

FIREWORKS SCRABBLE

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“If you are planning to light off fireworks as a part of your celebrations, make sure you are aware of your surroundings, keep clear of waterways and clean up fireworks waste to help ensure Indiana’s water supplies are not negatively impacted.”

Indiana American Water asks that people do their part to lessen environmental pollution by:

- Immediately cleaning up firework debris since the shells and debris can contain numerous pollutants that, when left on the ground, can transfer the compound into drinking water sources.
- Disposing of malfunctioning fireworks properly – avoid injury by containing any possible ignition of a ‘dud’ using water in a container to ensure runoff is not lost into the ground.
- Using low-perchlorate fireworks or participating in eco-friendly activities like laser shows.
- Implementing Disney World’s practice of using compressed air to launch fireworks, eliminating the use of gunpowder.
- Attending public fireworks displays where professionals are trained to deal with the potential danger and waste from these displays.

“In addition to everyone doing their part this holiday, we encourage residents to look for opportunities throughout the year to help keep our waterways clean and help ensure quality water from the source to their tap,” Prine said.

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all things A to Z that “stop you up.” He should publish an encyclopedia.

“If bananas stop you up, Dad, then where exactly are you inserting the banana?”

I took big bites from the banana, chewed vigorously, chimp-chomped, made a big show of it, just to demonstrate my defiance to his advice. Secretly, the fear of possible rectal restriction definitely hindered my focus, as if my voodoo dad had placed a curse on me. Mind games. The man was shameless.

We stopped playing Scrabble soon after Mom was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer. I spent more time watching *Two And A Half Men* with her.

“Why don’t you play Scrabble tonight?” she asked during a commercial. “Your dad misses it.”

“I’m tired of Scrabble,” I lied. “Besides, Dad cheats. He distracts me with fruit and constipation.” Mom laughed. I wanted to tell her that I’d rather be with her in the living room than with him in the kitchen, which was true, but that bordered on acknowledging her disease. Believing it was my duty to get her mind off her cancer, I seldom spoke about it. I worried my worry would make her worry. I should’ve spent more time talking to her before she became sick, so it didn’t seem so obvious why I was spending more time with her now. Historically, Scrabble, in the guise of quality time with Dad, had distracted me from quality time with Mom.

Last fall, Mom lost her five-year cancer battle. She

died during hospice in the living room. All rooms, I guess, are living rooms, until they’re not.

A half-year passed before we played Scrabble again. I sat in my usual seat at the kitchen table with my back to the west window while Dad sat across from me. As he shifted the letters around on his rack, I sneakily adjusted the blinds behind me so that the setting sun’s brightness assaulted his vision and played havoc with his concentration.

The silence between us seemed heavier.

“Close the blinds,” Dad said.

Dad’s first word used all seven tiles. In Scrabble lingo, that’s a bingo. “Fifty-eight,” he said. I double-checked his math. Jotted 58.

I studied the Scrabble tiles on my rack. No *Two And A Half Men* sounded from the living room. No mother’s laughter tried to distract me. No need to close the kitchen door.

I had a blank on my rack, which is always promising. I played a seven-letter word. “Sixty-eight,” I said, already 10 points ahead.

The house never seemed so quiet.

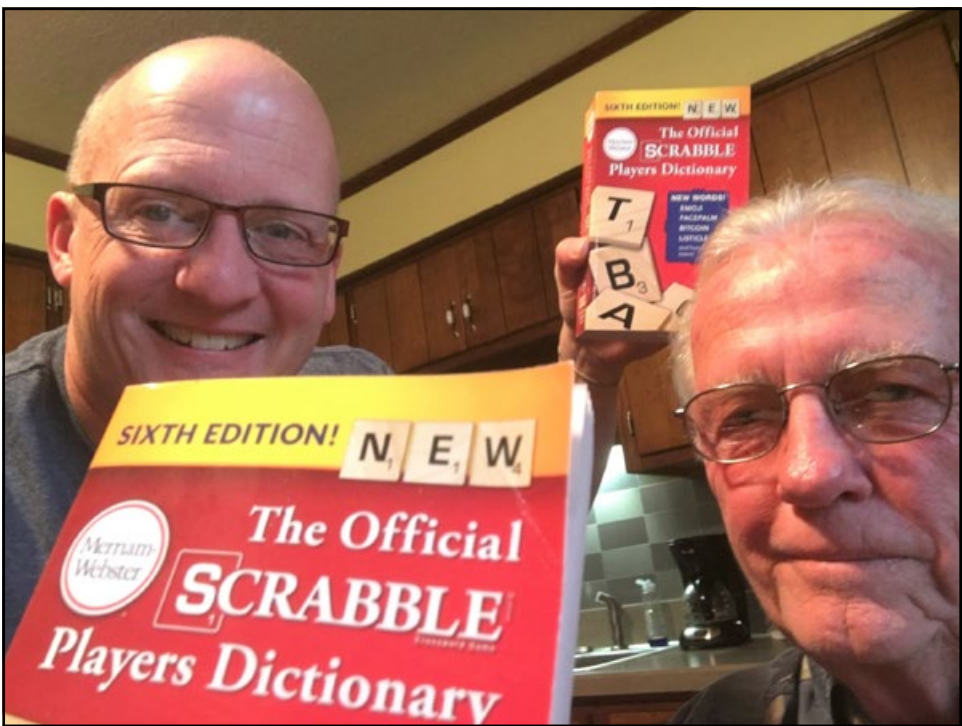
A THUMP coming from the living room startled me. Then, another THUMP.

Dad kept his head down, juxtaposing his second-round tiles on his rack, as if he hadn’t heard.

“What’s that noise?” I asked.

Dad smiled. He had heard. “It’s your mom.”

THUMP.
“What?”



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

THUMP.
Again, the Ouija board. “It’s a cardinal,” he said. “It keeps crashing into the window.”

THUMP.
“It’s done that for days,” Dad said. “Usually in the evening.”

He seemed unfazed by the kamikaze cardinal. I worried the state bird might kill itself.

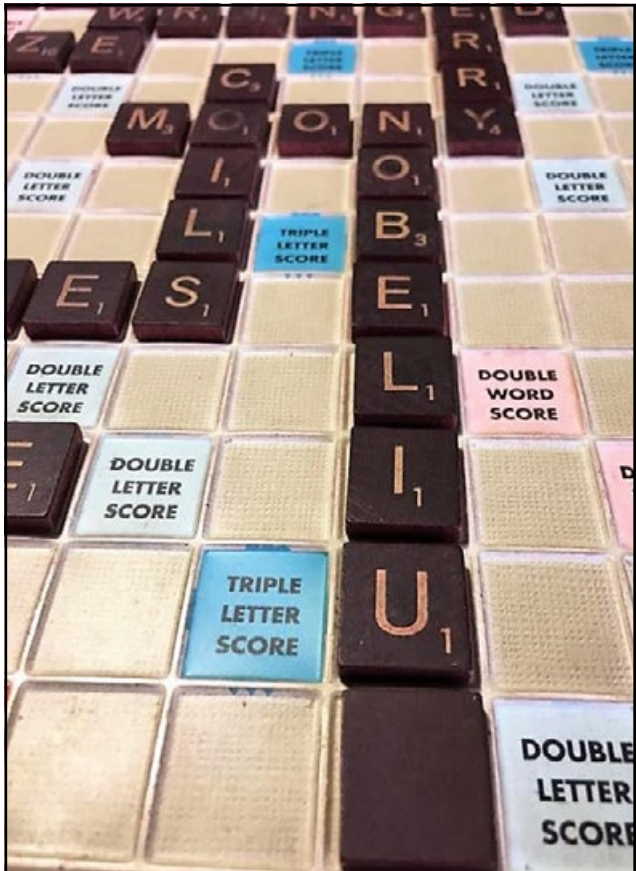
THUMP.
“Can’t you scare it off?” “Your mom always said she would come back as a cardinal.”

I glanced up from my letters, making rare eye contact. I saw it spelled out in his blue eyes: B-E-L-I-E-F.

THUMP.
“Shut the kitchen door if it bothers you,” he said.

THUMP.
Each thump a lump in my throat.

Mom wanted back in. “Thirty,” he said, ahead 20 points. I missed her laughter. I



closed the door. We had a game to play. We were living.
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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.

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Carmel Community Players plans season full of fun

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Carmel Community Players (CCP) is proud to announce their 2022-23 season. Community theater is alive and well in Hamilton County, so get your tickets before they are gone!

To purchase a season ticket, or tickets for individual shows listed below, go to carmelplayers.org/2022-2023-season.

The season ticket provides one admission to each of Carmel Community Players 2022-2023 productions. This year's season includes two musicals, *Tick, Tick ... BOOM!* and *Godspell* (CCP's Rising Star production with all actors 18 and under), a musical revue, *Jerry's Girls*, along with the plays *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *True West*, and *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Jerry's Girls

Jerry's Girls is a musical revue based on the songs of composer/lyricist Jerry Herman. This event, hosted at PrimeLife Enrichment, is a fundraiser for CCP's campaign to establish a new playhouse in Carmel. All tickets are \$50. All seats general admission.

Tick, Tick . . . Boom!

Before *Rent*, there was *Tick, Tick... Boom!* This autobiographical musical by Jonathan Larson, the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning composer of *Rent*, is the story of a composer and the sacrifices

he made to achieve his big break in theatre. Containing 14 songs, 10 characters, three actors and a band, *Tick, Tick... Boom!* takes you on the playwright/composer's journey that led to a Broadway blockbuster.

His girlfriend wants to get married and move out of the city, his best friend is making big bucks on Madison Avenue, yet Jon is still waiting on tables and trying to write the great American musical. Set in 1990, this compelling story of personal discovery is presented as a rock musical filled with instantly appealing melodies and a unique blend of musical theatre styles

Uh-oh, Here Comes Christmas

This charming show takes a funny, heartwarming and often poignant look at the struggle to find the spirit of the holidays amid the avalanche of commercialism, stress and chaos that crashes down every December.

The many delightful stories include a small immigrant child who comes trick-or-treating in a cheap Santa mask a few days before Christmas, inadvertently delivering the true meaning of the season to a grown-up with a serious case of "Scroogitis;" hilarious musings about a love/hate relationship with the vibrant poinsettia that arrives in most homes every December and hangs on and on and on, long after the holidays have ended; and a beautiful, deeply moving

tribute to the winter solstice, celebrating nature's precious annual gift of rebirth.

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

The creative team responsible for a recent Broadway flop (in which three chorus girls were murdered by the mysterious "Stage Door Slasher") assemble for a backer's audition of their new show at the Westchester estate of a wealthy "angel." The house is replete with sliding panels, secret passageways and a German maid who is apparently four different people – all of which figure diabolically in the comic mayhem that follows when the infamous "slasher" makes his reappearance and strikes again.

True West

True West concerns the struggle for power between two brothers – Lee, a drifter and petty thief, and Austin, a successful screenwriter – while they collaborate on a screenplay in their mother's southern California home.

This savage and blackly humorous version of the Cain and Abel story also satirizes the modern West's exploitation of the romanticized cowboys-and-Indians West of American mythology.

Godspell

A CCP Rising Star Production

Based on the Gospel according to Mat-

thew, *Godspell* is the first musical theatre offering from composer Stephen Schwartz, who went on to write such well-known hits as *Wicked*, *Pippin*, and *Children of Eden*. The show features a comedic troupe of eccentric players who team up with Jesus to teach his lessons in a new age through parables, games, and tomfoolery.

Godspell also features the international hit "Day by Day," as well as an eclectic blend of songs ranging from pop to vaudeville, as Jesus' life is played out onstage. Even after the haunting crucifixion, Jesus' message of kindness, tolerance and love lives on vibrantly.

Ken Ludwig's

Murder on the Orient Express

The exotic Orient Express is about to go off the rails.

With a train full of remarkable suspects and an alibi for each one, it's the perfect mystery for detective Hercule Poirot. When the Agatha Christie estate approached Ken Ludwig to adapt Dame Agatha's most enduring novel and put it on stage, he agreed with alacrity – just as quickly as it takes Hercule Poirot to solve the most thrilling case of his entire career.

So wax your mustache and hold onto your passport for what has now become the most highly produced comedy-mystery in the world.

Cicero McDonald's now delivering to boaters on Morse Lake

The REPORTER

Boaters on Morse Lake in Cicero won't have to leave the water to enjoy a meal, thanks to their local McDonald's, which is now offering boat-side delivery.

The Cicero McDonald's restaurant is believed to be the first in Indiana to offer this digitally streamlined service, meaning if boaters are craving lunch, their meal is just a few minutes away – and they won't have to leave their boat to get it.

The Cicero McDonald's has partnered with DoorDash to make this process as simple as possible. Drop-offs will be made at the Red Bridge Marina. From the middle of the lake, a customer can place an order via the DoorDash app, set their pickup location to 697 W. Jackson St. and select the 'hand to me' delivery op-



tion. By the time the boat arrives at the marina, the delivery driver will be waiting for them at the end of the pier with their meal.

"This is really about taking customer service to the next level," Cicero McDonald's owner Blake Kosanovich said. "Who wants to end a day on the lake early to run out for lunch? We want to reach our customers anywhere and anyway possible. We couldn't be more

excited to offer this service to the residents and visitors of Cicero."

The town of Cicero surrounds the upper portion of Morse Reservoir. The man-made lake covers 1,500 acres with a shoreline of over 32 miles and plays host to water and boat enthusiasts throughout the summer.

"We know that Morse Lake is what brings this town together," Kosanovich

said. "We're honored to serve the people who call Cicero home and the thousands of visitors who enjoy Morse Lake every summer."

Customers can download the DoorDash app online or through their App Store on their mobile phone. When they're off the lake, customers can still enjoy all of McDonald's iconic menu items via carry-out, drive-thru, the McDonald's app or McDelivery.



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Westfield Police lead first Little Citizens Academy for young Shamrock students



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Recently, the Westfield Police Department (WPD) School Resource Officers (SROs) hosted the first ever Little Citizens' Academy for first-grade through fifth-grade children from Westfield. Participants got to know the SROs and learned about being a good citizen. Kids were also visited by WPD's Criminal Investigation Team, Emergency Service Unit members, Drone Team, and K9 officers. The SROs also conducted a STEM workshop showing the importance of wearing seat belts while in a vehicle. It was a great week, and the SROs are thankful for the opportunity to connect with children in the community.



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Two Hamilton County students intern for Senator Todd Young

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U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) recognizes Hoosier students who participated in the first session of his summer internship program in Washington, D.C.

The students assisted legislative and communications staff with daily activities and special projects. The intern class included Alex Kukura of Westfield, a junior at Indiana University; Jared Smith of Upland, Ind., a recent graduate of Taylor University; Sui Len Par of Indianapolis, a junior at Indiana University; Rachel Hudson, a recent graduate from Fishers; Andrew Murry, a recent graduate of Indiana University; and Alaina Kalin, a senior at Indiana University.

"I have such a passion for government and a connection to Indiana, so this internship seemed like the perfect fit," Hudson said. "I really want to learn the day-to-day work of a staffer on Capitol Hill and also to get experience on the legislative side of government."

"[I wanted] to see firsthand how Congressional offices function and the more detailed aspects of the legislative process that you can't really see from the outside," Kukura said.

"I admire Senator Young's stance on certain issues, and I hope to work on [Capitol Hill] one day," Par said. "I hope to learn more about how the Senator interacts with his constituents and how policies form. My journey as a refugee from Myanmar piqued my interest."

"I applied to serve and gain experience in the U.S. Senate as I look to work in government after college," Smith said. "Economic development, at home and abroad, is a passion I have that connects to the Senator's mission in Washington. The Senator's USICA bill – the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act – piqued my interest in the government's ability to spur strategic innovation as the U.S. seeks a generational advantage over China."

Senator Young's office offers internship opportunities year-round in both his Washington and Indianapolis offices. The internship program offers students the opportunity to experience the legislative branch of government and serve Hoosiers.

Students interested in applying can visit [Senator Young's internship webpage](#) or call (202) 224-5623 to learn more.



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(From left) Alex Kukura of Westfield, Jared Smith of Upland, Ind., Sui Len Par of Indianapolis, Senator Todd Young, Rachel Hudson of Fishers, Andrew Murry and Alaina Kalin.

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning of an impostor scam targeting local patients. Beware those incoming calls from phone numbers associated with a local doctor's office as they may have been spoofed.

Scammers like to use technology to modify numbers that show on a caller ID to trick you into answering the phone. The scammer then proceeds to impersonate the doctor's office whose phone number is appearing.

A recent study released by BBB shows impostor scams continue to be costly. BBB warns people to use caution if they are contacted by anyone asking for money or information.

If you're not certain whether the call is legitimate or a spoof, hang up and dial the known phone number you find for the business. Verify the communication, especially if personal and/or financial information is requested.

According to the BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, impersonation is a very common tactic used by scammers. Impostor scams come in all shapes and sizes with the same intent - to trick you out of your money and/or personal information.

Tips to avoid this impostor scam

- **Stay calm.** If you receive any of these impostor calls, resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is or how threatening or intimidating the caller sounds.
- **Don't reply directly.** Don't respond to the call. Instead, call the company directly to verify the phone call received.
- **Go to the source or get help.** When in doubt, call a friend, loved one or your local BBB to ask for a second opinion. Regardless of what is said in the phone conversation, tell someone.

Learn more tips on how to avoid scams by going to BBB.org/ScamTips. If you have been the victim of this or another fraud, make others aware by filing a report on BBB.org/ScamTracker.

Products recalled in June

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita reminds Hoosiers to be aware of products that were recalled in June. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Hoosiers have the right to know if items bought have the potential for danger and should be able to find a solution to replace the recalled product. This month, there are several over the counter medications you will want to check your medicine cabinet for," Rokita said. "Consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution, call my office for help."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in June:

- Lidocaine Topical Anesthetic Cream from Mohnark Pharmaceuticals
- Walgreens Brand Acetaminophen from Aurohealth
- Kroger Brand Aspirin and Ibuprofen from Time-Cap Labs
- Kroger Brand Acetaminophen from Aurohealth
- Kroger Brand Acetaminophen from Sun Pharma
- Microwavable Bowl Holders from DEM-DACO
- Refrigerators from Frigidaire and Electrolux
- Pajama Sets from Target
- Aflac Plush Promotional Ducks from Commu-nicorp
- Children's Toys from Jungle Jumperoo
- Activity Loops Toys from The Manhattan Toy Company
- Electric Bicycles from Brompton Bicycle
- Black Light Fixtures from Spirit Halloween
- Treadmills from Nautilus
- Intimidator and Mahindra Utility Vehicles from Intimidator
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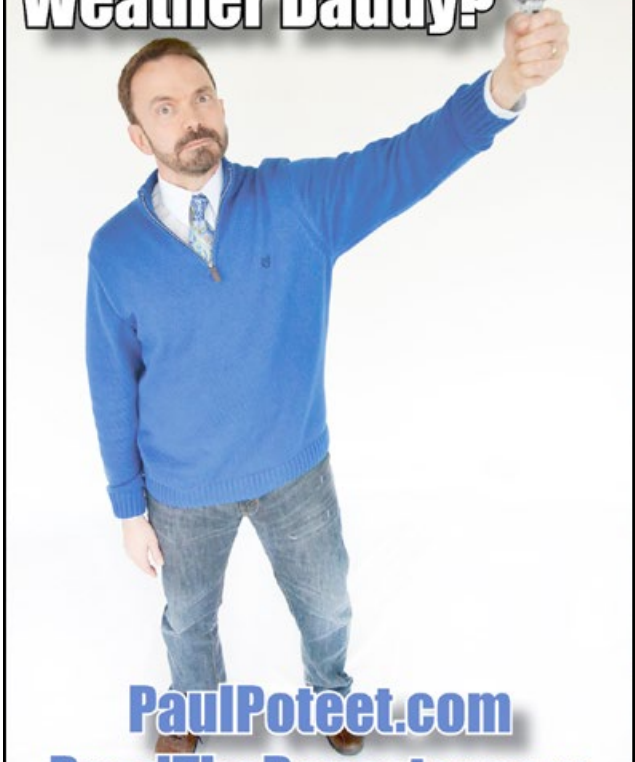
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- Wood Baby Activity Push Walkers from Asweets
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- Egg Chairs from TJX
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- Electrical Panels from Schneider Electric
- Children's Desks and Chairs from Times Tienda
- Wooden Xylophone Toys from Primark
- WarmWave and Hunter Ceramic Tower Heaters from Sienhua Group

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to June, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission [website](http://www.cpsc.gov).

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By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Hebrews 11:8-12 (NIV)

Mildred Louise Dickey

August 10, 1924 – June 29, 2022

Mildred Louise Dickey, 97, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at IU Health Saxony Fishers. She was born on August 10, 1924, to Vance and Ruddy (Ramsey) Mitchell in Clay, Ky.

Mildred graduated in 1942 from Tech High School and worked for Allison escorting visitors in and out of the building prior to WWII.

Mildred married Jack Dickey in September of 1944. She was a Sunday School teacher at Brightwood Christian Church and a high school youth leader at North Tacoma Christian Church. Mildred was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and was awarded a 50-year pin as a member of the Order of Eastern Star where she held chair of Ruth from 1959 to 1960.

She enjoyed Churchill Downs races, playing euchre and poker, and going to Florida in the winter. Mildred was also a Brownie, Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, and a baseball mom. She enjoyed their lake house on Lake Shafer, boat rides with her grandkids, and taking them to Indiana Beach. Most of all, Mildred loved her family and her God.

She is survived by her children, Jack W. (Dee) Dickey Jr. and Kathy J. (Bruce) Howe; son-in-law, Nick Knepple; grandchildren, Jack W. (Kim) Dickey III, Michelle (Ryan) Bartlett, Ryan (Amy) Howe, and Amy (Preston) Myers; great-grandchildren, Jack W. Dickey IV, Nicole Dickey, Gavin Dickey, and Kira Howe; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mildred was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Jack W. Dickey Sr.; daughter, Beverly Knepple; grandchildren, Janette and Daniel Knepple; and her siblings, Ann Little, William Mitchell, and Bette Carter.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 4780 E. 126th St., Carmel. Dr. Brian White will officiate. Private family burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Even clowns cry ... sometimes

The story of the Hartford, Conn., circus fire of 1944

It was around 78 years ago: July 6, 1944, to be exact.

It was a sweltering hot day in Hartford, Conn.

World War II still raged on.

The nation was tired; tired of their loved ones being overseas, tired of the war, tired of rationing.

Many needed a break. The residents of Hartford saw this with the arrival of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Between 6,000 and 8,000 people showed up to watch the circus performance on that afternoon in the Big Top Tent.

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus was the largest and most popular circus in the country.

The circus arrived so late on July 5 that two shows had to be canceled. In circus lore, missing a show was considered a very, very bad omen. A late evening show did manage to perform, with nervous, superstitious circus employees ever watchful for any impending danger. The show went off smoothly.

The next day at 2 p.m., the performance was to begin again. Due to the war, the show was attended by mainly women and children.

The Big Top Tent was 200 feet wide and 450 feet long with 15-foot sidewalls. The center roof was 48 feet high.

For waterproofing, the Big Top Tent was covered with 1,800 pounds of paraffin dissolved in 6,000 gallons of gasoline.

The flooring of the Big Top Tent was covered in hay, wood shavings and sawdust.

There was one main exit and eight smaller exits. However, many of the smaller exits were blocked by circus equipment.

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The bottoms of the sidewalls were tied down tightly to prevent anyone from trying to sneak in by going under the sidewalls.

All the above was a recipe for

disaster!

A fire began as a small flame in a corner after a performance by the lions. As the Great Flying Wallendas performed their high wire act, the circus band leader spotted the flames and directed the band to play "Stars and Stripes Forever." The emergency distress signal for all circus personnel.

The fire then shorted out the power, so the ringmaster could not be heard trying to calm the crowd or give instructions on how to evacuate the tent safely. Ushers tried to maintain some orderly evacuation out of the tent but were overwhelmed by the panicked crowd.

Ushers then tried to douse the flames with buckets of water posted around the tent to no avail.

Then in desperation, the Ushers tried to cut down parts of the tent wall that was on fire. It was futile. The fire was out of control.

Most of the spectators escaped unharmed. Witness reported seeing many panicked mothers running in circles in the flaming tent looking for their children. Some who made it out safely returned into the inferno looking for family members. Some spectators, frozen in fear and shock, stayed seated until the end as molting paraffin wax rained down from the roof.

The tent, now a massive blaze, collapsed in eight minutes, trapping hundreds. By the time the Hartford Fire Department arrived, nothing was left of the structure except glowing embers.



Photo provided

The victims died from asphyxiation, burns, smoke inhalation and being trampled. Many died while trying to go under the tied-down tent walls. Most of the victims were found by the (many blocked) congested exits, some three bodies deep.

The best-known victim was a young blond girl wearing a white dress.

She was never claimed and was identified as only "Little Miss 1565" after the number assigned to her in the city's emergency morgue. She was buried without a name in a Hartford cemetery.

After years of exhaustive investigations, the child was believed to be Eleanor Emily Cook. In 1991 her body was exhumed and buried next to her brother Edward who also perished in the fire.

After the case was litigated, all the profits Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Baily Circus made from 1944 until 1954 went to

the victims' families: \$5 million.

Across the country after the Hartford circus tent fire, sweeping changes were made in state fire codes, and fire marshals were given more authority. Today, Connecticut has the strictest fire codes in the nation.

In 2002, the Hartford Circus Fire Memorial Foundation erected a permanent memorial to the people killed in the fire.

During their final tour, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus put on its last performance in Hartford, Conn., in 2017.

There has been much speculation as to the true cause of the fire. It was believed a serial arsonist was the culprit, but the story didn't hold up. Some believe a carelessly discarded cigarette caused the fire. The true cause of the fire will probably never be known.

What is known? "Even clowns cry ... sometimes."

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Westfield's own Cailyn Henderson takes top spot at state amateur golf tournament

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Cailyn Henderson will soon begin her dream of making it onto the professional golf tour, but on Friday, she won the state's biggest amateur tournament.

The Westfield graduate triumphed at the Indiana Women's Golf Association's Women's State Amateur Championship, which finished up Friday at Delaware Country Club in Muncie. Henderson won the three-day, 54-hole event by four strokes with a score of 217, totaling four over par for the tournament.

Henderson led by one after the first round, scoring a 72. She then totaled another 72 for the second round, making three birdies both days. Henderson scored 73 for her Friday third round, draining one additional birdie.

"I played well," said Henderson. It was her best-ever finish at the Women's Amateur.

"The best part of my game was my short game," said Henderson. "I've been working really hard on it," she continued, saying that "a while ago," it was "the worst part of my game." Henderson decided to try to "take the worst part of my game and make it the best part of my game," and she did just that.

"I wasn't hitting many fairways, but that short game really stepped up, and it was definitely paying off with all the practice I was putting into it," said Henderson.

During the tournament, Henderson said she went into each round with the same game plan every day:

Hit as many fairways and greens as possible.

"I was hitting on the green, so that really, really helped my scorecards," said Henderson. "I went in with a positive attitude and was like, whatever happens, happens."

While she is still playing as an amateur, Henderson has been trying her hand in pro tours. She took part in the East Coast women's tour, then played a few events on the Cactus Tour in Arizona, where scored two top-10 finishes.

As for the future, Henderson will play in the Women's Amateur qualifier next week, then in the Women's Western Amateur. After that, she will head to the LPGA Q-school, which begins in mid-August.

"I will be turning pro in August," she said.

Four other players with Hamilton County ties placed in the top 10 at the Women's State Amateur. Becky Williams, a recent University High School graduate, finished in sixth with a 227, making six birdies along the way. Noblesville's Caroline Whallon placed seventh by scoring 228; she totaled eight birdies for the tournament.

Katie Kuc, a Carmel graduate who just finished her freshman year at Xavier University, finished in ninth with a score of 232, collecting six birdies. Westfield's Addi Kooi took 10th with a 234, making seven birdies.

HAMILTON COUNTY RESULTS

1. Cailyn Henderson, Westfield 72-72-73=217,
6. Becky Williams, Zionsville (University High School) 76-74-77=227,



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Westfield's Cailyn Henderson won the Indiana Women's Golf Association's Women's State Amateur Championship, which finished up Friday at Delaware Country Club in Muncie. Henderson won by four strokes, scoring a three-day total of 217.

7. Caroline Whallon, Noblesville 75-76-77=228, 82-81-78=241; Angelica Pfefferkorn, Carmel 78-9. Katie Kuc, Carmel 76-78-78=232, 10. Addi Kooi, Westfield 78-83-73=234, T16. Maggie Schaffer, Carmel 76-79-85=240, T19. Macy Beeson, Harbour Trees 76-74-77=227, 79-86-83=248, 39. Kelsey Harveluck, Westfield 87-80-83=250, T41. Marissa Spreitzer, Fishers 83-83-86=252, T47. Sydney Longstreth, Carmel 88-89-84=261; Ava Nguyen, Carmel 86-92-83=261, T50. Allie McKeown, Westfield 88-89-86=263; Christina Pfefferkorn, Carmel 90-89-84=263, 55. Maya Berglund, Carmel 84-86-96=266, 57. Josie Kelley, Noblesville 88-91-90=269, T58. Sophia Stutz, Harbour Trees 87-89-96=272.

Shamrock commits to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Claire Thompson taking her golf skills to college

The REPORTER

Westfield incoming senior Claire Thompson has committed to play golf for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute.

Thompson was a member of the Shamrocks team that placed third in the state in 2021, and recently finished 44th in the Girls Indiana Junior PGA Championship. She is the daughter of Brent and Christie Thompson and the sister of Riley Shively, Sophie Thompson and Maggie Thompson, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Thompson plans to major in Accounting and minor in Leadership Studies at

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

"I feel incredibly welcomed and appreciated," said Thompson. "I see myself being the best person and athlete at SMWC. I really look forward to meeting my teammates, working with Coach Miller and his staff and starting the next chapter of my journey. Go Pomeroy!"

"Claire is going to be a great addition to our team," said Craig Miller, SMWC women's golf coach. "I knew once I met Claire and her family that she would be a perfect fit. We are very excited to see what Claire can do in her senior year at Westfield."



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Westfield incoming senior Claire Thompson has committed to play golf for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute. Thompson was part of the Shamrocks team that finished third in the state last season. She is pictured with her family.

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Noblesville's Lily Barker to join IU dance team



Noblesville's Lily Barker has committed to join the Indiana University dance team. (Front row, from left) Bryan Barker (father), Lily Barker, and Jamie Barker (mother). (Back row, from left) Kate Barker (sister), Bailey Mann (Noblesville Dance Head Coach), and Beth Muller (Noblesville Dance Assistant Coach).

Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

MLB standings

Friday's games		Late games	
Chicago Cubs 6, Boston 5	Arizona 9, Colorado 3	Houston 8, L.A. Angels 1	
Toronto 9, Tampa Bay 2	Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2	N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, postponed	
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 3			
Miami 6, Washington 3			
Atlanta 9, Cincinnati 1			
Milwaukee 19, Pittsburgh 2			
Kansas City 3, Detroit 1			
N.Y. Mets 4, Texas 3			

WNBA standings

Friday's games	Late game
Los Angeles 97, Dallas 89	Indiana at Seattle
Las Vegas 91, Minnesota 85	

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	56	21	0.727	-	N.Y. Mets	48	29	0.623	-
Toronto	44	33	0.571	12.0	Atlanta	45	33	0.577	3.5
Boston	43	34	0.558	13.0	Philadelphia	41	37	0.526	7.5
Tampa Bay	40	36	0.526	15.5	Miami	35	40	0.467	12.0
Baltimore	35	43	0.449	21.5	Washington	29	50	0.367	20.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	44	36	0.550	-	Milwaukee	45	34	0.570	-
Cleveland	39	34	0.534	1.5	St. Louis	43	36	0.544	2.0
Chicago White Sox	35	39	0.473	6.0	Chicago Cubs	31	46	0.403	13.0
Detroit	29	46	0.387	12.5	Pittsburgh	31	46	0.403	13.0
Kansas City	28	47	0.373	13.5	Cincinnati	26	50	0.342	17.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	49	27	0.645	-	L.A. Dodgers	47	28	0.627	-
Texas	36	39	0.480	12.5	San Diego	46	32	0.590	2.5
Seattle	37	41	0.474	13.0	San Francisco	40	34	0.541	6.5
L.A. Angels	37	42	0.468	13.5	Arizona	35	42	0.455	13.0
Oakland	25	53	0.321	25.0	Colorado	33	44	0.429	15.0

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