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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered morning showers. Scattered afternoon showers and storms. Tonight: Scattered evening showers and storms. Some clearing late.

HIGH: 79 LOW: 56



County Council to consider mileage reimbursement rate increase for some county employees

The June County Council meeting arrived quickly. While lots of activity is happening in the background, as we plan for projects and prepare for budget hearings, the Council agenda was relatively benign. There were three topics worth discussing in the agenda.



The first was the annual review of compliance of the Beck's real and personal property tax abatement. As shown in their documentation, Beck's has more than met its commitment. These tax abatements are one way our county can support economic development. This support creates a contract with the corporate entity and obligates them to continue to grow and invest in Hamilton County by creating jobs and increasing property values through building.

The second item was a request from the County Commissioners to increase the mileage reimbursement rate by \$0.10 per mile for employees who travel using their own vehicle. It has been stated that the current federal reimbursement rate (\$0.585 per mile) is not covering the costs for the employee due to inflation. This may seem like a minor issue, but even the best-intentioned plan can lead to unintended consequences. The federal rate establishes a maximum so that employee and employer taxes are not circumvented. Any compensation more than the federal maximum will result in a tax liability for both the employer and the employee. After a few brief internal calls, everyone agreed that tabling this issue until the Council Finance and Personnel Committees can meet to discuss a solution that will not result in a tax liability issue was our best next step. We all want to support our employees and seek for the best options as e deal with the damage of inflation. The third topic dealt with a grant appropriation to the Health Department to support schools and families in catching-up vaccination records that fell behind during COVID. This is not a county edict to solicit or apply vaccinations. A few people came to the meeting to provide comments about this item, and against the judgement of some on Council, we allowed them to voice their comments out of order. In essence, their concerns were not applicable to the County Council. We are a fiscal body that appropriates dollars. Decisions that establish executive or legislative action occur at the County Commissioners and internal discussions about what the health department does are handled by their Health Department Board. Both of these are public



Reporter photo by JohnGeiger.com

(From left) Nickel Plate Express Board President Gene Powell, Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Emily Reynolds, Nickel Plate Express Board Member Toni Dickover, Hamilton County Tourism President Brenda Myers, Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman, Noblesville Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Nickel Plate Express Board Member Travis Shuk, Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Noblesville Common Council Vice President Aaron Smith and Noblesville Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Bennett.

Noblesville opens newly renovated **Forest Park Depot at Hobbs Station**

The REPORTER

opened the newly renovated Forest Park Depot inside Forest Park. The \$1.6 million Noblesville Parks & Recreation project will make Forest Park Depot a destination spot and draw visitors to the 150-acre park and downtown square.

Depot at Hobbs Station was one train, but stay in Forest Park of my top priorities when I took for the pool, golf course and office in January 2020," Mayor historic carousel or visit our Chris Jensen said. "Trains have nearby downtown for our varihad a significant history in No- ety of stores and restaurants," blesville, and this project shows Jensen said. our commitment to keeping that heritage and giving it a new life."

The investment aims to cap-Noblesville and Nickel Plate italize on the presence of the Express officials on Monday Nickel Plate Express, operated by the not-for-profit Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc., which began running excursions on the 12.4 miles of track between Atlanta and Hobbs Station in 2019.

"Hobbs Station will be a central landing point for vis-"Renovating Forest Park itors who may come for the



Photo provided by City of Noblesville The Forest Park Depot at Hobbs Station was moved to See Depot ... Page 2 Forest Park in 1967, originating in Tipton County in 1948.

Sheridan sends Class of '22 into the world

The REPORTER

Sheridan High School held its 134th commencement ceremony on Saturday morning, graduating 80 students at Larry Hobbs Memorial Hall.

Co-valedictorians Elijah Kinkead and Michael Cronin addressed their class with words of reminiscing and advice for their future. Kinkead ended his speech by quoting an "oldie but goodie" from their elementary years: the six be's: "Be respectful, be responsible, be a peacemaker, be your best, be kind, and be safe."

Cronin encouraged classmates to "cherish little things along the way," and ended by quoting Shrek with lyrics from ident Lexi Woodcock, who choir both performed, setting "All Star" by Smash Mouth, en-



The Sheridan Class of 2022 engages in the hat toss to signify their commencement.

couraging graduates to "go play." Vice President Shelby Shaw, with their selections. Other graduates speaking at who led the tassel turning certhe event included Class Pres- emony. Sheridan's band and ed Colonel Warren Weather as meetings and advertised. gave the welcome, and Class the mood of hope for the future

Graduating seniors select-

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Janet speaks, people listen



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

Reporter columnist Janet Hart Leonard launched the release of her first book, "When the Hart Speaks," at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville, on Sunday afternoon. Subtitled "Whimsy and Wisdom from the Little House on the Alley," this is already a popular volume. Janet was a busy lady Sunday afternoon, signing dozens of copies for fans new and old. She spoke to a standing room only crowd at 5 p.m. We are proud to have you in our pages each week, Janet. When Janet speaks, people listen!

Carmel using new tech to assess road conditions

The **REPORTER**

The Carmel Street Department has partnered with StreetScan, a company that employs vehicle-mounted sensing technology to assess road conditions. The system uses technology to determine the health of each street and to identify road defects including potholes, bumps and cracking.

Up until now, the Street Department relied solely on visual assessments of streets by department staff to determine which ones needed to be repaired or repaved. This new technology will help supplement those efforts to identify and prioritize repairs and ensure that streets are kept in the best condition.

"The condition of our is not always the streets is something that residents and businesses do not think about on a daily basis until it becomes a problem," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "Neglected roads can damage cars and delivery vehicles and hinder commerce overall. This is why we work hard to stay ahead of the problem and put monfallen below our acceptable standards."

The Street Department uses the PASER rating system, recognized by the Federal Highway Adminis-



This StreetScan car will use sensors to detect and assess the conditions of Carmel's roads.

tem of evaluating the state of road pavement when seeking grant funds. Many people think the age of a road is a good indicator, but that case. It is more determined by the

wear on the road (including for a more accurate overall the number of daily vehicles or heavy trucks) along with the integrity of the road surface.

time how we determine when a street gets paved," Street Commissioner Matt ey in the budget each year Higginbotham said. "This to repave roads that have new technology will help us determine which streets need the most attention in a scientific and objective way."

The PASER rating scale is a 1 through 10 scale with tration, as an acceptable sys- 10 being a newly construct-



Brainard

rating. Main roads are evaluated and prioritized the same way.

The new StreetScan "We are asked all the technology will help to better identify and assign the PASER ratings for all the street segments. The department will then consider the overall subdivision and prioritize the summer project list based on available funds.

For more information, contact the Carmel Street Department at (317) 733-2001.

News & Opinion

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Sheridan

their Alumnus of the Year,

and he addressed the class. Colonel Weaver, who was

the United States Air Force

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The focal point of the renovation is the historic Hobbs Station, which was built alongside the Nickel Plate railroad in Tipton County in 1948 and brought to Forest Park in 1967. The project also included landscaping and walking paths, a restroom addition, historic signs and paved parking. It provides Nickel Plate Express a better place to operate at Forest Park, a new gift shop and adds a covered platform for passengers to board.

"That whole site was in need of a fresh look, a reinvestment," Parks Director Brandon Bennett said. "The project revamped the 10acre railyard, reintegrating it back into Forest Park as a viable and attractive piece of the park."

The city was first notified of environmental complaints about the previous operator, Indiana Museum, Transportation back in 2017. Following



Reporter photo by JohnGeiger.com

Nickel Plate Express

will open the new Hobbs

Station to the public on Sat-

urday, June 11 with 45-min-

ute train rides at 10 a.m.,

(From left) Jennifer Harmon, Operations Compliance Coordinator; Jay Harmon, Senior Engineer and Designated Supervisor of Locomotives; Jake Garvey, Maintenance; Nathan Erwin, Road Foreman of Engines; and Blake Daulton, Brakeman and Flagman. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

state inspections, the city the ground as greenspace inhas worked alongside the side the park. Indiana Department of Environmental Management to restore the site. Since the clean-up effort began, 95 percent of the coal ash and bad soil has been mitigated 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and and removed. To date, over 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For 10,000 tons of bad materials more information or to purhave been removed from the chase tickets, visit nickelpsite, making it safe to reopen lateexpress.com.

flying multiple presidents, and serving on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During his tenure he led a committee that developed a plan that was used in the aftermath of 9/11. Colonel Weaver point-

ed out to the class the advantages of small schools. Specifically, he cited research on the advantages of small schools, including smaller class sizes, greater participation in activities, and the support of a small community, where "everybody knows your name." He ended by reminding students that their lives were guided by "choice,

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools Presenting the Sheridan High School Class of 2022!

not chance."

Principal Rick Davis addressed the class with words of encouragement before presenting them with their diplomas. Retiring superintendent Mary Roberson addressed the group and introduced current superintendent goodbyes to high school.

Dr. Dave Mundy, who certified the class as graduates of Sheridan High School.

Following the ceremony, graduates and families gathered on the front lawn for pictures and conversation as students said their final

ty Reporter for publishing

my Council updates and a special thanks to you, the

readers, and residents of Hamilton County, for read-

ing it and being engaged in

the discussion. Our County

is better because of you all.

I welcome your questions at

ken.alexander@hamilton-

ing in his first term on the

Hamilton County Coun-

cil, representing District 4,

Ken Alexander is serv-

county.in.gov.

COUNCIL MINUTES—

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PUBLIC → RESTROOM Open your camera and scan this code Patronicity.com/ArcadiaRestroom

YOU can help Arcadia have a public restroom!

Arcadia is partnering with the Indiana Housing and **Community Development Authority for a** CreatINg Places crowd funding campaign to raise money this May and June for public restrooms in downtown Arcadia. Our goal is \$15,000, to be matched by CreatINg Places, for a total of \$30,000!

Donations of any amount are welcome. To learn more, scan the QR code, visit our web site at www.arcadiaindiana.org, or simply email amys@greenavenue.info



In closing, enjoy the that the Hamilton Counsummer, visit a park or a farmer's market, get outside, and get back to doing the things that make you happy. The last two summers have not allowed us to be as we once were. My personal belief is that the lack of human interaction has made mental health issues a more common issue. We need to get back to doing the things that make us happy and maybe turn off social media and focus back on the importance of human interaction.

If items mentioned above are of interest, please As always, I am thankful Council.

which includes Adams and Washington townships, and part of Clay Township. He reach out to me or any mem- currently serves as the Vice ber of the County Council. President of the County Thanks for reading!



I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a nome 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.

Once you take charge, there's **NO GOING BACK**

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- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Thanks to Hamilton County Parks & Ashlin Hadden Insurance

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HEY KIDS! Hop aboard our new trackless train for a fun (*and free*) ride during this park event! All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



News



Cumberland Road reopens

Cumberland Road between 96th and 106th streets is now OPEN to all traffic. Some incidental work may still be ongoing. Be sure to use caution while driving through this site.

Sheridan Historical Society program will feature author of Palm Sunday Tornado book

The REPORTER

The Sheridan Historical Society Museum, 315 S. Main St., Sheridan, will hold a Palm Sunday Tornado Program at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 13 for Sheridan area residents who

experienced or had family experience the 1965 Palm Sunday tornado.

The program will feature Janis Thornton, who authored a new book about the Palm Sunday outbreak. During the program, Thorn-

Thornton ton will review her book and hear stories from residents who lived through the experience. Her book will be available for purchase at the program and the Historical Society will provide ex-

tra copies available for sale. Sheridan lost 12 souls that day and each of those families has a story to tell. All those affected by the tornado are encouraged to come. The program will be held in the Jeanne Cornell Theatre inside the museum. Light refreshments will be served.

Cicero, Carmel students graduate from Indiana Connections Career Academy

Submitted

recently graduated from Indiana Connections Career Academy, a **tuition-free** full-time public virtual school, as part of the Class of 2022 - including TAM-RAH VERBANAC OF CICERO, who is the class valedictorian, and HAIDYN SMITH OF CARMEL.

Indiana Career Academy provides students with the continuous support of highly-skilled teachers and a curriculum

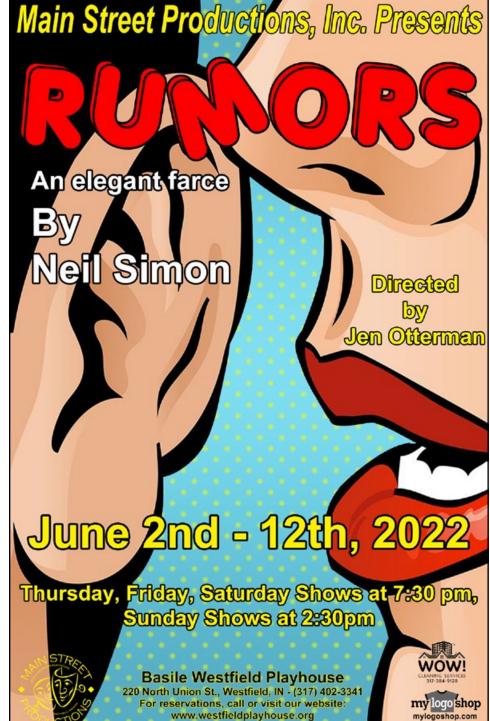


More than 125 students demics and helping to build fundamental life skills. This combination fosters an environment for students to gain the confidence they need to thrive in today's modern world.

> In its fifth year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy students utilize the same long-stand-Connections ing, robust online curriculum and technology as companion school Indiana Connections Academy. The difference between the virtual education schools is that Indiana Connections Career Academy students pursue graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma while also completgram that prepares them for CareerAcademy.com.

that focuses on both aca- joining the workforce in one of Indiana's high-growth fields. A career-focused education allows high school students to explore interests, develop skills to succeed in the workforce, gain college credits and acquire internships that may lead to future employment.

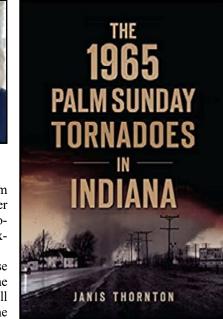
Enrollment for Indiana Connections Career Academy's 2022-2023 school year is now open for students in grades six through 12. Details about upcoming information sessions and other events including dates and locations are available online or by calling 1-800-382-6010. For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy, ing a career-focused pro- visit IndianaConnections





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Presented by Neha Yakhmi, MD

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The program is free, but registration is required. Attendees must wear masks.

Opinion & News

If you want to be "regular," Bethel Lutheran Church offers you need to eat real food!

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." – Zig Ziglar

An odd quote for an "uncomfortable" but imsubject! portant Writing about constipation is not

but something that most people can relate to at some point in their lives. Most "irregularity" issues are infrequent but very annoying and can certainly derail a fitness plan.

(Please note! Often constipation can follow a surgery or be related to necessary prescription drug therapy – in which case you must listen carefully to your physician's diagnosis and recommendations. I will not address those issues in this piece. My suggestions do not address post-surgery and issues related to prescription drug side effects.)

In recent years, our diets have progressively incorporated more processed foods with many additives and fewer high-fiber foods; most of us have been made aware of that, I believe – that is not news. However, poor diet and relying too much on soft drinks for our fluids have made the business of laxa-

COLUMNIST SHARON McMAHON Be Well

forming. My mendations to my clients increasing

the amount of fiber intake to 25 to 35 grams per day and including whole grain breads and cereals. There is much more fun than having it such a wide variety of grains available at most supermar-

recom-

include

kets, including barley, oats, farro, kamut, and quinoa. Choose fresh fruits over juices which are often laden with sugar. Apricots and figs are delicious and a great choice. Drink water! Fluids help your body process fiber without discomfort. Consider adding dried beans or peas to just about any dish. Seeds are excellent (unless you suffer from diverticulitis - please follow your physician's advice!) and I particularly enjoy chia seeds added to my Greek yogurt. Avoid frozen and boxed meals and canned goods when other good food items are available.

Unless you are instructed otherwise – move your body! Movement assists in movement ... if you get my meaning! Walk, cycle, in this article are not intenddance, do whatever works ed to replace advice of your for you. I teach stretching personal physician or liand flexibility classes, which censed health professional. are greatly helpful in reliev- Please consult your physitives a multi-billion-dollar ing digestive problems. I am cian for any issues you may business! Over the counter sometimes asked what kind have related to nutrition or laxatives are NOT a cure of expectations to have in *fitness activity*.

and can be habit regard to the frequency of regular bowel habits, and I do not have specific answers to that, regularity differs from person to person. I will say that your own body will let you know – a healthy digestive system leaves you feeling refreshed, energized and alert.

As we age and our metabolism naturally slows, we may be more challenged with constipation discomfort, and most of the time my suggestions here will bring relief. However, if you become constipated do see your physician first to rule out any more serious problem such as intestinal disease or abnormality. If your doctor approves, cut back on processed foods, incorporate those delicious fresh fruits and vegetables and drink plenty of water. (Note that if you suffer from heart, circulatory, or kidney problems your physician should advise on the amount of liquids you consume.)

Back to Mr. Ziglar's quote - not the subject he intended to address but very relevant to our topic today! Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed

expanded annual rummage sale

The **REPORTER**

Bethel Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, able prices. Items will inwill hold an expanded annual Rummage Sale this supplies, year. The sale will take books, electronics, clothing, place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 17; and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday June 18.

The sale encompasses bake sale.

all the room in the church Lutheran and will be filled with good es to contribute items to quality items at very reasonclude office supplies, school kitchenware, crafts, seasonal, toys, furniture, and outdoor gear. Plus, shoppers can grab a bite at the grill café from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a

Anyone who wishthe sale is invited to drop them off between June 6 and June 16. Proceeds go to the church's preschool, outreach, and mission programs in the community and beyond.

For more information, go to BethelLutheran-**Church.com** or call (317) 773-4315.



Parent project designed to reduce juvenile delinquency

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Courts' Department of Probation Services is offering an 11-week program for parents of strong-willed and out-of-control children. The Parent Project is designed to curb destructive teen behaviors like poor school attendance, alcohol and drug use, runaways and violence.

phones, social media, on- will help them identify the drugs. We are here to help."

The Parent Project has been proven to reduce juvenile delinquency and has helped over 100,000 families nationwide. It uses a County for over 15 years support group model to al- and know it can change the low parents to learn from course of a family." each other as well as the curriculum and provides quires 33 hours of online "Kids don't come with parents concrete prevention classroom work. The next instruction manuals," said and intervention strategies class begins at 5:30 p.m. Rob Evans, a probation of- that can be put into immediing frustrated and helpless, children often question their half to three hours. The pro-

line schooling and designer off-putting behaviors, empower them to take back their homes, and improve their relationship with their child. We have been providing this class to Hamilton

The Parent Project reon Tuesday, June 7. Parents meet one night a week for "Parents of strong-willed approximately two and a gram fee is \$80 per family. Click here to register.

CHEATING DEATH by Kamron Klitgaard

ficer and class instructor. ate use within the home. "That can leave parents feelespecially when it comes to ability to parent effectively," modern problems like cell Evans said. "This program



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Be one of the first to depart from our new Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot. Take a celebratory 45-minute ride on our historic train while enjoying the scenic countryside. Plan for some extra time before and after the ride to browse the new gift shop and play at the railroad themed playground.

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Visit NickelPlateExpress.com for tickets

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Forest Park Aquatic Center to cut ribbon on massive new videoboard

The REPORTER

The Forest Park Aquatic Center, 1077 Cicero Road, Noblesville, will hold a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for its new LED videoboard at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 10. Representatives from USA Swimming, Indiana Swimming, USA Diving, AAU Diving, and the City of Noblesville are just a few of the many dignitaries who will be in attendance. 2021 Olympic qualifying diver Tyler Downs will cut the ribbon.

The videoboard, which was installed this past spring, is believed to be the largest of its kind at an outdoor aquatics center in the country. The videoboard measures 31.5 feet long by 12.5 feet tall and is positioned 15 feet off the ground.

will serve as a scoreboard for swimming, diving and water polo competitions. It will also allow for enhanced daily programing including Flix 'N Float events where movies will be shown.

of The Friends of Central tions. Pool, the not-for-profit entity that has operated the facility since 1997, is excited what this new videoboard will bring to the community.

"It will allow us to host future national and international competitions that from both corporations will draw thousands of visitors to Noblesville," Conner said. "During the sumwhich is not an ideal time American

The new videoboard to show movies during the daytime which is something no other outdoor pool in central Indiana can do. This is truly a game changer for us."

The new videoboard was 100 percent financed Greg Conner, President through private contribu-

> "I can't say enough about the support we have received from the community to make this project happen," Conner said. "We've received so many extremely generous gifts as well as individuals and families."

The site and civil engimer season it does not get neering work was providdark until after 9:30 p.m. ed by Indianapolis-based Structurepoint to bring your family out to while Boggstown's Beaty watch a movie in the pool. Construction completed the This amenity will allow us concrete foundations. The

videoboard's steel structure was fabricated and installed by Fishers-based Sign Craft Industries and Noblesville's Gaylor Electric completed the electrical and network wiring. The actual LED videoboard itself was provided by California-based ViviLED.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said the city is fortunate to have the Forest Park Aquatic Center, and the new videoboard will help improve the facility.

"This amazing videoboard further enhances what is already an amazing facility," Jensen said. "I can't compliment enough the work the Friends of Central Pool have done over the past 25 years preserving and enhancing the Forest Park Aquatic Center."

Hamilton County Community Foundation awarded \$25,500 workforce training grant from Duke Energy

The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$330,000 in shareholder-funded grants to 16 orga-

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a pipeline of skilled workers dation received a grant toprepared to meet Indiana's taling \$25,500. workforce needs.

"Without fail, employ-

Locally, the Hamilton ers and community leaders I speak to in our service territory list workforce as an immediate area of focus," Duke Energy President Stan Pinegar said. "Duke Energy is committed to helping Indiana's workers obtain the skills and industry-recognized credentials needed to meet the state's current and future labor market needs, with the ultimate goal of providing a better quality of life for the customers and

> communities we serve." Among the grant recipients is The Arc of Indiana Foundation, which aims to create employment opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2016, the nonprofit organization founded the **Erskine Green Training** Institute (EGTI) – a firstof-its-kind postsecondary vocational program that provides training in hospi- munity Foundation (Hamiltality, food service, health care and inventory distribution. Housed within the Courtyard by Marriott at Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, the program provides 10- to 13-week training sessions in which students attend class, master key job skills and gain valuable work experience through an internship. "Since we opened our doors six years ago, more than 250 EGTI graduates have gone on to secure jobs and gain increased independence in their communities," Andy Kirby, executive director of The Arc of Indiana Foundation said. "With the invaluable support of partners like the Duke Energy Foundation, we're able \$15,000

nizations working to create County Community Foun- to continue to help make the dream of having a career a reality for Hoosiers with disabilities."

For more information about the Duke Energy Foundation visit duke-energy.com/foundation.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations: • The Arc of Indiana Foundation (Statewide) -

\$25,000 • Area 30 Career Center (Putnam County) - \$12,000· Central Nine Career Center (Johnson County) -

\$45,213 Columbus Area Chamber Foundation (Bartholomew County) -\$10,000

• The Dimension Mill (Monroe County) - \$25,000. • Greater Clark County Schools (Clark County) -\$25,000

• Greater Lafayette Commerce Community and Economic Development Foundation (Tippecanoe County) - \$30,000.

• Hamilton County Comn County) – \$25,500 • Highland Heights Foundation (Clinton County) - \$10,000 • Huntington University (Huntington County) -\$10,000 • Indiana Region 9 Workforce Board (Dearborn County) - \$25,000 · Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana (Vanderburgh County) – \$10,000 • Lawrence County Economic Growth Council (Lawrence County) -\$25,000 • Owen County Library (Owen County) - \$5,000





Meeting Notices

The Carmel Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.



The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet for a special session at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022, in the Event Hall at the Coxhall Garden Mansion, 11669 Towne Road, Carmel

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet to approve student fees at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. A work session will follow at 8 a.m.

· Project Will (Statewide) - \$20,000

• River Valley Resources (Jefferson County) -



Alice M. Alsup June 18, 1933 – June 4, 2022

Alice M. Alsup, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Sat-



urday, June 4, 2022, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on June 18, 1933, in Noblesville. Alice worked as a nurse's aide at Riverview Hospital. She loved watching westerns and *Starsky & Hutch*.

Alice is survived by her children, Kathy Junken (Larry), Karen Smith (CD), Brenda Dorsey, Bob McGuire (Elaine) and Mike McGuire (Nan-

cy Gist); niece, Melissa Ryker; nephew, Royce Turner; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Alice was preceded in death by her mother, Kathryn Gerber Gibbons; her husband, Richard R. Alsup; and one grandson.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Eric David Frazer

November 22, 1966 – June 4, 2022

Eric David Frazer DVM, 55, Westfield, passed away



unexpectedly on Saturday, June 4, 2022. He was born on November 22, 1966, to Donald and Sandra (Dotson) Frazer in Indianapolis.

Eric was a 1991 graduate of Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine. He practiced both general and emergency veterinary medicine in the Indianapolis area for 21 years. In 2000, Eric opened Hamilton Crossing Ani-

mal Hospital in Westfield. He loved every kind of animal from the tiniest reptile to the largest house pet. Eric enjoyed traveling, especially to Myrtle Beach. He loved cars and had an eclectic collection. Eric also enjoyed playing Pokémon.

He is survived by his mother, Sandra Frazer; brother, Matthew Frazer; children, Max, Tristan, Teddy and Ryder; nieces, Lillian and Faith; former spouse, M. Bernadette "Bernie" Frazer; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, as well as other loving family members. He also leaves behind his dedicated staff and loyal clients.

Eric was preceded in death by his father, Donald Frazer. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com); or Community Cats of Hamilton County (communitycatshc. wixsite.com/website/get-involved).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Obituaries

Emily Ann Barrick December 6, 1984 – June 3, 2022

Emily Ann Barrick, 37, Sheridan, passed away in the



early morning of Friday, June 3, 2022. Emily was born in Indianapolis on December 6, 1984, to Margaret and Charles Smith. She attended New Palestine and Westfield High School and graduated from Kaplan University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

For the last several weeks prior to the news that her cancer had spread,

Emily worked for the Woman's Care Center in Indianapolis. Here she worked alongside many amazing women who, though she only knew them briefly, loved and supported Emily greatly throughout the rest of her journey. Emily loved her work at the Women's Care Center, where she felt she had finally found her professional calling.

Emily loved the beach, and Gulf Shores, Ala., was her favorite place in the world. She loved traveling there with her family and watching the sun set over the waves. While Emily loved the beach, her greatest joy was spending time with her family and supporting her kids in their various sports and activities.

Emily was a member of The Mill Church of the Nazarene in Noblesville.

Emily is survived by her husband, Joshua Barrick. She and Joshua were married on June 21, 2003. Also surviving are their five children, Noah, Asher, Dakota, Kylee, and Emmarsyn; her father, Charles Smith; brother, Brian Smith (Amanda); and sister, Amy Austin (Andy).

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Smith. Visitation took place on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at The Mill Church, 1399 Greenfield Ave, Noblesville. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at The Mill Church with additional visitation prior to the service.

Those who attended the service were asked to honor Emily by dressing casually, and/or wearing her favorite color, pink.

Any flowers, or financial gifts for the family can be sent to The Mill Church.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people and said:

"The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

Hebrews 8:7-13 (NIV)







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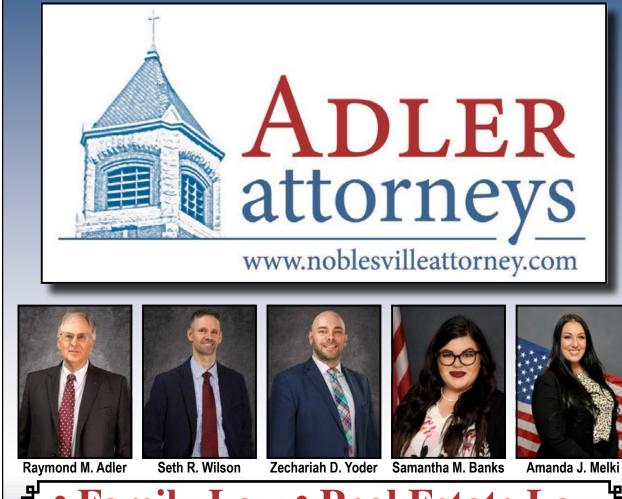
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Kevin R. Hancock February 4, 1962 – May 28, 2022

Kevin R. Hancock, 60, Noblesville, passed away on the evening of Saturday, May 28, 2022, at

home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on February 4, 1962, in Noblesville, a son of the late Horace Sterling and Martha Louise (Penwell) Hancock.

Kevin was a 1981 graduate of Noblesville High School. He graduated from ITT Technical Institute as an HVAC technician. For many years he

worked in property management with Colliers International. Kevin enjoyed fishing, watching western movies, auto racing and playing guitar. Every Friday night, Kevin would order pizza and watch westerns. Most of all, Kevin enjoyed spending time playing with his granddaughter, Delilah.

Those left to cherish Kevin's memory include two daughters, Kayla Hancock (Ryan Schulz) of Noblesville and Ally Hancock of Westfield; one granddaughter, Delilah Schulz; a sister, Rita Logan of Pendleton; his former wife and best friend, Suzie Hancock of Noblesville; a nephew, Nicholas (Deborah) Logan of Decatur, Ill.; and a niece, Stormy Logan of Pendleton.

In addition to his parents, Kevin was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Allen Hancock; and a sister, Tanya Sue Cardwell.

Friends are invited to gather to celebrate Kevin's life from noon to 3 p.m. on June 11, 2022, at his church, Victory Chapel Community Church, 13350 E. 216th St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at pancan.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Kevin R. Hancock.

Condolences: sprolesfamilycares.com

Paula Marie Sackers November 1, 1953 – June 4, 2022

Paula Marie Sackers of Evansville, Ind., passed away



on June 4, 2022, after fighting the complications of COVID. She was born in Indianapolis on November 1, 1953, to William and Mildred Mc-Cartney. She graduated from Marion-Adams High School. She was awarded Miss Congeniality in the 4-H Fair Pageant during high school. Her career ranged from modeling, insurance, real estate, and a healthcare

executive administrative assistant.

Paula's greatest joy was being a mother, and she loved her son, Greg, immensely. He was her motivation and battled as a warrior in her fight to beat COVID. She had a million-dollar smile and when she would walk in the room she radiated. There was nothing more she wanted than to go back home with him in Evansville, but God took her to His home where she is now with other family members and friends.

Paula Sackers is survived by her son, Gregory P. Sackers; her siblings, William McCartney, Pam McCartney, Vickie Barrick (Bob Richardson), Kevin Michael McCartney, Dorothy Christoff, and Cindy Miceli (Gus); stepbrother, Patrick Taylor (Deborah); sister-in-law, Janice Sackers; nieces and nephews, Courtney Friend (Sam) and her daughter, Tenley Barrick, Sean McCartney, Jennifer McCartney, Michael McCartney, Isaac Miller, Caleb Scaggs, and Nicole Miceli.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William F. and Ruth McCartney; stepfather, Shelby Christoff; stepmother, Martha McCartney; half-brother, Sean McCartney; stepbrother, Daniel Taylor; nephew, Andrew Rhineheimer; ex-husband, Steve Sackers; and father and mother-in-law,

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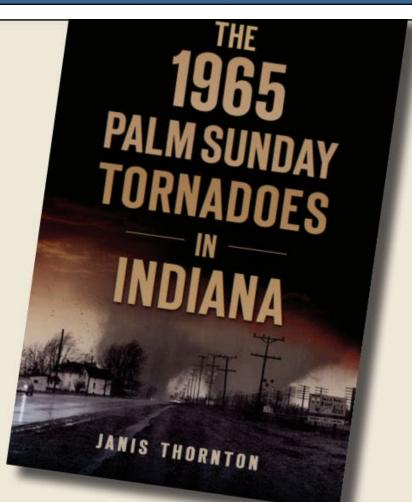
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Pete and Marie Sackers.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Flanner Buchanan - Hamilton Memorial Park, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared by visiting flannerbuchanan.com.

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> Books will be available for purchase, and light refreshments will be served.



Golf Millers, 'Rocks win close sectionals

By RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - In the span of a few holes, the Noblesville boys golf team went from anxious to champion.

The Millers won a tight sectional at Harbour Trees on Monday. Host Noblesville overcame a tough set of opponents, eventually claiming its 18th sectional title by scoring a team total of 310.

Defending champion Fishers finished second with a 315, while Hamilton Southeastern placed third with a 316. All three teams qualified for the Muncie Central regional, which is Thursday at The Players Club in Yorktown.

The Millers were in a battle with the Tigers and the Royals, as well as Tipton, which finished fourth with a 324. But Noblesville finished the tournament strong, and that made the difference.

"There was a point with three or four holes left that I was hoping we were going to make it out," said Millers coach Gary Deakyne. "And then the guys turned it on late in the round and made some birdies and the next thing you know we're sectional champions."

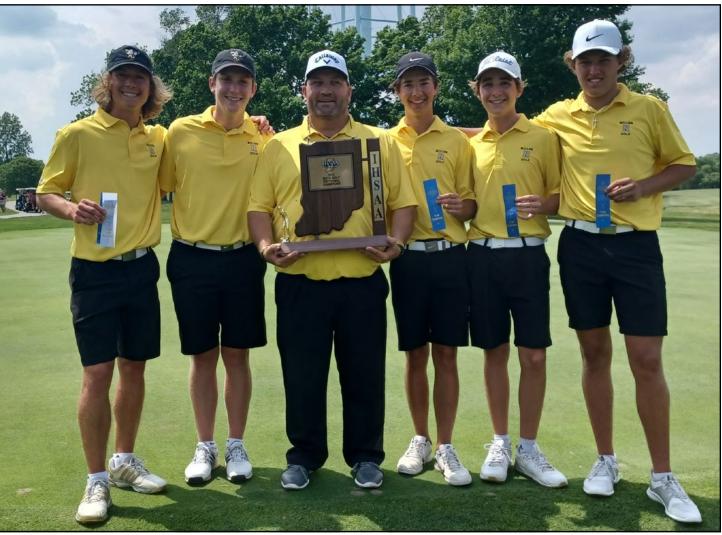
Will Perkins led the Millers with a score of 73, his total included four birdies. Alex Peck followed with a 76, making one birdie, with Brady Mangin scoring a 78 and getting one birdie. Rory Bushong also made one birdie.

"It's special when you're supposed to win, but it's even more special when you win when you're not supposed to," said Deakyne. "And we beat two really good teams today in Fishers and Southeastern and we'll have to deal with them at the regional, too."

Deakyne called the sectional victory "an exciting win and we're really happy and we're thankful for everybody here at Harbour Trees" for giving them the opportunity to compete at the sectional.

Fishers had a pair of solid scores lead the way. Connor McMillan finished with a 74, collecting three birdies along the way. Eli Toon was next in line with a 75, including two birdies. Ryan Witt and Jonathan Ash both had one birdie.

Southeastern was a close third, but the Royals had the meet medalist. Cole Starnes finished with a one-under par 70, starting



The Noblesville boys golf team won a close sectional at Harbour Trees on Monday. The host Millers got past Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, winning the title with a team score of 310.

the day by going three under on the front nine with a 32, a total that included three birdies.

Starnes said that he has carded a ninehole scores of 31 in tournaments, so Monday's round was "close to my best," he said. "It was pretty good," said Starnes. "I

was putting well, hitting the ball straight."

Lane Zedrick carded a 79 for Southeastern, including two birdies. Vijeet Akala also made a birdie.

Hamilton Heights tied for fifth place with a 355. Garret James was the Huskies' low man with an 84, making one birdie.

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Hamilton Southeastern's Cole Starnes was the medalist at Harbour Trees on Monday with a one under par 70.



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Vincent Harley and Ethan Millsaps both had one birdie.

AT HARBOUR TREES

Team scores: Noblesville 310, Fishers 315, Hamilton Southeastern 316, Tipton 324, Hamilton Heights 355, Pendleton Heights 355, Lapel 368, Frankton 392, Alexandria 403, Anderson 418, Elwood 422, Daleville 459.

Medalist: Cole Starnes (HSE) 32-38=70.

Noblesville scores: Will Perkins 39-34=73, Alex Peck 38-38=76, Brady Mangin 39-39=78, Rory Bushong 43-40=83, Drew Decker 43-43=86.

Fishers scores: Connor McMillan 35-39=74, Eli Toon 37-38=75, Ryan Witt 41-42=83, Jonathan Ash 41-42=83, Owen Munkholm 43-44=87.

Other Southeastern scores: Lane Zedrick 38-41=79, Tyler Marcinko 40-42=82, Vijeet Akala 38-47=85, Jordan Huxford 43-42=85.

Heights scores: Garrett James 43-41=84, Nathan Cox 45-43=88, Vincent Harley 46-42=88, Lance Jones 47-48=95, Ethan Millsaps 53-47=100.

Westfield also won a close sectional on Monday.

The host Shamrocks edged out three other solid teams to win the sectional title at Ulen Country Club in Lebanon. Westfield scored a 297, followed by Guerin Catholic with a 300 and Carmel with a 301. All three teams advance to the Lake Central regional, which takes place Thursday at Sandy Pines in Demotte.

The 'Rocks had all five of their players score in the 70s. Jake Cesare led the way with a 72, followed by Will Harvey with 74 and Nolan Hall with 75.

Westfield coach Josh Bryant said he was "really proud" of his team's overall effort.

"They kept their heads high and really competed all day in very tough conditions," said Bryant. The coach said the Shamrocks played holes 12 through 15 "really well and that ended up being the difference for us."

Bryant said his team is excited for the opportunity to return to Sandy Pines. "The course is very tight off the tee in some areas but that should play into one of our strengths this year which has been driving accuracy," he said.

Westfield won its sixth sectional championship in school history and its first since 2016.

The Golden Eagles had the meet medalist at Ulen: Connor McNeely scored a 69 to earn top honors, including a 31 on the back nine. Jacob Modleski was next for Guerin Catholic with a 74 and Leo Wessel carded a 75.

The Greyhounds' Patrick Michael was the individual runner-up with a score of 71. Owen Sander was next in line with a 75.

Sheridan had a team total of 438; Parker Williams led the Blackhawks with a 100. University's Andrew Gipson played as an 61=123. individual, scoring a 123.

Photo provided The Westfield boys golf team won its own sectional at Ulen Country Club on Monday, scoring a 297.

AT ULEN COUNTRY CLUB

Team scores: Westfield 297, Guerin Catholic 300, Carmel 301, Zionsville 305, Lebanon 341, Western Boone 382, Bethesda Christian 406, Sheridan 438, Frankfort 440.

Medalist: Connor McNeely (GC) 38-31=69.

Westfield scores: Jake Cesare 34-38=72, Will Harvey 38-36=74, Nolan Hall 40-35=75, Cam Kooi 38-38=76, Alec Cesare 39-40=79.

Other Guerin Catholic scores: Jacob Modleski 37-37=74, Leo Wessel 38-37=75, Zach Thieme 46-36=82, Scotty Smith 42-41-83.

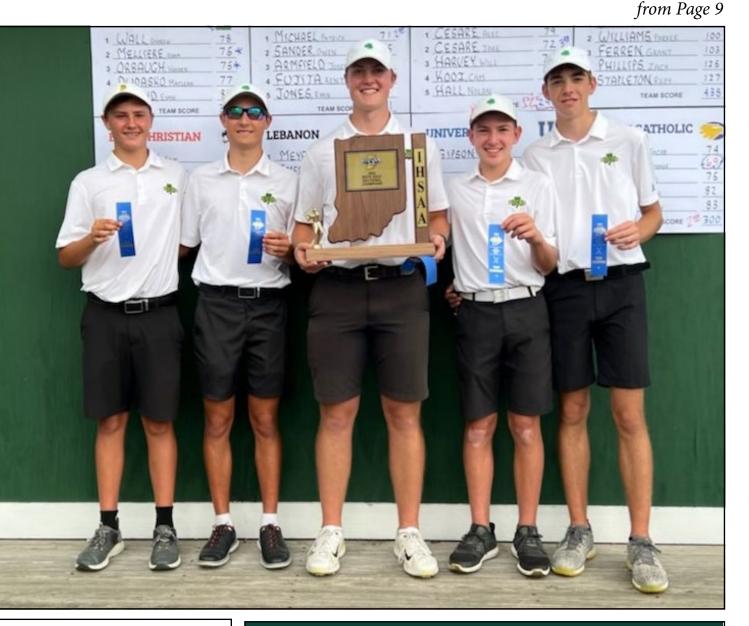
Carmel scores: Patrick Michael 36-35=71, Owen Sander 38-37=75, Ryan Jones 41-36=77, Joseph Armfield 42-36=78, Kent Fujita 43-41=84

Sheridan scores: Parker Williams 50-50=100, Grant Ferren 51-52=103, Tyler Garner 59-51=110, Zach Phillips 65-60=125, Riley Stapleton 65-62=127.

University score: Andrew Gipson 62-

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Pairings announced for IHSAA doubles tournament

The IHSAA announced the pairings for Emma Taylor. the individual doubles tournament on Monday

The Hamilton Southeastern team of seniors Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme will play Plymouth junior Taylor Delp and Ellie Jones in the quarter-finals, which take place at 2 p.m. Friday at Park Tudor. That match is one of two quarter-finals; the other will be contested between Evansville Mater Dei seniors Kelly Blair and Chrissy Marx and Covington seniors Karsyn Engle and

The Southeastern-Plymouth winner will take on the South Bend St. Joseph team of sophomore Ashi Amalnathan and freshman Anni Amalnathan in the semi-finals, which are set for 10 a.m. Saturday, also at Park Tudor. The Mater Dei-Covington winner will play the Floyd Central team of junior Amelia Meunier and sophomore Elizabeth Banet in the other semi-final.

The championship match will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Toronto	33	22	.600	7.0
Tampa Bay	32	23	.582	8.0
Boston	29	27	.518	11.5
Baltimore	24	33	.421	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	32	25	.561	-
Chicago White Sox	26	27	.491	4.0
Cleveland	25	26	.490	4.0
Detroit	22	33	.400	9.0
Kansas City	17	37	.315	13.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	36	20	.643	-
L.A. Angels	27	30	.474	9.5
Texas	26	29	.473	9.5
Seattle	25	31	.446	11.0
Oakland	20	37	.351	16.5

WNBA update

Tuesday's games New York 88, Minnesota 69 Seattle 72, Atlanta 60							
Overall standings							
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB			
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	-			
Connecticut	9	3	.750	1.0			
Chicago	7	3	.700	2.0			
Atlanta	7	5	.583	3.0			
Washington	7	5	.583	3.0			
Dallas	6	5	.545	3.5			
Seattle	6	5	.545	3.5			
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5.0			
New York	4	8	.333	6.0			
Phoenix	3	8	.273	6.5			
Minnesota	3	9	.250	7.0			
Indiana	3	10	.231	7.5			



Tuesday's games Cleveland 6, Texas 3 Texas 6, Cleveland 3 Cincinnati 14, Arizona 8 Miami 12, Washington 2 Baltimore 9, Chicago Cubs 3 Detroit 5, Pittsburgh 3 Tampa Bay 4, St. Louis 2, 10 innings Atlanta 3, Oakland 2

N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 4 Houston 4, Seattle 1 Toronto 7, Kansas City 0 Chicago White Sox 4, L.A. Dodgers 0 Philadelphia 3, Milwaukee 2 Boston 6, L.A. Angels 5, 10 innings San Diego 7, N. Y. Mets 0 Colorado 5, San Francisco 3

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Brian Avery to direct IHSAA's **Champions Togther program**

With a long career of distinguished service to education-based athletics in Indiana, Brian Avery has been named the next

Director of the Champions Together program for the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

July 1, 2022, and he fills the vacancy left by Lee Lonzo who retired after nearly 10 years in the position. Avery will be at Saturday's Unified nals in Bloomington -

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The Champions Together program began in 2012 as a collaborative effort between the IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana (SOIN) as a means of providing a quality experience of sports training and competition. It brings together high school students with and without disabilities to compete together representing their high school. As a result of those efforts, the IHSAA began sponsoring a Unified Track & Field State Tournament in 2014 and a Unified Flag sity in 1990. Football State Tournament in 2018.

tion and promotion of both Unified sports, basketball and ran track for the Slicers.

"We're thrilled to have Brian join the Association with his extensive administrative experience to lead our Champions Together efforts," said IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig. "He'll be a great addition as we begin to expand our unified sports opportu-Avery's appointment date is effective nities, particularly into the winter season."

Avery has been a member of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) Executive Board since 2005 and served as president of that organization in 2016-17.

He has been honored by both the Na-Track & Field State Fi- tional Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and the IIAAA one of two Champions numerous times in his career including the Together co-ed sports NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2009 and the IHSAA currently IIAAA State Athletic Director of the Year in 2014

He is the current secretary/treasurer of the Indiana Crossroads Conference and is former president of Conference Indiana and former Marion County Athletic Association Coordinator.

Avery is a 1983 graduate of Marian College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Social Studies Teacher Education. He went on to earn a master's degree in Secondary School Administration from Butler Univer-

A La Porte native, he is a 1979 graduate Avery, who will assist in the administra- of La Porte High School where he played

Indianapolis 500 veteran Rasmussen dies at 85

who made three starts in the Indianapolis 500, died June 5. He was 85.

Rasmussen, a native of Edmonton, Alberta, competed in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" in 1975, 1977 and 1979.

His best start was 32nd in 1975 and 1977, with a best finish of 13th in 1977 in the No. 58 Rent-a-Racer, Inc. entry that featured a "Ras-car" chassis he built with his considerable fabrication skills.

In the 1975 race, Rasmussen was involved in one of the most dramatic accidents in Indianapolis 500 history. Tom Sneva was trying to lap Rasmussen and ran over his left front wheel, launching Sneva's car into the Turn 2 wall. The car exploded and disintegrated upon impact, but Sneva miraculously escaped serious injury.

Rasmussen started racing on dirt tracks in Southern Alberta, including making more than 600 starts in the touring CAM-RA series. He made more than 50 USAC nadian Motorsport Hall of Fame in 2001.

Eldon Rasmussen, a Canadian driver Sprint Car starts before climbing to the USAC National Championship throughout the 1970s, with three top-10 finishes in 23 career starts. His finished a career-best seventh in a 100-mile heat race in 1975 at Ontario Motor Speedway, and he finished ninth in the 500-mile feature that weekend.

> He retired as a driver in 1979 after suffering an injury in a crash at Pocono Raceway and then returned his focus to his in-demand work as a race car engineer, designer, builder and fabricator in the Indianapolis area.

> Rasmussen designed and built some of the first wings for Indianapolis 500 cars and created innovative rear wings for NHRA Top Fuel dragsters. He also built machines for varied racing disciplines, including ice racing, motorcycle sidecar racing and karting.

Rasmussen was inducted into the Ca-

joins the IHSAA after serving the last 11 years as athletic director at Speedway High have three adult children - Tanner, Cassie, School. Prior to that he was athletic director and Hallie. He is also a licensed IHSAA ofat Franklin Central High School (2000-11), and a teacher/coach at Lawrence Central High School (1988-2000) and Scecina Memorial High School (1983-88).

Avery and his wife of 30 years, Jennifer, ficial in football and basketball following in the footsteps of his father, George R. Avery, who also was licensed in those sports for 25 years.



