Eli Spearman and Erik Ryden both scored two goals for the Tigers, with Jack Alvarez, Zach Williard and Cody Thomas each getting one goal. Garrett Faulkner made one assist.

In an all-county girls match-up, Westfield beat Fishers 8-2 Tuesday at the Shamrocks' field.

Lauren Dean, Molly O'Brien, Devyn Fortune and Claire Ireland were among the goal scorers for Westfield. Chloe Nash and

Maddie Pope each had one goal for the Tigers.

Guerin Catholic's girls team kept its strong early start rolling with a 13-5 win over Bishop Chatard Tuesday.

Carrie Kosiba led the Golden Eagles by scoring four goals, while Ella Bellflower put in three goals. Gabbie Thomas dished out three assists.

The Carmel girls team won two games Saturday against Evansville teams.

First, the Greyhounds beat Evansville Reitz 16-3. Junior Tori Tomalia scored four goals and handed out two assists, while freshman Sophie Mock also scored four goals. Eight different Carmel players made at least one goal. Anna Dumke had two goals, one assist and five ground balls.

In an evening game, the 'Hounds cruised past Evansville North 14-4. Megan Barkocy and Brookelyn Jenkins combined in goal for a solid performance.

Carmel is 3-0 and is back in action next Tuesday, hosting Brebeuf Jesuit.

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Phoenix 131, New Orleans 115	

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Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	41	26	.612	-
Boston	41	28	.594	1.0
Toronto	38	30	.559	3.5
Brooklyn	36	33	.522	6.0
New York	28	40	.412	13.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	43	26	.623	-
Chicago	41	27	.603	1.5
Cleveland	39	29	.574	3.5
Indiana	23	47	.329	20.5
Detroit	18	51	.261	25.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	46	24	.657	-
Atlanta	34	34	.500	11.0
Charlotte	34	35	.493	11.5
Washington	29	38	.433	15.5
Orlando	18	52	.257	28.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	42	26	.618	-
Denver	41	28	.594	1.5
Minnesota	40	30	.571	3.0
Portland	26	41	.388	15.5
Oklahoma City	20	48	.294	22.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Phoenix	55	14	.797	-
Golden State	47	22	.681	8.0
L.A. Clippers	36	35	.507	20.0
L.A. Lakers	29	39	.426	25.5
Sacramento	25	45	.357	30.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	48	22	.686	-
Dallas	42	26	.618	5.0
New Orleans	28	41	.406	19.5
San Antonio	26	43	.377	21.5
Houston	17	51	.250	30.0

Big second quarter sends Memphis past Pacers

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Not much went the Pacers' way on Tuesday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Memphis (48-22) used a 42-point second quarter to break the game open and led by as many as 43 in a 135-102 victory over Indiana (23-47).

The Grizzlies were without superstar guard Ja Morant due to a sore back, but Memphis has excelled even without Morant on the floor this season, a trend that continued in Indianapolis. The Grizzlies are now 13-2 on the year without their All-Star point guard.

"What they're building there is what we're building here," Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle said after the loss. "They're ahead of our schedule at this moment, but this is the direction that we're going to take this. Going through nights like this is a part of it, unfortunately."

Richmond, Ind. native Desmond Bane scored seven of Memphis' first 11 points as the Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead.

Tyrese Haliburton kept it close initially for Indiana, assisting on the first five Pacers field goals and then scoring the sixth.

The hosts took a brief lead in the latter half of the first quarter, as Jalen Smith's jumper at 3:43 put the Pacers in front, 22-21. But Tyus Jones hit a three for the Grizzlies 13 seconds later, the start of a 10-1 Memphis run. The visitors took a 32-25 advantage into the second quarter.

Memphis was on fire to start the ensuing frame. The Grizzlies scored on their first 10 possessions — including eight points by Brandon Clarke and a pair of threes from Bane — to stretch their lead to 54-38.

The Grizzlies kept extending the margin from there. Memphis built the lead to 27 before two buckets by Terry Taylor in the final minute shaved four points off the margin. Steven Adams' jump hook just before the halftime buzzer capped a 42-point quarter for the Grizzlies and gave them a commanding 74-49 halftime lead.

Things didn't get much better after the intermission. Jaren Jackson Jr. scored seven

points and Bane buried two more treys as Memphis opened the second half with an 18-6 run to push their lead to 37 with 6:54 remaining in the third quarter.

The Pacers locked down somewhat defensively over the rest of the frame, limiting Memphis to just 12 points over the remainder of the quarter. But they weren't able to cut into the lead significantly and headed to the fourth quarter trailing, 104-70.

The Grizzlies pushed the lead as high as 115-72 in the fourth quarter, cruising to victory in the first of two meetings between the two teams this season.

"I think part of it's a new team and the other part of it is just attention to detail," Pacers guard Malcolm Brogdon said of the blowout loss. "Coming out, being ready to play, (having) urgency. That's a really, really good team over there, with or without Ja Morant."

Smith led Indiana with 15 points and eight rebounds in the loss. Fellow reserve Taylor added 14 points and eight boards.

Buddy Hield led the starters with 14

points and seven rebounds in the loss. Brogdon, back in the lineup after missing two games with a concussion, added 12 points, four rebounds, and six assists.

Rookie guard Duane Washington Jr. was the fifth and final Pacer to reach double figures with 13 points.

Bane led Memphis with 21 points and six assists, going 4-for-7 from 3-point range. Jackson added 19 points, eight rebounds, three blocks, and two steals, while Adams recorded a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Four other Grizzlies also reached double figures in the victory: De'Anthony Melton (18 points), Clarke (13), Ziaire Williams (11), and Dillon Brooks (10).

The Pacers head to Houston on Friday before returning to Indiana for a two-game homestand. They will host Portland on Sunday afternoon before former Pacers Domantas Sabonis, Justin Holiday, and Jeremy Lamb return to Gainbridge Fieldhouse for the first time since being traded to Sacramento on March 23.

IBCA announces Players of the Week

Sixty-four, 48, and 16 were the numbers to pay attention to Saturday, as 64 teams took part in the Regional round of the IH-SAA boys' basketball state tournament. 48 games were played, and 16 teams now advance to a semi-state this coming weekend in either Elkhart, Lafayette, Seymour, or Washington, Indiana. Based on their regional performances, three young men were awarded the distinction of being the Week 19 IBCA/Franciscan Health Players of the Week.

Central Noble senior Connor Essegian, Lafayette Central Catholic senior Clark Obermiller, and Sullivan senior Randy Kelley have been selected as recipients for March 7 to March 12 in the recognition program coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Essegian takes home honors in District 1, Obermiller is the winner in District 2, and Kelley's heroics earned him the award for District 3.

The Central Noble Cougars have won 88 games over the past four seasons, and senior Connor Essegian is at the forefront of that success. His ability to score the ball at a high level stands out, and he was on display again this past weekend. In their first game,

an 80-61 victory over Hammond Bishop Noll, the senior guard was a stellar 19 of 25 from the floor, 8 of 12 from 3-point range, and he made his only free throw attempt, scoring 47 points in the contest. He added five rebounds, four assists, and four steals to his effort, as the Cougars advanced to the regional final.

Later that evening, Central Noble would find it much tougher to pull out a win, battling Blackhawk Christian into an extra session but finally prevailing, 58-53, in overtime. The 6-4 Essegian was again key to the Cougars success, scoring 30 points and pulling down five rebounds. The University of Wisconsin commit shot 11 of 23 from the field, 4 of 11 from deep, and 4 of 5 from the charity stripe, plus he managed to hand out three assists, helping Central Noble advance to the Class 2A North semi-state.

Lafayette Central Catholic's Clark Obermiller has put together a steady senior season, and this past Saturday he capped it off with a pair of nice performances. In their early game against Southwood, a 75-56 win, Obermiller scored 15 points on 6 of 10 shooting, plus he buried three shots from the free throw line. He added eight

rebounds, a pair of assists, plus he blocked four shots in a well-rounded effort.

When they took the floor later that night against Liberty Christian, Obermiller led the Knights with an even better performance, scoring 26 points in a 64-45 victory over the Lions. This time, the 6-6 forward was an efficient 10 of 15 from the field and a perfect 6 of 6 from 15 feet. He added seven rebounds for the Knights, plus he contributed an assist, three steals, and a pair of blocked shots.

Westfield senior Cam Haffner was nominated in District 2.

Sullivan senior Randy Kelley has become "Mr. Big Shot" over the past couple of weeks. During the Golden Arrows' regional opener, Kelley banked in a fade-away 3-pointer from the right wing as the clock expired, knocking off North Harrison, 52-49. It was his THIRD buzzer-beater in a row, having knocked down game-winners in each of their Sectional wins as well. The Senior guard finished with 16 points and was 2 of 2 from deep and 6 of 6 from the free throw line. Kelley added seven assists and a pair of rebounds to go along with his unimaginable ending.

In the regional title game, Sullivan had another tight one with a tough-nosed Evansville Bosse squad. Sullivan's 89-85 championship victory must have felt like a breath of fresh air, since it didn't need a buzzer-beater for the first time in three weeks. Still, though, Kelley was vital to Sullivan's success. The 5-11 guard scored 33 points on 10 of 15 shooting, plus he was strong at the free throw line, knocking down 12 of 14 free tosses. Kelley again contributed in other ways, adding six rebounds and six assists in the big win.

This is the 14th season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program, but just the second season it is being presented by Franciscan Health, a corporate sponsor of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Girls' winners were chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Girls State Finals. Boys' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Boys State Finals.



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