

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN
CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly sunny.
Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 58 LOW: 37



Change sweeps county

End of the Brainard Era in Carmel & Westfield will look quite different in 2024

The REPORTER

While the voter turnout may have been low for the May 2 primary, the changes coming across the county are larger than we can yet know.

Carmel

Sue Finkam has won the Republican primary for Carmel mayor and, if fundraising is any indication, will now face off against a strong Democratic opponent in current city council member Miles Nelson in November.

Teresa Ayers was technically an incumbent, having been caucused into her seat earlier this year, and she made an impressively strong showing against two opponents to win the GOP nod for November. She will now face Democratic opposition from Courtney Culver in the general election.

Sara Draper and Jake Madore will face off on the Democratic side against Jeff Worrell, Rich Taylor, and Matthew J. Snyder for three at-large council seats.

Tony Green ran unopposed for the GOP South Central council seat but will face Democrat Jessica Irvine in November. Similarly, Republican Adam Aasen will face Democrat Jeremy Eltz.

Cicero

First-time candidate Emily Pearson has defeated sitting Town Council President Chad Blueher, who was caucused in after Jack Russell left the council.

Fishers

Jennifer Kehl has won the GOP race for City Clerk by a wide margin primary against Rachel Segars and will now gear up for a November election against Democrat Janet Pritchett.



Photos provided

NEW LEADERSHIP IN CARMEL & WESTFIELD: Both mayoral candidates Sue Finkam and Scott Willis earned comfortable victories in their respective cities' Republican primary races on Tuesday. (Top) Finkam was accompanied on the stage by her son Drew and husband Joe. (Above) Willis' wife Stacey and daughter Brenna proved to be a great support team for the candidate. See more Primary Election Day photos on Pages 4 and 5.

Noblesville

After having the district boundaries moved and having to run At Large instead of in his familiar district, Pete Schwartz made the cut to be on the November ballot along with fellow Republicans Darren Peterson and Evan Elliott. Currently,

they will be unopposed in November.

Mark Boice, who was previously an At Large member of the council, decided to run in District 4 for the seat currently held by Dan Spartz. That race was uncontested because Spartz held to his word about not

running for election when he was caucused into his seat on the council.

Westfield

And then there was Westfield.

That could be a very different city in years to come

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Top Contested Races

See a full list of results for both parties' primary elections on Page 3.



CARMEL MAYOR

✓ Sue Finkam (R) 4,595 votes	Fred Glynn (R) 4,048 votes
Kevin "Woody" Rider (R) 4,092 votes	

WESTFIELD MAYOR

Kristen Burkman (R) 992 votes	Jake Gilbert (R) 3,265 votes
✓ Scott Willis (R) 3,506 votes	

FISHERS CITY CLERK

✓ Jennifer Kehl (R) 1,766 votes	Rachel Segars (R) 820 votes
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WESTFIELD CLERK TREASURER

✓ Marla Ailor (R) 3,571 votes	Tonya Hyatt (R) 3,438 votes
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CARMEL CITY COUNCIL, North Central

✓ Teresa Ayers (R) 823 votes	Chuck Ford (R) 478 votes
David Kinkad (R) 480 votes	

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL, District 2

Chad Blueher (R) 234 votes	✓ Emily Pearson (R) 247 votes
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NOBLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL, District 5

✓ Dave Johnson (R) 189 votes	Rocky Shanehsaz (R) 157 votes
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SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL, District 1

John Brandenburg (R) 29 votes	Cleova Brown (R) 11 votes
✓ David Kinkad (R) 69 votes	

Voter Statistics

Election Day voters: 24,505
Paper absentee voters: 2,408
Walk-in absentee voters: 6,470

Total ballots cast: 33,383
Registered voters: 245,369

Voter Turnout: 13.61%
All data courtesy of the Hamilton County Elections Office

Westfield & Noblesville Lions team up for day of service

Clubs work together to get Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp ready for kids

The REPORTER

On Saturday, April 29, the Westfield Lions Club and Noblesville Lions Club worked together for a "day of service" at the Diabetes Youth Foundation Camp in Noblesville. Fifteen Lions spent a few hours opening up the facility after the winter shutdown, cleaning up the camp, and preparing cabins for the campers.

"Camp Until a Cure" is the only camp in Indiana owned, designed, and operated specifically for the needs of children with diabetes. Located in Noblesville, Camp Until a Cure hosts children and teenagers battling Type 1 diabetes. Swimming, crafts, hiking, paintball, archery, challenge courses and award-winning science programs with diabetes education, along with a full-time medical staff, give diabetic youth an opportunity to enjoy the experiences of a summer camp.

The facility, which opened in 1989, offers family camps, as well as overnight, day, and teen camp weekends. It is the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana's belief that every child should have the opportunity to come to camp.

This is the first time the Lions have been able to get back to working together at the camp



Photo provided

The Westfield & Noblesville Lions joined forces last Saturday to get the Diabetes Youth Foundation Camp in Noblesville ready for the kids this summer.

since COVID-19 restrictions. In years past, the two clubs have made it an annual project to meet at the camp in April to begin prepping the facility for the kids. This effort is part of Lions Clubs International's motto "We Serve" and follows the organization's commitment to reducing the prevalence of diabetes and improving the lives of those who suffer from it.

The excellent relationship between the two clubs has allowed them to partner together on other projects, including days of service at the Third Phase Homeless Shelter.

For more information on the Diabetes Youth Foundation Camp and how you can support it, go to dyfi.org. Your help is needed so that children suffering from Type 1 diabetes can enjoy

some of the same experiences other children do.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club and the Noblesville Lions Club, go to WestfieldLions.org or e-club-house.org/sites/noblesville/index.php. The Westfield and Noblesville Lions are looking for men and women who want to make a difference in their communities.

The journey of motherhood

The relationship between sisters is truly a dynamic one. There's a quote by Marion C. Garretty that I've always loved because I feel it so perfectly captures the relationship of adult sisters. "A sister is a piece of childhood that can never be lost."

If you have a sister, you know there is nobody who can have your back, make you laugh, or make you angrier than her. There is nobody on the planet who understands where you came from and why you are the way you are more than your sister. There is nobody who remembers your childhood quite like her. If you have a sister, you know you can literally have a blowout argument followed by a cookout in the same week.

May is upon us. It is a month that we celebrate being a mother. Whether it be yourself, your own mother, wife, stepmother, sister, aunt, grandmother, or whomever, we associate motherhood with the month of May. It is the month that we celebrate Our Lady and Mother of Jesus, Mary. How fitting that this particular month where we celebrate being a mother happens to be the same month as my sister's birthday.

My sister is on a journey to becoming a mother through adoption. I can honestly say I never thought I'd love a kid I have never met or that wasn't mine like I do this child. I do not know who they are, what their gender is, or what they'll look like, but I feel this deep sense of love for this child.

I long for my sister to feel the squishy and chubby fingers of her baby wrapped around hers. I can't wait for her to enjoy a



COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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Hear about upcoming total solar eclipse at Carmel Planetarium

MOTHERHOOD

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The REPORTER

With only 11 months to go until the Total Solar Eclipse, the Carmel High School Planetarium Club invites you to come learn all you can about eclipses. Get answers to questions like:

- What is a Total Solar Eclipse?
- Why do we have eclipses on Earth?
- What will we see in central Indiana on April 8, 2024?
- Why do people get so excited about Total Solar Eclipses?

Three total solar eclipse experts will be at the show to give you answers to these questions.

The two presentations will take place at 7 and 8 p.m. on Monday, May 8 in

the Carmel High School Planetarium. Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. No one will be admitted after the program begins. *Children aged 12 years and under should be accompanied by an adult. Recommended for children aged 5 and up.*

Click here to buy tickets for the 7 p.m. show, and **click here** to buy tickets for the 8 p.m. show. Tickets for adults are \$5 and \$3 for children and CHS students.

Click here to learn more or call Planetarium Director Keith Turner at (317) 846-7721 ext. 7446. You can also follow along on Twitter at **@CCSPplanetarium**.

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Thanks for reading!

cup of morning coffee in bed and Face-time me while her little one is cuddled up at her side. I am so excited for her to experience the magic of a Christmas morning with a little one. I picture her reading a book to the baby after an evening bath, rocking the baby in her arms. I cannot wait until my sister knows what it feels like for her baby to look at her and smile for the first time.

I cannot wait for my sister to let her little one help stir the brownies and lick the batter from the spoon. I know the sound of excited feet pitter patter down the hall, and I cannot wait for that sound to echo in the halls of her home.

I cannot wait for her to hear her baby tell her that they love her, and for her to hear this little one call her “mama.”

I cannot wait to meet this child that God has chosen by His hand for my sister and her husband. I long for the day when her heartache of not having a child is replaced with utter clarity. The moment this baby is placed in her arms, I know she will realize why she was put on this Earth, and the reason for their pain and struggles.

I fervently pray for her journey to motherhood. After all, that is exactly what motherhood is: a journey.

Motherhood isn’t easy. In fact, there are days that are really hard. I pray for those who long to be a mother or are mourning the loss of their own mother this month. I pray for the mother who is an empty-nester and struggling to find her place. I pray for those who have experienced loss in their motherhood. I pray for the mother of a sick child.

I pray for any mother who is not in the place they wish to be with their child right now. I pray for any mother who is sick right now and putting on a brave face for her family. I pray for the single mothers who are struggling, but still manage to show up every single day for their children. I pray for any mother who is doing the best she can right now.

I pray for the mothers of adult children who are navigating their roles. I pray for the grandmothers who show up every single day for their children and grandchildren; the ones who realize what a true gift they’ve been given.

I pray for the mothers who choose the selfless act of adoption, putting



Photos provided by Megan Rathz

(Top left) My sister and I on one of our many Disney trips with her favorite princess, Belle. (Top right) My sister rollerblading around five years old. (Above) My mom and sister working in her garden as a little girl.

their own pain and feelings aside to give the gift of a wonderful life to their unborn child. I pray for any woman struggling with a difficult decision in her pregnancy right now, and rather than being met with judgment, I hope she is embraced with love and understanding. I pray for any woman who has made a decision that she regrets.

I pray that Mother Mary intercedes in all our lives and provides us grace, peace, and comfort.

This child is fortunate enough to have two aunts who will love this baby like crazy. My brother-in-law’s sister, who also happens to be named Megan, will be just as excited as me to spoil this baby. I can’t wait for the

days when she and I share the special role of being an aunt. I know she will make sure this baby hears about her own mother in Heaven frequently, just as I will speak of my dad in the same fashion. This baby will grow up hearing both of their names.

Emily, I know the desire in your heart to be a mother and I cannot wait to watch this journey unfold for you. You are meant to be a mother.

No matter what, you will always be my baby sister. I love you and happy birthday.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.



PREVAIL
Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Individually packaged snacks
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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RESULTS

Winners of contested races **appear in red**, and * denotes an incumbent. Results courtesy Hamilton County Elections Office.

CARMEL		
Mayor (vote for 1)		
SUE FINKAM	36.08%	4,595 votes
FRED GLYNN	31.79%	4,048 votes
KEVIN "WOODY" RIDER	32.13%	4,092 votes
Clerk (vote for 1)		
JACOB W. QUINN	100%	9,905 votes
City Court Judge (vote for 1)		
*BRIAN G POINDEXTER	100%	9,929 votes
City Council, Northwest District (vote for 1)		
SHELDON BARNES	13.73%	232 votes
RYAN LOCKE	71.07%	1,201 votes
DANNY NIEDERBERGER	15.21%	257 votes
City Council, North Central District (vote for 1)		
*TERESA AYERS	46.21%	823 votes
CHUCK FORD	26.84%	478 votes
LEAH YORK	26.95%	480 votes
City Council, Northeast District (vote for 1)		
JASON ENGLE	39.68%	1,000 votes
SHANNON MINNAAR	60.32%	1,520 votes
City Council, West District (vote for 1)		
LOREN MATTHES	83.49%	1,138 votes
VEN TADIKONDA	16.51%	225 votes
City Council, South Central District (vote for 1)		
*ANTHONY (TONY) GREEN	100%	1,746 votes
City Council, Southeast District (vote for 1)		
*ADAM AASEN	100%	2,022 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 3)		
JONATHAN K. BLAKE	18.76%	5,455 votes
MATTHEW J. SNYDER	27.88%	8,105 votes
RICH TAYLOR	25.48%	7,407 votes
*JEFF WORRELL	27.89%	8,108 votes
FISHERS		
Mayor (vote for 1)		
*SCOTT FADNESS	100%	2,276 votes
Clerk (vote for 1)		
*JENNIFER L. KEHL	68.29%	1,766 votes
RACHEL SEGARS	31.71%	820 votes
City Court Judge (vote for 1)		
*DANIEL E. HENKE	100%	2,351 votes
City Council, Northwest District (vote for 1)		
*SELINA STOLLER	100%	402 votes
City Council, North Central District (vote for 1)		
JOHN P. DeLUCIA	100%	235 votes
City Council, Northeast District (vote for 1)		
*BRAD DeREAMER	100%	757 votes
City Council, Southwest District (vote for 1)		
*DAVID GIFFEL	100%	444 votes
City Council, South Central District (vote for 1)		
*JOHN W. WEINGARDT	100%	279 votes
City Council, Southeast District (vote for 1)		
*PETE PETERSON	100%	298 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 3; uncontested, all candidates won)		
*CECLIA COBLE	32.42%	2,032 votes
TIFFANIE DITLEVSON	32.70%	2,049 votes
*TODD ZIMMERMAN	34.88%	2,186 votes

NOBLESVILLE		
Mayor (vote for 1)		
*CHRIS JENSEN	100%	2,499 votes
Clerk (vote for 1)		
*EVELYN L. LEES	100%	2,392 votes
City Court Judge (vote for 1)		
*MATT COOK	100%	2,406 votes
City Council, District 1 (vote for 1)		
*MIKE DAVIS	100%	594 votes
City Council, District 2 (vote for 1)		
TODD THURSTON	100%	417 votes
City Council, District 3 (vote for 1)		
*AARON SMITH	100%	592 votes
City Council, District 4 (vote for 1)		
*MARK W BOICE	100%	506 votes
City Council, District 5 (vote for 1)		
DAVE JOHNSON	54.62%	189 votes
ROCKY SHANEHSAZ	45.38%	157 votes
City Council, District 6 (vote for 1)		
*MEGAN G. WILES	100%	249 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 3)		
EVAN ELLIOTT	20.85%	1,657 votes
MIKE FIELD	15.78%	1,254 votes
NICK GOMILLION	17.31%	1,376 votes
*DARREN PETERSON	25.89%	2,058 votes
*PETE SCHWARTZ	20.18%	1,604 votes
WESTFIELD		
Mayor (vote for 1)		
KRISTEN BURKMAN	12.78%	992 votes
JAKE GILBERT	42.06%	3,265 votes
SCOTT WILLIS	45.16%	3,506 votes
Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)		
MARLA AILOR	50.95%	3,571 votes
TONYA F. HYATT	49.05%	3,438 votes
City Council, District 1 (vote for 1)		
JON DARTT	59.83%	962 votes
MARK F. KEEN	40.17%	646 votes
City Council, District 2 (vote for 1)		
ANDREW BOUSE	44.07%	524 votes
VICTOR McCARTY	55.93%	665 votes
City Council, District 3 (vote for 1)		
JOE DUEPNER	72.71%	1,010 votes
JUSTIN C. GRIFFITHS	27.29%	379 votes
City Council, District 4 (vote for 1)		
*SCOTT FREI	47.15%	686 votes
PATRICK T. TAMM	52.85%	769 votes
City Council, District 5 (vote for 1)		
NOAH HERRON	63.74%	1,037 votes
*MIKE JOHNS	36.26%	590 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 2)		
CHAD HUFF	36.83%	4,464 votes
BRIAN TOMAMICHEL	26.73%	3,240 votes
KURT J. WANNINGER	36.43%	4,415 votes

CHANGE		
from Page 1		
as one council member, Scott Willis, moves to the November GOP mayoral ballot with no Democratic opponent. The city will have a new Clerk-Treasurer as well, presumably in Marla Ailor.		
Westfield will have a completely new city council with no incumbents surviving the primary and two Democrats on the ballot for November.		
Democrat Gary Lane will vie in November for one of two At Large seats against GOP candidates Chad Huff		
and Kurt Wanninger.		
Patrick T. Tamm won the GOP nod for November in District 4 and will face Democrat Alexis Lowry.		
Whatever happens in November, the entire Westfield City Council, as well as the Clerk-Treasurer, will be new to Westfield elected office in January 2024. The mayor, while he will be new to that job, will be the only person in the room who previously had been involved in council proceedings of any fashion.		
ARCADIA		
Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)		
*JENNIFER S. PICKETT	No election; official will remain in office	
Town Council, District 1 (vote for 1)		
*RICH VERSPRILLE	No election; official will remain in office	
ATLANTA		
Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)		
*JENNIFER FARLEY	100%	40 votes
Town Council, District 2 (vote for 1)		
TIMOTHY JOHNSON	100%	41 votes
Town Council, District 3 (vote for 1)		
*PAM VANHOOK	100%	29 votes
CICERO		
Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)		
*RHONDA GARY	100%	389 votes
Town Council, District 1 (vote for 1)		
DENNIS D JOHNSON	100%	362 votes
Town Council, District 2 (vote for 1)		
*CHAD M. BLUEHER	48.65%	234 votes
EMILY K PEARSON	51.35%	247 votes
Town Council, District 3 (vote for 1)		
*CHRISTOPHER J. LUTZ	100%	393 votes
SHERIDAN		
Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)		
*ELIZABETH (LIZ) A WALDEN	100%	95 votes
Town Council, District 1 (vote for 1)		
JOHN A. BRANDENBURG	26.61%	29 votes
CLEOVA M. BROWN	10.09%	11 votes
*DAVID W. KINKEAD	63.30%	69 votes
Town Council, District 2 (vote for 1)		
*SILAS DeVANEY III	100%	94 votes

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RESULTS

All candidates won their races becuase no race was contested. * denotes an incumbent. Results courtesy Hamilton County Elections Office.

ATLANTA		
Town Council, District 2 (vote for 1)		
*JODY PRICE	100%	4 votes
NOBLESVILLE		
City Council, At Large (vote for 2)		
PAULA JO GILLIAM	100%	526 votes
WESTFIELD		
City Council, District 4 (vote for 1)		
ALEXIS LOWRY	100%	341 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 2)		
GARY LANE	100%	975 votes

CARMEL		
Mayor (vote for 1)		
MILES NELSON	100%	2,413 votes
City Council, North Central District (vote for 1)		
COURTNEY CULVER	100%	366 votes
City Council, West District (vote for 1)		
ANITA JOSHI	100%	510 votes
City Council, South Central District (vote for 1)		
JESSICA IRVINE	100%	440 votes
City Council, Southeast District (vote for 1)		
JEREMY ELTZ	100%	452 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 3)		
SARA DRAPER	53.73%	2,219 votes
JAKE MADORE	46.27%	1,911 votes

FISHERS		
Clerk (vote for 1)		
JANET PRITCHETT	100%	2,266 votes
City Council, Northwest District (vote for 1)		
BILL McLELLAN	100%	386 votes
City Council, North Central District (vote for 1)		
*CRYSTAL NEUMANN	100%	288 votes
City Council, Northeast District (vote for 1)		
SAMANTHA CHAPMAN	100%	480 votes
City Council, Southwest District (vote for 1)		
BILL STUART	100%	459 votes
City Council, South Central District (vote for 1)		
LANE SKEETERS	100%	292 votes
City Council, At Large (vote for 3)		
HOWARD STEVENSON	43.64%	1,640 votes
*JOCELYN VARE	56.36%	2,118 votes

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Scott Willis victorious in Westfield mayoral primary

Submitted

Republican Scott Willis, current Westfield City Councilor, has won the Republican Primary for Mayor of Westfield.

“I am honored that the residents of Westfield have placed their trust in me to be their next Mayor,” Willis said after the election results were available. “I have worked hard to earn their support, and I think my experience, qualifications, and vision really resonated with people.”

Willis said his goal for Westfield will be to build upon the community’s roots to create a world-class city where you can live, work, and play – a place where you can raise a family, send your children off to college, and see them return home to raise theirs.

“I am excited about what Westfield can become,” Willis said. “A vibrant downtown where family and friends gather for fun with Park Street as the cen-



Westfield Republican mayoral candidate Scott Willis (second from right) was endorsed by the Westfield Professional Fire Fighters. Colin Fogarty (left) and Ryan Herron (right) joined Willis for a photo on Election Day.

terpiece for shopping and dining. A mixed-use village around Grand Park with a trolley shuttling families from the fields to the stores. And connectivity with our trails to create more walkability. To accomplish this, while providing for infra-

structure and public safety, we need to diversify our tax base to keep taxes low.”

As mayor, Willis says he will focus on transparency and communication.

“It is my hope that every resident of our city will be a collaborative voice in West-

field’s future,” he said.

Willis, a retired Marine Corps Colonel, is currently in his first term as a Westfield City Councilor. He and his wife, Stacey, have lived in Westfield for 20 years and have three children: Sophia, Brenna, and Graden.

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Westfield City Council candidates Joe Duepner (left) and Chad Huff both advance to the general election on the Republican ballot. Both are Westfield graduates with the Class of 2000.

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Westfield mayoral candidate Jake Gilbert (back left), who currently serves as a Republican on the city council, was joined by a host of friends and supporters to watch the results come in on Election Day.

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Supporters of Westfield City Council candidate Chad Huff were out in full force on Election Day.

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Westfield Republican mayoral candidate Kristen Burkman (center) enjoyed dedicated support from friends and family. (From left) Mary Pat Forkin, Al Naas, Linda Naas, Rick Burkman, Kristen Burkman, Russell Cameron, Janice Mowry, Cynthia Richmond, and Molli Cameron.

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Republican Patrick Tamm (left) will be on the November ballot to represent District 4 on the Westfield City Council. He was endorsed by the Westfield Professional Fire Fighters, represented here by Colin Fogarty.

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(Above left) Westfield GOP City Council candidate Kurt Wanninger will vie for an At Large seat in November. His wife Tami was recently named Executive Director of Prevail, Inc. (Above right) Wanninger was joined by his parents Kathy and Joe for quick photo on Election Day.



Westfield Clerk Treasurer candidate Tonya Hyatt with one of her supporters, Sam Frain.

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(Above left) Cicero Town Council candidate Emily Pearson’s hard work paid off, and she thanks the Cicero Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 for their support. “I’d like to thank all of my friends, my family, the Fire Fighters Union, my neighbors – because my neighbors were instrumental in this, and the wonderful owners of The Reporter, my favorite newspaper. I’d like to thank Chad for running a clean race and for his service to the Town of Cicero. I promise the residents of Cicero that I uphold their faith and trust as I do my best to serve them well.” (Above right) Turnout was lower than any red-blooded American believer in our bicameral system of legislature and our representative republic would want, and this shot of Emily Pearson working the largely empty polls in Cicero is the ideal metaphor for voter non-participation. Nonetheless, there she is, braving the elements for any voter who might happen to stop by and cast their ballot on actual Election Day! That’s the kind of dedication that got her the job on Cicero Town Council. Meanwhile, an unnamed person can be seen at left looking at a sign about not allowing more signs.



Reporter photo
And speaking of signs . . . (for those of you reading all the cutlines) . . . this shot of what we are calling The Sign Garden outside the Government and Judicial Center in Downtown Noblesville is also a bit of a metaphor for American elections.



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Teresa Ayers easily won re-election to the Carmel City Council representing the North Central District. She received nearly half the vote in a three-way race. “Thank you to everyone who supported my campaign, as well as everyone who came out to participate in the Republican Primary whether they voted for me or not,” Ayers said. “I am looking forward to continuing to work to earn the voters confidence in general election this November. I thank both Leah York and Chuck Ford for their work in the community and their contributions to the ongoing discussion on how to keep Carmel a great place to live and work. I will continue to work as hard as I can for Carmel and to make my father Paul Ayers proud who died last week while working tirelessly for my campaign to push us over the finish line in the primary.”



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(Above left) Republicans Matthew & Ashlee Snyder and Rich & Lauren Taylor took a moment for a photo outside Trinity Baptist Church on Election Day. Matthew Snyder and Rich Taylor each advance for At Large spots on the Carmel City Council in this fall's general election. (Above right) Carmel Republican mayoral candidate Kevin “Woody” Rider and his wife Richelle eagerly show their “I Voted” stickers.



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(Above left) Carmel Republican mayoral candidate and former County Council member Fred Glynn was all smiles Tuesday. (Above right) Carmel City Council candidate Leah York (right) took a moment for a photo with Darin Paul and Deborah Schmitz at Carmel Friends Church.



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(Above left) Pete Schwartz, who currently represents District 2 on the Noblesville Common Council, says he is ready to serve the city as an At Large member. (Above right) Republican Darren Peterson will advance to the November ballot to keep his spot as an At Large member of the Noblesville Common Council.

Miles Nelson ready to face off against Finkam in November

Submitted

After receiving the most votes of any Democrat to ever run for municipal office in the city of Carmel, Miles Nelson declared victory surrounded by more than 150 supporters Tuesday night. His campaign said he is well positioned to face off against Republican nominee Sue Finkam this fall.

“I’m humbled by the support and the trust our neighbors have placed in me and I look forward to running a campaign that’s focused on how, together, we can keep Carmel moving forward,” Nelson said. “As we move toward the November election, I’m ready to continue engaging voters in our city on how we build an administration that’s responsive to their needs, transparent about our spending and priorities, and guarantees Carmel remains one of the best places to live, work and raise a family in America.”

Despite the continued population growth in the Carmel community, and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent by the three

candidates, Republicans saw a marked decline of thousands of votes in primary participation from four years ago.

“This enthusiasm gap highlights how Carmel voters are increasingly looking forward to a mayor who is ready to lead with a track record of delivering for our neighborhoods,” Nelson said.



Nelson

Nelson’s campaign manager Cynthia Johnson said, “What’s been made clear tonight is that over the next few months, voters are going to be offered two very distinct visions for the future direction of our city. One brought forth by Miles that’s collaborative, transparent, rooted in the voices of our neighborhoods and focused on the real challenges facing our community, and the other – full of plans without a real vision to implement them, indecisive while trying to have it both ways on every important issue, and choosing political expediency over the true needs of our community.”

The general election takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 7.



Photo provided
Sue Finkam was joined on the stage by her son Drew and husband Joe during her victory speech.

Sue Finkam credits her win to “strong grassroots presence”

Submitted

Following her win in the Carmel Republican mayoral primary Tuesday evening, Sue Finkam released this statement to the Reporter:

We knew to win this we had to have a strong grassroots presence. I was working as many hours and doing as many things as possible. I’m super appreciative that it resonated with voters and I’m looking forward to taking the next step.

My favorite book is *The Obstacle Is the Way* and we knew the obstacle in this race was that Kevin had worked really hard and done a good job of raising a lot of money. For us to work around that we had to do grassroots, which meant engaging voters. I’m super proud of the

fact that we raised most of our dollars from individual donors. And with those individual donors come votes and in some cases families of votes. We just knew we had to get in front of enough people with our message. We knew early our message was resonating, we just didn’t know how many people we could get in front of and how many people it would take.

We felt with my marketing background and Kory’s background in running campaigns, if we were super targeted, we didn’t need that kind of war chest. If you target the right voters at the right time in the right way – if you get in front of them in a meaningful way – that’s what we talked about from the very beginning.



2023 BICENTENNIAL MAY EVENTS



HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

May 6-12, *Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan*
May 13-19, *University High School, West 116th St., Carmel*
May 20-26, *Trinity Free Clinic, West 146th St., Carmel*
May 27-June 2, *Country Moon Winery, Prairie Baptist Rd., Noblesville*

Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when the exhibit is open to the public.

FREE



ADAMS TOWNSHIP FAMILY STORYTELLING

May 4, 6-7 p.m.

Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan

Storyteller Debby Gullery (*pictured left*) from Storytelling Arts of Indiana will lead the public in an interactive workshop on family histories and the importance of passing stories through generations.

FREE

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT BIDDLE PARK

May 13, All Day, *Biddle Memorial Park, East 10th Street, Sheridan*

Join Sheridan Parks at Biddle Park as they debut their new-and-improved disc golf course. Each hole at this historic park includes a course map and local-history fact. Watch or participate in a tournament, with prizes for the top teams. (Teams must register. Call 317-758-5170.)

FREE

SHERIDAN COMMUNITY CHOIR PATRIOTIC MUSICAL

May 20, 7 p.m., and May 21, 3 p.m.,

Six Points Church, West 226th Street, Sheridan

The Sheridan Community Choir will present a Patriotic Musical for the whole community. Join us for one of two performances!

FREE



ADAMS TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT

“WAITING ON THE BUS DOWNTOWN” MURAL UNVEILING

May 6, 2023, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sheridan Historical Society
South Main Street, Sheridan | FREE

See artist Melinda Spear-Huff’s 8’x7’ mural portraying transportation history in Sheridan, specifically the bus line that had a stop right next to her studio. Also enjoy activities including a Model T and antique car show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Veteran’s Park, the dedication of new veteran banners, and the Sheridan alumni banquet at 5 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School. (For alumni information, call 317-758-5170.)

Access the entire **2023 Bicentennial Event Lineup**
and get event/program details: ***HamCoTurns200.com***

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Duke Energy powers Noblesville Main Street Farmers Market with season-long sponsorship

The REPORTER

Noblesville Main Street on Monday announced Duke Energy as its first season-long sponsor of the Noblesville Farmers Market. This support powers all 24 weeks of the Farmers Market (May 6 through Oct. 14), covers the fee for the nonprofit space each week, and brings a new “safety day” to the Noblesville Farmers Market later this summer.

“Duke Energy continues to be a champion of Noblesville, repeatedly supporting us in our mission to enrich the community,” Noblesville Main Street Executive Director Kate Baker said. “The Farmers Market has become a staple of our community and Duke Energy’s generous sponsorship will help us continue to give Noblesville’s residents and visitors



Baker



LaBarr

an even more impactful experience this coming spring, summer, and fall.”

“We believe that when our communities thrive, we thrive,” Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. “That’s why we’re proud to support the Noblesville Main Street Farmers Market, which affords local growers, food producers and artisans the opportunity to sell their goods and build a sense of community.”

Over the last five years, the Duke Energy Foundation has awarded nearly \$815,000 in grants to Hamilton County organizations to address critical workforce needs, preserve the environment, support mental health services, boost emergency preparedness and support K-12 education.



About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information can be found at duke-energy.com/foundation.

About Noblesville Main Street

Noblesville Main Street (NMS) enriches the culture and community of Noblesville’s downtown historic district by creating partnerships and programs to connect people to unique places and experiences. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, NMS is 100 percent funded through annual corporate and partner sponsorships. Learn more at NoblesvilleMainStreet.org.



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Carmel’s River Heritage Park rededication ceremony rescheduled

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold a rededication ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 8 at River Heritage Park, 11813 River Road, to celebrate the newly reimagined park.

The rededication will include brief remarks from community leaders and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

- Jim Brainard, Carmel Mayor
- Adam Aasen, Carmel City Councilor
- Matthew J. Snyder, Clay Township Board Member

- Rich Taylor, Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation President
- Karen Russo, Disability Awareness Advocate (The Russo family inspired the park’s inclusive design in the early 2000s.)
- Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director & CEO

The event will be live streamed on the CCPR [Facebook page](#).

Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the reimagined park’s updates, including new inclusive playground features, accessible trails, White River overlooks, and an updated shelter.



Regionally renowned artist Thelma Frame to celebrate 104th birthday

The REPORTER

Zionsville Meadows Assisted Living is celebrating resident and regionally renowned artist Thelma Frame as she turns 104 with a party in her honor. Friends and family

will gather at the community at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Thelma grew up on a farm outside of Hebron, Ind., and began drawing as a child. Over the years she expanded her artist-

ry to include painting, and she eventually began painting with watercolors in her 90s. She particularly loves to paint landscapes and anything reflecting “the quiet of country.” She has won several awards

at regional painting competitions, and has several pieces displayed at the Richmond Art Museum in Richmond, Ind., where she lived previously.

Thelma studied education at Indiana Universi-

ty and was a teacher. She says that the secret to living life to the fullest is to keep busy and “stay useful.” She continues to live out this philosophy by volunteering to lead creative activities at Zionsville

Meadows.

Zionsville Meadows Assisted Living is located at 675 S. Ford Road in Zionsville. Please consider joining Frame as she is recognized on this special day.



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Northern GOP welcomes County Council



The Northern Hamilton County GOP Club welcomed candidates, voters, and local elected officials to its dinner meeting last Thursday. Hamilton County Council members Ken Alexander, Sue Maki, and Steve Nation served as guest speakers. Catering for the meeting was provided by Angela Garcia, proprietor of Bien Mexicana in Cicero, which will soon be featured in an online episode of *America's Best Restaurants*. For more information about the Northern GOP Club, email President Emily Pearson at emily.pearson317@gmail.com. Reporter photos by Nik Roberts

Rep. Rudy Yakym: GOP debt ceiling bill minimizes uncertainty

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
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A Republican member of Indiana's congressional delegation on Friday said the GOP's debt ceiling package is meant to jump-start negotiations early.

The House voted Wednesday to [pass a bill raising the nation's debt ceiling](#). In January, the U.S. hit the debt ceiling set by

Congress, forcing the Treasury Department to start taking [extraordinary measures to keep the government open](#) and escalating pressure on Capitol Hill to avoid a catastrophic default.

Rep. [Rudy Yakym](#) serves on the House Budget Committee. In an interview with News 8 for Sunday's *All INdiana Politics*, he said he disagrees with President Joe Biden's assertion

the bill would, among other things, reduce benefits for 182,000 Indiana students with disabilities. Yakym said by reducing government spending to 2022 levels, the debt ceiling deal still keeps discretionary spending above what it was pre-pandemic.

"That is not a catastrophic event," Rep. Yakym said. "I think that our country can survive just fine

on levels of spending that are substantially higher than we were pre-pandemic."

Yakym said House Republicans were taking a responsible approach by passing a debt ceiling deal 75 to 90 days before a potential default rather than waiting until the last minute. He said he still hopes President Biden comes to the negotiating table.

"One path is the House

leaders, the Senate leaders and the president sit down, come together, negotiate a deal that everyone can live with. That's a path that I'd like to see," Rep. Yakym said. "The other path is that the Senate take this bill, they can either pass as is, or they can have their own debate about the merits of each individual component of the bill."

For his part, U.S. Rep.

[André Carson](#) said the GOP debt ceiling bill would lead to a default and jeopardize crucial safety net programs.

"These cruel cuts will impact veteran's healthcare, food assistance for seniors, and will lay off thousands of first responders – all while raising everyday prices for hardworking American families," Rep. Carson said in a statement.

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Community First Bank now Diamond Level Partner with Westfield Chamber of Commerce

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber has announced that Community First Bank is upgrading to a Diamond Level Partner, the Chamber's \$10,000 Partnership Level.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Community First Bank is locally owned and operated, serving Kokomo, Westfield, Noblesville, and the greater Indianapolis area.

The bank has been named as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana eight consecutive years by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and was named Indiana's Small Business Lender of the Year for 2022



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Civic Theatre stages timeless classic, *The Sound of Music*

By **VICKIE CORNELIUS PHIPPS**
A Seat on the Aisle

The Sound of Music opened on Broadway in 1959, 14 years after World War II ended. This final collaboration of the incredible duo of Rogers and Hammerstein gave us the world's most beloved musical, which won five Tony Awards and five Oscars.

It featured many memorable songs including, "My Favorite Things," "Climb Every Mountain," "Do-Re-Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," and the title song. If you have seen the movie 20 times like I have but have never seen a stage production as it was originally written, this is a show you should see.

The inspirational story is set in Austria and based on the memoirs of Maria Von Trapp, a nun-in-training who has trouble coping with the boundaries of convent life. On the insightful order of Mother Abbess, Maria is sent back into the world to find some clarity. She takes up a position as governess to seven children of the widowed former naval officer, Captain Von Trapp. When she arrives, she learns that the Captain requires military discipline from his children (age ranging from 5 to 16) and expects the same from Maria. But Maria's warmth and kindness quickly win the children's affection through music.

The country is on the precipice of WWII and loyalties are changing by the day. When the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a decision that will change their lives forever.

A stellar performance by Renee La Schiazza as Maria has us all in the palm of her hand with a voice of crystalline clarity and a charm that sweeps across the stage. Tobin Strader as Captain Georg Von Trapp remains



Photo by David Cunningham
Maria (played by Renee La Schiazza) inspires the Von Trapp children with a song in Civic Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*, on stage through May 13 in Carmel.

detached from the audience until he opens to Maria. La Schiazza and Strader make their falling in love moment believable as the captain's outer shell starts to crack.

David Maxwell as Captain Trapp's friend Max Detweiler is engaging and entertaining. Nina Stilabower brings golden-era style and class to the role of Baroness Schraeder. Emma Hornbecker (Liesl) and Nolan Dougherty (Rolf) delight us in the musical number "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," a moment of lightness for these two teenagers that will soon force them to grow up.

The talented ensemble of the seven Von Trapp children, Emma Hornbecker (Liesl), Andrew Horras (Friedrich), Keegan Connor (Louisa), Jack McNally (Kurt), Adeline Giesting (Brigitta), Katherine LeFan (Marta), and Greta Schaefer (Gretl) is delightful and distinguishable.

Grace and harmony preside over the entire show in the form of the sisters of Nonnberg Abbey. Lauren Walawender (Sister Berthe), Heather Hansen (Sister Margaret), and Sydnie Blair (Sister Sophia) radiate both reverence and wit. At their lead is Kirsten Gunlogson (Mother Abbess) whose delivery of "Climb Every Mountain" is strong and stirring.

Scenic designer Kenneth Foy's work is breathtaking. The orchestra under the direction of Brent Marty brings this amazing score to life with stylish energy. Adrienne Conces designed the costumes with compliments to Andrew Elliot as Hair/Wig designer.

Every member of the ensemble gives earnest focus to the scenes. A deserving *brava* to Dick Davis, Jennifer Sutton, Nolan Daugherty, Karen Hurt, Luke Robinson, Katie Stark, Drew Kempis, Melina DeGolyer, Keith Gregor, Alex Arnold, Sadie Cohen, Chad Leitschuh, Nicolette Mantica, Lee Russell, and Anastasia Yiannoutsos.

The Sound of Music is one of those musicals that has stood the test of time and remains a frequent crowd pleaser. Rogers and Hammerstein never ran away from the ugly truth. They made their audiences think. Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*, directed by Anne Beck, makes this classic a warmhearted entertaining experience and should serve as the perfect theatre experience.

The Sound of Music runs through May 13. Purchase tickets at CivicTheatre.org, or call (317) 843-3800.
Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at asota.wordpress.com.

Merchants Capital named No. 2 lender of 2022 by Affordable Housing Finance

The REPORTER

Leading financial services provider Merchants Capital announced on Monday the company has earned a top-ranking position on the prestigious Affordable Housing Finance (AHF) Top Lenders listing, ranking in as the No. 2 lender nationwide for 2022 – **up from No. 8 last year.**

Recently, Merchants Capital announced that the firm closed \$8.95 billion in debt production in 2022, shattering 2021's previous record of \$7 billion, a 27

percent increase in a year the industry contracted by 11 percent, according to the **Mortgage Bankers Association**. Throughout 2022, Merchants Capital saw significant growth despite a turbulent year for the industry. This included a 77 percent increase in Merchants Bank balance sheet lending with over \$7 billion, a 48 percent increase in Freddie Mac Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH) production, and a total affordable debt production of \$5.9 billion (a 90 percent increase from 2021).

"This recognition would not have been possible without the determination of our team members and the confidence our clients have in Merchants," said Dwayne George, Executive Vice President, National Head of Production at Merchants Capital. "Being recognized by Affordable Housing Finance as the No. 2 lender in the nation further solidifies our place in this industry. We are humbled by the accolade and look forward to another year of executing for our clients and counterparties."

Merchants Capital's innovative and tailored financing solutions help bring critical multifamily housing projects to life across the country. In addition to expertise in tax credit equity

syndications and affordable housing, the firm also specializes in bridge and agency financing to support market-rate developments.

"The work we do at Merchants Capital helps provide individuals and families with the high-quality, safe and affordable housing they deserve," said Mathew Wambua, Merchants Capital's Vice Chair & Head of Agency Lending. "This honorable ranking as the No. 2 affordable housing lender in the country is a direct result of our dedication to our mission. We're incredibly grateful to our team all across the U.S., as well as to our valued partners who have entrusted us with the financing of key developments throughout the nation. We look forward to continued success in affordable housing finance for years to come."

AHF Top Lenders is a comprehensive ranking of the top 25 affordable lenders. The annual list was compiled through surveys submitted by lenders in early 2022, detailing the organizations' 2022 total volumes in affordable debt production. The full ranking can be found here.

To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit MerchantsCapital.com.

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Fishers launches online resource center for Mental Health Awareness Month

StigmaFree Fishers to partner with CredibleMind on free online wellness platform for residents

The REPORTER

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the City of Fishers has revamped its StigmaFree Fishers campaign with a partnership with CredibleMind, a free online wellbeing and mental health resource center. A series of events is planned for the public to raise awareness around mental wellbeing as part of the city's efforts to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

"StigmaFree Fishers has raised awareness on mental health supported residents in crisis," Fishers Health Department Director Monica Heltz said. "The Fishers Health Department is committed to ensuring residents know how to care for their mental health and where to access more resources. The CredibleMind platform will give residents free, research-based access to tools dedicated specifically to mental health that will ultimately provide a preventative approach to health and wellness in Fishers."

New CredibleMind Wellness Resource
The revamped **StigmaFreeFishers.com**, powered by CredibleMind, is a free online service for residents offering access to mental health education, resources, and assessments.

Fully confidential and available 24/7, the online platform allows access to thousands of evidence-based resources, all reviewed by both experts and users for a highly personalized ex-

perience. Combined with scientifically validated assessments, expert-written articles, and thousands of resources including videos, apps, podcasts and books, users can find information to help them make positive improvements no matter what their learning style.

Residents who create an account and complete the Mental Health Check-In Assessment by May 15 will be entered to win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card.

The Forgiving Sea Project Exhibit open Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hamilton County Community Foundation Collaboration Hub (11810 Technology Drive) Free

The Forgiving Sea Project, a nonprofit multi-media collaboration from Indianapolis artist Carolyn Springer and composer Joseph Lamm, funded by the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission, will provide an interactive art installation at Hamilton County Community Foundation Collaboration Hub and four public events throughout the month. Learn more at thisisfishers.com/Mental-HealthMonth.

- Family Day & Spiritual Healing Event: Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

- Fishers Arts Council Second Friday Artist Reception: Friday, May 12, 6 to 8 p.m.

- Lunch Talk with Licensed Art Psychotherapist

Katy Wagner, MA, ATR-P, LMHCA: Tuesday, May 16, 12:15 to 1 p.m.

- Lunch Talk with Artist & Founder Carolyn Springer: Thursday, May 25, 12:15 to 1 p.m.

Fishers Parks' Free Yoga Classes

- Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 | 9 to 10 a.m. | **Billericay Park (May 31 class is at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater)**
- Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at the **Fishers Farmers Market** | 8 to 9 a.m. | **Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive)**
- Thursday, May 18 | 5 to 6 p.m. | **Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road)**

Fishers Parks is expanding its free yoga program with opportunities throughout the week at Billericay Park, the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater during the Fishers Farmers Market and at Yoga on the Farm at the Fishers AgriPark. No registration is required for any session. Learn more at playfishers.com.

Hope for Happiness Saturday, May 13 8 a.m. to noon

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High Schools' Bring Change to Mind clubs will host the annual Hope for Happiness event at the Fishers Farmers Market in partnership with The City of Fishers and Fishers Health Department. Stop by the free, family-friendly

event to help raise awareness about mental health and the City's StigmaFree Fishers initiative, participate in mental health activities, find resources from local mental healthcare providers, and more. Learn more at thisisfishers.com/MentalHealthMonth.

Fishers Parks' Wednesday Walk Wednesday, May 17 9 to 10 a.m. Holland Park (1 Park Drive)

Enjoy ecotherapy in nature with a walk with the Fishers Parks' team to learn more about the parks department. Wednesday Walks will be offered monthly at rotating parks around Fishers. Learn more at playfishers.com.

Fishers Parks Storywalk Throughout the month Billericay Park (12690 Promise Road)

During Mental Health Awareness Month, the self-guided Storywalk hike features the children's book *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld. Visit playfishers.com/Storywalk to learn more.

Take the Pledge

Residents are encouraged to take the pledge to learn more about mental health and share their pledges on social media using the hashtag #StigmaFreeFishers. Residents can take the pledge virtually at thisisfishers.com/Mental-HealthMonth.

Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church celebrating 50 years of worship



Photos provided

Come join Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church as they celebrate 50 years of worship. The open house will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at the church, located at 18325 Eagletown Road, Westfield. Refreshments will be provided.

Robbie's Hope Gala

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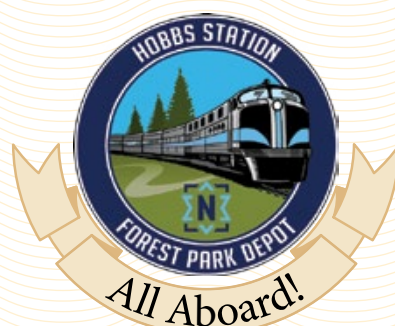
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May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

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Murder on the Luau Express

The ever-popular Murder Mystery is back for a one-weekend only Luau Express.

Enjoy a train ride to Atlanta, Indiana where you will disembark for dinner from 9th Street Bistro, music and maybe even a murder. Purchase your tickets NOW as these tickets sell fast. You don't want to miss this tropical adventure.

June 24 & 25

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Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Redevelopment Commission will hold its annual Entity Meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet to discuss agency business at noon on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

The TriCo Regional Sewer Utility Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Carmel Police Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 2:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is earlier) in the Caucus Room of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Community Room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

Send Meeting Notices to:
Notices@ReadTheReporter.com

— SHERIDAN —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 2019-9

The Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Council") will conduct a public hearing on May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) at the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, IN 46069, to consider an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2019-9 adopted on August 26, 2019 regarding the regulations of mobile food trucks. A copy of the ordinance is available and can be inspected at the offices of the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, during regular business hours. At the public hearing, the Town Council will receive and hear comments, remonstrance and objections from interested persons concerning the proposed ordinance.

Dated: May 1, 2023

Elizabeth Walden
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan
5/3/23, 5/8/23

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Rev. Robert W. Irvin
April 8, 1930 – April 25, 2023

Rev. Robert W. Irvin, a resident of Fishers, died on April 25, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Health Care Facility in Fishers and entered his eternal heavenly home to live with his Lord and Savior, Jesus.

He was born on April 8, 1930, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, as the second son to Wilfrid F. Irvin and Hazel E. Carter (with his older brother, Warren, having died at birth). He attended Humber College in West Toronto. Robert (Bob) met Joyce Thorn and started their courtship in 1952. Bob later attended Central Baptist Seminary, Moody Bible Institute, and London Bible College preparing to be a minister. While at Moody, Bob enjoyed being a student radio producer and served as the feature editor for the student newspaper. During this time, Bob and Joyce wrote hundreds of letters back and forth until they were married on September 6, 1957.

Bob and Joyce served the Lord in churches in Toronto and Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, before moving to Wheaton, Ill., in 1967. While in Wheaton, Bob served at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago on the Dean of Students staff and eventually served as Dean of Students. Following Moody, they moved back to Canada in 1983 where Bob served as Senior Pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Coburg, Ontario. He and Joyce partnered again as they finished out their ministry career in missions with Slavic Gospel Association in Canada.

In 2008, Bob and Joyce fully retired and returned to the States where they lived in Fishers. While they missed Canada, they enjoyed watching their grandkids grow up, all of whom lived in Illinois and Indiana. They were also active at Faith Church of Indianapolis. Bob loved time with his family and relished being Papa to his grandkids and great grandkids.

Bob was a man that loved Jesus and saw His hand in every part of life. That made him follow Jesus and trust Him through 16 years as a pastor, 16 years at Moody and over eight years at SGA. His life verse was Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord will all your heart, lean not on your understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

He is survived by his children, Mark Irvin (Sharon), Janice Burlingame (Mark), Carol Clement (Rob), and Paul Irvin (Julie), eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Joyce.

Visitation will be brief and held at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, immediately followed by a memorial service at 11:45 a.m., with Rev. Mark Irvin and Rev. Paul Irvin officiating at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Interment will be private and held at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis.

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Paul William Ayers
January 12, 1944 – April 28, 2023

Paul William Ayers, 79, Carmel, passed away April 28, 2023. He was born January 12, 1944, in Frankfort, son of Roy Lloyd and Mary Teresa (Grace) Ayers.

Paul received his BS in Physical Education from Purdue University. He was a Real Estate Developer employed with Marks Companies for 40 years. Paul was a member of 3rd order of Carmelite; and other memberships include the Indiana Right to Life, Hamilton County Republican Party, and the Carmel American Legion, Post #155.

Serving as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, Paul was awarded the USMC Rifle Sharpshooter Badge and the Pistol Expert Badge while serving his country.

Paul was a devout Catholic and an active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish for 48 years. During that time, he served on multiple boards for both Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School and Parish. He coached Our Lady of Mt. Carmel track team and taught religious education for many years.

As an avid sports fan, Paul loved watching his children and later his grandchildren play in all athletics. He leaves the legacy of having been known as the most ethical and moral man. He was a loving husband to the late Cheryl Ayers for 50 years, and THE BEST FATHER to their eight children. Not only was Paul a hero to his family, but he was also a pillar in his community as well. He was very generous with his time and talents. He looked forward to the times he could visit with his five siblings.

In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl L. Ayers; and brother, Lawrence (Larry) Ayers.

Survivors include his sons, Todd (Christi) Ayers, Anthony (Lauren) Ayers, and Christopher (Kristen) Ayers; daughters, Elly (Rene) Couto, Katherine (Martin) Cervenka, Emily Campbell, Sara Ayers, and Teresa Ayers; grandchildren, Liam and Reed Ayers, David, Colin, Adam, Patrick, Luke and Mary Ayers, Sloan and Fulton Ayers, Isabel, Anna and Alex Couto, Norah, Sylvia and Hana Cervenka, Maevae and Eily Campbell and Emily McCalligett; siblings, James (Dorothy) Ayers, Richard (Cyndy) Ayers, Teresa Cronkrite and Margaret Lock.

Family and friends will gather from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, with the Rosary beginning at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. The Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 5 in the church with one hour of visitation prior to service beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Burial will follow in Eagle Creek Cemetery. In Memory of Paul, donations may be directed to the Merciful Help Center, 1045 W. 146th St., Carmel, IN 46032; or Carmelites, 59 Allendale Road, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Envelopes will be available at the church. Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to care for Paul and serve the Ayers family.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

Tucker Swain
July 27, 2013 – April 29, 2023

Tucker Swain, 9, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023, due to an accident. He was born on July 27, 2013, to Ryan and Brittany (Allen) Swain in Carmel.

Tucker was the greatest big brother to his siblings and the most loving son to his mom and dad. He loved his friends, Fortnite, and especially Harry Potter. Tucker loved playing baseball, football, and basketball. He enjoyed fishing and boating, loved the beach at Anna Maria Island, and wanted to be a marine biologist who studied sharks. Tucker starred in the play *Econo-man*, and he was an avid Indiana Hoosiers basketball fan.

He is survived by his parents, Ryan & Brittany; twin brothers, Cooper & Porter; sister, Harper; grandparents, Chris & Sheila Swain, and Dawn & Rick Allen; great-grandmothers, Dorothy Jones and Betty Allen; aunts and uncles, Courtney Swain, Jenna & Matt Butler, Courtney & Jeff Browne, Megan & Kevin Foulke, and Travis Allen; and his cousins, Mia, Maddie, JJ, Izzy, Crosby, Nolan and Zoey.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., with a Celebration of Tucker's Life at 5 p.m., on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Grand Park Event Center, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield. Matt Gaylor will officiate. For those attending, please wear casual clothing, especially those of your favorite sports teams (except Purdue) to remember Tucker's love of sports.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Westfield Youth Sports, P.O. Box 624, Westfield, IN 46074 (wysi.net).

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Basketball

Hamilton County well-represented at annual Hoosier Gym Classic

The REPORTER

Seven Hamilton County basketball players participated in the annual Hoosier Gym Classic, which took place last Saturday at the famed Hoosier Gym in Knightstown.

Five girls were among those that were on the Hickory and Terhune teams. Fishers' Hailey Smith and Olivia Smith and Noblesville's Kaitlyn Shoemaker played on the Hickory team, while Hamilton Southeastern's Riley Makalusky played on the Terhune team. Olivia Brown was also on the Terhune team,

but she was injured and unable to play.

Terhune won the girls game 113-102, with Makalusky scoring 15 points. Hailey Smith led Hickory in scoring with 27 points, with Olivia Smith adding nine points and Shoemaker two.

In the boys' game, Noblesville's Luke Almodovar and Cooper Bean both played on the Terhune team. Almodovar set a new record in scoring for the boys, pouring in 41 points. Bean added 17 points. Terhune won the boys game 137-124.

Photos by Joshua Herd



Hailey Smith



Olivia Smith



Cooper Bean



Riley Makalusky (left) and Hailey Smith (right)



Kaitlyn Shoemaker



Luke Almodovar





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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 3

BASEBALL
Carroll at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Avon at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE
Avon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GOLF
Westfield vs. Cathedral and Zionsville, 3:30 p.m. at Prairie View
Hamilton Heights vs. Fishers and Brebeuf Jesuit, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

SOFTBALL
Carroll at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

TENNIS
University at Covenant Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Carmel at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.
Noblesville at Anderson, 5 p.m.
Zionsville at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Westfield vs. Harrison, 5:30 p.m. at Noblesville


TRACK AND FIELD
Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls meet, 6 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern

UNIFIED TRACK
Brownsburg at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
Hoosier Conference and Friends meet, 5:30 p.m. at Western

VOLLEYBALL
Carmel at Perry Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Fishers, 8 p.m..

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Tennis

Royals win on Senior Night, ‘Rocks win conference match

The REPORTER
The Hamilton Southeastern girls tennis team won an exciting Senior Night meet Tuesday, beating No. 8-ranked Lawrence North 3-2.

Senior Emma Bieberich clinched the meet by winning the No. 2 singles match 6-2, 6-4. The No. 20 Royals’ other winners were both in doubles, with No. 1 Novelle Lee and Maya Wetzel winning 7-5, 6-1, and No. 2 Peighton Baugh and Naina Patwardhan getting a 6-0, 6-3 victory.

Southeastern plays No. 29 Brownsburg today. * * *

Westfield won a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match on Tuesday, beating Franklin Central 5-0.

The No. 14 Shamrocks won all five matches in straight sets. In singles, No. 1 Juliette Grilliot was a 7-5, 6-3 winner, No. 2 Alana Raymond was vic-



Photo provided
The Hamilton Southeastern girls tennis team honored its seniors before getting a win over Lawrence North on Tuesday.

torious 6-3, 6-1 and No. 3 Addi Kooi won 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles Olivia Krauss and Jenna Berry No. 2 Chloe Carlson and Bri Saylor won 6-1, 6-1. Westfield hosts No. 17 Harrison today.

Baseball

Golden Eagles take down Panthers

The REPORTER
The Guerin Catholic baseball team came back to beat North Central 5-4 Tuesday at Grand Park.

The Panthers scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Class 3A No. 3 Golden Eagles got a run back in the top of the third; Nolan Ratcliff scored on Davis Wagner’s RBI fielder’s choice.

North Central added a run in the bottom of the third to lead 3-1. Guerin Catholic took the lead in the top of the fifth inning with three runs. Ian Taylor batted in Ratcliff with a left field base hit. Later, Will Fremion got home when Cuinn Morrow hit a sacrifice fly, and Taylor scored on an error. With that, the Golden Eagles led 4-3.

The Panthers tied the game in the bottom of the fifth inning at 4-4. Guerin Catholic got the go-ahead run in the sixth inning when Taylor tripled in Ratcliff. North Central had two runners on base in the bottom of the seventh, but a Golden Eagles double play finished the game.

Taylor had a perfect day at the plate, going 3-for-3. AJ Nunley hit a triple, and Grant Beard hit a single. Morrow got the win in relief, pitching three innings. Starter Ryan Zimmerman went four innings, striking out four.

Guerin Catholic is 15-1 for the season. The Golden Eagles host 2A No. 5 Park Tudor this afternoon.

Softball

Westfield & Fishers get conference wins

The REPORTER
The Westfield softball team picked up a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Zionsville Tuesday, 3-0.

The Shamrocks scored two runs in the third inning on a double by Ava Kainrath that sent Makayla Watson and Maggie Roh home.

Westfield added its third run in the fourth inning; Grace Feltz brought in Annika Lawrence with an RBI groundout.

Chloe Tanner also had a hit for Westfield; both teams totaled three hits for the game. Tanner got the pitching win, striking out 11 and walking two.

The ‘Rocks are 3-2 in conference play and 9-8 overall. Westfield’s next game is Thursday at Center Grove.

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Fishers was also an HCC winner on Tuesday, beating Avon 4-2 in an away game.

The Orioles scored both of their runs in the second inning. The Tigers got their first run in the third inning, when Sophie Schoch batted in Taylor Duplessis with a center field hit.

Fishers tied the game in the sixth inning after Kate Murray sent a home run over the center field fence. The Tigers pulled ahead in the seventh inning. Duplessis got on base with a double, then was brought home by Hailey Trueblood’s center field hit for the go-ahead run. Trueblood scored seconds later on a single by Brooke Johnson.

Trueblood was 3-for-4 at the plate. Murray pitched a complete game, striking out six.

Fishers is 3-1 in the HCC and 8-4 overall. The Tigers are back home this afternoon, hosting Bishop Chatard.

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Sheridan dropped a Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Rossville 17-0 in five innings on Tuesday.

Mariana Lopez and Claire Purciful both had base hits for the Black-hawks.

Sheridan is 1-14 and hosts Carroll this afternoon for another HHC game.

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Thursday April 27
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6:00 pm | Girls Lacrosse | **Fishers vs Noblesville** | Fishers Sports Network
6:30 pm | Baseball | **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Baseball | HACTV Sports

Friday April 28
6:00 pm | Baseball | **Noblesville vs Westfield** | HCTV Sports
6:00 pm | Baseball | **HSE vs Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network

Monday May 1
5:30 pm | Softball | Speedway vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
6:30 pm | Girls Lacrosse | **Fishers vs Culver Academies** | Fishers Sports

Tuesday May 2
6:00 pm | Softball | **Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville** | HCTV Sports

Wednesday May 3
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