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BSA Scouts take honoring the American flag seriously

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If you happened to drive by a city building or park in Fishers on the last Monday morning in May, you no doubt saw the U.S. flags flying at half-staff.

For a dozen or more Fishers BSA Scouts, that meant showing up at Liberty Plaza at 4:45 a.m. on Memorial Day to ceremoniously lower the flag there before heading to the police station, the fire station, and city hall to do the same.

That is because the service of lowering U.S. flags in the city of Fishers on certain holidays and according to national or state proclamation rests in the capable hands of BSA Scouts from Boys Troop 303 and the newly formed Girls Troop 3030.

All BSA Scouts learn early



Scouts prepare the first flag for retirement during the ceremony on Saturday, June 17.

on about handling and respecting the flag, but Troops 303 and 3030 have taken it to the next level.

The Scouts began holding flag retirement ceremonies on Veterans Day at the location of their charter organization, American Legion Post 470. Through starts and stops, Scoutmaster Jeff White realized that people were counting on them.

“We needed to make this a priority,” White said. “We needed to make flags our main identity.”

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In order for the people of The Hamilton County Reporter to enjoy the Fourth of July holiday with friends and family, we will not publish a Wednesday, July 5 edition. The Reporter will return to your inboxes on Thursday, July 6. Happy Independence Day, Hamilton County!

A not-so-happy arrival

When it rains, it pours.

It also pours when the air conditioning drain backs up, the drain pan is cracked, and the seal saver does not work. I’m sure there are more technical HVAC descriptions, but that is how I understood the issues. In other words . . . it’s a huge mess.

The saga begins when I arrive in Tampa on Wednesday evening.

Emily wheels my carry-on inside the house while I follow her. I hear her gasp LOUDLY and an even LOUDER “Oh, no, Mom!”

There is standing water in our hallway. The buffet in the dining room is covered with water. As Emily looks up the stairs, I hear another loud gasp. Now mind you, she is always relatively controlled and not easily shaken, but . . .

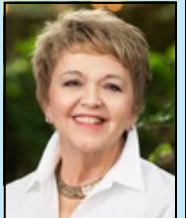
It is bad.

There is a gaping hole in the ceiling, under our air-conditioning unit. I cannot exaggerate how horrendous it looks. About five feet by four feet of the ceiling has fallen onto the carpet. Insulation and drywall debris cover the upstairs loft. Water has leaked into the downstairs ceiling causing damage to the buffet and LVP flooring. It is like a scene of an episode of an unintentional fixer-upper.

I call Chuck’s son, who comes to my rescue. Jeff climbs into the attic, where the struggling AC unit is perched. I phone Chuck, and not wanting to be the bearer of bad news, I hand the phone to Jeff. His calm voice and demeanor are much better suited for explaining things to Chuck than my rattled, frazzled, panicked voice. Emily and I gather up the debris while Jeff uses the rinse and vac to get as much water as possible from the carpet.

Chuck is scheduled to arrive Saturday night. He is having a come apart in Indiana,

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Cicero, all hail Queen Haley I



Reporter photos by Nik Roberts

The Town of Cicero crowned its first Lights Over Morse Lake Festival Queen last Friday night at Cicero Christian Church, with the event emceed by Lisa Ross Todd. (Above left) Haley Ringer (seated) was selected from a group of 10 lovely young women. Miss Lights Over Morse Lake’s court includes First Runner-Up Faith Hittle (right), Second Runner-Up Devyn Taylor (second from left), and Third Runner-Up Tatym Green (left), who was also named Miss Community Spirit (above right). Green earned this recognition for working to collect the most food donations to benefit The Feeding Team, whose Co-founders Mark & Lisa Hall presented Green with her sash. What a great way to kick off Cicero’s five-day patriotic festival, which continues today and concludes on July 4 with a fireworks show. Keep reading The Reporter to see photos of the festivities, including the parade, in our Thursday edition.

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Roberts Settlement descendants celebrate 100th Homecoming

The REPORTER

After months of preparation, the 100th Homecoming of the descendants of Roberts Settlement filled this past weekend with both reminiscing of days past and looking toward an exciting and vibrant future.

In addition to marking 100 consecutive reunions, family and friends also celebrated the completion of a fundraising campaign, “IMAGINE! Black Pioneers!” that raised more than \$440,000 to create “The Legacy Walk at Roberts Settlement.” The interactive installation provides the means for a self-guided journey through Roberts Settlement’s Black pioneer

history as well as a peaceful place for reflection. Construction is expected to begin later this fall with completion in mid-2024.

The celebration kicked off last Thursday evening with a panel discussion, “We the Free? People of Color – Movements and Identity.” Nearly 100 attendees enjoyed the panel including Charlene Fletcher Ph.D, the Curatorial Director at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, Warren Milteer Ph.D., Assistant Professor at George Washington University in Washington D.C., and Stephen Vincent Ph.D. retired associate professor at University of Wisconsin – Whitewater,

an Independent Scholar and native son of Noblesville. The panel was moderated by Celeste Williams, a former journalist. The program was made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and a grant from the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission.

Last Friday evening was spent reconnecting over hot dogs while enjoying a hayride and fireworks.

Last Saturday’s festivities included a proclamation of the Hamilton County Council delivered by county historian David Heighway. In addition to the traditional activities of any family re-



Photo provided

A grand celebration was held last Saturday, July 1 at Roberts Settlement. The 100th Homecoming program honored the legacy of Roberts Settlement, including a special commemoration of members of the family who served in the military.

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Westfield High School FFA wins big at first state convention

The REPORTER

The Indiana FFA State Convention was a great way to wrap up Westfield’s first year in FFA. The school entered into five different Career Development Events, and Westfield came home as first-place winners in four of those categories. Congratulations on your year of success Westfield FFA!

Here are the winners for each of the four categories: Ag Sales – Ella Carlson, Aiden Cox, Ava Lee, and Ben Wiggins; Plant Systems Agriscience Project – Lauren Pickett and Jules Vitou; Animal Systems Agriscience Project – Ella Carlson and Ben Wiggins; and Ag Power Systems Agriscience Project – Aiden Cox and Eli Day.

Many thanks and praise to Chris Kaufman, the agricultural science teacher at Westfield High School, for teaching, preparing and believing in these Rocks.



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Sheridan Lions announce
July 4th parade grand marshals

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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.

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HOMECOMING

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Located on 276th Street just east of U.S. 31 in northern Hamilton County, Roberts Settlement was founded in 1835 by free Blacks of mixed racial heritage who migrated mostly from North Carolina and Virginia to escape deteriorating racial conditions in the South. Their goals were the pursuit of economic, educational, and religious aspirations with greater freedom and fewer racial barriers. Today, set on a gently rolling landscape, visitors will find a chapel and cemetery, representing a once thriving community that continued to grow through the late 1800s.

Since 1924, the family has gathered to commemorate founding of the settlement and the perseverance of the original families. Historian and Noblesville native Stephen A. Vincent, Ph.D. notes:

"In the mid-1920s, growing self-awareness of Roberts Settlement's special heritage led former residents to organize annual homecoming reunions, establishing a Fourth of July tradition that has continued to the present day. At the first gathering, Cyrus Roberts, who grew up in the neighborhood during its most prosperous days, proclaimed to the assembled celebrants that:

Our religious and educational facilities and opportunities have not been excelled in the past, [and] our religious influence and intellectual ability ... are known far and wide ... [To-day] our talent is sought, and the name "Roberts Settlement" has become a synonym, not only for greatness, but also for honesty and uprightness

wherever spoken.

"The themes of Roberts' address – the community's exceptional place in African-American history and its enduring legacy for its descendants – struck responsive chords for those in attendance. They helped define the community's special character; affirmed their own success as Black Americans in moving beyond the farm neighborhood and offered hope and promise for those following in their own footsteps."

Photo provided

Hamilton County Historian David Heighway delivered a proclamation of the County Council recognizing the legacy of Roberts Settlement on its 100th Homecoming. (From left) David Heighway, Lezlie Davis, and La Vella Hyter. See more photos of the celebration at [ReadTheReporter.com](#).

HONOR

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The Scouts have eagerly embraced this mission.

In 2017, Jeremiah Best's Eagle Scout service project included placing a disposal box at the front entrance of Post 470 where anyone can bring flags for dignified disposal. A year later, Connor Stockton's Eagle project involved building a pentagon-shaped, stone fire pit behind the American Legion. Another Scout, Marley Duvall, now at Hamilton Southeastern High School, took over flag duty at his junior high when he realized the school was not following proper protocol.

In recent years, the Scouts have held two flag retirement ceremonies a year. With commitment like the Pony Express, last fall, they continued retiring flags even with snow coming down.

The most recent ceremony occurred on June 17, appropriately the Saturday after Flag Day.

Scouts and leaders from Westfield BSA Troops 1910 and 1920 and Fishers BSA Troop 205 lent their support. However, Troop 303 and 3030 Scouts could be distinguished by their red, white, and blue neckerchiefs specially designed bearing both the pentagon and the American Legion symbols to represent their commitment to the flag.

As the fire began to burn, the Crossroads of America Scout Band welcomed guests with patriotic tunes. Behind them, tables laden with torn and tattered flags, including those collected in the disposal box from local citizens and city workers as well as many recovered from an old VFW building, awaited their final service.

Troop 303 and 3030 Committee Chair David Sklarenko welcomed a crowd of about 50, including Scout families, American Legion members, and members of the Hamilton County community. Even some bikers on the Nickel Plate Trail stopped to pay their respects as Scouts presented the colors, led the pledge of allegiance, and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Scouts read excerpts from the United States Flag Code, which was written

Reporter photo by Amy Adams

BSA Scouts salute the flag as the Crossroads of America Scout Band plays the national anthem.

Photos provided by Jeff White

Scouts Maddelyn Sills (left) and Marley Duvall holding flags ready to be properly retired.

with the help of the American Legion and goes back 100 years.

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

With the fire overseen by Jeff Trumbower, advancement committee member, Scouts continued to dispose of the flags, including some large post flags, until around 2 p.m. when they had all been burned.

"We are glad to see a younger generation learning proper flag etiquette and loyalty," said Post 470 Chaplain Charles Warren.

During his 30 years of service to the U.S. Army, Warren was trained in military ceremonies and funerals. He handled flags in funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, participated in President Ronald Reagan's inauguration, and gave guid-

ance to President Bill Clinton at a governor's funeral.

BSA Troops 303 and 3030 also sell new, top-quality, embroidered U.S. flags, as well as Indiana state, POW-MIA, and military branch insignia flags. Flag purchases not only benefit the Troops directly, they also support programs through the American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis that help veterans and families.

The next flag retirement ceremony in Fishers will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, which is Veteran's Day, at American Legion Post 470, 9091 E. 126th St., Fishers.

You can drop off worn flags any time in the weather-proof box at this location. You can also purchase new flags and get details about the next flag retirement ceremony at [troop303flags.com](#). Read more about flag protocol at [legion.org/flag/resources](#).

Hamilton County Judge Paul Felix appointed to 5th 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

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.



Felix

ARRIVAL

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Photo provided

worried about me dealing with the mess, clean-up, vendors, and insurance.

Here’s the thing. It will all be fixed, replaced, or whatever. Is it frustrating? Absolutely. Is it a quick fix? No.

Homeownership is a blessing ... until it’s a nightmare. Can I get an “Amen?”

Over the years of owning a 100-year-old house, I’ve had more than my fair share of homeownership issues. That’s a whole column that may be written someday.

I tell Chuck I am experienced in dealing with home disasters. I will get’er done.

As I write this, I am on Day 4 of dealing with insurance, the restoration company, HVAC guys, and contractors. I’m looking at fans, dehumidifiers, electrical cords, and all kinds of things sucking up the water. The restoration company has a system that tells them, at the office, just how much percentage of dampness is in each area, without having to be physically here.

I’m writing this with a feeling of gratitude. I caught a glimpse of the silver lining as I began to write this column. At first, it was a tiny sliver of silver. I had to squint to see it and put on



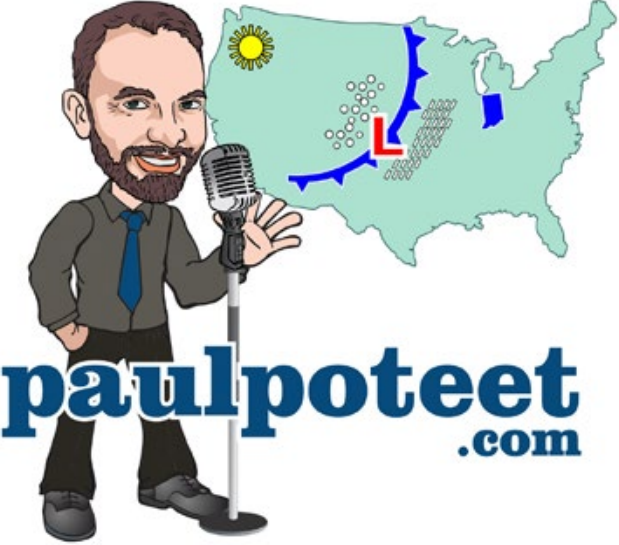
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my perspective glasses.

The disaster could have been worse and the damage greater. We caught it before mold or mildew had occurred. We found the right people who acted quickly to clean up the mess and repair the damage. I have found that I sleep well with the sound of multiple fans and dehumidifiers running.

Chuck will arrive in a few hours unless the rain pours and the lightning strikes with an Indiana storm. I plan to spend time at the beach. Chuck says I deserve it. First, I must unpack the carry-on Emily wheeled inside the house Wednesday night. I haven’t had time to do it. I’ve been a little busy.

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Noblesville Lions Club inducts new member



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions Club inducted Jeff Stutesman as a new member. Jeff was inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki and is sponsored by Steve Craig. As a new member, Jeff quickly saw all the activities the club is involved with, and the friendships that can be developed. (From left) Lions Steve Craig, Jeff Stutesman, and Julia Kozicki.

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

The REPORTER

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

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

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

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



Photos provided

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

achievements. Tim and I delivered on that plan, and he and I feel blessed that we had that opportunity.”

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

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

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



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

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

served as Table Hosts for the scholarship recipients.

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

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

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 be 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 available 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.

Following through on the commitment to honor county’s fallen firefighters

The REPORTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Timeline

- September 2008: Hamilton County Fallen Firefighters added to the State of Indiana Firefighters Memorial located next to the state capitol in Indianapolis.
- December 2008: First meeting of the Hamilton County Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee. Tony Murray was contacted a few months prior by Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger. Riverwalk site toured.
- March 17, 2009: Members of HCFF Memorial Committee meet with the Riverwalk Committee.
- April 9, 2011: HCFF Memorial Committee accepts ownership of a four-foot steel I-beam artifact from the New York and New Jersey Port Authority. Steel will be incorporated into Memorial Plaza honoring firefighters who died on 9/11.
- October 13, 2013: Official fundraising kickoff for the HCFF Memorial.
- March 2014: Artist Nicholas Wilson of Tubac, Ariz., was commissioned by the HCFF Memorial Committee to create the centerpiece bronze statue for the memorial.
- April 29, 2016: Members of the HCFF Memorial Committee along with Richard Moulder, son of Bud Moulder, accept ownership of the bronze centerpiece statue at the Bronzesmith Foundry in Prescott, Ariz.
- April 29, 2016: Hamilton County Councilman Steve Schwartz and his wife Lori leave Bronzesmith Foundry with centerpiece statue loaded in a U-Haul truck of which U-Haul generously donated its usage to transport the centerpiece.
- May 2, 2016: Centerpiece statue arrives in downtown Noblesville.
- December 2021: Hamilton County Commissioners advise the HCFF Memorial Committee to proceed with construction of the memorial.
- June 2022: Due to cement and concrete shortages in central Indiana, the start of construction is delayed.
- June 23, 2023: Ground-breaking ceremony at the building site. Families of the fallen firefighters attend a ceremony to “move dirt to start construction.”

Memorial Plaza
Features & Materials
Memorial Plaza

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

Centerpiece Statue

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

Statue Pedestal

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

Memorial Columns

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

Sept. 11 Memorial

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

Donor Recognition

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



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



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

Hamilton County’s Fallen Firefighters

BYRON J. GALBREATH

Died in the line of duty, August 15, 1951

Noblesville Firefighter Byron J. Galbreath was electrocuted and died from his injuries while working at a fire in a junk yard at 6th & Preston streets in Noblesville.

CYRUS “SKIP” CLARK

Died in the line of duty, December 3, 1960

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

RAYMOND E. MOULDER

Died in the line of duty, October 13, 1967

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

MARK GLENN “ROBO” ROBINSON

Died in the line of duty, June 19, 2017

Fire Fighter Mark Robinson passed away at his home surrounded by his family. Mark’s death is considered a Line of Duty Death due to occupational cancer. Mark was a firefighter for the Carmel Fire Department for 18 years.

GARY SOUTHERLAND

Died in the line of duty, January 12, 2020

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



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

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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.wedo-auctions.com. With early registration available to some sponsors, SYAP has sold almost half the limit, so don’t delay in reserving a seat.

Local chambers of commerce welcome Dr. Rachel Kartz for July ‘Eggs & Issues’

The REPORTER

Dr. Rachel Kartz will be the presenter for Eggs & Issues in July.

Eggs & Issues is a monthly morning program with presenters and topics that make an impact in Hamilton County. This program is made up of OneZone, Northern Hamilton County, and Westfield Chamber of Commerce and is presented by Church Church Hittle and Antrim.

Dr. Rachel Kartz serves Ivy Tech Hamilton County as interim Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. She joined the College in 2014 as Assistant Department Chair and Assistant Professor of English. She has held successive roles at the College since then, serving as English Department Chair and then Dean of the School of Arts, Sciences and Education, achieving Full Professor during this time.

Dr. Kartz has over 15 years of experience in higher education. Prior to



Kartz

Ivy Tech, she taught at the University of Indianapolis, Gonzaga University, Spokane Falls Community College, and Eastern Washington University.

Raised in Milwaukee, Wis., she was the first in her family to attend college. She has a bachelor’s in business administration and human resources from Marquette University, a master’s in creative writing from Eastern Washington University, and recently defended her dissertation for her doctorate in Higher Education Leadership from Indiana State University.

This event will be held at from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 14 at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Registration is required by noon on Friday, July 7. Members and non-members are invited to attend, and the cost is \$28. Reservations can be made at onezonechamber.com or by calling (317) 436-4653.

Community News

Hope Bible Fellowship invites you to Ice Cream Social

Hope Bible Fellowship of Noblesville invites the community to an Ice Cream Social to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at 2350 Conner St.

Come enjoy free ice cream, play yard games, get your face painted, and make new friends.

Learn more at HopeBibleFellowship.net or call (317) 678-9017.

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Heights’ own Kim Kaiser honored as Top Dual Credit Faculty Member

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College honored Kim Kaiser of Cicero as one of 19 individuals across the state selected to receive the second annual Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction President’s Awards, the highest honor for Ivy Tech dual credit faculty.

Winners were announced at a special ceremony on June 14 in Indianapolis and the event concluded with the 2023 Statewide Award recipient, Dr. Christine Herr of Ivy Tech Richmond.

The College honored each one of the winners for their excellence in instruction and their positive impact on the dual credit students that they served during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Kaiser, who teaches at Hamilton Heights High School, was chosen out of over 100 dual credit instructors at Ivy Tech Hamilton County to receive the award.

“Kim is a wealth of vibrant energy and knowledge,” said Nicol Bradberry, Department Chair for the School of Business, Logistics, & Supply Chain at the Hamilton County Campus. “She displays compassion for her students and continues to shine with new collaborative ideas not only with students, but partners within Hamilton County.”

“Dual credit faculty provide students with skills, knowledge, and competencies aligned with clear career pathways and seamless college transfer,” Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann said. “Dual credit programming taught by credentialed high school faculty is of tremendous value to our students and our state. By helping students earn post-secondary credentials while in high school, we’re accelerating Indiana’s economic growth and Hoosier prosperity.”

“Our dual credit faculty go above and beyond to ensure our students receive the best value for their education and pair that with innovative approaches to ensure the possibility of a post-secondary credential,” Interim Vice President of K-14 and Strategic Initiatives Monica Hingst said. “This award recognizes instructors who best demonstrate excellence in instruction and exemplifies the mission of Ivy Tech.”

The Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction President’s Award is modeled after the College’s President’s Award to recognize College faculty and adjunct faculty members from Ivy Tech locations throughout the state.



Northern Hamilton County Chamber names Tonya Hyatt as executive director

The REPORTER

Northern Hamilton County Chamber, an affiliate of OneZone Chamber, announced last Thursday that Tonya Hyatt will serve as the Executive Director.

Hyatt brings an extensive background of working collaboratively with organizations to grow their businesses while also improving their communities. She will take on responsibility for the operational aspects of the organization, along with oversight of member acquisition and retention, member services, and events.

“I am thrilled and honored for this opportunity to advocate for the businesses, communities, and people of Northern Hamilton County,” Hyatt said. “Great things are happening in this great section of the county, and I am excited to represent the Northern Hamilton County Chamber as the new Executive Director.”

Hyatt holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Purdue University and has served in various professional roles throughout her career, including an accountant and senior financial analyst for large multi-hospital systems and as an Operations Coordinator for Community Growth with a focus of growing businesses and improving its respective community. She is a community focused leader with a passion to build strong networks and communities and has a long history of community advocacy and volunteering. Currently, she serves on the Noblesville Youth Assistance Program Board and is a Coach for Girls on the Run.

“We are excited to welcome Tonya as the Executive Director of Northern Hamilton County Chamber,” Northern Hamilton County Chamber and OneZone Chamber President Jack Russell said. “Her knowledge of rural communities mixed with her passion to serve make her the perfect person to serve our mission of helping businesses and communities thrive in the northern part of our county.”



Kaiser

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



Photos provided

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.

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 week-end meal kits for students in the program. Additionally, the donation will support increasing facility size to store more food.

Stephanie Marsh, Director of Client Engagement for WalkerHughes Insurance, originally received a \$5,000 donation for



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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.

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 (agentgiving.com/WalkerHughes-Insurance) where WalkerHughes insurance had the opportunity to raise an additional \$5,000 by

conducting a local awareness campaign for the nonprofit.

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

Hamilton County Leadership Academy announces Class of 2023 graduates

The REPORTER

Earlier this month, the Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) added 34 community leaders to their alumni ranks. With this graduating class, HCLA’s more than 30-year legacy grew to over 850 alumni who have and continue to make their mark in Hamilton County.

HCLA has officially announced the graduates of the HCLA Class of 2023:

- Ramona Adams | The Center for the Performing Arts
- Ali Alvey | Beaver Gravel
- Stephanie Amick | Agape Therapeutic Riding
- Ed Bukovac | Citizens Energy Group
- Jamar Cobb-Dennard | Indiana Business Advisors
- Todd Crosby | Eli Lilly and Company
- Christi Crosser | Nova 29, LLC
- John DeLucia | Citizens State Bank
- Dustin Dixon | Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office
- Laurie Dyer | T&T Sales and Promotions, Inc.
- Brad Fruth | Becks Hybrids
- Roz Harris | Fit Chicks
- John Helling | Hamilton East Public Library
- Taylor Hollenbeck | Indiana Office of Technology

- Sam Hughes | Church Church Hittle + Antirum
- Dave Hyatt | Riverview Health
- Travis Lovett | Krieg DeVault LLP
- John Mann | Noblesville Police Department
- Harley McCorkle | Duke Energy
- Kathryn McLaughlin | Community Health Network
- Brian Mills | ADVISA
- Jennifer Neher Sommers | Conner Prairie
- Kathy Pelletier | The Children’s Therapy Foundation, Inc.
- Jennifer Penix | Carmel Education Foundation
- Stephanie Perry | City of Fishers
- Julie Pettypool | Browning
- Anita Rogers | Hamilton County Community Foundation
- Steven Rushforth | Hamilton County Government
- Jack Russell | OneZone Chamber of Commerce
- Jen Sackel | Dentons Bingham Greenbaum LLP
- Sarah Shields | Hamilton Superior Court
- Bailey Spitznagle | City of Westfield
- Dr. Jennifer Wheat Townsend | Noblesville Schools
- Leah York | Talbott Talent

“I have been inspired by this experience and by every member of this class,” HCLA Class of 2023 Dean Karen Rad-



cliff said. “I am thankful for the time and devotion people spent participating in such a positive way. I am delighted by the connections I’ve made with new friends and colleagues. And I am proud of my part in building something that felt bigger and more meaningful together than it would have been experienced as individuals.”

The HCLA program is made possible by the support of community partners with a special thank you to Duke Energy and the Hamilton County Community Foundation who served as the Program Sponsors for the Class of 2023.

HCLA’s legacy will continue to grow as preparation for the HCLA Class of 2024 is in motion. A formal announce-

ment of the next cohort will be made in July.

About HCLA

HCLA is a 10-month program for professional and community leaders who live or work in Hamilton County. Class sessions cover a wide variety of topics that affect the operations of the county. Participants receive learning in the areas of government, education, criminal justice, arts, culture, business, industry, and much more.

Graduates of the program have a deeper knowledge and understanding of Hamilton County, create meaningful, life-long connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders, and gain clarity around how to lead and make an impact in their backyard.

Walking to find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy

By **AMY ADAMS**
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What started as a way to celebrate Graham Vollmer’s birthday has become an annual event with far-reaching impact. When Graham was born in 2015, parents Adrienne and Nick Vollmer noticed that he had weakened muscles throughout his body. It took about eight weeks for specialists to officially diagnose their third child with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. At the time, doctors could offer the Vollmers no treatment options and no cure. “They told us to make the best of our time with him and that he probably wouldn’t see his second birthday,” Adrienne said.

A rare genetic condition, SMA affects around 1 in 10,000. While there are four types, the earlier the age of onset, the greater the impact on motor function. Infants like Graham who show symptoms from birth are considered Type 1, which can affect the ability to sit, crawl, walk, and even breathe. Thankfully, Graham qualified for a clinical trial at Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. The repeated trips and lumbar injections proved to be worth it. Graham’s second birthday brought cause for celebration. A group of friends helped the Vollmers organize the first Cure SMA Walk for Graham in May of 2017. “It was a milestone we didn’t think he would meet,” Adrienne said. That first walk drew 400 people and raised more than \$81,000 for Cure SMA, a national advocacy program that

directs funds to support those diagnosed with the disease and their families. By the second walk in May 2018, Graham’s Bill had been signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb. The bill, for which Adrienne had testified and worked with State Rep. Doug Gutwein, added SMA to the Indiana State Newborn Screen. Because of the partnership of people like the Vollmers with Cure SMA, 99 percent of babies born in the U.S. are screened for SMA. Forty-eight states plus Washington, D.C. have instituted screening at birth. Only Nevada and Hawaii do not as of Feb. 22, 2023. In addition, Cure SMA invests in groundbreaking research that has led to approval of three treatments for SMA since Graham’s initial prognosis. The first was Spinraza from Biogen, the medication from Graham’s first trial. In 2019, Novartis medication Zolgensma received FDA approval. In January 2021, Graham began taking Evrysdi, a medication from Genentech released in August 2020. A once-a-day oral liquid, Evrysdi is the only treatment for SMA that can be taken at home. ““Making a difference” would be a very big understatement,” Adrienne said. “It’s really wonderful, not just for Graham, but for everyone with SMA.”

Now eight years old, Graham is a student at Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield in a mainstream classroom with an IEP and the help of his full-time nurse to provide any accommodations he needs. “Graham is doing amazing,” Adrienne said. “He just



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

has such a positive outlook. He never gets frustrated by what he can’t do, he just gets excited about what he can do.” For this year’s walk, he wants to coordinate a dance with his friend Annie. Annie’s mom, local realtor Erin Watts, is one of an 11-member committee who helps plan and execute the annual walk that continues to grow each year. Many of the children of committee members, including Graham’s older siblings, Ben and Lucy, even have “side-hustle” fundraisers. “It has been rewarding to see as a mom,” Adrienne said. Though the annual event has moved from May to August, it continues to honor Graham. It also brings together SMA families with its commemorative one-mile walk-and-roll that represents the community coming together to offer support and fight for a cure. Last year, 850 participants raised nearly \$170,000. They

also welcomed more than 20 families affected by SMA. Registration is free for these families, and there is a special lounge where they can gather. “We really try to treat them like the guests of honor,” Adrienne said. The seventh annual SMA Walk for Graham will kick off at 4 p.m. on Aug. 5 with ball-park-style food, a play zone for kids, and more at Coxhall Gardens at 11677 Towne Road, Carmel. Following a 6 p.m. opening ceremony on their giant new stage, the walk-and-roll will begin around 6:30 p.m. The raffle and silent auction, which will include a Blackstone grill, will close at 7:30 p.m., and the event will conclude around 9 p.m. Registration is \$30 and includes food and drinks, a goodie bag, and an exclusive event T-shirt. Register as an individual, create a team, or become a sponsor, at tinyurl.com/y2fny5dz.

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.

To expect something for nothing is at variance with logical reasoning. While it is written, “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” This should not be misconstrued to encourage indolence and vagrancy. The Scriptures also declare “if any would not work, neither should he eat.” Simply giving a hand out to mendicant induces further begging, unless it also affords medical stimulus. After the youth had eaten heartily, he observed that Grandpa was reading the Bible, and coming near, softly remarked: “When my mother was living, she read to me in a book like that. I wish I had one.” Being the oldest grandson in the family at his grandfather’s death, two Bibles were given to Grandpa Howard. One of which was a small leather-bound book, filled with age, that I had intended to keep for an heirloom. Grandpa said he shall never know whether the wondering boy ever read the book, or carelessly tossed by the roadside. It may have recalled the lessons taught on his mother’s knee.

Grandpa was fully persuaded that the Bible was an infallible guide that each traveler needs in the journey of life. It promotes honest endeavor, strengthens the weak, comforts of sorrowing, and gives assurance at the last mile of the way. Grandpa Howard went on to say that soon after the death of an aged mother, he was called to assist in arrangements for the final rites. The family requested that he write the obituary. They were indefinite concerning the necessary data, and when Grandpa asked if there were a family record, a daughter replied, “Yes, in an old Bible that is around here somewhere. I will look for it.” After rummaging through a miscellaneous lot of magazines and newspapers she said, “I guess it has been misplaced.” When Grandpa inquired regarding the number and names of the surviving members there was a discrepancy in the answers given. Finally, a daughter said, “Well, there is one more, living, but she was born out of wedlock, so we will not count her.” Grandpa had not been acquainted with the deceased, but the inevitable reputation of her sons impressed him that perhaps the Bible had long been misplaced in their home.

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 [Sheridan-FCC.org](https://sheridan-fcc.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 if you have any questions. *The mission of Sheridan First Christian Church is to provide a welcoming community to help anyone know, love, and follow Jesus.*

World peace, pancakes, no polyps

For **Dave Barry**
“How’s your butt-hole today?”

That’s how my proctologist greeted me upon entering the exam room just before my colonoscopy. Her tone was as chirpy as if she had actually ridden in on a golden ray of sunshine singing, “Good morning ... good morning,” Judy Garland style.

I blushed. I’m uncomfortable with butt banter. I had never said butt-hole before, let alone written it (until now!). Heck, I’m still in denial of my welcome-to-this-world meconium moment way back in a birthing room in 1964.

My wife, Brynne, laughed loud enough for us both. That she was raised with an older brother naturally made her a lifelong fan of scatological humor. A squeezed plastic ketchup bottle breaking wind during a fine dining experience seldom escapes without some cheeky remark of hers while I prudently pretend the Whoopee cushion sound emitting from the condiment bottle never happened. If a person happens to glance over from his or her table, I explain, “That wasn’t me. That was the ketchup bottle – or my wife.”

An honest answer to my proctologist’s question would’ve been, “It’s very puckered considering what it’s about to go through.” In hindsight, I suspect it was my proctologist’s standard greeting for all patients just to lighten the mood. I had my first colonoscopy at 50, with plans to undergo a second 10 years later. I was moved to the five-year plan, though, when my mom was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer in 2016, accounting for my second screening at 55. Both times, polyps were found, removed, and deemed non-cancerous. In 2021, cancer finally killed Mom. She never once had a colonoscopy, too shy to discuss butt matters with others. That her mother was also diagnosed with colon cancer decades ear-

lier made me even more susceptible to becoming a cancer statistic. Based on family history, my proctologist became adamant that I now get screened every three years, not five. I don’t mind the actual colonoscopy – anesthesia makes it a non-event. What I dread is the required preparatory process: the fasting; the 96 snot-flavored ounces of 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 *Bos-*



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

ton. “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 eyeblink 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 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-hole? 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-hole 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. Contact: scottsaaalman@gmail.com



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Risks of eating lots of red meat

Let's take a look at healthy eating.

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

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

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

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

Red meat is a major source of nutrition and protein for Americans, but there are healthier options. Why is red meat likely harmful to health? Red meat contains an abundance of saturated fats and cholesterol that promote plaque accumulation in the arteries leading to coronary heart disease and other vascular disease. But this study, as well as previous studies, indicates that saturated fats and cholesterol do not account for all the increased risk of vascular disease. There must be other factors. Red meat contains heme iron (from blood cells) that has also been correlated with an increased risk of heart disease.

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

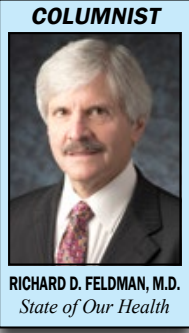
Over the years, strong consistent evidence establishes that the healthiest realistic and sustainable way to eat is the Mediterranean diet. This diet greatly limits red meat, is rich in fish, poultry, healthy mono-saturated fats, nuts, legumes, fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, and low-glycemic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

Refined sugar should be limited in our diets since it leads to high insulin levels that stimulate appetite and open metabolic pathways that promote weight gain and obesity. High sugar intake has also been implicated in heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and hypertension.

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

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

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COLUMNIST

RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.

State of Our Health

Dear Muscular Dystrophy

A letter to Muscular Dystrophy on the eve of my 49th birthday. This has been a lifelong journey ...

Dear Muscular Dystrophy,

At times you dazzle me, showing me the heights of human love and kindness, and at other times you take me to the deepest, darkest parts of my soul. I have silently pleaded, please just let this end. I don't want to do this anymore. I'd like to say that was a one-time thought, but you've made it impossible to tell that as a truth.

I want to love you because you are a part of me, but you make it so hard at times. You feel like a best friend when I achieve feats that seem impossible due to my physical weakness, but also you feel like my worst enemy living inside of my body when you fail me, and I'm once again lying on the floor.

You robbed me of big



GUEST COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN

Humbly Courageous

chunks of childhood joy, while I sat in silent envy of my friends, as I watched them effortlessly turn cartwheels, run and jump.

You are stuck to me like glue during the countless hours in waiting rooms, operating rooms and rehab facilities.

You have no doubt made me a mental champion, stronger than I could ever be without you. If they made trophies for staying mentally strong for 49 years, I think I'd win one.

You've been my greatest and toughest teacher.

For so long, I didn't even know your name. I begged for you to reveal yourself to me, but you made me wait. You taught me patience, even when I didn't want you to. When you finally introduced yourself to me, it was like I had known you all along.

You've easily caused me more pain and tears than any-

thing else in my life. You've taken me to the lowest depths of loneliness many, many times, but also like a trusty sidekick, you sat with me in those pits of despair until I pulled myself out.

You've introduced me to some of the finest and smartest doctor's around, if only to frustrate them because they couldn't "figure you out". Your elusive ways dumbfounded them.

You are slowly stealing from me things I once could do, and for that I am angry with you, while simultaneously, I'm grateful for ever being able to do those things.

You've been a teacher to my children who get a front row seat to your ugliness, as well as your beauty.

You've relentlessly stripped me to the core of my confidence, only to later restore it, as I spoke to a crowd of hundreds of people, proudly introducing us together.

You have, most importantly, brought me to a place of ultimate, spiritual connection, as I confidently and assuredly

walk my life's path, and for that, I thank you.

You ignite within me a fight to eradicate you, not just for me, but also for the many others who also know you well. In the same thought, I wonder what life would look like without you. Would I miss you?

You have forced me to walk humbly courageously day in and day out. I had no choice, but to finally accept you if I wanted to live life to the fullest. I'm glad that we finally got there together. One day, I hope to say goodbye to you in this lifetime, but I do think, "yeah, I'd miss you", if only to remember the good you have brought to my life.

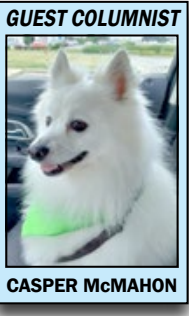
Amy Shinneman lives life with a condition called Bethlem Myopathy, which is a type of Muscular Dystrophy. She likes to help others by showing how she lives well with a debilitating condition. She was born with this disease, so it's the only way she knows life. She continues to work on embracing herself and using that to help others.

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

"I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it." - Abraham Lincoln

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

I conferred with Blue, who also lives here (though we disagree on who is the favorite!) and we agree on some specific items which we hope all of you



GUEST COLUMNIST

CASPER McMAHON

humans consider especially during the hot "dog days" of summer! The statistics and ideas presented here were obtained from the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States. Please check with your own veterinarian for more specifics or clarifications.

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

Please do not leave us in a parked car on a lovely summer day! We love you and yes, we

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

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



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

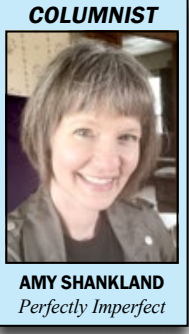
able and scary. Dogs can, and do, suffer damage to their ears and hearing just as humans can.

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

Where did the mental load come from?

I'll never forget my folklore professor telling us during a class at Indiana University about how men and women were considered equal a century or more ago in the U.S. A man's role of either working outside of the home or farming was no better than a woman's role of taking care of the home and children. Both were essential for a family to thrive and do well.

I'm not sure how true that was, but the concept sounded great to me. I'm glad, however, that women have more choices today. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, in 1920, 21 percent of people in the U.S. workforce were women. Today, that number has risen to almost



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AMY SHANKLAND

Perfectly Imperfect

50 percent. As more women have entered the workplace, however, various home and parenting responsibilities haven't been shifting accordingly.

Men are taking on more hands-on parenting tasks than their fathers before them. I remember my mother marveling at John's parenting skills 22 years ago when our oldest was just a newborn. He had left our table at a restaurant to change Jonathon in the men's restroom.

"Your father never once changed a diaper," she commented.

I laughed to myself as I remembered Dad asking Mom once where the forks were in our house. He was a good pro-

vider, a loving husband, and a great father. Other than handling our finances, he left the rest of the home and childcare responsibilities to Mom. She didn't work outside the home and did a wonderful job with me and my siblings.

Men have made progress, and my husband and several of our male friends are a great example of this. But research finds that even as more women enter the work force and men take on more chores, there's still a burden many women seem to carry all by ourselves: the mental load.

Why? As my other son Jacob would say, blame society. Women typically adopt this mental labor because our mothers did it and so did our grandmothers. We also worry that the blame for any family or domestic failures will fall squarely on us.

What about same-sex couples raising children today? According to a May 2018 New York Times article, research has consistently found that same-sex couples divide up chores more equally. But when gay and lesbian couples have children, they often begin to divide things as heterosexual couples do, according to new data for larger, more representative samples of the gay population.

Though the couples are still more equitable, one partner often has higher earnings, and the other one has a greater share of household chores and childcare. The article states that this shows these roles are not just about gender.

What's the bottom line? Work and much of society are still built for single-earner families.

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

In my May column, I wrote about Panorama surveys and why several of the school districts in Hamilton County are getting rid of them. The 2023 Indiana General Assembly passed



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MELBA KISER

and the governor signed HB 1447, which deals with third-party surveys and how they are to be administered as well as new requirements for parental notification.

During the same session, there was a Senate

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

Testimony on the Sen-

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

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

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

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

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

it takes place outside or inside of a school setting.

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

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

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!"

"You're right," he said, "and it's not really the job itself. That's why I'm not putting out résumés to look for something else. It would be like, 'How long until that one runs its course and

I'm back to right back here again?' I think maybe I'm burned out on capitalism."

I told him I can see that.

"Pretty much everyone I say that to tells me they get it," he said.

"Clearly you misunderstood me," I said. "What I meant by, 'I can see that,' was that can I see how YOU would feel that way. I love me some capitalism, brother!"

"Well, you're at the top of your hierarchy."

"That doesn't matter. You make more way money than I do. That doesn't matter either. I've always loved capitalism. There's an equation to it. I could write the algorithm for it. I do the things. I get lights. The cats get food. If I do the things better, there's extra. I earned that. I'm like the hen in that kids' story."

"What story is that?"

His mom, who spent her career as an elementary school teachers asked, "Do you mean *The Little Red Hen*?"

"Yes," I said. Then to my friend: "Do you know that one?"

"No."

"No? But you're HER son. How do you not know this? Okay, look, there's this hen and she's growing wheat, but nobody wants to help. She asked them to help plant it and they won't. She asks them to tend it and harvest it and they all say—"

"So this is an allegory about patience again?"

"No. No it's not. It's about

how they all want some of her bread because it smells great, but she won't give them any. They didn't help, so she gets to eat all the tasty bread herself because she did all the work."

"That's not how you make friends."

"No, Mr. Snarky, it's how you make bread when everyone else is too lazy to help. Then you get to eat bread."

"Did they ever teach you the stone soup story?" he asked.

"Yes, but what's that got to do with it? Nobody wants bread soup."

When my friend was in school, his teacher didn't just tell the story of stone soup. The class made it together. The teacher brought in a stone and a pot, and all the kids brought in something for the soup.

"Two things," I said. "One: you couldn't do that now. No one is letting a teacher make their kids eat out of a pot with a rock in it. 'Where did that rock come from? What kind of rock is it? That rock is literally just compressed dirt; you can't make my kid eat dirt.' And two: [turning to his mom] how much did they pay teachers back then that they had to eat stone soup?"

"It was about cooperation," my friend said, clearly a little exasperated. "We all came together and brought a little something and then we all got to eat soup."

His mom asked, "And how was the soup?"

"Not good," he said.

We all laughed.

"Was your teacher a bad

cook?" I asked.

"It wasn't her fault, but it was just bland and watery and ... well ... not good soup. I remember thinking that one of my classmates should have brought some spices – at least some salt."

His mom said, "And I'm sure there were some kids who didn't bring anything."

"Maybe those were the salt kids," he said.

"See! That's my point! In my red-blooded American hen story, I got good bread. You're stuck over there with disappointing socialist soup. How's that working out for you?"

"Not great, but—"

As Red Forman said in *That 70s Show*, "Work is work. You don't show up late, you don't make excuses, and you don't not work. If it wasn't work, they wouldn't call it work. They'd call it super, wonderful, crazy fun time. Or skippity-doo."

The Reporter involves a lot of work, but I'm not going to let a committee, a corporation, or a wave of socialism water it down and forget to add the good bits. The spirits of my daughter and father would never forgive me if I did.

Hamilton County, you deserve the good bread.

Dear Indianapolis, my old friend has some soup for you.

Stu Clampitt loves both wisdom and efficiency. After nearly 30 years of chasing wisdom, he has not caught much, which means he is neither wise nor efficient. You can reach him by email at News@ReadTheReporter.com.

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 something is wrong.

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

The Reporter published a story this week (tinyurl.com/PayForYourNeighbor) about a program city officials have put in motion through a partnership with [Make-MyMove.com](https://www.makemymove.com) and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (iedc.in.gov). Essentially, the plan incentivizes out-of-state folks to move to Noblesville by giving them several perks and memberships at city amenities, as 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 (census.gov/quickfacts/noblesvillecity-indiana). 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 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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Hamilton County, 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 pro-

cedural 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 local

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."

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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 topog-

raphy, 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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FUN AT FOREST PARK CAROUSEL AND TOM THUMB GOLF COURSE

July 1-31, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., Forest Park
Cicero Road, Noblesville

Some FREE events! \$2 for carousel, \$3 for mini-golf
The 103-year-old “Little Beauty” Carousel (*pictured above*) and “Tom Thumb” mini golf course will be showcased in all their glory. FREE ride times will include July 11 and 18, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

MUSIC FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE

July 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Courthouse Square
Conner Street, Noblesville | **FREE**

The Noblesville Township Office will offer a jam-packed music festival to kick off Noblesville's month! Almost a dozen artists will play multiple genres throughout the day!

NOBLESVILLE NOSTALGIA ART SHOW

July 7-29 (hours vary), Nickel Plate Arts
South 8th Street, Noblesville | **FREE**

Artists will share original pieces showcasing Noblesville's history and heritage. Art from the Hamilton County Bicentennial book and traveling exhibit will also be on display. The exhibit will open on First Friday on July 7; visit with artists and book authors, and purchase a signed copy! (Limited quantities available.)

HISTORY FAIRE

July 8 and 22, Gal's Guide to the Galaxy Library
South 8th Street, Noblesville | **FREE**

Kids and adults are invited to create a tri-fold board and dress up as notable people from Hamilton County to interact with History Faire guests.

July 8, 1-2 p.m. Information session will provide ideas, examples and tri-fold boards for free.

July 22, 1-4 p.m. The History Faire is open to the public. See how history comes to life when the community shares what they have learned about our wonderful community.

HAMILTON COUNTY MILITARY & VETERANS CELEBRATION AND RESOURCE FAIR

July 8, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Noblesville Schools Community Center, Field Drive, Noblesville | **FREE**

Veterans, active military, their families, and the general public are invited to this Veteran Resource Fair to learn about federal, state and local resources available to our Hamilton County Veterans.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 45 REOPENING

July 15, time TBD, American Legion Post 45
South 8th Street, Noblesville | **FREE**

Recently moved from Conner Street to the historic R. L. Wilson House, the Noblesville American Legion invites the public to its reopening with activities, historic presentations, music and ice cream.

NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP'S SIGNATURE EVENT

HAMILTON COUNTY FABRIC ARTS SHOW

August 2023 (Visit HamCoTurns200.com for date updates)
Noblesville Township Office, South 8th Street, Noblesville
FREE



Celebrate the fabric arts, both old and new! Hosted in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, the Hamilton County Fabric Arts Show will showcase artists and techniques for different fabric arts. Check out heirlooms and new pieces and vote for your favorite. Artists may apply to participate until July 22.

TASTE OF HISTORY: EARLY NOBLESVILLE DINING AND RECIPES

July 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Hamilton East Public Library - Noblesville, Library Plaza | **FREE**

Sample dishes that made Noblesville's early restaurants famous, from corn pone to wild game; in partnership with 9th Street Bistro. (*Registration is full. Keep an eye out for the next in this series!*)

POLITICAL CELEBRITIES AND THE VOTE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 22, 1-4 p.m. Hamilton East Public Library - Noblesville, Library Plaza | **FREE**

Hear reenactments of speeches by Harry Truman, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony and Teddy Roosevelt on the stage of the Noblesville Street Dance! Free ice cream while supplies last. Inside the museum, enjoy the Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit “Faces in the Crowd.

GIBSON GUITAR AND MANDOLIN COMPANY TRAVELING INSTRUMENT TOUR

July 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Preservation Hall
Logan Street, Noblesville | **FREE**

Enjoy an exhibition of valuable antique and vintage instruments from 1903 to the present, transported all the way from Nashville, Tenn. Musician-historians, including the Master Luthier for the Gibson Company, will play and discuss the historic context of the instruments. (*RSVP requested.*)

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

July 29, 8-10 p.m., Potter's Bridge Park - Allisonville Road, Noblesville | **FREE**

Hamilton County Parks and White River Canoe Company are working together to provide a lighted visual experience for visitors during this evening event along historic Potter's Bridge.

HAMILTON CO. BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Noblesville:
July 1-14, Nickel Plate Arts, S. 8th St.
July 15-28, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Pleasant Street
July 29-Aug. 4, Noble Crossing Elementary School, Noble Crossing Parkway
FREE | Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when the exhibit is open to the public.



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Sometimes, sports is in your blood

Noblesville's Almodovars continue family tradition of athletic excellence

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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 champion 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 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 four 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.



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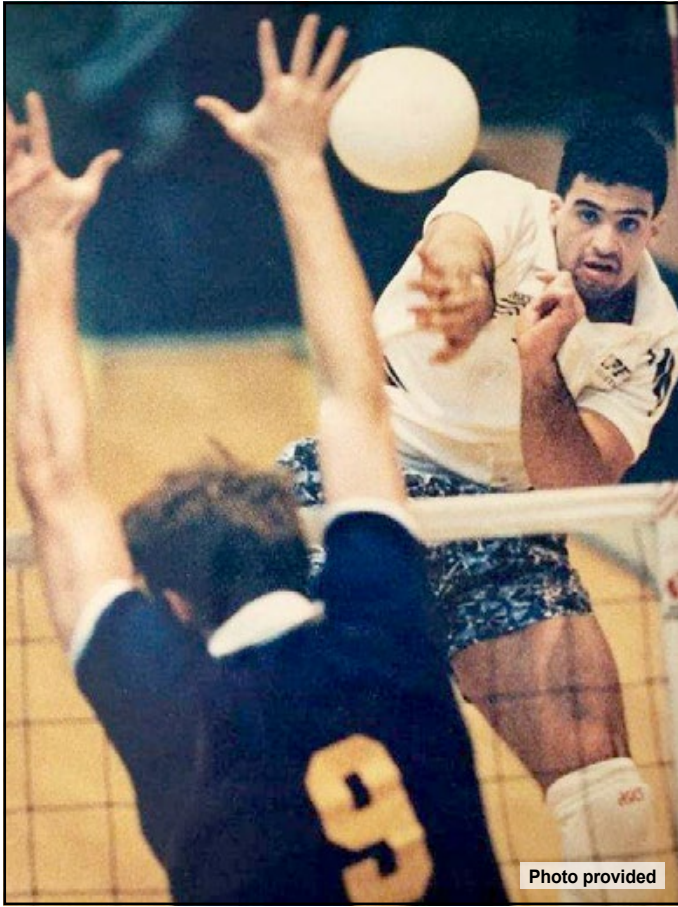
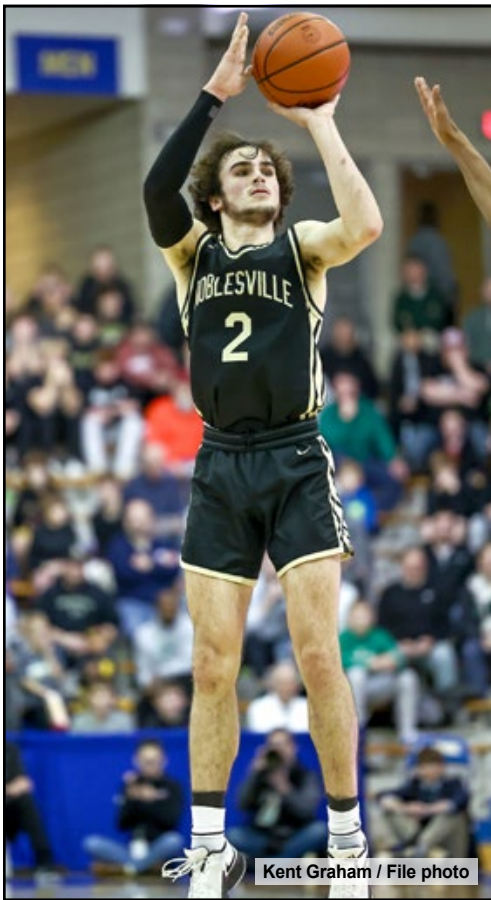


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The Almodovar family has had a long history of athletics success in Noblesville. Jill (Lyon) Almodovar (top left) was a basketball state champion and part of three sectional-champion volleyball teams, while Norman Almodovar (top right) played professionally 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.

"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 his first game as a varsity starter in his sophomore year, scoring 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

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“A total team commitment”

Guerin Catholic girls tennis team keeps community service at forefront

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The Guerin Catholic girls tennis team is a program on the rise, with a veteran coach, talented athletes and consistent rankings in the state’s top 30. It also has a tradition, one that’s just as (if not more) important to the team than wins and losses. The Golden Eagles team puts together yearly service projects that help those in the community in need.

“Sometimes we do more than one,” said Guerin Catholic coach Becky Ragsdale. “It just depends. We usually let our seniors be involved.”

Those seniors select a project, and the team tries to finish that project before the season starts. “But during the season, if there’s a need within our community, we’ll go ahead and do another service project,” said Ragsdale.

The projects are varied, but all of them center on helping people and bringing comfort to those who may be going through a tough time.

“We’ve visited the Bridgewater nursing home,” said Ragsdale. One project involved sending cards to people who are battling a terminal illness. “That was well-received,” said Ragsdale.

“We have good kids,” said Ragsdale, who has been coaching the GC team since 2015. “They’re just so thoughtful and compassionate and caring. It’s just an amazing accomplishment. It’s not about wins and losses for our team, it’s about giving back to our community.”

This year’s Guerin Catholic service project involved making hand-made blankets for people who are patients in infusion at the IU Health Joe and Shelly Schwarz Cancer Center. It’s a project that’s very close to Golden Eagles assistant coach Lynn Trott, as she is a cancer survivor.

“It’s important to me to be able to pay back a facility that saved my life,” said Trott, who volunteers at the center.

“She reached out to me in early December of last year wondering if the IU Health Schwarz Cancer Center would be open to a donation of handmade fleece blankets,” said Ann Bredensteiner, Manager of Integrative Health and Volunteers at the center. “Lynn has been a volunteer at the cancer center and she knows first-hand what kind of impact a donation

like this means to our facility. We enthusiastically said yes.”

The girls on the team took the project very seriously. They spent one of their Saturdays in the Guerin Catholic media center making the blankets, and Ragsdale said the players used their own babysitting money to buy the supplies.

“This has been such a meaningful service project that we will probably do it again next year,” said Ragsdale.

Hannah Dilley was one of the senior captains on the Golden Eagles team.

“It was a really good learning experience to learn how to plan things like this and organize a large group, because we never had as many tennis girls as we did this year,” said Dilley. “It was a lot more planning and making sure everyone was concluded. But it worked out really well.”

“Sometimes people have never had a handmade gift, let alone a handmade gift at a time they’re facing a health crisis,” said Trott. “I think it’s rewarding for our girls and out staff to give back to the community and show them how important it is to show compassion for people in times of need.”

The team made 30 blankets for the center – “It took three carloads to bring the blankets over,” said Trott. Each one contained a handwritten card as well.

“It’s a total team commitment,” said Ragsdale. “Our parents get involved, our team moms get involved, our coaches are there, everybody takes this very seriously. Our administration, they support us. Our principal let us come to school late.”

The blankets got a very positive reception from the patients.

“There were so many different types of blankets to choose from,” said Bredensteiner. “There were blankets with all different types of motifs and colors. The patients absolutely loved them.”

“That was really cool to see where all of our work was going,” said Dilley. “We packed all the blankets into the trunks of a few cars. We talked to the director, and she told us how meaningful everything was and how much of an impact it makes.”

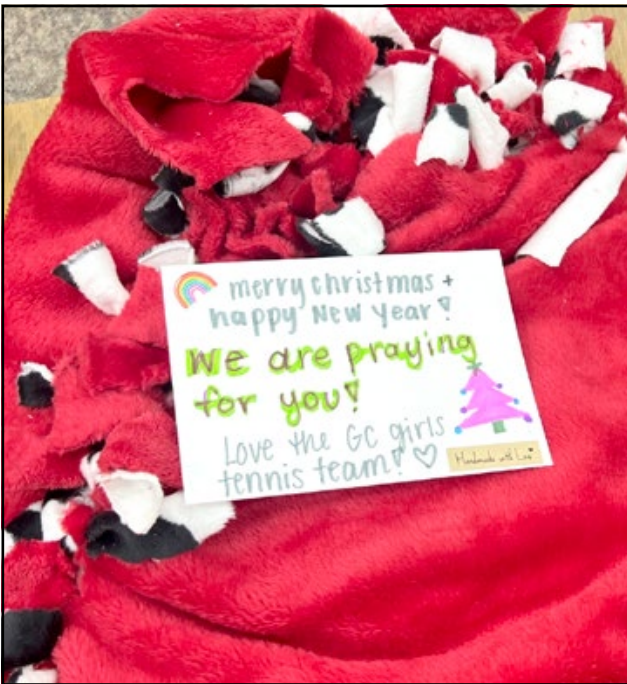
“Our goal was just to make these blankets and hopefully provide some kind of comfort and make somebody’s life a little happier,” said Ragsdale. The coach said both the school’s principal



The Guerin Catholic tennis team’s donations of blankets were well-received by the IU Health Schwarz Cancer Center. (From left) Ann Bredensteiner, Manager of Integrative Health and Volunteers; GC assistant coach Lynn Trott, and players Hannah Dilley, Emma Oakley, and Lauryn Reifel.



(Above) Junior varsity Purple and Gold Coach Jennifer Clouse, Assistant Coach Lynn Trott and Head Coach Becky Ragsdale show off one of the blankets made by the Guerin Catholic girls tennis team. (Right) For this year’s project, the team crafted hand-made blankets and delivered them to patients at the IU Health Joe and Shelly Schwarz Cancer Center.



Members of the Guerin Catholic girls tennis team spent a Saturday afternoon hand-crafting blankets for the IU Schwarz Cancer Center. (Front row) Anna Kolb and Kara Buehnerkemper. (Back row, from left) Katie Kolb, Meredith Mattingly, Grace Quigley, Lillian Quigley, Courtney Bassi, and Addison Gruesser.

some of the patients, such as Suzanne – “she’s still in our thoughts and prayers,” said Trott.

“We’re still thinking about her and we hope her recovery’s going well,” said Ragsdale.

Trott was one of those patients, so this project has additional meaning for her.

“As a grateful patient of IU Health, it’s super meaningful to me to be able to pay it forward, and to watch our girls experience that moment when something they had a hand in organizing is very meaningful to me as well,” said Trott. “I think the girls were able to experience first hand that

feeling of compassion when they recognized all the hard work that went into making this project happen and see the benefits of others receiving the blankets.”

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the IU Health Joe and Shelly Schwarz Cancer Center can visit iuhealth.org/North-volunteer.

Carmel & Fishers swimmers make impact at national championships

The REPORTER

Carmel and Fishers swimmers made their presence known last week at the 2023 Phillips 66 National Championships, which took place at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis, a familiar place for both schools.

Alex Shackell won several events at the IHSAA girls state finals in February, and she quickly accumulated two top five finishes during the meet’s first two days. Shackell took fifth in last 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 last 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 last 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 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, recently 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.

In last Thursday’s third day of competition, two Carmel swimmers were part of the “A” final in the women’s 100 butterfly race. Pash placed fifth in that event with a time of 57.53 seconds and Shackell just a few hundredths of a second behind her, placing sixth in 57.59 seconds.

Another Carmel swimmer competed in the “B” final of the women’s 50 backstroke.

Berit Berglund, a four-time high school state champion in the 100 backstroke, placed fifth in her Thursday race, clocking in at 28.49 seconds. Berglund just graduated from Carmel and will swim this coming school year at Texas.

In the men’s 400 medley race, Kyle Ponsler, a Fishers graduate who just finished his freshman year at North Carolina State, took seventh in that event’s “B” final with a time of 4 minutes, 22.04 seconds. Gregg Enoch, an incoming Carmel senior, finished second in the “D” final with a time of 4:20.19. Enoch dropped nearly five seconds from his qualifying heat time. He has committed to the University of Louisville.

Four was the magic number for Carmel last Friday at the IU Natatorium, on the fourth day of competition.

One of the events that

night 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 placed sixth in the final, clocking in at 3:49.43.

Kibler placed second in the “B” final with a time of 3:49.88, while Enoch, a senior-to-be at Carmel, placed fifth in the “D” final, finishing in 3:56.68.

In other events: Davis took sixth place in the “A” final of the men’s 100 backstroke (53.43 seconds); Sweeney won the “C” final in the women’s 100 breaststroke (1:08.76); Bowen, placed seventh in the “C” final of the women’s 400 freestyle (4:15.22); and Ramey was fifth in the “D” final of the women’s 100 backstroke (1:02.54).

The National Championships finished last Saturday with three Carmel swimmers reaching finals in their events.

Kibler swam in the “A” final of the men’s 50 free, finishing eighth with a time of 22.12 seconds. Sweeney placed sixth in the “C” final of the 200 medley, clocking in at 2:17.15. Shackell wrapped up her sensational week by winning the “D” final in the women’s 50 free. Her time was 25.76 seconds.

GC’s Modleski takes Boys State Junior Championship

The REPORTER

Jacob Modleski won another big championship last 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, part of the Shamrocks’ state runner-up team, 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 that were halted by weather 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.

Stroke play

The tournament began last Monday with stroke play, which took place at Purdue University’s Ackeman-Allen Course, lasted two rounds and finished the next day. The top 64 players after stroke play finished advanced to the match play portion of the tournament.

Hamilton County golfers had a large presence in match play, as 15 local golfers qualified for that portion of the tournament. Modleski led the way, tying for first place after stroke play by carding a 67-70=137 for his two rounds.

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

Harvey and Fishers’ Cole Starnes, a player on Hamilton

Southeastern’s third-place state team, tied for third place; each carded 70-71=141; placing them two under par. Harvey, one of eight Westfield players who advanced to match play, totaled 10 birdies, while Starnes drained eight birdies for the two days.

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

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

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

Other Hamilton County qualifiers are as follows:

T33. Matthew Shull, Westfield, 74-78=152 (three birdies)

T41. Cohen Steill, Westfield, 77-76=153 (eight birdies)

T46. McCullough, Carmel, 80-75=155 (three birdies)

T58. Jack Harris, Westfield, 79-78=157 (five birdies)

T58. Joseph Armfield, Carmel, 79-78=157 (two birdies)

Match play

Westfield’s young golfers had a productive time in as match play began at Purdue’s Kampen-Cosler Course. Four Westfield golfers advanced to the Round of 16, along with one player each from Noblesville, Carmel and Fishers.

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 Shull beating Jack Harris 2&1.

Modleski edged out Mid-



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Noblesville’s Jacob Modleski won another big championship last 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 Men’s Amateur Tournament on June 21.

dlebury’s Brock Reschly in 19 holes to advance to the 16s. Starnes beat Evansville’s Thomas Broshears 3&2, and McCullough defeated Bargersville’s Brody Holubar 2 up.

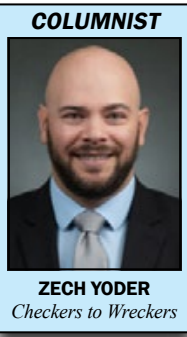
Two other county golfers fell in Round of 32 play. Upchurch fell to Middlebury’s Haarer 2 up, while Steill lost to Evansville’s Luke Johnston 1 up.

In first-round action, Upchurch was a winner over Indianapolis’ Eli Wessel (who plays for Guerin Catholic), while Steill beat Grabill’s Wes Opfinger 2&1. Alec Cesare defeated Nappanee’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: Kooi lost to Lafayette’s Sam Peter 1 up, while Ryan Cesare

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

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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 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 Day-ton, 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.”

Many county golfers stop in Plymouth to play in Age Group Championship

The REPORTER

A large group of Hamilton County golfers traveled to Plymouth last week to compete in the Buffy & Alice Mayerstein Age Group Championship, another important tournament on the Indiana Golf Association’s Howard Bailey Junior Golf Tour.

Three Fishers golfers finished first in their respective age groups. Mattingly Upchurch, an incoming sophomore at Hamilton Southeastern, won the Boys 15 division with a score of 145. Gavin Davis was first in the Boys 11 group, scoring a 149. Janelle Garcia, a sophomore-to-be at Southeastern, was the Girls 14 winner by scoring 150.

Here is a complete list of county results. Look for more golf results in the Reporter this summer.

BOYS 17

3. Mason Price, Carmel 73-75=148,

T11. Noah Husk, Carmel 79-79=158; Cohen Steill, Westfield 81-77=158, 19. Clark Schwartz, Westfield 81-83=164, 20. Tate LaBrune, Fishers 82-84=166.

BOYS 16

T7. Braden Hill, Carmel 74-79=153, T9. Lucas Brown, Fishers 77-77=154; Drew Werkley, Noblesville 73-81=154, T12. Lance Decker, Noblesville 77-78=155; Jackson Umthum, Noblesville 75-80=155, 15. Ryan Bangert, Carmel 81-78=159, T18. Jack Harris, Westfield 86-78=164, T20. Elliott Sell, Carmel 82-83=165, Aidan Jeffreys, Carmel 86-79=165, T23. Nathan Daugherty, Carmel 88-81=169, 26. Dylan Hughes, Westfield 80-90=170, 27. Kent Fujita, Carmel 88-83=171, 28. Owen Medley, Noblesville 83-92=175.

BOYS 15

1. Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers 75-70=145, T3. Mitchell Keene, Westfield 76-74=150; Ocean Permana, Carmel 72-78=150, 8. Ryan Cesare, Westfield 84-71=155, T9. Hudson Kutchna, Westfield 88-68=156, T14. Dillon Walworth, Carmel 81-78=159; Noah Johnson, Carmel 80-79=159, T17. Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 84-79=163; Dustin Turpin, Noblesville 83-80=163, T20. Graham Price, Carmel

86-78=164, 22. Chandler Witt, Noblesville 83-83=166, 23. Lorenzo Browning, Carmel 82-85=167, T24. Jaxon Henegar, Noblesville 91-78=169; Benjamin Kauffman, Carmel 82-87=169, 27. Brody Eureste, Westfield 91-84=175, T28. Alex Dunham, Noblesville 87-89=176; Benjamin Meece, Carmel 88-88=176, 31. Jackson Mahan, Noblesville 96-89=185.

BOYS 14

T2. Zane Corley 75-75=150, 5. Brayden Worthington, Westfield 77-78=155, 13. Ben Wilson, Carmel 80-90=170, 14. Patrick Wolf, Carmel 85-87=172, 18. Jack Armstrong, Carmel 86-91=177, 21. Christopher Koscal, Carmel 104-111=215.

BOYS 13

2. Alex Gardner, Carmel 85-81=166, T3. Luke Decker, Noblesville 81-87=168, 8. Keaton Knott, Westfield 93-90=183.

BOYS 12

7. J.T. Kelley, Noblesville 80-84=164, 9. Porter Bell, Noblesville 91-79=170.

BOYS 11

1. Gavin Davis, Fishers 75-74=149, 4. Simeon Reid, Carmel 97-95=192.

GIRLS 18

4. Claire Thompson, Westfield 93-

94=187.

GIRLS 17

11. Samantha Lemieux, Westfield 87-89=176.

GIRLS 16

2. Jordan Adam, Noblesville 80-77=157, 9. Brooke Willard, Fishers 84-84=168, 16. Emily Vandall, Fishers 96-99=195.

GIRLS 15

3. Josie Kelley, Noblesville 77-73=150, T8. Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 84-83=167, T11. Sydney Delagrang, Carmel 87-85=172, 13. Samantha Hanavan, Westfield 82-92=174, 14. Bevin Turner, Fishers 93-82=175.

GIRLS 14

1. Janelle Garcia, Fishers 78-72=150, T4. Sophie Roberts, Fishers 84-89=173, T6. Ellie Henegar, Noblesville 93-81=174; Madelynn Headlee, Carmel 84-90=174.

GIRLS 13

3. Keelin Werkley, Noblesville 98-96=194, 4. Lauren Turpin, Noblesville 94-104=198.

GIRLS 12

2. Karis Reid, Carmel 76-76=152, 3. Myra Sealey, Noblesville 75-81=156.

Southeastern & Fishers students make college commitments

The REPORTER

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

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

Maya Makalusky averaged 15.4 points and 3.9 rebounds per game for the Royals and was the team’s second-leading scorer, just behind older sister Riley Makalusky’s 19.9 points per game. Riley is now graduated and also committed to a Division I school, Butler University.

With her commitment to IU, Maya Makalusky will be-

come the second high-profile HSE player to compete for the Hoosiers. Sydney Parrish, the 2020 Indiana Miss Basketball, transferred to IU last season and was part of a Hoosiers team that earned a top-five national ranking and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Wolf commits to Ball State

Last Tuesday night, Fishers

football player Brady Wolf announced he was committed to Ball State University.

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



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

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

Colts get the party started at Grand Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

And I proudly smile and say ‘Yes, it is.’”

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

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

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

Practices start July 26

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

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

The final two practices of the camp, Aug. 16 and 17, will be joint practices with the Chicago Bears. The practices will take place

in advance of the teams’ pre-season game on Aug. 19 at Lucas Oil Stadium. The Colts will also take part in joint training camp practices with the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia.

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

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

Clear Bag policy

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

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12” x 6” x 12”.
- (Official NFL Team logo clear plastic tote bags are available through club pro shops or at nflshop.com)
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the stadium with one of the clear plastic bag options
- An exception will be made for medical necessary items after proper inspection at an area designated for this purpose.

Prohibited items in-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

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



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

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

clude, but are not limited to:

- Purses larger than a clutch bag
- Coolers
- Briefcases
- Backpacks
- Fanny packs
- Cinch bags
- Seat cushions
- Luggage of any kind
- Computer bags
- Camera bags
- Any bag larger than the permissible size

Colts practice schedule

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

Heights Ed. Foundation’s golf outing raises funds for students

The REPORTER

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

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

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

Daniel Engel, Mike Burns, Eddie Hughes, and



(ABOVE LEFT) The team from KDC Truck Trailer & Bus Repair took first place at the 2023 HHEF Golf Scramble at Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero. (From left) Team members Daniel Engel, Mike Burns, Eddie Hughes, and Austin Parten. (ABOVE RIGHT) The team of Lance Jones, John Kemker, Garrett James, and Vincent Harley came in second.

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

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

“We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to

all our sponsors, players, and volunteers who helped make another successful event to benefit teachers and students again,” Martin said.

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

The HHEF Board includes officers Melissa Martin (President), Jeanann Dodson (Vice President), Melissa Bernero (Secretary), and Caryn Provence (Treasurer). Directors include

Steve Becker, Julie Day, Brian Doak, Tim Johnson, Gary Perkins, and Amy Prater. Student Directors include KateLynn Bishop, Jackson Cantlon, Sam Dawson, Meredith Dodson, Sam Harpham, Karson Herrell, and Josh Steffen; and Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

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

2023 Education Foundation Golf Outing Sponsors

- **Title Sponsors:** Beaver Materials, Beck’s and Blades Audio Visual & Security.
- **Platinum Sponsors:** CSO, Chad Galloway Farms, BerryComm, Doak Financial, and Pinnacle Systems.
- **Gold Sponsors:** Sharp School Services, Steven Lutz, Delaware Glass & Mirror, Watson Excavat-

ing, Assured Partners – Rob Stiehl and Stifel.

- **Silver Sponsors:** WR Dunkin, The Farmers Bank, Ice Miller, LLC, The Bailey Family, Gymies Fitness Center, Peterson Corn Genetics, Wittler Orthodontics, Keith Ecker, Steve Haley, Logan Street Signs, Martin Family, and KDC Truck Trailer & Bus Repair
- **Orange Sponsors:** R. E. Diamond and Associates,

See Outing . . . Page B5

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE TIPTON CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF TIPTON) CAUSE NO. 80C01-2305-JT-000049)
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION)
OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:)
LJE - DOB 7/12/2007)
AND)
KRYSTAL BONNEY (MOTHER))
JEREMY EVANS (FATHER))
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF)
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING)
TO: Jeremy Evans)
Whereabouts unknown)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts)
are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition)
for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication)
hearing has been scheduled with the Court.)
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Tipton)
Circuit Court, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, IN 46072 - 765-675-2791 for a(n))
Initial/Fact Finding Hearing on 8/29/2023 at 9:00 AM and to answer the Petition)
for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.)
You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if)
you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-)
child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you)
will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations)
including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and)
if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently)
terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of)
said child.)
You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State)
if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child)
relationship. If you have been appointed an attorney in the Child in Need of)
Services action involving the above-named child(ren), that attorney may not be)
automatically appointed to represent you in these proceedings. You must appear)
at the hearing currently scheduled in this matter and request that the Court appoint)
an attorney to represent you in these proceedings to terminate the parent-child)
relationship.)
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty)
(30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do)
so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights maybe)
entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.)
Christy Crawford)
Clerk)
Ariel Anderson, 36760-49)
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services)
938 N Tenth Street)
Noblesville, IN 46060)
FAX: 317-232-2301)
R2670 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2306-AD-000776)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER LEE, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION)
The grandparents of Michael Christopher Lee, born on April 25, 2013, are)
notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk)
of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana)
46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code)
31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations)
under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being)
served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the)
adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may)
not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent desires to file for visitation,)
such action must be filed in the above-named court within thirty (30) days. If)
a grandparent fails to file for visitation within thirty (30) days of service, the)
above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the)
grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing visitation of the child.)
A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and)
grandparent visitation statutes.)
Kathy Kragg Williams,)
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court)
Prepared by:)
Nathan A. Leach (Attorney #25673-49))
HERRIN & LEACH, LLC)
3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 100)
Indianapolis, IN 46240)
(317) 566-2174)
Nate@IndianaAdoptionLawyer.com)
R2671 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2306-5184)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Tatiana Bartrom)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Tatiana Bartrom, whose mailing)
address is: 14533 Cherry Ridge Road)
Carmel, IN 46033, Hamilton County,)
Indiana hereby gives notice that)
Tatiana Bartrom has filed a petition)
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Tatiana Evgeniivna Bartrom.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: October 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.)
Tatiana Bartrom)
Petitioner)
Date: June 12, 2023)
Kathy Kragg Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R2669 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2306-MI-005216)
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Yunsheng Gao)
Name of Minor)
Anthony Gao)
By Next Friend)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Notice is hereby given that, Anthony)
Gao, Next Friend of minor child, self-)
represented, filed a Verified Petition)
for Change of Name on June 8, 2023)
to change the name of Yunsheng Gao)
to Vincent Yunsheng Gao.)
The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton County circuit court)
on October 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.)
which is more than thirty (30) days)
after the third notice of publication.)
Any person has the right to appear)
at the hearing and to file written)
objections on or before the hearing)
date.)
Date: June 15, 2023)
Kathy Kragg Williams)
Clerk, Circuit Court)
R2679 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2304-MI-003199)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Cassie Jo DeLatte)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Cassie Jo DeLatte, whose mailing)
address is: 316 Meadow Lane #1)
Carmel, Indiana 46032, Hamilton)
County, Indiana hereby gives notice)
that Cassie Jo DeLatte has filed a)
petition in the Hamilton County)
Circuit Court requesting that name be)
changed to Kaycee Jo DeLatte.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: July 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.)
Cassie Jo DeLatte)
Petitioner)
Date: April 11, 2023)
Kathy Kragg Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R2683 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2306-MI-005144)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Kathleen Marie Johnson)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Kathleen Marie Johnson, whose)
mailing address is: 14147 Murphy)
Circle West, Carmel, IN 46074,)
Hamilton County, Indiana hereby)
gives notice that Kathleen Marie)
Johnson has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Nina Marie Johnson.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: October 19, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.)
Kathleen Marie Johnson)
Petitioner)
Date: June 16, 2023)
Kathy Kragg Williams)
Judicial Officer)
R2694 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-1901-MF-000673 wherein OneMain Financial Services, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Cynthia R. Turner a/k/a Cynthia Turner, Teddy M. Turner a/k/a Teddy Turner, Beneficial Financial I Inc., successor in interest to Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Indiana and The Unknown Tenant were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of August, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, located in White River Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, being bounded as follows:
Commencing at the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 5 East; thence South 88 Degrees 25 Minutes 40 Seconds West (assumed bearing) 2,291.46 feet along the South line of said Southeast Quarter to the Centerline of State Road #37; thence North 37 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds East 1,765.66 feet along the Centerline of State Road #37; thence South 80 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds east 239.54 feet; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds East 156.42 feet parallel with the South line of said Southeast quarter; thence north 43 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds East 149.21 feet; thence north 88 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds East 344.53 feet parallel with the South line of said Southeast Quarter to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 01 degree 44 minutes 54 seconds west 265.16 feet parallel with the east line of said southeast quarter; thence north 88 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds East 164.28 feet parallel with the south line of said southeast quarter; thence south 01 degree 44 minutes 54 seconds east 265.16 feet parallel with the east line of said southeast quarter; thence south 88 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds west 164.28 feet parallel with the south line of said southeast quarter to the point of beginning.
More commonly known as 22855 Craig Ave, Noblesville, IN 46060-6978 Parcel No. 07-07-03-04-07-001
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff)
s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE)
Plaintiff Attorney)
Attorney # 18762-29)
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.)
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400)
Indianapolis, IN 46250)
(317) 237-2727)
White River)
Township)
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the)
accuracy of the street addressed published herein.)
NOTICE)
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.)
R2667 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

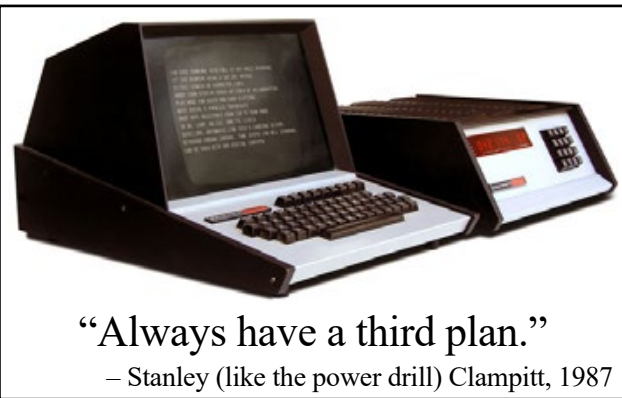
ARCADIA

Notice to Bidders
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Arcadia will receive sealed bids from those interested in purchasing a 1993 Case IH 7110 tractor (with single rear wheels) and a Gehl side chute manure spreader (year unknown) from the Town of Arcadia. Bids will be received at the Clerk's Office, 208 W. Main Street (Arcadia Town Hall), Arcadia, Indiana. Bids will be opened and read aloud by the Arcadia Town Council at 7:00 P.M. at their regular meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023 in the Board Room, Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, Indiana. Questions about the tractor or manure spreader or requests to view either, should be directed to William Million, Street Superintendent at william.million@arcadia.in.gov or by calling 317-984-3512.
R2709 6/26/23, 7/3/23

NOTICE OF HEARINGS
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 and Indiana Code § 6-1-1-20-3.5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 19, 2023 at Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North Street, Arcadia, Indiana and at 8:30 a.m. on July 28, 2023, at Red Bridge Park, 1050 S. Pearl St., Cicero, Indiana to hold public hearings.
On July 19, 2023, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed construction, renovation and improvements to school facilities including site, energy savings and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Projects"). On July 28, 2023, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Projects and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to enter into a lease agreement relating to the Projects and to issue bonds to finance the Projects. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.
Dated July 3, 2023.
s/ Board of School Trustees)
Hamilton Heights School Corporation)
R2736 7/3/23

FISHERS

LEGAL NOTE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT
DES. NO. 1901669
The City of Fishers is developing plans for the proposed 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway Intersection Improvement Project (Des. No. 1901669) located at the intersection of 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway in Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana.
The need for this project is evidenced by the number of vehicular accidents at the 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway intersection, as well as the existing level of service (LOS) of E (unacceptable) for the eastbound approach of the intersection. LOS is a scale (A through F) which classifies operating conditions of roads. In general, the operating conditions of intersections are considered acceptable if found to operate as LOS D or better. Additionally, the need for this project is evidenced by the lack of pedestrian connectivity between the Thorpe Creek housing addition, the Avalon of Fishers housing addition, Thorpe Creek Elementary School, St. John Vianney Catholic Church, and Heartland Church. The purpose of the project is to reduce vehicle conflict points that result in serious injuries and damage at the 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway intersection, improve the LOS of the intersection to LOS D or better, and provide pedestrian connectivity between the housing additions and the institutional facilities located along 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway in the vicinity of the project area.
The project proposes to convert the stop-controlled intersection to a roundabout intersection. The roundabout will consist of one 16-foot wide travel lane with curb and gutter, an 86-foot wide raised center island bordered by an 8-foot wide truck apron and a 16-foot wide painted buffer (future travel lane). The intersection approach for Southeastern Parkway will consist of double entry and exit lanes that include two 12-foot wide travel lanes with concrete splitter islands. The intersection approach for 126th Street will have single entry and exit lanes that consist of one 12-foot wide travel lane and concrete splitter islands; however, the eastbound approach of 126th Street will also include a dedicated right-turn lane. Five-foot wide sidewalks will be constructed in the northeast and southeast quadrants of the intersection and 10-foot-wide multi-use paths will be constructed in the northwest and southwest quadrants of the intersection. Marked pedestrian crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands will be added at all approaches of the intersection. American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps will also be constructed as part of this project. Reconstruction of the pavement along 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway within the project area will occur and new storm sewers will be constructed. Additionally, a stormwater detention pond will be constructed in the southwest quadrant of the intersection.
The proposed construction of this project will require approximately 1.31 acres of new permanent right-of-way and approximately 0.24 acre of temporary right-of-way. No relocations are anticipated as a result of the project.
The maintenance of traffic (MOT) for the project will require a complete closure of the intersection with a planned detour to route vehicles around the closure. An approximately 4.54-mile detour utilizing Olivo Road, 136th Street, and Cyntheanne Road will be implemented. The MOT will be in place for the duration of construction, approximately 12 months. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. The proposed start of construction is Winter 2024.
The cost associated with this project is approximately \$3,140,000 which includes preliminary engineering and construction with both federal and local funds anticipated to be used. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 3 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:
1. Online at the American Structurepoint, Inc. Website – www.structurepointpublic.com at the 126th and Southeastern Parkway
2. In person at the Hamilton East Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive Fishers, IN 46038
3. In person at the Fishers City Hall, 1 Municipal Dr. Fishers, IN 46038
Persons with limited internet access may request the project information be mailed, please contact Mr. Scott Farrell at (317) 547-5580 or sfarrell@structurepoint.com. A copy of the CE may also be mailed upon request.
All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Scott Farrell, American Structurepoint, Inc, 9025 River Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or sfarrell@structurepoint.com on or before July 20, 2023.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact Scott Farrell at (317) 547-5580 or sfarrell@structurepoint.com for the arrangement and coordination of services. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Scott Farrell at (317) 547-5580 or sfarrell@structurepoint.com.
This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program."; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The INDOT Project Development Public Involvement Procedures Manual approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.
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“Always have a third plan.”
— Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1987

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2204-CC-002656, wherein Bridgewater Property Owners' Association, Inc was Plaintiff and T. Tad Bohlsen, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Collateral Trust Trustee of Firstkey Master Funding 2001-A Collateral Trust, SMS Financial JDC, L.P. 200 Investments, LLC, State of Indiana-Department of Revenue, Victoria D. Bohlsen, Gilday & Associates, P.C., and Star Property Solutions, LLC, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of August, 2023, at the hour(s) of 10:00am-12:00pm of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd; Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Number Twelve (12) in Bridgewater, Section One, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument #9114079 and scrivener's error certificate recorded July 26, 1995 as Instrument No. 9544573, in the Plat Cabinet 1 slide 169, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Also, an undivided 1/24th interest in Block D, as designated on the recorded plat of Bridgewater Section Four which was recorded as Instrument No. 96-44663 in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 731, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, which 1/24th interest shall not be separately conveyable but shall pass title with said Lot 12.
Commonly known as: 12225 Wayside Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256 Township: Fall Creek
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff of Hamilton County)
Thrasher Buschmann & Voelkel, P. C.)
Steven C. Earnhart, Esq.)
8440 Woodfield Crossing Blvd, Suite 310)
Indianapolis, IN 46240)
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address)
published herein.)
R2663 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2208-CC-005857, wherein The Townhomes at Avalon Homeowners Neighborhood Association, Inc. was Plaintiff and Suzette Schuette, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee of Pulite Mortgage, LLC, The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, Successor Indenture Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders of the CWHEO Inc., CWHEO Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-A, and Avalon Master Association, Inc. were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of August, 2023, at the hour(s) of 10:00am-12:00pm of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd; Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot 114 in Avalon of Fishers Townhomes, Section One D, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per Certificate of Correction recorded December 1, 2004, as Instrument Number 200400081163 amending plat recorded as Instrument Number 200400020938, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 13848 Willesden Circle, Fishers, Indiana 46037 Township: Fall Creek
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
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Sheriff of Hamilton County)
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R2664 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2301-MF-000466 wherein PNC Bank National Association, was Plaintiff, and Judith A. Marsischke et al were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of August, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Number Thirty-four (34) in BROOK VIEW PLACE, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3 page 132 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More Commonly Known as: 18923 Crestview Ct, Westfield, IN 46074 Parcel No. 29-06-30-401-012.000-014
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff of Hamilton County)
Washington)
Township)
18923 Crestview Ct., Westfield, IN 46074)
Street Address)
Phillip A. Norman #13734-64)
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45)
PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.)
June 09, 2023)
Date)
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R2665 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-2212-MF-009885 wherein LoanCare, LLC was Plaintiff, and Todd Green, M V Realty of Indiana LLC, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority and Tidewater Finance Company were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of August, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBERED 13 IN HARBOR VIEW, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 116, WITH CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION CHANGING NAME FROM EAST RIDGE TO HARBOR VIEW, RECORDED MARCH 7, 2000 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200010681, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 20022 Gregory Cir, Noblesville, IN 46062-7327 Parcel No. 29-06-23-406-013.000-013
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff)
s/ BARRY T BARNES)
BARRY T BARNES, Plaintiff Attorney)
Attorney # 19657-49)
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.)
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Indianapolis, IN 46250)
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NOTICE)
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.)
R2666 6/19/23, 6/26/23, 7/3/23

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29C01-2301-MF-000465, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC., was Plaintiff, and Charles Jason Hibbert, aka Charles J. Hibbert, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of August, 2023, at the hour(s) of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd; Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Numbered 658 in Deer Path, Section 16, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded May 4, 2006 as Instrument Number 2006-24104 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More Commonly Known As: 15528 Sandlands Circle, Noblesville, IN 46060 29-11-15-020-024.000-022
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II)
Sheriff of Hamilton County)
City of Noblesville)
Township: Wayne)
15528 Sandlands Circle, Noblesville, IN 46060)
Street Address)
s/ David M. Bengs)
Marinosci Law Group)
455 West Lincolnway, Ste. B)
Valparaiso, IN 46385)
Telephone: (219) 386-4700)
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NOTICE: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.)
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY)
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.)
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(Above left) 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 complete the 2.5-kilometer race in 31 minutes, 12.21 seconds. (Above right) 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.

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 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."

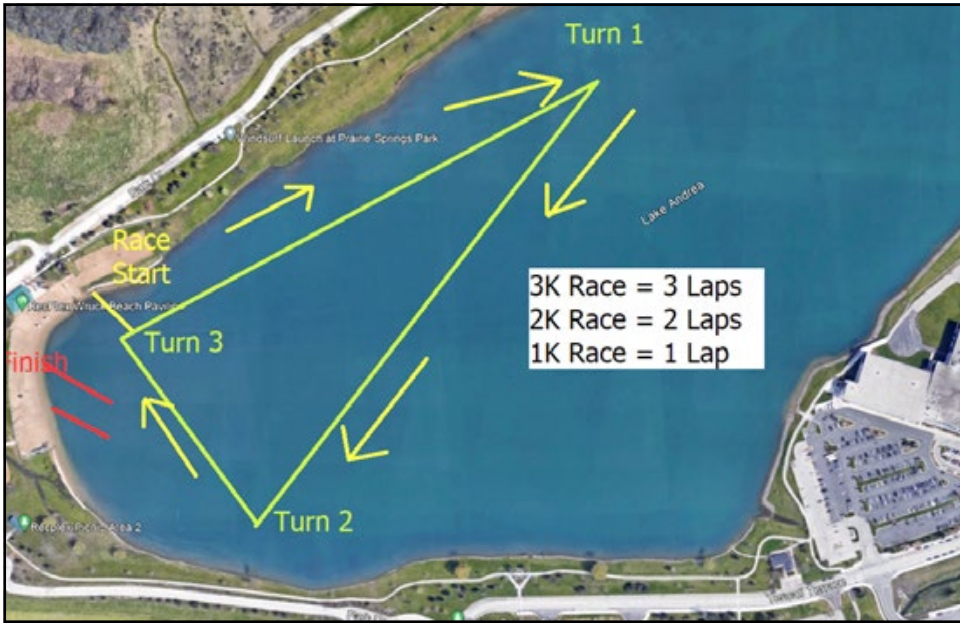
"There's no lane lines to follow," said Allison. "It's more fighting for a spot. And

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 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.



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.)

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. 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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