

Walking to find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy

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What started as a way to celebrate Graham Vollmer's birthday has become an annual event with far-reaching impact.

When Graham was born in 2015, parents Adrienne and Nick Vollmer noticed that he had weakened muscles throughout his body. It took about eight weeks for specialists to officially diagnose their third child with Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

At the time, doctors could offer the Vollmers no treatment options and no cure.

"They told us to make the best of our time with him and that he probably wouldn't see his second birthday," Adrienne said.

A rare genetic condition, SMA affects around 1 in 10,000. While there are four types, the earlier the age of onset, the greater the impact on motor function. Infants like Graham who show symptoms from birth

are considered Type 1, which can affect the ability to sit, crawl, walk, and even breathe.

Thankfully, Graham qualified for a clinical trial at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. The repeated trips and lumbar injections proved to be worth it.

Graham's second birthday brought cause for celebration. A group of friends helped the Vollmers organize the first Cure SMA Walk for Graham in May of 2017.

"It was a milestone we didn't think he would meet," Adrienne said.

That first walk drew 400 people and raised more than \$81,000 for Cure SMA, a national advocacy program that directs funds to support those diagnosed with the disease and their families.

By the second walk in May 2018, Graham's Bill had been signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb. The bill, for which Adrienne had testified and worked with State Rep.



Adrienne and Nick Vollmer along with their older children, Ben and Lucy, gather around Graham at the 2022 Cure SMA Walk.

Doug Gutwein, added SMA to the Indiana State Newborn Screen.

Because of the partnership of people like the Vollmers with Cure SMA, 99 percent of babies born in the U.S. are screened for SMA. Forty-eight states plus Washington, D.C. have instituted screening at birth. Only Nevada and Hawaii do not as of Feb. 22, 2023.

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Risks of eating lots of red meat

Let's take a look at healthy eating.

A lot of red meat consumption is just not healthy. Many medical studies have associated eating red meat with diseases including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and certain cancers. My favorite is a Harvard analysis published in the journal Archives of Internal Medicine.

This analysis, which involved two large long-term prospective studies involving 120,000 men and women followed for up to 28 years, revealed that eating one additional serving of red meat daily was associated with an overall 12 percent increased risk of all-cause mortality (20 percent for processed meat). Specifically, cardiovascular mortality increased 16 percent (21 percent for processed) for one additional red meat serving daily. The studies were controlled for risk factors including smoking, overweight/obesity, diabetes, sedentary lifestyle, reduced intake of fruits and vegetables, older age, and family history of heart disease. Common processed meats are sausage, hot dogs, bacon, ham, and lunch meats.

Also, cancer mortality risk increased 10 percent for one additional daily serving of red meat (16 percent for processed). Note: Bacon and hot dogs created the highest risks.

These studies also demonstrated that replacing one serving of red meat with healthier options like poultry, fish, low-fat dairy products, nuts, legumes and whole grains

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Discover charm of the past with NPX's Historic Monon Caboose Rides

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Express (NPX) has announced a unique opportunity for train enthusiasts, families, and history buffs alike.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, NPX will offer family-friendly caboose rides on the historic Monon caboose. Train rides will depart from Hobbs Station in Noblesville's Forest Park, where passengers will have the chance to step back in time and appreciate the nostalgia of early rail travel.

Thanks to the generous support of Duke Energy, tickets for this event are available for just \$5 per person. Climb aboard the iconic red caboose and immerse yourself in the rich history of the Railroad, which once connected Indiana's small towns and bustling cities.

Each ride will last approximately 20 minutes, departing from Hobbs Station in Forest Park and returning to the same location. Passengers will be able to take in the picturesque scenery, including going over the White River in downtown Noblesville.

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Noblesville Township, time to get ready for Bicentennial spotlight

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The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission announces its lineup of grant-funded and community events for July 2023.

Noblesville Township, located in the center of Hamilton County and home to Noblesville, is being celebrated during July. The Bicentennial Commission will highlight a huge number of events this month, so be sure not to miss out. The traveling exhibit will also tour during the month.

You can see details and other events on the online calendar at [HamCoTurns200.com/events](https://hamco.org/turns200.com/events).

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Hawaiian death selfies prove popular



Last weekend's Murder on the Luau Express provided surprises for riders and Nickel Plate Express (NPX) employees alike. While NPX passengers had barely left the station before many had figured out someone was going to kill Bill Miller's character, who was also named Bill, most were surprised to learn it was friendly entrepreneur Brett Morrow's character, Lark, who did the deed. Neither NPX employees nor Big Caboose Players had any idea that dead Bill would instantly become the most popular selfie station anyone had ever seen! Jared Florence (above right) sent us his Hawaiian death selfie, but the ones we did not get copies of were legion! See more photos on Page 5 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](https://readthereporter.com).

Following through on commitment to honor Hamilton County's fallen firefighters

The REPORTER

In the fall of 2008, the Hamilton County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Committee was formed after conversations with members of both career and volunteer fire departments in Hamilton County, who all expressed a desire to honor the then three Hamilton County firefighters who had given their life in the line of duty.

Since the committee's creation, two additional Hamilton County firefighters have passed away, bringing the total to be honored to five. The committee's vision is to honor these fallen heroes on the local level in the county seat.

The committee has worked with artists and members of the community to design a memorial that will best illustrate what firefighters do as all-hazard responders. The use of bronze statues and various stones native to Indiana will be used to create a memorial in a common space that truly honors those who gave all to help their community and their fellow citizens.

In addition, a steel beam artifact from the rubble of the

World Trade Center (WTC) tragedy will be incorporated in this memorial as a prominent reminder of the terrible loss of life that took place on September 11, 2001, and those who have subsequently died as a result in the years that followed.

In March 2009, after conversations with Hamilton County Commissioners and Council members, the Hamilton County Fallen Firefighters Memorial Committee attended a meeting of the River Walk Inc. Committee. The River Walk Committee approved a memorial to be one of the centerpieces of their county project to construct a park area on the banks of the White River adjacent to the Government and Judicial Center.

The site of the planned memorial's location is within feet of the area where one fire fighter lost his life battling a fire in 1967.

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Timeline

- September 2008: Hamilton County Fallen Firefighters added to the State of Indiana Firefighters Memorial located next to the state capitol in Indianapolis.



Arizona artist Nicholas Wilson with the finished bronze statue to be featured in the Fall Fire Fighters Memorial.

- December 2008: First meeting of the Hamilton County Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee. Tony Murray was contacted a few months prior by Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger. Riverwalk site toured.
- March 17, 2009: Members of HCFF Memorial Committee

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CURE

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In addition, Cure SMA invests in groundbreaking research that has led to approval of three treatments for SMA since Graham’s initial prognosis. The first was Spinraza from Biogen, the medication from Graham’s first trial. In 2019, Novartis medication Zolgensma received FDA approval.

In January 2021, Graham began taking Evrysdi, a medication from Genentech released in August 2020. A once-a-day oral liquid, Evrysdi is the only treatment for SMA that can be taken at home.

“‘Making a difference’ would be a very big understatement,” Adrienne said. “It’s really wonderful, not just for Graham, but for everyone with SMA.”

Now eight years old, Graham is a student at Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield in a mainstream

classroom with an IEP and the help of his full-time nurse to provide any accommodations he needs.

“Graham is doing amazing,” Adrienne said. “He just has such a positive outlook. He never gets frustrated by what he can’t do, he just gets excited about what he can do.”

For this year’s walk, he wants to coordinate a dance with his friend Annie. Annie’s mom, local realtor Erin Watts, is one of an 11-member committee who helps plan and execute the annual walk that continues to grow each year. Many of the children of committee members, including Graham’s older siblings, Ben and Lucy, even have “side-hustle” fundraisers.

“It has been rewarding to see as a mom,” Adrienne said.

Though the annual event has moved from

May to August, it continues to honor Graham. It also brings together SMA families with its commemorative one-mile walk-and-roll that represents the community coming together to offer support and fight for a cure.

Last year, 850 participants raised nearly \$170,000. They also welcomed more than 20 families affected by SMA. Registration is free for these families, and there is a special lounge where they can gather.

“We really try to treat them like the guests of honor,” Adrienne said.

The seventh annual SMA Walk for Graham will kick off at 4 p.m. on Aug. 5 with ballpark-style food, a play zone for kids, and more at Coxhall Gardens at 11677 Towne Road, Carmel. Following a 6 p.m. opening ceremony on their



Photo provided
Adrienne Vollmer (center front) with Cure SMA Walk for Graham committee members.

giant new stage, the walk-and-roll will begin around 6:30 p.m.

The raffle and silent auction, which will include a Blackstone grill, will close at 7:30 p.m., and the event will conclude around 9 p.m.

Registration is \$30 and includes food and drinks, a goodie bag, and an exclusive event T-shirt. Register as an individual, create a team, or become a sponsor, at [this link](#).

MEMORIAL

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Memorial Plaza honoring firefighters who died on 9/11.

- October 13, 2013: Official fundraising kickoff for the HCFF Memorial.
- March 2014: Artist Nicholas Wilson of Tubac, Ariz., was commissioned by the HCFF Memorial Committee to create the centerpiece bronze statue for the memorial.
- April 29, 2016: Members of the HCFF Memorial Committee along with Richard Moulder, son of Bud Moulder, accept ownership of the bronze centerpiece statue at the Bronzesmith Foundry in Prescott, Ariz.
- April 29, 2016: Hamilton County Councilman Steve Schwartz and his wife Lori leave Bronzesmith Foundry with centerpiece statue loaded in a U-Haul truck of which U-Haul generously donated its usage to transport the centerpiece.
- May 2, 2016: Centerpiece statue arrives in downtown Noblesville.
- December 2021: Hamilton County Commissioners advise the HCFF Memorial Committee to proceed with construction of the memorial.
- June 2022: Due to cement and concrete shortages

in central Indiana, the start of construction is delayed.

- June 23, 2023: Ground-breaking ceremony at the building site. Families of the fallen firefighters attend a ceremony to “move dirt to start construction.”

Memorial Plaza Features & Materials

Memorial Plaza

Plaza is to be approximately a sixty by 45-foot oval. A 20-foot diameter textured Maltese Cross of stamped and stained concrete will be situated between the centerpiece statue and the September 11 memorial, centered in the plaza oval. The area around the Maltese Cross will consist of an inner oval of two sizes of paver stones with an outer band or border of pavers.

Centerpiece Statue

Two-figure lifesize bronze statue created by Nicholas Wilson of Tubac, Ariz. Statue foundry – Bronzesmith Fine Art Foundry and Gallery located in Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Statue Pedestal

Reinforced concrete core with Indiana limestone façade and cap. Limestone engraved with poem and firefighter symbols.

Memorial Columns

Four Indiana limestone



Photo provided
This is the beam from one of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centers which will be incorporated in the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial in Noblesville to honor all those who perished on September 11, 2001.

columns engraved with the names and dates of fallen firefighters. Each column will be capped with a bronze firefighter helmet.

Sept. 11 Memorial

Approximately a four-foot steel I-beam from the WTC debris pile. Research has determined that the beam is a floor joist beam from the first 10 floors of one of the towers. The beam will be mounted on a pedestal of a reinforced concrete core covered with a cast stone lid representing the WTC debris field.

Donor Recognition

- **\$10,000:** Personalized granite or limestone Memorial Bench positioned in Memorial Plaza. Individual bronze plaque on recognition wall.
- **\$5,000:** Name on collective bronze plaque on recognition wall. Plus, four small or two large personalized pavers.
- **\$1,000:** Name on collective bronze plaque on recognition wall. Plus, two small or one large, personalized paver.
- **\$500:** One large, personalized paver.
- **\$300:** Two small, personalized pavers.
- **\$150:** One small, personalized paver.

In addition to the recog-

Hamilton County's Fallen Firefighters

BYRON J. GALBREATH
Died in the line of duty, August 15, 1951
Noblesville Firefighter Byron J. Galbreath was electrocuted and died from his injuries while working at a fire in a junk yard at 6th & Preston streets in Noblesville.

CYRUS "SKIP" CLARK
Died in the line of duty, December 3, 1960
Carmel Assistant Fire Chief Cyrus Clark died from injuries suffered in an apparatus accident. While responding along with another firefighter aboard the apparatus, a civilian driver pulled their vehicle into the path of the responding fire apparatus, Chief Clark swerved and avoided contact with the vehicle, however struck a tree and both CFD members were ejected, and the apparatus came to rest on top of them. (Location believed to be 111th Street and Westfield Boulevard)

RAYMOND E. MOULDER
Died in the line of duty, October 13, 1967
Fishers Assistant Fire Chief Raymond E. Moulder died from injuries he suffered from a building collapse. Chief Moulder was working at the scene of a multi-alarm fire consuming several buildings in the downtown business district of Noblesville. The location of this incident was 6th & Conner streets at the Goeke automobile dealership. An exterior wall suddenly collapsed trapping Chief Moulder while he was manning an exterior handline.

MARK GLENN "ROBO" ROBINSON
Died in the line of duty, June 19, 2017
Fire Fighter Mark Robinson passed away at his home surrounded by his family. Mark's death is considered a Line of Duty Death due to occupational cancer. Mark was a firefighter for the Carmel Fire Department for 18 years.

GARY SOUTHERLAND
Died in the line of duty, January 12, 2020
Chief Gary Southerland served the citizens of Westfield for 34 years with the Westfield Fire Department. Gary died on January 12, 2020, after a long battle with occupational cancer.

nition above, the memorial will use QR Code technology so that visitors can access donor information and information about the fallen firefighters and the memorial itself.

While much of the labor and materials will be donated, there is still a shortage of the amount needed to finish the construction. Paver sales and general fundraising are open one last time; the deadline to order pavers is Friday, June 30. You can order a paver or make a general donation at [tinyurl.com/HamCoFallenFFMemorial](https://www.tinyurl.com/HamCoFallenFFMemorial).

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Indiana named third-best state for competitive eating

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Indiana is the third best state for competitive eating in 2023, according to Gambling.com. Gambling.com found the 10 best states by analyzing

six data points, including the number of Major League Eaters in the state, the total eating world records held by the state, and the number of MLE contests in the state. A total average score was calculated for each state. Nevada was named

the best state overall for competitive eating, Illinois followed in second, and Indiana took third. Westfield resident and competitive eater Joey Chestnut remains the biggest name in the sport, according to Gambling.com.

CABOOSE RIDE

Don't miss this rare opportunity to ride on an authentic piece of Indiana's railroad history. Tickets will be sold onsite on a first-come, first-served basis. NPX looks forward to welcoming you and your

family aboard the historic Monon caboose for an unforgettable journey. **About Nickel Plate Express** Nickel Plate Express is dedicated to providing memorable train experiences that celebrate Indiana's

rich railroad history. Our team is passionate about preserving the past while creating new and exciting adventures for our passengers. For more information, please visit at NickelPlateExpress.com or connect on social media.

BICENTENNIAL

Fun at Forest Park Carousel & Tom Thumb Golf Course
July 1-31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Forest Park, Noblesville
Some FREE events. \$2 for carousel, \$3 for mini-golf
The 103-year-old "Little Beauty" Carousel and "Tom Thumb" mini golf course will be showcased in all their glory. Check out new historic signage and videos and pick up free giveaways commemorating the carousel's history. Free ride times will include July 11 and July 18 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Music Festival on the Square
July 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Courthouse Square
FREE
The Noblesville Township Office will offer a jam-packed music festival to kick off Noblesville's month. Almost a dozen artists will play multiple genres throughout the day. More activities and details will be available soon, so keep checking HamCoTurns200.com.
Noblesville Nostalgia Art Show
July 7-29, various times
Nickel Plate Arts, 107 S. 8th St.
FREE
Nickel Plate Arts has collaborated with artists from Noblesville and beyond to showcase 200 years of history in Noblesville. Artists will share original pieces about Noblesville's history and heritage. Alongside this show, original art from the Hamilton County Bicentennial book will be on display as well as the traveling exhibit. During First Friday in July, come to the exhibit opening to visit with some artists and authors from the book and get your copy signed. Small quantities will be available for sale.
History Faire
July 8, 1 to 2 p.m., and July 22, 1 to 4 p.m.
Gal's Guide to the Galaxy Library, 107 S. 8th St.
FREE
Think Science Faire but for history. Kids aged 10 and up as well as adults are invited to create a tri-fold board and dress up as notable people from Hamilton County and interact with guests to showcase what they learned. The information session and registration event on July 8 will provide ideas, examples, and tri-fold boards for free. If you can't make it,

email info@galsguide.org to have your spot reserved. The History Faire will take place on July 22 and will be open to the public. See how history comes to life when the community shares what they have learned about our wonderful community. Find more information at galsguide.org.
Hamilton County Military & Veterans Celebration & Resource Fair
July 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive
FREE
Veterans, Active Military, their families, and the general public are invited to this Veteran Resource Fair where visitors will learn about all the federal, state and local resources available to local Veterans. From suicide prevention, healthcare, housing, finance, insurance and more, the more everyone understands about their neighbor's needs and the resources available, the stronger communities will be. Additionally, a challenge coin commemorating the event will be given to Military and Veterans who attend, and there will be a history presentation on past Hamilton County Veterans and the U.S.S. Indianapolis. For more, visit HamiltonCountyVeterans.com and click "July 8, 2023 HC Veteran Celebration" link.
American Legion Post 45 Reopening
July 15, time TBD
273 S. 8th St.
FREE
Having recently moved from its location on Conner Street to the historic R. L. Wilson House, the Noblesville American Legion invites the public to the reopening of the post for activities and historic presentations. Visitors will learn about the history of the house, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2023, as well as the Post, which was founded in 1920. A band and ice cream social will also be part of the fun.
Taste of History: Early Noblesville Dining & Recipes
July 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton East Public Library – Noblesville
FREE
Join the staff of Hamilton East Public Library's Indiana Room as they take you on a food tour of ear-

ly Noblesville restaurants. Hear about the first members of Hamilton County's "hospitality" industry as participants sample the historic dishes that made these Noblesville establishments famous. From corn pone to wild game, learn about the first foods served in Noblesville dining establishments with their culinary partner, 9th Street Bistro. Registration is full, so keep an eye out for the next in this series.
Political Celebrities & the Vote Ice Cream Social
July 22, 1 to 4 p.m.
Hamilton County Historical Society, 810 Conner St.
FREE
The Hamilton County Historical Society has gathered some famous folks to re-enact their speeches on the square. Come see President Truman, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and Teddy Roosevelt on the stage of the annual Noblesville Street Dance.

RED MEAT

attenuated total mortality risk significantly. Replacing one serving of red meat with fish lowered risk 7 percent, 14 percent for poultry, 19 percent for nuts, 10 percent for legumes and low-fat dairy products, and 14 percent for whole grains. Eliminating processed red meat demonstrated higher reductions in mortality risk as compared to unprocessed red meats. Another recent study found that eating two ounces of processed meat daily increased the risk of heart disease by 40 percent.

Red meat is a major source of nutrition and protein for Americans, but there are healthier options. Why is red meat likely harmful to health? Red meat contains an abundance of saturated fats and cholesterol that promote plaque accumulation in the arteries leading to coronary heart disease and other vascular disease. But this study, as well as previous studies, indicates that

saturated fats and cholesterol do not account for all the increased risk of vascular disease. There must be other factors. Red meat contains heme iron (from blood cells) that has also been correlated with an increased risk of heart disease.

Further, red meat's high caloric content (except for the leanest of cuts) promotes obesity. Charring from broiling or grilling meat creates carcinogens, and processed red meats contain carcinogenic additives.

Over the years, strong consistent evidence establishes that the healthiest realistic and sustainable way to eat is the Mediterranean diet. This diet greatly limits red meat, is rich in fish, poultry, healthy mono-saturated fats, nuts, legumes, fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, and low-glycemic whole grains foods.

Refined sugar should be limited in our diets since it leads to high insulin levels

that stimulate appetite and open metabolic pathways that promote weight gain and obesity. High sugar intake has also been implicated in heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and hypertension.

Should we completely swear off red meat and sweets? Of course not. Everybody deserves a good hamburger or a dessert sometimes. The old adage in medicine, "everything in moderation," is prudent.

Consider this as your personal policy: Limit red meat to three ounces per day, eliminate processed meats, and concentrate on healthier options. Eat more fruits and vegetables. And forget those sugary sodas and other drinks. Life can still be good.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

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will play tunes from different eras and discuss the historic context of the instruments. One of the musician-historians is the Master Luthier for the Gibson Company. [Click here](#) to RSVP.
Light Up the Night
July 29, 8 to 10 p.m.
Potter's Bridge Park, 19401 N. Allisonville Road
FREE
Hamilton County Parks and White River Canoe Company are working together to provide a visual experience for visitors during this evening event. Stroll along historic Potter's Bridge and see lighted canoes in the waters of White River for a unique show.
Noblesville Township's Signature Event: Hamilton County Fabric Arts Show
August; dates TBD
Noblesville Township Trustee's Office, 836 Division St.
FREE
Come celebrate the fab-

ric arts, both old and new. Held in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, this art show will showcase artists and techniques for different fabric arts. Noblesville Township's Signature Event is so big, event organizers had to squeeze it into August. Check out heirlooms and new pieces and vote for your favorite. Spots are still open until July 22, so [apply here](#) to be featured.

About the Bicentennial
The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission was established by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as the official oversight agency for the 200th anniversary of the county in 2023. It will do so in partnership with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc, and lead sponsor Duke Energy. For more information, visit HamCoTurns200.com.

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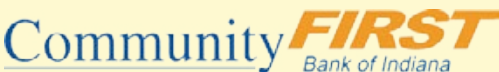
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There could be only one Blowgun Killer on this Luau Murder Express



Reporter photos

Last Saturday's Murder on the Luau Express was a sultry and sub-tropical sleuthing extravaganza. Sunday was cooler, but there was that whole tornado threat before everyone boarded the train. Both days were more fun than you could shake a blowgun at! (Above left) Tropical drinks and loud shirts were in season all weekend long. (Above right) Bill Miller photo-bombs a perfectly good shot of Kevin and Carol Shadle playing ukuleles ... and then he wonders why people wanted him dead.



Photo by Emily Reynolds



Reporter photos

(Above left) Terri and Brett pose for a quick shot with a bucket of rum punch at Hobbs Station. Brett a.k.a. Lark was, in fact, the Blowgun Killer ... and he looks rather happy about it! (Above center) Emily and Adrienne get in character before hopping on the most recent NPX Murder Express. (Above right) Julia, Tara, and Krystal rode the rails together in search of fun times and killer prizes.



Reporter photos

(Above) Megan, Kim, Manda, and Yolanda play with what they would later learn was a murder weapon. What a great way for old friends to spend a reunion! (Below) Scott and Jeanna also pose with the Blowgun Killer's weapon of choice. We had to call the mayor of Hawaii to get an exemption for his solid-color shirt to qualify for this ride.



Reporter photo

(Above) Adrienne and Kat's characters also wanted to kill Bill this weekend. (Below) Stu Clappitt, a.k.a. Kentucky Roger, poses in fake Hawaii with Adrienne R. and Emily P.



Photo by Adrienne Rogers



Reporter photo

(Above) "Somebody call an ambulance! I think it's too late - somebody call the coroner! Wait! Just let me take a selfie real quick!" Those were just some of the things NPX guests were saying when the body hit the ground in Atlanta, Hawaii, this weekend. NPX Murder Express rides are always so much fun.



Reporter photos

(Above left) Colleen Haynes handily won the hula hoop contest, which began just before the murder and finished later just before everyone got back on the train to Hobbs Station. Congratulations, Colleen. You did your table proud. (Above right) Shelby Scott not only figured out whodunnit, but won a delightful prize pack from NPX and Big Caboose Players which included the Blowgun Killer's own blowgun.



Reporter photo

A group of passengers posed with Heather King, frontwoman for the band The Stompers, who provided live music and a great deal of in-character entertainment last weekend.

McNally holds campaign kickoff tonight for Indiana House District 39 race

Over the past few days, our community has been rocked by an inappropri-



I care deeply about this city we call home. Throughout my career and in this campaign, I have focused on issues and policies that unify our community, rather than divide it. Eight years ago, in 2015, I voted to support our city's first anti-discrimination bill that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, while also

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“Although I came up short, as we knocked on



based around one simple principle: Hoosier Hospitality. That is more than just treating others with respect. It means helping those in need. It means showing compassion and kindness to others, even when we disagree. Most importantly, it means that when someone is different from us, we still greet them with open arms and let them know that one Hoosier always has another Hoosier's back. That is true Hoosier Hospitality. And it's time to send some true Hoosier Hospitality back to the Statehouse."

Lowry is a trial attorney who previously spent five years as a Deputy Attorney General practicing constitutional law, where he defended state agencies such as the Department of Child Services and Indiana State Police. He has argued in front of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and conducted jury trials.

Find more information about the candidate at LowryForIndiana.com or email at hello@lowryforindiana.com.

While my daughter was in school, I was an exceedingly active mom – attending field trips, three term PTO President at Geist Montessori Academy, Karate Mom, and a Cheer Mom. Now, I am the involved mom of a college graduate pursuing a doctorate in chiropractic's. I love being a mom.

When I joined the Moms for Liberty Facebook page in July 2022, my goal was to aid in empowering not just moms, but all parents and guardians, by means of an honest culture of liberty. I do not believe Moms for Liberty to be the “extremist group” it has been made out to be.

Rather, it is a group of very caring and compassionate mothers coming together to defend our rights and our children's rights. I fought for my daughter, Micayla, and I will continue to fight for all the children of Fishers. That is exactly what it means to be a mother.

I recognize that being a brown conservative woman is difficult for many people to understand. No community is a monolith, and my skin color is not my politics. I, too, "have been endowed by my Creator with inalienable rights."

Further, my unique experiences have colored my life – my family has a history of military service dating back

to the American Revolution; every generation of my family has served in the military and its many wars. My parents were married for 50-plus years and my mom was devoted to her family and did not work outside the home. I worked my way through college earning my degree and commission into the United States Air Force (accepting student loans I paid in full). I lived and worked in countries where people do not have the same rights I enjoy as an American woman. I am a single mom and a one-income household, and I know how to be cost-conscious. I am a woman of faith and I have been a catechist since 1998. I am self-employed and I know the required discipline of success.

I know I do not stand alone in my beliefs and that my platform of Safety, Prosperity, and Building Community resonates with the majority of residents and young adults in Fishers. If you would like to continue further discussions about Fishers interests, feel free to [refer to my webpage](#) for my Saturday “Breakfast with Tiffanie” events. I believe civil discourse is most valuable during this divisive time.

I want to thank all the beautiful women and mothers for their grit in the fight for our children's futures.

Tiffanie Ditlevson
Candidate for Fishers City
Council At Large

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Bow-wow! That’s one well-read dog!



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Simon, who serves as the therapy dog for the Hamilton County Coroner’s Office, enjoys spending some time pawing through The Reporter’s weekly print edition. Though normally a cheerful and playful pup, Simon looked rather despondent after reading this week’s top story about Noblesville’s plan to incentivize out-of-state residents to move to the city with a plethora of perks and even a \$5,000 cash payment. When asked his opinion on the matter, Simon replied, with a gruff ruff, “This is why we can’t have nice things.” Don’t worry Simon – surely at least one of these new residents is a therapy dog therapist.

Yes, we love the dog days of summer, but please keep us safe!

“I care not much for a man’s religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.” – Abraham Lincoln

Since my human mom (your usual columnist, Sharon) is out of town for a brief (and well-deserved break) time away, I have the honor of preparing this week’s column! I do have some advice for all you who have one or more dogs in your family. (Nothing against cats, but you know how independent they are!) Those of us in the canine group wish we could sometimes effect change which will keep us both healthy and happy! With that in mind, please bear with me while I address some of those issues which pop up in the “good old summertime” here in Indiana! Also, I thought it would make mom Sharon happy to use a quote by her favorite President!

I conferred with Blue, who also lives here (though we disagree on who is the favorite!) and we agree on some



specific items which we hope all of you humans consider especially during the hot “dog days” of summer! The statistics and ideas presented here were obtained from the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States. Please check with your own veterinarian for more specifics or clarifications.

Recently, in our neighborhood, the streets were paved with black asphalt. Hmmm, try walking on that barefoot ... yikes! Although our dog foot pads are pretty tough, they can be burnt by the pavement. If the pavement is too hot for humans to walk barefoot, it is too hot for us! If the air temperature is 77 degrees, the pavement will be at least 125 degrees; if 86 degrees, the pavement will be at least 135 degrees. If you must walk your dog on pavement, choose the early morning hours before the pavement heats up – it would be appreciated!

Please do not leave us in a parked car on a lovely

summer day! We love you and yes, we often like our car rides, but we do not enjoy being left in the car. Staying home in the A/C with fresh water and our favorite chew toy – you bet! Remember, when the outside temperature is 79 degrees, the inside of the car will be at least 20 degrees hotter; yes, even though the windows are “cracked!” If you see any of my canine friends in distress call 911 immediately. Officers are trained to rescue dogs (and people!) left alone in dire circumstances. Noblesville and Hamilton County have passed legislation which addresses the legal obligations of pet parents.

My humans just love to go to outdoor concerts; however, I hear them talking about all the dogs they see at those concerts. I am glad they do not take me or Blue! Humans hear sounds between 20 and 20,000 Hz, and DOGS can hear noises twice as high, even up to 55,000 Hz. So, while you may have some really cool dogs, they really do not want their ears to be assaulted! Please think



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“Oh sure, Casper and I get along well,” Blue McMahon said, “but we do disagree over who is Mom and Dad’s favorite.”

twice about outdoor concerts, Fourth of July, or any other event where the noise could be unbearable and scary. Dogs can, and do, suffer damage to their ears and hearing just as humans can.

Both Blue and I are “rescues” – adopted by mom Sharon and dad Bruce to live out our lives in safety and comfort, thankfully. I think they would both agree with the concerns I have expressed here, and although we have a great pet sitter, we are looking forward to their homecoming!

When a ban is not a ban: HB 1447 meant to protect minors

In my May column, I wrote about Panorama surveys and why several of the school districts in Hamilton County are getting rid of them. The 2023 Indiana General Assembly passed and the governor signed HB 1447, which deals with third-party surveys and how they are to be administered as well as new requirements for parental notification.

During the same session, there was a Senate



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bill dealing with “Material Harmful to Minors.” That was SB 12 authored by State Senator James Tomes. Similar bills had been introduced in previous years only to die without being heard or voted on. For almost the entire session it seemed that SB 12 was going to meet the same fate. This bill was voted on and passed by the Senate but never got a reading during the regular House session. Testimony on the Sen-

ate bill was passionate from both sides of the aisle as well as supporters and detractors of the bill. According to library union and teacher’s union representatives, this bill, if passed into law, would open the possibility for teachers, school librarians, and principals to be criminally prosecuted. They claimed that this bill would also strip away protections for material that is disseminated for educational purposes.

Parental groups, former teachers, clergy, and concerned parents gave testimony supporting the

legislation stating that the books referenced had no educational value. They further stated that the books were inappropriate for children of elementary and secondary school age. Several of the legislators argued that the purpose of the bill was not to pursue prosecution of school personnel but to close a loophole existing in the current Indiana Code.

The word “ban” was used often to represent what would occur if this bill was passed. Ban is a word that can be used to promote a response of fear or anger. Ac-

cording to those opposed, we would be banning books and banning free speech. They intended to suggest that this bill would have the effect of forbidding books that had an educational purpose from being disseminated in schools or restricting the rights of certain groups by banning books on Black and LGBTQ issues. The bill intends to exclude or restrict such books from being disseminated in an elementary or secondary school setting. Thus, this bill corrects the current law on obscene materials so that it is against the law whether

it takes place outside or inside of a school setting.

In the end, due to the determination of several of the Representatives, as well as an organized group of supporters, the crux of the Senate bill having to do with “obscene” material and school libraries was inserted into HB 1447 during the last hours of the 2023 legislative session. Going forward the law against “material harmful to minors” will have the effect that was always intended: to protect minors.

HEA 1447 was signed into law on May 4, 2023.

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Noblesville Lions take part in SERVE Noblesville



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Noblesville Lions Club members participated in SERVE Noblesville by mulching the Peace Garden at Teter Organic Farm and Retreat. The club worked from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 24. It's yet another example of Lions serving in communities and elsewhere – join the club in a meeting at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville, and becoming a 'serving' partner. (Above left) Lion Jeff Kozicki working up a sweat. (Top right) Part of the mulching crew: Lions Steve Shaw, Julia Kozicki, and Jeff Kozicki. (Above right) The freshly-mulched Teter Farm Peace Garden.

Portee Leadership Connection Scholarship winners celebrated at Rotary Club of Carmel luncheon

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel presented Portee Leadership Connection Scholarships to winning students at a special luncheon meeting on June 2 at the Woodland Country Club in Carmel.

Danny Portee, creator of the scholarship, inspired students, family members and Rotarians with his words of wisdom, as a changing of the guard took place with the new heads of Leadership Connection stepping up.

The first annual Portee Leadership Connection Scholarships and laptops were presented to students Emma Metzger, Carmel High School; Kiah Jackson, Carmel High School; Jaquelin Escobedo, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School; and Maverick Surber, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School. Florgisel Garcia, Providence Cristo Rey High School, was unable to attend due to a family emergency but was presented her award at her home on a later date.

"Florgisel Garcia could not attend the Rotary Club of Carmel meeting and awards presentation due to a family emergency," Dr. Rick Markoff, Immediate Past Chairman of Leadership Connection. "Gary Sexton, Tim Flint, and I put together a plan to make sure Florgisel would not be left out – she would be able to see how much Danny Portee and the Rotary Club of Carmel appreciated her academic and community achievements. Tim and I



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(Above, from left) Emma Metzger, Kiah Jackson, Jaquelin Escobedo, Maverick Surber, and Dr. Rick Markoff. (Below) Florgisel Garcia, Providence Cristo Rey High School (center), was presented with her scholarship award at her home by Leadership Connection Chairman Tim Flint (left) and former Chairman Dr. Rick Markoff.

delivered on that plan, and he and I feel blessed that we had that opportunity."

It was stressed to each of the recipients just how much their achievements impacted the scholarship committee and how much they continue to affect those around them.

Twenty-year Army veteran and Founder/President of Professional Management Enterprises, Danny Portee, set an exciting tone for the day as he inspired all in attendance with his speech. As the Owner and President of Professional Management Enterprises, Portee provides daily corporate leadership for his nationally recognized staffing company. He and his CFO/Controller Clarissa Nowlin were instrumental in the creation, selection, and coordination of the Portee Leadership Connection Scholarships.

Selection of the five recipients was made by a review committee at Pro-



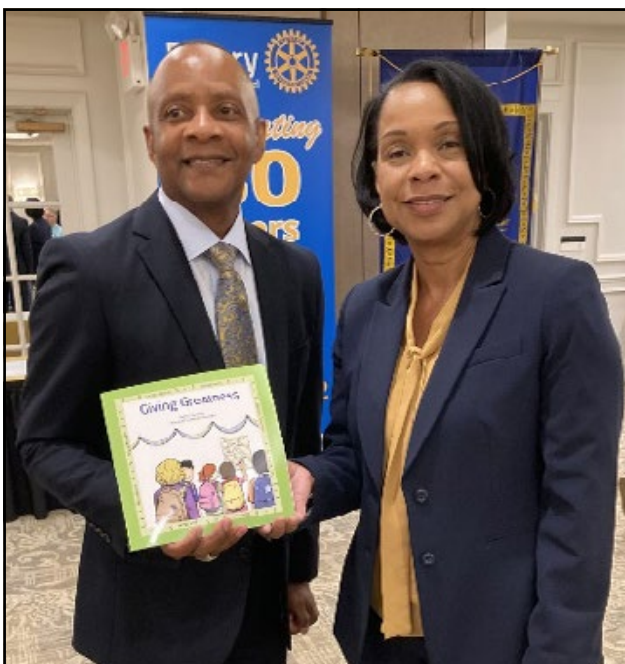
fessional Management Enterprises; scholarships were awarded with equal emphasis on merit and need.

Those able to attend the meeting were also able to experience the excitement of watching the Rotary Club of Carmel embracing a changing of the guard with a newer, youthful look. Tim Flint and Louise Jackson are now in full charge of Leadership Connection, and Carolyn Shaw, Drew LeRette, Hannah Bates, Monica Frauhiger, and Stephon Tuitt served as Table Hosts for the

scholarship recipients.

Recipients were accompanied by guests who have been inspirational in their life – such as a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach, religious leader or counselor.

"This program will play a major role in enhancing Leadership Connection by enabling business, community and non-profit executives to have an impact on the next generation of leaders within our community and region," Dr. Markoff said.



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(Above left) Professional Management Enterprises Owner and President Danny Portee (left) and CFO/Controller Clarissa Nowlin. (Above right, from left) 2023 Leadership Connection Chairman Tim Flint and Vice Chairman Louise Jackson with former Chairman, Dr. Rick Markoff.



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The Flying Toasters soar into summer

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Letter to the Editor

Grand Park visitor details failure of facility’s severe weather policy

Editor’s note: The Reporter received this letter regarding Sunday’s storms that swept across Hamilton County. The author of the letter originally addressed it to Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, Westfield PD Special Services Commander Captain Mike Vickroy, and Westfield FD EMS Division Chief Patrick Hutchison.

Dear Mayor Cook, Captain Vickroy, and Chief Hutchison:

I am writing to you about a public safety issue at Grand Park.

Yesterday, I was at Grand Park with my son and husband for a baseball tournament. Late yesterday afternoon at 3:30 a tornado warning was issued and the weather warning system activated telling everyone to go to their cars.

As we were walking to the car, I received an emergency alert from the National Weather Service on my iPhone notifying me of the tornado warning and advising to seek shelter immediately and giving further direction to seek shelter in a building or ditch if you were in a vehicle. We got in the car but quickly realized that the weather situation was dangerous and decided it was not safe to be sitting in the car in the parking lot.

I left the car with my son and walked to the Bullpen Tournament building by Parking Lot B (we were parked in parking lot B). I remembered seeing a “tornado shelter” sign next to one of the doors on the south side of the building. I saw the sign and tried to open the door, but it was locked. The restrooms were next to the tornado shelter and unlocked, so I told my son to go in the men’s restroom and I went in the women’s restroom. Several of my son’s teammates and at least one dad were in the men’s restroom seeking shelter.

After five to 10 minutes in the bathroom, I was told by a female that

was apparently working for Grand Park (or Bullpen) that I had to leave the restroom. I told her I would if they unlocked the tornado shelter. She again told me to leave the restroom and I refused. I opened the restroom door to check the status of the weather and was approached by a male in a black shirt who told me I had to leave the restroom. I questioned him about the tornado shelter. He told me it wasn’t a tornado shelter to which I replied, then why is it signed as a tornado shelter? He told me it was not a tornado shelter because the City of Westfield did not approve it as a tornado shelter.

I suggested that since they were not going to unlock the tornado shelter that they allow us to stay in the restroom because sitting in a vehicle during a tornado warning was dangerous. He refused. As I was walking away, I noticed he had removed the tornado shelter sign with a drill right before I walked out of the restroom. My husband questioned why he removed the sign and he said because it isn’t approved as a shelter. I told him that if anyone was hurt, I would be suing the facility and again asked why we couldn’t stay in the concrete walled restrooms until the warning passed but received no explanation.

During the entire span of the first warning (3:30 to 4:00) and the second warning (4:00 to 4:30), the grounds workers (they all appeared to be teenagers) were sitting outside. From the time we were kicked out of the restroom before the first warning expired until the end of the second warning, we were sitting in our cars or standing outside near the restrooms to run in if a tornado was spotted. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and no tornados touched down in Westfield.

Something has to be done to protect the youth and their families

and the workers while at the facility during a tornado warning. Sending people to their cars is not the solution and directly contrary to the National Weather Service Guidance.

First, people have to walk from the fields to their vehicles. That can be a long walk depending on where you are playing. Second, even if you wanted to get in your car and leave to seek shelter elsewhere (which would be contrary to the NWS recommendation to seek shelter immediately) because of the backup of cars attempting to exit the parking lot in most cases that cannot be done in a timely manner.

It was totally unacceptable to make us leave the restrooms when we were exponentially safer there than in our cars. It is also totally unacceptable to sign something as a tornado shelter and lock the door during a tornado warning. Worse yet is to deny that it is a tornado shelter and remove the tornado shelter sign during a tornado warning while kicking people out of the concrete windowless restrooms during a tornado warning.

The evacuation plan found on grandpark.org/safety refers to a shelter building. The Emergency Management Plan also found at grandpark.org specifically states that in the event of a tornado warning attendees at Grand Park will be directed to evacuate or take shelter.

We went to the shelter. It was locked. We went to the next safest place – the restrooms. We were kicked out.

Then, personnel tried to cover up the fact that the building was signed as a “tornado shelter” by removing the sign in the middle of the tornado warning.

Please do better.
Allyson Breeden
Evansville, Ind.

Feds allocate \$868M to bring high-speed internet to underserved parts of Indiana

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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Indiana has been allocated more than \$868 million to bring reliable high-speed internet to parts of the state where it’s lacking or not available, President Joe Biden and other federal leaders announced Monday.

A 2019 study by Purdue University found some of the most rural areas of Indiana lacked high-speed internet. That’s about 261,300 Hoosiers, or nearly 4 percent of the state’s population. However, studies about the availability of internet accessibility have varied widely, Purdue notes.

“For example, the Federal Communications Commission found that about 261,000 residents lacked access to the minimum standard of internet speed: 25 megabits per second download and 3 megabits per second upload. However,

er, Microsoft found that 4.1 million residents did not use the internet at a minimum of 25 Mbps – a significant portion of Indiana’s population of more than 6.7 million,” Purdue said in a 2021 news release.

The money was set aside in a law approved in 2021. Indiana’s allocation is \$868,109,929.79. The total allocated for the project nationally is \$42.45 billion.

Funds are expected to be awarded to network operators based on a point system. Operators are expected to cover at least 25 percent of project costs unless they obtain a waiver. Eligible fund recipients can start submitting initial requests for funds July 1. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration will approve initial requests, which will then be distributed by states. It’s not immediately clear how Indiana will distribute the funds.



Portion of Atlantic Road closes for immediate bridge repair

Effective immediately, Atlantic Road between State Road 32 and 186th Street will be closed to all thru traffic for bridge repair. An estimated project completion date is not yet known.

This immediate closure is due to structural damages. More information will be forthcoming once a road opening date is known.

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New Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children website available for public use

The REPORTER

The Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force has created a new website that will provide the public with information relative to reporting internet crimes against children, resources, statistics, applicable statutes, and much more.

Click here to access the new website.

The Indiana ICAC Task Force is a multiagency task force that investigates and prosecutes people who use the internet to exploit or entice children sexually. The Indiana State Police oversees the task force, comprised of more than 50 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Graphic provided

Since the inception of the Indiana ICAC Task Force in 2005, there has been a significant increase in complaints concerning online sexual exploitation and enticement of children. In 2022, the Indiana ICAC

received over 14,000 CyberTips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Indiana ICAC Task Force encourages Hoosiers to report all online exploitation, solicitation, and entice-

ment-type crimes against children to NCMEC. To report an active crime against your child involving the Internet or other electronic means, please contact your local Indiana law enforcement agency.

Carmel police arrest two in CVS robbery

The REPORTER

At approximately 5:32 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, Carmel police responded to a call of a robbery that had just occurred at the CVS located at 1421 S. Range Line Road.

It was reported that two men entered the store armed with guns, jumped the counter, and took pills before fleeing the store. A description of the suspects was relayed to officers responding to the area.

One officer noticed a suspicious vehicle in the

area and relayed the information to other responding units. That vehicle was occupied by two men. Officers followed the vehicle and conducted an investigative stop in the area of West 86th Street and Interstate 465. After stopping the suspect vehicle, two individuals were taken into custody after evidence consistent with the robbery was located in plain view inside the vehicle.

The suspects in this case have been identified as Mikhal Davaughn Hamilton, 22, and David Jahmal

Washington, 20, both of Indianapolis. They have been charged as follows:

- Mikhal Davaughn Hamilton:
- Robbery of a pharmacy while armed with a deadly weapon
- Criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon
- Intimidation
- Pointing a firearm
- Battery
- Theft
- David Jahmal Washington:
- Robbery of a pharmacy

while armed with a deadly weapon

- Criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon
- Theft

There were no injuries during this incident. If you have any information that may be helpful in this investigation, please call the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500. You may also call Crime Stoppers at (317) 262-TIPS or visit crimetips.org. Please reference Carmel Police case number 23-44469.

Teachers Credit Union is now Everwise Credit Union

Submitted

Teachers Credit Union (TCU), the largest credit union in Indiana, officially transitioned to Everwise

Credit Union on Monday. The new name, brand, logo, and tagline better reflects the credit union's mission to empower and serve all

people and grow beyond its original educator roots. The Everwise name builds on that people-first foundation and sets the credit union up

for continued growth and opportunities.

A ribbon cutting was held Monday morning at the Carmel branch, located at 635 E. Carmel Drive.

"As we enter this new chapter in our history, we're thrilled by this opportunity to redefine not only our identity but also our vision as a credit union," said Jason M. Osterhage, President and Chief Executive Officer of Everwise. "Our commitment to our members has always come first, and the Everwise identity reflects our dedication to evolving and innovating alongside them to inspire the confidence they need to achieve their financial goals."

The change in brand does not reflect a change in ownership. Everwise remains 100 percent member owned and headquartered in South Bend. With more than 300,000 members and over 50 branches throughout Indiana and southwest Michigan, Everwise has always made its mission to support people as they achieve their financial dreams.

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Wilma Bush

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Wilma Bush passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 20, 2023, at the age of 97.

Wilma was born in Sheridan to the late Herschel Owen and Ruth Maria (Pruitt) Owen. She graduated from Sheridan High School in 1944.

On December 6, 1947, Wilma married the love of her life and best friend, John (Jack) Bush Jr. He preceded Wilma in passing on July 2, 2015. They established their home in Sheridan and raised four children (Brendalee, Terry, Peggy, and Joe). Their home was always filled with laughter and love. She believed a home was not complete without the laughter of children. They continued that philosophy by welcoming eight grandchildren (Deidra, Brett, Audra, Danny, John, Brian, Kate, and Dustin) and 12 great-grandchildren (Alicia, Ashlynn, Halee, Alexis, Aurora, Ella, Parker, Freya, Aaron, John, Finley, and Elizabeth) to their family.

Along with raising a family, Wilma worked for the Wallace Grain Company in Sheridan as an accountant for approximately 20 years. Her passions were in history and doll collecting. She was an active member of the Sheridan Historical Society, providing many donations of historical artifacts, her own knowledge, and playing an active role in the rehabilitation of the historic Boxley Cabin in Sheridan. She spent a large portion of her life collecting antique dolls and was a member of the Indianapolis Doll Circle, United Federation of Doll Clubs. They met monthly in each other's homes to share knowledge and love of dolls. She enjoyed sewing, stained glass work, and traveling. In her early retiree years, they took annual snowbird trips to Florida with her best friends Joe and Gloria Watson. (Joe affectionately called her "Flintstone.")

Entering their home, you were guaranteed a cup of coffee with a seat in a recliner in the living room or on the front porch. The fridge was always full and there was always extra food on the stove. In the fall, they'd pick persimmons and shake them off the tree in the back yard, and Wilma made her persimmon pudding, loved by all, and cherished at Thanksgiving. She was well known for her homemade pies – particularly raspberry, lemon meringue, and cherry – and of course, her chicken and dumplings made by hand with so much love. Needless to say, everyone was well fed.

Wilma, the wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, will be dearly missed. However, her memory will live on in the lessons she taught and example she lived both to those she loved and whose lives she touched. Our family is truly blessed to have had such an amazing woman as the matriarch of our family. She always put the needs of others before her own until her very last day. She was a Proverbs 31 woman of faith:

"Many Women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:29-31 NIV.

Wilma is preceded in death by her parents, Herschel Owen and Ruth Maria (Pruitt) Owen; siblings, Herschel Beecher Owen, Iva Lou (Owen) Hobson, John Lamar Owen, and Veda Owen; and child, Peggy Bush.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sheridan Historical Society.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

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Genesis 5:6-15 (NIV)

Bud Eugene Taylor

June 1, 1931 – June 26, 2023

Bud Eugene Taylor, 92, Whiteland, passed away on Monday, June 26, 2023, at his home. He was born on June 1, 1931, to the late Ward and Alta (Meyers) Taylor in Anderson, Ind.



Bud proudly served his country in the United States Army. For 37 years, he worked as an oiler for General Motors. Bud enjoyed traveling, especially to Las Vegas. He loved country music and concerts, gardening, and classic cars. Bud always had a smile on his face and loved his sweets: donuts and pie. Most of all, he loved his kids, grandkids, and family.

Bud is survived by his wife of 52 years, Willie Blanche Taylor; children, Penny (Mike) Heflin, Pamela Taylor, Richard (Joyce) Taylor, and Charlia (Tim) Wood; grandchildren, Brittany Wessel, Heather Hutcherson, Tony Gray, Jared Taylor, Zachary Taylor, Hannah Ryall, Christie Brewer, Ray Froude, Lori Hutson, and Leslie Sayers; 25 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, June 30, 2023, at the funeral home, with Minister Ronnie Hewitt officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Liberty Fund welcomes Norte Dame Law School dean to board of directors

The REPORTER

The Liberty Fund, headquartered in Carmel, announced Monday that G. Marcus Cole, Dean of the Notre Dame Law School, has joined the Liberty Fund's Board of Directors. He serves as Dean of Notre Dame Law School and the Joseph A. Matson Professor of Law.

Cole is a leading scholar of the empirical law and economics of commerce and finance. Previously, he spent 22 years as a faculty member at Stanford Law School. At Stanford, he held two endowed chairs and taught courses in the areas of bankruptcy, banking, contracts, and venture capital. In addition, he served for five years as associate dean for curriculum and academic affairs.

"I am humbled and honored to be appointed to the board of directors of the Liberty Fund, an institution to which I am deeply indebted and to which I am firmly committed," Cole said. "The Liberty Fund has the potential to promote human flourishing and shape civil society for the better. I embrace this important responsibility."

"Marcus' more than three decades association with the Liberty Fund, his

experiences in and outside the academy, and his commitment to our ideals make him ideally situated to assist Liberty Fund as a board member," said Nathan Feltman, Liberty Fund's Chairman, Liberty Fund's Board of Directors. "We couldn't be more excited to add Marcus to Liberty Fund's board."

The Liberty Fund was founded in 1960 by Pierre F. Goodrich, an Indianapolis businessman and lawyer. Liberty Fund conducts its own educational programs to encourage research and discussion on the values and institutions of a society of free and responsible individuals.

These programs focus on the place individual liberty has in an intellectual heritage evident from ancient times and continuing through today. The programs are intended to enrich understanding and appreciation of the complex nature of a free society and to contribute to its preservation.

As a tax-exempt, private operating foundation, Liberty Fund's purposes are educational. Liberty Fund fulfills its mission through its conference program, web properties and by publishing books pertaining to liberty.

For more information, visit LibertyFund.org.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Commissioners have canceled the highway meeting scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2023.

The Adams Township Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the Adams Township Trustee's Office, 201 S. Main St., Sheridan.

The Westfield Board of Public Works & Safety will meet in an executive session at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Westfield City Hall, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(ii), for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to the lease of real property by the governing body as lessor, up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.

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Indianapolis Colts season-ticket holders were treated to dinner and music from DJ GNO at the announcement.

Colts get the party started at Grand Park

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – The Indianapolis Colts’ 2023 Training Camp will be back at Grand Park in a month’s time, but the party is starting early.

The Colts announced the schedule for this year’s camp Tuesday at the Grand Park Events Center. The team made an evening out of it, inviting season ticket holders to attend the announcement. It was a blast from the get-go, as those fans entered the main field by running through an inflatable tunnel – just like the Colts players used to several years ago.

Once on the main field, fans were treated to food and music from DJ GNO, then listened as Colts reporter Larra Overton and Colts Chief Sales & Marketing Officer Roger VanDerSnick released the schedule. Westfield Mayor Andy Cook also made remarks, and there was an appearance from Colts mascot Blue. Cook had some good-natured fun with the ever-popular mascot.

“The Colts have never had a facility like this before,” said Cook. “We’ve never had an NFL team in here before. We learned something every year.”

Grand Park has hosted the Colts Camp since 2018, and while Cook spoke about the growth of the camp, he also mentioned how it tied into the growth of Grand Park in general. Cook said he saw a video where he estimated “we should have 250,000 people a year.” Last year, Grand Park had 3.5 million visitors.

“When I travel the country and people say ‘Where are you from,’ I no longer say ‘Indy-area,’” said Cook. “I say ‘I’m from Westfield, Indiana.’ ‘Oh, isn’t that where that sports park is?’ And I proudly smile and say ‘Yes, it is.’”

“For the fifth year, the Colts will kick off our foot-

ball season at Colts Training Camp at Grand Park, and we are excited to be returning to our second home in Westfield,” said VanDerSnick. “Mayor Cook, the Grand Park staff and the entire Westfield community have been incredible hosts for our team and our fans, and we look forward to another successful run at Grand Park.”

Koorsen Fire & Security will again be the title sponsor of the Colts Camp.

“Koorsen Fire & Security is thrilled to return as title sponsor of Colts Training Camp for a second year,” said company president Keith Koorsen. “We love this opportunity to partner with another proud Indiana business, and we can’t wait to welcome thousands of Colts fans back to Grand Park to kick off the 2023 season.”

Practices start July 26

The first practice that will be open to fans is set for July 26 at 10 a.m. Practices take place for most days over the following three weeks, with the final open practice scheduled for Aug. 17. There is no charge to attend training camp, but guests must obtain a free ticket at colts.com/Camp to enter each day.

The Colts will hold 13 open practices, with the public welcome at each one. Eight of those practices will feature special theme days, highlighting various local organizations and fans, and providing fun activities for the whole family. (Theme days will appear on the schedule listed elsewhere on this page.)

The final two practices of the camp, Aug. 16 and 17, will be joint practices with the Chicago Bears. The practices will take place in advance of the teams’ pre-season game on Aug. 19 at Lucas Oil Stadium. The Colts will also take part in joint training camp practices with the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia.

Also returning is the



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Indianapolis Colts mascot Blue provided some of the fun at the Colts Training Camp announcement.

popular Colts City. The attraction will be set on an 85,000 square-foot multi-purpose asphalt pad and Play 60 turf field adjacent to the Colts practice fields, allowing fans to enjoy Colts City activities and team practices conveniently.

In keeping with the local theme, the Colts are partnering with Westfield High School student Mia Sears, who designed a limited-edition Training Camp t-shirt inspired by the iconic Westfield Gate. The t-shirt will be available later this summer at the Colts Pro Shop at Training Camp, with adult and youth sizes available for all persons.

Clear Bag policy

The NFL “clear bag” policy for game days will be in effect in areas of the camp that require a ticket. In these areas, fans will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package or container:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12” x 6” x 12”. (Official NFL Team logo clear plastic tote bags are available through club pro shops or at nflshop.com)
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the stadium with one of the



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook talks with Indianapolis Colts Vice President of Communications Steve Campbell (left) and Westfield Director of Communications Chris Proffitt at the Colts’ Training Camp announcement Tuesday at Grand Park.

- clear plastic bag options
- An exception will be made for medical necessary items after proper inspection at an area designated for this purpose.
- Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:
- Purses larger than a clutch bag
 - Coolers
 - Briefcases
 - Backpacks
 - Fanny packs
 - Cinch bags
 - Seat cushions
 - Luggage of any kind


Colts practice schedule

July 26, 9 a.m. (Camp Kickoff)
July 28, 9 a.m. (Kid’s Day)
July 29, 4 p.m. (Back Together Weekend)
July 31, 9 a.m.
Aug. 1, 9 a.m. (Salute To Service)
Aug. 3, 8 a.m. (Youth Sports Day)
Aug. 5, 4 p.m.
Aug. 6, noon (Give Back Sunday)
Aug. 8, 8 a.m.
Aug. 10, 8 a.m. (Fan Appreciation)
Aug. 15, 8 a.m.
Aug. 16, 4 p.m. (Joint practice with Chicago Bears)
Aug. 17, 4 p.m. (Thirsty Thursday, joint practice with Chicago Bears)

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Heights Education Foundation's golf outing raises funds for students

The REPORTER

The members of the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF) extend their sincere appreciation to all who helped make this year's golf outing a wonderful success. Moneys generated through the annual event, now in its 34th year, give students and teachers a chance to grow and explore beyond traditional boundaries through grant money.

"We were pleased with the outcome," HHEF President Melissa Martin said. "We are so grateful to Mark Wiseman and the dedicated staff at Bear Slide and the opportunity to play on one of the state's most awesome courses that is right in our back yard. They are an incredible community partner for the support they give us on this day along with all the other things they do throughout the year for our students and staff."

HHEF, along with the help of the entire board, has organized the annual event during Martin's more than 10-year tenure (and eighth year as president).

Daniel Engel, Mike Burns, Eddie Hughes, and Austin Parten from KDC Truck Trailer & Bus Repair took first place at this year's scramble. The team of Lance Jones, Garrett James, John Kemker, and Vincent Harley came in second.

Parden had the longest drive for men and Ellie Arrowood had the longest drive for the women's division. Seth Ireland was closest to the pin for men. Jeff Bragg won the putting contest.

"We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our sponsors, players, and volunteers who helped make another successful event to benefit teachers and students again," Martin said.

Lunch was catered by Big Dawg's Smokehouse and Jim Dandy Restaurant provided 19th Hole pies.

The HHEF Board in-



Photo courtesy Gary Perkins

The team from KDC Truck Trailer & Bus Repair took first place at the 2023 HHEF Golf Scramble at Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero. (From left) Team members Daniel Engel, Mike Burns, Eddie Hughes, and Austin Parten.

cludes officers Melissa Martin (President), Jeanann Dodson (Vice President), Melissa Bernero (Secretary), and Caryn Provence (Treasurer). Directors include Steve Becker, Julie Day, Brian Doak, Tim Johnson, Gary Perkins, and Amy Prater. Student Directors include KateLynn Bishop, Jackson Cantlon, Sam Dawson, Meredith Dodson, Sam Harpham, Karson Herrell, and Josh Steffen; and Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

To stay up to date with the latest happenings and projects funded through the Foundation go to hhschus-kies.org/hhef or follow on Twitter [@hhedfoundation](https://twitter.com/hhedfoundation).

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The team of Lance Jones, John Kemker, Garrett James, and Vincent Harley came in second.

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Southeastern & Fishers students make college commitments

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky has committed to Indiana University.

The Royals incoming junior made the announcement on her Twitter account Monday morning. Makalusky has been a star for Southeastern since her first game, and had a great sophomore season, helping the Royals to a 21-3 record.

Maya Makalusky averaged 15.4 points and 3.9 rebounds per game for the Royals and was the team's second-leading scorer, just

Fifteen county boys golfers qualify for stroke play at Boys State Junior Championship

The REPORTER

The best young golfers in Indiana are up in West Lafayette this week for the Howard Bailey Junior Golf Tour's Boys State Junior Championship.

The tournament began Monday with stroke play, which took place at Purdue University's Ackerman-Allen Course, lasted two rounds and finished on Tuesday. The top 64 players after stroke play finished advanced to the match play portion of the tournament, which starts today.

Hamilton County golfers will have a large presence in match play, as 15 local golfers qualified for that portion of the tournament. One of them tied for first place after stroke play: Noblesville's Jacob Modleski, fresh off helping Guerin Catholic to an IHSAA team state championship, carded a 67-70=137 for his two rounds.

Modleski totaled 10 birdies over his two rounds. He shares the top spot with Fort Wayne's Alex Holder, who also completed stroke play 67-70=137. Both players were six under for the two rounds.

Westfield's Will Harvey, part of the Shamrocks' runner-up IHSAA team, and Fishers' Cole Starnes, a player on Hamilton Southeastern's third-place state team, tied for third place; each carded 70-71=141; placing them two under par. Harvey, one of eight Westfield players who advanced to match play, totaled 10 birdies, while Starnes drained

eight birdies for the two days.

All three of Westfield's Cesare brothers qualified for match play. Alec Cesare, who just graduated from Westfield High School, tied for fifth place with an even par 72-72=144, totaling six birdies. Jake Cesare, soon to enter his junior year for the Shamrocks, tied for 10th with a 71-74=145, making five birdies. Incoming sophomore Ryan Cesare tied for 23rd with 76-73=149, with six birdies.

Three county players tied for 15th. Fishers' Mattingly Upchurch, an incoming Southeastern sophomore, was 75-72=147, including an eagle on the fourth hole of his second round. He also made four birdies. Noblesville's Alex Peck and Westfield's Cam Kooi both finished 74-73=147. Peck made seven birdies and Kooi drained four.

Nate Benson, a senior-to-be at Southeastern, finished stroke play 27th at 76-74=150. He also eagled hole No. 4 in the second round and made four birdies. Guerin Catholic's Will Parenteau finished outside the cut, but he made an eagle in his first round on the third hole.

Other Hamilton County qualifiers are as follows:

T33. Matthew Shull, Westfield, 74-78=152 (three birdies)
T41. Cohen Steill, Westfield, 77-76=153 (eight birdies)
T46. Jackson McCullough, Carmel, 80-75=155 (three birdies)
T58. Jack Harris, Westfield, 79-78=157 (five birdies)
T58. Joseph Armfield, Carmel, 79-78=157 (two birdies)

NCAA tournament.

Wolf commits to Ball State

On Tuesday night, Fishers football player Brady Wolf announced he was committed to Ball State University.

Wolf, an incoming senior that plays defensive end and outside linebacker for the Tigers, led his team in sacks last season with 14. He was by far Fishers' leader in tackles for loss with 21.5, totaling 47 overall tackles (41 solo and six assists).

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