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The three of us divided and conquered her care. My sister Vicky lived in Florida, so she supported everything from a distance and did all she could for Mom when she visited. My brother stepped up and he handled Mom's finances and insurance along with his wife Janie. I can't express my gratitude enough that I didn't have to deal with THAT stuff!

I took care of Mom's day-to-day needs such as groceries; medication pur-

chases; doctor, dentist, and eye appointments; and the general weird emergencies that typically pop up about once a month. I made sure we had some fun as well, of course! Having her here to participate in things like my son's choir concerts was a joy. I felt lucky to have had her with us until she died in April of 2022.

However, my mental load gradually got heavier because I became one of her caregivers. Thus, I was a

little more... well... cranky. In the past I've not been one to curse often. That changed dramatically! I was ready for some changes like millions of others in the world.

Before we start this journey to lighten our mental load, we'll look at what got us to this point. How did we become a society with minds like computers with hundreds of tabs open?

We'll also talk about how not to add to other people's mental labor. We'll discuss

the steps we must take to not carry much of a mental load in our retirement years – the period of life that is supposed to be easy and relaxing but is sometimes just as busy as our working years!

Finally, we'll talk about how to find time to relax, unwind, and take care of ourselves more often to get a necessary break from that mental labor.

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Before we begin, I'd like to thank the French Car-

toonist commonly known as Emma for bringing the mental load to the world's attention a few years ago. When I first saw her comic highlighting it, I literally read it three times. In fact, she published a graphic novel on the topic at the same time, which I purchased.

It's been such an eye-opener to realize this is a problem facing people not just in the United States, but worldwide. According to the French Institute of Sta-

tistics, women are still devoting 25 times more hours to chores than men. It was almost a relief to see someone finally creating a label for what so many of us deal with every day.

It's like they say, you can't solve a problem unless you properly identify it. Emma's brilliance helped everyone get talking around the globe.

I'm ready to start this journey with you. See you next week!

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VOICE

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to lead, innovate, and implement a statewide movement for change. Through research and education, personal experience, and advocacy efforts, these nine VOICE Youth Ambassadors are engaging their peers in local events and activities and National Days of Action that take place throughout the year. Ambassadors design both in-person programs and digital content for all the VOICE Indiana social media platforms. The official website is voiceindiana.org.

The 2023-2024 VOICE Youth Ambassador team includes:

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 - Ashley Nelson - Spencer County
 - Ashley Norton - Hancock County
- About VOICE**
Indiana's statewide

youth empowerment program and brand whose initiative is to engage, educate, and empower teens to choose and celebrate tobacco-free lifestyles. Through sustained youth-adult partnerships, leadership education and development, and positive public health advocacy training, VOICE Indiana supports 24 countywide and two statewide chapters (Indiana Black Expo and Indiana Latino Institute). More than 500 Indiana teens are actively involved in VOICE as Core Team Leaders and Action Squad Members.

About Breathe Easy Hamilton County

The county's tobacco prevention and cessation alliance who collaborates with local organizations and individuals within the community to reduce mortality and morbidity rates by promoting tobacco-free living. Breathe Easy Hamilton County works to ensure all people employed within Hamilton County are protected from second-hand smoke exposure and believes everyone deserves the right to breathe smoke-free air at work and in public spaces.

PROGRESS

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Teach the Teacher
Beaty Construction, USI Consultants, and Indiana Constructors recently welcomed a group of teachers to the job site to show them the work being done as part of Reimagine Pleasant Street. The "Teach the Teacher" program is designed to highlight the engineering and construction profession and the job market. Check out the video from the event at [this link](#).

True connectivity
Providing a critical east-west connection for Noblesville is key to the Reimagine Pleasant Street project, and this project is about more than cars. Reimagine Pleasant Street will also complete a key trail network connection by linking the Riverwalk Trail, Midland Trace Trail, and Nickel Plate Trail.

Did you know?
As part of Reimagine Pleasant Street, the city will connect the Midland Trace Trail with existing trails in Hamilton and Marion counties to create a 42-mile loop. You can visit many local restaurants and enjoy some favorite treats like a Miller Bowl at Uptown Cafe, a breaded tenderloin from Syd's, some Ooey Gooney Cookies from Rosie's, or a waffle cone double scoop



Photo provided by American Structurepoint
Construction crews recently installed the new pedestrian tunnel, which will connect the Midland Trace Trail to the Riverwalk Trail underneath the new Pleasant Street.

from Alexander's and then hit the trails for exercise.

Be aware of river restrictions
If you plan to enjoy the White River for recreational activities, please keep in

mind there are water traffic restrictions. The river is open during construction, but buoys and signage have been placed in critical locations to guide users through the construction zone.

The river is anticipated to remain open throughout the 2023 construction season, but there could be unforeseen restrictions and/or closures as the project progresses.



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Retaining walls are being installed for the new bridge over the White River.

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It's a new beginning for Prevail

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tami Wanninger and I am incredibly pleased to be the new Executive Director for Prevail. It truly is an honor and privilege to join the Prevail team!



GUEST COLUMNIST
TAMI WANNINGER

While this is a new beginning for Prevail and a new role for myself, I am not new to Prevail. As a 25-year resident of Hamilton County, I have long admired the organization from afar. I have always been passionate about making a difference in my community. When the opportunity to lead a Hamilton County nonprofit providing such critical services presented itself, I enthusiastically threw my hat in the ring. I knew there was no

better way to positively impact my community than through service to Prevail.

In just the first few weeks of my tenure at Prevail, I have been impressed by the dedication of our staff. Each person who works at Prevail is deeply committed to empowering victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, crime and abuse, and each staff member puts their whole heart into their work on behalf of our clients.

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Domestic violence in our community is growing, and unfortunately with recent funding cuts close to 30 percent from our federal grants Victims of Crime Act, we need your help. Here is what your donation could do:

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- \$100: Two hours of translation services
- \$250: Three hours of

crisis line coverage by an advocate

- \$500: Program materials for sessions with an advocate or support group
- \$1,000: Advocate support to a rape victim at the hospital with follow up support and services

We would not be able to do this incredible work without your generous support. Prevail is committed to helping our clients on their journey to empowerment.

We at Prevail believe that with healing and hope our clients can create their new beginning. I ask you to consider making a donation to Prevail. Your gift will help us further our mission of helping our clients create their own new beginnings as they move towards safety and comfort.

Tami Wanninger serves as the Executive Director for Prevail, Inc.

Carmel Clay Parks will rededicate River Heritage Park next week

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold a rededication ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 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 Council member
- Matthew J. Snyder, Clay Township Board member

• Rich Taylor, Carmel Clay Board of Parks and Recreation President

• Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director of Parks and Recreation/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.

Keep up to date with CCPR at [CarmelClay-Parks.com](#).

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Find the best route to your destination thanks to Hamilton County Tourism

The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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Ballet Theatre of Carmel wraps season with another successful Student Showcase



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Ballet Theatre of Carmel wrapped its 2022-2023 season last Saturday with the Student Showcase. Thank you to everyone who attended, to the faculty who created the inspirational and thought-provoking pieces, and of course to all the student dancers. This season would not have been possible without all the support from board members, volunteers, donors, and sponsors. Ballet Theatre of Carmel's summer programs are underway now, and spots are still available in some of the camps and intensives. Enrollment for the fall semester begins in July. For more information, go to [BalletTheatreOfCarmel.org](#).

Hamilton County group removes Hitler quote after condemnation

By **RICHARD ESSEX**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

According to the Moms for Liberty website, the group advocates for parental rights. Members can be found in the Statehouse and local school board meetings. On Thursday, the chapter in Hamilton County learned a lesson in history. Miles Nelson, the Democratic candidate for mayor in Carmel, told I-Team 8 that "as a father, as a Jew, as a resident of Carmel, as just a human being, it makes me angry and makes me concerned." In a newsletter that was posted to the group's Facebook page, on the upper right-hand portion of the page with a gray background was a quote from

former German dictator Adolf Hitler. The Moms for Liberty in Hamilton County have deleted the Facebook post and removed any reference of the quote from their public-facing social media pages. Late Thursday morning, Paige Miller, the chapter chair for Moms for Liberty Hamilton County, IN, sent I-Team 8 a statement: "We condemn Adolf Hitler's actions and his dark place in human history. We should not have quoted him in our newsletter and we express our deepest apology." By the time the quote was taken down, it'd made the rounds on social media. Nelson said he first encountered Moms for Liberty in Hamilton County during a contentious school board election. "I certainly

know of them. I have seen them. I have heard their hate speech." The Hamilton County chapter of the Moms for Liberty is being monitored by the Southern Poverty Law Center for what it calls "anti-government behavior." The law center says Moms for Liberty is one of 29 antigovernment and hate groups it has tracked in Indiana. State Sen. JD Ford, a Democrat, represents a portion of Hamilton County. He sent a statement to the News 8 newsroom on Thursday morning: "The fact that Moms for Liberty felt comfortable quoting Adolf Hitler in their first newsletter is telling. This group is spearheading the effort to ban books in the name of 'protecting children' yet they're

quoting one of the most reprehensive and evil fascists in history. It's disgusting and indefensible." Nelson has called for all elected officials in Hamilton County to condemn the actions of Moms for Liberty. "There is only one right answer here and that is to say this is wrong." Late Thursday afternoon, Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman Mario Massillamany sent a statement to I-Team 8: "I think Adolf Hitler is terrible, and I would never quote Adolf Hitler or the Nazis in any shape or form other than saying they are bad or terrible. That was a terrible page in our world history and I don't think that we as a society can say enough about the atrocities that the poor Jewish had to go through."

Noblesville police investigate bomb threat at judicial center

By **KYLA RUSSELL**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)
UPDATE: As of 12:15 p.m. Thursday, the threat and traffic restrictions were lifted, according to the Noblesville Police Department. On Thursday, Noblesville police investigated a bomb threat at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center. Just after 10 a.m., officers were told a person appearing in court said they had an explosive inside their vehicle, according to the police department. Officers located the vehicle near the intersection of 8th and Logan streets, and are working to verify the validity of the threat "by inspecting the vehicle and interviewing the suspect," Bruce Barnes, Noblesville Police Department public information officer, said. The intersection is closed, and police are asking drivers to avoid Logan Street from State Road 19 and 10th Street.

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Letter to the Editor

State Sen. Ford calls on Hamilton County's Statehouse delegation to condemn Moms for Liberty

Dear Editor:
The fact that Moms for Liberty felt comfortable quoting Adolf Hitler in their first newsletter is telling. This group is spearheading the effort to ban books in the name of 'protecting children' yet they're quoting one of the most reprehensive and evil fascists in history. It's disgusting and indefensible, and I condemn what they are saying to justify this unacceptable act. A member said the quote was used to elicit 'shock value.' Yes – quoting a man responsible for one of the worst genocides in history is as shocking as it is heinous. Six million Jewish people lost their lives because of the rhetoric and ideals that were pushed by Hitler. We fought a global war – thousands of American service members lost their lives – to extinguish the type of hateful, antisemitic language and views promoted by Hitler, and now we're seeing prominent groups and local leaders working to infuse those sentiments back into our society. I have to be honest – I'm growing incredibly concerned by the increasing normalization of fascism, antisemitism, and hateful rhetoric, which we know from history will only ever lead to ugly outcomes. With the simultaneous efforts to ban books and the growing rise of Nazi sympathy, I fear we are on a slippery slope. That's why it's so important that leaders don't ignore these acts but stand up and condemn them. If Americans can lose their lives fighting a war against Nazism, elected leaders can at least have the courage to call out behavior from groups that have been recognized as extremists, like Moms for Liberty. I call on every member of the Hamilton County Statehouse Delegation to condemn this group's promotion of Hitler as well as everything he stood for. We must also be conscious of the impact of banning books about Nazism, the Holocaust, genocide and other hateful acts in history. We cannot allow important lessons and truths to be lost in an effort to cover the stains of our past. Doing that only robs future generations of knowledge that could help them avoid mistakes from history. Already, **a shocking number of Americans don't know key facts relating to the Holocaust** or have very disturbing ideas about how the Holocaust was started. If we do not know and learn our history, we are doomed to repeat it. **State Sen. J.D. Ford**
State Sen. Ford represents Indiana Senate District 29, which encompasses Boone County's Eagle Township, Hamilton County's Clay Township, and Marion County's Pike and Wayne townships.

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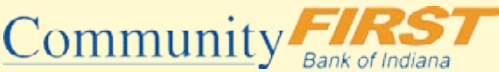


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‘I’m too busy:’ Holcomb rules out Senate bid

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday said not to expect a showdown between himself and U.S. Rep. Jim Banks in the 2024 Senate primary.

The governor, who is term-limited next year, said he wants to focus on his current job rather than try to balance his duties with a run for federal office. His comments came following an event Wednesday morning with Pacers Sports & Entertainment outside Lucas Oil Stadium.

“If I was sitting around throwing pencils in the ceiling tile, maybe I would

have had time to think about something else but, right now, I’m going to finish the job that I started,” he said.

Holcomb is the latest high-profile Republican to decline to challenge Banks for the Senate. Banks is running to succeed Sen. Mike Braun, who is leaving office to seek Holcomb’s job. Former Gov. Mitch Daniels has already ruled out a Senate bid, as has Rep. Victoria Spartz. Banks already has the endorsement of former President Donald Trump, Reps. Greg Pence and Larry Bucshon, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, and 15 of the 48 Republicans serving in the U.S. Senate. Federal cam-

paign finance data show Banks’ campaign had more than \$2.2 million on hand at the end of March.

Republican strategist and “All Indiana Politics” contributor Whitley Yates said it’s not safe to say Holcomb’s announcement hands Banks the nomination, but any challengers would face an uphill battle. Banks currently faces only token opposition.

Holcomb’s announcement is not unusual. Since 1972, only two Indiana governors, Edgar Whitcomb and Evan Bayh, have run for the Senate. Whitcomb, who had already left office, lost the 1976 Senate primary to Dick Lugar while Bayh

served two full terms.

Indiana Democratic Party Chair Mike Schmuhl in a statement called Holcomb’s decision a sign of how extreme the Republican Party has become. “Governor Holcomb is an incumbent governor who won 89 out of Indiana’s 92 counties just a few years ago in his reelection campaign,” he said. “In normal times, he could easily beat a wacky congressman in a primary. But these are not normal times.”

Indiana Republican Party Chair Kyle Hupfer in a statement praised Holcomb’s decision to focus on his current job. “With the incredible progress we’ve made in doing just that over

the past six and a half years, we believe his record and dedication to the job – not worrying about the next one – will prove to be one of the best in Indiana’s history,” he said.

Holcomb said he has not yet considered what he will do once he leaves office.

Yates said Holcomb will have little trouble finding employment in either the public or private sector once he leaves office. She said his experience bringing economic development to the state would make him an attractive job candidate for major companies.

Holcomb backs Pence’s presidential bid

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb has endorsed former governor and vice president Mike Pence in his bid for the Republican nomination to run for president in 2024.

They served together as Indiana’s top two government leaders for about eight months in 2016.

Pence shared Holcomb’s words in a tweet Wednesday afternoon.

Holcomb wrote, “I’ve known Mike Pence for decades. Throughout those years, he’s remained as honest as the day is long.

Never once has he sacrificed an ounce of integrity in service of our state and nation as Congressman, Governor, and Vice President. Mike’s long been known to be forthright on the issues of the day, convicted in thought, and a consistent messenger regarding America’s role, at home and abroad, as a powerful force for good. He’s experienced, allergic to personal scandal, and prepared to serve as our next President on day one. As one Hoosier Governor to another, I look forward to supporting him as the weeks and months ahead unfold.”

Pence, in response, shared a message from his wife and himself. “Karen and I truly are honored by Governor Holcomb’s endorsement as we set out to make American stronger and more prosperous.

“Governor Holcomb was a steadfast partner as we cut taxes, achieved record employment, expanded school choice, and stood for the right to life here in the Hoosier State, and I am grateful for his unwavering support.”

Holcomb became Indiana’s lieutenant governor on March 3, 2016, and then governor in 2017. Pence on

July 15, 2016, ended his reelection campaign for a second four-year term as governor when he agreed to be Donald Trump’s vice presidential running mate.

The endorsement came on the same day Pence issued a statement in favor of Arkansas’ efforts to “ban harmful and irreversible gender surgeries in Arkansas and across the nation.”

Within the past week, federal judges have blocked Arkansas and Indiana laws on access to gender-affirming care for juveniles. The judges expressed concerns about the constitutionality of the laws.

Rep. Victoria Spartz on Durham report: justice has not been served

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) raised the following key issues with Special Counsel John Durham during his appearance before the Judiciary Committee on Wednesday:

- Despite numerous material failures listed in the report, not one person was held accountable;
- The FBI never gave

appropriate consideration to the possibility that the Steele report was Russian disinformation, despite concerns that Steele’s sub-sources could have been compromised by the Russians; and

- Potential lack of rigor and initiative to deter-



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mine the truth, like with CHS-1, allegedly Stefan Halper, who created a conspiracy allegation in direct conflict with his recording and misstated significant and important facts used in FISA among other things, where Durham was not able to establish his intent

and could not give a legible answer why.

Rep. Spartz also followed up with Special Counsel Durham to obtain recordings of his interview of CHS-1, but could not get a committal answer, which she said is concerning.

[Click here](#) to see Rep. Spartz’s statement and line of questioning with Special Counsel Durham.

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Noblesville Tree Board Education and Outreach Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2023, in the conference room at the Street Department, 1575 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

COUNTY

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Request for Proposal/Qualifications
Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County") is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested professionals for acquisition, design, construction, operation, and financing of a judicial center to be sited in the County (the "Project"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the County invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications to enter a public-private partnership for delivery of the Project. An electronic PDF and a hard copy of the Statement of Proposal/Qualifications should be emailed/delivered to the Hamilton County Auditor's office (email: kim.rauch@hamiltoncounty.in.gov; address: 33 N. 9th St., #L21, Noblesville, IN 46060 ATTN: Kim Rauch) by 4:00 pm EST on July 19, 2023 in order to be considered. Additional information and a document outlining submittal requirements, terms, and conditions can be obtained by contacting the County's Director of Administrations, Lee Buckingham, at lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, by phone (317) 776-9719, or may be picked up in person between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:00 pm at 1 Hamilton County Square Suite 157, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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ARCADIA

NOTICE
The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a Special Meeting on June 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. located at 208 W. Main Street Arcadia In 46030.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Next 96th Street car sculpture to be installed

The REPORTER
The next 96th Street corridor car-themed sculpture is set to be installed June 27 to 29, weather permitting. This sculpture is one of the series designed by artist Arlon Bayliss.

The contributions these three car companies made to car design is impossible to overstate. Managed together in their most fruitful years under the creative leadership of E.L. Cord, Auburn and Duesenberg produced their best cars. Cord encouraged the two makers to improve further on their strengths and in 1929 started a third, highly innovative car company, "Cord."

Auburn
The art deco influenced 851 Boat-tail Speedster was the first stock American car guaranteed to exceed 100 miles per hour in stock form. Its performance was astonishing, but the car is remembered today for its styling; clearly, one of the most beautiful and unforgettable designs of the 1930s.

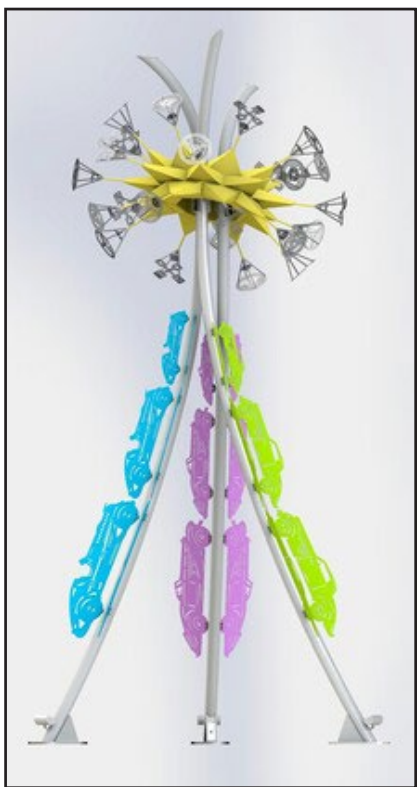
Cord
Basking in American prosperity of the late 1920s, entrepreneur, E. L. Cord launched an exciting and innovative high-performance luxury car bearing his name. The Cord 810 caused a sensation at the New York Auto Show in November 1935. Among other advances, Cord pioneered front wheel drive, concealed headlights and the steering mounted horn.

Duesenberg
Quite possibly the most valuable

American production cars in history, these powerful prestigious cars were owned by the rich and famous, like Hollywood stars Gary Cooper and Clark Gable. The Duesenberg SSJ was the fastest pre-World War II production road car by a considerable margin and would outrun an Aston Martin DB5 or Mercedes Gullwing produced two decades later. One previously owned by Cooper recently sold for \$22 million at public auction.

For the sculpture, Bayliss discovered that one designer, Gordon Beuhrig, was responsible for developing the most well-known cars for all three companies. Such were his ground-breaking ideas, innovations, and beautiful designs that he later became known as "the dean of classic automobile design." His Duesenberg Model J, Cord 810 and Auburn Boat-tail Speedster revolutionized automotive design; the Cord was selected by The Museum of Modern Art as one of the most influential car designs of all time.

Inspired by Beuhrig's drawings, the sculpture features silhouettes of famous Auburn, Cord, and Duesenbergs arranged on three curved stems and tapering like feathers they ascend towards a star-shaped "star-of-achievement." From the "boat tail" inspired star, mounted on slim stems, burst gears, pistons and wheels, symbols of the companies' engineering innovations. At night, the 32-foot-



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high sculpture is illuminated by LED spotlights. Its crown and symbols feature multi-colored sparkling dichroic lighting, similar to the artist's first commission for Carmel, "Beacon Bloom."

The next two sculptures to be installed will feature artistic interpretations of the Stutz, to be placed at 96th Street and Gray Road, and the Studebaker, to be placed at 96th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway.

Sen. Braun introduces bipartisan bill to improve CMS nursing home Care Compare website

The REPORTER
On Thursday, U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ranking Member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) introduced bipartisan legislation to improve

Care Compare's visibility and use so that consumers, their families, and caregivers can compare nursing homes more easily. Care Compare allows consumers to find and compare Medicare-certified nursing homes based

on a location, and comparing staffing and quality of care based on ratings. As it stands, research shows that Care Compare's five-star rating system is not easily findable online or as frequently used when compared to popular consumer review sites.

"Choosing a nursing home is a tough decision that many older Americans and their loved ones have to make," Sen. Braun said. "This bipartisan bill would make the Care Compare website more accessible and up to date so Americans can make informed decisions about nursing home care."

The SEE Care Compare Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make the Care Compare website and its data more

findable online by reviewing and updating search engine optimization (SEO) practices quarterly to include, but not limited to:

- Using current best practices in indexing and searching

- Accounting for guidelines, recommendations, and other suggestions from search engines to improve findability and website ranking

- Accounting for user research that may inform website design, structure, and content

The bill also requires CMS to submit a report on current Care Compare user analytics. A second report is due one year later to determine if the SEO changes have been successful in improving Care Compare's visibility and use.



Braun

Centier Bank promotes Jessie Wylie as Carmel branch manager

The REPORTER
Michael E. Schrage, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Centier Bank, has announced Jessie Wylie has been promoted to Branch Manager of the bank's Carmel office, located at 568 E. Carmel Drive.

Wylie joined Centier in January 2022 after working in the retail industry for 14 years before transitioning into banking and joining the Centier team. The IUPUI and Ivy Teach alumnus said serving Hamilton County has been a part of her life for many years, whether volunteering in various organizations or lending a helping hand to local businesses.

"I aim to serve my team

and our clients as a friendly, helpful, and reliable guide that represents Centier's Servant Heart Culture in our Carmel community," Wylie said. "I enjoy welcoming new clients to Centier and helping my team demonstrate the personalized service and relationship-style banking we're known for!"

The Noblesville resident serves as the acting Treasurer of the Business Network International Group and is looking forward to the opportunity to join other organizations in the area.

For more information about Jessie Wylie, email jwylie@centier.com or call (317) 844-5233. For more information about Centier Bank, go to centier.com.



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Riley earns No. 1 ranking for Indiana children’s hospitals

The REPORTER

Riley Hospital for Children is once again Indiana’s only nationally ranked children’s hospital by U.S. News & World Report, which released the **2023-24 Best Children’s Hospitals** rankings this week. Riley Children’s Health is also ranked third* in the Midwest.

Riley Children’s Health earned national ranking in all 10 of the pediatric specialties ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*. Two of Riley Children’s specialty programs ranked in the top 10 nationally: urology at No. 3, and pulmonology and lung surgery at No. 8. Riley is one of only 23 children’s hospitals to have ranked in 10 out of 10 pediatric specialties.

Based on a combination of clinical data and reputation among pediatric clinical

specialists nationwide, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Riley Children’s in the following specialties:

- Cancer
- Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- Neonatal Care
- Nephrology
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics
- Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- Urology

“Riley’s consistency in being ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* reaffirms that our team members are committed to providing the best care to Hoosier children,” said Dr. Mara Nitu, chief medical officer of Riley Children’s Health. “We are grateful for the compas-



sion and expertise our clinicians continue to offer to patients and their families. We thank our patients and their families for trusting us with their care.”

“Riley Children’s Health has been designated by *U.S. News* as one of the top children’s hospitals again this year. We do not take this distinction lightly and we are proud Riley Children’s is the best hospital for Hoosier children,” said Gil Peri, president of Riley Children’s Health. “The Riley Children’s team of pediatric experts are dedicated to improving the health of chil-

Riley Children’s Health Indiana University Health

dren in Indiana and across the country. This recognition represents external validation of the life-changing care our team provides on a daily basis.”

U.S. News & World Report introduced the Best Children’s Hospitals rankings in 2007 to help families find the best medical care for their children. The rankings provide detailed information about each hospital’s performance.

To gather clinical data, *U.S. News & World Report* surveys hospitals about objective measures such as patient outcomes, including

mortality and infection rates, as well as available clinical resources and compliance with best practices. In addition, *U.S. News & World Report* asks physicians around the country to name up to 10 hospitals in their specialty that provide the best care to patients with serious conditions, without considering

location or expense.

This year’s rankings will be published in the *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Hospitals 2024” guidebook, available mid-September.

**Riley Children’s Health is tied with three other children’s hospitals in the Midwest for third in the rankings.*

AG Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to double check text messages for scams

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to avoid text message scams. If you are receiving a lot of scams via text, don’t worry – you’re not alone.

“Today’s world revolves around our phones, and scammers know it,” AG Rokita said. “Hoosiers can protect themselves by being vigilant and knowing the signs when they receive fishy texts.”

Scammers know people are busy raising families, working, and enjoying their hobbies. They are al-

ways hoping that you’re not paying attention to that text or tweet that may look like it’s from a family member or colleague, but it is actually from a fraudster. With the increased use of artificial intelligence or “AI,” the communications and methods being used are becoming increasingly harder to detect.

So, how do you make sure you are avoiding being scammed? The Office of the Indiana Attorney Gen-



Rokita

eral offers these few tips:

- If you think a text might be a scam, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real.
- Blocking or using restricted

phone settings is an easy way to stop spam text messages.

- Don’t share any personal information over text. This is not a secure method of communication, and legitimate services won’t ask for personal information

through text messages.

- Put a freeze on your credit to prevent new accounts from being opened in your name in the event of a breach.
- Don’t respond to spam texts. This allows scammers to know your account is active.

- Report text scams. Forward them to 7726 (SPAM). This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, file a complaint at indiana-consumer.com with AG Rokita’s office.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.

Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain’s sister was Naamah.

Lamech said to his wives,

“Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me.

If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.”

Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.” Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:17-26 (NIV)

Donald R. Cooper
December 29, 1940 – June 13, 2023

Donald R. Cooper, 82, Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville after suffering a heart attack. He was born on December 29, 1940, to the late Joe and Mildred (Cooper) Wilson in Pennington Gap, Va.

Don grew up in Sheridan with his family and lifelong buddies, Fred Spencer, Bud Wright, David Urban, and preceded in death by Dan McVey, Dick Purdy, and John Snethen. He took great pride in being a Sheridan Blackhawk, playing football and running track with the guys. Little did he know back then, these friendships would lead to 50-plus years of fishing trips starting in 1968. He graduated in 1960 and went on to play some semi-pro football for the Indiana Mustangs as a tight end.

Don served his country as a Military Policeman in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966. He was a driver for General Westmoreland while overseas in Vietnam, finished out his tour in Fort Knox, Ky., and served as a Reservist until 1969. Upon returning home from Vietnam, he married the love of his life, Patricia, on May 16, 1965. Together, they shared 58 beautiful years of marriage, a daughter who Don was beyond proud of, three loved granddaughters, several boats and cars, and many wonderful memories.

Don worked for Peets Feed, then Biozyme, Incorporated, customizing nutritional needs for livestock. He enjoyed the travel, loved what he did, and continued to work on and off even after celebrating his “retirement” in 2013. He served as a mentor to many and was loved by his clients and coworkers. Don cared for the industry folks like family.

Known as Gramps to his granddaughters and their friends, Don never missed a lacrosse game, soccer game, or swim meet. He was there for the big moments like Veterans Day celebrations, graduations, surgeries, and school dances. He had a way of making the small moments like weekend sleepovers, fishing off the dock, or playing some Euchre feel just as special. He was so proud of all the girls’ accomplishments and was excited to see future goals be achieved.

Gramps loved to cook and bake, and he was great at it. He spent many Saturdays making jam or pickles with the girls, many Sundays making dinner for the family or grilling out with Jeff, and many Thursday dinners with his lifelong friends and their wives. He was known for picking food up from markets for friends, bringing fish home from trips for dinner, and dropping fresh cut watermelon or warm brownies off “just because he was in the neighborhood.” He was always thinking of others and truly enjoyed quality time with his friends and family. He loved to spoil the girls in his life, especially Pat. He gave the best hugs, had the sweetest smile, and was loved by everyone who met him. He never shied away from a project and was known to do the right thing. He was strong in his beliefs and genuinely kind to all. He will be greatly missed.

Don is survived by his wife, Patricia (Gang) Cooper; daughter, Stephanie (Jeff) Potter; granddaughters, Sarah Potter, Hannah Potter, and Emma Potter; sisters, Jeanette (James) Lacy and Charlene (Carl) Whitworth; and his brother, Herman Ewing.

A memorial service will be held in honor of Don at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 30 at White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville. Following the service, please join us in the lobby for Gramps’ favorite desserts and to share your “sweet” memories with us.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Riverview Health Foundation in honor of the excellent love and care that was shown to Don and his family. A memorial donation can also be made to the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

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Bodie William Myers
d. June 16, 2023

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Bodie is survived by parents Brett and Lauren Myers, brother Blake Myers, grandparents Bruce & Gina Myers and Steve & Christine Hummel, great-grandmother Marcia Hummel, and many aunts, uncles, and family.

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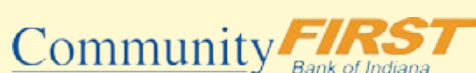
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Girls Golf

Samantha Brown ‘rocks’ Girls Indiana Junior PGA Championship

The REPORTER
Westfield’s Samantha Brown has had a nice start to the Indiana junior golf summer season.

The Shamrocks incoming senior dominated the field at the Girls Indiana Junior PGA Championship, which took place June 7 and 8 at Purdue University’s Ackerman-Allen Course. Brown has committed to play golf at Purdue.

And Brown gave Purdue fans in attendance a great preview of what she will be bringing to the Boilermakers team in 2024. Brown won the two-day, 36-hole tournament by nine strokes. She totaled a 69-69=138, going three under par in both of her rounds for a six-under par finish.

Brown made three birdies in her first round, then drained an eagle on the 16th hole. She followed that up with four birdies in the second round.

Another Hamilton County golfer finished in the top 10. Claire Swathwood, an incoming Carmel senior who just committed to the University of Memphis, tied for sixth place with a 76-74=150. Swathwood made three birdies in both of her rounds.

Here is a list of Hamilton County players that competed in the Indiana Junior PGA Championship.

1. Samantha Brown, Westfield, 69-69=138, T6. Claire Swathwood, Carmel, 76-74=150, T11. Jordan Adam, Noblesville, 79-76=155, T13. Janelle Garcia, Fishers, 81-75=156; Ava Nguyen, Carmel, 77-79=156, T15. Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield, 76-81=157, T17. Addi Kooi, Westfield, 81-77=158, T25. Natalie Symmes, Carmel, 81-80=161; Michaela Headlee, Carmel, 80-81=161, T29. Josie Kelley, Noblesville, 83-80=163, T32. Kamryn Williams, Carmel, 90-74=164, T42. Samantha Lemieux, Westfield,



Richie Hall / File photo

Westfield’s Samantha Brown (shown here at the girls golf sectional at Pebble Brook), dominated the Indiana Junior PGA Championship, which took place June 7 and 8 at Purdue University’s Ackerman-Allen Course. Brown finished the tournament six under par with a two-day score of 138, nine strokes ahead of second place.

82-86=168, T46. Karis Shields, Noblesville, 87-84=171; Olivia Fowler, Noblesville, 81-90=171, T49. Karis Reid, Carmel, 89-83=172, T54. Madelynn Headlee, Carmel, 93-82=175, T64. Myra Sealey, Noblesville, 92-89=181, 75. Presley White, Noblesville, 98-92=190.

Just a couple days before the Indiana Junior PGA Championship, Brown, Swathwood and Carmel senior-to-be Michaela Headlee were three of the 36 girls to compete in the Dye Junior tournament, which took place June 5 and 6 at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carm-

el. Brown finished tied for third place with a three-day score of 224.

The first two rounds of the tournament were played on Monday, June 5, and Brown had a good overall day, carding a 73 in both rounds. During her first round, Brown made an eagle on the 15th hole in addition to four birdies.

She made four more birdies in her second round. Brown scored a 78 in the Tuesday, June 6 third round, with one birdie.

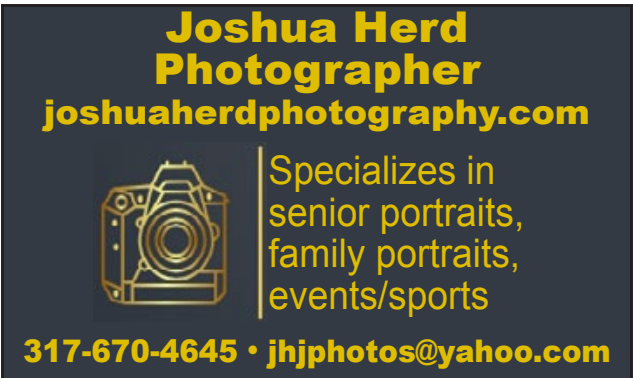
Swathwood also competed at the Dye Junior and finished tied for 20th place with a 77-77-81=235. Swathwood made one birdie in her first round, then four in her second

round, including three in a row on holes 15, 16 and 17. She then made two more birdies in the third round.

Another Carmel senior-to-be, Michaela Headlee, placed 34th with a 79-84-83=246. Headlee, who will join Brown at Purdue in 2024, totaled four birdies in the first round and drained one in the second round.



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Executive Committee amends Four-Class Proposal, Tournament Success Factor adjusted

Both measures take effect in 2024-25

Submitted
During its final meeting of the 2022-23 school year today, the IHSAA Executive Committee approved a rule that changes the way schools are classified in four-class sports.

The Executive Committee voted to amend the original rule proposal from the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) that would have changed how schools were classified in four-class sports by using fixed enrollment figures. Instead, by a 13-4-1 count, the Committee opted to maintain a percentage-based system and adjusted it to a 20-25-25-30 ratio.

Beginning with the next reclassification cycle, Class 4A will include the largest 20 percent of schools, Class 3A will be the next 25 percent, Class 2A the next 25 percent and Class A the smallest 30 percent of schools. Since 1997-98, the rule has required equally distributing schools (25 percent) among the four classes.

“The Board of Directors recognized the concerns brought to us by the IIAAA which were the enrollment gap in Class 4A and the smaller schools that were being moved up to a larger class without a significant enrollment change due to new member schools joining the Association,” said IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig. “This change also addresses a desire for schools to be in the same class in baseball, basketball, softball, and volleyball but it also give us an opportunity to adjust those percentages in the future if necessary.”

The next two-year reclassification cycle begins with the 2024-25 school year with the certified en-

rollment figures reported to the Indiana Department of Education from the upcoming school year being used. Those will be released next winter. Additionally, classifying the four-class sports will be based on the entire membership total and not only those schools participating in a given sport effectively keeping sectional alignments similar across each sport.

The original proposal had been submitted by Neidig on behalf of the IIAAA but had been tabled by the Board of Directors for further study at its May 1 meeting and was brought back for action at today’s meeting.

Tournament Success Factor

Two proposals affecting the Tournament Success Factor (Rule 2-5) that had been tabled in May were also brought back for action.

A proposal from Board member and Barr-Reeve Principal Jeff Doyle was approved after being amended. New language requires that a school’s performance and points accumulated in a two-year span will be looked at annually beginning in 2024-25. Currently, points accumulated in a specific two-year window determine whether a team moves up or stays up one or more classes. Going forward, data from the previous two years will be reviewed and considered annually before making a determination.

A proposal from Yorktown Principal Stacey Brewer that called for schools that were playing in a higher class to drop down a class if they accumulated three points or less and those scoring four or more points to remain in that higher class, failed to receive support.

Fishers Riley Schellhammer making moves on Team USA as 13-year-old

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FISHERS — “Riley Schellhammer is a name to remember.”

She may still be in middle school but she’s playing like a professional. The 13-year-old from Fishers has shined from the moment she got on a basketball court.

Jamie Schellhammer, Riley’s mom, said, “I’ve coached her since she’s been in the first grade, and ever since that first season, she would do things on the court or see things that as a coach, even I wouldn’t see, and I played Division I basketball and coached Division I basketball.”

“When players have those intangibles, you know they’re going to be something special.”

Her trainer Courtney Delks, a former Miss Indiana Basketball and star Purdue guard, saw that same potential.

“I put her through workouts, the same workouts I’d put a professional player through or high-level college, and she’s able to do it at a high efficiency, knock down shots,” Delks said. “I was showing her clips of Sabrina Ionescu, who plays for the New York Liberty, and she was doing the same exact actions that she was doing. She has the ‘it’ factor and she puts the work in, so that’s the biggest thing.”

Riley already has a Division I offer from Valparaiso.

Schellhammer’s not just impressing in Indiana, she’s impressing the whole country. She’ll represent Team USA in the United World Games this month. That phone call is one her dad, Eric Schellhammer, won’t



Photo provided by the Schellhammer Family
Riley Schellhammer is only 13, but she’s already getting attention both from colleges and national teams. Schellhammer already has a Division I offer from Valparaiso and will be representing Team USA in the United World Games.

soon forget.

“I was sitting in my office. I got a phone call from Chris Hansen, who started ESPN Hoop Girls, and he was like, ‘Hey, I got a 16U team that’s going overseas. I’d like Riley to play on it.’ I said, ‘Chris, she’s 13.’ He says, ‘I know.’ He goes, ‘She would be very good

for this team. We’d love to have her.’”

Riley said, “I was honestly shocked. I didn’t expect it at such a young age. Maybe in the future, but now I was just in shock, and I knew that I was going somewhere.”

Jamie said, “She’s accomplished something that

lots of people can only dream of. To represent your country doing anything is a huge accomplishment, so to get that phone call for a 13-year-old to play and compete on a 16-year-old team is nothing short of amazing.”

Expect to see a lot more of Riley.

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