

# Carmel Swim Academy cuts the ribbon on new facility

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A dozen young swimmers and a handful of local leaders helped Carmel Swim Academy Senior Director Nicole Bills and OneZone Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jack Russell cut the ribbon for the official opening of Carmel Swim Academy's new, 10,000 square-foot, multi-use facility.

Nicole Pence Becker, owner and operator of Pence Media Group, welcomed a crowd of around 80 donors, swimmers and community members gathered on the sunny afternoon of Wednesday, July 12.

Notably absent was Carmel Swim Club Head Coach/CEO Chris Plumb. Director of Business Development Maggie Mestrich explained that Plumb was recently invited to join the USA Swimming national coaching staff for the 2023 World Aquatics Championships to be held this weekend in Fukuoka, Japan, where Carmel swimmers Alex Shackell, Drew Kibler, and Jake Mitchell will compete. Mestrich described Plumb as "unafraid to dream" and "unafraid to work" to ensure dreams like CSA reach fruition.

More than a decade ago, Carmel Swim Club board and staff members recognized the need for families in the area to have a safe place to learn life-long skills, such as water safety and swimming competency. Made possible by support from the community, construction began in 2021 as a joint effort with project developer Dan Klausner, owner of Carmel Total Fitness, along with GEA Architects, Summit Construction, and the Veridus Group. In addition to \$635,000 raised by CSC, contributions from 1,070 community supporters totaled more than \$700,000. Inside, a Wall of Honor recognizes donors who gave \$1,000 or more during the initial stages of the project.



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# How did our mental loads get to be so bad?

Last week I ended my column with a question: How did our mental loads get so bad in recent decades that we are losing sleep and becoming more anxious and depressed?

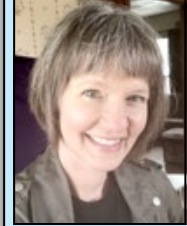
One reason is the massive size of some of our houses. In the past 40 years the average size of the American home has increased by about 1,000 feet. In Australia, the average house size has more than doubled in the past 60 years. Bigger houses equal more upkeep, more to clean, more to repair, and more to keep track of. That can be a job in itself. In fact, our friend Rick has a part-time job taking care of a mansion owned by a successful local orthodontist!

Owning a car, let alone two or more, also adds to the mental load. Until World War II and into the late 1940s, many Americans did not own a car. In 2001, the average licensed driver owned 1.1 vehicles. Keeping track of the repairs, maintenance, cleaning, and fueling for one vehicle is challenging enough. Obviously, the more vehicles you add, the more mental labor involved.

As I mentioned previously, it's common for both partners in a relationship to have jobs these days. Yes, they are often splitting chores a little more evenly than years ago, but the management of all those tasks unfortunately falls to one person most of the time. Even if you don't have children, it's tiring.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

# Safety first with First Light at Heights

## The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is seeing a positive impact on school bus safety with its investment in illuminated school bus signs and stop arms from First Light Safety.


"We are among the school districts throughout the state and around the country and beyond that are doing all we can to improve student safety on their bus rides to and from school," said Hamilton Heights School Corporation Transportation Director Jaymie Wickstrom, who has seen a reduction in stop arm violations since purchasing the new illuminated safety products in February. "These lighted products help make our school buses more visible to oncoming motorists day and night and in every weather condition. It has definitely made a positive impact on our overall safety efforts."

Earlier in the year, Wickstrom, along with Heights bus drivers Rodney Cummings and Linda Bragg, spent several hours filming with the First Light Safety film crew. The filming team traveled from the company's headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada to conduct the promotional shoot. Parts of the film were incorporated into a specialty video that can be viewed on the company's website at [FirstLightSafety.com](http://FirstLightSafety.com).



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Braving the cold to help contribute to a special video about the impact of First Light Safety products on school bus safety were (from left) Heights Transportation Director Jaymie Wickstrom, long-time Heights school bus drivers Rodney Cummings and Linda Bragg, and First Light Safety Sales Representative Makenzie Prather.



Are you ready  
for 4-H Fair fun?

TONIGHT: 4-H  
Fair Queen Contest!

The REPORTER

Families are always welcome at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, running this year July 20 to 24. A myriad of 4-H contests, special events, and public activities – not to mention animals, displays and food – available for families to enjoy during the 4-H Fair's five-day run at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The 4-H Fair is a fun, safe, family-friendly environment. There is no charge for admission or parking at the 4-H Fair, and most activities are provided free of charge.

Select highlights for the 2022 4-H Fair include the following:

• 4-H Queen Pageant: 7 p.m. TONIGHT, Friday, July 14

• Do-Si-Squares Dance Performance: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20

• Blue River Band concert: 8 p.m. Friday, July 21

• Providence Wildlife live animal demonstration: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22

• DJ Charlie Van Wieringen concert: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22

• Caravan Camper Crafts: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 23

• Stones Crossing concert: 1 p.m. Sunday, July 23

There will also be a blood drive sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council and the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana. The blood drive will take place two days at the fair: from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, and again from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21. Blood drive participants will receive a voucher for a free milkshake courtesy of Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Inc. and an Indiana State Fair ticket courtesy of Purdue Extension Hamilton County.

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# Noblesville Lions Club awards scholarship to Heights graduate



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions awarded Madyson Eshelman a \$500 Scarlet Minton/Jack Funcannon Memorial Scholarship. She is a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School and will attend Ball State University in the fall. She will major in Nursing. (From left) Andrew Eshelman (father), Madyson Eshelman, and Lion Bob Minton.



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ACADEMY

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Organization leaders, including Bills and Mestrich, described the academy as being both “by the community” and “for the community.”

With a training pool offering six 25-yard swimming lanes and an attached shallow-water instructional area, CSA’s new home provides dedicated space for club practice, community swimming, plus 1,300 children to take lessons each week, all in one centralized location. The facility includes family-friendly locker rooms as well as a mezzanine where parents can watch swim lessons and a work space with Wi-Fi.

As a non-competitive arm of Carmel Swim Club, CSA’s proprietary curriculum for ages 6 months to adult allows for tracks based on age and ability levels. New options, including water aerobics, adult swim instruction, and infant-care-giver classes, will be incorporated into 55 hours of adult-focused programming each week. Both lap swim and family fun swim times will be available daily. Monthly memberships start at \$45 per month, and day passes start at \$5.

General registration begins July 22 for the next swim session which will run Aug. 7 to Sept. 2. Three summer mini-sessions consisting of five consecutive classes in one week will run the weeks of July 17, 24, and 31.

“Swimming is for everyone, and everyone belongs at the Carmel Swim Academy,” Mestrich said.

In keeping with that objective, an ADA-compliant lift, accessible locker room, and private lessons

mean that the pool can meet the needs of a broader population.

CSA will also be expanding its free swimming lesson program with the goal to offer 1,600 free lessons in 2024 to children who receive free and reduced lunches and home energy assistance.

“This community does extraordinary things, and this is one example of all kinds of people coming together to do something very special for the youth of this community,” said Mayor Jim Brainard at the ceremonial opening.

CSC swimmer Grace Dougherty, who raised the most money during the spring fundraiser, earned the honor of being the first to ceremoniously plunge into the pool following the ribbon-cutting. A rising senior at Carmel High School, Dougherty has verbally committed to swim at UCLA.

Carmel Swim Academy will host a celebratory open house for the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 15. In addition to enjoying snow cones, swag, snacks, and more, families will be able to tour the building and meet staff. Free swim assessments will be available and could include five to 10 minutes in the water if needed. Though free swim will not be offered during the open house, families attending will receive a free swim pass to redeem at a later date.

The academy is located at 830 City Center Drive on the west side of Carmel Total Fitness. To find out more or to make a donation, visit [CarmelSwimAcademy.org](http://CarmelSwimAcademy.org) or call (317) 669-6480.



Photo courtesy Carmel Swim Academy  
Aquatics Director Brittany Vanmeter, Director of Business Development Maggie Mestrich, and Senior Director Nicole Blevins are proud of their pool.



Reporter photos by Amy Adams  
(Above left) OneZone Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jack Russell provided the blue ribbon and giant scissors for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Carmel Swim Academy. (Above right) Carmel Swim Club members, Carmel High School sophomore Luke Feller and senior Grace Dougherty pose before Dougherty’s ceremonial first plunge into the pool.

Thanks for reading  
The Reporter!

MENTAL LOAD

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“I call it my second shift,” a friend of mine once said about her mental labor. She and her husband don’t have kids, but they both work full-time outside the home, have a dog, and own two cars. They also have elderly parents battling health issues.

My friend works from 8 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, then starts her “second shift” at 5 when she gets home, as her husband is an attorney who often has evening meetings.

The mental load goes to a whole new level when you add children to the

mix. Birth rates are falling around the world, so you would think that having smaller families would help with the mental labor many of us take on when raising children. However, even having just one child creates a big mental load.

Today in the U.S.,

children have homework starting in kindergarten! A friend of mine has middle school daughters who are sometimes up past 10 o’clock at night working on homework. They often need help from a parent. As of this writing, I am 52 years old. I didn’t have

homework until I was in fifth grade, and it took me maybe a half an hour to complete it.

Parents are expected to be at their children’s schools more often. I remember my mother, who was a stay-at-home mom, chaperoning two of my field trips. That’s

it. I didn’t feel deprived or neglected either. Now most parents face the pressure to become active members of their PTO or other school-based organization.

We’ll continue to explore reasons for our increased mental labor in the weeks ahead.

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No, that's not Bonnie & Clyde ... just the Rathz kids getting ready to hit the road for some underage driving.

# Toddler Traffic Jam Blues

As with everybody, over the years, my worries and anxieties have changed. I've always had a reputation to be calm, cool, and collected among my peers, but it's natural to have anxieties. Some pass quickly. Some make you want to go to an all-you-can-eat Zoloft buffet.

In my teens, my biggest anxiety was just trying to fit in during awkward years. As I moved on to my twenties, there were worries about my career and future. As I rolled into my thirties, I met my wife, Megan, and my anxieties switched to being a good husband and providing for her and my future family.

I didn't start having children until I turned 40 (that alone brings a whole new set of OMGs), so now my daily thoughts are mostly about how to keep two toddlers alive. These are all normal, of course, but it's the irrational worries that I don't want to pass down to my kids. You know, like "Did I bring a jacket in case it's cold later?" or "What will my hair look like when my wife is done cutting it?" (Oh, you better believe there will be a future article on that topic.)

One of those irrational anxieties for me presents itself in the form of heavy traffic and parking. Like many people, I love special events, concerts, gatherings, sporting events, etc. However, I am almost never able to truly enjoy anything until my car is parked, my ticket is scanned, and my butt is in my seat, especially when large crowds are involved.



By now Megan knows to just leave me be as we approach our designated venue. I think she can hear my heart palpitating, see my pearl white knuckles on the steering wheel, feel my steely-eyed stare out the front windshield, or perhaps it's the "homina homina homina" she can hear repeating in my head.

An example of one of these unreasonable worry extravaganzas happened this past May. I took a Friday off work and was going to take my four-year-old daughter, Mary, to an Indy 500 practice. It would be her first time there when the cars were on the track. I am a huge IndyCar fan, and I was elated to share this experience with my little girl. She was even bragging how it was a "daddy and me day." The morning finally came, and we packed a cooler with sandwiches and snacks. This was also the first time I had ever packed a hairbrush and a scrunchie in my track backpack, but that's beside the point. We were off.

Then it hit me ... I had spent so much time this week making sure I had everything packed correctly, getting the tickets purchased, and checking the weather forecast, that I didn't even think about the parking situation.

I hopped on my phone and pulled up the Indianapolis Motor Speedway app and checked out the parking tab. I read it for 30 seconds, considered myself an expert and moved on. At this point I was thinking, "We should be

fine!" Sure, we were leaving later than I wanted, but having a toddler means it takes a minimum of four hours to get out the door. Besides, it's a practice on a weekday, so there shouldn't be that big of a crowd anyway. Right?

We approached the mecca of motorcars via 16th Street and suddenly there was a sea of stopped traffic in the right lane. This was an intensely long line turning into the track. Luckily, I had a PhD in Speedway parking thanks to that app, and I already knew I was going to go past that entrance to a different lot. I smiled wide and waved to all the poor suckers sitting in that line as I scuttled past them and on to the smart-person-lot. I turned the corner in my moment of glory and behold ... an even BIGGER line that I was now stuck in.

At this point I felt sweat bead up on my forehead. I decided the calm route was the way to go, so I waited patiently. Twenty minutes later we had barely moved, and I felt my breathing quicken and my eyes dilate. Now I'd really done it. We are going to sit here for hours, maybe even days. Did I pack enough water? Had I ruined my daughter's childhood?

Out of nowhere, one of the residents of the street I was imprisoned on came out and held up a sign for paid parking on her lawn. I hesitated because I hate paying more money than I had planned. I had a decision to make. I was in a real pickle. Okay, I'm doing this. I drove onto her grass, paid my fee and turned off the engine. We made it!

Okay, but now we have a long way to walk. Who

cares? After all, she's four years old now. She can take it. I grabbed my backpack, cooler, and Mary's hand and off we went towards the city-sized raceway. A couple blocks later I realized that if I just would have waited about five more minutes, I would have easily made it into the lot and been a lot closer to the track. Ugh.

Did all this matter? No. At the end of the day Mary had a blast and I was Dad of the Year.

The moral of the story is ... you can never be too neurotic when it comes to having a great day with your loved ones. Now where's that Zoloft?!

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## FAIR

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Public activities include daily kids activities and crafts, the Homemade Ice Cream Making Contest, Youth Talent Contest, Youth Pet Parade, Walk-A-Llama, Youth Pedal Pull, Bob's Bumpy Barrel Youth Ride, and the Color Me Green Fun Run. In addition to viewing more than 4,000 4-H projects, fairgoers can see baby chicks and rabbits, or simply "graze" their way through the Food Court.

The fair showcases a variety of classic "fair foods" including elephant ears, corn-on-the-cob, funnel cakes, milkshakes, pork chops, rib-eyes, lamb burgers, rabbit brats, lemon shake-ups and much more. Proceeds from all the food vendors support Hamilton County 4-H and other community programs.

Exhibits on display during the 4-H Fair culminate the hard work of Hamilton County's 4-H members, animal producers, Extension Homemakers, and other artisans.

2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Day Sponsors are VIP Animal Care, The Farmers Bank, Breathe Easy Hamilton County, and Dani Robinson Homes. Other

partners include Biddle Memorial Foundation, Ceres Solutions, Co-Alliance, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Independence Safe Company, Farm Credit Mid-America, Greendell Landscape Solutions, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Inc., Hamilton County TV, L&M Gardens, Land O Lakes, North Central Co-op, Peterson Architecture, Riverview Health, Taylor Homes, and Walker Hughes.

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc. and Purdue Extension Hamilton County.

For more information on the 4-H Fair or the Purdue Extension Service, call the Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit [extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton](http://extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton). A complete schedule of events can be found by clicking the 4-H Fair link. More information can be found on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

*Be sure to keep reading The Reporter over the coming days for more information about all the activities going on during this year's 4-H Fair.*

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# Nickel Plate Arts invites public to annual meeting

## The REPORTER

The staff and board of Nickel Plate Arts invites the public to the annual meeting, which will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19 at the Lacy Arts Building, 848 Logan St., Noblesville.

The annual meeting will consist of reviewing data from 2022 as well as discussing information about 2024 and beyond.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Nickel Plate Arts’ annual meeting.

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# Beef & Boards celebrates Duke Ellington with Sophisticated Ladies

## Tony-Award nominated musical now on stage

## The REPORTER

This summer, Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre celebrates 100 years since legendary jazz pianist and composer Duke Ellington moved to New York City to perform in Broadway nightclubs with *Sophisticated Ladies*, a stylish and brassy retrospective of The Duke’s musical legacy now on stage.

After moving to New York City in 1923 to perform in such legendary venues as the Exclusive Club in Harlem and the Hollywood Club, Ellington would go on to have extended residencies at the Cotton Club in Harlem. It is this period that is celebrated in Act I, with songs including “It Don’t Mean A Thing,” “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “‘A’ Train,” and “Hit Me With A Hot Note And Watch Me Bounce.”

Act II explores the private man as captured in his music, featuring “I’m Beginning To See The Light,” “Satin Doll,” “I Got It Bad And That Ain’t Good,” and “Sophisticated Lady.” Ellington recorded with such talents as Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Coleman Hawkins, John Coltrane, and Charles Mingus. *Sophisticated Ladies* is a high-stepping salute inspired by the glamorous nightlife and sensuous highlife of Ellington, who would go on to tour Europe, Asia, West Africa, and South America, in addition to North America.

Making their Beef & Boards debuts in *Sophisticated Ladies* are Darius-Anthony Robinson, Yvette Monique Clark, Kelliann DeCarlo, Zachary Dyer, Arika Lynn Casey, and Gigi Huang. Returning to the Beef & Boards



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(From left) Joseph Perkins Jr., Jonny Rouse, Darius-Anthony Robinson, and Zachary Dyer sing “Drop Me Off In Harlem” in *Sophisticated Ladies* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, on stage through Aug. 20.



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Yvette Monique Clark (center) sings “It Don’t Mean A Thing” with the cast of *Sophisticated Ladies* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

stage are Tiffany Gilliam (*An American in Paris*, *Beehive*), Joseph Perkins Jr. (*Hello, Dolly!*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*), Sean Blake (*Run For Your Wife*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), and Jonny Rouse (*Singin’ in the Rain*). Understudies are Jonathan Studdard and Amy Owens. *Sophisticated Ladies* is directed and choreographed by Kenney M. Greene-Tilford, with musical direction by Tené B. C. Karimu.

*Sophisticated Ladies* is on stage for 38 perfor-

mances through Aug. 20 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$79.50 and include Chef Larry Stoops’ dinner buffet and select beverages.

To purchase tickets online, visit [BeefAndBoards.com](#). Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays). Discounts are available to

groups of 20 or more; contact the Group Sales Department at (317) 876-0503 for more details. For more information, including the complete show schedule, visit [BeefAndBoards.com](#).

*Sophisticated Ladies* is sponsored in part by *The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper*.

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# From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 109

I hope that you are enjoying a wonderful summer! We have been busy in the district preparing for the new school year which starts on Tuesday, Aug. 8 – less than a month away!

For those within earshot of the high school, you are hearing our fabulous high school band readying for competition at the 76th annual State Fair Band Day at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand in Indianapolis next month. The Marching Huskies return to the stage under the direction of Band Director Mark Snelson and Assistant Band Director Billy Cox after a nearly six-decade hiatus. They will perform their show, titled “Elements of Feng Shui,” at 3:09 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4.

I am pleased to share **Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023**. This year’s honorees include five incredible individuals coincidentally representing five different decades: Cheyanne (Jackson) Brewer (’10), Don Morgan (’71), Jason Reece (’89), Dan Shields (’64), and Blaine Zimmerman (’04).

A special luncheon followed by the induction ceremony is set for noon on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Inductees will be given a metal display and their names and pictures proudly displayed in the Athletic Hall of Fame in the Athletic Center.

Tickets for the ceremony and lunch are \$10. Contact Mitch Street for



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Heights Superintendent

more information and/or tickets at [mstreet@hhschuskies.org](mailto:mstreet@hhschuskies.org) or (317) 984-3551 ext. 1092.

If your child uses Heights’ transportation and you have changes (i.e., address, are attending before or after care, or will no longer be riding the bus) or have questions related to your child’s bus route, now is the time to contact our Transportation Department at (317) 984-8404. Bus routes are currently being created to best optimize service, ride time, and efficiency based on bus capacities, stop locations, and the number of students at each stop. Our drivers will be contacting parents of bus riders the first week of August to ensure an accurate count of riders, pick up and drop of points, and approximate times for their riders to help us better serve the families in our district.

Required vaccinations for Kindergarten, sixth-, and 12th-grade students are needed by the 20th day of the school year to avoid exclusion on Day 21. To submit medical information and/or any required forms for your student over the summer, email your school nurse: Emily Wooldridge, [ewooldridge@hhschuskies.org](mailto:ewooldridge@hhschuskies.org), or Tasha Smith, [tsmith@hhschuskies.org](mailto:tsmith@hhschuskies.org) (HHES); Lori Jones, [ljones@hhschuskies.org](mailto:ljones@hhschuskies.org) or Tracy Shaffer, [tshaffer@hhschuskies.org](mailto:tshaffer@hhschuskies.org) (HHMS); Jami Steffen, [jsteffen@hhschuskies.org](mailto:jsteffen@hhschuskies.org) (HHHS). The nurses will respond at the start of the school year.

Speaking of vaccinations, our partners at the Hamilton County Health Department will hold four Back to School Immunization clinics at their office in July and August to give families convenient access to required vaccinations. Clinic hours and dates are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 19 and Aug. 2, 16, and 30. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The community is invited to attend the 10th annual **Prayer Breakfast** on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Middle School Café beginning at 7 a.m. A light breakfast will be served with the program beginning at 7:30 a.m. Music will be provided by the Cicero United Family Wesleyan Church with Pastor Allen Gross. This year’s speakers are Sterling and Lydia Weatherford. Bring Capri Suns and individual sized juice bottles to donate to the HHES Weekend Feeding Program. The event is hosted by the Heights Area Pastors in conjunction with HHSC.

Thank you again for your support and involvement. We are incredibly grateful for our families, staff, and community. It’s always a great day to be a Husky!

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# Republican Fishers City Council candidate John DeLucia expresses full support for HSE referendum renewal

Submitted

John P. DeLucia, the Republican candidate for Fishers City Council in the North Central District, released the following statement Wednesday regarding the resolutions passed by the Hamilton Southeastern School Board and the Fishers City Council to renew the School Referendum:

“As a former Hamilton Southeastern School Board member for more than eight years, I realize how critical the referendum is to the



DeLucia

day-to-day operation of our schools. When we passed the operating referendum in 2016, we went to tremendous lengths to ensure the amount was right, and I am confident that the current school board has done the same. Hamilton Southeastern Schools contribute significantly to our quality of life and the overall success of our community. I enthusiastically support passing this referendum and encourage the residents of Fishers to vote ‘Yes’ on the ballot in November.”

# Fishers Democratic candidates united in support of HSE referendum renewal

Submitted

Each of the eight Democratic municipal candidates in Fishers have reaffirmed their support for continued funding for Hamilton Southeastern Schools. They strongly encourage Fishers citizens to vote to renew the referendum in the upcoming general election on Nov. 7.

The eight Democratic municipal candidates in Fishers acknowledge that HSE Schools serves 21,500 students and is a top-performing district in Indiana, but the third-lowest funded public school district in the state. The candidates say they believe that a high-quality school district is necessary for Fishers to continue to attract people to the community and positively impact residents’ property values.

HSE Schools’ referendum renewal will provide necessary revenue for competitive teacher salaries, maintaining class sizes and funding academic programs and other crucial operating expenses. The referendum tax rate will be lowered by 12 percent to 19.95 cents per \$100 in taxpayer property assessed value, instead of the current 22.75 cents per \$100 in taxpayer property assessed value. If approved by voters, the referendum will generate an estimated \$24 million per year for HSE Schools for the next eight years.

On July 12, a majority of



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(From left) Bill Stuart, Howard Stevenson, Crystal Neumann, Lane Skeeters, Samantha Chapman, Bill McLellan, Jocelyn Vare, and Janet Pritchett.

the HSE Schools board of trustees finalized the referendum renewal that will appear on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. The Fishers City Council approved a resolution in support of the referendum in bipartisan support.

“Loudly supporting HSE Schools and all of its students is a requirement of every Fishers leader,” said Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Dayna Colbert. “Neighbors will see Democratic candidates lead our community as we always do, with fiscal responsibility, transparency, balance, genuine compassion for all students and strong support for local educators.”

Current Fishers City Council member at-large Jocelyn Vare and current City Council member for the North Central District



Colbert

Crystal Neumann offered their full support for HSE Schools and pledged to encourage Fishers voters to approve the referendum. Vare and Neumann are joined by the other six

Mike are 19-year Fishers residents and have four children. Their eldest is currently attending Purdue University and graduated from Fishers High School. Their three other children currently attend Fishers H.S. with the next oldest graduating this year.

Pritchett has spent more than a decade serving the Fishers community and championing resident involvement. She has a passion for education and supporting children, family, and residents. She previously was elected as a school board member for the Hamilton Southeastern School district and served as President during her tenure. She was pivotal in starting the Fishers Democrat Club and is also a proud member of the Fishers Rotary.

At-Large:

Howard Stevenson

Stevenson is Managing Partner of Stevenson Legal Group, LLC and currently serves as President of the Fishers Plan Commission and Vice President of the Fishers Board of Zoning Appeals. He is a 23-year resident of Fishers, where he and his wife Christa of 33 years raised their 3 sons. He previously served as a school board member for Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

A lifelong Hoosier, Stevenson earned his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and his J.D. Degree in 1993 from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. After law school, he served as a judicial law clerk for the late Justice Richard M. Givan on the Indiana Supreme Court, becoming the first African American to serve in that capacity. He is also an adjunct law professor at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

Stevenson is a 30-year member of Eastern Star Church where he serves as a Superintendent of Sunday School.

South West: Bill Stuart

Stuart currently serves on the Fishers Planning Commission and the Fishers Fire Merit Board, as he has done since 2016. He and his wife, Peggi, moved to Fishers 29 years ago so their four children could attend Hamilton Southeastern schools. They are also blessed with four grandchildren and are expecting a new grandchild in July.

Stuart has been active in his community as President of his Homeowners’ Association and as a youth sports coach and board member. He graduated from Indiana University with a MPA and BA degrees from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. The Stuarts reside with their dog Cali in the Delaware Pointe neighborhood.

North West: Bill McLellan

McLellan and his family moved to Fishers five years ago from the west St. Louis suburbs so he could start a business data analytics practice for a local software services company. This year marks 20 years that he has worked in data services, mostly in health care, and he now serves as a solutions architect for pHData, a nationwide data consulting firm. His colleagues consider him a great listener who asks

Democratic municipal candidates in Fishers who support the HSE Schools’ referendum renewal:

- Janet Pritchett, City Clerk candidate
- Howard Stevenson, City Council, At-Large candidate
- Bill Stuart, City Council, South West District candidate
- Bill McLellan, City Council, North West District candidate
- Lane Skeeters, City Council, South Central District candidate
- Samantha Chapman, City Council, North East District candidate

About the candidates

At-Large: Jocelyn Vare

Vare is an at-large member of Fishers City Council and currently serves as the first Democrat ever elected to Fishers municipal office. In 2022, she ran for Indiana State Senate to represent Fishers at the statehouse and earned over 16,000 votes from Fishers residents. She is a 22-year resident of Fishers, the mom of two HSE Schools graduates, a local small business owner, a volunteer and a champion for the community she loves.

Vare is a member of the Fishers Finance Committee and Fishers Arts + Culture Commission. She served as a committee chair for the successful HSE Schools referendum in 2016. She is a graduate of Fishers City Government Academy, Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Ball State’s Economic Development Course and Community Development Course. In 2021, Vare was recognized as an Impact Award nominee, one of 30 alumni designated in the Hamilton County Leadership Academy’s 30-year history.

North Central:

Crystal Neumann

Neumann serves as a member of Fishers City Council for the North Central district. She is a Latina, first-generation American, with a passion to make a difference and become a role model for others. She is also passionate about sustainability efforts.

Neumann has a doctorate in business administration with her work being published in several journals, and she has presented at several national and international conferences. Her commitment and efforts toward making education affordable and accessible were recognized, in which she was selected as an honoree of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson’s Rainbow PUSH Excel 2017. She was also inducted into the Indiana Latino Leadership Circle in 2020 and Hoosier Women Forward in 2022. She is a 10-year resident of Fishers, mom of one HSE Schools graduate with another in eighth grade, and she has a commitment to serve her community.

Clerk: Janet Pritchett

Pritchett is a Mortgage Advisor for Parker Mortgage. She and her husband

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Postal Service introduces new coast-to-coast shipping plan

AG Rokita reminds Hoosiers to be on alert while booking summer vacations

The REPORTER

The United States Postal Service announced on Monday the launch of its new shipping offering, USPS Ground Advantage. The enhanced ground solution provides a simple, reliable, and more affordable way to ship packages in two to five business days across the continental United States.

“USPS Ground Advantage is a game changer – for our customers, the industry and USPS,” said Postmaster General and USPS CEO Louis DeJoy. “By efficiently and effectively integrating our ground transportation model to the magnificence of our last mile delivery operations, we can now offer the most compelling ground shipping offering in the market. With USPS Ground Advantage, we are ready to compete for an increased share of the growing package business.”

USPS Ground Advantage provides America’s businesses and the public with a compelling new ground shipping option leveraging USPS’ unparalleled last-mile delivery route system and improving integrated mail and package postal logistics network.

With the product’s launch, USPS is retiring three offerings: USPS Retail Ground, USPS Parcel Select Ground, and USPS First-Class Package Service, as well as Ground Returns and First-Class Package Return Service.

USPS Ground Advantage is a key element of the Postal Service’s shipping service growth strategy as part of the 10-year [Delivering for America plan](#). A new shipping portfolio – comprised of USPS Ground Advantage and USPS Connect Local and Regional – positions USPS to compete very effectively for any package under 25 pounds



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that can be transported by ground, within a region across states, and across the country.

**USPS Ground Advantage key features**

- Packages delivered in two to five business days across the continental United States
- Free package pickup service at home or in-office
- Business customers can use USPS Ground Advantage return service as a convenient option for customers who need to send items back.
- \$100 in insurance is included on USPS Ground Advantage and USPS Ground Advantage Return packages. Customers can purchase up to \$5,000 in additional coverage.

To bring USPS Ground Advantage to market, USPS is launching an integrated marketing campaign through the fall leveraging Direct Mail, digital, search, social media, and radio to reach every American business.

**Where to find USPS Ground Advantage**

- Available now wherever customers ship from including all 34,000 Post Offices or on [Click-N-Ship](#)

USPS Ground Advantage is available for shippers of all sizes who want reliable domestic ground shipping to all 50 states, P.O. Boxes, APOs FPOs, DPOs, U.S. military bases, territories, and Freely Associated States.

In the Postal Service’s [Mailin’ It podcast](#), Chief Commerce and Business Solutions Officer Jakki Krage Strako discussed USPS Ground Advantage and how USPS is focused

on strengthening its shipping solutions as part of the Postal Service’s 10-year strategic plan for service excellence, on-time delivery, and revenue generation from enhanced package delivery services. Additional insight from Strako is available on Postal Posts, the [USPS Ground Advantage blog](#).

For more information, go to [usps.com/groundadvantage](#).

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to avoid scams as summer heats up. If you are preparing for an out-of-town trip, make sure your time away is as safe as possible by using caution to avoid crafty scammers.

“Summer is a time to spend with friends and family – not a time to be the target of a scam,” AG Rokita said. “Remember, anyone can fall victim to a scam, regardless of their age, race, or location. Keep in mind – if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.”

AG Rokita shared the following list of tips to avoid common vacation scams:

- Avoid high-pressure sales pitches before you book a trip.
- Be extra cautious when booking through an unfamiliar company. Check the Better Business Bureau rat-

ings and research the name online to see if there are any allegations of scams.

- Read the fine print in the contract before you sign it. It will tell you about the conditions under which the operator can change or cancel the trip and the rules and penalties for cancellation.



Rokita

- Pay by credit card. It gives you more protection than cash or checks.

- Use good judgment when sharing about your trip on social media. Consider changing your online privacy settings while on your trip.

- Lock your valuables, including personal information, in your trunk or hotel safe.

If you believe you have been the victim of a vacation scam, file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](#) with Attorney General Rokita’s office.

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good questions and then thinks deeply and creatively about complex problems before suggesting pragmatic solutions.

McLellan regularly collaborates with clients who share different opinions about how to improve their technologies and businesses. He helps business groups as different as finance and marketing reach common understandings of their semantics. His friends and family consider him to be fiercely loyal, while at the same time warm, kind, and fun.

McLellan attends St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation in Carmel, where he serves as the technology team lead.

**South Central:  
Lane Skeeters**

Skeeters is Indiana-raised, having grown up in Fort Wayne. After moving around the country, in 2015 Skeeters chose to make Fishers the place he would raise his two children. He attended the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne for Computer Animation, with additional coursework through Purdue for business and computer science.

In his career, Skeeters has focused on working with small businesses, startups, and others with the creative energy to build things. Currently his professional role is the Design Manager for Image360. He has also brought his talents to volunteer opportunities:

offering workshops to local startups, design services to nonprofits and charitable organizations, and organizing community events to bring neighbors together.

**North East:**

**Samantha Chapman**

Chapman is the Indiana State Director of The Humane Society of the United States. She is a lifelong Hoosier and animal lover who has dedicated her life to changing policy and laws that better protect animals at the state and local level. In 2022, she was honored with Manchester University’s Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award for her role in helping facilitate the historic transport of 4,000 beagles from a breeding research facility in Virginia.

Chapman graduated from Manchester College in 2012 magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Psychology and then earned her J.D. in 2015 from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. After law school, she served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Paul Mathias on the Indiana Court of Appeals and in private practice defended businesses in complex employment matters before joining the Secretary of State’s office as the Business Services Division Attorney and Special Counsel. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of Indy Animals and Waldo’s Mutley Crew Animal Rescue.

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## Sen. Braun introduces bill to reverse President Biden’s mortgage rule

### The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) introduced the Middle Class Borrower Protection Act to reverse a Biden Administration provision that increases mortgage rates for many middle-class Americans.

In May, the Biden Administration implemented changes to the Loan-Level Price Adjustment (LLPA) that punishes responsible home buyers with good credit to subsidize those with bad credit. This bill would restore the LLPA to its former state and ensure that the decision-making that led to this change will not be repeated.

In addition to Braun and Marshall, U.S. Senators John Thune, Thom Tillis, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Jerry Moran, Tom Cotton, John Cornyn, John Barrasso, Ted Budd, Roger Wicker, Kevin Cramer, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz introduced the legislation in the Senate. Last month, Rep. Warren Davidson introduced the companion legislation

which passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

“The average American has a credit score over 716,” Sen. Braun said. “The Biden administration is making home ownership more difficult for everyday Americans by raising rates for most people with a credit score over 680 to subsidize riskier borrowers. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to quickly vote to overturn this unfair rule that penalizes fiscal responsibility.”

### Background

On May 1, 2023, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) implemented changes to the Loan Level Pricing Adjustments (LLPA), which are one-time, upfront fees charged to lenders when Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (GSE’s) purchase their loans. These fees get passed to the borrowers in the form of higher interest rates. The change to the LLPA effectively raises rates for those with credit scores above 680 to subsidize relatively lower rates for those with credit scores below that threshold.



Braun

# Indiana closes the fiscal year with \$2.9B in reserves

### The REPORTER

State Comptroller Tera Klutz, CPA confirmed Thursday that the State of Indiana closed the 2023 fiscal year with \$2.9 billion in state reserves.

“Indiana’s reserves of \$2.9 billion are once again within the healthy range of 10 to 15 percent of our fiscal year 2024 budget,” Comptroller Klutz said. “We have prudently managed State resources to ensure appropriate reserves are available to weather any economic shifts that may come.”

The State of Indiana began fiscal year 2023 with more than \$6 billion in reserve balances. The General

Assembly contributed \$2.5 billion to the pension stabilization fund and increased the 2023 budget over \$3 billion for other one-time expenditures.

“Indiana’s strong fiscal leadership continues to serve all Hoosier residents and businesses well,” Comptroller Klutz continued. “We have just completed another very productive year with taxpayer refunds and historic investments in education, public safety, infrastructure and economic development.”

In addition, the State



Klutz

“Gov. Holcomb and the General Assembly have made substantial investments in critical areas such as public health, education and workforce while paying our long-term obligations,” said Office of Management and Budget Director Cris Johnston. “We continue to maintain a reputation of be-

collected approximately \$21.1 billion in general revenues, which was \$25 million (0.1 percent) more than expected and \$133 million (0.6 percent) less than the State collected in 2022.

ing a fiscally minded state that meets the needs of all Hoosiers.”

The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Close-Out Statement, ending on June 30, 2023, is prepared by the State Budget Agency.

“Closing the state fiscal year with a healthy reserve offers financial security if the state faces unexpected economic stress,” said State Budget Agency Director Zac Jackson. “We accomplish this year after year by spending less than the state is projected to take in, even taking into account income tax rate reductions.”

[Click here](#) to view the full report.

## IHA responds to state financial results & urges Medicaid relief for hospitals

### Submitted

*Indiana Hospital Association President Brian Tabor released the following statement on Thursday following the announcement of the state’s budget surplus for Fiscal Year 2023.*

“It is disappointing that the State of Indiana has chosen to revert over a half bil-

lion dollars of the SFY 2023 Medicaid appropriation to the General Fund surplus at a time of great financial strain on hospitals.

“Operating on cumulative negative margins, Indiana hospitals are facing difficult decisions about which services they can continue to provide, and many across the state have announced cuts and closures. The increasing gap between rising expenses and reduced reimbursement rates from government Medicare and Medicaid payments has proven unsustainable.

“The Indiana General Assembly missed the mark this session by targeting a certain group of hospitals with punitive legislation instead of addressing the biggest issue plaguing health care affordability and access – Indiana’s historically low Medicaid base rates that have not been increased



## Indiana Hospital Association

in over 30 years. Currently, there is a \$2.7 billion shortfall in unpaid Medicaid costs statewide which not only hurts hospitals, but harms consumers, who must pay increasing premiums to cover this cost-shifting gap.

“Indiana hospitals urge the State to provide Medicaid relief before the next budget cycle. Without immediate assistance, the growing Medicaid shortfall will only exacerbate the closure of health care facilities and services across the state.”

### About Indiana Hospital Association

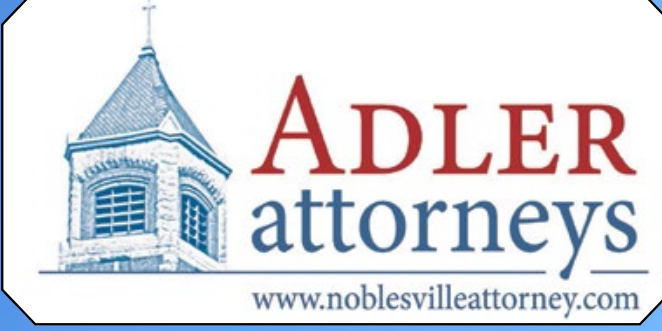
The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute

care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana’s General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety, and Hoosiers’ health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit [IHAconnect.org](http://IHAconnect.org).



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## State Sen. Qaddoura calls on IURC to deny AES’s requested 13% rate hike

### Submitted

*Applied Energy Services (AES) Indiana recently requested a 13 percent rate hike for all customers, raising energy bills for over 500,000 Hoosiers.*

*State Senator Fady Qaddoura (D-Indianapolis) has called on the IURC to decline the request:*

“In its filing, AES cited ‘inflationary effects’ as its rationale for a rate hike, but the requested increase of 13% is more than triple the current rate of inflation. A 13% increase is an exorbitant request, especially when you consider that Hoosiers have been dealing with the same inflationary impacts largely without raises in salary or cost of living adjustments. A company that makes \$10 billion or more annually can absorb ‘inflationary im-

pacts,’ but many Hoosiers would not be able to absorb a 13% increase in their utility bills.



Qaddoura

“Approving this request would set a dangerous precedent for future rate hikes and throw thousands of Hoosiers at the mercy of AES’s monopoly power in Marion County. To ensure that AES is not abusing its power over customers, the IURC should treat every rate hike request with great skepticism and an eye for the public interest. Legislators are legally obligated to ensure the affordability of utilities for Hoosiers – it is my duty to my constituents and Indiana law to ask the IURC to deny AES’s rate hike request and keep utility access affordable, equitable and reliable.”

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

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.  
Genesis 7:6-16 (NIV)

Todd Alan Kirkpatrick  
July 30, 1969 – July 7, 2023

Todd Alan Kirkpatrick, 53, Fishers, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023, at his home. He was born on July 30, 1969, in Cincinnati, Ohio.



For 21 years, Todd worked as a Field Service Technician for C-BIZ Network Solutions. He enjoyed traveling with his family to various locations outside of Indiana, but he also enjoyed “staycations” such as the IU campus in Bloomington where he met his wife while attending college. Todd always had fun attending concerts, festivals, and parks on the weekends. An avid sports fan, he loved the Colts, Pacers, IU, and MMA fighting. He was a 1988 graduate of New Palestine High School where he participated in wrestling and football. Todd and his family were members of the Do-Si-Squares Square Dance Club in Noblesville since 2010. Friends say he was a caring, affectionate person – a “gentle soul” with a great smile.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Kirkpatrick; father, Kenneth (Lois) Kirkpatrick; brother, Scott (Lisa) Kirkpatrick; and son, Kyle Kirkpatrick. Todd was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Jarrell Kirkpatrick.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m., with services at 4 p.m., on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at Randall and Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.  
Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

Don’t worry, Carmel, this four-way stop won’t last long



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Effective immediately, the Carmel Street Department has added two stop signs for traffic going east and west on Main Street at Veterans Way. That makes this a four-way stop. City Engineer Jeremy Kashman said an increase of construction activity in the Central District has led to this temporary measure in the Arts & Design District. “There is a lot of pedestrian activity at the intersection, as well, and we felt it was best at this time to make the change for safety,” Kashman said.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.	The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, has been canceled.	The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.
The Westfield Washington School Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.	An executive session will follow, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.	The Hamilton North Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, in Meeting Room A/B at the Cicero Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties, IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D). This clause does not affect a political subdivision’s duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.



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NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP

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 County Historical Society, 810 Conner St. Noblesville | 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.  
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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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### Golf

# Shamrock Samantha Brown now Girls State Junior Champ, Fishers' Janelle Garcia ties for 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### The REPORTER

The 2023 high school girls golf season begins in less than three weeks, but Indiana's young players keep busy over the summer with events on the Howard Bailey Junior Golf Tour.

The Indiana girls had one of their biggest tournaments of the year this week: The Girls State Junior Championships, a three-day event at Coyote Crossing Golf Club in West Lafayette that finished on Thursday. The winner was a name very familiar to Hamilton County golfers.

Samantha Brown, the two-time county Girls Golfer of the Year who is about to start her senior season for Westfield, won the event. Brown had a consistent tournament, finishing the 54 holes one under par with a total score of 215.

Brown carded an even-par 72 for her Tuesday first round, making one birdie along the way. She then went two-under par in Wednesday's second round, scoring a 70 and totaling five birdies. Brown finished the third round on Thursday with a 73, making three birdies.

Fishers' Janelle Garcia, a sophomore-to-be at Hamilton Southeastern, tied for second place with a 218. Garcia went even in the first round with a 72, draining three birdies. She scored a 77 for her second round, but bounced back with a three-under par 69 in the third round, the lowest round of any golfer during the week. Garcia made four birdies during her final 18 holes.

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Westfield's Samantha Brown won the Girls State Junior Championship, a 54-hole tournament at Coyote Crossing Golf Club in West Lafayette that finished on Thursday. Brown was under par for the event, finishing with a one-under 215.

sults now follow.

1. Samantha Brown, Westfield 72-70-73=215, T2. Janelle Garcia, Fishers 72-77-69=218, 16. Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield 77-78-77=232, T20. Josie Kelley, Noblesville

77-77-80=234, 23. Maya Fujisawa Keuling, Carmel 76-79-80=235, T28. Lauren Stewart, Fishers 77-83-78=238; Jordan Adam, Noblesville 78-79-81=238, T34. Natalie Symmes, Carmel 84-82-76=242,

T39. Karis Reid, Carmel 86-84-77=247, T48. Claire Thompson, Westfield 86-78-85=249, T52. Samantha Lemieux, Westfield 85-85-83=253, T58. Maya Berglund, Carmel 90-82-87=259.

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# FAST's Julie Mishler wins 50 freestyle at Day 1 of Indiana Swimming Senior State meet

#### The REPORTER

The July swimming championship swing began Thursday at the IUPUI Natatorium with Day 1 of the Indiana Swimming Senior State meet.

Local swimmers from Carmel Swim Club, Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, Noblesville Swim Club and Southeastern Swim Club all were in action on the first day. There was a county winner: FAST's Julie Mishler was first in the women's 50 freestyle, clocking in with a time of 25.81 seconds.

The meet continues today with five events in both the women's and men's divisions: The 400 individual medley, the 100 freestyle, the 200 backstroke, the 100 breaststroke and the 800 free relay. Look for results in Saturday's edition of the Reporter.

#### Women's 200 medley relay

3. Fishers Area Swimming Tigers "A" (Julie Mishler, Avery Stein, Nalanie Cortez, Alexis Mishler) 1:57.74, 4. Carmel Swim Club "A" (Aubrey Simmons, Marizel Van Jaarsveld, Parker Kurzawa, Meghan Christman) 1:57.95, 9. Southeastern Swim Club "A" (Audrey Crawford, Julia Kiley, Lauren Bergman, Ash Saple) 1:58.23, 10. Carmel Swim Club "B" (Kayla Barr, Lucy Enoch, Lucy Cummins, Maddy Lathrop) 2:01.28, 16. Noblesville Swim Club "A" (Haddie Vohs, Maya McDonald, Emily Knott, Exley Tricker) 2:05.15, 17. Southeastern "B" (Naomi Haines, Anna Stolle, Kaleigh Stivers, Kiley Zoeller) 2:05.73, 29. Southeastern "C" (Kelsey Graham, Eloise Harrison, Meghan Voelker, Sophia Croy) 2:08.45, 31. Noblesville "B" (Olivia Motz, Kyra Blackwell, Julia Santerre, Mia Field) 2:10.20.

#### Men's 200 medley relay

12. Carmel "A" (Sean Sullivan, Jack Keyser, Emille Haig, Graham Kulp) 1:49.12, 18. Carmel "B" (Nicholas Plumb, Ethan Zhang, Brian Qian, James Porterfield) 1:50.86, 19. Southeastern "A" (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Derek Robison) 1:51.04, 22. Noblesville "A" (Jeremiah Ledwith, Aidan Biddle, Liam Hayward, Mason Snyder) 1:51.70, 32. Noblesville "B" (Shepard Huff, Anthony Mathis, Sean Hal-

vorsen, Mark Berger) 1:57.04, 34. Southeastern "B" (Tristan Stivers, Eli Pache, Lee Balkcom, Jack Waren) 1:57.72.

#### Women's 1500 freestyle

3. Claire Parsons (FAST) 17:37.36, 5. Teegan Madara (FAST) 17:46.36, 6. Erin Cummins (CAR) 17:49.32, 8. Addy Czamecki (CAR) 17:59.31, 9. Sabrina Ledwith (CAR) 18:03.90, 10. Rose Parsons (FAST) 18:08.16, 14. Hannah McNally (CAR) 18:40.37, 22. Amira Leer (FAST) 19:05.01, 24. Madison Conley (CAR) 19:08.05, 33. Juliana Weinrich (CAR) 19:42.89, 37. Ellie Hayward (NOB) 19:52.67.

#### Men's 1500 freestyle

3. Ethan Zhang (CAR) 16:15.06, 4. Lewis Zhang (CAR) 16:15.98, 6. Jonny Hines (FAST) 16:19.34, 7. Anderson Kopp (CAR) 16:20.05, 11. Lukas Biller (CAR) 16:44.87, 12. Luke Pugh (CAR) 16:44.92, 16. Grant Ruble (FAST) 17:02.44, 18. Colin Cammack (CAR) 17:11.77, 22. William Lathrop (CAR) 17:21.08, 26. Sean Halvorsen (NOB) 17:25.42, 33. Sean Harvey (FAST) 17:42.85, 37. Aiden Clarke (CAR) 17:57.24, 39. Luke Feller (CAR) 17:58.64, 42. Ethan Johnson (CAR) 18:05.85, 44. Mark Berger (NOB) 18:10.37, 49. Brody Chop (FAST) 18:22.63, 50. Drew DuBois (CAR) 18:27.38.

#### Women's 50 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. J. Mishler (FAST) 25.81, 5. Christman (CAR) 26.41, 8. A. Mishler (FAST) 26.76.

#### "C" Final:

17. Stein (FAST) 27.02, 18. Aubrey Simmons (CAR) 27.08, 22. Priscilla Smith (CAR) 27.33, 23. Lathrop (CAR) 27.37.

#### "D" Final:

28. Zoeller (SSC) 27.83.

#### Men's 50 freestyle

"A" Final: 4. Sullivan (CAR) 23.46.

#### Women's 200 freestyle relay

3. Fishers "A" (A. Mishler, Alexandra Stein, Cortez, J. Mishler) 1:45.73, 4. Carmel "A" (Simmons, Van Jaarsveld, Barr, Christman) 1:48.12, 5. Southeastern "A" (Crawford, Bergman, Saple, Zoeller) 1:48.88, 8. Carmel "B" (Enoch, Lathrop, Ledwith, Smith) 1:50.54, 25. Noblesville "A" (McDonald, Field, Knott, Tricker) 1:54.67, 30. Southeastern "B" (Kiley, Voelker, Haines, Harrison) 1:57.64.

#### Men's 200 freestyle relay

9. Carmel "A" (E. Zhang, L. Zhang, Kopp, Sullivan) 1:37.78, 17. Carmel "B" (Carter Hadley, N. Plumb, Lathrop, Kulp) 1:40.29, 22. Noblesville "A" (Snyder, Huff, Hayward, Biddle) 1:42.60, 31. Southeastern "A" (Jung, Waren, Pache, Robison) 1:44.11.

# Tigers ready to rally following rip-roaring summer

#### By RICHIE HALL

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Anyone who watched the Fishers boys basketball team last season could tell that the Tigers were a work in progress.

The talent was there, but Fishers was also a relatively young team. The Tigers played in a couple summer tournaments during June, and coach Garrett Winegar took some time to talk with the Reporter about his young and definitely improving team.

"It's just learning how hard you have to play and how intense and focused you have to be every possession, both on offense and on defense," said Winegar. "It took us a while to learn that. We lost 12 games last year. Nine of them were

one-possession games in the last three minutes. It's one play here or there. It's one defensive stop. And I think these guys are really starting to buy into what it takes to win."

Of course, Fishers has a high-level player that it can build its team around: Jalen Haralson, a varsity starter since a freshman. Haralson will be entering his junior year this season, after a remarkable sophomore season where he averaged 23.4 points per game and led the Tigers in all but one statistical category. He also had 7.7 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.1 steals per game.

Haralson has been getting national notice for a while now, and was one of the 18 finalists for the 2023 USA Men's U16 National Team, this after a three-day

training camp in Colorado Springs, Colo. Haralson later participated in the NIKE Elite One Hundred camp in St. Louis, where basketball writer Adam Finkelstein named him the "best long-term prospect in the field."

Haralson has several college offers, including to Arizona, TCU, Gonzaga, Louisiana State and Cincinnati. Because he was off in national events, and Winegar said other players were traveling as well, the team waited until everyone was back together to play summer tournaments.

"I think he's the best player in the country," said Winegar. "I don't care about rankings. I think he's the best player in the country in his class."

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Kent Graham / File photo

Fishers' Jalen Haralson, shown here at March's sectional tournament, is one of four key returners for the Tigers this season. Haralson has multiple Division I offers, and was one of the 18 finalists for the 2023 USA Men's U16 National Team.

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The Hamilton County Reporter has selected Guerin Catholic junior Leo Wessel as its Boys Golf Player of the Year.

Wessel made history for the Golden Eagles at the IHSAA state meet, becoming the school's first-ever individual state champion in golf. Wessel finished the two-day state tournament

with a six-under par 138 and was a key part of Guerin Catholic defending its team state championship.

Wessel had a consistent season for the Golden Eagles. In addition to his state win, he also triumphed at the Sandy Pines Invitational in April, and won a pair of dual meets at Ulen Country Club and at Woodstock Golf Club.

## FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Grade
Alec Cesare	Westfield	Senior
Jake Cesare	Westfield	Sophomore
Will Harvey	Westfield	Sophomore
Cam Kooi	Westfield	Senior
Jacob Modleski	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Alex Peck	Noblesville	Junior
Mason Price	Carmel	Junior
Cole Starnes	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Mattingly Upchurch	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman
Kai Warner	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Eli Wessel	Guerin Catholic	Freshman
Leo Wessel	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Lane Zedrick	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior

Name	School	Grade
Joseph Armfield	Carmel	Senior
Will Barnes	Noblesville	Senior
Nate Benson	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Cooper Claussen	Noblesville	Senior
Nathan Cox	Hamilton Heights	Junior
Drew Decker	Noblesville	Senior
Sam Keithley	Fishers	Junior
Austin Kent	Carmel	Senior
Brady Mangin	Noblesville	Junior
Owen Nielsen	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore
Matt Shull	Westfield	Senior
Zach Thieme	Guerin Catholic	Senior

Fishers wrapped up its summer season at the Charlie Hughes Shootout, going 4-0 at the tournament. The Tigers won all of their games easily, beating Plainfield 79-48, Chesterton 76-41, Crown Point 77-58 and Jeffersonville 86-52.

Haralson gets quite a bit of attention, but there are

other returning players for Fishers who are solid contributors. Taden Metzger, a senior-to-be, was the second-leading scorer with 10.2 points per game. Another incoming senior, Keenan Garner, averaged 7.9 points and 6.1 rebounds, and played well in key moments of games last sea-

son. JonAnthony Hall, an incoming junior, added 6.8 points and 4.8 rebounds, and led in blocks with 0.8 per game. A three-sport athlete, Hall is coming off a great track and field season, where he finished fourth in the state in the long jump.

Winegar said Metzger is "really improving on the

defensive end of the floor. He's always been able to shoot it, but really guarding better. JonAnthony now has a year of varsity experience, just really bringing us toughness and rebounding and defense on the point of the ball. I think this summer, he's just been really good guarding the ball. And

then Keenan. He's really, really developing into, to me, a legit college prospect with what he's bringing."

And those are only the top four. Other returning players include incoming junior Millen McCartney and incoming seniors Bryson Seymour and Parker Perdue.

"I really believe we're the deepest team," said Winegar. "I think some guys should get more minutes. We just have a lot of guys right now, so I'm trying to figure that piece out. I think the good thing about this group is they all like each other and they're supportive of each other."

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# Pacers name Dr. Phil Anloague as Director of Performance and Sports Science

The Indiana Pacers announced on Thursday that Dr. Phil Anloague was named the team's new Director of Performance and Sports Science, effective July 28. Anloague, who has served as a consultant to the Pacers for over a decade, will oversee all facets of the team's sports performance and sports science initiatives.

Most recently, Anloague was the associate pro-

vost for graduate academic affairs at the University of Dayton (UD), where he has been a faculty member since 2006. His current research focuses on the utility of functional and clinical testing in minimizing injury and maximizing performance in elite athletes. Additionally, he was instrumental in creating a new doctorate in physical therapy – of which he became the chair – in the School of Education and Health Sciences. Anloague also established and staffed the university's Motion Analysis Lab, which brought research and student learning opportunities to the program in collaboration with Mechanical Engineering.

Anloague was also a consultant for several NBA and Major League Baseball teams, while also holding roles as a clinical specialist and president and CEO of Orion Physical Therapy Specialists and Orion Sports Medicine.

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