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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny morning. Partly sunny afternoon, with spotty showers or storms.
 Tonight: Clearing, with even lower temperatures and humidity.
 HIGH: 82 LOW: 58



Westfield welcomes West Fork Whiskey

(From left) Julian Jones, David McIntyre, and Blake Jones cut the ribbon at West Fork Whiskey on Wednesday. Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

The REPORTER
 Wednesday morning, West Fork Whiskey Co., 10 E. 191st St., Westfield, held the ribbon cutting and media day at its 30,000 square-foot facility. The family-friendly restaurant, Mash House, and the 21-and-older cocktail lounge are set to open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 20.
 Co-Founder Blake Jones said The Mash House is going to elevate Hoosier classics using local ingredients under the direction of Chef Carlos Salazar.
 "Everybody is chasing the coasts – east coast or west coast," Jones said. "We don't care about that. This is Indiana!

We want to serve the best Hoosier food." That same spirit is behind their whiskey. In the spirit of farm to table dining, they make Hoosier whiskey from grain to glass. We toast to hard work and uncompromising dedication by paying respect to one of the best grain-producing states in America."
 In addition to the restaurant and lounge, there is a 5,000



(From left) State Representative Tony Cook, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan, and Hamilton County Republican Women Treasurer and Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Board member Lisa Everling. Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

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Courthouse Bell

What is the little structure on the east side of the courthouse square? It is a bell from the Hamilton County Old Folks Home. The Old Folks Home was the home for elderly paupers who didn't have family able to help them or money to pay somebody to do so. It was a precursor to modern day nursing and assisted living facilities.



The Home was located on the site of the current Noblesville High School on North Cumberland Road in Noblesville. It was built in 1857 with additions in 1878, 1903, 1905 and 1910 and was deactivated in 1983. It was reported to the County Commissioners in 1985 that it was a fire hazard and should be bulldozed. I recall making the remark that it had existed for more than 125 years without burning, so it couldn't be a fire hazard. Approximately two weeks later, it burned to the ground. Wisdom comes from experience and experience comes from mistakes.
 Philip Henderson, as president of the County Commissioners, was the moving force behind creating the bell housing and was joined by commissioners George Stevens and Jere Roudebush. Roscoe Moorhouse's company did the actual construction work.

The Home had a large garden, and those that were able to do so helped raise the food to offset the cost to the county to maintain the facility. The dinner bell was a signal to come in for a meal. Dinner bells and County Homes are part of our past.

NPX Board President Gene Powell to speak to Cicero Kiwanis Saturday

The REPORTER
 All aboard for train and railroad enthusiasts!



Gene Powell, President of the Board of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, which operates as Nickel Plate Express (NPX), based in Noblesville, will be the distinguished guest speaker at the Cicero Kiwanis Club breakfast meeting this Saturday. He will share a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the latest activities of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad and its impact on the community.

An Indiana native, Powell is a Ball State University graduate and member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the College of Communications, Information, and Media. He is a founding editor of USA Today, retired in 2020 as president of the Freedom Forum Institute, part of one of the nation's largest

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Smooth start at Sheridan Schools

The REPORTER
 The school year is off to a great start at Sheridan Community Schools. Students' first day was Tuesday, Aug. 9.
 Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy commented that it was one of the smoothest starts to a school year he has experienced. The tone with staff and administration is very enthusiastic, with a renewed sense of normalcy at all buildings.
 At Sheridan Elementary, new principal Valerie Roberts said the first day was special for all students, and especially for kindergartners who had the "red carpet" rolled out for them. Parents appreciated being able to walk their children to class for the first time after two years of COVID limitations. The elementary is looking forward to bringing back family game nights, as well as various PTO



Jessica Gellert is greeted by Dr. Mundy as she walks her son, Landon, into Sheridan Elementary in the rain for his first day of kindergarten. Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

events. In addition, the robotics team and other elementary clubs will come back after a long two-year hiatus.

Sheridan Middle School Principal Kent Davis and his staff have a goal for every student to be excited every day to

come to school. Grades 6, 7, and 8 are a time of a lot of changes

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Get "Shipwrecked" with Carmel Community Players

By STU CLAMPITT
 news@readthereporter.com
 Carmel Community Players (CCP) is staging *Shipwrecked*, subtitled "The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (As Told By Himself)," for two weekends at the Cat, 245 Veterans Way, Carmel. Opening night is Friday, Aug. 12.
 According to CCP's website, "The adventurous Louis de Rougemont invites you to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival and celebrity that left nineteenth-century England spellbound. Dare to be whisked away in a story of the high seas, populated by exotic islanders, flying wombats, giant sea turtles and a monstrous man-eating octopus. SHIPWRECKED examines how far we're willing to blur the line between fact and fiction in order to leave our mark on the world."
 This is a play that doesn't break the fourth wall – it shatters it. It ignores it. It draws the audience in by having a narrator



A talented group of seasoned sailors plus one Scallywag and his dog Bruno. (From left) Joe Aiello (Bruno the dog), Earl Campbell (Louis de Rougemont), Vickie Phipps (Captain Jensen), and a bevy of rough and tough sailors: Tom Smith, Jayda Glynn, Margot Everitt, and Hannah Janowicz. Photo provided by Lori Raffel

who speaks directly to them as much as he speaks to other characters on stage, switching from one to the other so seamlessly

that you may cease to notice there was supposed to be a separation between you and the story on stage.

Like many other shows, this one was cast two years ago.

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Westfield receives 7 Grand Park bids

The REPORTER
 The City of Westfield has received seven bids for the purchase of Grand Park. All seven were received ahead of Monday's deadline.
 According to our news-gathering partners at WISH-TV, a total of 16 entities met an April deadline to submit an intent to bid on Grand Park.
 Only seven followed through. Last week the city released two property appraisals for the Grand Park Sports Campus. The minimum price for Grand Park is the average of the two appraisals, which is \$85 million.
 The bid review committee has not yet convened.

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for students, so the small school atmosphere at SMS helps students take advantage of the creative learning opportunities offered by teachers.

It is a year of growth and change at Sheridan High School with many new teachers, as well as many new programs on the horizon. SHS will expand its Career Technical Education (CTE) offerings, thanks in part to being part of two winning grant proposals. The two grants will bring in several hundred thousand

dollars that will go directly towards expansion and new programming in career pathways including education, advanced manufacturing, and natural resources.

Overall enrollment is up 20 students and continued growth is expected in Sheridan, according to Superintendent Mundy.

"I am excited to be back at Sheridan and start the school year," Mundy said. "I am looking forward to hosting community meetings to continually share the great things happening here."

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square-foot event space which can be rented for weddings, fundraisers, corporate events and more.

West Fork currently operates a distillery and lounge at 1660 Bellefontaine St., Indianapolis.

When the Westfield distillery comes online in 2023, it is expected to produce more than 5,000 barrels per year. At 53 gallons per barrel, that may make the distillery one of the top 50 by volume in the United States.

You can learn more online at westforkwhiskey.com.

before the pandemic. Director Lori Raffel had cast Earl Campbell as Louis de Rougemont in 2020, and he is one of only two cast members returning after all this time.

The full cast includes Earl Campbell, Joe Aiello, Vickie Phipps, Margot Everett, Jayda Glynn, Hannah Janowicz and Tom Smith.

During this unseasonably hot summer, practicing in the CCP warehouse was not a good option.

"We tried the warehouse and there's no air conditioning, so it was torture," Raffel said. "It's a very physical play. Everyone moves around a lot."

Raffel works at PrimeLife Enrichment and said the business allowed her to use space in its facility for rehearsals so the cast could be comfortable and focus on the work instead of dealing with the heat.

Raffel was involved in the play when she worked at the Phoenix a decade ago.

"I volunteered to work

Get Your Tickets for 'Shipwrecked'

When: Aug. 12-21 – Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Where: The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel

Cost: \$18 for adults 18 and older, \$16 for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID.

Where to buy: Go to CarmelPlayers.org or call (317) 815-9387.

every house because I loved the play so much," Raffel said. "I watched it every single night and I thought if I every had a chance I was going to do it. It's a little bit of an undertaking and you have to have someone who can handle the Louis de Rougemont part."

Louis de Rougemont's character is on stage in every scene and, according to Raffel, there is not a page in the script without lines for him.

"I presented it to the board, but it's hard to explain," Raffel said. "It is a story and Louis was a real person. He went on travels. He came back and wrote about these stories, and some of the things didn't check out. The experts,

when he came back to London, tore him apart and said they didn't feel like it was embellishing, they felt like it was lying. It is the age-old, 'let's build someone up so we can tear them down,' which I think the press does all the time, but mostly people do all the time."

Raffel said de Rougemont went from being one of the richest men in London to begging on the street and offering stories for a single penny.

"This is the story of if Louis had taken his show on the road," Raffel said. "This play is for everyone. I think everyone will see part of themselves in Louis."

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non-profit education foundations, and remains Senior Scholar for the First Amendment at the Foundation.

He serves as secretary of the Board of Trustees of the First Amendment Museum in Augusta, Maine, and on the Board of Indiana's Friends of the Lincoln Collection, based in Fort Wayne.

An adjunct faculty member of the Department

of Communications at Winthrop University, he attended the Nashville, Tenn., School of Law, and is a certified journalism educator by the Journalism Education Association. An avid bike rider, he and his wife Kathleen, a retired educator, live in Cicero.

The Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad is a charitable nonprofit that operations the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park in Noblesville. The Nickel Place Heritage Railroad is the operator of the Nickel Plate Express program which runs on 12.5 miles of track between Noblesville and Atlanta. This section of track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

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.

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Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Applications open for Westfield PD Citizen's Police Academy

The REPORTER

The Westfield Police Department (WPD) is accepting applications for the 2022 Citizen's Police Academy.

The academy was established to promote an understanding of WPD and its policies and procedures. In addition, the academy provides training in many aspects of law enforcement and the issues that face police officers daily.

WPD's goal is to foster a spirit of cooperation between the city, its citizens and their police department. Graduates will get to know more about the men and women protecting their community and why they make the decisions they do while performing their duties.

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 10-week program between Sept. 8 and Nov. 10. Classes are held from 6:30 to approximately 8:30 p.m. on Thursday nights. Class size is limited to 30 participants. The

academy is provided free of charge.

Some of the general topics discussed include:

- Emergency services, crisis negotiations, drone and k9 units
- Crime scene processing
- Patrol and criminal investigation operations
- Active assailants
- Traffic stops and impaired driving investigations
- Firearms
- Tour of Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the jail

Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 21 years old
- No criminal convictions (never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor)
- Subject to criminal history check

Click here to access the application. Please send completed applications to citizensacademy@westfield.in.gov.

Wishing you well, Paul



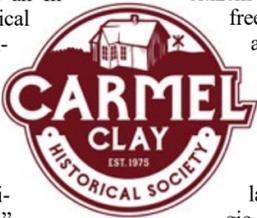
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There will be no "Hello, Hamilton County" video this week because Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet is under the weather instead of being on top of it. Having successfully stayed healthy throughout the pandemic, Poteet has tested positive for COVID-19. Don't worry, Dr. Baxter is on the case! Get well soon, Paul. A week without "Hello, Hamilton County" is like a week without sunshine. If you want to wish Paul a speedy recovery, you can email News@ReadTheReporter.com with the subject "Get well, Paul" and we will pass all your messages along as soon as Doc Baxter tells us he's allowed to have them.

CCHS awarded Indiana Historical Society Heritage Support Grant

The REPORTER

The Carmel Clay Historical Society (CCHS) has been awarded an Indiana Historical Society Heritage Support Grant for its project, "Proper Storage of City of Carmel Archival Collection."



can be viewed online at carmelclayhistory.org/carmel-city-archives. Carmel citizens get unlimited free digital copies and prints of items in this collection.

This project is a part of a larger strategic plan to house CCHS collections according to museum best practice. CCHS thanks the Indiana Historical Society, the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and the City of Carmel for their support on this project.

CCHS was awarded \$4,999 to go toward purchasing archival binders, sleeves and backing to store the photographs in the City of Carmel archival collection. The City of Carmel Archives collection includes photographs and archival material related to the town of Carmel's traditions and leadership. The collection

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.



John Wesley Williams (right) was the 8-year-old drummer for his father, Captain Wm E. Williams, during the Civil War. (Courtesy of Sheridan Historical Society)

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They're dancing . . . dancing in the street!



Photo provided by Nik Roberts

Last weekend, the annual Noblesville Street Dance had people – you guessed it – dancing in the streets. As you can see above, the event organized by our friends at Noblesville Main Street was wildly successful. The Street Dance immediately followed the annual Art Fair on the Square. Main Street, the organization behind the Noblesville Farmers Market, is currently gearing up for the Chocolate Trail as well as Music & All That Jazz. Keep reading The Reporter for more details. You can also find out more at NoblesvilleMainStreet.org/events.

Plenty of 'Nunsense' going on at Actors Theatre of Indiana

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana has announced the first show for the 2022-2023 season – NUNSENSE: A musical. With book, music and lyrics by Dan Goggin, this hilarious musical comedy is a delightful way to begin the latest season. Single tickets will be

available beginning Friday, Aug. 12. The show begins Sept. 9 and runs through Sept. 25 at The Studio Theater on the campus of The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

When the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Ju-

lia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, they find themselves in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show, so they take over the school auditorium, which is currently set up for the eighth-grade

production of Grease. Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun from Brooklyn named Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and the delightfully wacky

Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head.

With star turns, tap dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, whether you went to Catholic school or not ... this show is habit forming.

As ATI heads into the

new season, patrons are reminded that no masks or proof of vaccination is required for these shows at this time. Tickets can be purchased starting Aug. 12 by visiting ATIstage.org or by calling The Center for the Performing Arts box office at (317) 843-3800.

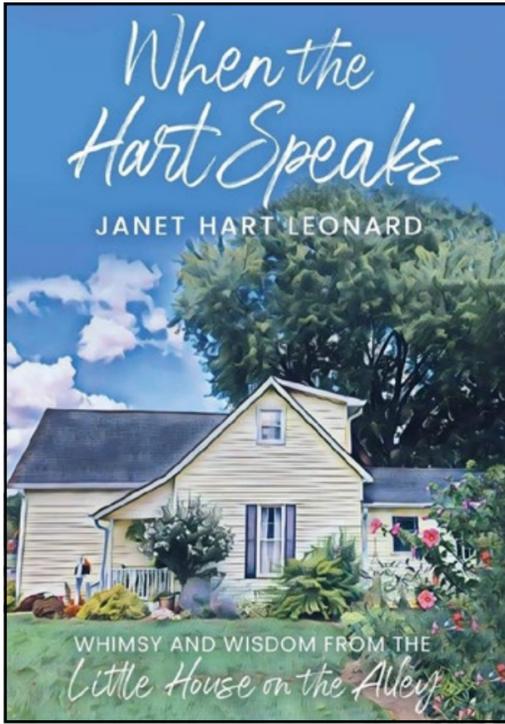
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Janet would love the opportunity to meet you and chat. Plan on coming to one of her upcoming speaking engagements or reach out to schedule a date for her to join your group or organization.



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Fishers-based OfficeWorks welcomes Ashley Johnson

The REPORTER

Ashley Johnson has joined the OfficeWorks team as Account Executive.

In this role, Johnson will serve clients who need guidance on creating productive and inspiring work environments. Her experience includes 10 years of hospitality training and working in the residential furniture industry.

"I have always had an interest in design, but more so in meeting the needs of clients," Johnson said. "I think the entire process of

the project is really interesting; seeing how it unfolds from start to finish, the little details that get added in between – it's like watching a blank canvas come to life. I'm excited to be part of an organization that will support me in continually learning and growing."



Johnson

In her free time, Johnson enjoys decorating sugar cookies, socializing with friends, anything sports related, and going on fun mother-daughter adventures to orchestras and plays.

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Parent Project designed to reduce juvenile delinquency

Classes for parents of "strong-willed" children starts in September

The REPORTER

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

"Kids don't come with instruction manuals," said Rob Evans, a probation officer and class instructor. "That can leave parents feeling frustrated and helpless especially when it comes to modern problems like cell phones, social media, on-line schooling, and designer drugs. We are here to help."

The Parent Project has been proven to reduce juvenile delinquency and has helped over 100,000 families nationwide. It uses a support group model to allow parents to learn from each other as well as the curriculum and provides parents concrete prevention and intervention strategies that can be put into immediate use within the home.

"Parents of strong-willed children often question their ability to parent effectively," Evans added. "This program will help them identify the



Evans

off-putting behaviors, empower them to take back their homes, and improve their relationship with their child. We have been providing this class to Hamilton County for over 15 years and know it can change the course of a family."

The Parent Project requires 33 hours of online classroom work. The next class begins at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 6. Parents meet one night a week for approximately two and one-half to three hours. The program fee is \$80 per family. [Click here](#) to register.

Basile Westfield Playhouse needs directors for 2024

The REPORTER

Basile Westfield Playhouse is seeking director submissions for the 2024 calendar year.

Main Street Productions, Inc. (MSP) will select five submissions to run from January 2024 through December 2024. Comedies, dramas, musicals, and original scripts will be considered for their suitability to MSP's audience demographic and the playhouse space.

New and experienced directors are welcome. All prospective directors must submit a resume detailing their directorial experience. For new directors, a general theatrical resume, along with a letter of recommen-

ation from an established director, is required.

Submissions will be accepted through Nov. 1, 2022. Please submit one copy of each script you would like to be considered to the email address available on the play submission form. For musical submissions, please include a copy of the cast recording. MSP will accept up to four submissions.

Selection Process

The MSP Board appoints a selection committee who will read, review, and rank each submission.



The committee will make its decisions based on creating a balanced season, the dates the directors are available, and how scripts fit with audiences and vision for the season. Shows being considered for the holiday time slot will need to be seasonally appropriate and family-friendly. Once the committee has selected shows, every director will be notified.

For more information, including the submission form, please visit westfield-playhouse.org/show-submissions.



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Overpass work this weekend at U.S. 31 & 161st Street

The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) contractor Weddle Brothers Highway Group LLC plans to begin work on the overpass bridge at U.S. 31 and 161st Street on or after 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, with work continuing through 6 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15.

Starting on Friday, the 161st St. bridge over U.S. 31 will close to traffic for a thin deck overlay. The official detour route for eastbound and westbound traffic on 161st Street will be:

- Westbound 161st Street to South Union Street to East 156th Street to Oak Ridge Road back to 161st Street
- Eastbound 161st Street to East 156th Street to South Union Street back to 161st Street



Graphic provided by INDOT

The \$588,000 contract was awarded to Weddle Brothers Highway Group LLC. In October 2021, INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use caution and remain vigilant of workers and equipment in active construction zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.



Photos provided

Find out if your dog is as cute as First Dog Henry (left) or Lt. Gov. Crouch's dog Luva Lovegood (right).

Is your dog the cutest in Indiana?

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and Indiana's First Dog Henry are searching for adorable dogs in great locations across the state through the Visit Indiana Cutest Dog Photo Contest.

"I encourage all Hoosiers to make memories with your pup just like I do with my dog, Luna Lovegood (AKA Bubby)," Crouch said. "Show off your furry friends enjoying the beauty of Indiana whether that's at one of our incredible state parks, miles of trails or countless pet-friendly destinations."

A different winner will be selected every week for one year. Each winning dog will get*:

- A note from Indiana's first dog, Henry
- An exclusive 'More To Discover IN Indiana' dog bandana
- A feature as one of the Cutest Dogs IN Indiana on the Visit Indiana social channels

To enter, upload a photo or video of your dog to Instagram, tag @VisitIndiana and use the hashtag #DogsINIndiana. Entries must include the location where the photo was taken.

"There's no need to leave your dog at home when traveling in Indiana," IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel said. "No matter the time of year, Visit Indiana has plenty of resources to help you find the perfect spots to explore with your pets."

Pet-friendly trip ideas, destinations and lodging in Indiana are available at VisitIndiana.com. The Indiana State Nature Passport and Indiana Arts and Culture Passport also highlight locations across the state welcoming to dogs.

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Musician Jason Wilber

For 24 years, singer-songwriter Jason Wilber toured and recorded with Grammy-winning legend John Prine until Prine's death from Covid in 2020. Bloomington-based, he has graced stages from the Grand Ole Opry to Red Rocks to Radio City Music Hall to Austin City Limits.

Humorist Scott Saalman

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Photo provided by Westfield Chamber
Classes resume today in Westfield! (Above) The Westfield Farmers Market, Downtown Westfield Association, and the Westfield Chamber all participated last Friday in the first-ever Rock the Block, a back-to-school event held by Westfield Washington Schools. More than 2,000 parents and students were present and celebrated the return to school.

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The REPORTER

Scorching temperatures in the August sun are a great reminder of the value of trees. The shade they provide can make air temperatures directly under trees as much as 25 degrees cooler than air above nearby blacktop.

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This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These trees are uniquely suited to the state's soil and weather, but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support local wildlife – especially birds, insects, and other pollinators. Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical, and will grow quickly.

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Red Cross issues steps to keep students safe as they head back to school

The REPORTER

School bells are calling students back to the classroom and the American Red Cross – Indiana Region has steps everyone can take to help kids remain safe as they head back to school.

As parents get ready for the start of a new school year, it’s a good time to think about emergencies, such as weather-related disasters, and draw up an emergency plan for their household. Know what the emergency plan is at your child’s school and develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens during the school day. Details are available at redcross.org/prepare.

“There are a lot of things to think about for the start of a busy new school year, but don’t forget to include safety,” said Chad Priest, CEO of the American Red Cross – Indiana Region. “We ask parents and guardians to consider familiarizing their children with these measures to help keep them safe as they head back to school.”

Cell phones are a distraction

The National Safety Council (NSC) reports that distracted walking can be dangerous, even deadly. Teach your students the following:

- Don’t text or talk on your phone while walking. If you must text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk.
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device.
- Do not walk with headphones in your ears.
- Drivers can be distracted too. Never use a phone while driving. Help keep children safe by eliminating all distractions.

Taking the bus

- Students should get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive. Young children should be supervised.
- Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant instructs them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.
- All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

Walking to school

- Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.
- Parents, walk with young children and those taking new routes or attending new schools, for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

Going by car

- Everyone should always wear a seat belt.
- Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8 to 12 and over 4-foot-9), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.
- If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts.

Riding a bike

- There may be more young people on bikes as the school bells ring. They should:
 - Wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.
 - Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, in a single file.
 - Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
 - Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.

Slow down

Drivers should slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones, and know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop, and that motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

Keep little ones safe

Keeping all students safe is the primary concern for everyone, but there are special steps for parents of younger kids and those going to school for the first time:

- Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to call 911.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don’t know.

Finally, download the free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies. You can find it by searching for ‘American Red Cross’ in your app store or at redcross.org/apps. Learn and practice First Aid and CPR/AED skills by taking a course at redcross.org/takeaclass so you can help save a life.



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Noblesville says goodbye to last of the Dilly Bars

On Sunday evening, the Noblesville Dairy Queen posted on Facebook that it had officially closed: “** We are officially closed** We are truly humbled by the love and support the community has graciously shown us over our last few operating days! Every memory you have shared with us, all of the well wishes, smiling faces and hopes for the “Original Noblesville Dairy Queens future” means the world to us! Thank you and God’s blessings.” (Left) This message on the marquee was posted on Sunday after Dairy Queen closed for the last time. (Below) By Wednesday afternoon, Dairy Queen’s branded signage had already been taken down.



Photo provided by Nik Roberts

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:14-19 (NIV)

Bonnie Lou (Mathis) Rihm

April 18, 1946 – August 7, 2022

Bonnie Lou (Mathis) Rihm, born in Nashville, Ind., on April 18, 1946, passed away at the age of 76 on August 7, 2022, in Carmel. She was married to John F. Rihm for nearly 56 wonderful years and will be dearly missed by him.



Her parents, Samuel and Emma (Snyder) Mathis, and four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death. She is survived by her two sons, Michael Rihm of Noblesville and Steven (Johanne) Rihm of Zionsville, and two sisters, Sarah Smith of Indianapolis and Mary (Darrell) Lucas of Columbus, Ind., as well as many nieces and nephews.

In 1965, Bonnie helped Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., convert to an automated registration system to enroll their students. She was later School Secretary for Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic School in Greenwood, Ind., for 10 years and Executive/Manufacturing Assistant at Pearson Education in Indianapolis for 20 years, retiring in 2011.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., with visitation one hour prior on Monday, August 15, 2022, in the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel, with burial following at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis.

Kind words and expressions of sympathy can be left for the family at randallroberts.com.

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The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022.

The Westfield City Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the 2023 budget at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss the preliminary 2023 budget at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers.

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A Celebration of Life for Gerald L. Graham will take place on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. The calling will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with the service following at noon in the sanctuary.

[Click here](#) to read Gerald’s full obituary.

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Bringing different sports together

New organization building alliance to benefit all Noblesville sports

By **RICHIE HALL**

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Coaches of all sports tell their teams that when players come together, great things can happen.

So, what about if all different sports came together? The Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance believes that can lead to great things happening as well.

The NYSA is a new organization, in existence for not even a year. Its website (noblesvillesports.com) says that the NYSA “exists to promote and elevate local youth sports organizations” in the Noblesville community “with marketing, scholarships and charitable contributions.

David Leyda, the executive director of NYSA, said that 17 different programs are part of the alliance, including the majority of the youth sports programs in Noblesville. “We cover every sport you can think of in Noblesville,” said Leyda.

NYSA got started with talks between the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Schools. Those talks began in September of 2021. Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and then-Noblesville Schools assistant superintendent David Mundy started initial conversations with the various organizations. NYSA formed its articles of incorporation in February, soon receiving its 501(c)(3) non-profit charity designation.

“Noblesville is fortunate to have many successful youth sports groups,” said Jensen. “Through conversations with many residents and stakeholders, it became apparent that a unified coordinating and marketing structure would help sustain gains made to date and enhance our overall position going forward.”

NYSA’s first actions were to establish a budget. The City of Noblesville committed to provide two years of funding, \$20,000 per year. The alliance also established a social media and website presence, then developed an advertising and marketing plan. NYSA began connecting with the Hamilton County Sports Authority, “to make sure

we were collaborating well with them,” said Leyda.

Leyda said that from the city’s perspective, when businesses come to the city and say they’re interested in moving to Noblesville, one of the common questions the city get is “what are your youth sports like?” Leyda noted that it was complicated to give those businesses the full rundown of youth sports.

“Similarly, when families approach the school corporation, talk about coming to Noblesville, they would experience the same challenges. That’s the promotion and marketing aspect of the alliance, making sure potential businesses know what programs are available,” said Leyda, who also said that NYSA also wants to make sure that new and existing families are also aware of those programs.

Leyda boils NYSA’s reach down to three major points, one that he wants everyone to be aware of: “One community, 6,500-plus kids, 17 programs, because that’s our impact. That’s really the promotional and marketing aspect of the alliance,” he said.

One of the big points of NYSA is that since it is an alliance, the youth sports organizations can help each other out.

Leyda said that if “there’s potential issues with fundraising, they need help trying to bolster the number of kids on the program,” then the different groups in the Alliance “can come together and help,” said Leyda. “If you think about across 17 programs, the amount of experience among the people running these programs is vast.

NYSA will entertain future sports or organizations that want to join the alliance.

“We do have membership criteria and we do have an application process that we are working on,” said Leyda.

Those interested in finding out more about NYSA can visit its website at noblesvillesports.com, or look up “Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance” on Facebook.



Photos by Noblesville Sports Photography

The Noblesville Grinders, shown here during their game with Westfield last Friday at the new Beaver Stadium, are the Noblesville Elementary Football League’s well-established travel team, playing since 1967. The NEFL is one of 17 organizations that are part of the new Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance, which help to promote youth sports in Noblesville.

The following organizations are part of the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance:

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Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville
Noblesville Boys Volleyball Club
Noblesville Elementary Football League

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Carmel girls golf bounces back after Tuesday’s loss

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls golf team got a rebound victory on Wednesday, beating Noblesville 149-156 at Harbour Trees Golf Club.

The No. 1-ranked Greyhounds dropped a close match to No. 5 Hamilton Southeastern on Tuesday, but had solid performances in collecting a nine-hole win against the No. 4 Millers. Claire Swathwood led Carmel with a two under par 33, running away with medalist honors. Michaela Headlee and Kamryn Williams both scored 38s. Ava Nguyen added a 40 and Sophie Mock scored 42.

Caroline Whallon led Noblesville with a 37. Jor-

dan Adam and Josie Kelley both carded 39s and Karis Shields rounded out the scoring with a 41.

Both teams are back in action Saturday, playing 18-hole tournaments. The Greyhounds travel to Golf Club of Indiana for the Zionsville Invitational, while the Millers head to The Edge for the Lapel Invitational.

Guerin Catholic played a three-team meet with Noblesville and Westfield on Thursday, scoring a 175.

Isabella Pinon led the Golden Eagles with 40. Other scores were Sydney Delagrang 44, Ali Scott 45, Sarah Rigg 46, Gracie Navarro 49 and Avery Wall 52.

Fishers girls soccer starting out on the road

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The Fishers girls soccer team will begin its season Saturday morning with a road trip and a young squad.

Second-year coach Harold Spooner said that the Tigers have six seniors this year "so we're relatively young, but they have bonded quite well." And there are several returning players as well; in fact, all six of this year's seniors return after playing on the Fishers team in their junior year. That includes defender Anna Pettit and midfielder Lilly Touhy.

Two key juniors returning are defensive/midfield swings Addie

Allgeier and Sienna Mullen. McKinley Boland and Emily Streeter both return as well. The Tigers also have five sophomores and two freshmen, including forward Elise May.

"The practices have been going great so far," said Spooner. "We as a staff are excited to see how this team will do against our always tough competition. We have an excellent group to work with this year because they are all high character people and work extremely hard. There is a positive energy with this team that makes practices both fun and competitive at the same time."

Fishers travels to

Fishers Roster

Seniors: Maeve Henley, Emma Holt, Kennedy Hurst, Anna Pettit, Maddie Tidwell, Lilly Touhy.

Juniors: Addie Allgeier, McKinley Boland, Ava Disborough, Maddie Meier, Jaidin Milsaps, Sienna Mullen, Cassie Nowlan, Emily Streeter.

Sophomores: Aubrey Ellinger, Lauren Faulkner, Emerson Huneck, Grace Preston, Mallory Slabaugh.

Freshmen: Sarah Maudlin, Elise May.

McCutcheon Saturday morning for its opening game, then plays its next two contests at home, welcoming Pendleton Heights on Monday and Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Westfield on Wednesday.

"Because of our youth there are a few questions

about how we will stack up to the competition," said Spooner. "There may be some growing pains, but I believe we will be up to the challenge. I really believe it's a special group to work with and am very excited to see how our hard work translates to the field."

Fishers Schedule

Aug. 13: at McCutcheon, 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 15: Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 17: Westfield, 7 p.m.

Aug. 18: at Franklin Central, 8 p.m.

Aug. 24: at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 27: Cathedral, 10:45 a.m. at Carmel

Aug. 27: at Carmel, 6:45 p.m.

Aug. 31: Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 7: at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10: Plainfield, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 12: at Mount Vernon, 7 p.m.

Sept. 14: Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 17: Harrison, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 21: at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 27: at North Central, 7 p.m.

Sept. 28: Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.

Southeastern girls soccer not short on experience this season

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer will have some new players on the field this year, but they won't necessarily be inexperienced.

Royals coach Greg Davidson said that 14 players on his team return with varsity experience. Southeastern graduated a large senior class last year, but has a sizable senior class this season, with 10 players on the list.

That includes two seniors, Tatum Coleman and Caroline Kelley. Those two are the Royals' leading scorers returning from the previous season, with both getting All-State honors.

Davidson said his team "played well" in a national tournament in Ohio over the summer, and although Southeastern graduated eight starters "and are young, we are coming together nicely," he said.

The Royals begin their season Saturday morning against a very tough opponent: Carmel, last year's Class 3A state runner-up. Southeastern then plays at Franklin Central on Wednesday to begin competition in

Southeastern Roster

Seniors: Mya Burow, Tatum Coleman, Taylor Cook, Chloe Count, Cambree Hoener, Kamryn Hoyda, Caroline Kelley, Makenzie Loftin, Lauren McIntosh, Kendal Shorter.

Juniors: Ayla Conn, Alyssa Damson, Bella Garcia, Izzy Kistler, Marissa Reinhard, Hailey Wade, Norah Wans.

Sophomores: Addy Ash, Cole Lance, Abby Straus.

Freshmen: Sydney Cook, Sloane May, Blair Satterfield.

Southeastern Schedule

Aug. 13: Carmel, 10:45 a.m.

Aug. 17: at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.

Aug. 19-20: at South Bend St. Joseph Invitational, opponents TBA

Aug. 24: Brownsburg, 7:15 p.m.

Aug. 27: at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Aug. 31: at Avon, 7:45 p.m.

Sept. 2: Evansville Reitz, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 3: Evansville Mater Dei, 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 7: Fishers, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10: at Crown Point, 11:45 a.m.

Sept. 10: at Fort Wayne Carroll, 3:45 p.m.

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MLB standings

Wednesday's games		Late games	
N.Y. Mets 10, Cincinnati 2	Atlanta 8, Boston 4	Pittsburgh at Arizona	Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers
Milwaukee 4, Tampa Bay 3, 10 innings	Kansas City 8, Chicago White Sox 3		
Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 2	Toronto at Baltimore, postponed		
L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 4, 12 innings	Texas 8, Houston 4, 10 innings		
San Diego 13, San Francisco 7	St. Louis 9, Colorado 5		
Seattle 4, N.Y. Yankees 3			
Philadelphia 4, Miami 3			
Cleveland 3, Detroit 2			

WNBA standings

Wednesday's game		Late game	
New York 91, Dallas 73	Minnesota at Phoenix		

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chicago	25	9	0.735	-
x-Las Vegas	24	10	0.706	1.0
x-Connecticut	23	11	0.676	2.0
x-Seattle	21	13	0.618	4.0
x-Washington	20	14	0.588	5.0
x-Dallas	17	17	0.500	8.0
Phoenix	14	19	0.424	10.5
New York	14	20	0.412	11.0
Atlanta	14	20	0.412	11.0
Minnesota	13	20	0.394	11.5
Los Angeles	13	21	0.382	12.0
Indiana	5	29	0.147	20.0

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American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	71	41	0.634	-
Toronto	60	50	0.545	10.0
Baltimore	58	52	0.527	12.0
Tampa Bay	58	52	0.527	12.0
Boston	54	58	0.482	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	58	52	0.527	-
Minnesota	57	52	0.523	0.5
Chicago White Sox	56	55	0.505	2.5
Kansas City	46	66	0.411	13.0
Detroit	43	69	0.384	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	71	41	0.634	-
Seattle	61	52	0.540	10.5
Texas	49	61	0.445	21.0
L.A. Angels	49	63	0.438	22.0
Oakland	41	71	0.366	30.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	73	39	0.652	-
Atlanta	66	46	0.589	7.0
Philadelphia	62	48	0.564	10.0
Miami	49	61	0.445	23.0
Washington	37	76	0.327	36.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	61	49	0.555	-
Milwaukee	60	50	0.545	1.0
Chicago Cubs	45	65	0.409	16.0
Cincinnati	44	66	0.400	17.0
Pittsburgh	44	66	0.400	17.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	76	33	0.697	-
San Diego	63	51	0.553	15.5
San Francisco	54	57	0.486	23.0
Arizona	50	59	0.459	26.0
Colorado	49	63	0.434	29.0

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