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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms, mainly in the early morning.

Tonight: Scattered showers and storms.

HIGH: 87 LOW: 68



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At the last Westfield Washington Schools board meeting, school officials announced a partnership between WWS and Indiana State University. One aspect of that partnership is to offer community members a chance to earn an MBA in-person in Westfield. ISU's Scott College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) – the highest global standard of achievement for business schools. ISU created a program of study that will meet your professional needs and goals, with a high return on investment. With a concierge-style service, the program will even handle much of the administrative work for you, including class registration and textbook deliveries. If you are interested in getting your MBA right here in Westfield or would like more information, [click here](#).

Sheridan Lions wrap up busy June

The REPORTER

The Fourth of July will put the wraps on a busy month of June for the Sheridan Lions Club.

After teaming with the Sheridan Fire Department to serve more than 450 people at the annual Fish Fry the first Saturday of the month, the local Lions began preparation for the parade it has sponsored for several years.

This year's parade, which annually attracts a large throng of followers along the parade route, begins at 10 a.m. from the Sheridan High School parking lot and concludes at Biddle Memorial Park, where food and day-long activities are planned. Independence Day in

Sheridan concludes at sunset with the fireworks show.

The Lions selected Ron Stone and Steve Martin to serve as Parade Grand Marshals. Both men are instrumental in preserving Sheridan's history and promoting the community during Hamilton County's Bicentennial Celebration taking place this year. In fact, the county's bicentennial celebration is the theme of this year's parade.

Parade entries should arrive at the high school by 9 a.m. and there is no cost to join. The Lions Club will award \$150 prizes in six categories: Golf Carts, Bicycles, Floats, Classic Cars/Trucks, Tractors, and Miscellaneous.



Photo provided

Sheridan Lions Club member and fireman Eric Gifford helped fry nearly 700 pounds of fish served during the annual Lions Club/Fireman Fish Fry.

Noblesville Lions present \$100 in gift cards to Prevail



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions Club presented \$100 worth of gift cards to Prevail. The presentation was made to Prevail's Director of Development Holly Connelly. This was Lion Gordon Resler's last official act as president of the club before the induction of new officers took place.

Does it really make sense to pay people to move to Noblesville?

Do me a favor. Show me one person who is 100 percent pleased with the condition of our country. Seems to me we're all fed up for different reasons — we can't point to one particular thing, but we know som

Here in the Hoosier Heartland, I think something is wrong in Noblesville, specifically with its leadership.

The Reporter **published a story this week** about a program city officials have put in motion through a partnership with **Make-MyMove** and the **Indiana Economic Development Corporation**. Essentially, the plan incentivizes out-of-state folks to move to Noblesville by giving them several perks and memberships at city amenities, as

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well as a \$5,000 “relocation grant.” Certain stipulations on minimum income and current careers are part of the agreement for a family to make the move.

It's a fascinating idea. Cities have an interest in promoting population growth of well-off residents, primarily to increase the tax base and provide better services. Many smaller towns could benefit from such a scheme.

Surprisingly, population growth is a top reason city officials gave when The Reporter asked about potential benefits to Noblesville by taking part in the program. Isn't Noblesville's population growing rapidly already ... like every other part of Hamilton County?

What's critical to point out is the program requires spending a good deal of

money, and if you couldn't guess, the money comes from current taxpayers — just like all subsidies.

I can't help wondering if this is a sensible use of taxpayers' hard-earned money – regardless of economic class.

Here's a statistic: the city's poverty rate sits at 5.2 percent as of July 1, 2022, [according to the U.S. Census Bureau](#). That's quite low, but it's a significant number of struggling people – nearly 4,000. Food and medical costs keep rising, and there's little to nothing city government can do about it. Housing costs, on the other hand? Oh, buddy. You better believe bringing in more folks who are clearly not impoverished will continue to drive up the prices of houses and apartments.

What if the new residents don't buy homes to

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The REPORTER

As Independence Day nears, the Town of Cicero's Lights Over Morse Lake Festival is in full swing! There's something for everyone during this big patriotic party. From a carnival to hot air balloon rides, to face painting, to basketball, cornhole, and pickleball tournaments, to bingo, to live music, and even a golf cart wash fundraiser and more ... if you don't have fun in Cicero this year, it's probably your own fault!

Sunday, July 2

There are lots of fun, family friendly activities set for Sunday, July 2 at the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival in Cicero.

- Cornhole Tournament, noon (registration at 11 a.m.) at the south end of Community Park, 139 Stringtown Pike. Cost is \$30 per team. Cash prizes and trophies to the top three teams. To register, visit lightsovermorselake.org/cornhole-tournament.
- Cicero's Kids Got Talent Show, from 1 to 3 p.m.

at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion, 209 W. Brinton St. There will be cash prizes for winners in the following age categories: 6 and under, 7 to 10, 11 to 15, and 15 to 18. To register, visit lightsovermorselake.org/ciceros-got-talent.

- The Hamilton County Community Band, under the direction of Brian Swart, will perform from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Park Shelter.

- Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt, 4 to 6 p.m. Starts and ends at the Cicero Christian Church Shelter, 1715 Stringtown Pike.

- Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides, 7:30 p.m. to sunset at Cicero Christian Church. \$15.

- Krista & the Night Shift (traditional and modern country music) will be in concert from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion. Opener Mikey Good will start at 6 p.m.

Monday, July 3

The fun continues Monday, July 3 at the Lights



Over Morse Lake Festival in Cicero.

Stop by the Festival Office/Camper in Community Park, 139 Stringtown Pike, to view 11 beautifully painted rain barrels, presented by Cicero Friends of the Park and sponsored by the Cicero Storm Water Management Board. There will be a silent auction (which ends at 4 p.m. on July 2) and all proceeds benefit the Cicero Parks Department.

Visit the Food & Craft

Vendors in Community Park from 4 to 8 p.m. and bring the kids to the Carnival from 4 to 11 p.m. behind the Hamilton North Public Library. Barnyard Party Pals will also be in Community Park from 3 to 9 p.m. Finish the day with the Big 80's Band in Concert from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion.

Tuesday, July 4

Start the Fourth of July holiday at Selah's Grace 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. at the Cicero Parks Department Building, 1050 S. Pearl St.

Selah's Grace is a non-profit support group for families who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. This 5K is sponsored by Cicero Christian Church. Sign up at runsignup.com/Race/IN/Cicero/Selahs-Grace5KRunWalk.

The annual Cicero Fourth of July Parade will kick off at 11 a.m. Line-up starts at 10 a.m. This huge parade is always a fan favorite. Parade Grand Marshals will be Greg & Kathy Bowman. For more information or to register, visit lightsovermorselake.org/parade. Thanks to parade sponsor Adler Attorneys.

Another annual favorite is the United Family Wes-

leyan Church Free Fair from 4 to 8 p.m. at 210 Washington Ave. There will be lots of free food and games for all ages.

Cicero has saved the best for last – the grand finale Fireworks Show at 10 p.m. Fireworks will be shot off a barge in Morse Lake in front of the Jackson Street Bridge. Find lots of great viewing on the east and west sides of the Jackson Street bridge. The bridge will be closed to vehicles at 8 p.m. Parking is \$10 at Red Bridge Park (proceeds benefit Cicero Friends of the Park).

Come celebrate the country's birthday in Cicero this year! For more information and a complete festival event listing, visit lightsovermorselake.org.

PEACE

what I call Gatorlax (a Gatorade/Miralax mix); the four Dulcolax tablets taken simultaneously that gave new meaning to the lyrics in "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" that state, "... at seven p.m., a main hatchway caved in ..." (coincidentally, my main hatchway did cave in at 7 p.m.).

To learn more about the prep effects, Google "Dave Barry colonoscopy" to access a classic 2008 *Miami Herald* humor column and be regaled by such phrases as "nuclear laxative," "space shuttle launch," and "spurting violently." These aren't exaggerations.

(In honor of the 15th anniversary of Dave's first colonoscopy, I declare The Violent Spurts to be a good name for a rock band.)

Fortunately, the prep effects were soon erased by anesthesia. I always love

that feeling of free-falling into unconsciousness once an anesthesiologist administers magic sleep seeds through the IV line. Just before the medicine took full effect, I expressed to the colonoscopy team my great love for anesthesia. To their delight, though, I slurred and pronounced it "Anastasia." Boston's "Don't Look Back" played in the surgery room. Hoping to wow them with my rock trivia prowess, I announced, like some crazed, throwback 1970s disc jockey, that the song appears on Boston's "best album ever," something I immediately regretted upon realizing that "Don't Look Back" is not on Boston's "best album ever." Boston's best album ever is their first album, eponymously titled *Boston*. "Don't Look Back" is actually the title track of Boston's second album. Dream-like, I tried clawing out of Anastasia's rabbit hole to correct myself and save face, but failed to do so before a hasty, heavy mental fog enveloped me and delivered me to the sweet, temporary, zonked-out zone.

In what felt like an eye-blink in time, I awakened woozily in Recovery, which is where the real colonoscopy dangers exist. Unbeknownst to me, my wife's cell phone video camera captured my anesthesia after-effect crazy talk which was texted to our kids who got a kick out of clips documenting



Photo provided

We aren't being cheeky, Scott's butt got two thumbs up! Okay, well ... maybe that is cheeky.

good old dad's state of disinhibition in the form of wacky, rambling, seemingly drunken comments.

Me (my first recorded words): I heard a Boston song. Was the doctor a fan?

Brynne: I don't know.

Me: Was I good?

Brynne: The nurse said you were great.

Me: I love them all.

Brynne: You were quick.

What do you want?

Me: World peace!

Brynne: World peace? How about we start with lunch.

Me: I want breakfast. The Original Pancake House.

Brynne: What did your doctor just tell you?

Me: My doctor told me everything is good. That's a relief to know. Maybe it's worth the \$80,000. She

is the best. I highly recommend her because she asked me right off the bat, how's my butt?

Brynne: Do you have any last words?

Me: Considering the positive report, I have first words. Get your colon examined when you should. You never know. So here's one to Mom ... thank you, Mom. She's watching over me.

Brynne: Always.

In case you're wondering how my butt is today, it's fine now, dear reader, super fine.

I wish for all of you: world peace, pancakes, no polyps.

Now crank up Boston – their first album. Oh, and schedule that colonoscopy.

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SENSE

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contribute property taxes? What if they don't shop local? The program specifies they all must work remotely, so what if they tend to do most of their shopping online as well? We can't fault them for their habits, but isn't it a tad silly to presume they'll fully immerse themselves in the local economy on Day 1? What if they move away after a year? Tough to take part in a community if you're not in it.

Let's set aside the numbers. The way I see it, the fundamental question isn't about the amount of money the city spends; it's why the city is spending it on this venture at all.

A mayor's job is to do

good work for his or her city. No question. In fact, I'd say a mayor has an obligation to do his or her best to take care of residents' interests first. Not *also*, and not *by the way*. First.

Does high-quality leadership mean taking from the people one leads, giving to those one doesn't, and telling the first group eventually they'll be better off? The Reporter's readers are smart; they can answer that question themselves.

Mayor Jensen & Co., no matter how you present this program to voters, the fact is it's not in the interest of any of them for you to take their money and give it to people who don't need it. (Remember, the poor pay

taxes, too!) If others want to live here, they can get here on their own dime.

Here's another fact: if you do good work for the citizens already here, they'll reward you. More people will move here simply because it's a good place to live, not because they were paid.

It's time to stop doing things *to* voters, Mayor Jensen. Start doing things *for* them.

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CarmelFest: your guide to getting in & out

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department constantly strives to provide safe and efficient traffic flow. The following guide will help you get quickly and safely in and out of CarmelFest activities. Please plan your visit to CarmelFest with the following information in mind.

Quick tips

• **Please be patient** – Keep in mind that there will be many people trying to use the same streets at the same time. Officers will be working to get you in and out as soon as possible so you can get to your destination in a reasonable amount of time.

• **Watch for pedestrians** – There will be thousands of people crossing the streets following the parade and fireworks. Many of them will be children. Please pay close attention.

• **Please follow officers' instructions** – Keep moving in the direction officers send you. The traffic plan (posted below) is designed to get visitors out of the CarmelFest venues as quickly and efficiently as possible.

• **Parking** – Parking is permitted only in city garages, parking lots, along city streets or with the permission of a property owner. Please be respectful of private and business property and obtain permission from the owner before parking on private property or in business parking lots.

Street closures

Keep in mind that there will be several road closures that will affect traffic flow around CarmelFest.

• **Gradle Drive** – Will be closed to all vehicular traffic, except emergency vehicles, between Range Line Road and 3rd Avenue SW from July 3 at 8 a.m. until all vendors are out of the area the evening of July 4.

• **Red Truck Road** – Will only be open to emergency vehicles on July 3 and 4.

• **3rd Avenue SW** – Between Carmel Drive and Gradle Drive will be closed to all traffic on July 4 from approximately 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. This closure will be strictly enforced as

a safety zone for fireworks preparation and launching.

Parade traffic

• **Carmel Drive**, between Keystone Parkway and Range Line Road, will have lane restrictions starting at 9:30 a.m. and will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10 a.m.

• **Range Line Road**, between Carmel Drive and Main Street, will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10 a.m.

• **Main Street**, between Range Line Road and Lexington Boulevard, will close to all vehicular traffic starting at approximately 10 a.m.

At approximately 10:05 a.m., all who are gathered along the parade route, will be asked to step into the road wearing the red fire hats distributed by the Carmel Fire Department as they try for a world record for the most people wearing red fire hats at one time.

After the parade, officers will hold all vehicular traffic until the streets are clear of pedestrians. Traffic will be allowed to flow only in the direction away from the parade. Streets will open in succession after the parade has safely passed.

Fireworks traffic

The CarmelFest fireworks show draws thousands of spectators. The fireworks show also signifies the end of CarmelFest. Most spectators will plan to leave immediately after the show. This mass departure slows the traffic flow. Officers will be diligently working to manage the traffic flow to keep traffic moving. The traffic plan, shown below, is designed to move traffic away from CarmelFest. Inbound traffic will not be allowed until outbound CarmelFest traffic has cleared. Please plan ahead and choose parking according to your post-fireworks destination.

For more information on CarmelFest, please visit their website at CarmelFest.net and follow the Carmel Police Department @CarmelPD on all major social media platforms.

Elizabeth Hargis of Carmel graduates from Mercer University

The REPORTER

Mercer University conferred bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees to more than 2,300 students at five commencements held in May in Macon, Ga., and Atlanta, Ga.

Elizabeth Hargis of Car-

mel earned a Bachelor of Science after studying at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education.

Three places to watch fireworks in Fishers

The REPORTER

Fishers Parks is bringing three fireworks shows to the community on July 4. Celebrate Independence Day and pick your viewing area from the following spots around the city at dusk, approximately 10 p.m., Tuesday, July 4.

Free Concert: Karma at Nickel Plate District AMP

Be sure to arrive early to catch **Karma on the NPD AMP stage** starting at 8 p.m. View this show throughout downtown and the Nickel Plate District. Fireworks will be launched from Holland Park, which will be closed for safety.

Cyntheanne Park

View this fireworks show from the Cyntheanne Park or Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Jr. High



Graphic provided by Fishers Parks & Recreation

parking lots. Fireworks will be launched from Cyntheanne Park. Note: There is no viewing or fireworks launching from Geist Waterfront Park.

Geist Reservoir

View this fireworks

show on the water. While no viewing will be permitted from Fall Creek Bridge or Geist Marina, find a great spot on the water in a boat or from a nearby residence. Fireworks will be launched near the south end of the Fall

Creek Bridge, from a barge in Geist Marina. The bridge will not be closed to traffic, but the pedestrian walkway on the bridge will be closed for safety. There is no viewing or fireworks launching from Geist Waterfront Park.

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JULY

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Location: Grand Junction Plaza

Party on the Patio
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18
Location: Grand Junction Plaza

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Noblesville Lions Club awards \$1K scholarship



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions awarded a \$1,000 Academic Merit Scholarship to A’Nyah Hizer, an Noblesville High School graduate, and will be attending IU Bloomington this Fall. She will be a public health major. (From left) Markeith Hizer (father), A’Nyah Hizer, and Lions Scholarship Committee Chairman Gary Hipes.

Duke Energy continues restoring power across Indiana throughout weekend

The REPORTER

Duke Energy is working to restore power to thousands of customers in Indiana following the severe and damaging storms that ripped through Indiana Thursday. As of 3:30 p.m. Friday afternoon, crews had restored power for nearly 130,000 customers.

As of 11:45 p.m. Friday, nearly 65,000 customers remain out of service. The potential for more severe weather through the weekend could hamper restoration efforts.

Since Thursday evening, power line technicians and other Duke Energy workers from the Carolinas, Ohio, Kentucky, and Florida have been assessing damage and restoring outages. Wind gusts reached as high as 90 miles per hour in some areas, taking down trees, pow-



er lines and poles. The storm caused more than 200,000 power outages across nearly all the 28 districts Duke Energy serves in Indiana.

The company has brought in more than 1,000 additional crew members to supplement its statewide workforce. Duke Energy is moving crews to respond to the hardest hit areas in and around the western and south-central parts of the state, including Clay, Monroe, Putnam, Vermillion, and Vigo counties.

Estimated restoration times are posted at [duke-energy.com/outages/current-outages](https://www.duke-energy.com/outages/current-outages), and cus-

tomers who are registered to receive Duke Energy text outage alerts will receive a text once an estimated restoration time is established for their location.

“I want to thank our customers for their patience and understanding as our crews work quickly and safely to restore power,” said Anthony Brown, Duke Energy’s Indiana storm director. “Every storm response is unique. Our crews in the field are working quickly and carefully, supported by many other teammates, to communicate with our customers and restore their power.”

Power restoration process

[Click here](#) for more information on how Duke Energy restores power.

Customers who experience a power outage can report it the following ways:

- Visit [duke-energy.com](https://www.duke-energy.com) on a desktop computer or mobile device.
 - Use the Duke Energy mobile app (download the Duke Energy App on your smartphone via Apple Store or Google Play).
 - Text OUT to 57801 (standard text and data charges may apply).
 - Call Duke Energy’s automated outage reporting system at 1 (800) 343-3525.
- More tips on what to do before, during and after a storm can be found at [duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety](https://www.duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety).

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:

Fiction

1. Bookshop By the Bay – Pamela Kelley
2. Clive Cussler’s Fire Strike – Mike Maden
3. Couples Trip – Ulf Kvensler
4. Dead Man’s Wake – Paul Doiron
5. Everything’s Fine – Cecilia Rabess
6. Happiness Plan – Susan Mallory
7. Inside Threat – Matthew Quirk
8. Private Moscow – James Patterson
9. Robert B. Parker’s Bad Influence – Alison Gaylin
10. Sweetheart List – Jill Shalvis
11. Welcome to Beach Town – Susan Wiggs
12. Zero Days – Ruth Ware

Non-Fiction

1. Never Give Up – Tom Brokaw
2. Power of One – Frances Haugen

Children’s

1. Brilliant Ms. Bangle – Cara Devine
2. Cape – Kevin Johnson

3. Day at the Aquarium – Alyssa Capucilli
4. Elemental – Erin Falgout
5. Hooked on Books – Margaret Greanis
6. How to Catch a Polar Bear – Stacy DeKeyser
7. Julia – Andrea Posner-Sanchez
8. Monster Mac and Cheese Party – Todd Parr
9. Pinkalicious & the Pinkamazing Little Library – V. Karr
10. Sam With Ants in His Pants – April Reynolds
11. Very Dinosaur Birthday – Adam Wallace

Inspirational Fiction

1. Bound By a Secret – Jolene Navarro
2. Forced to Hide – Terri Reed
3. Her secret Amish Past – Dana R. Lynn
4. Home Is Where the Heart Is – Linda Byler
5. Hope of the Plains – Linda Byler
6. Ranch Under Fire – Tina Wheeler
7. Rescuing Her Ranch – Lisa Jordan

Young Adults

1. Fear – Natasha Preston
2. Shadow in Riverclan (graphic novel) – Erin Hunter

Sheridan Fire to hold CPR training

The REPORTER

The Sheridan Fire Department, along with the Town of Sheridan, will conduct a CPR Training Class from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 15 at the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. Third St.

Cost is \$30 per participant and the class is limited to 30 participants. Participants will receive a CPR certificate at the completion of the training.

Registration and payments can be made through the church’s website [SheridanFCC.org](#)

[SheridanFCC.org](#) under the “Give” tab. Please select the CPR class and note your information in the memo field.

Payments also can be sent to the church at P.O. Box 111, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Registration will close Saturday, July 8. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please call (317) 758-4569 with questions.

The mission of Sheridan First Christian Church is to provide a welcoming community to help anyone know, love, and follow Jesus.



Beck’s & Indiana AgriNews search for 2024 Indiana Farm Family of the Year

The REPORTER

Beck’s and Indiana AgriNews have announced the start of their search for the 27th Indiana Farm Family of the Year.

For the past 26 years, Beck’s and Indiana AgriNews have honored one Indiana farm family for their work on the farm, service to their community, and the agricultural industry. The award is aimed at increasing awareness of the important contributions farm families make.

“Family farms are vital to the agriculture industry but are also an integral component to rural communities,” Beck’s President Scott Beck. “This award recognizes a family who strives to serve both.”

“As a family-owned

agricultural business, AgriNews believes in the importance of farm families, and we want to spotlight their significant contributions both on and off the farm – in agriculture and in their communities – while thanking one special family, in particular,” Indiana AgriNews Executive Editor James Henry news. “It is our honor to present this award to celebrate the 27th Indiana Farm Family of the Year.”

[Click here](#) to nominate a family. Nominations are now open. The deadline to submit nominations is Sept. 30.

The family will be recognized at the Indiana Farm Bureau State Convention in December 2023 and the Purdue Fish Fry in February 2024.

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Indiana Supreme Court lifts injunction on state's near-total abortion ban

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The Indiana Supreme Court on Friday ruled to lift an order blocking the state's near-total ban on abortion.

The court overturned a preliminary injunction against the abortion ban on privacy grounds, meaning the ban will go into effect for most Hoosiers while the lawsuit proceeds.

[Click here](#) to read the court's ruling.

A separate injunction blocking the ban on religious liberty grounds remains in effect, which means the ban is not enforceable for people who have a sincere religious objection to the ban. The religious liberty lawsuit involves several adherents to the Jewish and Islamic faiths.

Last year, shortly after the United States Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling, the Indiana General Assembly passed a near-total abortion ban. The only exceptions were for rape or incest, up to 10 weeks into pregnancy, or to save the life of the mother, up to 20 weeks into pregnancy. The law went into effect in September but was blocked by a Marion County judge a week later on privacy grounds. The state appealed the order and the Indiana Supreme Court agreed to take up the case.

The privacy case centers on Article 1, Section 1 of the Indiana Constitution, which begins with, "We declare that all people are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that

among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The ACLU argued bodily autonomy, in the form of deciding whether or not to obtain an abortion, is a form of liberty protected by the state constitution. Justice Derek Molter wrote while the state constitution clearly allows abortions in a medical emergency, it provides no such protections outside of that scenario.

"Indiana's long history of generally prohibiting abortion as a criminal act... suggests that the common understanding among Article 1, Section 1's framers and ratifiers was that the provision left the General Assembly with legislative discretion to regulate or limit abortion," he wrote, adding Indiana has a long history of prohibiting abortion to the extent federal case law allows.

Justice Christopher Goff partly dissented from the ruling, saying the abortion ban likely is unconstitutional as enacted. He said pregnancy involves so many consequences for a woman's body, family and life that it likely falls under the category of liberty, if liberty is defined as being left alone to manage one's life.

"We cannot draw constitutional law on the particular matter of women's rights from the doings of exclusively male institutions in times when women were excluded and marginalized from public discussion," he wrote.

The case now returns to the trial court. ACLU of Indiana attorney Ken Falk said

no trial date has yet been set. Meanwhile, a hearing on the religious liberty injunction is set for Sept. 12 before the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Reactions from officials
U.S. Senator Mike Braun

"Life wins in Indiana. I'm proud that with today's court decision, Indiana will continue to be a national leader for protecting the unborn and saving thousands of lives. I join the countless Hoosiers who helped win this victory for life in celebrating this historic day."

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita

"The Indiana Supreme Court has just upheld the abortion laws passed by the Indiana General Assembly. We celebrate this day – one long in coming, but morally justified. Thank you to all the warriors who have fought for this day that upholds life."

State Senator JD Ford (D-Indianapolis)

"On the weekend of Independence Day, the Indiana Supreme Court robbed Hoosier women of independence, autonomy and liberty, undermining the very American ideals we should have been celebrating. Today, women across Indiana have lost the right to determine their own future, the right to privacy and the right to govern their own bodies.

"Women will not be the only ones who suffer because of shortsighted, radical laws like SEA 1 – the erosion of healthcare rights for some means an erosion for all. Indiana has doomed itself to an exodus of doctors, nurses and OB-GYNs, all of whom this state needs desperately. Providers will flee Indiana – where their expertise is clearly not respected or welcomed – and all Indiana citizens and families will be left to grapple with a devastating shortage



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Keeping healthy with Tina Mangos' "hybrid burger"

Submitted by
Tina Mangos

Dear friends, many of you know I'm always creating new recipes for better health. So, since I returned from a wellness retreat in Florida, I got inspired to experiment in the kitchen with a "healthier" burger, but not a total veggie burger. My "hybrid burger" still has ground beef, so you get that taste of beef, but with way less fat and way more protein.

Tina's Hybrid Burgers

- 1 pound grass fed beef – 80% or higher lean
- 1 can pinto beans, drained
- 1 box tofu (firm/12 ounces)
- 2 Tbsp nutritional yeast
- 1 C salsa (I get the Fresh Thyme organic "thick & chunky"... it has less sodium.)
- chopped onion
- 3 C cooked rice


- red pepper, garlic pepper, and any spices

Mix all ingredients by hand, and mush them into seven to eight normal-sized patties. Bake on two layers of parchment paper for 80 minutes at 375 degrees. Flip them after 50 minutes.

Here's an easy way to make sure you eat a big colorful salad every day.

Chop everything for about four to five salads ahead of time. Keep it in a plastic container in the fridge. I use shredded carrots, cucumbers, kale, whole cherry tomatoes, red pepper, celery, green onion, two cans of beans, etc. Mix everything with apple cider vinegar. It helps soften the kale and keep it fresh. Then you just add that to a base of organic greens and add dressing.

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Judge Paul Felix appointed to Fifth District Court of Appeals

Submitted

Hamilton County Republican Chairman Mario Massillamany extended his warm congratulations to Hamilton County Judge Paul Felix on his recent appointment to the Fifth District vacancy on the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb.

This appointment follows the retirement of Judge Margret Robb, and Judge Felix's selection is a testament to his exceptional

legal expertise and dedication to serving the community.

"Judge Paul Felix has a long-standing commitment to upholding the principles of justice and fairness," Massillamany said. "Throughout his tenure as a Hamilton County Judge, he has exhibited unwavering integrity, keen legal



Felix

acumen, and a deep understanding of the law. His appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeals is well-deserved recognition of his outstanding contributions to the judicial system. The Republican Party of Hamilton County looks forward to continuing its strong support for Judge Felix and his endeavors in upholding the principles of justice and the rule of law."

Massillamany commends Governor Holcomb for his astute decision in selecting Judge Felix for this significant role. He says he believes Judge Felix's breadth of experience and commitment to upholding the rule of law will greatly benefit the Court of Appeals and contribute to the efficient administration of justice in the Fifth District.

Housing advocates call Senator Todd Young's housing proposals a good start

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Advocates for affordable housing on Wednesday said a set of proposals from Sen. Todd Young would address several causes of Indiana's housing shortage.

Young met with realtors in Indianapolis Wednesday as part of a weeklong tour promoting a trio of bipartisan legislative proposals meant to increase access to affordable housing.

His **Neighborhood Homes Investment Act** would provide a tax credit to offset the costs of fixing up a home in a low-income neighborhood and then selling it at a price people in the area could afford.

Applicants could only receive the credit if they sell to someone making less than 140 percent of the area's median income. A **companion bill** would overhaul the Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

Additionally, Young's Yes In My Backyard Act,

or YIMBY Act, would require cities to publish all of the rules governing the zoning of residential areas if they want to continue receiving Community Development Block Grants.

"We just want to ensure they're transparent decisions as local communities benefit handsomely from federal grants," Young said. "And that's all the YIMBY Act does. We think it would lead to a lot more transparency."



Young

and makes it harder to keep a roof over one's head.

Garrett says Young's YIMBY Act might have the greatest impact of his proposals, and face the toughest opposition.

He says zoning has long been used to limit or block entirely the development of affordable housing. If enacted, he said the measure could help undo some of that damage.

"The question always is, housing tends to be very local in nature and how those local zoning boards may push back on this type of legislation," he said, adding it's a good sign the bill, along with its companions, has sponsors from both parties.

Garrett says he was less sure about the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act.

Although it contains rules about who must buy

Sen. Braun demands Biden administration release all information on COVID-19 origins

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) **sent a letter** on Thursday to Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines, after the Director and the Biden Administration failed to comply with the Senators' COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023, by releasing an incomplete report on the origins of COVID-19 well beyond the statutory deadline.

quired that you 'submit to Congress' all of this information 'not later than 90 days' after the law's enactment. You failed to comply with both requirements."

They continued, "You – and the rest of the Administration – appear to be refusing to provide information about China's role in and responsibility for the COVID-19 pandemic in order to avoid upsetting Beijing. We invite you to try again. Within 7 business days, provide to Congress documentation that fully complies with the letter of the law to disclose 'any and all information' related to the origins of COVID-19 and a lab leak with minimal redactions."



Braun

The Senators demanded that Director Haines provide a new, complete report, including any and all information pertaining to the origins of COVID-19, within seven days.

"On March 20, President Biden signed the COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023, which we introduced in the Senate to help get to the truth about China and COVID-19," the Senators wrote. "That law required the Director of National Intelligence to 'declassify any and all information' relating to links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the origin of COVID-19. It also re-

On March 20, 2023, President Biden signed into law Senator Hawley's COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023. It was re-introduced in February of this year and unanimously passed in the Senate that same week. The bill was originally introduced in April 2021 and unanimously passed the Senate in May 2021.

[Click here](#) to read the full letter.

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Latest Carmel road construction updates

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Smoky Row is now open, as is the new roundabout at Veterans Way and City Center Drive.

Main Street & Lexington Boulevard roundabout

Construction is still underway, but this will be open for the CarmelFest Parade on July 4 with a complete opening date TBD.

111th Street & Spring Mill Road roundabout

On or after July 5, 111th Street between Illinois Street and Spring Mill Road will be closed for three weeks for the construction of a roundabout at the entrance to the Bridges development and the Spring Mill Place neighborhood. This roundabout is being constructed

by a developer and not the City of Carmel.

3rd Avenue SW

On or after July 5, 3rd Avenue SW will be closed for approximately 18 months for the reconstruction of the road between Autumn Drive and 2nd Street SW. Access will be maintained for local traffic only.

96th Street & Delegates Row

The Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg sculpture was installed this week. It was designed by Arlon Bayliss and fabricated by bo-mar Industries. This continues the series of classic car sculptures decorating our 96th Street corridor. At night, the 32-foot-tall piece will be illuminated with LED spotlights and dichroic lighting.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

The new roundabout at Veterans Way and City Center Drive is now open.

Fishers road construction updates, week of July 3

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 141st Street

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

I-465 & I-69

The ramp from Interstate 69 North to 82nd Street and the ramp from 82nd Street to I-69 North is currently closed through late 2023. For detour routes and additional project information, visit ClearPath465.com.

Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers is working on the completion of the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail. The remaining paving work from 96th Street to 106th Street is underway.

To learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed.

146th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 2A traffic restrictions are currently in place. These restrictions will eliminate left turn movements from 146th Street onto Allisonville Road and reopen to two through lanes on eastbound and westbound 146th Street. Sowers Drive, Wellington Court, and Kensington Drive will be closed at 146th Street during this phase.

Increased utility relocation activity is expected along Allisonville Road south of 146th Street. Flaggers will be present when

lane or shoulder restrictions are necessary.

Construction crews will be working to complete the connection of Sowers Drive to Allisonville Road. Saville Road will be closed at 146th Street for construction crews to construct the new frontage road and Saville Road access at 146th Street. Waterway MOT will be installed along the White River to allow crews to begin working on the White River bridges.

The worksite speed limit will be 35 mph. Be sure to use caution while driving through this construction zone.

For additional project information, [click here](#).

106th Street & Allisonville Road

There is a sanitary sewer project currently taking place at Metro Airport at 106th Street and Allison-

ville Road. There are times where lane restrictions may be in place on Allisonville Road. Please use caution in this area.

106th Street & Hoosier Road

Prep work prior to the roundabout construction is currently taking place. Work will include tree clearing, utility relocation and storm sewer installation. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

106th Street & Kincaid Drive

Phase 1 is currently in place for construction of a new concrete median on 106th Street and to modify Kincaid Drive to a right-in/right-out entrance. During this phase, access to Kincaid Drive from 106th Street will be restricted. The detour shall use Lantern Road to Sunlight

Drive. Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by Friday, July 7. [Click here](#) to see the detour route.

Phase 2 is anticipated to begin on Monday, July 10. During this Phase, lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street and both the roundabout at 106th Street and I-69 and 106th Street and Lantern Road will be converted into a single lane for the duration of this Phase. This Phase is anticipated to be completed by Friday, July 28.

Fall Creek Road

Citizens Energy Group is mobilizing the lift station on Fall Creek Road near Geist Woods Way, resulting in the closure of Fall Creek Trail in the area until the project is complete in August.

Geist Greenway

Paving continues to take

place on the Geist Greenway. For general project information, please visit playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway.

Tree Trimming

During the week of July 3, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on Eller Road between 106th and 116th streets. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Resurfacing Projects

After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

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Join Emagine Theatre Noblesville for special screenings this month

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Join Emagine Theatre Noblesville, located at 13825 Norell Road in the Hamilton Town Center, this July as for a variety specialty screenings.

Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience. Open Caption screenings provide subtitles for those with hearing impairments. Sensory Friendly Screenings provide modifications to the theatre atmosphere without modifying the film for those who experience sensory issues.

Open Caption film screenings

Emagine will host Open Caption showings of some of the newest film releases on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons all month long. Guests who experience hearing impairments will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

All open caption movies are shown in 2D. Note there are no modifications made to the film.

- *Indiana Jones & The Dial of Destiny*: Sunday, July 2 and Wednesday, July 5
- *Joy Ride*: Sunday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 12
- *Mission Impossible* 22

7: Sunday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 19

- *Barbie*: Sunday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 26
- *Oppenheimer*: Sunday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 2

Sensory Friendly film screenings

Emagine will host a unique, sensory friendly screening twice a month, with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. Their sensory friendly programing makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

All sensory friendly films will be shown in 2D. Note there are no modifications made to the film.

What does Sensory Friendly mean?

First, it means sensory friendly experience (lights up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing ... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

- *Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken*: Saturday, July 8
- *Trolls*: Saturday, July 22



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Films will be during the first showing of the day. On-sale dates vary. Tickets are available at the box office, online at Emagine-Entertainment.com or through the Emagine App.

Tenderloin Tuesdays are here again!

The REPORTER

Indiana's signature sandwich returns to the spotlight during Hamilton County's Tenderloin Tuesday celebration every Tuesday through July 25, 2023.

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to see discounts and specials from participating Hamilton County restaurants. Redeem deals from four participating restaurants and earn a commemorative Tenderloin Tuesday T-shirt.

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Click here to sign up. How does it work?

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Suspect in Fishers gas station shooting was facing domestic violence charges

By JASON RONIMOUS
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

The man police say is a person of interest in the [killing a woman at a Fishers gas station](#) was facing a variety of charges including domestic battery, strangulation, criminal confinement against the woman, News 8 has learned.

Joshua Farmer was named as a person of interest in the [shooting earlier this week](#) in Fishers. Farmer was named as a person of interest in the shooting.

In an email from Fishers police chief Thomas Weger, Kaylah Ann Farmer was named as the woman murdered, she was the mother of three children.

News 8 has learned that Joshua Farmer faces a variety of charges dating

back to an incident on May 21 of this year.

He faces domestic battery, domestic battery with a deadly weapon, strangulation, criminal confinement, interfering with reporting of a crime, intimidation with a deadly weapon and pointing a firearm at another.

According to court records, the Indiana Department of Child Services reported that Kaylah Farmer had been coming into her work attempting to cover up a black eye, bruise neck, and various bruises on her face.

Police records show that interviews with Kaylah Farmer and other family members show a pattern of domestic violence by



Farmer

Joshua Farmer on May 21.

- Joshua Farmer used his shoulder to strike a family member and “shouldered him hard into a chair.”
- A family member described Farmer choking Kaylah “to the point they could hear her struggling to breathe.”
- A family member described Farmer making Kaylah sit in a corner naked because the accused had “ripped her clothes off.”
- The family member said Farmer brought out a gun and held it to the family member’s head and asked Kaylah to choose between herself or the family member.
- Another family member described Farmer ripping Kaylah’s shirt off and said her neck was bleeding from her being choked.
- A third family member told police that they had hid during the attack and was coached on how

to talk to police about the incident. That family member also witnessed Kaylah’s neck bleeding from being strangled, according to police.

- Police say Kaylah attempted to call 911 from her phone but didn’t believe it worked before Farmer took the phone from her.
- Kaylah stated at this particular incident she was bitten by the accused, and still had a visible bruise on her left arm from the bite. She stated she was punched approximately five times in the head, one being in the left eye. Kaylah also reported being choked with both the accused’s hands around the neck about two to three times. She also reported being kicked in the torso and hit with a baseball bat, according to police.
- Kaylah also told police that Farmer had held a gun to a family member’s head.

Charges related to the murder of Kaylah Farmer are pending.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah and said, “He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the Lord has cursed.” After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Genesis 5:28-32 (NIV)

Raquel Bowman May 15, 1976 – June 26, 2023

Raquel Bowman, 47, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, June 26, 2023, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on May 15, 1976, to Gregory and Kathy (Helfrick) Deisenroth in Heidelberg, West Germany.

Raquel was a graduate of Purdue University and worked as a college network administrator. She was a first chair flutist, a top tennis player, and played volleyball. Raquel was loved by all, enjoyed horseback riding, and loved dogs. She was diagnosed with MS 14 years ago and fought a long battle.

Raquel is survived by her parents, Kathy & Greg Deisenroth; daughter, Jacquelyn Bowman; son, Landon Bowman; former husband and friend, Scott Bowman; and several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Alicia Nichole Deisenroth; grandmother, Kathryn Helfrick; grandfather, James Helfrick; and grandparents, Robert and Ina Deisenroth.

Private family services will be held in Elkhart, Ind., at a later date.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](#)



Meeting Notices	
The City of Westfield Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3, has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Main Level Meeting Room at the Westfield City Services Building.	The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023, at 445 N. End Drive, Carmel.

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Chilling open water win buoys Madara's spirits

By RICHIE HALL

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Ayla Madara's first-ever trip to Wisconsin was a memorable and chilly one.

Madara, an incoming freshman at Hamilton Heights, made the journey with her teammates from the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers (FAST) to compete in the 2023 Central Zone Open Water Championships. The 2.5-kilometer swim took place on June 16 at Lake Andrea, a natural spring water lake in the village of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., which is located on Lake Michigan just across the Illinois state line.

And while she had never swam in an open water race before, Madara had great success on her first try. She won the Girls 13-14 division of the race, finishing with a time of 31 minutes, 12.21 seconds.

"It was different, especially because it was really cold there," said Madara. "I know the water temp was only 67 and the air was in the high 50's."

"It was a cold day, for sure," said Allison Madara, Ayla's mother. "And I wasn't swimming."

The open water course is shaped like a narrow triangle. Swimmers start the race off a beach, then swim parallel to the shore line for about one-half kilometer, then turn around and swim at a slightly opposite angle back to shore before making a second turn. The swimmers then make their way back to the start line, having completed 1.25 kilometers. (See the accompanying graphic for an illustration of the course.)

There was a clinic that took place the day before the race, where the swimmers learned "how to go around the buoys and stuff," said Ayla. "It's two laps of a course which had three buoys on it. It was hard to see because the buoys were so far away from each other. Once you finished one lap you were at the halfway point."

"There's no lane lines to follow," said Allison. "It's more fighting for a spot. And the water's not clear."

As soon as the swimmers complete two laps, the swimmers run up onto the beach in triumph. They're also a little tired: Ayla called the swim "exhausting," but she was happy that she made it through the race.

"I'd never done it before, so I was just proud that I finished and finished that well," she said.

Ayla led the entire race, although she said the start of the competition is "really crowded" since there were so many swimmers. A total of 71 competed in the Girls 13-14 age group. Ayla said that a swimmer has to "start



Photo provided

Ayla Madara finished first in the Girls 13-14 division of the 2023 Central Zone Open Water Championships, which took place June 16 at Lake Andrea in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. It was Madara's first-ever open water competition, and she completed the 2.5-kilometer race in 31 minutes, 12.21 seconds.



Photo provided

Madara was one of five swimmers from Fishers Area Swimming Tigers that competed in the Open Water Championships. Pictured from left are Caden Askren, Amira Leer, Ayla Madara, Grace Gannon and Annie Hare. Gannon and Hare finished 1-2 in the Girls 10 & Under division.

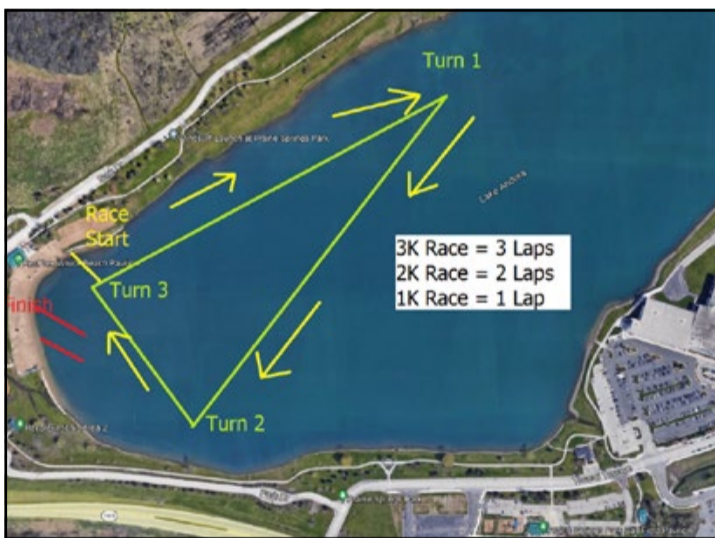
out fast to get a good spot and then pace yourself."

Ayla was one of five FAST swimmers competing at the Open Water Championships. Two of them finished 1-2 in the Girls 10 & Under division, which swims 1.25 kilometers, or one lap. Grace Gannon won the race with a time of 17:41.81, while Annie Hare placed second, clocking in at 18:24.94.

Caden Askren took third in the Boys 13-14 division, with a time of 30:27.79. Amira Leer was 10th in the Girls 13-14 race, with a time of 32:36.63.

"They cheer for each other and support each other," said Allison.

See Madara . . . Page 12



Graphic provided

This graphic shows the Open Water course on Lake Andrea. (Note that the distances are listed incorrectly: 1K should be 1.25K, 2K should be 2.5K and 3K should be 3.75K.)

Chicago Blues: NASCAR takes the "Windy City" by storm

For the first time in its history, NASCAR will race on a street course this weekend in Chicago, Ill. The two top series, the Xfinity Series and the Cup Series, will head to the streets of Chicago in the Loop 121 at Chicago Street Course and Grant Park 220, respectively.

For those new or unfamiliar with motorsports, there are, generally speaking, three types of racing circuits. An oval (think Indianapolis Motor Speedway); a road course (a large, permanent track with left- and right-hand turns); and a street course (a temporary racing circuit that is typically constructed in or around a major city).

In the past, NASCAR has competed almost exclusively on ovals with one or two road course races per year. Recently, however, NASCAR, in an effort to expand its market and viewership, has expanded its road course schedule, including six road course races in 2022. This year, NASCAR added a street course.

A street course is unique and quite challenging for a number of reasons. First, like a road course, it features left- and right-hand turns. Second, the track is much narrower and is enclosed on each side with concrete barriers. Unlike a permanent road course, which are built on large open tracts of land, a street course is limited in both layout and width because, as stated above, street courses are integrated into a city street. To protect the city infrastructure, the circuit must be enclosed. Finally, street courses are often bumpy and exacting. Think about driving through downtown Indianapolis: worn pavement, patches, cracks, and even surfaces. Together, these conditions require additional concentration and focus. Passing is difficult and a minor misstep could result in contact with the wall and a multiple car pile-up.

The Chicago has garnered a great deal of attention and quite a bit of controversy. Some question the feasibility of putting 36 3,300-pound cars on a street circuit. Large cars, plus narrow track, plus aggressive drivers, equals big trouble! I understand this argument. The forte of NASCAR is hard, aggressive driving that often leads to contact. Such aggressiveness on a street course will, unquestionably, lead to numerous lengthy cautions. This to me is the biggest question: is it possible for long green flag stretches or will most of the race be run under caution.

Others question the location. Chicago is not your typical NASCAR destination and has dealt with significant levels of crime. Certainly, crime is a concern. However, police presence will be high and those in power will be motivated to keep fans safe. Personally, I think the location is perfect. A great, Midwest American city on the Fourth of July. NASCAR has put a lot of effort into expanding its audience and growing its fan base. Chicago is easily accessible and ticket sales are approximated at 150,000. Why not try something different? Why not try something new? If it doesn't work, NASCAR will adjust.

For those of you who are skeptical, give it a change. I am going in with no expectations. I think it will be fun to see what happens.

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GC's Jacob Modleski takes Boys State Junior Championship

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Jacob Modleski won another big championship on Friday.

Just a couple weeks after helping Guerin Catholic defend its IHSAA state championship, the Noblesville golfer and soon-to-be Notre Dame freshman won the Boys State Junior Championship, which finished up play Friday at Purdue University's Kampen-Cosler Course.

Modleski won an all-Hamilton County championship, beating Westfield's Alec Cesare 3&2 in the match play championship. Cesare opened up play with a birdie and held a 1 up lead through the first four holes. Modleski evened the match on the fifth hole, then won four straight holes (Nos. 7 through 10) to take a 4 up lead. Cesare came back to within 1 up on the 14th hole, but Modleski won the last two holes to clinch the match.

Both Modleski and Cesare, who will play this fall at Ball State University, had to finish quarterfinal matches first before advancing to an all-county semifinal lineup. Modleski beat Bloomington's Nick Bellush 3&2, while Cesare defeated Middlebury's Silas Haarer 1 up.

In the semifinals, Modleski beat Carmel's Jackson McCullough 6&5, making two late birdies before getting a par on the 13th hole to clinch that match. Cesare defeated his Westfield teammate Will Harvey 3&2, draining a birdie on the 16th hole.



Noblesville's Jacob Modleski won another big championship on Friday, as he claimed the Indiana Golf Association's Boys State Junior Championship at Purdue University's Kampen-Cosler Course. Modleski, a recent graduate of IHSAA state champion Guerin Catholic, won an all-county final 3&2 over Westfield's Alec Cesare. Modleski (right) is pictured with his caddy, Connor McNeely, a 2022 Guerin Catholic graduate who won the Indiana Amateur Championship last week.

Swimming Nationals— Four Carmel swimmers compete in the 400 freestyle

The REPORTER

Four was the magic number for Carmel Friday at the IU Natatorium.

It was the fourth day of the 2023 Phillips 66 National Championships. One of the events was the men's 400 freestyle. And four Carmel swimmers competed in that event, the most swimmers (past and present combined) it has had in any one event so far in the championships.

Two swimmers reached the "A" final. Jake Mitchell, a 2020 Carmel graduate and Olympic swimmer, placed third in that race with a time 3 minutes, 46.87 seconds. Mitchell swam for the University of Michigan in his first two years of college, then transferred to the University of Florida for his junior year. He will be a senior for the Gators this fall. Meanwhile, Aaron Shackell, committed to the University of California, placed sixth in the final, clocking in at 3:49.43.

Drew Kibler, also an Olympian and five-time national champion from the University of Texas, placed second in the "B" final with a time of 3:49.88. Kibler is

a 2018 graduate of Carmel. Gregg Enoch, a senior-to-be at Carmel, placed fifth in the "D" final, finishing in 3:56.68. He has committed to the University of Louisville.

In other events:

- Carmel's Wyatt Davis, a senior-to-be at the University of Michigan, took sixth place in the "A" final of the men's 100 backstroke. He clocked in at 53.43 seconds.

- Carmel's Molly Sweetney, an incoming sophomore for the Greyhounds, won the "C" final in the women's 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:08.76.

- Carmel's Lynsey Bowen, a junior-to-be for the 'Hounds, placed seventh in the "C" final of the women's 400 freestyle. Her time was 4:15.22.

- Fishers' Jo Jo Ramey, who will begin her freshman year at Florida this fall, was fifth in the "D" final of the women's 100 backstroke with a time of 1:02.54.

The National Championships finish today with the women's 1500 freestyle, the men's 800 freestyle, and both the women's and men's 200 medley and 50 free events.

Penske & Boles: Thank you for great Indy 500

Submitted

Editor's note: Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Roger Penske and IMS president Doug Boles sent out the following message to fans earlier this week.

As the 500 hours of ticket renewal have concluded for the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, it's hard not to reflect on the impressive and historic numbers surrounding the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500.

From the speeds we saw in Indianapolis 500 qualifying where Alex Palou recorded the fastest four-lap qualifying average speed in history, 234.217 mph, to lead the closest front row and fastest field in Indy 500 history, to the 52 lead changes in the race, it was an event full of excitement. Josef Newgarden earned his first victory in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" after passing reigning winner Marcus Ericsson during a scintillating Lap 200 showdown, just the third time in history the lead changed on the final lap of the race.

We anticipated pent-up demand for the 106th race because it was the first since 2019 with full capacity. But you and your fellow fans showed your devotion to this magical race even more this year, as our Race Day crowd was the biggest since the historic 100th Running in 2016, and our practice days and PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying weekend crowds

were bigger than even that landmark year.

There's nothing on Earth quite like the Indianapolis 500. The pageantry. The tradition. The history. The electric tingling on your skin when the command to start engines is given. The sheer awe of the bravery and skill of all 33 drivers and crews.

But the most important part of the world's greatest auto race is you. You are part of the engine that drives this event forward toward an even brighter future while keeping an eye on the rearview mirror of history and honoring the traditions of the past.

We never take your dedication to this race and this place for granted. It remains our highest honor to welcome and host you throughout the Month of May as you create unforgettable memories of excitement and joy amid a community of 300,000-plus people who share that same passion.

Our commitment to you remains focused on delivering the best fan experience possible while enjoying the great sport of NTT INDY-CAR SERIES racing. We look forward to seeing you at the 108th Running on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

So, in a year with plenty of milestone numbers for the Indianapolis 500, there are two words that mean the most to us: Thank you.

Sincerely,
**Roger Penske and
J. Douglas Boles**

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Ayla will be swimming at the Enchanted Forest Swim Meet, which takes place next week at Noblesville's Forest Park. She will also compete in the Age Group State meet, and at the Zone meet in Elkhart, then get ready for the high school swim season, when she will join the Hamilton Heights team.

"I'm looking forward to being on a high school team, because I'll be on with a couple of other FAST swimmers," said Ayla. She's also looking forward to swimming with her sister Teegan, who will be a senior for the Huskies this coming season.

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