

Fishers graduate awarded Grillo Memorial scholarship

Photo provided

The Fishers Police Corps (FPC) members have announced that Cameron Theobald was awarded the Jen Grillo Memorial/Fishers Police Corps High School scholarship for 2022. A graduate of Fishers High School, Theobald plans to attend IUPUI. He plans on going through the Cadet Program to receive his Law Enforcement Certification, in addition to a degree in Criminal Justice. For more information about the FPC or the annual scholarship, please visit fisherspolicecorps.org.



A difficult conversation

Thank you for the wonderful comments from last week. My adoption and reunion story will be slowly revealed every Friday, just like a television program before the days of VCRs, DVRs, streaming, and binge watching! I appreciate your patience.

Mom and Dad didn't say anything at first about what I figured were ridiculous rumors being spread at my school about me being adopted. Friday evening and Saturday were uneventful. When church rolled around Sunday morning I figured the whole thing was just a lie. I would simply return to school on Monday and everything would go back to normal.

After lunch that day, however, I knew that wouldn't be the case. As we finished eating that meal in our sunny, tiny green kitchen, I saw Mom glance nervously at Dad.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Time for fresh strawberries in Noblesville

Festivities will also include Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire, Juneteenth event

The REPORTER

It's Strawberry Shortcake time again in Noblesville!

St. Michael's Episcopal Church will host its 44th annual Strawberry Festival on the Historic Courthouse Square from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 – while supplies last. Joining the Strawberry Festival on the square will be the Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire and the Noblesville Juneteenth event.

The Strawberry Festival is a Noblesville tradition, bringing families and friends back each year for homemade shortcake topped with strawberries, ice cream, and whipped topping. Profits are donated to local nonprofits as a way for the patrons and the St. Michael's congregation to make a difference in the community. In 2021, the Strawberry Festival raised \$9,000 for Family Promise of Hamilton County.

"It's a real labor of love, and an opportunity for us to work together to support our neighbors," according to Rick Conner, Senior Warden. "St. Michael's is all about building community through faith, fellowship, and giving back. There's something special about working side by side to make this event happen."

St. Michael's also has a donation garden at the church, providing fresh produce each week to the White River Food Pantry.

This Strawberry Festival is held in conjunction with the Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire, featuring local artisans, makers and crafts. This year over 70 makers and artisans will showcase their wares. The Juneteenth Celebration will include educational activities, music, and entertainment brought to you by local inclusion and equity groups in the region.

The entire downtown square will be filled with activity and celebration, bringing the community together for a very special day. See you there!



Conner



Photo courtesy Gail Geisler

There's no mistaking it's nearly time for the annual Strawberry Festival on the Square.

Westfield, is it time to become a class 2 city?


Editor's note: This is the final column in a series of four addressing the issue of whether Westfield should change its status from a class 3 to a class 2 city. The Westfield City Council is set to have that discussion at its June 13 meeting.

On Monday, May 23, 2022, an ordinance was introduced to the City Council to move the City of Westfield to class 2 status. This move will require several changes in our governance and should not be taken lightly. The City Council will ponder over the issues surrounding the move and will, after a public hearing on the ordinance scheduled for June 13, either vote to move to class 2 city status or stay with the status quo.

We are now 35 percent above the population requirement to become class 2 and

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GUEST COLUMNIST




RON MOORE

Noblesville Lions welcome Main Street's Kate Baker



On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions hosted Noblesville Main Street Executive Director Kate Baker, who gave the club an outline of Main Street's activities and projects and then answered many questions. After college, Baker spent time performing with the group "Up With People" and then eight years in the entertainment industry in California. After joining Main Street in October 2021, she has been keeping busy. She mentioned that the Farmer's Market has over 100 vendors this year. The duck race this past weekend was a success, and she appreciated the collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and Lions Club. Her challenge is to continue to develop work with community partners. (Above) Baker (left) receives a certification of appreciation from Lions Club Vice President Kim Luckey.

Next pack of Greyhound graduates set for success



Congratulations to the Carmel High School Class of 2022!

DIFFICULT

"Honey, Mrs. Price called and shared with us what happened at school on Friday. It's time we told you something," Mom began. She kept looking at Dad. I think she was hoping he might take over the conversation or at least contribute to it.

"Twelve years ago we had another little girl named Laurie. She didn't do well right after she was born because of a missing bile duct for her liver. The doctors told us she wouldn't live long and it was very hard. She died not long after her second birthday."

"All four of us were so sad. We felt like there was

this hole in our lives after Laurie died. We had a talk with Dr. Erickson ... you know, your pediatrician? He suggested that we think about adopting a baby. He said he'd write the best letter of recommendation ever."

All I could do was sit there, my mouth refusing to move. I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

"So, we went through Catholic Social Services and started the process to adopt another little girl – you. You were born in Cincinnati and then stayed with a foster family for a few weeks until you came to live with us forever on Laurie's birthday, of all days. That changed a sad day in our lives to a very happy one."

Then came yet another look from Mom to Dad. He remained silent. Years later I would learn that she had been rather frustrated that he didn't speak up that day. In my mind, though, Mom handled everything beautifully.

Dad was never the type to talk about touchy-feely stuff well anyway.

I don't recall what I said in response. I'm sure I talked about how confused I was at school and how upsetting everything had been. Mom told me that Mrs. Price had known for many years that I was adopted because she had also taught my brother and sister in school and was close to them. My parents didn't understand how that information had gotten spread around my school, and to this day I'm not sure why the other teacher shared it with my schoolmates.

I remember leaning up against my dresser in my room later and staring at myself in the oval mirror above it.

"So ... Mom and Dad aren't my *real* mom and dad?" I asked my reflection. Unfortunately Mom overheard that comment and burst into tears. She came upstairs and hugged me for a long time.

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Hello, Hamilton County!



This weekend is full of fun. Did we forget anything? Click to play video

CLASS 2 CITY

will grow another 33 percent above our current population. We know our governance structure is stressed at the seams and our city finances have become extremely more complex from that of our beginnings as a class 3 city.

The anti-class 2 city perspective claims loss of voter power, the need for accountability and checks and balances. We are all interested in the same things. After all, it is our city. In my last three columns, I have explored these particular subjects to help us all better understand the workings of the class 2 structure compared to our current governance. We must make our decision based on the power of knowledge, so I will summarize:

City Council representation will put more power in the hands of the voting citizens, not less. At the same time, the voting power of

each councilor will represent a smaller percentage of the vote. This leads to more discussion and consensus-building to pass city legislation.

Our City Council becomes more independent from the Administration putting the council in a position to legislate more oversight of city finances creating the checks and balances deemed necessary to successfully operate the city.

A new position of City Controller will be created under class 2 city status. Within the proposed ordinance, the council has been invited to bring forward their own candidate for the position. While the mayor will make the appointment, it will be an opportunity to ensure we get the right qualified financial expert to fill that position.

In effect, the City Controller will be the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Westfield. As such, prerequisite qualifications through education and public finance experience will be specified and met by the individual filling this position. The Clerk-Treasurer, an elected position that has no prerequisite educational or experience in public finance to be elected, will change to a City Clerk position. The

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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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Noblesville PD unveils new non-emergency reporting website

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Police Department (NPD) now has an online non-emergency incident reporting system to make reporting more accessible and instant for Noblesville residents. The department can now accept online report submissions at cityofnoblesville.org/online-reporting.

The new website allows Noblesville residents to submit a form to request a report for damage or stolen property, identity theft, and lost or stolen property. The online portal is intended for incidents where there is no suspect information.

“If you have an incident where an officer is not needed, online reporting allows residents to use their computer or mobile device

when it is convenient in their busy schedule to report issues,” NPD Chief John Mann said. “The website is not monitored in real time, so we urge residents to call 911 if the incident is an emergency or an officer is needed to respond immediately.”

The goal of the online portal is to make it easier for Noblesville residents to notify the police department on incidents that may normally go unreported. This will allow NPD to direct patrols in specific problem areas as well as assist residents with getting a report for insurance and reimbursement purposes.

Mann

“Online incidents will be handled and investigated like issues reported if a police officer had responded to your residence or business and could result in follow-up contact from the police department,” Mann said. “The goal is to make this more accessible for the public.”

Once the report is submitted through the portal, an officer will review the information and complete the report or contact the submitter directly if more information is needed. For more information or to submit a report online, visit cityofnoblesville.org/online-reporting.

Kiser announces run for Noblesville school board

Submitted

Melba Kiser has announced she is running for Noblesville School Board. Kiser emigrated from Cuba as a child. She understands and appreciates the opportunities the U.S. provides to live the American dream.

“I was fortunate to live that dream,” Kiser said. “I want our children and grandchildren to have the same opportunities.”

She says in large part, the answer lies within the current state of the education system and the quality of education they are receiving.

She earned a degree in business and found success in her career in pharmaceutical production, electronic monitoring with microbiology oversight in a food plant, and research and development. She now enjoys a variety of community ser-

vice activities in retirement.

While Noblesville Schools has been recognized for its STEM program, jazz program and sports programs, there is also a percentage of students who are not proficient in the basics. More than 50 percent of taxes go to education, and Kiser says she wants to ensure that tax dollars are giving all students the best education possible.

“I’ve attended the monthly meetings to listen and learn what is currently being done,” Kiser said. “Additionally, I’ve given public comment on issues of concern to me as a grandparent and taxpayer ... Our students face many challenges and should have many and varied opportu-

Kiser

nities based on their talents and skills. Retirement and the depth and breadth of my life experiences allow me to focus on helping our students to achieve their best.”

Kiser is engaged in pushing for state legislation that will improve the K-12 education system. She will keep monitoring the civics curriculum standards to ensure that kids learn civics and their importance.

She says she wants to work to increase students’ proficiency in math and reading. She is also concerned about the push from the Biden administration to mandate what she calls gender ideology in exchange for federal dollars to pay for school lunches.

Donate blood Sunday at Our Lady of Grace

The REPORTER

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to noon on Sun-

day, June 12, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Everyone who donates

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Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation
Hey, who said The Waterpark is only for kids and not the kids-at-heart?

Monon Mixers back at The Waterpark in Carmel

The REPORTER

Mark your calendars – Monon Mixers are back in Carmel. These adult-only after-hours events are held at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Dr. West. Mixers will be held throughout the summer from 8 to 10 p.m. on June 16, July 1, July 15, July 28, and Aug. 4. These events are for

adults over the age of 21. Monon Mixer tickets costs \$20 per person and include access to all The Waterpark’s features like the lazy river, adventure slides, and FlowRider as well as planned activities throughout the night like aqua Zumba and log rolling. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from a variety of local vendors, in addition

to concessions. The Waterpark staff reminds guests to please drink responsibly. In case of inclement weather, guests will be automatically enrolled in the next Mixer offered. If there is inclement weather on the day of the final Mixer (Aug. 4), a refund will be issued. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Carmel Library releases reopening timeline for Main Library branch

The REPORTER

As construction continues at the Main Library at 425 E. Main St., the Carmel Clay Public Library is announcing the following key dates. Service at the temporary Merchants’ Square Main Library will end at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. Service at the expanded and renovated Main Library will begin in mid-September with a Grand Reopening Celebration to follow on Saturday, Oct. 1. This closure period will allow the library and its service providers to move collections, furniture, and equipment between locations and prepare the Main Library for

Main Library Reopening Timeline

Saturday, July 23 – Last day of service at the Digital Media Lab at 23 E. Main St.

Sunday, July 31 – Last day of service at the Merchants’ Square Main Library at 2140 E. 116th St.

Mid-September – Service begins at Main Library, including Digital Media Lab, at 425 E. Main St. (exact date TBA)

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Main Library Grand Reopening Celebration

operation.

The Digital Media Lab, currently located at 23 E. Main St., will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. The lab will relocate to the northwest corner of the Main Library building and will reopen with that facility in mid-September.

Throughout this period, service will continue at the Joyce Winner West Branch at 12770 Horseferry Road. West Branch hours are:

- Monday to Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday: Noon to 5 p.m.

More details about the Main Library move and reopening are available at carmelclaylibrary.org/main-library-reopening.

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Meeting Notices	
The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a work session from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. to discuss strategic planning and board development on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room at Westfield Middle School, 345 W. Hoover St., Westfield.	The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.
The Sheridan Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. A regular board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.	

Help Lives Bloom with Janus

Just days left to register for fundraiser

The REPORTER

There’s still time to help support Janus Developmental Services by **attending and supporting** the organization’s second annual Helping Lives Bloom. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16 at the Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers, one complimentary drink of wine/beer/soft drinks and live music by David Lowe. A cash bar will be available. There will

also be a wine pull and photo booth. A silent auction sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild. Attendees will have the opportunity learn more about Janus and the organization’s plans for the future. Affordable levels are available for companies and individuals looking to sponsor this worthy cause. Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket or become a sponsor for this great event. If you have any questions, please email or call Jerry Jamison at jjamison@janus-inc.org or (317) 773-8781 ext. 1000.

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Jessica Morales Maust earns major promotion at Marian University

The REPORTER

Marian University has announced the promotion of Hamilton County’s own Jessica Morales Maust to Assistant Vice President of

Enrollment Management for the university.

Morales Maust previously served as Executive Director of the Marian University Center for Vibrant Schools

and the Head of School for the Marian University Preparatory School, where she was responsible for launching Central Indiana’s newest K-12 online school.

In her new role as Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management, Morales Maust will plan, oversee, direct and evaluate the university’s enrollment management efforts, including designing and implementing recruitment strategies and overseeing admissions operations.

“Marian University continues to increase the number of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, as well as campus and site locations, adding more talented leaders to manage these growing efforts,” said Brad R. Wucher, Vice President for Enrollment Marketing and Communications. “Jessica has demonstrated excellent vision for our K-12 programs and dedication to our mission. Through her leadership, Marian University will continue to thrive as a national leadership institution.”

Morales Maust previously

held leadership positions in admissions, enrollment management, marketing and institutional advancement for K-12 and higher education organizations, including Iona College in New York, St. Joseph High School in Connecticut, and Canterbury School in Fort Wayne.

Her community service work includes serving on the Young Professionals Council for TeenWorks, which provides at-risk teens with work and professional development experience; on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne; and on the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness Committee for Indianapolis’ School on Wheels.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in mass communi-



Morales Maust

cations and Spanish, an MBA in marketing and human resources management, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education degree in organizational leadership.

“I am excited about the opportunity to impact the sustainability and legacy of Marian University, a champion for education that leads with and lives out its values in all that they do,” Morales Maust said. “The momentum and success of Marian University is a result of intentional, strategic leadership, collaboration, and action. I am eager to extend the university’s mission through strategic and integrated enrollment management to build upon the already abundant future of our great school and community.”

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June 13-17, 2022
MON, WED, FRI
10am-12pm

Session 2:
July 11-15, 2022
MON, WED, FRI
10am-12pm

Meyer Najem celebrates 35 years

The REPORTER

Fishers-based construction firm Meyer Najem is celebrating its 35th year in operation this week. The company was founded on June 16, 1987. Anthony Najem and Karl Meyer started Meyer Najem Construction with the intention of growing a best-in-class construction company.

Anthony and Karl met at Purdue University as fra-

ternity brothers at Alpha Tau Omega. Together, they decided their strengths played well with each other and set out to perform great work – one job and one client at a time.

“Our success over the years as a company was only possible with the support of great partners,” Najem said. “We take pride in our ability to assemble the best teams for our clients us-



ing highly skilled and highly qualified individuals. We are motivated by creating places and spaces that make a direct impact on the community. Time and time again, our teams are commended for their abilities to advocate on the owner’s behalf. This ensures our clients receive the best possible product.”

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Meyer Najem has been responsible for several high-profile projects, including the Nickel Plate Trail, Humane Society for Hamilton County, Crew Carwash’s corporate headquarters, and multiple Veterans Affairs outpatient clinics. Currently, Meyer Najem is working on portions of the new IU Health downtown medical campus expansion, among many other projects.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Washington Schools (“School”), by and through its Board is requesting bids for carpet materials for Washington Woods Elementary School located at 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield, IN 46074 (the “Project”).

Project Details: Provide material price (including delivery to the project site). Material shall be Shaw Carpet, “crazy smart carpet tile” product line with Shaw SKU 54841. Bid shall be for 5600 square yards.

Bids will be received until Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (EST). Bids must be delivered by 10:00 am EST on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, to:

Brian Tomamichel
Westfield Washington Schools
1143 East 181st Street
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All bids received after 10:00 am on June 14, 2022, will not be considered and rejected.

Bids will be opened immediately at 10:00am on June 14, 2022 at 1143 E 181st Street, Westfield, IN 46074.

All aspects of the Project shall be performed under one bid with the school. Bidders must include in their bid submission a full cost of the carpet excluding any installation work. All installation work will be completed by the district or through another service agreement.

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The School expects to award the contract for the Project to the lowest and best bidder at its June 14, 2022 board meeting. The School reserves the right to hold bids, including any alternates, for up to 30 days from the date of the bid opening. The School reserves in its sole discretion the right to reject any and all bids, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the bidding procedure.

Questions regarding the Project, or requests for equal status, can be directed in writing or via email to:

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MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will be meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting is held in the Mayor’s Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor

R824 6/10/22, 6/13/22

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-26-2-2.5(a) that the Hamilton County Commissioners shall convene a public meeting to discuss and receive comments regarding the establishment of the Hamilton County Regional Utility District (“Regional Utility District”). The meeting shall be held on June 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 N. 8th street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The plans for the Regional Utility District and boundaries are available for review at the Hamilton County Commissioners Office and on the Hamilton County website: www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Each freeholder within the proposed district shall receive notice via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the mailing address on the tax rolls of Hamilton County.

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Governor announces plan to return \$1B to Hoosier taxpayers

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The REPORTER

Governor Eric Holcomb on Thursday announced a plan to return \$1 billion of state reserves to Hoosier taxpayers, following higher than expected revenue performance this fiscal year.

Each taxpayer would collect about \$225 in addition to \$125 Hoosiers are currently receiving from the state's automatic taxpayer refund (ATR). All told, each eligible Hoosier would receive about \$350; a married couple filing jointly would receive about \$700.

"Hoosiers have real needs right now during this period of high inflation, from the gas pump to buying groceries, and everyone should benefit from the state's success," Holcomb said.

The governor has outlined his plan with legislative leaders.

"I've met with Speaker Huston and Senator Bray and have asked them to discuss getting a billion dollars back into Hoosier hands with their colleagues," Holcomb said. "I've committed to work with them to call a special session before the end of June to take action to align this second round of returns with our current ATR."

The **state's reported revenues for May**, released Thursday, were \$209 million over forecast. For 11 months of the fiscal year, revenues are \$1.075 billion over forecast.

If approved, an additional deposit would be made to the bank accounts

Hamilton County lawmakers support special session to provide inflation relief to Hoosiers

The REPORTER

Area legislators provided the following statements Thursday after Gov. Eric Holcomb announced his plan to call state lawmakers back to the Statehouse for a special session to provide inflation relief to Hoosier taxpayers:

"Inflation is having real and negative effects on everyday Hoosiers, whether it's record gas prices or rising grocery and energy bills," House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said. "That's why I fully support the governor's call for a special session to put more money directly back into taxpayers' pockets. By issuing another round of automatic taxpayer refunds, we can provide quick and substantial relief while maintaining the state's prudent reserves and providing budget flexibility moving forward. We'll work with the governor and our Senate colleagues on scheduling a special session, so we can return to the Statehouse and do what's right by Hoosiers."

"As D.C. Democrats continue to drive our national debt and inflation through the roof, taxpayers deserve some much-needed relief," State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) said. "Issuing another round of taxpayer refunds could give a boost to hardworking Hoosiers and I look forward to joining my fellow legislators to do just that."

"Because Indiana con-



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tinues living within its means, paying down debt and wisely investing in our state's future, we are in a strong economic position to issue another taxpayer refund," State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) said. "We have a strong record of giving Hoosiers back their money, and I support the governor's call for a special session to provide inflation relief."

"Despite failed Democrat policies at the federal level, our state's economy is running strong and revenue continues to outpace our expectations," State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said. "Indiana's incredible fiscal health puts us in a position to help everyday Hoosiers who are struggling under the weight of record inflation and gas prices."

"Our state has a strong

reputation for not spending more than we take in while still funding essential services, and now we're in a position to return more money back to Hoosiers who earned it," State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said. "I support the governor calling for a special session and providing relief to all Hoosier taxpayers."

"We have a long track record of returning money to taxpayers," State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) said. "This year, we passed a \$1 billion tax cut package to lower income taxes and utility costs. We also returned \$545 million through an automatic taxpayer refund. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure we provide relief, especially as Hoosiers continue to feel the squeeze at the grocery store, gas pump and beyond."

of eligible Hoosiers, just like the current ATR. For those who will receive

paper checks beginning in August, one check for \$350 for individual tax-

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Community News

Atlanta's Town-wide Rummage Sale

Atlanta Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Farley announced Thursday that the Town of Atlanta will hold its annual town-wide rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

Hebrews 9:6-10 (NIV)

Thanks for reading!

Valerie Lee Rihm August 17, 1960 – June 8, 2022

Valerie Lee Rihm, 61, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on August 17, 1960, to Rocky Cummings Sr. and Patricia (Stafford) Cummings in Noblesville.

Valerie worked for Goodwill, Wendy's, and Janus Developmental Services. She loved cats, doing puzzles, going camping, watching movies, and being with her family.

Valerie is survived by her husband, Michael Rihm; mother, Patricia Cummings; sister, Bernadette Cox (Ben); her brothers, Rocky Cummings Jr. (Stacy) and Rodney Cummings; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as many cousins.

Valerie was preceded in death by her father, Rocky Cummings Sr.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Rev. Clayton Thompson will officiate.

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

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Janet Carson Sietsma October 16, 1935 – May 31, 2022

Janet (née Clifford) Carson Sietsma, 86, Tampa, Fla., passed away on May 31, 2022, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa.

Janet Ann and twin sister, Janice Mae, were born on October 16, 1935, in Hamilton County Hospital, Noblesville, to Luther Orlando Clifford and Esther May (Scherer) Clifford of Cicero. Janet went to Cicero Schools and graduated from Jackson Central High School with the Class of 1953. She attended Bethel Lutheran Church in Cicero.

Janet married John C. Carson on September 25, 1955, and in time they welcomed two children, John Ivan and Vera Ann.

They later divorced, and on June 8, 1978, Janet married William (Bill) Sietsma.

Janet began her insurance career in Noblesville at Hiatt & Ramsey Insurance and later at Charlie Howard Insurance. After moving to Florida in 1978, she was employed by Allstate Insurance, where she worked until retiring.

Janet is survived by son, John Ivan Carson of Clermont, Fla., and daughter, Vera Ann Carson and her partner Tim Jenkins of Buckeye, Ariz. Also surviving are sisters, Mary C. Waltz of Arcadia and Carole K. Meyer of Fishers; and several nieces and nephews, many of whom live in central Indiana. Although Janet left Indiana, she never forgot her Hamilton County roots and cherished her family and lifelong friends in the state.

She was preceded in death by husbands, John and Bill; her parents, Luther O. and Esther M. Clifford; twin sister, Janice M. Wiles; sister, Martha J. Land; and brother, Robert E. Clifford.

Per Janet's wishes, there will be no public services. John and Vera have planned a special family gathering of remembrance in Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Janet's name to the American Heart Association.



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Golf regionals

'Rocks edge out Golden Eagles at Sandy Pines; Millers, Royals go 2-3 at The Players Club

As close as the sectional was between the Westfield and Guerin Catholic boys golf teams, the regional was even closer.

The Shamrocks managed to pull through, winning the Lake Central regional championship by one stroke over the Golden Eagles Thursday at Sandy Pines Golf Course in Demotte. Westfield posted a 299, while Guerin Catholic scored a 300. It's the third regional championship for the 'Rocks; they won back-to-back titles in 2014 and 2015.

Both teams will advance to the IHSAA state finals, which begin Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

"Couldn't be prouder of these young men today," said Westfield coach Josh Bryant. "Every team faced some adversity out there with a couple of major waits and pin locations and I thought we handled it really well."

Two freshmen led the way for the Shamrocks. Jake Cesare finished with an even-par 72, while Will Harvey was right behind him with a 73, playing his back nine two under. Cesare totaled three birdies for the regional and Harvey made two.

Junior Alec Cesare totaled a 74, including a clutch performance in his last three holes. Cesare had to make par on each of those holes for Westfield to clinch the title, and he did just that, including an eight-foot side hill par save on No. 17. Alec Cesare had one birdie for the day.

"Alec was just so steady all day for us," said Bryant.

Cam Kooi made three birdies and Nolan Hill made one. Westfield will be making its seventh appearance at the state meet, and the first since 2017.

The Golden Eagles were led by Jacob Modleski, who was the meet medalist. Modleski carded a three-under par 69, a score that included five birdies.

Connor McNeely and Leo Wessel both added 74s; Wessel had three birdies and McNeely made two. Zach Thieme also had a birdie. Guerin Catholic will advance to state for the third consecutive year.

Valparaiso placed third with a 313, taking the third spot to qualify for state. Carmel

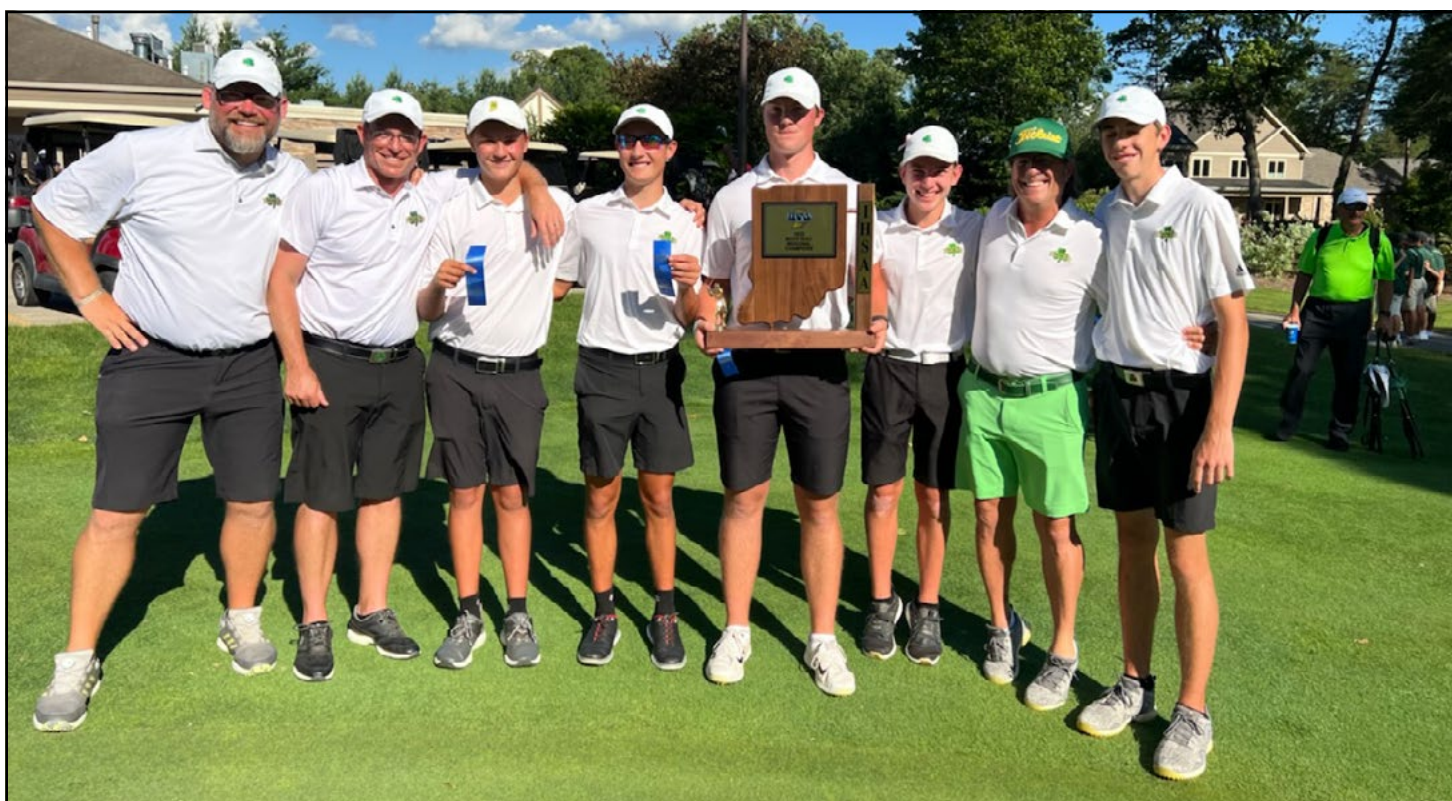


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The Westfield boys golf team won the Lake Central regional at Sandy Pines on Thursday, edging out Guerin Catholic by one stroke. Both teams advance to the state finals, which begin Tuesday at Prairie View. Turn to Page 10 to see more pictures.

finished in fifth place with a 320, but will have an individual advancing to state. Owen Sander scored a 75, which easily qualified him for the state meet. The top five players not on an advancing team move on to Prairie View.

Sander had two birdies in his round. Joseph Armfield totaled a 78, including two birdies as well. Patrick Michael also made two birdies.

AT SANDY PINES

Team scores: Westfield 299, Guerin Catholic 300, Valparaiso 313, Chesherterton 319, Carmel 320, Crown Point 321, Faith Christian 338, Twin Lakes 344, Munster 345, West Lafayette 349, Boone Grove 352, Lake Central 359, Rensselaer Central 362, New Prairie 367, Harrison 377, La Porte 391, Lo-

gansport 394, LaCrosse 415.

Medalist: Jacob Modleski (Guerin Catholic) 36-33=69.

Westfield scores: Jake Cesare 37-35=72, Will Harvey 34-39=73, Alec Cesare 37-37=74, Cam Kooi 45-35=80, Nolan Hill 41-41=82.

Other Guerin Catholic scores: Connor McNeely 38-36=74, Leo Wessel 39-35=74, Zach Thieme 41-42=83, Scotty Smith 44-40=84.

Carmel scores: Owen Sander 38-37=75, Joseph Armfield 40-38=78, Kent Fujita 42-41=83, Patrick Michael 42-42=84, Ryan Jones 47-44=91.

Over at The Players Club in Yorktown, both Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern were in celebratory moods, as they also qualified for the state meet after their performances at the Muncie Central regional.

The Millers finished with a team score of 305. Cathedral also totaled a 305, and won the regional on the fifth-man score. Still, Noblesville was happy as it qualified for state for the first time since 2019 and the 23rd time in program history.

"We had a goal at the start of the year to make it back to Prairie View, and we're headed that way, so we're going to enjoy the ride home," said Millers coach Gary Deakyne.

Noblesville had two of its golfers finish in the top five of the individual standings. Will Perkins placed fourth with his score of 73, while Drew Decker's 74 put him in a three-way tie for fifth place. Perkins collected three birdies and Decker made two. Alex Peck and Brady Mangin both carded 79s; Peck had three birdies and Mangin had one. Deakyne said both Peck and Mangin "played great all day long."

Perkins said his team had an "off year last year, but we're more experienced this year. We finally started putting our game together, and we're back."

The Royals will also be back at state for the fourth year in a row and the 12th overall. Cole Starnes continued his strong post-season play with an even-par 72, good for third place and the highest individual finish of a county player. Starnes had two birdies in his

round.

Sophomore Jordan Huxford turned out to be the hero of the day for Southeastern. He stepped into the No. 4 spot and delivered a 75, greatly helping the Royals hold off a tough New Castle team for the third team spot.

Huxford made four birdies.

"I think I played great, other than holes 2 and 6," said Huxford. Even with the tough holes, Huxford found a way to "finish and get the job done."

Lane Zedrick had three birdies in his round, while Tyler Marcinko made two.

"Overall we played pretty well, pretty consistent," said HSE coach David Young. "We stuck to our plan."

The Royals started from the 10th tee, which Young admitted is not an easy thing to do. The coach said he "couldn't be more proud" of his team for sticking it out, and the team is "very excited for next week to have a new course and have a new challenge."

Fishers placed sixth as a team with a 325, but did move an individual on to state. Connor McMillan scored a 74, putting him in the fifth-place tie. McMillan had three birdies in his round.

"I got off to a little bit of a rough start," said McMillan. "I was a couple over through my first few holes, and I knew I had to fight back to be able to advance to the state finals." McMillan said he knew he had to go make some birdies and stay consistent, "and I was able to do that," he said.

Jonathan Ash had two birdies, while Ryan Witt made one.

AT THE PLAYERS CLUB

Team scores: Cathedral 305, won on fifth-man score, Noblesville 305, Hamilton Southeastern 309, New Castle 316, Yorktown 323, Fishers 325, Park Tudor 328, Belmont 329, New Palestine 336, Mount Vernon 336, Bishop Chatard 337, Delta 338, Richmond 344, Connersville 352, Norwell 353, Bluffton 356, Northeastern 357, Jay County 377.

Medalist: Derek Tabor (New Castle) 34-32=66.

Noblesville scores: Will Perkins 36-37=73, Drew Decker 35-39=74, Brady Mangin 40-39=79, Alex Peck 37-42=79, Rory Bushong 42-45=87.

Southeastern scores: Cole Starnes 34-38=72, Jordan Huxford 40-35=75, Lane Zedrick 38-43=81, Tyler Marcinko 39-42=81, Tyler Lacy 42-40=82.

Fishers scores: Connor McMillan 36-38=74, Ryan Witt 39-42=81, Jonathan Ash 39-44=83, Matthew Albright 45-42=87, Eli Toon 48-40=88.

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Boys golf regionals

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The Guerin Catholic boys golf team finished second at the Lake Central regional at Sandy Pines on Thursday. The Golden Eagles thus qualified for the state meet for the third consecutive year.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
ABOVE: Noblesville golfers Rory Bushong (left) and Drew Decker (center) look at the results after finishing their round. Also pictured is Kevin Mangin, father of Millers golfer Brady Mangin.

RIGHT: Hamilton Southeastern's Tyler Marcinko makes his way to the ninth green to finish his round.



BELOW: Fishers' Connor McMillan advanced to state as an individual.



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East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	41	16	.719	-
Tampa Bay	34	23	.596	7.0
Toronto	33	23	.589	7.5
Boston	30	28	.517	11.5
Baltimore	24	34	.414	17.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	33	26	.559	-
Cleveland	27	26	.509	3.0
Chicago White Sox	26	29	.473	5.0
Detroit	23	33	.411	8.5
Kansas City	19	37	.339	12.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	36	21	.632	-
L.A. Angels	28	31	.475	9.0
Texas	26	30	.464	9.5
Seattle	26	31	.456	10.0
Oakland	20	39	.339	17.0

Thursday's games	
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 4	Cleveland 8, Oakland 4
Tampa Bay 2, St. Louis 1	Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1
L.A. Dodgers 11, Chicago White Sox 9	N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 7
Philadelphia 8, Milwaukee 3	Kansas City 7, Baltimore 5
Colorado 4, San Francisco 2	L.A. Angels 5, Boston 2
Miami 7, Washington 4	

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	38	21	.644	-
Atlanta	31	27	.534	6.5
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	9.0
Miami	25	30	.455	11.0
Washington	21	38	.356	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	33	26	.559	-
St. Louis	32	26	.552	0.5
Pittsburgh	24	31	.436	7.0
Chicago Cubs	23	33	.411	8.5
Cincinnati	20	37	.351	12.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	37	20	.649	-
San Diego	35	22	.614	2.0
San Francisco	30	26	.536	6.5
Arizona	28	31	.475	10.0
Colorado	25	32	.439	12.0

WNBA update

No games scheduled on Thursday

Overall standings

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	-
Connecticut	10	3	.769	0.5
Chicago	7	4	.636	2.5
Washington	8	5	.615	2.5
Atlanta	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	11	.214	8.0

Fever welcome Liberty for Commissioner's Cup game

The Indiana Fever welcome the New York Liberty for a 7 p.m. matchup at Indiana Farmers Coliseum on Friday night. Indiana enters Friday night's matchup looking to snap a four-game losing skid against a Liberty team who is 3-1 in its last four outings overall.

New York enters Friday with a few new faces on the roster after the team acquired the draft rights to forward Raquel Carrera from the Atlanta Dream in exchange for guard AD Durr earlier this week. The player contract of Megan Walker was also acquired in the trade with the Dream and was subsequently waived by the Liberty. The team also announced Thursday morning that upon being granted a new hardship exemption by the league, the team re-signed guard Crystal Dangerfield to a second hardship contract. Dangerfield has recorded averages of 4.2 points, 3.5 assists, 2.8 rebounds and 23.1 minutes per game in her first 10 games of the 2022 WNBA season, seven of which have been with the Liberty, and four of which were starts. Dangerfield also appeared in three games with the Fever to begin the 2022 regular season before being released on May 11.


The Fever earned the overtime victory in the first of three meetings against New York at Barclays Centers back on May 13. In that game, Kelsey Mitchell and Victoria Vivians combined for 44 of the Fever's 92 points on the way to a 92-86 overtime victory. In the overtime victory, Indiana recorded the greatest rebounding performance in team history by outrebounding New York, 57-33. The 57 rebounds set a franchise record for most rebounds in a game surpassing the old mark of 50, which was set against the Detroit Shock on September 4, 2009.

Outrebounding New York +24 was also the largest rebounding differential in franchise history as well. The Baylor rookie-frontcourt tandem of NaLyssa Smith and Queen Egbo controlled the glass and set their own history as well. Smith's 17 rebounds and Egbo's 14 boards combined for the most rebounds corralled by two rookies on the same team in a game in WNBA history with 31.

The last matchup between the Fever and Liberty on June 1 resulted in an 87-74 loss where Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu led all scorers with 23 points to go with seven rebounds. Kelsey Mitchell led Indiana with 17 points and four assists as Indiana was playing in the second game of a back-to-back after hosting the Connecticut Sun the day prior.

Friday night's matchup will showcase two of the top-10 scorers in the league in Mitchell and Ionescu. Mitchell is averaging 18.7 ppg while also eclipsing 20 points eight times this season. Ionescu averages 17.1 ppg and is currently on a four-game streak of scoring at least 20 points in each game.

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