

Over 600 kids get to be fire fighters for a day in Carmel



The Carmel Fire Department held its free Fire Fighter for a Day Camp last week, June 19 to 23, at Aletto Fieldhouse at the Carmel Dad's Club. A total of 651 kids participated, and approximately 50 volunteers helped each day of the camp. An adaptive afternoon open house was held on June 19 to accommodate children with disabilities, and eight kids and their families took part. The rest of camp was held June 20 to 23. Kids ran through six different stations performing tasks fire fighters often encounter, like chest compressions on a mannequin, helping a choking person, carrying a "patient" to a megamover, making their way through a rescue maze, an adapted version of the Candidate Physical Aptitude Test (CPAT), washing a fire truck, and playing waterball. Kids were able to see a parade of equipment, including a fire engine, ambulance, tiller, and lifeline helicopter. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this annual event another huge success.

Photos provided

Grandpa's Bible

"The tramp was an ill-kept, teenage youth who came to our door and hesitatingly asked Mother for something to eat," Grandpa Howard began.

It was another one of his many stories. He did not act like a professional bum; however, his appearance indicated that he had been on the road for some time – probably with no particular destination or future plans in view.

His history was a matter of conjecture, but according to the story told, he lived in an Eastern state until his mother's death, then, after the home was broken up, and having no regular place to stay, he roamed westward.

The evident facts were that he was only a boy, away from home, hungry, and wanting food. The immediate need was a substantial meal rather than a scathing lecture – although he was apparently able to earn his living. There is an axiom to the effect that a drowning man should first be helped out of the water before inquiring how he happened to fall in. Perhaps the youth often had been hungry and probably would be again and again, as others closed the door against him.

See Bible . . . Page 2

Happy bread, burnout soup

I was visiting an old friend and his mother when I learned he has a love/hate relationship with stone soup, but no respect for little red hens.

And that, dear readers, is modern America's debate in a nutshell.

I may have skipped to the end there. Instead of buying the lede, I think I put the punch up front.

My friend is disgruntled at work, but not WITH work. Disgruntled isn't the right word. Like a massive swath of America, he is feeling that thing we misname "burnout."

It is more of a systemic creeping ennui. It lacks a tangible focus and people attribute it to being dissatisfied at work. Then they choose to do their jobs with less effort and no pride, as if work is some kind of soul-crushing chore they roll their eyes at, sigh, and shuffle through while dragging their feet, hoping someone else will do the hard parts.

He told me he just doesn't really like his job anymore and he's "kind of over it."

"I always paraphrase Red Forman in these matters," I said. "They don't call it happy fun time. It's WORK!"

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Veteran Resource Fair will bring more help than ever to Hamilton County

Submitted

The Hamilton County Veterans Corporation (HCVC) and the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission will hold a Military & Veterans Celebration & Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 8 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive, Noblesville. The event will be free to attend.

Well over 60 tables of resources will available, as well as the Roubush VA Hospital outreach team, which will be onsite to enroll interested attendees into the system and do toxic exposure screenings for



Veterans to file claims under the new PACT Act.

Veterans, Active Military, their families, and the general public of Hamilton County are invited to this Veteran Resource Fair where visitors will learn about all the federal, state, and local resources avail-

able to the Military Veteran community, most of which are also available to all residents of Hamilton County.

Additionally, the event will honor those heroes who were lost at sea when the USS Indianapolis sank 78 years ago this July.

HCVC will inform guests of the great work being done to eliminate suicides in Hamilton County through the Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition, which will launch the Governor's Challenge and Ask the Question here in Hamilton County this July.

Military and Veterans who attend will also be given a challenge coin commemorating the event.

For more information, please visit HamiltonCountyVeterans.com and click the "July 8, 2023 HC Veteran Celebration" link on the left side of the page.

Sheridan Lions announce July 4th parade grand marshals



Photo provided

Sheridan Lions Club President Jeff Mosbaugh (right) presented this year's 4th of July Parade Grand Marshals Ron Stone (left) and Steve Martin (center) at the recent Lions Club meeting held at the Sheridan Historical Society Museum. Both men are instrumental in preserving Sheridan's history and promoting the community through this year's Hamilton County Bicentennial Celebration. The annual parade, sponsored by the local Lions Club, begins at 10 a.m. at the high school and concludes at Biddle Memorial Park.

Westfield Library Foundation to hold Legacy Giving Seminar

Program to educate community on wills, trusts & estate planning donations

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation will hold a Legacy Giving Seminar for anyone interested in learning how they can support the Westfield Washington Public Library in their will, trust, or other estate plan. The event is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19 at the Bridgewater Club in Westfield.

"Designating the Westfield Library Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust is simple, costs you nothing now and creates a lasting legacy for our community," Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey said. "This program will show those in attendance how to create a lasting legacy that ensures future generations are enriched by our com-

munity's greatest resource of history, culture, and imagination."

Certified Financial Planner Michele Dole will be the event's keynote speaker. A nationally renowned expert in legacy giving, Dole brings a wealth of experience in investments, trusts, estate planning, charitable planning, and nonprofits.

Space is limited for the seminar. If you're interested in signing up for



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this free event, please do so at [this link](https://WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com).

About Westfield Library Foundation

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Reporter photos
Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger explained the county's priorities in the coming year during his State of the County address on Wednesday at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. The theme of his address was "The Way We Were," in which he paid homage to Hamilton County's Bicentennial Celebration. Dillinger discussed renovations to the 4-H Fairgrounds, construction of a domestic violence shelter, grown in the county's Parks and Recreation Department, and major infrastructure projects. The luncheon was hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. Our friends at Hamilton County Television recorded the event, and you can watch it as HCTV1.com. (Top, from left) Former Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen, Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, State Senator Jim Buck, and State Representative Jerry Torr. (Above left) Former Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and his wife Terri Ditslear. (Above right) Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt and Greg Budd of the Lochmueller Group.

Boaters should use extra precautions over July 4 holiday

The REPORTER
Lakes, launch ramps and harbors will again be crowded on the boating season's traditional peak holiday period surrounding July 4.
As the number of boats, personal watercraft and paddlecraft goes up, boaters should no look further than recently released annual [U.S. Coast Guard statistics](#) for some lessons on how to keep everyone aboard safe during this busy time of the year, especially for on-water fireworks shows.
According to data from the recently released 2022 Recreational Boating Statistics, the top five primary contributing factors in boating accidents last year were operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, excessive speed, and machinery failure.
"Nearly all of these factors will come into play on the water around Independence Day, and especially on the evenings with fireworks shows when boaters congregate to view them," said Chris Edmonston, [BoatUS Foundation](#) for Boating Safety and Clean Water president. "After the show ends, as boating spectators pull anchor and head for home en masse, is really when a boat operator will experience the significant difference from operating during the daytime."
Edmonston explains that it is much more difficult to distinguish boat speed, direction or angle, and distance to other moving vessels at night.
"Double check to ensure your navigation lights are working properly to ensure others see you," he said.
Compounding the problem is the race to get home. "Many simply travel too fast for the conditions," Edmonston said. "Everyone is leaving at the same time, and you'll really need to focus on safety. Use others on your boat as extra lookouts, and keep your eyes focused ahead while [scanning around you](#)."
Additionally, a long day on the water means stressors such as sun, wind and wave action degrade a boat operator's ability, and adding alcohol to the mix only makes the situation worse. It's much better to celebrate America's birthday and imbibe when you are at the dock or safely ashore.
Because everyone wants to see the show, overloading is also a real issue this time of year. Small vessels are prone to swamping in the wake action that follows the close of a show. Weight and balance should be top of mind for small boat operators.
Paddlecraft will also add to the on-water congestion this time of year. Paddlers may not have the full set of safety skills and may not be easy to see, or they might be paddling on highly trafficked waters, so keep an eye out for them.
Finally, before you head out at night, know how to dim the brightness on your chartplotter or GPS, check your running lights, and ensure your visual distress signals are available if you find yourself in need of assistance.

What's new for Geist Half Marathon & 5K?

The REPORTER
Fishers is counting down the days to the 2023 Geist Half Marathon & 5K, the popular race set for Saturday, Sept. 16.
The Geist Half Marathon & 5K is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year. Vision Event Management will co-produce the race alongside the City of Fishers. The 2023 event features a new route for the family-friendly 5K (3.1 miles) featuring the new Geist Waterfront Park, Half Marathon (13.1 miles), VIP amenities, a post-race party hosted by Fishers Parks, and more. Both races are walker-friendly and feature stunning views of Geist Reservoir.
Traditionally held in the spring, the race was moved to mid-September to better accommodate the regional running schedule, construction projects along the route, and cooler race day temperatures.
The event was created in 2008 by a group of Geist Reservoir residents passionate about health, wellness, and community building, led by local journalist and magazine publisher Tom Britt. Since 2008, the event has grown from a small local race to a major regional event, attracting participants locally and from out-of-state. The Geist Half Marathon is unique in its topography, scenery, and community support along the course, which features several major neighborhoods in the Geist area.
More than 600 volunteers will help to host the community race alongside local business sponsors, including DeVeau's School of Gymnastics (5K Race Sponsor) and IU Health (Photo Sponsor).
Learn more and register to race or volunteer at GeistHalf.com.

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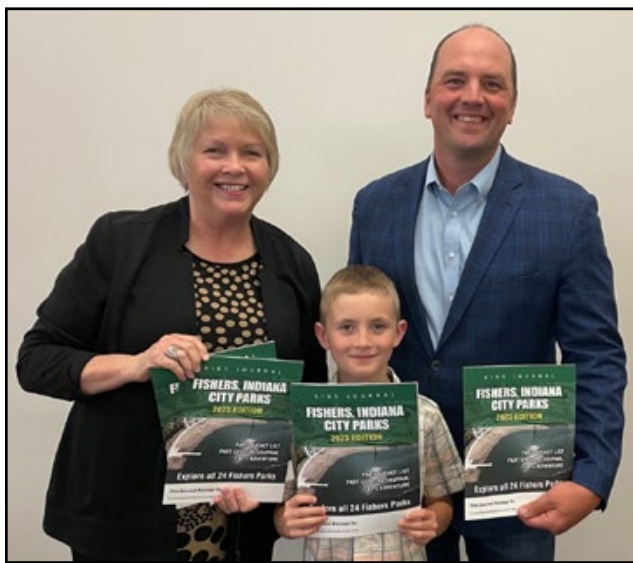


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(From left) Nina Hershberger, her grandson Luke, and Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.

Local author & her grandson release guide to Fishers city parks

Submitted

Nina Hershberger, a local author and publisher, hopes to partner with a kid-focused charitable cause group and local businesses to encourage families to get their kids off screens and rediscover the joy of outdoor adventures. She is creating what she calls a win-win-win cross promotion to bring increased attention and appreciation to Fishers' parks by using her newly released Fishers, Indiana City Parks Kids Journal, which she shared recently with Mayor Scott Fadness.

Hershberger shared her vision and a copy of the journal with the mayor as well as the entire Fishers City Council. The purpose of her journal is to promote outdoor exploration of the 24 Fishers parks. The Council and Mayor are very supportive of the effort and encourage a collaboration between Hershberger and the Director of Recreation & Wellness Jake McSoley.

Accompanied by her grandson Luke, Hershberger shared an unforgettable moment with Mayor Fadness. The mayor, known for his commitment to fostering community engagement and supporting local initiatives, expressed his appreciation for showcasing the city's parks and providing families with a valuable resource to make lasting memories together.

The Fishers, Indiana City Parks Kids Journal offers a structured way for families to discover the natural beauty and recreational offerings of each of the city's parks.

This is the first year for the journal, which has been given free of charge (because of generous donations from local businesses) to a second-grade class at Southeastern Elementary, a local neighborhood, and a chiropractic office.

"We are looking to expand how many students/families get copies of the journal next year to use to explore the parks," Hershberger said. "Every student from grades first through fifth in Fishers visits one of the parks twice throughout the school year. There are approximately 4,500

students in each of those grades. It's our goal to partner with businesses who'd like to make a difference in kids' lives by sponsoring the journal to be given to as many of those 4,500 kids as possible."

"The Fishers, Indiana City Parks Journal exemplifies the spirit of our vibrant community, encouraging families to spend quality time together and explore the beauty of our local parks," Mayor Fadness said. "I commend Nina Hershberger for her passion and dedication in creating this remarkable publication, and I am delighted to have had the opportunity to celebrate this achievement with her and her grandson, Luke."

The journal not only has a page for each park for kids to write and journal in, but it includes how to make a leaf collection, 100 other fun things to do, math puzzles and a calendar of free summer concerts around the area for families to enjoy.

In the future, Hershberger says she hopes to host a unique coloring contest where students would fill in a coloring page using non-traditional items like dirt, macaroni, leaf rubbings, etc. No traditional things like markers, pencils, crayons, etc. will be allowed. The purpose is to expand their creativity. She is looking to partner with a grocery store to post the entries next year as they come in. Voting will be in the form of donations – all of which will go to the charitable cause.

"I am deeply grateful to Mayor Fadness for taking the time to meet with Luke and I and for his unwavering support of our efforts," Hershberger said. "Fishers, Indiana, is truly a remarkable city with its stunning parks, and I loved creating a resource that allows families to explore and appreciate the beauty of these outdoor spaces. I hope the Fishers, Indiana Kids Park Journal becomes a cherished companion for families, fostering a love for nature and creating lasting memories."

The Fishers, Indiana City Parks Kids Journal is now available for purchase on Amazon at [this link](#).

Noblesville's Fueled for School secures \$10K donation to help eliminate student hunger

The REPORTER

Thanks to the support of the Hamilton County community, Indianapolis' WalkerHughes Insurance of Indianapolis has officially awarded a \$10,000 donation to Noblesville's Fueled for School, a local organization dedicated to eliminating hunger among Hamilton County students by providing food insecure youth with nutritious meal packs, promoting the educational value of nutrition, increasing access to local food, and instilling hope.

The \$10,000 award will go straight towards Fueled for School's summer meal program and purchasing food for students. The \$10,000 donation would sponsor all the children in the program for eight weeks, or it would provide 2,000 weekend meal kits for students in the program. Additionally, the donation will support increasing facility size to store more food.

Stephanie Marsh, Director



Photo provided

Noblesville's Fueled for School was awarded a \$10,000 donation from WalkerHughes Insurance through the 2023 Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Awards program. (From left) Brandi Sheets, Senior Territory Manager at Liberty Mutual; Sharin Scalzo, Fueled for School Vice President; Kristina Trusty, Fueled for School Executive Director; Jason Schoettmer, WalkerHughes Insurance Chief Information Officer; Austin Smith, WalkerHughes Insurance Chief Operations Officer; Stephanie Marsh and Baker, WalkerHughes Insurance Director of Client Engagement; and Pamela Dobbin, Safeco Insurance Senior Territory Manager.

of Client Engagement for WalkerHughes Insurance, originally received a \$5,000 donation for Fueled for School thanks to a submission process with Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance through their

2023 Make More Happen awards. A story of their local partnership was featured on the official [Make More Happen microsite](#), where WalkerHughes insurance had the opportunity to raise an additional \$5,000 by

conducting a local awareness campaign for the non-profit.

Together with the community, the goal was met increasing the total donation to \$10,000 for Fueled for School.

Reserve your spot now for Sheridan YAP's Denim & Lace

The REPORTER

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's (SYAP) Board of Directors has announced this year's Denim and Lace fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at West Fork Whisky Co., 10 E. 191st St., Suite A, Westfield. (The date was originally set for Sept. 16.)

Guests will be able to mingle indoors or enjoy the great patio space, enjoy music, open bar, silent auction items, raffle prizes, dinner catered by Chuy's

and hear updates on SYAP.

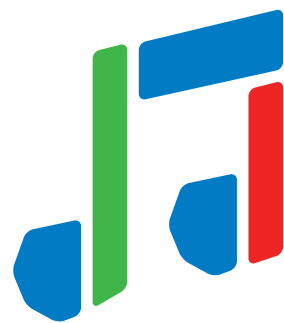
Due to some updates in gaming regulations, cash only will be accepted for raffle tickets, but there will be an ATM onsite if you forget to bring cash. One of the raffle items will be an e-bike donated by Carmel Pedego.

Reservations are now available, and all proceeds will benefit SYAP for youth and families in the Sheridan community. Get your tickets now for the Sheridan event of the year that so many look



forward to attending. Just go to syapdenim.wedonauctions.com. With early registration available to

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Westfield Farmers Market is back, baby!

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The Westfield Farmers Market continues from 5 to 8 p.m. today and every Thursday at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

June 29

Market vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for today's Market. The list is subject to change without notice.

- Artisan Luuma
- Babydoll Boutique
- Baked, A Cookie Company, LLC
- Becky the Bakerster
- Chez Pauline homemade French bakery
- Cool Creations Company
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This week's live music

Each week the Westfield Farmers Market features live music from some of the Indianapolis area's best and brightest. This week will feature **Owen Kirk**. Come out and enjoy a beautiful evening in the Grand Junction Plaza. All the music events are free and open to the public.

About the Market

The Westfield Summer Farmers Market and Winter Market are managed and operated by the Downtown Westfield Association. Interested in volunteering at the Market or have an idea or question? You can reach the Market Manager Nick Stepaniak at markets@westfieldchamberindy.com.

The Market would not be possible without the support of the City of Westfield, the Westfield Welcome Department, and the Parks & Trails Department – especially the city staff from those departments who help support the weekly market.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Letter to the Editor

Citizens have the right to hear radio dispatch traffic

Dear Editor:

The weather event of Sunday, June 25 was but one perfect illustration to show why the decision to censor and encrypt dispatch traffic is a very poor decision. Getting real-time information on severe weather, its location and potential path potentially saved lives and put people out of harm's way not only on Sunday, but in previous storms as well.

Listening to the scanner is the fastest way to get information that could be a matter of life or death. The same can be said about getting information about traffic accidents, which gives drivers a heads up on taking an alternate route.

Several months ago, there was a fire at the power plant in Clare, and scanner traffic provided answers as to why there was a power outage and

this made for fewer calls to Duke Energy, which in turn had more resources to resolve the situation. Conversely, civilians who hear a broadcast such as a BOLO or a description of a suspect being actively pursued more often than not assist law enforcement with their observations.

With newspapers now becoming a thing of the past and other local media not having the resources to properly cover local news, scanner traffic is becoming the only way citizens know what is actually going on.

These are but a small collection of examples of the value of unencrypted dispatch traffic.

The willful misinterpretation of the recent law regarding privacy is beyond shameful. First of all, dispatch information is public record. The law wants to ensure sensitive information, such as full Social Se-

curity numbers and names of minors, are not being broadcast. In the first place, the professionals on the street are not doing this. Second, any sensitive traffic is routed through the already encrypted tactical channels or through the mobile data terminals in each vehicle.

We get it; not everything is for public consumption, but basic dispatch information is. The sheriff and other officials talk about transparency, yet this move cloaks their operations. This move more than raises the question: what ARE they hiding?

It is a shame an unelected official can make a decision to violate the spirit of this law and throttle public information. There is no valid reason to do this. This decision needs to be overturned.

Sue Wilden
Noblesville

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Safeguard your freedom this Independence Day: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Submitted

The Indiana State Police (ISP) and other agencies across Indiana will participate in the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization to educate motorists about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving.

From Friday, June 30 to Saturday, July 8, officers will increase patrols to prevent tragedies previously seen around the July 4 holiday.

The extra high-visibility enforcement is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"With the development of ride sharing, there is no excuse for someone to get behind the wheel of a vehicle impaired," ISP Lieutenant Michael O'Rourke

said. "The motoring public's safety is the Indiana State Police's main priority. Our troopers will be out there actively and aggressively looking for impaired drivers and removing them from Indiana roadways."

About 37 people die in the U.S. in drunk driving crashes every day. According to NHTSA, that's approximately one person every 39 minutes and more than 13,384 annually.

Of the 949 traffic fatalities in Indiana last year, 110 (or 12 percent) were alcohol-related. While that is a decline from 115 in 2021, there is still a long way to go. During the weekend around Independence Day alone, there were 11 fatal collisions, with two involving a driver over the legal limit.

"Impaired driving is a serious problem that claims the

lives of thousands of people each year in our state and nation. While increased enforcement efforts can help to reduce impaired driving, we cannot simply arrest our way out of this problem," ICJI Executive Director Devon McDonald said. "We need to work together to raise awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and encourage people to make smart choices when they drink. If you are going to drink, please designate a sober driver or call a taxi. It is not worth risking your life or the lives of others."

In Indiana, driving with a BAC of 0.08 percent or higher is illegal. In addition, drivers under 21 with a BAC of 0.02 percent or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to one year.

Impaired driving in-

cludes more than just alcohol. Drugs and some over-the-counter medications can also cause impairment and can slow coordination, judgment, and reaction times on the road. Officers will be on the lookout for all forms of impairment, and the consequences can include thousands of dollars in legal fees, increased insurance rates, loss of license, a criminal record, and possible jail time.

Plan a safe and sober ride home before going out to avoid those. Even if only one drink is consumed, designate a sober driver or plan to use a rideshare service, public transportation, or taxi. Motorists encountering drunk drivers on the road are encouraged to call 911.

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Congratulations to ballet dancing seniors

The REPORTER

Central Indiana Academy of Dance (CIAD) and Central Indiana Dance Ensemble (CIDE) offer special congratulations to their senior dancers who graduating this year and going on to pursue their future dreams. These dancers have spent 20 to 24 hours a week in classes and rehearsals this year. Every single one of them has been offered scholarship to attend school.

The senior dancers include Olivia Doan, Gabby Linton, Ava Juleen, Caroline Smith, Lucy Devenney, Oriana Gonzalez, and Taylor Ralston.

OLIVIA DOAN graduated from Westfield High School and will attend Butler University where she will major in dance pedagogy and arts administration. She began dancing at CIAD in 2010 and joined CIDE in 2018. In the 2021-22 season, she choreographed "Fernweh" which was performed by CIDE's Mixed Rep and RDA's Emerging Choreographer's Night. She attended Butler University Ballet's summer intensive in 2021 and 2022 and Regional Dance America's choreography intensive in 2022.

GABBY LINTON graduated from Carmel High School and will attend Indiana University with a major in biology and a minor in Spanish. She has been dancing at CIAD since 2011 and has been a member of CIDE since 2015.

AVA JULEEN is a graduate of Westfield High School. She will study ballet with an outside field in exercise science at Indiana University. Dancing since

age 3, she began in 2012 at CIAD, where she decided ballet was her passion. She joined CIDE in 2015. In recent years, she has attended Joffrey Texas, Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, and Kansas City Ballet's summer intensive programs. She has taken part in Butler University's High School Enrollment program with the dance department.

CAROLINE SMITH is a graduate of Indiana Connections Academy. She will be a trainee at BalletMet, a professional ballet company and dance academy in Columbus, Ohio, and will attend online college courses. She joined CIAD in 2012 and CIDE in 2015. She has attended Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet's five-week summer intensive.

LUCY DEVENNEY is a graduate of Carmel High School. She will attend Indiana University as part of the Hutton Honors College; she hopes to double major in biology and dance. She began dancing at CIAD at age 5 and joined CIDE at age 12. She has attended the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet's summer intensive as well as the Boston Ballet's Summer Dance Program in 2022.

ORIANA GONZALEZ graduated from Carmel High School and will attend Saint Louis University-Madrid Campus, majoring in international business and minoring in French. She has been dancing since age 4 and joined CIAD in 2015 after moving to Carmel from Virginia. She is in her sixth year as a member of CIDE. Last summer she attended Joffrey Ballet Advanced summer intensive in



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Seniors after Central Indiana Academy of Dance's 14th annual Student Showcase. (Back row, from left) Ava Juleen, Olivia Doan, Oriana Gonzalez, and Lucy Devenney. (Front row, from left) CIAOD Co-owner Suzann Delay, Gabby Linton, and CIAOD Co-owner Ashley Jacobs. (Not pictured: Taylor Ralston and Caroline Smith)

Chicago and was offered a position in their pre-professional program.

TAYLOR RALSTON graduated from Herron High School. She will also attend Indiana University where she will pursue a double major in contemporary dance and cognitive science. She began dancing at age 3, but at age 6 fell in love with ballet after attending Ballet 101 at Butler. She is in her second year at CIAD. She has attended summer intensives at Pennsylvania Ballet, Boston Ballet, Indiana University, American Ballet Theater, and Sarasota Ballet.

Central Indiana Academy of Dance and Central Indiana Dance Ensemble congratulates these seniors and recognizes the extreme

levels of hard work that they have put into their dance careers so far. The two organizations wish these ladies all the best in future pursuits and are proud to have had these talented young women under their instruction.

To see more about the dancers and enjoy photos of their younger days in dance, visit the [CIDE Facebook page](#).

Registration is now open for the Central Indiana Academy of Dance for the upcoming 2023-24 season. The new season will begin Aug. 7.

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Carmel Republicans gather to support Adam Aasen for City Council



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Carmel City Council member Adam Aasen held a re-election kickoff event at Brookshire Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday. He was introduced by Republican Mayoral Nominee Sue Finkam. Aasen talked about the need to prioritize crime prevention and continue to invest in top-notch infrastructure, including ensuring there is adequate funding for road repaving. (Top, from left) Carmel police officer Nate Hill, Raju Chinthala, West District candidate Loren Matthes, City Council member Adam Aasen, Republican Mayoral Nominee Sue Finkam, and At-Large candidate Rich Taylor. (Above right, from left) Hamilton County Young Republicans President Stephanie Flittner, Raju Chinthala, Carmel City Council President Jeff Worrell, and City Council member Adam Aasen.

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River Heritage Park rededication postponed

The REPORTER

Due to poor air quality, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation postponed Wednesday’s rededication ceremony at River Heritage Park to a later date. For updates, visit carmelclayparks.com or follow Carmel Clay Parks on social media.

Celebrate the White River’s health with a canoe race

By LAKYN McGEE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

White River Alliance celebrates the health and preservation of the White River with [canoe races](#). Staff released a new report card that showed an assessment of how measurable the progression of how healthy the waterway is. “The White River is such an important resource for our state, and this Report Card is an opportunity to open the discussion on what’s impact-

ing the river and what we can do to keep it and its surrounding landscape functioning in a way that supports the many users who depend on it,” said Kelly Brown, White River Alliance, senior environmental coordinator. The first canoe race was held in Noblesville at the White River Canoe Company with 84 racers signed up. Canoe Country will host the next race in Daleville at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 30. Racers are required to register [online](#).

A microcosm of society


Sorry for my absenteeism from my column. I have taken the family on some nice family vacations starting off with visiting my Marine Corps son and then taking the family to see the Grand Canyon in all its majesty. Seeing something so beautiful and large is awe-inspiring and gives a perspective on some of the County Council issues we face.

As you know, we discuss some benign things at Council, and much of what we do is procedural, but I think people like reading my column because of the “Paul Harvey” spin I have on what is discussed. What bothers me is that the tenor of the dialogue at Council becomes the topic of conversation and not the subject matter reviewed. This is what happened in June. Sadly, it is similar to what I see unfolding nationally. June’s meeting included two items of note. The first was a procedural public hearing on a project that has been prioritized highly by both the Council and Commissioners – the expansion of our Hamilton County Courthouse. The second was a discussion on the request to bring our outsourced legal counsel in-house. Both topics had lively discussions but at times came across as argumentative. The public hearing on the Courthouse expansion went forward without much fanfare. Much of the conversation centered on – why now? The short answer was

this was just a procedural step to enact a resolution that enables the Council to move forward with the project. This project will be what is referred to as a controlled project, meaning it is of a value that it may be subject to a referendum so there are a few more procedural steps we must undertake, including multiple public hearings. This project is important. The second big topic was relating to our County’s legal counsel. This is not about the Council’s legal counsel but the County as a whole. This team deals with HR issues, land acquisitions, project bidding/bonding and general legal counsel on issues that the County undertakes. It is a large task and extraordinarily complex which is why we are already contemplating creating a legal department within the county. I must state that I have heard no one complain about our legal counsel and everyone is onboard with the person representing us. The dialogue for this topic was again – why now? This agenda item was eventually tabled as we wait for additional information. The conversation got very heated. The tenor of the meeting was ho-hum but when topics arise that are contentious, our dialogue gets heated. Why do tempers seem to flare regarding any conflict? Can we not disagree in a civil manner? Is it a lack of trust or respect with our collaborators? Is it anger that fuels these fires? I watched the 2023 lo-

cal primary elections play out and even some of those races within the two parties were awfully negative. This is the path that has turned people away from politics and has marred our federal election process for decades. I ran for County Council in 2018 because I believed that local politics is vitally important and overlooked by so many. I also believed that at a local level we can show people how to have an exchange of ideas without being argumentative. It was my naive attempt to brand the party upwards and not allow the negativity so pervasive at the federal level impact what we have built here in Hamilton County. I get angry on occasion, but I generally seek to understand an opinion, ask questions, and understand that people can share the same principles but that their background and experiences might give them a different opinion in the end. That is okay. I may try and convince them otherwise but generally, I move on. There is a lot to be proud of in Hamilton County. Our cities rank in the tops of the country for places to raise a family. Our towns are unique and hold on to the beauty of Indiana’s past. This has been created by our focus on families, safety, smart growth, parks, and economic vitality. Changing direction at times can be necessary, but disregarding the values and principles of the people is not how we work in Indiana. I know we have lots of people who have moved here recently and many fleeing the inner cities marred in violence and public distrust.

They bring ideas and experiences with them. Do not fear this. I view it as an opportunity to help people see that we are not the Republicans that they see vilified on TV. We are just citizens who respect each other, listen attentively, care for one another and seek to maintain the quality of life in this county. By being positive we will attract more people and have a better chance of winning them over. A healthy debate is good for everyone. If you have watched our Council meetings during my presidency, I have tried to bring levity and allow for a healthy dialogue. When I need to reign it in, I try to do so, but it can be difficult when emotions start getting involved. “Seek to understand” is an often overused saying, but it is so key in promoting a healthy debate. That is why I stay away from social media and sensational journalism. It does not promote a dialogue or an attempt to understand a point of view. We are merely stating our opinion and then starting the argument. We need to do better and as we look at our political processes, remember that there is usually a principle or value behind a decision, and it is rarely how it is presented from the opposing view. I ask that we all do our best to seek to understand “the rest of the story.” Ken Alexander represents District 4 on the Hamilton County Council, which includes Adams and Washington townships, and part of Clay Township. He currently serves as the President of the County Council.



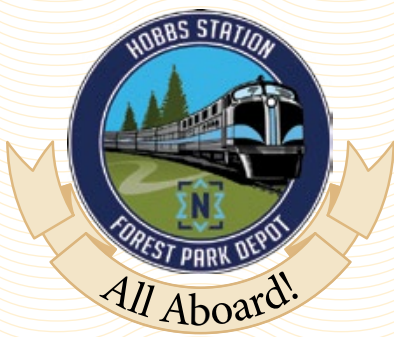
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Aspire Indiana Health welcomes JayVon Muhammad as new VP of primary care

The REPORTER

JayVon Muhammad, a veteran healthcare executive with a record of championing underserved populations, has been tapped by Aspire Indiana Health to be their next Vice President of FQHC Medical Services, overseeing all of the nonprofit’s primary care operations and psychiatric services in four central Indiana counties. After a half-century of being primarily a behavioral healthcare provider, in 2015 Aspire launched family medicine services, becoming certified as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) look-alike that accepts Medicaid and Medicare. The nonprofit also accepts most traditional insurance and has sliding-scale fees for the uninsured and underinsured. Today approximately one-quarter of patient appointments are for primary care services, with health centers in Indianapolis, Anderson, Lebanon, Nobles-

ville, Carmel, and Elwood. Muhammad will help guide the continued expansion of FQHC services to communities lacking adequate primary care coverage. “My goal is to bring healthcare to the community,” Muhammad said. “My approach is very grassroots. I want to see what every person in the community needs and find a way to bring that service to them. I want Aspire to be the provider of choice, not just need. I’m going to work very hard to make sure the clinics are connected to the people.” She currently serves as president and CEO of RAMS, Inc., a behavioral health provider in the San Francisco Bay Area that won the California Nonprofit of the Year award in 2022. She previously served as CEO of FQHCs in Lakes Charles, La., and Marin City, Calif. She began her healthcare career as a midwife and continues to hold that certification.



Muhammad



About Aspire

Muhammad received her bachelor’s degree from the National College of Midwifery and her master’s degree in maternal and child health systems from Bastyr University, where she has also served on the adjunct faculty. Muhammad was initially interested in the central Indiana area due to her daughter moving to Indianapolis to work with the Indianapolis School for the Deaf, with which Aspire has an ongoing partnership, boasting its own deaf services team. She was attracted to the nonprofit’s “whole health” approach to fully integrated care. She will start her new position July 31.

Aspire Indiana Health is a fully integrated nonprofit health system serving central Indiana that addresses behavioral health, primary medical care, substance use disorders, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran programs, abused/neglected children, and social drivers of health such as housing and employment. Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities and generous benefactors. Those interested in partnering with Aspire in making health and well-being a reality in central Indiana are encouraged to email info@aspireindiana.org.



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Gleaners gets \$450K grant from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation

The REPORTER

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana announced Monday that it has received a \$450,000 grant from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, a philanthropic arm of the Elevance Health Foundation, to continue its the 'Food as Medicine' program. Gleaners will once again partner with Eskenazi Health in this initiative.

The 'Food as Medicine' program, a Feeding America initiative funded by the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, will help connect people facing hunger to food distribution programs that provide access to healthy food options. In Indianapolis, the program will provide Eskenazi Health patients who screen positive for food insecurity \$30 vouchers that can be used at the Fresh for You Market on the hospital's main campus, or at the new Fresh for You Market on Wheels, a mobile market launching later this year that will travel to different Eskenazi Health clinic neighborhoods that lack healthy food resources.

"Equitable access to healthy nutritious foods is a priority for Gleaners and our partners," President & CEO Fred Glass said. "This grant will allow us to join with Eskenazi Health to make these foods available and affordable to people throughout the city."

The three-year grant will also be used to provide a refrigerated sprinter van to restock the mobile market,

as well as program evaluation through data collection and surveys of program participants.

"We are strongly committed to food as medicine initiatives because the evidence is clear: a healthy diet can prevent a range of health problems," said Beth Keyser, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana. "We are pleased to continue this partnership with Gleaners to improve the health of Hoosiers as we address the social barriers that prevent a person from being truly healthy."

Food security and health are inextricably linked. The lack of access to nutritious foods can have serious, long-term effects on health and well-being, and it can make managing existing chronic conditions more difficult for people facing hunger.¹ The 'Food as Medicine' program will provide Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana and Eskenazi Health with data collection capabilities that will help identify learnings and best practices to enable positive health outcomes in participants. Gleaners, a member of the Feeding America network, is one of 21 food banks to receive this funding from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation.

¹. "Causes and Consequences of Food Insecurity." *Hunger and Health*, 5 May 2022, <https://hungerand-health.feedingamerica.org/understand-food-insecurity/hunger-health-101/>.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:15-20 (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) Hefflin, 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; nine great-great-grandchildren; and his sister Doris Anderson.

In addition to his parents, Bud was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Taylor.

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

Meeting Notices

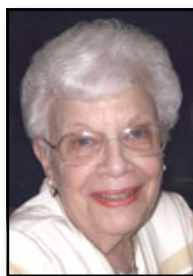
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville RFPQ Selection Committee will meet in an executive session at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 30, 2023, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Mary J. Tarter

January 16, 1931 – June 24, 2023

Mary J. Tarter, 92, Westfield, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Harbour Manor in Noblesville. She was born in Detroit, Mich., on January 16, 1931, to John Arthur (a hockey player for the Detroit Red Wings) and Florence (Einger) Sorrell. Her mother passed away when Mary was 12 years old. Gladys Maxine became Mary's "second mom" when her dad remarried in 1945.



Mary married A.W. Tarter on May 17, 1975. They were married four short years when he died from cancer. Mary's life was full of adventure. She managed to survive five years of tuberculosis at Sunnyside Sanitarium and two occurrences of cancer. She loved to travel, which she did with family, but also with her job as executive secretary with Mayflower Warehouse Association for over 30 years. Mary was loved for her kindness, her gift for detail, and organizing Mayflower conferences across the world.

After retirement, Mary started her second job at what is now Indiana Farmers Coliseum where the entire family spent many hours with hockey and ice skating. Everyone who knew Mary always admired her spirit for life. No matter how difficult the trials, she always managed them with grace and humor.

Mary was always involved in volunteering which included National Tuberculosis Association, American Lung Association, and the Juvenile Arthritis Camp. She was also Miss Easter Seal 1959 where she rode with the Indianapolis mayor in the parade. Mary had so many other loves: crafts, writing stories, doing crossword puzzles, playing cards, and family vacations. God is eagerly awaiting for her to make Heaven just a little more fun, beautiful, and full of laughter. Mary will be sadly missed.

She is survived by her sister, Sue (Tony) Smith; brother, Don (Becky) Sorrell; as well as multiple nieces and nephews and all of their children. Mary always said we were all her children.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, A.W. Tarter; and her brother, John M. Sorrell.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on July 6, 2023, with Mass at 11 a.m., at St. Pius X Catholic Parish, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association of Indiana, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1180-South, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (lung.org/about-us/local-associations/indiana.html); or JA Camp, c/o Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, D.C. 20077 (arthritis.org/events/ja-camps); or Catholic Charities, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 (archindy.org/cc/indianapolis/index.html). Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Sometimes, sports is in your blood

Noblesville's Almodovars continue family tradition of athletic excellence

By **RICHIE HALL**
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On March 4, as the Noblesville boys basketball team was preparing to play in the Sectional 8 championship game, Jill Almodovar said something to her son Luke.

Jill was reflecting on her success as a Millers athlete over 30 years ago, and that of her daughter Lexie, a volleyball sectional champion in 2017. She told Luke: "I just want you to know what that feels like."

Luke would get to know that feeling, as Noblesville beat Zionsville for its first boys basketball sectional title in 13 years. It was the latest chapter in a long line of success for the Almodovar family – parents Jill and Norman, and children Lexie and Luke.

The origin of the family started back in the early 1990s at Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne (now Purdue Fort Wayne). Jill Lyon attended IPFW on a volleyball scholarship after a stellar career for Noblesville. She played basketball and volleyball all four years.

Jill's four years at Noblesville came at the same time the Millers made it to the state finals in girls basketball four consecutive years – this in the era of one-class basketball. Noblesville won an undefeated state championship in 1987 and played in the championship game in 1988, and were four-time sectional, regional and semi-state champions from 1987 to 1990. Jill still holds the record for assists in girls basketball.

Jill's stepfather is Billy Keller, the 1965 Mr. Basketball who went on to play at Purdue, then for the Indiana Pacers during their glory days in the American Basketball Association. The Pacers won ABA championships in 1970, 1972 and 1973.

In volleyball, Jill was part of sectional championship teams in 1986, 1988 and 1989. She set the single match record (11) and single season record (91) for service aces, and is still ranked second in career aces with 141. Jill is also second all-time for career assists (1,031), third all-time for service points (484) and fourth all-time for digs (448). She was a four-year letter winner in both basketball and volleyball.

While playing volleyball at IPFW, Jill met Norman Almodovar. He also had a distinguished athletic career, earning a scholarship for the Mastodons and helping them to three appearances in the NCAA national semifinals.

Norman was named as an All-American in 1994 and was inducted into the IPFW Hall of Fame in 2008. He would go on to an 18-year professional career in Puerto Rico's Superior League, where he was a

two-time MVP, in 1997 and 2000. Norman also played for the Puerto Rican National Team for 10 years.

After the two graduated from IPFW in 1994 and were married, they settled in Noblesville.

"When I graduated from college, I did my student-teaching in Noblesville," said Jill. "That just led to getting a job and staying here. Norman was playing professionally and I was teaching before we had kids. It just made sense to stay here. I think we wanted my kids to have my parents around as well. I'm very passionate about education in Noblesville."

Jill has been a teacher at White River Elementary School for 25 years, and has had multiple stints as the Noblesville High School head volleyball coach, and was a junior varsity assistant basketball coach.

"All in all, it made sense to keep our kids here," said Jill. "Noblesville is a great place."

"We really grew up with the community," said Norman. "Jill and I got married at 23. After college, we moved to Noblesville right away. Noblesville was corn fields and nothing. We definitely were there when they built the big high school."

Lexie was born in 2002, followed by Luke in 2005.

"We had two kids on purpose because we knew they would be athletes," said Norman. "We were really hoping for Luke to be a boy. We knew that because we had athletic backgrounds that our kids would be in athletics."

While the parents wanted their children to go into athletics, they left it up to Lexie and Luke which sports they would choose.

"We let the kids lead the way on that," said Jill. For example, Lexie was into playing soccer, basketball and softball, which she said "were more fun sports for me." But by then she was playing top-level volleyball at the famous Munciana club, and she soon decided to switch her sole focus to volleyball.

"Playing at such a high-intensity club, I had to decide pretty early because it was just too much to do other sports on top of that," said Lexie.

Meanwhile, Luke tried everything. He played volleyball at one point, and was a "very good" baseball player, his mom said.

"In eighth grade I played baseball and basketball and I was really good at both," said Luke. But he soon turned his focus to basketball, focusing on AAU play "and try to get a scholarship."

Since she was older, Lexie would be the first of the two to get a scholarship, to play volleyball at the University of Dayton. This



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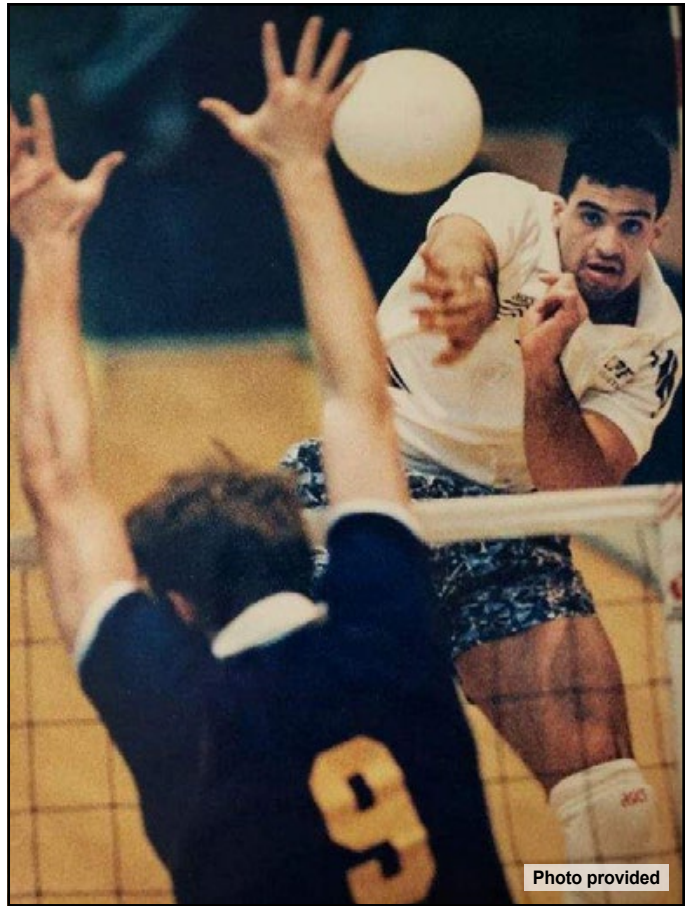
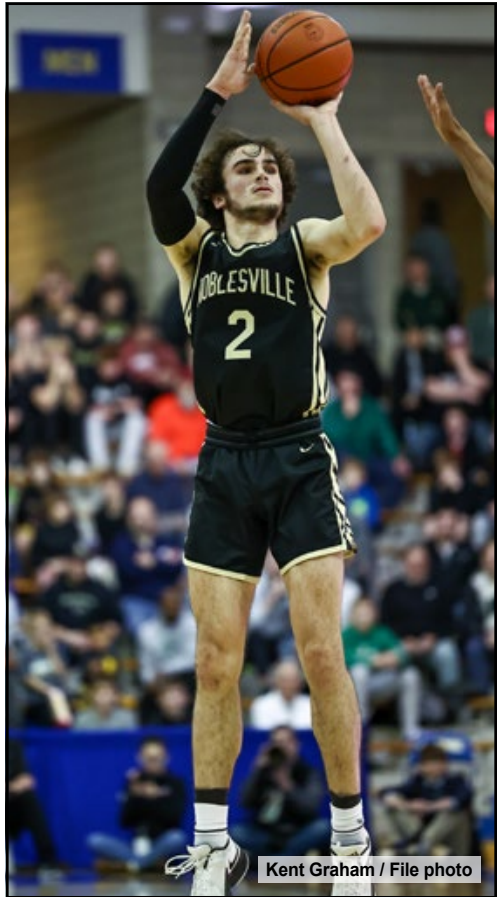


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The Almodovar family has had a long history of athletics success in Noblesville. Jill (Lyon) Almodovar (top left) was a basketball state champion and part of three sectional-champion volleyball teams, while Norman Almodovar (top right) played professionally and was a 10-time member of the Puerto Rican national team. Lexie (above) excelled in volleyball while Luke (right) is a basketball star; both are sectional champions and All-Stars in their respective sports.

came after she had a sensational four-year career for Noblesville, playing varsity from her freshman season to her senior campaign.

Lexie was an all-Hoosier Crossroads Conference player for all for years and earned All-State honors two years. She was also an Indiana Junior and Senior All-Star, and was the Reporter's 2017 Hamilton County Player of the Year.

Most important, Lexie was a key component of the Millers' 2017 sectional championship team. Noblesville beat Hamilton Southeastern in the semifinals and Westfield in the championship match; Lexie hit 27 kills in the final and 22 in the semis. She was the first Millers player to reach the 1,000-kill milestone, totaling 1,829 in her career. Lexie also holds the single-season record for kills with 554, and had over 1,000 digs.

Lexie said winning the sectional was one of her favorite memories, including

the team jumping in the pool after it won.

"The whole season was pretty off and on," said Lexie. "Going into sectionals, I don't think it was clear to us at all that we were going to win." Lexie said that the team was "really relaxed" and since they were playing as the underdogs, the Millers didn't feel any pressure to perform at that moment.

"We were playing our best volleyball at that point," she said.

While all this was going on, Luke was a middle schooler, watching his sister play at a high level and get a college scholarship.

"That laid out the path for me," said Luke. "If I see my big sister going to get a full-ride scholarship, then I'm going to get the same thing. She was inspiring with the way she went about her high school career. I felt like I took some of that in and used that to my advantage."

"I was just trying to set a good example for him and

just show him the ropes," said Lexie.

As a freshman, Luke played junior varsity basketball and dressed for varsity. He made a big impression in the first game of his sophomore season when he scored 20 points in the Millers' opener. From there, he became a star player for Noblesville.

Of all the games Luke played, probably none will mean more than the Millers' sectional championship win last March. Noblesville beat Zionsville 58-50 to claim its first sectional trophy since 2010. Luke scored 23 points in the victory, including a crucial three-point play with 2:28 left in the game.

When the game was done, the emotions came out. Luke, his teammates and his coaches were all openly crying after the victory.

"I would never get embarrassed by that," said Luke, who finally got to have that feeling his mother told him about: "Having

that feeling of winning and having all those emotions out," he said.

"People come to the games," said Jill. "The crowd, the kids. He's going to have that memory of going over and high-fiving his friends and his sister was there."

Almodovar was named an Indiana All-Star, matching the achievement of his grandfather Billy Keller. He finished as a four-year varsity letter winner, was named All-HCC two years, and was an All-State player his senior year and All-State honorable mention his junior year. He was also a 2023 Hamilton County Player of the Year, and was part of the Indianapolis Star's 2022-23 Super Team.

Luke averaged 17.5 points per game in his senior year, hitting 65 3-pointers. He was an efficient shooter, going 55 percent from the field and making 50 percent of his 3-point tries. Luke finished his senior year with

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Boys Golf

Seven players advance to Round of 16 at Boys State Jr. Championship

The REPORTER

Westfield's young golfers had a productive time in West Lafayette on Wednesday, as four of them advanced to the Round of 16 at the Indiana Boys State Junior Championship, which is taking place at Purdue University's Kampen-Cosler Course.

The match play portion of the tournament began on Wednesday with 64 players, and the draw was whittled down to 16 after two rounds of play. In addition to the Westfield success, one player each from Noblesville, Carmel and Fishers advanced to the Round of 16, giving Hamilton County seven players left in the draw.

The Westfield winners started with Alec Cesare, who advanced 3&1 over Zionsville's Andrew Wall. Will Harvey beat Tipton's

Gavin Hare 2 Up, and Jake Cesare needed 21 holes before he got past Zionsville's Adam Melliore. Two Westfield golfers faced off in the second round, with graduate Matthew Shull beating incoming junior Jack Harris 2&1.

Noblesville's Jacob Modleski edged out Middlebury's Brock Reschly in 19 holes to advance to the 16s. Fishers' Cole Starnes beat Evansville's Thomas Broshears 3&2, and Carmel's Jackson McCullough defeated Bargersville's Brody Holubar 2 Up.

Two other county golfers fell in Round of 32 play. Fishers' Mattingly Upchurch fell to Middlebury's Silas Haarer 2 Up, while Westfield's Cohen Steill lost to Evansville's Luke Johnston 1 Up.

First Round

In first round action,

Upchurch was a winner over Indianapolis' Eli Wesel (who plays for Guerin Catholic), while Steill beat Grabill's Wes Opliger 2&1. Alec Cesare defeated Napanee's Earl Williams 4&3, Harvey beat Upland's Aaron Fulda 6&4, Modleski was a 4&3 winner over McCordsville's Elijah Lemmon, Harris edged Roanoke's Landon Snyder 1 Up, Shull got a 3&1 victory over Granger's Henry Ashley, Starnes sailed past Fort Wayne's Gavin Haiflich 7&5, McCullough beat Noblesville's Alex Peck 2 Up, and Jake Cesare beat New Castle's Gracen Huffman 4&3.

Two Westfield golfers dropped first-round matches: Cam Kooi lost to Lafayette's Sam Peter 1 Up, while Ryan Cesare fell to Fort Wayne's Ryan Parker 1 Up. Carmel's Joseph Armfield fell to Tipton's Maverick

Conaway 6&5, and Indianapolis' Nathan Benson (who plays for Hamilton Southeastern) dropped a 19-hole match to Fort Wayne's Justin Hicks.

In today's Round of 16 matches, Alec Cesare plays Johnston, Harvey takes on Monrovia's Titus Boswell, Modleski will face Garrett's Carter Demske, Shull plays Bloomington's Nick Bellush, Starnes and McCullough play an all-county match and Jake Cesare takes on Conaway. The winners of these matches play in the quarterfinals later today.

Soccer

Cam Lindley named to USL Championship Team of the Week

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Indy Eleven midfielder and Carmel native Cam Lindley was named to the USL Championship's Team of the Week for his performance at Hartford Athletic on Saturday.

Lindley, a Guerin Catholic graduate, scored the first goal of the match in the 73rd minute against Hartford.

That goal helped lead to a 2-0 victory for Indy Eleven.

It was Lindley's first goal

of the 2023 USL Championship season.

In addition, Lindley completed 52 of 57 passes in the game and won two of two tackles and five of eight duels.

Meanwhile, Indy Eleven goalkeeper Yannik Oetl earned a USL Championship Team of the Week bench spot for his performance against Hartford.

The boys in blue are back in action at home this Saturday against San Diego Loyal SC. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Swimming

Carmel swimmers shine at National Championships

The REPORTER

After two days of swimming at the Phillips 66 National Championships, Carmel swimmers are making their presence known.

The meet is taking place at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis, a familiar place for Carmel. Alex Shackell won several events at the IHSAA girls state finals in February, and she already has accumulated two top five finishes over the past two days. Shackell took fifth in Tuesday's women's 200 butterfly, clocking in at 2 minutes, 8.18 seconds. Shackell was also fifth in the 200 freestyle, which she swam Wednesday in a time of 1:56.70. Also on Tuesday, Shackell was seventh in the "B" final of the 100 freestyle, finishing that race in 54.57 seconds.

The top finishes among local swimmers came from Carmel's Olympian, Drew Kibler. He placed third in the men's 200 free on Tuesday, swimming that event in 1:45.75. Kibler also took eighth in the 100 free, with a time of 48.42 seconds.

Kelly Pash, a former Carmel swimmer who just completed her senior year at the University of Texas, placed fourth in the 200 butterfly, clocking in at 2:08.13.

Jo Jo Ramey, a Fishers graduate soon to be at the University of Florida, took eighth in the women's 200 backstroke with a time of 2:10.58. Lynsey Bowen, a junior-to-be at Carmel, finished 18th in the 800 free (8:40.51).

Three more swimmers competed in consolation heats. Aaron Shackell, re-

cently graduated from Carmel and headed to the University of California, won the "B" final in the men's 200 butterfly by .01 seconds. His time was 1:55.92. Shackell also took fifth in the men's 200 free "B" final with a time of 1:47.29.

Carmel incoming sophomore Molly Sweeney placed second in the women's 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:28.20. Another Carmel graduate, Wyatt Davis, took second in the "C" final of the men's 200 backstroke with a time of 1:59.23. Davis just finished his junior season at the University of Michigan.

Swimming continues today at the Natatorium with heats and finals for both the women and men in the 400 medley, 100 butterfly, 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke.

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456 points and totaled 936 for his career. He also got his scholarship, committing to play at Saint Francis University.

"I was so proud of him," said Norman. "This year he was able to put that to bed. He could have been his laid-back self and just go through the season. This was probably the first year I saw Luke push for what he wanted and being assertive. Kind of like a last chance. 'This is my last chance to do something at Noblesville.' By Luke achieving everything he achieved his senior year, Luke was able to claim his own spotlight in a family that is a highly-decorated family."

It's something Norman said he's "super proud" to

be a part of.

"I find it remarkable that you can have it bred through our family and its school and success," he said. "I don't know how many families have had something like this. We had Jill be successful. Comes back to coach. Lexie's in the picture."

Lexie just finished her junior year at Dayton, where she is majoring in education. Luke plans to major in business at Saint Francis.

"I'm kind of in the background of this story," said Norman. "I walk with these kids all the time. Lexie and I spent hours in the car. Luke and I spent a ton of time in basketball and baseball. Professional athletes have a different view of the sport. I always try to instill in them

the high expectations. If you want to achieve this, you have to go through the fire. It has to be different. How many kids actually reach the talent through work, through commitment? Also give them some things other kids didn't get. It was in the mentality of the household."

"I think all those times growing up when I was getting talked to, looking back is what made me so tough and independent," said Lexie. "When you're getting recruited, you're putting your best self out there. You're the only one who can measure those expectations. I think Luke and I strive to be the best in everything we do. Luke and I are always competing. Everything is about doing the best you can do."

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