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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunny. Lower humidity again.
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(Above left) WEF Executive Director Ashley Knott presents the Rock Service Award to Rotary Club of Westfield's Melody Jones, Laura Demeter, Cindy Olson and Richard Watkins. (Above right) WWS Superintendent Dr. Paul A. Kaiser, Bill Anderson of Kiwanis Club of Westfield, WEF Executive Director Ashley Knott, and Marsha Bohannon of Kiwanis Club of Westfield.

Westfield Washington Schools gives first Rock Service Awards

Award given to people, organizations displaying ongoing support, fostering positive change in Westfield schools & community

The REPORTER

During the June 14 Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) board meeting, the board, in partnership with the Westfield Education Foundation (WEF), gave out Rock Service Awards to three community organizations who have gone above and beyond the call to support the mission of WWS, which is to provide rigorous and engaging experiences to prepare all children for their future.

WEF Executive Director Ashley Knott said she is proud to be shining a light on these organizations.

"It's been an honor and a pleasure to partner with these great groups to continue providing our Rocks

with excellent academic and extracurricular experiences," Knott said. "These organizations truly have a selfless approach to community, and it shows in all the things they have done for our district and our kids. We can't thank them enough for what they have helped us accomplish and we look forward to continuing these great relationships for years to come."

WWS Board President Rebecca Ogle said it is important that the district highlight important community partners.

"The Westfield Washington Schools board of trustees wanted to recognize groups

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Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
WEF Executive Director Ashley Knott presents Brian Anderson of Westfield Lions Club with the Rock Service Award.

Carmel PD gets bomb threat at headquarters

The REPORTER

At approximately noon on Tuesday, a bomb threat was communicated to the Carmel Police Department (CPD) headquarters at 3 Civic Square.

As a precautionary measure, all CPD employees and construction crews on site were evacuated from the building and surrounding area. A sweep of the building was conducted, and no suspicious articles were located. Once the building was deemed safe, all employees were allowed to return to work.

CPD has opened a criminal investigation into this incident and is asking for the public's help in identifying the person or persons involved in making this threat.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please call CPD at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS).

Cicero Kiwanis to welcome HCCF's Larry Smith to Saturday meeting

The REPORTER

Larry Smith, Director of Development for the Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), will speak at the breakfast meeting of the Cicero Kiwanis Club on Saturday. He will share the latest and greatest happenings taking place with this invaluable organization serving Hamilton County.



Smith

HCCF works with donors and non-profit organizations to improve and enhance Hamilton County for those who call it home.

In his role, Smith is responsible for identifying, cultivating, and stewarding gifts from individual and institutional donors. He is also founder and CEO of Leading Edge Advisory Firm (LEAF LLC), a consultancy he founded in 2009. LEAF helps academic, non-profit, for-profit, and faith-based organizations improve their efficiency and effectiveness in areas including, but not limited to: Board Development, Feasibility Studies, Strategic Planning, Organizational Development, and Fund Development.

Previously, Smith served as Managing Director of Indiana University's Randall L. Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence. He also served as a Senior Vice President of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, as a Director at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University, and as a Deputy Director of Hudson Institute. He began his career at Cummins Inc., where he ultimately became the youngest Director of Corporate Strategy in the company's history.

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Reflections on GOP state convention

Hamilton County sent 116 delegates to the Republican State Convention held last weekend in Indianapolis.

Some of the 116 delegates favored one candidate and some favored another. In the end it was Hamilton County that provided the winning margin to Daniel Elliott with 50.10496 percent of the vote to Elise Nieshalla's 49.89504 percent of the vote in the race for State Treasurer. In the Secretary of State race, Diego Morales came out on top with 52.19 percent of the vote. The



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party was blessed to have good candidates all around.

The convention activities brought to mind some of the political statements made in times past:

- "Those that know it all are not smart enough to know that they're not smart enough."
- "It's an awful small pancake that doesn't have two sides."
- "A friend in need is a pest."
- "To the best of my recollection, I don't recall remembering."
- "I disagree with what you have to say but I will defend to



Photo provided
Noblesville's own Mindy Colbert set the tone at last weekend's Republican state convention.

the death your right to say it."

- "A house divided cannot stand but it is no good to unite around corruption."

- "The Republican Party has room in the tent for many views

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Noblesville Lions Club cooks for senior citizens



Photo provided
For lunch this past Saturday, the Noblesville Lions cooked for the Senior Citizens group. The seniors provided the meat, and the Lions cooked and served. (Above) Lion Steve Shaw, Grill Master, and (from left) Lions Tim Baker, Steve Morgan, Ron Williamson, Dale Unger, and Steve Stage.

Hamilton County Superior Court 6 Judge Gail Bardach to retire July 1

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Superior Court 6 Judge Gail Bardach will retire from the bench on Friday, July 1. Bardach was first elected in 2006. Prior to that she served as judge of the Carmel City Court for 14 years.

"I could have retired a long time ago, but I have loved what I do," Judge Bardach said. When asked how she will spend her time after the bench, she replied, "I have ideas but no specific plans. I will definitely be volunteering, traveling with my husband, and even taking some college level courses in things that interest me: history, literature, and maybe even creative writing."

The Indiana University and IU McKinney School of Law graduate presides over a criminal docket, traffic offenses, and small claims cas-

es. She started the Hamilton County Superior Drug Court in 2010.

"The most rewarding part of my career has been presiding over the Drug Court," Judge Bardach said. "Over the years I have come to realize what a huge role drugs and alcohol play in criminal offenses. Our staff has helped many nonviolent offenders with substance abuse issues turn their lives around."

Circuit Court Judge Paul Felix will preside over Drug Court following Judge Bardach's departure.

"Another thing that has been especially rewarding has been conducting jury trials," Judge Bardach added. "I love interacting with people and letting them see how the system really works.



Bardach

Jurors often tell me, after our trials, what a positive and educational experience their jury duty has been."

Judge Bardach's current term expires Dec. 31, 2024. Governor Eric Holcomb has yet to appoint her replacement.

"I've been blessed to have been surrounded and supported by wonderful, intelligent, capable, caring people during my career," Judge Bardach said. "My incredibly supportive family, my wonderful staff, the very dedicated members of our Drug Court Team, the other judges, magistrates, and most of the lawyers who appear in front of me are just as dedicated to helping people out. I truly appreciate and very much thank them all."

REFLECTIONS

but does not have all things for all people, as there can be no compromise on values.”

• “If you can’t make them see the light, make them feel the heat.”

• “If you are with me 80 percent of the time you are a friend, not a 20-percent enemy.”

There also were impressive facts and figures reported:

• All 92 Indiana counties are represented by at least one Republican and only 13 counties are represented by a Democrat.

• The legislature recently passed the largest tax cut in history.

• Indiana has the largest school choice by parents in the nation.

• The Republican Party will support restricting abortion should *Roe v. Wade* be reversed.

• Indiana is the only Midwest state to grow in population the last five years.

• Interstate 69 is almost done.

• Indiana has 2.2 percent unemployment, the lowest in history.

• A total of 71 Indiana mayors are Republican and

88 percent of all countywide offices in Indiana are held by Republicans.

• Indiana has been rated third in the nation in quality of infrastructure and fifth in the nation in good business environment and is returning \$1 billion of taxpayer money to the taxpayers.

• Republicans support increased law enforcement.

• Republicans support only having women in women’s sports.

• All 92 counties will have additional monitoring systems to ensure voting integrity, even though Indiana has won national awards on security and training for its elections.

Click here to view the full Indiana Republican Party platform.

Rumors abounded. Mitch Daniels is running for governor. Senator Mike Braun is running for governor. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz should run for governor. Chris Quakenbush should run next time for Sheriff.

Past true stories were told as well. An Indiana delegation was visiting with Senator

Todd Young in D.C. They were talking on the Capitol’s portico overlooking the Washington Mall. The House side is to the left as you look out and the Senate side is to the right with the entrance area about six feet wide in the middle. Sen. Young stepped to the left to allow one of his constituents to take a better picture, and Nancy Pelosi’s sent a staffer to ask him to get off the House side. The cord cordoning off the House side had been moved by him perhaps as much as two inches as he had stepped aside. No wonder his job is so hard in D.C.

Of course, there were the candidates running for offices. Todd Rokita, the current Indiana Attorney General was on hand. Candidates included everyone from Eric Doden, running for governor to Tiffany Pascoe running for Hamilton Southeastern School Board. Noblesville’s Micah Beckwith seemed to be one of the most popular folks at the convention. On Friday night, he received friends and well-wishers for four straight hours and had so many wishing to talk to him he could barely get out the door.

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that contribute to our community and make Westfield a better place,” Ogle said. “These groups help nurture not just the students but our community as a whole. So, we’re very excited to start giving out this service award and continue with our culture of gratitude and recognition that we’ve brought to our school board meetings and to our district.”

The following organizations were honored at the public meeting: Kiwanis Club of Westfield, Rotary Club of Westfield and Westfield Lions Club. Here are just a few of the ways these groups have contributed to the district and the community:

Kiwanis Club of Westfield

Kiwanis Club has partnered strategically with WWS to provide financial support to WEF, Care Closets, mental health awareness campaigns, scholarship programs for high school seniors and more. Additionally, the Kiwanis Club fosters the development of

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in-school service leadership through initiatives like Service Over Self and Key Leader. Outside of the regular school environment, the club supports community groups like Student Impact, Carter’s Play Place, and AFS-USA.

Rotary Club of Westfield

Rotary Club of Westfield has consistently supported the school district, the community and the Foundation by volunteering and donating to programs and initiatives like teacher grants, Laugh It Off Grant teacher appreciation event, Meals on Wheels, Westfield Public Library book donation, Mid-West Food Bank, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Youth Assistance, Student Impact, signage at school zones, Gaga Ball pits in elementary schools, 151st Street roundabout, Christmas tree decorating at Cool Creek round-

about and more.

Westfield Lions Club

Westfield Lions Club has consistently supported the school district, the community and WEF by volunteering and donating to programs and initiatives like teacher grants, WHS Culinary program, WHS music programs, WHS Leos Club, student scholarships, WHS Hoosier Girls State, Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana, Open Doors of Westfield, Heart and Soul, Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Indiana Law Camp.

The school board and WEF will continue to use this award as a way to show its appreciation and gratitude to the people and organizations in the Westfield community who show a Rock Strong commitment to students, staff and community members.

CICERO KIWANIS

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Among the honors Smith has received are being selected for the Indianapolis Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40” award, “Indy’s Best & Brightest Award” from Junior Achievement, and a Fellow at the Tobias Leadership Center. He also has served as a board member for more than a dozen organizations.

Smith earned a BA from Williams College, where he was a Lehman Scholar. He also earned a MS from Stanford Business School, where he was a Sloan Fellow. He is an ordained minister who has three children and two grandchildren.

About the Cicero Kiwanis

The Cicero Chapter of the Kiwanis International as a part of a non-profit global

organization with members who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. In the greater Cicero-area community, the Cicero Kiwanis provide scholarships to local high school students, support local schools through donations to various programs and manpower, provide food and assistance to local food pantries, support families and individuals in need or in crisis and help the community-at-large through donations to Riley’s Children’s Hospital. Weekly meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Red Bridge Community Park Building in Cicero. For more information or to attend this week’s meeting, email cicerokiwanis@gmail.com.



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PREVAIL
Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse


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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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HCEM volunteers complete weeklong Communications Technician course

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) volunteers gave up their week to attend the Communications Technician course offered by the Indiana Public Safety Commission.

Joe March, RACES Program Coordinator, John Gooldy, RACES Logistics Section Chief, and Dane Dillon, RACES IT and Training Coordinator spent the week learning how to setup, program, and repair equipment.

“We are incredibly grateful for the time they donate to Hamilton County,” HCEM Executive Director Shane Booker said. “We are better prepared to respond to emergencies and



Photo provided by Hamilton County Emergency Management (From left) Joe March, Dane Dillon, and John Gooldy.

disasters because of their talents.”

The course is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s communications program. During an emergency or incident, the Communications Unit staff install and test communications equipment, supervise and operate the incident communications center, distribute, and recover communications equipment

assigned to incident personnel, and maintain and repair communications equipment on site.

Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate to speak in Fishers

Submitted

James Sceniak, the Libertarian Party of Indiana candidate for United States Senate, will speak at a Town Hall event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28 at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers.

Sceniak will be joined by several local and statewide candidates from both the Libertarian and Democratic parties, including Libertarian Party Secretary of State candidate Jeff Maurer.

The town hall is one of a series of town hall presentations throughout the

state featuring Libertarian and Democratic Party candidates. Republican candidates have also been invited to participate but have declined.

Sceniak says he is running for Senate to provide a fresh, modern approach to governance. He will be on all Hoosiers’ ballots in the November general election. His priorities include medical freedom, improving veterans’ health care and bringing the Hoosier values of fiscal responsibility to Washington. Find out more at [Sceniak-ForSenate.com](#).



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Carmel woman makes it to Top 5 in national ‘Create a New Kolache Contest’

The REPORTER

Grace Ravenna of Carmel has been chosen as a Top 5 finalist in the fourth annual Create a New Kolache Contest with her “It’s All Greek to Me” entry.

Ravenna’s kolache creation includes seasoned lamb, feta cheese, diced red onion

tomatoes, and Tzatziki sauce.

Kolache Factory, a fast-growing bakery-café franchise, is holding its annual Kolache Olympics to come up with a creative new kolache flavor for its menu. Now it’s up to the public to decide who will win the gold medal, free breakfast for a

year, and maybe even a spot on the menu board.

Vote now [Click here](#) to check out all five finalists and vote for your favorite. Online voting continues through Monday, June 27. The public is encouraged to vote early and often.



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Houndmouth kicks off summer concert series at Fishers NPD AMP

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The REPORTER
The Fishers Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) and MOKB Presents launched their 2022 summer ticketed shows series this past Saturday with a packed show featuring Indiana's own Houndmouth. The show launched a brand-new series that features up-and-coming national artists.
"Houndmouth served up the perfect launch for our new ticketed series," Fishers Parks and Recreation Director Sarah Sandquist said. "We are looking forward to bringing Fishers and central Indiana music lovers together to enjoy all types of live music options this summer and beyond."
Tickets are on sale now for additional upcoming shows including:
• Colony House, with Joe Hertler & The Rainbow

Photo courtesy Tony Vesquez

Seekers on Saturday, July 16
• Waxahatchee, with Liam Kazar on Friday, Aug. 5
• The Main Squeeze, with Huckleberry Funk on Friday, Aug. 19
• Lawrence, with special guest to be announced on Saturday, Aug. 27
Tickets for the above listed shows are on sale now and available at npdamp.com. Also visit the venue website for additional information on other non-ticketed shows also happening this summer at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

Thanks for reading!

Sen. Young: Federal gas tax holiday like "applying a Band-Aid to gaping wound"

The REPORTER
U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Finance Committee, on Thursday issued the following statement regarding President Biden's call for a three-month federal gas tax holiday:
"President Biden's proposal is like applying a Band-Aid to a gaping wound. A gas tax holiday would have a very short-term impact

without actually increasing our energy supply. Consumers will respond by purchasing more gasoline, which will cause prices to rise, and ultimately there will be little benefit to families struggling with high fuel costs.
"The real solution to low-

Young

er gas prices for Hoosier families is to increase oil supply right now and encourage domestic energy production for the future. The Biden Administration needs to turn away from its ideological green agenda and support policies that unleash American energy production."

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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader implores council to decline Beaver's gravel pit request

Dear Editor:

When Chris Beaver first looked at the parcel of land that he's proposing to turn into a gravel pit along the White River, he couldn't justify why his company would dig it.

"There's not enough sand and gravel to justify the amount of money that I would spend and pain that everybody would come across," Beaver said in his closing remarks at the Noblesville Common Council meeting on June 14. "There's about 12 to 14 feet of gravel that I could take. That's not enough to cover my cost, so I personally bought this land so that I would not put hardship on my company."

Those are Chris Beaver's very words in closing arguments at the Common Council meeting in early June. By his own admission, the venture at Potters Bridge Park would be a losing business proposition for his company, so I am asking: why is he pursuing it so hard? Beaver has spent a lot of money on a team (not just one attorney, but a team) of well-known Hamilton County lawyers, various experts which support his proposal, ad campaigns, both written in the *Current* and a new internet website, a lighted billboard on a pickup truck which goes around Noblesville on nights of the opposition's peaceful demonstrations, etc.

If he is not going to make any money on this venture, why does he continue to petition the council to violate its own zoning regulations and the Noblesville Master Plan by asking a zoning variance on this park property?

Frankly, I don't believe that Beaver will not make any money on this venture. Successful businessmen and women do not get that way by spending money on unprofitable operations, and we know that Beaver is a successful businessman, so the voracity of his campaign to dig a gravel pit at this park makes no sense.

If Mr. Beaver wants to make a land donation to the Parks Department for the benefit of his hometown, that is wonderful and we all say, "thank you." But if that donation is contingent on rezoning favors from the council, then it's not a donation but a deal being struck, and it's not a deal that benefits the rest of us – only Beaver Materials.

I also ask why the council is still entertaining this proposal after two years of information presented by reputable professionals countering Beaver's claims that no harm would come from this gravel pit – and by his own expert's admission the potential for damage to the Noblesville water supply would be "moderate with careful monitoring." What does that mean?!

As a resident of Hamilton County and a consumer of its water, any pollution exposure from damage to the water table this gravel pit would cause is too much. Who will monitor the monitors?

Water contamination can take three to seven years to affect a water supply. If and when that happens, who will be responsible for cleanup? Most likely, the taxpayers.

We heard no fewer than three proposals at the June 14 council meeting asking for rezoning to construct new single-family home subdivisions. Does the council believe these hundreds of potential new residents are not watching this petition play out? If Noblesville cannot guarantee a safe and affordable water supply, why would these potential homeowners choose to live here? There are other very fine towns in Hamilton County which are not being asked to consider construction of a heavy industrial operation within three to five miles of multiple neighborhoods and which communities can promise safe and affordable drinking water for the future.

Believe me, everyone is watching and awaiting this decision which will significantly affect the future of Noblesville.

Finally, if this proposal – which violates all current existing zoning law – is approved, what neighborhoods in Noblesville are safe from arbitrary rezoning at-will in the future? As a resident, I made the single largest financial investment of my life with the purchase of my home in Fairfield Farms. If I cannot trust my elected officials to honor their commitment to protect that investment, why would I choose to live here? We must as a community protect our residents from the interest of single individuals pursuing greater profits.

For these and multiple other reasons, I beg the council to decline Beaver's request.

Pam Wind
Noblesville

CASTING CALL

Noblesville First UMC, June 26 & 27 Rehearsal for Murder



ADAPTED BY D. D. BROOKE
BASED ON THE TELEPLAY BY
RICHARD LEVINSON & WILLIAM LINK
DIRECTED BY DIANE W WILSON
STAGE MANAGED BY FRAN KNAPP

Hamilton County Theatre Guild's The Belfry Theatre announces auditions for its first show of the 2022-23 theater season, *Rehearsal for Murder*.

Auditions will be 7 to 9 p.m. June 26 and 27 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.

Synopsis

A year following the untimely death of a famous onscreen actress and an up-and-coming Broadway star, a famous playwright (and the former fiancé of the star) assembles all those who last interacted with the actress under the pretense of reading excerpts from a new play he is writing. Even though the actress's death was ruled as a suicide, the playwright believes otherwise, and he plans to prove it and trap a killer as the scenes from his new play come to life.

The Years

1980 (opening night of the comedy *Chamber Music* by Alex Dennison, the after party, and the death of Monica Welles) and 1981 (exactly one year after the opening and Monica's death)

The Settings

A Broadway Stage and Monica Wells' study

Character descriptions

• **Alex Dennison:** A playwright in his late 40s to mid-50s, Alex is handsome, debonair, witty, intelligent, and willing to do just about anything to trap the killer of his beloved fiancée.

• **Monica Welles:** The famous and beautiful film actress, fiancée of Alex, and victim, Monica is "brought to life" through flashbacks in order to help Alex trap her killer. Cast as the lead (her first time on stage) in Dennison's comedy *Chamber Music*, she was in her early- to mid-40s when she met her early demise.

• **Lloyd Andrews:** The play's director for the 1980 show *Chamber Music* (and the last time Monica was on stage), Lloyd is at the very least in his early 40s. He is hand-

some, no-nonsense, and he has an excellent reputation.

• **Bella Lamb:** The play's producer for the 1980 show *Chamber Music* (and the last time Monica was on stage), Bella is bright, extremely wealthy, and sophisticated. She is in her late 40s to early 60s.

• **Karen Daniels:** Merely an up-and-coming Broadway actress in 1980, Karen is now a sought-after star. She was Monica's understudy a year prior in *Chamber Music*, but she quickly reached her way to the top. Karen is in her mid- to late 30s; she is beautiful and no longer the innocent ingénue she was.

• **David Mathews:** A tall, popular, and handsome Broadway actor, David is also very smug and full of himself, believing that every woman worships him. He approaches each show with the belief that he'll have to dust off his fireplace mantle for another Tony. He had played lead in *Chamber Music*, opposite Monica. David is in his mid-40s to early 50s.

• **Leo Gibbs:** A supporting Broadway actor, Leo is in his mid- to late 40s; he isn't particularly charming or attractive, but he is slightly overweight. He has always view himself as the comic relief. Yet, he doesn't let his "lower" status upset him. He, too, was in *Chamber Music*.

• **Sally Bean:** Alex's new assistant/secretary from Maine. She is young (18 to 22), energetic, bright but naïve, and very excited to help Alex with his new play.

• **Ernie:** The gruff, no-nonsense backstage theatre manager who reveres Alex and was genuinely fond of Monica. He is in his mid-50s to late 60s.

• **Loretta:** The play's stage manager for *Chamber Music* (and the last time Monica was on stage). Loretta is in her mid-40s to mid-60s and is very efficient and determined.

• **Policeman:** One of NY's finest in his late 30s to early 50s; he assists in the investigation of Monica's death.

• **Policewoman:** One of NY's finest in her late 20s to mid-50s; she assists in the investigation of Monica's death.

• **Santoro:** The delivery man who brings in Monica's Study – set up exactly as it was on the day of her death and perfect for a re-enactment – he can be any age (20+ to 60).

• **Frank Heller:** An observer in Act One to everything occurring on-stage during the present and "flashbacks" Frank, however, intervenes in Act Two, at first portraying Lieutenant McElroy, the detective who closed the Monica Welles' case, and then himself. Frank, who is in his late 30s to early 40s, is a jack-of-all-trades: actor (often out of work), bartender, cab driver, etc.

• **Mac:** An observer to everything that is happening on-stage during the present and "flashbacks." During the last portions of Act Two, he joins in the action. He is in his 50s.

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United Way of Central Indiana names Fred Payne as new president & CEO

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United Way of Central Indiana announced Wednesday that Fred Payne will serve as its next president and CEO.

Payne currently serves as commissioner of Indiana's Department of Workforce Development, a role to which he was appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb in December 2017.

He will start at United Way July 18. Payne replaces outgoing United Way President and CEO Ann Murtlow, who retires June 30 after nine years with the nonprofit.

"The United Way of Central Indiana has been instrumental in helping our communities address some of the most critical social challenges," Payne said. "I look forward to building on that work, and helping more families break the cycle of poverty."

As commissioner of the state's Department of

Workforce Development, Payne oversaw the agency responsible for Indiana's employment and re-employment services, with more than 1,000 employees. The department administered more than \$9.6 billion in unemployment insurance benefits to over 908,000 people during the coronavirus pandemic. He also served on the governor's Workforce Cabinet and chaired the governor's Health Workforce Council.

Before joining the department, Payne spent more than a decade at Honda Manufacturing of Indiana in various roles, including chief administrator, general counsel and compliance officer. He's credited with starting several key initiatives, including the office of inclusion and diversity, corporate governance and risk



Payne

management. "United Way of Central Indiana is at an important phase of its history, as we embark on a strategic plan to guide our work for the next several years," said Rafael A. Sanchez, United Way's board chair. "With his demonstrated leadership in the public and private sector, data-driven philosophy and passion for community service, Fred is the right choice for United Way. Additionally, Fred is committed to building on United Way's legacy of collaboration within the human services sector to address Central Indiana's toughest issues."

Payne currently serves on the board of directors for the Indy Eleven Foundation, Indianapolis Urban League and Honda Federal Credit Union.

"Fred Payne is a great

leader who has developed and supported numerous partnerships with community-based organizations while at Honda Manufacturing of Indiana and as Commissioner of the state of Indiana's Department of Workforce Development," said Tony Mason, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Urban League. "He is well prepared to lead the United Way of Central Indiana."

Payne is a graduate of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and Grambling State University. He has experience in private law practice.

In January, **when Murtlow announced her retirement**, United Way's Board of Directors created a nine-member search committee, led by Sanchez and incoming board chair Deborah Daniels, and partnered with the executive search firm Koya Partners to find a new president and CEO.

AG Rokita defends state's new trans student athlete law against ACLU suit

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita continues to defend a new Indiana law aiming to protect girls' sports against a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

"It's called Hoosier common sense," Rokita said. "Biological males have certain physiological advantages that make it unfair to allow them to compete for spots on girls' sports teams. The law passed by the Indiana General Assembly simply acknowledges that science and protects the integrity of girls' sports in K-12 schools."

Rokita filed a brief Friday opposing the ACLU's motion for a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the new law, **House Enrolled Act 1041**.

"After all the years of hard work to ensure equal opportunities for girls and women," Rokita said, "it's unconscionable that these leftists are trying to tear down that progress in the name of nonsensical wokeism."

The ACLU is represent-

ing a 10-year-old Indianapolis Public Schools student who was born a male but began identifying as female by age 4 and, with parental support, took puberty blockers to avoid developing male characteristics. Although a biological male, the student wants to play on a school-sponsored girls' softball team.

The ACLU's case manifests what Rokita calls blatant weaknesses – invoking federal Title IX protections in its argument, for example.

The Title IX law prohibits sex discrimination and requires equal opportunities regardless of sex. But such protections are exactly what the law under challenge by the ACLU helps achieve. Obviously, the ordinary meaning of sex at the time of Title IX's enactment in 1972 was biological sex, not gender identity.

"I promised Hoosiers when the governor vetoed this law that I would gladly defend it if the legislature overrode the veto," Rokita said. "Indiana's lawmakers did their part, and I am doing mine. Hoosier girls deserve no less."



Rokita

Female athletes ask court to uphold Indiana law ensuring fair play for girls

Submitted

On behalf of several female athletes, Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) attorneys filed a friend-of-the-court brief in federal district court Friday in support of Indiana's new law that protects athletic opportunities for girls.

ADF attorneys filed the brief on behalf of the five athletes, three of whom they represent in separate lawsuits defending fair competition for women by preserving sex-specific sports teams: Chelsea Mitchell, Selina Soule, and Madison Kenyon.

"At a time when girls are increasingly losing medals and opportunities to boys competing in their sports, it is imperative for states to enact – and uphold – laws that protect female athletes,"

ADF Legal Counsel Rachel Csutoros said. "Girls have the right to be able to win, not just participate. Biological distinction in sports is not just common sense, it is

necessary to ensure girls in Indiana can continue to play the sports they love on a fair and level playing field."

The brief explains how "biological males in many states have begun to compete in and dominate women's sports, taking women's spots in athletic competitions, their place on the podium and in the history books, and their chance to gain scholarships. Faced with this problem, Indiana passed Indiana Code § 20-33-13-4 (the Sports Act) that drew a biological line in defining women's sports, protecting women's ability to compete on a level playing field. This is a valid way to achieve a valid goal."

Michael Cork, one of more than 4,400 attorneys in the ADF Attorney Network, is serving as local counsel in the case, *A.M. v. Indianapolis Public Schools*, filed with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division.

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Hebrews 10:26-31 (NIV)

Rex Brian Weaver

September 16, 1968 – June 21, 2022

Rex B. Weaver, 53, Fort Wayne and formerly of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Fort Wayne, Rex was a son of the late Noble Weaver and Joanne Weaver, who survives. Rex graduated from South Side High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Purdue University and his MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Rex's happy place was traveling to a beach, playing water volleyball or going to a casino. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Indiana Hoosier Basketball.

Surviving are his siblings, Deb Weaver, Mike (Diana) Weaver, and Jeff (Teri) Weaver; nieces, Joanna (Damon) Smith and Jennifer Goss/Crouse; great-nephews, Tre (Saundra) Green and Derek Smith; great-niece, Baleigh (Seth) Cave; great-great nieces and nephews; along with several aunts, uncles, and many friends.

Rex was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Weaver.

The service will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022, at FairHaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 6557 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. A calling will also be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of NE Indiana.

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Wayne Charles Hotko
November 3, 1945 – June 20, 2022

Wayne Charles Hotko, 76, Noblesville, passed away at 7:47 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, at Riverview Health due to complications following cancer treatment. He was born on November 3, 1945, to Anton and Anna (Spelich) Hotko in Oak Park, Ill.

Wayne graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School and Southern Illinois University. He was also drafted into the United States Army and served in Korea during the late 1960s. Wayne was proudly married for 51 years to Marlene Rocker of Benld, Ill. Wayne worked in customer service for three printing manufacturers during his more than 40-year career. He enjoyed golf, riding his Harley, maintaining his yard in pristine condition, and visiting with his grandchildren.

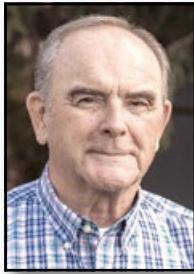
In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Eleanore Hotko; mother-in-law, Anna Mae Rocker; and father-in-law, Frank Rocker.

Wayne leaves behind his wife, Marlene; brother, Anthony Hotko of Chicago; daughter, Heather (Stacy) Phillips of Noblesville; son, Marc Hotko of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Audrey and Lucas Phillips of Noblesville; nephew, Anthony Hotko and his family; niece, Tamara Marlewski and her family; aunt, Delores Spelich; and several cousins.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center, c/o Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Barbara L. (Whelchel) Mills
February 19, 1933 – June 19, 2022

Barbara L. (Whelchel) Mills, 89, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Lake Meadows Assisted Living in Fishers. She was born on February 19, 1933, to Melvin and Eileen (McGuire) Whelchel in Noblesville.

Barbara was a graduate of Fishers High School. She was a florist who owned Country Garden Shop and retired from The Flower Market where she worked with her daughter, Cherie.

Barbara was a member of Clarksville Christian Church and Fishers Order of Eastern Star. Barbara enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards, traveling and reading.

She is survived by her children, William (Diann) Mills, Charla (Dr. Robert) Kurtz, Cheryl (Seth) Slomski, Cherie Query, and Philip Mills; siblings, Myrna Cannaday, Sandy Brandenburg, Jackie Wolf, Sherry Woods, Robert Whelchel, and Jane McCullough; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles Whelchel and Don Mills; and her brother, Ralph "Sonny" Whelchel.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with an Eastern Star service beginning at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St., Noblesville, with Dave Altman officiating. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, in Conference Room 1A, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of the proposed domestic violence shelter.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board and Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold a joint meeting at noon on Monday, June 27, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. This meeting may be accessed virtually by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering conference ID 310 698 863# when prompted.

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Alyssa Crockett ready to rock at Michigan

Westfield All-Star heads to college after nearly making Olympic team

By RICHIE HALL

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Over the past 30 days, Alyssa Crockett has been across the country and back again, made a big basket in Kentucky and will soon be traveling up to Michigan to begin her college career.

It's been quite the adventure for the recent Westfield High School graduate, who was a star for the Shamrocks girls basketball team since her very first game as a freshman. She got a chance to reap some of the rewards from her years of hard work by participating in two big basketball-related events over the past month.

First, Crockett was invited to try out for the USA Basketball U18 Olympic Team. This was a very big honor, as only 30 young women were invited to the tryout, which took place May 31 to June 3 at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Then on June 10 and 11, Crockett played in the annual Indiana-Kentucky All-Stars series, making a game-winning shot in the first contest and taking home MVP honors.

GETTING THE INVITE

Crockett found out when she was on a car ride home from vacation.

"I got the invitation on the way home from Spring Break," said Crockett. "I think it was March 10, around that time."

Crockett was contacted by Briana Weiss and Liz Podominick, the USA Women's National team program assistant directors. She received an email asking if she was interested in trying out for the team.

Crockett was interested and made her way to Colorado a couple months later. She was joined by another Hamilton County player, Noblesville's Ashlynn Shade, giving Indiana two players at the tryout.

Crockett enjoyed Colorado Springs — "It was really, really pretty," she said — but she noted that the trip was all basketball, all the time.

"Two of the nights I went out with Ashlynn Shade's family, and the other night I went out with my dad," said Crockett.

The tryouts were run by the USA Basketball team coaches, with a committee selecting the 12 players for the team. The committee included head coaches from DePaul, Minnesota, Clemson and Washington State. Joni Taylor, the U18 team's head coach, had just been appointed as the Texas A&M head coach after several years as the Georgia head coach.

The 30 players participated in morning and evening trials throughout their three days in Colorado.

"They mainly consisted of doing drills, incorporating things that we would be doing if we were on the team," said Crockett. "Seeing how well we flowed with each other and how we gelled. We just did a lot of playing, a lot of up and down, half court. Shooting drills to get everyone flowing and see who communicates the best."

The committee picked the 12 players for the team on June 3. Crockett and Shade were not on the final team, but it was still a great experience.

"It was super exciting, especially getting to know Ashlynn a lot more in Colorado," said Crockett. "She's an awesome



Reporter photos by Joshua Herd

Westfield graduate Alyssa Crockett participated in two big basketball events over the past month. First, Crockett was one of 30 players invited to the USA Basketball U18 Olympic Team tryout in Colorado Springs, Colo. After that, Crockett played in the annual Indiana-Kentucky All-Star series, winning the MVP award. Crockett is pictured during the June 11 game at Southport.

player and awesome human being, so I think it was very special to play against her one last time," she said.

The U18 team played in the 2022 FIBA U18 Women's Americas Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The US team won the gold medal, beating Canada 82-77 in the championship game this past Sunday.

Once the tryouts were done, Crockett headed right back to Westfield. "My flight was changed that day and it was a whole ordeal," she said. Once she got off the plane, she went right to her graduation party.

After a few days off, it was time to prepare for the Indiana All-Star games. Crockett made the much shorter trip to Marian College in Indianapolis for the first practice on June 7. The team then headed to Owensboro, Ky. on June 10 for the first of Indiana's two games with the Kentucky All-Stars.

BIG SHOT

That first game was a memorable one for Crockett. Overcoming a rough shooting night, Crockett found herself with the ball, and Indiana down 66-65 with

under 10 seconds to go.

"I drove and I was off-balance outside of the box," said Crockett. "I just threw it off the backboard and hoped it went in or got fouled."

The shot went in, and it gave Indiana a 67-66 victory.

"It was definitely exciting to make the winning basket," said Crockett. "It would've been sweeter to make it at home, but it was definitely exciting, having the confidence to go in there and make the winning shot."

The series moved to Southport for the second game on June 11. Kentucky won that contest 101-76, but Crockett said the team had a better shooting night than the previous game. Indiana also had to contend with two tough Kentucky players — Amiya Jenkins had 31 points to lead Kentucky, with Bellarmine commit Gracie Merkle adding 29 points.

Crockett led Indiana with 22 points.

"Overall, we played very hard with the atmosphere we were given, which was very exciting," said Crockett. Adding to the excitement was the Crockett received the MVP award after the game. "I think it was definitely unexpected," she said. But af-

ter her heroics in both games, it was also well-deserved.

NEW EXPERIENCES

On Friday, Crockett will be traveling up to Ann Arbor, Mich., to begin her journey as a Wolverine. The players move in on Saturday, and there are quite a few emotions involved. Crockett said she's "very excited for all the new experiences," nervous for all the unknowns, and she has to leave her family, including her three younger siblings.

"But it's good that I'm not too far away from home," said Crockett. Since Michigan plays in the Big Ten, her family will be able to attend several games, which Crockett said "is going to make it more special."

Crockett will have some friends up there as well. Carmel's Kate Clarke, another Indiana All-Star, will begin her freshman season at Michigan at the same time. Noblesville's Emily Kiser will be coming back as a fifth-year senior. Zionsville's Maddie Nolan will be a senior, and Heritage Christian's Ari Wiggins will be a sophomore. Amy Dilk, the 2018 Miss Basketball from Carmel, played for the Wolverines all four years. She graduated this past spring.

"I wanted to stay in the Big Ten, and Michigan has been growing exponentially," said Crockett. The Wolverines were at one point ranked as high as No. 4 in the country last season and made their way to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament.

"Coach (Kim Barnes) Arrico is just really drawing up all the Hamilton County girls," said Crockett. "It just made sense for me to go there. I'm really happy — super excited to get going."

Heights youth basketball camp starting next week

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger is hosting his annual Summer Camp next week.

The camp is for boys who are entering grades 4 through 8 this school year. The camp takes place from

8 to 10 a.m. June 27 to 30 at the Heights High School gym.

The cost is \$35, with a family discount of \$5 for each additional child. If any boy cannot afford to pay the camp fee at this time, call Ballenger at

(765) 438-2016.

"The basic requirement in developing a strong basketball program is to instill in all our boys a desire to improve themselves so that some day they can become part of the Husky Basketball team," said

Ballenger. "This can be best accomplished by developing the proper fundamentals and pride in themselves and their school at an early age."

For more information, contact Ballenger at cbal-lenger@hhschuskies.org.

Alliance Fastpitch unites women's softball to bring championship, ESPN to Hamilton, Howard counties

The REPORTER

Central Indiana's sports facilities will play host to 2,800 of the nation's top girls and women players for the softball Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series for 16U and 18U competitors, July 24 to 31 in Westfield, Noblesville and Kokomo.

Alliance Fastpitch formed in 2020 to encourage cooperation among rival teams and place athletes first.

Championship Series games will be held at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield, at Noblesville Youth Baseball's Field of Dreams in Noblesville, at Championship Park and Municipal Stadium, both in Kokomo, and at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

The Alliance All Star Game Powered by Under Armour will be televised live on the ESPNU network

at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 24.

"The softball facilities in these communities are unrivaled, and we hope to bring our events back each year," Executive Director Jami Lobpries said.

Grand Park-based Bullpen Tournaments and USSSA will play host to the event and provide event management.

"The Alliance Fastpitch will be a great way to grow girls' softball in our area," Bullpen Tournaments Vice President Michael Tucker said. "We hope it will lead to future partnerships and continue to position our program as the best in the nation for top talent."

The Hamilton County Sports Authority, a division of Hamilton County Tourism, and the Greater Kokomo Visitors Bureau collaborated to secure the event and will provide hospitality and event services.

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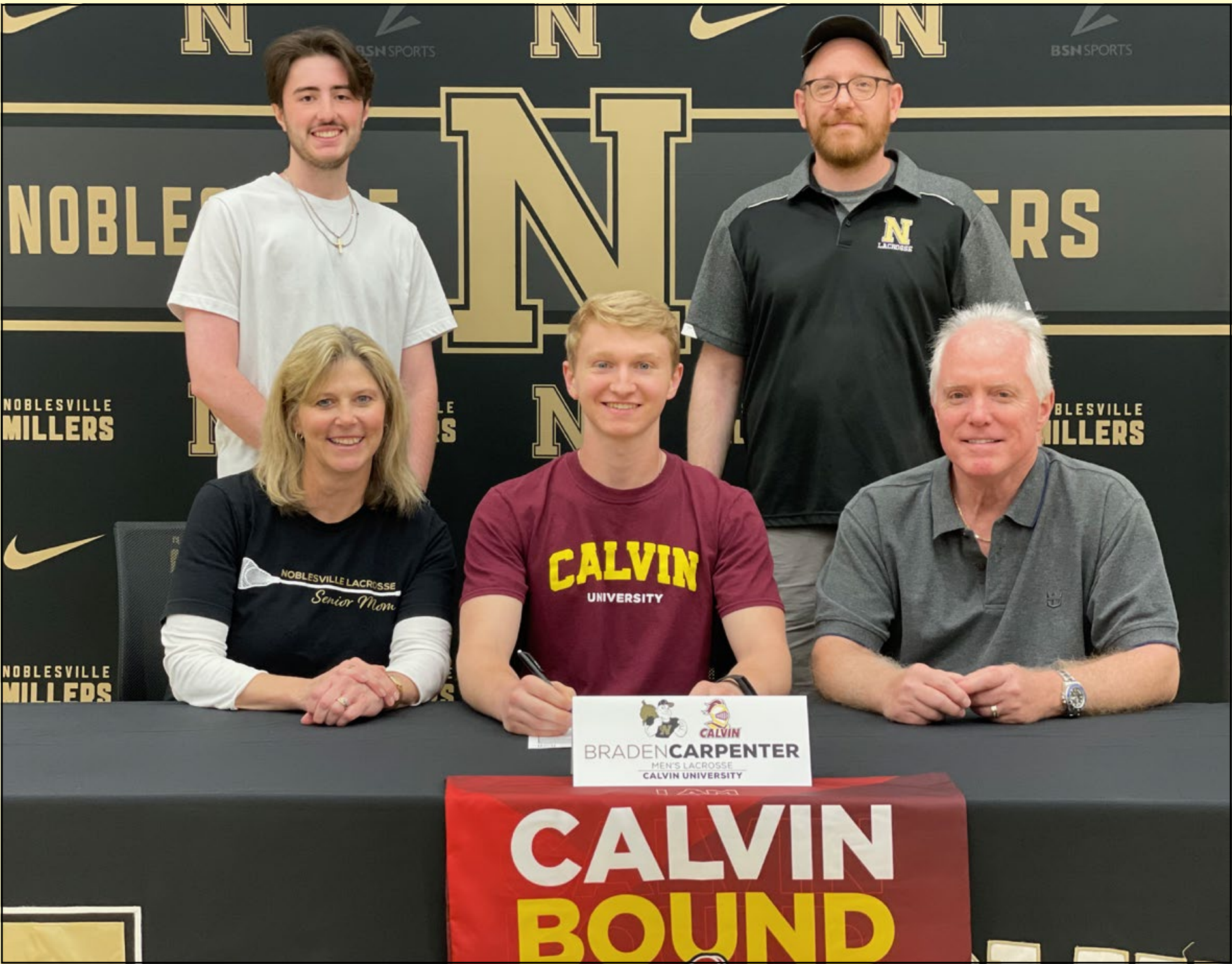


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Noblesville's Braden Carpenter has committed to play lacrosse at Calvin University, home of the Knights. (Front row, from left) Barbara Carpenter (mother), Braden Carpenter, and Jeff Carpenter (father). (Back row, from left) Griffin Smith (Noblesville Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach) and Mark Milam (Noblesville Boys' Lacrosse Head Coach).

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Wednesday's scores			
Houston 5, N.Y. Mets 3		Boston 6, Detroit 2	
Toronto 9, Chicago White Sox 5		N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 4	
Texas 4, Philadelphia 2		Atlanta 3, San Francisco 3	
San Diego 10, Arizona 4		Cleveland 11, Minnesota 10	
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 4		St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 4	
Miami 7, Colorado 4			
Baltimore 7, Washington 0, 6 innings		Late games:	
Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh 5		Kansas City at L.A. Angels	
		Seattle at Oakland	

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	51	18	0.739	-
Toronto	39	30	0.565	12.0
Boston	39	31	0.557	12.5
Tampa Bay	37	32	0.536	14.0
Baltimore	31	39	0.443	20.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	36	28	0.563	-
Minnesota	38	32	0.543	1.0
Chicago White Sox	33	34	0.493	4.5
Detroit	26	43	0.377	12.5
Kansas City	25	42	0.373	12.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	43	25	0.632	-
Texas	33	35	0.485	10.0
L.A. Angels	33	38	0.465	11.5
Seattle	30	39	0.435	13.5
Oakland	23	46	0.333	20.5

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	45	26	0.634	-
Atlanta	40	30	0.571	4.5
Philadelphia	36	34	0.514	8.5
Miami	31	36	0.463	12.0
Washington	25	47	0.347	20.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	40	31	0.563	-
Milwaukee	39	32	0.549	1.0
Pittsburgh	28	40	0.412	10.5
Chicago Cubs	26	43	0.377	13.0
Cincinnati	23	45	0.338	15.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	42	25	0.627	-
San Diego	44	27	0.620	-
San Francisco	38	30	0.559	4.5
Arizona	32	39	0.451	12.0
Colorado	30	39	0.435	13.0

WNBA standings

Wednesday's score				
New York 81, Connecticut 77				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	13	3	0.875	-
Chicago	11	5	0.688	2.0
Connecticut	12	6	0.667	2.0
Seattle	10	6	0.625	3.0
Washington	11	8	0.579	3.5
Atlanta	8	8	0.500	5.0
Dallas	8	9	0.471	5.5
New York	7	10	0.412	6.5
Los Angeles	6	9	0.400	6.5
Phoenix	6	11	0.353	7.5
Indiana	5	13	0.278	9.0
Minnesota	4	13	0.235	9.5

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