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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly cloudy.  
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Tonight: Scattered showers  
and storms.

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(Left, from left) Heather Sexton, Ashlynn Green, Connor Stumm, Tori Waters, Hannah Cooper, Zach Rumschlag, Janet Pillsbury, Danielle McCain, and Alexis Hartman. (Right, from left) Scott Sears, David Fronek, Jason Walther, Mackenzie Adams, Abby Ward, Melissa Hoffman, Kayla Gerlach, Brooke Harbaugh, and Tiffany Lienert.



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

## Sheridan Schools welcomes 18 new teachers on board

### The REPORTER

Good things are happening in Sheridan.

There will be many new faces at Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) when doors open for classes. There are 18 new teachers this year, representing over 20 percent of the teaching staff, higher than the last three years combined. SCS saw a large number of teachers who retired after teaching many years. Exit interviews with departing teachers showed many reasons for their departure; several had hung on for retirement in order to get their students through the pandemic.

Based on the large number of quality applicants and

the comments from those hired, teachers recognize what Sheridan has to offer its students with smaller class sizes and the commitment of a caring culture. One teacher is returning to Sheridan after spending nine years at another district, waiting for an opportunity to return. One new teacher commented, "All I have received is good news since I accepted this position."

"We are excited to welcome this group of outstanding educators to our caring staff," Superintendent Dave Mundy said. "At Sheridan we understand that people make a difference! To be a great place for students, we also need to be a great place

for our staff."

The two day-long trainings were held this summer to acclimate new teachers. The day was focused on getting the new teachers familiarized with the outstanding culture and climate of Sheridan Community Schools. They were also able to get their email accounts, access to their classrooms, and other vital information to start their school year off on a positive note. The day included lunch prepared by the central office staff. Because of the many new teachers, two separate days were held to allow for personalized attention for each new teacher.

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools  
Chef Robin Popejoy (who actually serves as the school corporation's Director of Finance) made sure all the new teachers were well-fed.

## Carmel Police Chief Horner out, Barlow back on interim basis

### The REPORTER & WISH-TV

On Monday, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard accepted the resignation of Police Chief Jeff Horner.

The resignation came just days after Deputy Police Chief Joe Bickel was suspended following an external investigation that uncovered three alleged incidents of inappropriate behavior. Horner has recommended Bickel's firing, and Mayor Brainard agreed.

Regarding Horner's resignation from his appointed position as chief, he will remain on the force in his merit position as a lieutenant.



Horner

### Residents respond

Editor's note: The following quotations were provided by WISH-TV.

Carmel resident Gale Runberg said of Horner, "I believe he has a lot of experience, and Carmel can benefit from him staying on."

Runberg also said, "I was very disappointed, very disappointed, but glad he took responsibility."

Other Carmel residents who talked with WISH-TV News 8 say they want more transparency.

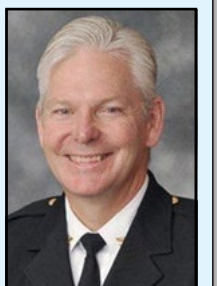
"I think I'm a little sadder than frustrated," Bryndon Preston said. "I like transparency. That's how I live my life."

Preston added, "I would like to see them continue that journey of transparency and integrity and communication because I think we can work through almost anything if we communicate and are good to each other."

### Barlow steps back in

Mayor Brainard has appointed retired Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow to serve as interim chief until a permanent replacement is chosen.

Barlow served as Chief from June 2017 until January of this year when he retired. Under his leadership, the Department received its eighth award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies for continuing to meet the highest professional standards for public safety. During his time with the Department, he served as one of the department's firearms instructors for more than 30 years and he spent 20 years as part of the SWAT team, six of those years as SWAT Commander.



Barlow

## Excel Center of Noblesville helped me find my place

By PEDRO MOSQUERA

Guest Columnist

Editor's note: This column is part of a series written by students and graduates from The Excel Center in Noblesville.

At 19 years old, I am proud to say that I graduated from high school this year as the salutatorian of my class.

Originally from Venezuela, I earned an education at home that did not transfer to the United States. Upon learning about the education opportunities



right here in Noblesville, I was thrilled to learn about The Excel Center, a free high school for adults owned and operated by Goodwill, which led me to the happiest year of my life so far! As a Venezuelan newcomer

to the United States, I wasn't sure about what to do after arriving; I knew I wanted to continue with my education, but I wasn't sure how. I tried looking for a way to enter high school. First, I tried enrolling in a traditional

high school, but I could not do it because of complications with the enrolling system, and that made me feel defeated, having to reconsider things because I may not be able to actually continue my studies.

But then, I got lucky. The counselor who was helping me with everything related to my enrollment told me not to worry and handed me a paper with all the information I needed to enroll at The Excel Center. It was

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## Noblesville & Carmel Lions support Gleaners



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

Last Thursday afternoon, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions helped Gleaners Food Bank pass out food at Six Points Church in Sheridan. This is a regular event for the two Lions Clubs. (From left) Noblesville Lions Jerry Baker, Jen Carr, Joe Connerley, Carol Miller, Steve Shaw, Ron Williamson, and Duke Miller showing off their cabbages – the veggie of the day!

## Duke Energy's Dagny Zupin featured speaker this Saturday at Cicero Kiwanis meeting

### The REPORTER

Dagny Zupin, Community Relations Liaison for Duke Energy, representing Hamilton, Madison, and Wayne counties, will be the guest speaker at this Saturday's breakfast meeting of the Cicero Kiwanis Club.

Zupin will speak on Duke Energy's commitment to community and share energy-saving tips and energy efficiency measures. The meeting takes place at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 30 at Red Bridge Park Community building in Cicero. The meeting begins with breakfast followed by Zupin's program and a Q&A.

If you think Zupin looks familiar, you are correct. A

Cicero resident, she is active in Cicero Main Street and Northern Hamilton County's Chamber of Commerce. Her energetic personality, strong skill set, and love of the community has made her a great fit for her role at Duke Energy and an asset to local schools and the community.

### About Duke Energy

For more than 100 years, Duke Energy has proudly served its communities through charitable giving and employee volunteerism. The company believes the decisions it makes today



Zupin

will determine its long-term prospects as a company. One of those decisions is to ensure the communities it serves have the resources and support they require to thrive – now and well into the future. Through its employees, services, and involvement, Duke Energy looks forward to building upon this legacy and making a lasting impact.

### About the Cicero Kiwanis

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

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TEACHERS

Teachers joining the SCS team are at various levels in their careers. Many are leaving other districts to join Sheridan, as well as a nice mix of teachers new to the profession.

“While there is definite-

ly a shortage of applicants across the state and the overall pool of potential teachers is getting smaller, we were exceptionally happy with the number of individuals who wanted to join the Sheridan team,”

Mundy said. “We had a lot of quality individuals to interview and our admin team in collaboration with our teachers did a terrific job of selecting this outstanding group of new Blackhawks.”

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MY PLACE

later that day that I learned a cousin of mine had studied there too, and I decided to ask him about his experience at The Excel Center. He said the people there were very friendly, and they are always willing to help you if you need it.

A couple of days after, I enrolled and began attending classes. I had the idea that it might be hard for me to get used to the way things worked, but my teachers made sure to make it as easy for me as possible. They were even willing to help or guide me in any way I needed for months and, even now, weeks after my graduation, I know I can still

approach not only my teachers but any staff for whatever I need, whenever I need it, knowing they will make time to help me.

The Excel Center has allowed me to meet so many great people who really have a passion for what they do, people you can make friends with and have a fun conversation with. Teachers will never try to pressure you. That’s not the point: they want you to succeed more than anything else. And if you need a more flexible schedule, or need a day off for whatever reason, they are willing to work with you to help you succeed.

In addition to earning

a Core 40 high school diploma, The Excel Center helped me earn free dual credit in four college courses. I will take these credits with me as I continue my studies at Ivy Tech before studying audio technology at a university.

The Excel Center and its staff have done so much for me and for others, and I appreciate it greatly, which is why I can only tell everyone that The Excel Center is a unique place to obtain a high school diploma, including free college and career pathways!

Learn more about The Excel Center at [excelcenter.org](http://excelcenter.org).

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ZUPIN

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.

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- **Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

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# Seven county students each receive two prestigious college scholarships

*Riverview Health Foundation awards \$10,500 for studies in medical field*

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health Foundation has awarded the Dr. and Mrs. Malcom Bray Medical Scholarship and Hamilton County Medical Society Scholarship to seven deserving Hamilton County students.

The students from the 2021-2022 school year who have received the scholarship include:

- Emma Bui, Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Erin Hanna, Fishers High School
- Breanna Hunter, Sheridan High School
- Allison Maskew, Noblesville High School
- Arya Musthyala, Carmel High School
- Hannah Pensyl, Westfield High School
- Eli VanHaaren, Hamilton Heights High School

“We continue to be impressed with the students selected by each of the public high schools in Hamilton County. Hearing their accomplishments and future plans provides a terrific look into how they will impact their communities,” Riverview Health Foundation Executive Director Megan Wiles said. “The philosophy of Dr. Malcom Bray and Mary Bray was to share the blessings they had received in life by giving back to the community. It’s an honor to carry on their legacy and support those that will hopefully also serve their communities one day through their medical careers. This year we were fortunate to add an additional award from the Hamilton County Medical Society Scholarship Fund in conjunction with the Dr. and Mrs. Malcom Bray Scholarships.”

The Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bray Medical Scholarship was established in 1993 through Riverview Health Foundation and is awarded to a graduating senior from each of the public high schools in Hamilton County wishing to pursue a career in the medical field. Each recipient is awarded a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. More than 180 scholarships have been awarded to students since its inception.

The Brays’ support of Riverview Health runs deep. Dr. Bray was a scientist at Eli Lilly and Co. and a member of Riverview Health Foundation Board of Directors for 18 years. Mary Bray volunteered at Riverview Health for more than 40 years and her great-grandfather was instrumental in relocating Riverview Health to its current location.



Wiles



Photo provided

(From left) Hamilton County high school graduates Eli VanHaaren, Emma Bui, Allison Maskew, Hannah Pensyl, Erin Hanna and Brianna Hunter. Not pictured: Arya Musthyala.

The Hamilton County Medical Society Scholarship was created at the end of 2021 in partnership with Riverview Health Foundation with the goal to help local students pursue a medical career. This is the first year for this scholarship to be presented, and

because the Bray Scholarship and the Hamilton County Medical Society Scholarship share the same goal, both scholarships were given to the seven students who were selected for the Bray Scholarship. Each student received an additional \$500.

**About Riverview Health Foundation**

Since its inception in 1976, Riverview Health Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – has served Riverview Health in preserving the health of the community through philanthropic efforts and

fundraising. Funds raised by Riverview Health Foundation are gifted to Riverview Health for the purposes of purchasing advanced medical equipment and providing much-needed services to patients and their family members. Learn more at [riverview.org/foundation](http://riverview.org/foundation).



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## National Weather Service not surveying after four reports of funnel clouds Sunday

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The National Weather Service (NWS) on Monday said it will not conduct surveys after at least four reports of funnel clouds

Sunday in central Indiana. **The funnel clouds were spotted** during severe weather in Belle Union, Carmel, Ellettsville, and Whitestown.

NWS on Sunday issued tornado warnings for sev-

eral parts of the state, including Boone, Hamilton, and Putnam counties, but no tornadoes were reported.

*Storm Track 8's Steven Diana contributed to this report.*

## Fishers Health Dept. offers back-to-school shots

### Immunization clinic open for HSE students

#### The REPORTER

The Fishers Health Department (FHD) is playing host to Back-to-School Immunization Clinics at various Hamilton Southeastern Schools and events today and next week. HSE students can receive free doses of required immunizations for school, including Tdap, Meningococcal (MCV4 and Men B), HPV, as well as COVID-19 vaccines.

FHD's Back-to-School Immunization clinics are open to Hamilton Southeastern Schools students only and take place:

- Wednesday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at Hamilton Southeastern High School, 12499 Olio Road

- Wednesday, July 27 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate Junior High, 12278 Cyntheanne Road

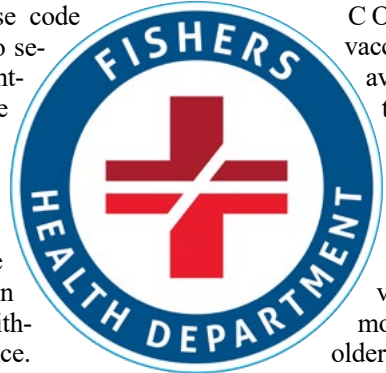
- Monday, Aug. 1 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Fishers High School, 13000 Promise Road

Advanced registration is required for students at [patients.vaxcare.com/register](https://patients.vaxcare.com/register)

ation; use code IN72472 to select appointment time and location. Free immunizations are available for children with or without insurance.

Students on a regular vaccine schedule typically require immunizations prior to entering kindergarten, sixth and 12th grades. All students are recommended to be up to date on COVID-19 vaccine recommendations and receive an annual flu vaccine. Please refer to the [Required & Recommended School Immunizations](https://fishers.in.us/HealthDepartment) schedule for Indiana's full requirements.

All Hoosiers can also receive non-COVID-19 immunizations at the FHD Clinic, 8937 Technology Drive, by scheduling an appointment at (317) 537-0500. Learn more at [this link](https://fishers.in.us/HealthDepartment).



COVID-19 vaccines are available at the FHD Clinic by appointment or walk-in for individuals six months and older during all open hours. See [fishers.in.us/COVID](https://fishers.in.us/COVID) for COVID-19 vaccination hours and details at [fishers.in.us/COVID](https://fishers.in.us/COVID).

FHD will also offer COVID-19 vaccines, shot records and immunization appointment scheduling at HSE Schools' Before the Bell event from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Parents can meet representatives from all HSE schools and area partners, and network with families at the event.

Learn more about immunizations and FHD at [fishers.in.us/HealthDepartment](https://fishers.in.us/HealthDepartment), and follow along on [Facebook](https://facebook.com/fishershealthdept) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/fishershealthdept) for updates.

## AG Rokita leads multistate lawsuit over schools lunches & transgender policies

#### Submitted

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading a **22-state lawsuit against the Biden administration** over its demands that schools enact certain transgender policies as part of qualifying to receive nutritional assistance.

"We all know the Biden administration is dead-set on imposing an extreme left-wing agenda on Americans nationwide," Rokita said. "But they've reached a new level of shamelessness with this ploy of holding up food assistance for low-in-

come kids unless schools do the Left's bidding."

The lawsuit, co-led by Tennessee Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III, specifically names the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as defendant. On May 5, the USDA's Food and Nutrition Services **issued guidance to Indiana** and other states announcing that discrimination on the basis of sex in Title IX and the Food and Nutrition Act includes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

This new guidance has jeopardized states' Title IX and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) school lunch funding.

In the lawsuit, the attorneys general argue the USDA's guidance is unlawful for several reasons – including that states never had opportunity for input on such a policy change and that the guidance is based on a misapplication of U.S. Supreme Court precedents.

According to Rokita, the Biden administration's actions will "inevitably result in regulatory chaos that threatens essential nutritional services to some of Indiana's most vulnerable citizens."

The National School Lunch Program services



Rokita

nearly 30 million schoolchildren each day, many who rely on it for breakfast, lunch, or both. Approximately 100,000 public and non-profit private schools and residential childcare institutions receive federal funding to provide subsidized free or reduced-price meals for qualifying children.

Prior to this lawsuit, Rokita and 25 other attorneys general **signed a letter to President Biden** expressing their concerns.

Earlier this month, Rokita won a legal battle over what he calls "transgender extremism" on another front as a U.S. district court **barred the Biden administration** from enforcing federal "guidance" to coerce schools and employers to, as Rokita says, "kowtow to transgender extremism."

Rokita continues to **defend a new Indiana law** protecting girls' sports against a what he calls a "baseless" lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

"We are fighting for Hoosier common sense and the rule of law wherever they come under challenge," Rokita said. "And we will continue doing the work that the people of Indiana elected us to do."

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Letter to the Editor

Carmel citizens show up, speak out  
More than 50 attend meeting over development plans

Dear Editor:  
Citizen protests regarding a massive redevelopment on a small piece of land adjacent to one of Carmel's oldest neighborhoods helped the city's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Monday to deny the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) and its chosen developer three of six variances from city code in order to complete the project.

Despite a surprise change in its overall plan, the developer – Pure Development – eliminated one of three office buildings proposed for a site on 3rd Avenue SW formerly occupied by AT&T.

More than 50 residents of the adjoining Johnson Addition attended Monday's BZA session and pointed out:

- The official plat of the subdivision specified residential construction only,



This is only part of the more than 50 Carmel residents who attended Monday's Board of Zoning Appeals meeting about consideration of a development project proposed for their neighborhood.

specifically barring commercial development.

- There is no demonstrated need for a 443-space parking garage topped by a four-story, 244-apartment building.

- The developer's plan is predicated on a division of the site into parcels not recognized by any plat map in city or county records.

Others spoke of the quiet, suburban neighborhood's being upset by traf-

fic and congested space described as part of Carmel's Midtown Development but never included in any previous Midtown descriptions in city planning documents.

CRC director Henry Mestetsky said the project had been a long time in the planning process and involved a total \$144 million in investment, and that the parking garage would be available to the general public.

An analysis of the 443-space garage by an engineer/accountant resident of Johnson Addition showed all but a dozen spaces would be needed for apartment renters and office workers.

Several more hearings will be needed before a final decision is reached on the project, according to those familiar with the process.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

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James Sceniak challenges U.S. Senator Young, McDermott to three debates

**Submitted**  
*Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate James Sceniak has formally challenged his opponents, Republican Todd Young and Democrat Tom McDermott, to three debates across Indiana, allowing voters to better know their candidates and their stances prior to the Nov. 8 election.*



Sceniak

Sceniak's statement

As we approach the Nov. 8 election, Hoosiers are preparing to choose their next representative for the U.S. Senate. I ask you to consider this decision carefully and to value their vote.  
Part of valuing your vote is understanding who your candidates are and the principles they stand for. Do those principles value individual freedoms and continue to expand freedom to all?  
This is why, as your Libertarian Party candidate for the United States Senate, I am challenging my opponents Todd Young and Tom McDermott to three debates.  
When an employer is hiring, they will have multiple interviews to be better informed in selecting the top candidate. As voters, you are hiring a senator to represent you. You, the people, have the right to multiple inter-

views with those of us who desire to serve you. Hoosiers have a right to hear the candidates' views and where they contrast. Additionally, you have the right to question and understand the record of the current incumbent.  
Since launching my campaign, I have traveled all across Indiana, meeting voters in their communities and listening to their concerns. I have participated in 15 town halls throughout the state to hear from voters and outline my vision of bringing Hoosier values to Washington, D.C. Opposing deficit spending, ensuring medical freedom, and improving veterans' health care through my VetCare proposal are just three of the priorities Hoosiers want to see in Washington.  
As a voter, you value your vote. You should vote for the option that best aligns with your own principles. Demand three debates, which are a necessary part of the electoral process. You deserve to know where we stand on the issues most important to you. Hoosiers deserve three Senate debates.  
**More about the candidate**  
James Sceniak is a lifelong Hoosier who is running to represent Indiana in the United States Senate. A native of Goshen and a gradu-

ate of Bethel University, he currently resides in Greenwood. He is a behavioral therapist who works with children with autism. His priorities include promoting medical freedom, improv-

ing veterans' health care through his VetCare proposal and bringing the Hoosier values of fiscal responsibility to Congress. To find out more, visit [SceniakForSenate.com](http://SceniakForSenate.com).

Janet Hart Leonard

Meet Janet...

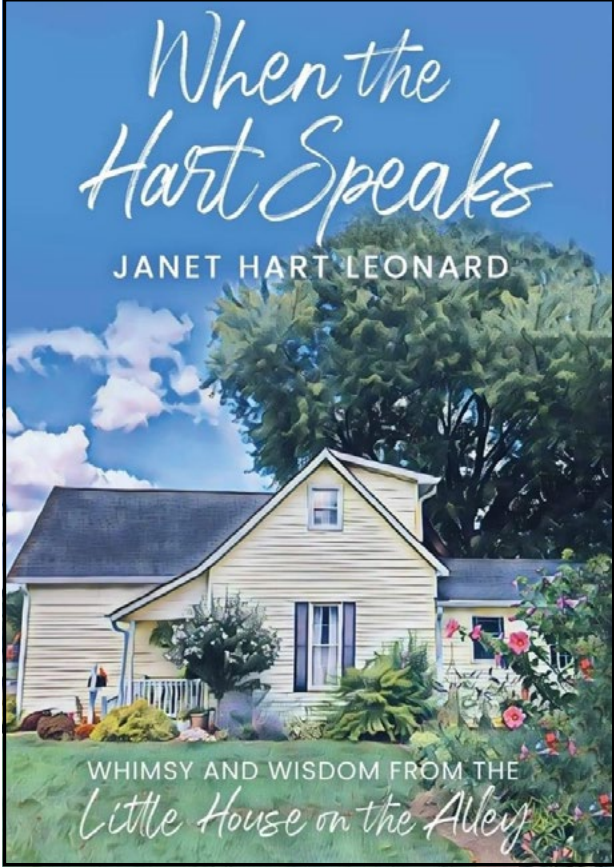
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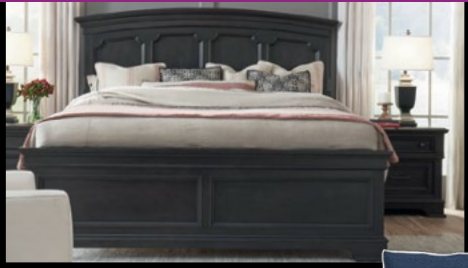


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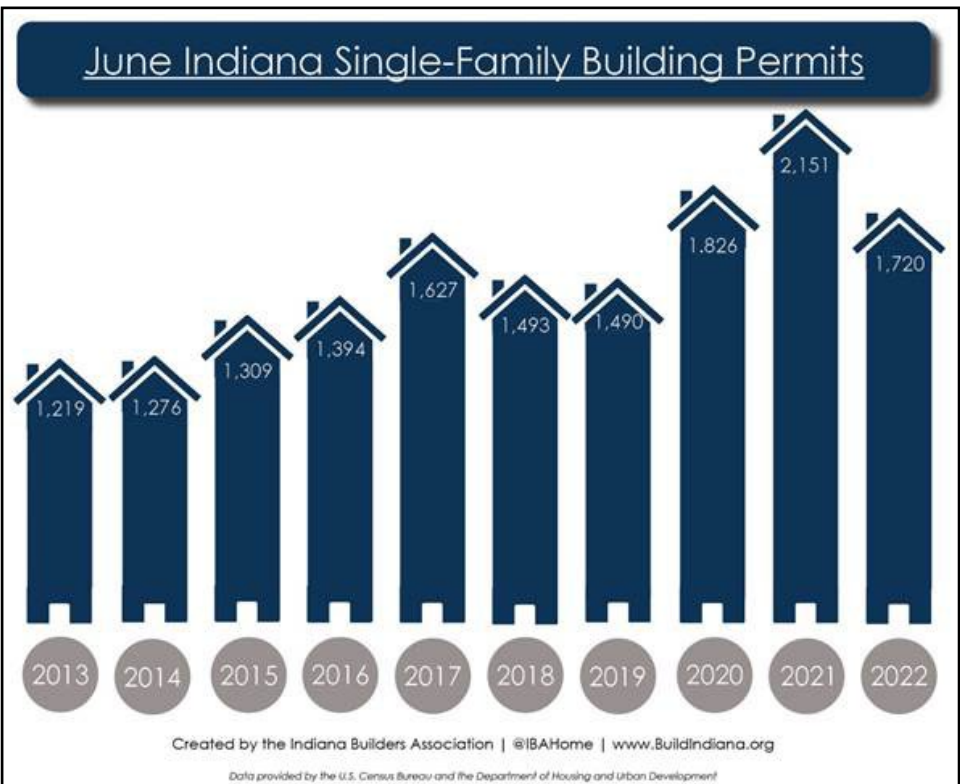
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# Homebuilding permits down 20% in Indiana

## Still higher than pre-pandemic levels

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Builders Association (IBA) has responded to a report that the single-family housing permit number is down 20 percent from last June and down 19 percent from May.

"The dip in permits was expected as increased interest rates and continued price escalations have slowed demand for new homes," IBA President Paul Schwinghammer said. "While the recent retreat in lumber prices is welcome, we are still facing headwinds as the overall economy slows down. Builders have enjoyed robust sales over the past two years so the recent

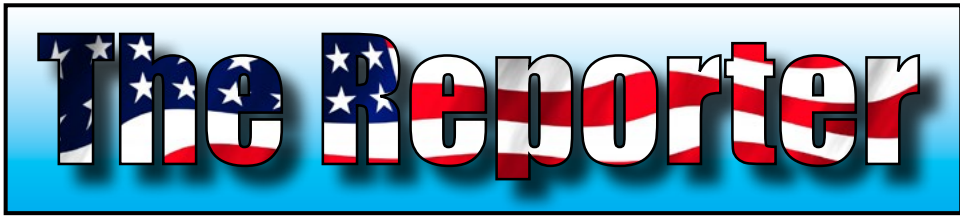
decline in permits was anticipated as the housing market is particularly interest rate sensitive."

### Background

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released statewide totals for building permits issued in June and shows 1,720 single-family permits were pulled. The 1,720 permits pulled in June 2022 are down 20 percent from the 2,151 permits pulled in June 2021. This number is down 19 percent from May 2022, when 2,117 permits were pulled. The single-family permit numbers (10,663) for 2022 are down 8 percent compared to the first six months of 2021.

### About the Indiana Builders Association

The Indiana Builders Association (IBA) is a statewide trade organization representing Indiana's home building, remodeling and light commercial construction industry. Established in 1952, IBA has 21 local affiliates across Indiana and is associated with the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. IBA educates and advocates for the construction industry to positively impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues that affect housing affordability. More information can be found at [buildindiana.org](http://buildindiana.org).



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# Indiana Senate Rules committee advances amended abortion bill

By **RICHARD ESSEX**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Several hundred people signed up Monday to testify for and against the **Indiana Senate's proposed abortion bill** at a Rules committee meeting during the legislative special session.

*Editor's note: No state senator who currently represents any portion of Hamilton County sits on the Senate Rules committee.*

Committee Chairman Sen. Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville) on Monday night extended testimony from 30 to 40 minutes, and on Tuesday also offered a few extra minutes. Others sent comments via email. In the end, about 200 people were turned away from giving in-person testimony on Tuesday.

One woman near the front of the line of those who didn't get to testify was not pleased, and she voiced her feelings. An Indiana State Police trooper escorted her to the door and out of the Statehouse.

The committee later voted 7-5 to advance a bill banning most abortion procedures in the state. The committee added these amendments:

- Girls under the age of 16 can get abortions in the case of rape or incest up to 12 weeks of pregnancy.
- Girls and women over the age of 16 can get abortions in the case of rape or incest up to eight weeks of pregnancy.
- Girls and women claiming rape or incest would have to sign an affidavit for their medical file.

The committee defeated amendments, including one that would allow abortion by telemedicine and another that would grant child support and tax deductions for fetuses.

More amendments are likely with the full Senate hearing the measure on Thursday.

Before the vote, the second day of testimony inside the Senate chamber brought emotions from both sides of the issue.

*"Earlier today, the Senate Rules Committee made SB 1 even more extreme by criminalizing healthcare professionals and even making it more difficult for rape victims to receive an abortion. I will continue to oppose this extreme total ban on abortion."*

— **State Senator J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis)**



*"It's absolutely shameful that this proposal, which was overwhelmingly opposed by the Indiana residents who testified, advanced out of committee. There is no clearer indication than that to show that this supermajority does not care about the will of Hoosiers. 'My caucus offered amendments to make this bill better – not redeemable but somewhat better for Hoosier women. The amendments that were allowed to be heard were not supported. I say allowed, because eleven of our amendments were not even permitted to be called. Science and the expert opinions of healthcare professionals, who helped advise our amendments, were shut down today."*

*"Instead, a bad bill was made even worse by Republican amendments. Under their changes, rape and incest exceptions are limited at 8 weeks over the age of 16 – before a woman may even be aware that she's pregnant. This amendment is needlessly cruel and excessively uncompassionate, and I'm disgusted that it was even introduced let alone passed. I hope the rest of my Republican colleagues are more receptive to Hoosier voices and to the voices of doctors and kill this bill before doing irreversible damage to our state."*

— **State Senator Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis)**



Barry Atwell said on Tuesday he believes lawmakers need to make Indiana's abortion law one of the strictest in the country.

"There were a group of people out there yesterday chanting 'Vote them out, vote them out,' but the fact is that most of those people didn't vote you in," Atwell said. "The people that have voted you in are the people who stand for life and want you to stand for life, and you have committed for standing for life but you have not done it."

The voice that caught the attention of many on the committee was that of 17-year-old Isabel Zollner, a student from Lafayette.

"I know that no matter what testimony I give today it isn't going to change the minds of those of you determined to strip my human rights away," Zollner said. "No matter what terrifying

accounts I bring to the table, no matter statistics I read to you, nothing is going to change your minds because, to some of you, I'm just a girl that doesn't deserve a say in what happens to her today."

John Pernell told the committee his ex-wife had an abortion 20 years ago. Though the procedure was legal, he says it changed his life and not for the better.

"There is a common misconception that abortion has no impact on the father," Pernell said. "We are told it is her body and her choice and, although I felt that way initially, I soon realized that I had been misinformed. If someone would have been there to tell me the emotional effect a man would experience, I think it would have impacted my choice. I idly watched while our baby was aborted."

[Click here to read the bill.](#)

## Indiana Right to Life general counsel: Senate Bill 1 is 'wolf in sheep's clothing'

### Submitted

Indiana Right to Life (IRTL) General Counsel Courtney Turner Milbank testified Tuesday before the **Indiana Senate Rules Committee** about proposed **Senate Bill 1**.

Milbank referred to the bill as a "wolf in sheep's clothing" and reiterated IRTL's opposition to the bill with specific details.

"In general, SB 1 is an abject failure in achieving the pro-life movement's goal of extending substantial protection to innocent unborn life now that authority has been returned to Indiana by the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe* and *Casey* in *Dobbs*," said Milbank.

In her written testimony, Milbank laid out in detail what she says are the most egregious pieces of the bill that fail the unborn and pro-life voters in Indiana. Those included:

- SB 1 removes all criminal penalties from, and provides compete immunity for, illegal abortions consented to by the pregnant woman, except for partial birth abortions, D&E abortions, and abortions performed without informed consent.
- SB 1 eliminates the legal requirement for the consent of pregnant woman for an abortion if it is necessary to save her life, so that a physician can abort a woman's baby over her objection.
- SB 1 explicitly recognizes, and legalizes and facilitates, chemical abortion clinics flourishing through-

out Indiana by authorizing abortion-inducing drugs to flood Indiana and by facilitating their use through licensing current and future chemical abortion clinics throughout the state.

"While billed as prohibiting abortion except to save the mother's life and for rape or incest," said Milbank in her testimony, "SB 1 utterly fails to limit abortions to even the exceptions that it purports to find acceptable, due to numerous and pervasive legal flaws and omissions. If adopted, SB 1 would result in the continuation of abortion on demand throughout pregnancy in Indiana. As a result, IRTL opposes the adoption of SB 1."

Milbank further explained that what she says are the gross deficiencies in SB 1 were the "inevitable result of its formulation process," which included no local, state, or national prolife organization or any expert pro-life lawyer, and was instead drafted based on the advice of abortion rights advocates, using their suggested language from groups such as ACOG, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which is one of the foremost pro-abortion advocacy groups in the nation.

"SB 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing, protecting abortion on demand by defective language, lack of necessary safeguards, and lack of an effective enforcement mechanism, while parading as a pro-life measure," Millbank said. "IRTL opposes SB 1 and

urges the Senate to pass truly pro-life legislation to protect the unborn."

[Click here](#) to read a full copy of Milbank's written testimony.

*Courtney Turner Milbank is a member of the Bopp Law Firm in Terre Haute, Ind.*

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Kermit Carter  
September 30, 1932 – July 15, 2022

Kermit Carter, 89, Sheridan, passed away on Friday afternoon, July 15, 2022, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. Born on September 30, 1932, in Laurel County, Ky., he was the son of the late Estill and Virginia (Hughes) Carter.

Honorably serving his country as a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean War, Kermit faithfully sent his paychecks back home to help his family with their expenses. He was very proud of his military service and always enjoyed swapping stories with fellow veterans he met throughout the years. After his service was complete, he hired on with Firestone as a production line worker and retired after 31 years with the company.

He was a member of the Noblesville American Legion Post 45 and attended Six Points Church in Sheridan.

Kermit loved the outdoors and always found a good reason to be outside. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and never missed a chance to go down to Virginia, where he walked the mountains and spent time with family. His favorite place, however, was his wooded property at home. Surrounded by nature, Kermit learned to both love and respect the wildlife that also call his property home. He loved to walk the woods, watching the birds and all the critters going about their days, and spending enough time around them that he ended up with a couple opossums and racoons that acted more like pets.

Kermit's family was a very important part of his life. He always looked forward to going to the sale barn with his brother Logan, and never missed an opportunity to get in a



good joke or two, usually at his family's expense. He loved his grandchildren dearly, and that includes his grand, black lab furbaby, Tippy.

He was a very humble man of strong faith who never turned a blind eye toward anyone who needed help.

Kermit is survived by his sons, Marcus L. Carter of Sheridan, and Kermit Mitchell Carter (Lou Ann) of Evansville; daughter, Janie Renee Spearman (Dan) of Arcadia; eight grandchildren, Ron, Jessica, Danielle, Ashley, Charlie "Chuck", James, Scottie, and Angie; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, James Logan Carter and Dexter Carter, both of Sheridan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Estill and Virginia (Hughes) Carter; two sons, Terry Carter and Ronald Carter, Sr.; brother, Willard Carter; sisters, Eileen Toomey, Lorene Wells, Avinel Carter, and Cora Stinchcomb; and by his loving wife of 60 years, Juanita Helen Carter, on October 13, 2015. She and Kermit were married on June 4, 1955.

Services with Military Honors will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with Visitation from 5 p.m. until the time of service.

Kermit will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be presented to Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Brothers and sisters, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for in fact I have written to you quite briefly.*

*I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you.*

*Greet all your leaders and all the Lord's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings.*

*Grace be with you all.*

*Hebrews 13:20-25 (NIV)*

Sharon K. Estle

January 16, 1946 – July 24, 2022

Sharon K. Estle, 76, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on January 16, 1946, to Frank and Mildred (Wiseman) McCarty in Anderson, Ind.

Sharon worked as a nurses' aide at Riverview Hospital. She enjoyed knitting and crochet, and loved her cats and pet birds.

She is survived by her son, Michael Estle. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Monday, August 1, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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The Atlanta Town Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.	The Noblesville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners' regular meeting has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022. The meeting will be held via Zoom and in person at the Noblesville Housing Authority Office, 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville. Anyone interested in participating in the meeting must email a request for the dial-in number, meeting ID, and meeting password at least eight hours before the meeting begins to the email address <a href="mailto:ajacobsen@gonha.org">ajacobsen@gonha.org</a> . Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Aimee Jacobsen at <a href="mailto:ajacobsen@gonha.org">ajacobsen@gonha.org</a> or (317) 773-5110 ext. 4 before 4 p.m. the day before the scheduled meeting.
The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will hold a special meeting at noon on Thursday, July 28, 2022, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel. The meeting previously scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, has been canceled.	

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A total of 144 golfers participated in the first-ever Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation Golf Outing, which took place Monday at Fox Prairie Golf Club in Noblesville. The outing raised over \$48,000 and will net \$38,000 for the Foundation to help youth causes in the community.

## Etchison Golf Outing is first-year ace

### Over \$38K tapped to help local youth in Hall of Famer's name

By **RICHIE HALL**

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**NOBLESVILLE** — Tony Etchison's motto was "Love everyone, be kind, make a difference."

It should not be a surprise, then, that the first-ever Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation Golf Outing, which took place Monday at Fox Prairie Golf Club in Noblesville, definitely made a difference. It also showed that there is still quite a bit of love for Etchison in the Hamilton County community, and there will always be.

The tournament was sold out, raised a significant amount of money for the Foundation and paid tribute to a well-respected, much-loved man who impacted his community in many different ways. Etchison, who died in 2019, was a star basketball player for Noblesville High School, from which he graduated in 1991, then went on to play college basketball at Mercer University.

Etchison was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2022. He married his high school sweetheart Toby, fathered three sons and was a prominent farmer, insurance professional, coach and mentor for young people in Hamilton County.

"We started the foundation in 2019 after Tony's tragic death," said Jody Roudebush, a member of the Foundation's board and a "dear friend" of Etchison. "COVID came and we've been hard-pressed to find the right sort of fundraisers, other than just natural giving. We've always wanted to do a golf tournament, and now that we're a couple years into COVID, we decided we're going to go ahead and do it. And we'll make this an annual event to raise money for the foundation to be able to take care of the youth in our communities."

The golf outing raised

nearly \$48,000 and will net nearly \$38,000 for the Foundation, according to a Monday night post on the [Foundation's Facebook page](#). Roudebush said on Monday morning that the money "will go straight to the foundation for grants for our youth assistance programs here in the county and take care of the children that need it most."

The Foundation made the first announcement about the golf outing in February at the Noblesville-Hamilton Heights boys basketball game. All three of Etchison's sons are Huskies: J.P. and Gus both graduated from Heights and Tillman will be a junior this year.

Roudebush said the announcement was made "just to start the conversation, and then we really opened it up in April for entries. Here we are today."

A total of 144 golfers participated in the outing, which broke down to 36 foursomes that played in a scramble format. There was also a poker run, and a putting contest that was supervised by Toby Etchison and her sons. After the golf was finished, a dinner took place at Fox Prairie, catered by Big Dog's Smokehouse BBQ of Cicero.

Buddy Baker, the president of the Foundation, called the tournament's success incredible, and that "everyone's here to pay tribute to a great guy."

"We hope we get some momentum and make it an annual tradition," said Baker. "Obviously, just coming off COVID, we weren't able to do it. It was something that we talked about at the inception of the foundation, and hopefully we continue to do this as well as other events."

"We'll try to have an outing every summer going forward, and I hope to have the same or even better response year after year," said Roudebush.



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(Above left) Noblesville High School graduate Meghan Potee was one of the participants. Potee was a state champion in golf and diving for the Millers, played golf at the University of Kansas and now has her own dental practice in Noblesville. (Above right) Toby Etchison, Tony's wife of 22 years, spoke to the golfers before they headed out on to the Fox Prairie course.



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Noblesville's Brian Doak (left) and former Indianapolis Colts player Jack Doyle kept their eyes on the ball at the putting contest.



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Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation board member Jody Roudebush (left) and Matt Heimonen prepare to tee off at the golf outing.

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# HSE, Carmel welcome new baseball coaches

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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Two Hamilton County high school baseball teams got new head coaches this week.

On Monday, Hamilton Southeastern announced that Kory Seitz had been recommended as the new coach for the Royals. Seitz is a "lifetime Royal," said a press release on the HSE Athletics website, having graduated from Southeastern in 1996. He was a three-sport athlete for the Royals and played baseball for his father, Hall of Fame coach Ken Seitz.

Kory Seitz played baseball at Indiana University, then returned to Southeastern in 2004, having served as an assistant coach for the Royals baseball team ever since. He has been a realtor in central Indiana for 16 years, currently working at the Keller Williams Indy Metro Northeast office. Seitz is married to wife Heather and has three children: Kam, Haleigh and



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"We could not be more excited to welcome Coach Seitz into the role of head coach of the Royals baseball program," said Southeastern athletic director Greg Habegger. "Kory has literally been a Royal all his life as he grew up watching his father's teams build an incredible tradition at HSE. He was a standout player himself and is in the HSE Hall of Fame. He has faithfully served as an assistant coach during the tenure of four head coaches. We



Seitz

can't wait to watch Kory put his own stamp on the Royals Baseball Program."

On Tuesday, Carmel announced the hiring of Ty Neal as the Greyhounds' new head baseball coach. Neal spent 19 years as a college baseball coach, serving as an assistant coach at Miami of Ohio (his alma mater), Southern Illinois, Cincinnati and Indiana before spending four years at the head coach at Cincinnati. Neal was also the quality control analyst at Arizona State for a year.

# IBCA announces leadership changes

## The REPORTER

Marty Johnson has been named executive director of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association as part of various leadership changes in the organization, it was announced Monday.

Johnson, formerly the group's associate executive director, athletic director at Perry Meridian and a varsity boys' basketball coach at three schools, was elected to the position in a vote of IBCA executive board. He succeeds Steve Witty, who will remain a part of the organization as executive director emeritus.

In addition, Tom Beach has been named IBCA associate executive director/chief operating officer. Beach previously had held the title of assistant director/chief operating officer.

"It is an honor to represent the more than 2,000 men and women who comprise the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association," said Johnson, who compiled a 359-238 record over 26 seasons as a coach at Pendleton Heights, East Noble and Whiteland. "Since the IBCA's inception in 1971, it has been the organization's goal to provide the best possible experience for the coaches and players who make Hoosier Hysteria great."

Johnson becomes the IBCA's sixth executive director since the group's founding. The late Marion Crawley was the first person in the role, serving from 1971 to 1977. He was followed by Virgil Sweet from 1977 to 1984, the late Bob King from 1984 to 1994, George Griffith from 1994 to 2002 and Witty from 2002 to 2022.

"It is humbling to follow in the footsteps of those who have made Indiana high

school basketball what it is," Johnson said, noting all those who preceded him as IBCA executive director. "Steve Witty assumed the position in the summer of 2002, and I have been honored to work alongside him as an assistant director and associate executive director since that time."

Johnson also was on the IBCA board of directors in 1990-91, was its president from 1998 to 2000 and served as past president from 2000 to 2022.

Beach, formerly the boys' varsity coach at Forest Park and Shelbyville, continues in a key leadership role for the IBCA. He served as IBCA president from 2008 to 2011 and as past president from 2011 to 2014. He has been an IBCA assistant director the past eight years, adding the title of chief operating officer in 2021-22.

"I have been a member of the IBCA for more than 30 years and have been directly involved in some capacity for more than 20 years," said Beach, who compiled a 227-98 record in 14 seasons as a varsity coach. "It is humbling and exciting to move into this next chapter of my life. I will do my best to continue the traditions of the past while being excited about the future of the organization."

Witty, the IBCA's longest tenured executive director, moves into an emeritus role where he will continue to consult and advise IBCA leadership but no longer be in charge of the organization's day-to-day operations.

"I would like to thank all past and present IBCA board members," said Witty, who compiled a 266-68 record as varsity boys' basketball coach at Ben Davis from 1989 to 2002 and has totaled 53 years in basketball as a

head coach, assistant coach or IBCA executive director.

"It has been an honor to work with these individuals while we served coaches and players across the state and strived to give back to the game we all know and love. I also want to thank all IBCA member coaches for their support of our professional organization as well as the corporate partners and other individuals who have always been there for the IBCA through the years."

Witty noted that while he is stepping down as executive director, he still will maintain a role within the group that he has led for 20 years.

"As I assume emeritus status with the IBCA, I will continue to perform various duties for the organization," Witty said. "But it is time for the day-to-day leadership of the organization to be turned over to a new generation of leaders who care about our game, the coaches, the players and the IBCA as much as I do. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for the IBCA."

Johnson, meanwhile, said the IBCA leadership will continue to serve players and coaches while striving to be aware of issues that basketball may face as it moves forward.

"I along with the 11-member board of directors and the 15 elected district representatives will honor the legacy of all who came before us," he said. "We will do everything possible to continue with the storied tradition of the IBCA."

The IBCA membership year runs from Aug. 1 to July 31 each year. These leadership changes take effect with the new 2022-23 membership year beginning on Aug. 1.



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# MLB standings

Tuesday's games							
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 2				L.A. Angels 6, Kansas City 0			
Toronto 2, Cincinnati 1				Milwaukee 7, Minnesota 6			
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 3				Chicago White Sox 2, Colorado 1			
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 3				Late games			
Toronto 10, St. Louis 3				Houston at Oakland			
Cleveland 8, Boston 3				San Francisco at Arizona			
San Diego 6, Detroit 4, 10 innings				Washington at L.A. Dodgers			
N.Y. Mets 6, N.Y. Yankees 3				Texas at Seattle			

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	66	32	0.673	-	N.Y. Mets	60	37	0.619	-
Toronto	54	43	0.557	11.5	Atlanta	59	40	0.596	2.0
Tampa Bay	52	45	0.536	13.5	Philadelphia	50	47	0.515	10.0
Baltimore	49	48	0.505	16.5	Miami	46	51	0.474	14.0
Boston	49	49	0.500	17.0	Washington	33	65	0.337	27.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	52	45	0.536	-	Milwaukee	54	44	0.551	-
Cleveland	49	47	0.510	2.5	St. Louis	51	47	0.520	3.0
Chicago White Sox	49	48	0.505	3.0	Chicago Cubs	40	57	0.412	13.5
Kansas City	39	58	0.402	13.0	Pittsburgh	40	58	0.408	14.0
Detroit	39	59	0.398	13.5	Cincinnati	37	59	0.385	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	64	33	0.660	-	L.A. Dodgers	64	31	0.674	-
Seattle	52	45	0.536	12.0	San Diego	55	44	0.556	11.0
Texas	43	52	0.453	20.0	San Francisco	48	48	0.500	16.5
L.A. Angels	41	56	0.423	23.0	Colorado	44	54	0.449	21.5
Oakland	36	63	0.364	29.0	Arizona	43	53	0.448	21.5

# WNBA standings

Tuesday's game			
Las Vegas 93, Chicago 83			
<i>Note: This was the Commissioner's Cup game and does not count towards the official standings.</i>			

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chicago	21	7	0.750	-
x-Las Vegas	20	8	0.714	1.0
Connecticut	19	9	0.679	2.0
Seattle	18	10	0.643	3.0
Washington	17	11	0.607	4.0
Los Angeles	12	15	0.444	8.5
Dallas	12	15	0.444	8.5
Atlanta	12	16	0.429	9.0
Phoenix	12	16	0.429	9.0
New York	10	17	0.370	10.5
Minnesota	10	19	0.345	11.5
Indiana	5	25	0.167	17.0

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