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It started with a pencil, now she's making her mark

Avery Williams named Hamilton County's 2023 4-H Fair Queen

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

Her journey began with a pencil she received 10 years ago as a grade-school student. On Friday night, that small token from her youth led to Avery Williams' spotlight moment while standing on stage at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

Flashing a brilliant, yet humbled, smile, Williams was showered with applause during the 63rd annual Queen Pageant after being named the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen.

"This is such an honor," Williams said with her tiara glimmering under the exhibition hall lights. "I've watched all the queens growing up, and to be selected; I just truly feel honored to represent Hamilton County."

A trailblazer from Whitestown, Ind., Williams, 18, is the first in her family to join and participate in 4-H, which she committed towards fully before, and now, following her recent graduation from Herron High

Meet the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen, Avery Williams (seated). Queen Avery is flanked by her court: (from left) Miss Congeniality Mac Smith, 4th Runner-up Sophia Hulen, 3rd Runner-up Meghan Haws, 2nd Runner-up Sophia Beeson, and 1st Runner-up Mary Rose Wahnsiedler.

School in Indianapolis. Over the course of her 10-year 4-H experience, Williams has completed 28 projects, but without question, being named Queen supersedes anything she's accomplished to date.

"All the people here to support all of us girls on stage really puts a smile on my face," Williams said. "I joined 4-H when I was younger just because we saw it. I think my school was

Has anyone seen my phone?

I know what my son, Austin, was probably thinking a few years ago: it's time to revoke the old man's iPhone privileges.

For the second time in two weeks, he witnessed me losing my iPhone, both times during Indianapolis-related trips.

The first occurrence was at a downtown restaurant. The booth was cramped so I put the phone on top of the napkin dispenser.

After paying the bill, we walked through rain toward our distant parking garage. I reached into my coat for my phone. It was not there.

Suddenly the symptoms of nomophobia, or the fear of being out of mobile phone contact, sunk in: anxiety, respiratory alterations, trembling, perspiration, agitation, disorientation. That or it was gas.

"We have to run."

"What?"

"The phone! I left it at the restaurant."

I raced for the restaurant. I hoped it was where I had left it. On the napkin dispenser.

TIME reports that a restaurant is one of the top 10 places where people lose their phones. There is an 80 to 95 percent recovery rate.

Just how many people did I bump off the

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New Sheridan Kiwanis Club welcomes Coroner Jeff Jellison

By STEVE MARTIN
Sheridan Kiwanis Club

Recently, several members of the Sheridan community came together to start a new Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheridan is ready to serve the community through a variety of local, national, and international Kiwanian programs.

Now in its early stages, the club is looking to add new members to serve, network, and engage the local community and the world. If you are interested in challenging yourself to do new things and connecting with the Sheridan community, please consider attending a meeting or contacting one of the club's members.

The new Sheridan Kiwanis Club recently had its first meeting with its first guest speaker, Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison.

An interesting speaker with an interesting story to tell, Jellison spoke for about 45 minutes, ranging over a variety of topics including his background in law enforcement, newspaper publishing, and now in his first year as the county coroner.

Jellison said the Hamilton

The new Sheridan Kiwanis welcomed County Coroner Jeff Jellison as the club's first guest speaker. (From left) Secretary Holly Anderson, Coroner Jeff Jellison, President Brian Bragg, and President-elect Andy Porterfield.

County Coroner's Office is currently on tract to be certified as one of about 30 of the highest-ranked such agencies within the United States. The coroner's office staff has increased from three people to 12 in the past

year to handle all the duties associated with providing new services to a growing population of 350,000 residents within Hamilton County.

The Sheridan Kiwanis Club meets on the first and third

Thursday evenings of each month at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan Historical Society Museum, 315 S. Main St., in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the "country side" of Hamilton County. Won't you join us?

"Unjudge" & learn with Human Library today in Fishers

By AMY ADAMS
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Human Library? You might think it's the latest straight-to-streaming horror flick ... but you'd be wrong.

An international nonprofit, the Human Library has been hosting personal encounters since its original event that took place in Copenhagen for four straight eight-hour days in the spring of 2000.

Public libraries in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Muncie have hosted Human Library events within the past several years.

Now, in keeping with its goals to celebrate diversity and promote civic conversations within the community, Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers is following in those steps by inviting guests to check out the Human Library from 1 to 4 p.m. today, July 15.

The event offers patrons ages 18 and older the opportunity to "unjudge someone" by having a conversation with a person who has faced stigmatization, bias, and prejudice. In a safe space, "readers" can "borrow" a "human book" for 20 to 30 minutes in order to learn more about diverse populations. During that time, participants are encouraged to set aside preconceived ideas and to listen to the lived experiences of a person they might have otherwise never

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Meet with past giants of U.S. politics on Courthouse Square in Noblesville

The REPORTER

On Saturday, July 22, join some famous figures as they travel through time to reenact when they each came to the Courthouse Square in Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Historical Society will play host to this event in partnership with the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission, which is an extension of the Society and has been working all year long to provide events and promotions for the special Bicentennial year.


On July 22, come to the Noblesville Street Dance stage (on the corner of 9th and Logan streets) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. as four individuals performing as women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony, abolitionist Frederick Douglass, President Harry S. Truman, and President Teddy Roosevelt dramatize speeches they gave when each came to town. Afterwards, the performers will be available for Q&A and family-friendly activities near the Hamilton County Historical Society at the corner of 8th and Conner streets.

Courtesy Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division
"President Roosevelt addressing the citizens of Noblesville, on his western tour, Indiana." (Taken in 1902 on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.)

While you chat with these celebrities, check out the Historical Society's free ice cream and cake social (while supplies last!) and a special indoor exhibit provided by the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) titled "Faces in the Crowd: Indiana and the Political Process." This exhibit is not the story of the candidates behind the microphone, but of the individual citizens in the crowd — each of whom play a crucial role in ensuring the electoral process works. The IHS collections images that appear in the exhibit include some from right here in Noblesville.

Be sure to check out this great event during your experience at Noblesville Main Street's Street Dance. This year the event is being held all day long from 1 to 11 p.m. as part of Hamilton County and Noblesville's Bicentennial celebrations.

The Historical Society thanks all its sponsors, including Gaylor Electric, for their generous support.



Do your part:
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during 4-H Fair

The REPORTER

Fairgoers can give blood during their visit to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana's Mobile Unit will be open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. both on Thursday, July 20 and from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. The mobile unit will be located north of the Swine Barn.

Donors will receive a voucher for a free milkshake courtesy of Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Inc., an Indiana State Fair Ticket complements of Purdue Extension Hamilton County, and a chance to win free media streaming for one year.

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advertising it for the third graders to go join, and we came to the open house here. It just looked like a good community to be a part of, and I've stuck with it ever since. I just love it."

Williams' mother, Nicole, watched her daughter proudly as her future Purdue Boilermaker posed for photos with a smile that proved just as unswerving as her stage presence.

Each of the 11 contestants were judged on their evening gown formal wear, their poise and stage modeling, in addition to on-the-spot questioning by pageant Master of Ceremonies, Adam Good.

Prior to the pageant, the contestants were interviewed by a three-person panel of judges, but as Nicole Williams has witnessed over the years, along with husband, Tobin Williams, Avery is always prepared regardless of the situation.

"Avery is such a go-getter. She always has been ever since she was a little girl. There was just no stopping her," Nicole Williams remarked on her daughter's work ethic and dedication. "Avery is a fun person, and she's funny. She's the funniest person I know."

What's funnier, Nicole Williams recalled, is how Avery's voyage from 4-H newcomer to pageant queen unfolded.

"She came home with a pencil. That's how it all started," Nicole Williams said. "They gave pencils out during class, and she took it home and she was like, 'I'm going to join 4-H.' That's how it started. It started with a pencil."

Her 4-H Fair week will begin with a crown, which out-going queen Faith Hittle presented to her successor.

"It was very nerve-racking. You see all these girls. We've spent all week together practicing for this,

and I'm just so proud of every single one of us," Williams said. "It was such an exciting moment."

Williams plans to study Animal Science in West Lafayette this fall, but until then, she will embrace the 4-H Fair festivities along with her court.

"We've only known each other this week, and we all just got so close. This is such a good group of people, and it really stood out to me just how much of a community it is here," Williams said.

"At the 4-H fair, I'm mostly looking forward to spending this last year looking at all the projects and being with my friends and really everyone I've grown up with in this program."

In between, she might sneak in a funnel cake or two – her favorite fair treat. At least, she will once the rush from Friday night subdues.

"Unreal. I don't know.

I was not expecting this," Williams said while cradling a bouquet of roses with a smile in her eyes. "It's a really good feeling."

Queen Avery's Court

Leading up to the crowning of the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen and her court, the Miss Congeniality honor was announced.

This year, Sheridan's Mac Smith, 16, was announced as the winner.

"To be named Miss Congeniality is a big honor. It shows that I'm a very caring person, and I like to have fun all the time," Smith said. "I was a little anxious, and I was excited that they announced me because I felt I had a lot of fun all week with all the other girls."

An eight-year 4-H member, Smith has exemplified dedication by completing 68 projects during her tenure with her favorite being with sheep.

"It's crazy. We do a lot of cramming before fair week,

but we try to spread it out over the whole year to get it all done," Smith remarked on her time management skills through 4-H.

While part of the 4-H program for half of her life, Smith was competing for the first time as queen.

"This is actually my first pageant ever, but I was really excited when I got announced as the Miss Congeniality," Smith said. "I watched them hand out ribbons throughout 4-H my whole life. They've handed me ribbons, and I knew I wanted to be one of them."

Smith intends to attend Purdue University after graduation with aspirations of becoming a veterinarian.

Her pageant experience, Smith said, will hold a special place even beyond her high school years.

"All the people are amazing. They're some of the nicest people you will ever meet," Smith said.

"Each of them is different in their own way, and I loved working with all of them. Just the whole process of how we get to give back to our community afterwards is fantastic."

Joining Williams and Smith during the fair will be the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Queen Court, which includes 1st Runner-up Mary Rose Wahnsiedler, 2nd Runner-up Sophia Beeson, 3rd Runner-up Meghan Haws and 4th Runner-up Sophia Hulen.

"I'm really looking forward to spending time with all of the court and everybody else I get to hand ribbons to throughout the whole week," Smith said.

The 4-H Fair Queen and her court will be on-hand and actively involved throughout the fair when it opens on Thursday, July 20 and concludes on Monday, July 24. The livestock auction will be conducted on Tuesday, July 25.

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PHONE

rain-soaked sidewalks? Just how many multiple-car pile-ups did I cause while blindly racing through wet intersections? I heard sirens.

I envisioned myself as that high-octane Liam Neeson character in those Taken thrillers – only I was way more intense. After all, my cell phone was missing. All Liam had to worry about was lost loved ones. Sorry, Liam, but s&*^ happens.

I entered the restaurant, panting, sweating.

The hostess asked, "How many are in your party?" but I was already past her, reaching the booth and seeing my iPhone still on the napkin dispenser. Feeling my iPhone again in my hands brought a great surge of relief, joy, and sense of security. I nearly wept. Nomophobia no more.

"Oh good, you found it," a vaguely familiar male

voice said behind me. I turned, not recognizing the person's face at first.

"Oh, hi, Austin. What are you doing in Indianapolis?"

Two weeks later: Lost iPhone Redux. We were a few miles outside Martinsville, heading north, when I asked Austin, "Do you see my phone?"

I pulled over in a panic and practically ransacked the car.

No phone.

Hello, nomophobia, my old friend.

"I saw you put it in your back pocket when we left Starbucks," he said.

I remembered doing that, then I remembered what I had done next: I had put the iPhone on the car roof before ducking into the backseat for something.

We U-turned to Starbucks. Austin went inside. I scanned the entire parking lot. The phone was clearly missing – a.k.a. stolen! Everyone was a suspect. I stared at the phones they carried. Anyone. It could be anyone. A sense of vigilantism overtook me. I

saw a woman talking on an iPhone in a parked minivan – the exact spot where my car had been parked earlier. It was my phone. It had to be. My inner Charles Bronson surfaced. iPhone Death Wish 2. I closed in, glancing sideways for a loose brick or lead pipe. She glanced at me nervously, guilty-like. Unfortunately, I realized her phone's protective case was pink. My OtterBox was black.

Austin stepped from Starbucks, shrugging. I jogged to the busy highway, crossed the southbound lanes and searched the win-ter-browned grass in the littered median. It was below freezing. I was coatless.

TIME reports that people putting their phones on the roofs of cars is also one of the top 10 ways people lose their phones. The recovery rate is somewhere between 25 and 70 percent. I dreaded contacting my employer. I didn't want to admit to foolishly putting the company phone on the car roof before driving. I used Austin's phone to report my lost phone.

"Go ahead, release the

satellite beams that destroy the contents of my phone before the Russians get to it," I dejectedly told the IT person.

Calmly, I was advised to first try the Find iPhone app on my son's phone. I entered my Apple ID and password. A radar screen appeared, noting our present location at Starbucks. Then another blip appeared, showing the location of my lost (no, make that found!) iPhone, only 3/10 of a mile away on, or along, U.S. 37.

It took about 20 minutes of searching on foot to finally find my phone on the road-side, unscathed. I whooped and hollered, did a little road-side victory jig. Ecstatic to be reunited with my iPhone, I returned to my car and drove north, singing happily to myself. A few miles later, I looked at the empty passenger seat. "Austin?"

U-turn.

Just kidding – I did not forget my son on the side of the road. I'm not a monster. But even if I had, at least I still had my cell phone.

Email Scott at scottsaalman@gmail.com.

HUMAN LIBRARY

met. Difficult questions will be expected, appreciated, and answered.

Attendees can choose one "human book" or more than one from a selection that might include Alcoholic, Asian-American, CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), Jewish, Neurodiverse, or any

number of other "titles."

Registration is recommended but not required, and the event will be held at HEPL Fishers, located at 5 Municipal Drive. To find out more, visit hepl.lib.in.us/hepl-hosts-a-human-library or call (317) 579-0300.

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Fond farewell for Felix as he prepares to take appellate appointment



Reporter photos
Last month, Hamilton County Judge Paul Felix was appointed to the Fifth District Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb following the retirement of Judge Margret Robb. This week, many of Judge Felix's friends, colleagues, and associates gathered to wish him well on his ascension to the appeals court. (From left) Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Judge Felix, and Hamilton County Council member Steve Nation. Congratulations, Judge Felix!



Rep. Spartz issues statement on 'yes' vote for NDAA

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement on her National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) "Yes" vote:

"The 2024 NDAA makes some major improvements to strengthen national security, improve pay for service members, depoliticize the military and increase fiscal oversight by Congress", Spartz said. "I am particularly glad that all three of my amendments aiming to address

failed DOD fiscal management, reconciliation of the aid to Ukraine and implementation of innovative data analysis for risk management were included in the bill. However, there is still one important issue remaining - "honorable discharge" for the service members forced to leave active duty due to the COVID vaccine mandate, which Speaker McCarthy promised me to address when the bill comes back."



Spartz

[Click here](#) to read full text of the bill.

Morgan Peters of Noblesville honored at UW-Green Bay

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for Spring 2023 semester academic achievement.

Morgan Peters of Noblesville received high honors.

Students who earn a 4.0 grade-point average, which represents all "A" grades,

receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages. All were full-time students in the spring term, earning 12 or more credits of graded coursework. This includes students attending all four UW-Green Bay campuses (Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan).

OneZone Chamber welcomes Fred Payne as August speaker

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber and Northern Hamilton County Chamber announces Fred Payne, President and CEO of United Way of Central Indiana, as the presenter for the upcoming On the Menu: "Do Something About it" Lunch & Learn Series.

United Way of Central Indiana is a social impact organization dedicated to fighting for the education, financial stability, health, and basic needs of every person in central Indiana.

Recognized as one of Indiana's 250 Most Influential Leaders by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*, Payne is considered an expert on workforce and employment topics and is frequently asked to speak in many venues. Payne was recently awarded the Sagamore of The Wabash, the highest honor given by a sitting governor to those who have rendered distinguished service to the state.

Attendees will hear from Payne as he shares thoughtful insights regarding this new data, specifically what it means for Hamilton County, and most importantly the collaborative community approach needed to accelerate financial stability of these households.



Payne

This event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Launch Fishers. Registration is required by noon on July 25. Members and non-members are invited to attend. The cost is \$28 for members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations can be made at onezonechamber.com or by calling (317) 436-4653.



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Young Westfield gardeners see fruits & veggies of their labor



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools
Summer campers in Westfield have been hard at work watering, weeding, and harvesting the Monon Trail Elementary School garden. Some of the produce they have grown includes kale, broccoli, potatoes, tomatoes, asparagus, and strawberries. Last week, they enjoyed potato salad with potatoes and onions from the garden. Thank you to all of those involved, including Westfield school staff, Rocks Produce Project, and Westfield Green Together.

Extension Homemakers sponsoring open food & craft show at 4-H Fair

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Extension Homemakers are sponsoring an open Food & Craft Show during the 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Fair at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The contest is open to any Hamilton County resident or Hamilton County Extension Homemaker over the age of 18. Entries are submitted for closed judging on Saturday, July 22 at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Entries will be on display Saturday, July 22 through Monday, July 24.

Food divisions include breads, cakes, cookies, pies, convenience foods, preservation and homemade candy. Craft divisions include needlecraft, quilt and sewing by hand or machine, creative ideas, painting and drawing, scrapbooking, photography, and craftsman.

To obtain a complete list of guidelines, divisions and classes, please stop by the Purdue Extension Hamilton County Office or call (317) 776-0854. **Entry forms are available online** or you may register from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. An entry fee of \$2 per item is payable at time of entry.

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Extension Homemakers are made up of nearly 150 volunteers committed to strengthening the homes of Hamilton County.

The mission of the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) is “To strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support.” For more information about the Extension Homemakers or the Purdue Extension Service of Hamilton County, visit extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton.

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ANNUAL FOOD FEST

Mayor Jim Brainard welcomes Chinese Consul General to Carmel to discuss China-U.S. relations



Photos provided by City of Carmel
Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard welcomed a visit last week with Chinese Consul General in Chicago Mr. Zhao Jian, who then requested a meeting with Brainard in Carmel. The two leaders met in the mayor’s office and discussed China-United States relations and the cooperation between China and the City of Carmel. “This was an important meeting to have with Zhao Jian and his staff,” Mayor Brainard said. “Although there are issues of disagreement between China and the United States, it is vital to talk to each other. It is important at local levels of government as well as the state and national level.” Mayor Brainard will lead a delegation of U.S. mayors to China this fall.

See Lucinda Williams & Grace Potter this fall at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

Often cited among America’s greatest living songwriters, Lucinda Williams is the latest addition to the concert schedule at the Center for the Performing Arts. Williams and Her Band will appear at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the Palladium, joining a 2023-2024 Center Presents Season that includes a previously announced Nov. 3 Palladium performance by another acclaimed singer-songwriter, Grace Potter. Tickets for both shows will be available starting at 10 a.m. Friday, July 21, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](https://www.thecenterpresents.org), by phone at (317) 843-



Photos provided
Acclaimed songwriters Lucinda Williams (left) and Grace Potter (right) will appear on stage in Carmel on Oct. 15 and Nov. 3, respectively. 3800, or in person at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Presale access is available Tuesday to Center donors (\$250 or more), Wednesday to series subscribers, and Thursday for subscribers to the Center’s eNews mailing list. See Concert . . . Page 6

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MPP of Noblesville awarded in international design competition

The REPORTER

Two executives with the metal processing company MPP, 14670 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Wiley Abner, Vice President of Development, and Nick Gismondi, Vice President of Sales & Marketing, recently accepted an industry award for their company. They were presented with the Award of Distinction in the Industrial Motors, Controls & Hydraulics Category for Metal Injection Molded (MIM) components of the 2023 Powder Metallurgy Design Excellence Awards Competition.



Photo provided
The latch assembly designed by MPP of Noblesville.

cable used in the harsh environment of the deep ocean.

Abner and Gismondi accepted the award for their company at PowderMet2023: International Conference on Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials in Las Vegas, Nev.

MIM is one of the powder metallurgy-based technologies that forms metal powders into precision components used in applications such as auto engines and transmissions, hardware, industrial machinery, sporting goods, medical, defense, and firearms.

The competition is sponsored annually by the Metal Powder Industries Federation, an international trade association for the metal powder producing and consuming industries.

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MPIF President Rodney Brennen presents the award to MPP's Wiley Abner and Nick Gismondi.

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Westfield Washington Schools selects architects for district expansion plan

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools has selected the architect companies to partner on the next phase of Destination Westfield, the school district's plan to keep up with the growth that comes along with being the top destination district in the state.

Schmidt & Associates will take on the elementary school portion of the plan, including the building of a new elementary school as well as assessing the best way to upgrade Shamrock Springs Elementary School. The firm will also build the new transportation facility.

Continuing the district's long-standing relationship with CSO Architects, that firm has been selected to build the district's new middle school.

Serving the fastest-growing city in the Midwest, Westfield Washington Schools has increased its enrollment every year for at least 23 consecutive years and is on pace to reach an enrollment of 10,000 students by 2026.

"We had an extensive

and thorough proposal process, and we are extremely happy with the results," said Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Brian Tomamichel. "CSO has worked on many projects for the district, including the construction of our Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center which recently won the 'School of the Future' award for innovative design and functionality. We are confident they will bring that same level of production to our next middle school. And, our newest partner, Schmidt & Associates, has a track record of thoughtful design and has already shown that they understand the needs of our district and our community."

CSO Architects Principal Brent Hite says he is ready for the next steps.

"CSO is excited and humbled to continue our collaborative partnership with Westfield Washington Schools," Hite said. "We look forward to building on our history of creating innovative learning environments that contribute to the vision of ensuring all Rocks

are Life Ready."

Schmidt & Associates Principal Anna Marie Burrell says she is excited for their project.

"We are elated to be selected as part of the Destination Westfield team working on the new elementary schools for the Westfield family," Burrell said. "We look forward to collaborating with the staff, students, and community of Westfield schools. Similar to the family culture that provides educational excellence out of collaboration and teamwork in Westfield, our team of architects and engineers thrive when groups come together for the empowerment of all and Schmidt Associates looks forward to the exciting journey ahead."

Both firms will now work with Westfield Washington Schools to create building plans and a timeline for their projects. Those plans and timelines will be shared with the public when they are finalized.

For more information on the district's expansion plans, visit www.k12.in.us/about-us/destination-westfield.

CONCERT

from Page 5

Williams, bouncing back with vigor after a 2020 stroke, is touring to support her brand-new 16th studio album, *Stories from a Rock n Roll Heart*, which features

guest appearances by artists including Bruce Springsteen, Patti Scialfa, Margo Price, and Buddy Miller. She also has just published a candid memoir of her life in music, *Don't Tell Anybody the Secrets I Told You*. Her touring band includes longtime collaborators David Sutton on bass, Butch Norton on drums, and Doug Pettibone and Stuart Mathis on guitars.

Potter, following up on her Grammy-nominated 2019 album *Daylight*, is set to release *Mother Road*, a collection inspired by travels on Route 66. Recorded with an all-star backing band, the 10 tracks fuse soul, blues, country, and rock and include two songs cowritten with Natalie Hemby of the Highwomen.

Presented in partnership with Allied Solutions, the 2023-2024 *Center Presents* Season includes more than 50 events, with more to be

added. By purchasing tickets to any four or more performances for a Create Your Own subscription package, fans can enjoy benefits including discounts and pre-sale access for the entire season. Packages also are available for the Printing Partners Classical Series, the Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series, and the Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org/SubscribeNow.

Single-event tickets are on sale now for some performances early in the season, including the annual Songbook Academy in Concert on July 22, Daughtry on Aug. 9, Spyro Gyra on Aug. 12, Ben Harper on Aug. 15, and indie-folk artist The Tallest Man on Earth on Oct. 8. Tickets for other shows in the 2023-2024 season will go on sale individually to the general public on Aug. 4.

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Fishers road construction updates, week of July 17

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Cumberland Road

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

146th Street & Allisonville Road

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

Increased utility relocation activity is expected along Allisonville Road south of 146th Street. Flaggers will be present when lane or shoulder restrictions are necessary.

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

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

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

106th Street & Allisonville Road

There is a sanitary sewer project currently taking place at Metro Airport at 106th Street and Allisonville Road. There are times where lane restrictions may be in place on Allisonville Road. Please use caution in this area.

106th Street & Cumberland Road

Eastbound 106th Street is currently closed just east

of Cumberland Road for utility work. The estimated project completion date is Tuesday, Aug. 15. The detour route will use Cumberland Road to 116th Street to Hoosier Road or Cumberland Road to 96th Street to Mollenkopf Road. View detour route [here](#).

106th Street & Hoosier Road

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

106th Street & Kincaid Drive

Phase 2 is currently taking place. During this Phase, lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street and at the roundabouts at Interstate 69, Lantern Road and Crosspoint Boulevard. This Phase is anticipated to be completed by Friday, July 28.

Fall Creek Road

Citizens Energy Group is mobilizing the lift station on Fall Creek Road near Geist Woods Way. Construction is ongoing; however, the Fall Creek Trail in this area has reopened and will remain open through the remainder of the project. The lift station site will have temporary fence and other safety measures in place during non-construction hours. Work is anticipated to be completed by early September. Please continue to use caution in this area.

Florida Road

Beginning on Thursday, July 20, Florida Road will be closed for 30 days to realign the S-curve. Local traffic only between 113th Street and southeastern Parkway. View detour route [here](#).

Geist Greenway

Geist Greenway is still an active construction zone. Work will resume on the trail south of Valley Crossing Drive on/or after September 1st and remains closed un-

til construction is finished. Work has started on Phase 1B of the trail, which takes place between Bowline Drive and 104th Street. For general project information, please visit [playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway](#).

Resurfacing Projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in the Bristols as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

Beginning the week of July 17, shoulder work will be taking place on Cyntheanne Road between 96th Street and 104th Street. Lane restrictions will be in place.

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

State Road 37 & 141st Street

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

I-465 & I-69

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

Nickel Plate Trail

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

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



Find the best route to your destination thanks to Hamilton County Tourism

The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

- [Carmel road projects](#)
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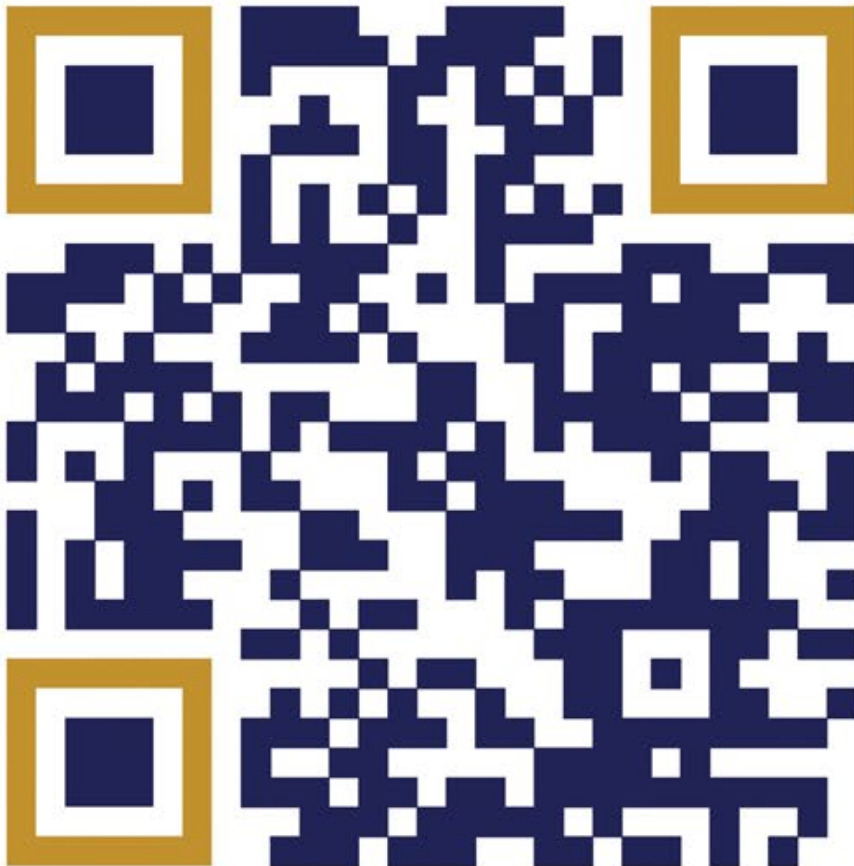
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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Downtown District Committee meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, has been canceled.

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. Main St., Arcadia.

Send Meeting Notices to:
Notices@ReadTheReporter.com

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom / Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Board of zoning appeals

The Atlanta BZA Board will meet on July 27th, at 7:00 PM at the Atlanta Town Hall building located at 105 E. Main Street, Atlanta, IN 46031.order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. 072723-1

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 110 E. County Line Rd. Atlanta, IN 46031 to allow a new 10x20 deck with railing and a pitched roof attached to existing roof.
Project Address: 110 E. County Line Rd. Atlanta, IN 46031.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Atlanta Town Hall 105 E. Main Street Atlanta, IN, 46031.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: Jeff Gilliam

FDA decision to allow over-the-counter contraceptive is step in right direction for women’s health

Recent changes to federal drug regulations, Indiana law, and pharmacy policies will soon result in more medication options and savings for Hoosiers at the pharmacy. I want to keep Carmel, Fishers, and Indianapolis residents informed about these changes and what they mean for consumers.

In light of the Indiana GOP near-total abortion ban going into effect soon, Thursday’s decision by the Food and Drug Administration to **allow an over-the-counter oral contraceptive pill** to be sold to women without a prescription is critical for allowing Hoosier



VICTORIA GARCIA WILBURN
State Representative

women to take charge of their health. The medication will not be available until next year. Now that abortion will be banned in Indiana in all but the most extreme circumstances, it is critical that we reduce the barriers to accessing birth control. I am heartened that federal regulators have taken steps this week to allow women to more easily access hormonal birth control and avoid unintended pregnancies. Our district prides itself on staying in charge of one's own health, and birth control is one positive step to do just that. Additionally, I voted in

favor of Senate Enrolled Act 8 this year, which was intended to ensure that pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) pass on their rebates to customers but was weakened while making its way through the legislative process. Just this week, CVS Caremark – one of the country's biggest PBMs – announced a **partnership with GoodRx** that will automatically pass on prescription rebates for certain generic drugs to consumers. (ExpressScripts, another PBM, already offers this benefit.) It's pretty simple: people who need medicine should not be forced to pay more at the pharmacy for trying to stay healthy. While the General Assembly's attempt to regulate middlemen by

making sure pharmacy benefit managers pass on their rebate savings to consumers was watered down, I am still glad that we were able to make a small step in the right decision. Good government should ensure this for all Hoosiers. I am thankful that PBMs are taking these steps themselves, but lawmakers must remain vigilant and protect consumers from corporate greed. I will continue looking for opportunities in the General Assembly to increase access to health care and lower costs from the doctor's office to the pharmacy. *State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn represents Indiana House District 32, which includes large portions of Fishers and southern Carmel.*

AG Todd Rokita & team obtain \$1.27M settlement with GlaxoSmithKline

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team have **secured a pharmaceutical company's \$1.27 million payment** to Indiana to settle allegations that it violated antitrust and consumer-protection laws.

The company, GlaxoSmithKline, allegedly engaged in years-long delay tactics to prevent competitors from being able to go to market with generic versions of Flonase, a corticosteroid nasal spray – effectively forcing Hoosiers and other consumers to pay more for the drug by maintaining a monopoly.

“Competition is a key component of American free enterprise,” AG Rokita said. “It’s part of what makes our country successful and unique. When companies engage in practices that thwart free and fair competition, it hurts all of us. We will keep standing up for Hoosiers and the rule

of law.” GlaxoSmithKline allegedly filed multiple meritless petitions with the Food and Drug Administration – strategizing that the filings would bog down the bureaucratic process and prolong the company’s exclusive rights.

“Our legal system gives patent-holders a defined period of exclusive rights to market the products created through their own investment in research and development,” AG Rokita said. “That’s fair and reasonable. But we cannot tolerate the hijacking of that process by giant companies intent on keeping the little guys out of the game.”

Indiana’s \$1.27 million settlement is part of a larger \$11 million settlement involving additional states. The settlement agreement, under which GlaxoSmithKline admits to no wrongdoing, will save Indiana money it otherwise would have expended in litigation costs.



Rokita

Sen. Braun introduces U.S. Senate version of American Food for American Schools Act

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) introduced the American Food for American Schools Act, a bill to make sure American-made food is being served in school lunches, first introduced in the House by Congressman John Garamendi and Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

“Our school lunch programs should be supporting American agriculture rather than importing food: it’s safer, healthier, and supports our economy rather than China’s,” Sen. Braun said. “I took the lead with Senator Brown to introduce the American Food for American Schools Act in the Senate because American kids should be eating American-grown food in our schools.”

Endorsements

- American Farm Bureau Federation
- American Fruit and Vegetable Processors and Growers Coalition
- Indiana Farm Bureau
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
- North American Blueberry Council

Background

This bill would provide robust structure to the National School Lunch Program’s (NSLP) Buy America language. It would codify limited exceptions to the requirement – only granting waivers when domestic commodities or products are not reasonably available in sufficient quality or quantities. If a waiver is received, schools must notify parents

that American food is not being provided. Waivers can only be granted for up to 5 percent of the total annual commercial food costs of a school food authority within each food component.

The bill requires USDA to publish information about the adoption of the Buy America requirement – including both a list of granted waivers and of foreign products purchased without a waiver. This information would serve as a “market” for domestic producers to challenge the waiver or enter the market with domestic content.

In order to streamline the “Buy America” contracting process, the bill would impose Buy American contract requirements for school food procurement. This will lighten the load of School Food Authorities, who may currently have issues creating or demanding language in contract negotiations. If an SFA is provided illegal products in breach of the contract (as in a last-minute substitution), the school would have safe harbor. USDA would have authority to seek reimbursement from commercial food suppliers for illegal foreign-sourced products that violate Buy America contract language. These funds would finance USDA’s Buy American Procurement Training Program.

Finally, the bill would subject other USDA school feeding programs (after-school snacks, summer food service, child and adult care food, special milk, and school breakfast) to the Buy America requirement, which currently only applies to the NSLP.



Braun

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Sen. Todd Young introduces new legislation to declassify government records about UFOs

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) are leading an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) – Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Disclosure Act of 2023 – along with Senators Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) – which would increase transparency around UAP and further open scientific research.

This legislation would direct the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to create a collection of records to be known as the UAP Records Collection and direct every

government office to identify which records would fall into the collection. The UAP Records Collection would carry the presumption of immediate disclosure, which means that a review board would have to provide a reasoning for the documents to stay classified. The NDAA will be on the Senate floor next week.

“The American people deserve transparency on all issues related to UAPs,” Sen. Young said. “Our bipartisan effort will protect and better organize government materials related to UAPs and promote disclosure of this information.”



Young

After the UAP Records Collection is created, the legislation will create a UAP Records Review Board, an independent agency, which would consider if a UAP record would qualify for postponement of disclosure. Additionally, the federal government shall have eminent domain over any and all recovered technologies of unknown origin (TUO) and biological evidence of non-human intelligence (NHI) that may be controlled by private persons or entities in the interests of the public good.

After the Review Board has made a formal deter-

mination concerning public disclosure or postponement, the President will have the sole ability to overturn or concur such determination. At the latest, each UAP record must be publicly disclosed in full and made available in the Collection no later than 25 years after the law is enacted, unless the President certifies that continued postponement is necessary because of a direct harm to national security.

The amendment will be modeled on the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 which required that documents regarding the Kennedy Assassination be made public no later than 25 years later after enactment.

Ball State economist: prices won't drop dramatically due to lessening inflation

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The White House on Wednesday **announced** inflation dropped from 9.1 percent in June 2022 to 3 percent in July 2023.

Michael Hicks, director of the Center For Business Research at Ball State University, says the Federal Reserve raising interest rates incrementally over the past year helped reduce inflation.

“Raising interest rates, which increases the cost of consumer borrowing, or consumer debt, which causes us to borrow less, to spend our money paying off debt, rather than going on vacation and buying a new car,” Hicks said.

Gas prices have decreased significantly over the past few months and food prices have stabilized.

“There shouldn't be any expectations that prices in general are going to come back down, just that the increase in prices will

be more like it normally is, about 2 percent to 2 ½ percent per year,” Hicks said.

The government's goal is to bring inflation down to about 2.5 percent, which is where it hovered between the end of the Great Recession in 2009 and the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

COVID lockdowns and a labor shortage weren't the only factors that caused prices to skyrocket over the past year. Russia's invasion of Ukraine in early 2022 and an outbreak of avian flu last year caused prices to go up.

“At the same time supply chain issues across the board have eased, we're seeing new car lots fuller than they were a year ago, all of those things that would make our economy look stable a year ago, healthier ones are in place,” Hicks said.

The streak of declining inflation could be reversed if another crisis hits, such as a war in the Middle East or a bout of avian flu.

Sun predicted to dim again in Indiana due to Canada wildfires

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Smoke from wildfires in Canada is expected to return to Indiana on Sunday, which has sparked an air-quality alert for all of the state.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) says Sunday's air will have microscopic dust, soot, and liquid that can settle deep into the lungs and cannot be easily exhaled.

Canada has reported more than 900 wildfires this

spring and summer, with smoke sometimes pushing into the United States and parts of Europe, The Associated Press reports.

Central and northern Indiana had the same air alerts issued June 27, 28 and 29, with smoke putting the quality in the “unhealthy” and “very unhealthy” categories, according to AirNow.gov. Hoosiers and visitors to Indiana saw the sky darkened for three days as the smoke decreased air temperatures and masked the sun from view. **Storm**

Track 8's eight-day forecast for Indianapolis predicts high temperatures in the upper 80s on Sunday with isolated thunderstorms possible.

On the three days in late June, people – particularly children, older adults, and people with heart or respiratory conditions – were asked to try to limit prolonged time outdoors. Authorities said a mask worn over the mouth and nose could help anyone who has to be outside.

IDEM also suggested

people avoid burning wood, combine errands into single trips, avoid using gasoline-powered equipment, avoid letting vehicle engines idle, turn off lights, and set thermostats to as high as you can tolerate to reduce demand on the electrical grid.

The state's Environmental Management website offers more advice on what to do, what leads to its Air Quality Action Days.

People can sign up for alerts at SmogWatch.IN.gov.

Obituary

John Allen Brandenburg
November 17, 1963 – July 9, 2023

John Allen Brandenburg, 59, Sheridan, passed away on July 9, 2023. He was born on November 17, 1963, to H. Leon and Anna Faye (Walker) Brandenburg.

Growing up on a farm in rural Sheridan, he acquired a love for farming and farm life at an early age. That love was cultivated through his 10-year 4-H career. He enjoyed showing livestock and participated in livestock judging in high school as part of the FFA club.

While in high school he also developed a life-long passion for photography as part of the yearbook staff. He was the editor of the edition for his senior year. He graduated from Marion-Adams High School in 1982.

John married Melanie Keller in 1984, and together they raised their daughter, Sarah. Sarah was the great pride of his life, and John loved being a father. He spent his free time as a young father getting involved with things Sarah did in school, like being a project leader for 4-H and driving the bus for her high school marching band.

He enjoyed driving and made a living for most of his life driving delivery trucks for Indianapolis Fruit and HP Products. A big part of what he liked about those jobs was being able to talk to customers along the routes. He was a natural “people person” and enjoyed himself the most when he was talking to others.

One of the other things that gave John the greatest happiness was dressing up as Santa Claus for Christmas. Over the course of many years, he took on opportunities around the holiday season to dress up and play Saint Nick for the kids. It brought him great joy to celebrate the Christmas season with children and make them smile.

Euchre was John's game of choice for his entire life, and he was always ready to start or join a game. It was an interest he shared with his father, and they often played games together at the clubhouse in the community where John lived. It was through that euchre group that he later met Sharon Allen, and they were married on June 10, 2023.

He was a man of faith and had studied for a time to be a minister. Although he never finished, he found many opportunities in his life to spread the word of God, and he helped many people come to know God, as well. He was very active with the churches he attended.

Many people will likely remember John as someone who loved to laugh and make others laugh. Telling jokes was a favorite pastime of his and when he laughed, it was full of joy. He was outgoing and fun, and a very likeable person. He had a warm heart and great capacity for love. That warmth and love will be greatly missed by his family.

John is survived by, his wife, Sharon Allen; daughter, Sarah Lynn (Jonathan) Jensen of Sheridan; siblings, Nancy Ann (Ron) Powers of Sheridan, David Leon (Lori) Brandenburg of Plainfield, and LeAnn (Jason) Hopper of Westville, Ind.; nieces and nephews, Aaron Lee (Leah) Powers, Micah Andrew Powers, Kylee Ann Powers (Kyle Johnson, fiancée), Elizabeth Anna Brandenburg; and great-nieces and nephews, Alexander Lee Powers and Sybil Noel Powers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, H. Leon and Anna Faye Brandenburg.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, at Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 4 p.m. until the time of service.

John will be laid to rest at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Scott McDermid will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan Historical Society, Boone County 4-H, or to the Toys for Tots Christmas Fund.

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Plus, Noblesville Township's Signature Event is so BIG we had to squeeze it into August:

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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.

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August 2023 (Visit HamCoTurns200.com for date updates)
Noblesville Township Office, South 8th Street, Noblesville
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TASTE OF HISTORY: EARLY NOBLESVILLE DINING AND RECIPES

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

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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
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Millers make most of June

Change is good

tournament play, go 4-1

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The Noblesville girls basketball team’s summer schedule isn’t as busy as some of the other schools, but the Millers still got quite a bit accomplished during the month of June.

Noblesville played in two tournaments, first going to Indiana University for an event there, then taking part in the Charlie Hughes IBCA/IHSAA Team Showcase. When they weren’t playing, the Millers were practicing.

“I thought we had a really good summer,” said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. “Our kids worked hard in practice. Some of our kids that just graduated came back and helped us out a little bit.”

Buckley said that practices focused on fundamentals.

“We try to work on developing those and implementing what we want to do on offense and defense,” said Buckley.

As for tournament play, the Millers were 4-1 over the five games they played. Their only loss came at the IU tournament, where they fell to Indian Creek in overtime. Noblesville rebounded to beat Evansville Memorial and Columbia City.

The Millers played two games at the Charlie Hughes Showcase and won them both easily, cruising past Bloomington South 60-21 and Chesterton 83-35. Buckley said those five games helped the team to gauge where it’s at over the summer. “We’ll adjust from there as we head into the fall,” she said.

Noblesville waited until school was out to begin its summer season, not starting until June 5.

“I’m not really big on playing a bunch of summer games, especially for our kids who play so much in the spring,” said Buckley. Two of the Millers’ top players, incoming senior Reagan Wilson and incoming junior Meredith Tippner, both played in Indiana All-Star games: Wilson was one of the Junior All-Stars, and both participated in the All-Star Futures Games.

Wilson, who is committed to play at Iowa State University,



Noblesville’s Reagan Wilson (above) and Meredith Tippner (below) were the two leading scorers for the Millers last season. The duo played in All-Star games over the summer and will again be top players for Noblesville this coming season.

averaged 16.9 points per game and led the team in assists (4.0) and steals 3.4. Tippner, who has several Division I college offers, was Noblesville’s leading scorer at 17.6 points per game and by far the top rebounder with 9.2 per contest.

Senior-to-be Ava Shoemaker will also return; she scored 8.7 points and led the team in blocks with 0.7 per game. Sophomore CC Quigley will have an expanded role; Buckley said Quigley has been “awesome” in summer play. Meanwhile, Players moving up from junior varsity include junior Bri Gray and sophomores Ally Hutchinson and Devyn Johnson. A new freshman will be Ellie Motz.

The Millers wrapped up their season after the Charlie Hughes Showcase with light practices and their own version of the Summer Olympics, which Buckley said was “just a big, fun way to end the summer with goofy games and competition.” After that, Noblesville had some time off before heading into AAU play.



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The NASCAR Cup Series is 58 races into its new era of the Next-Gen car.

What can be gleaned from the first 55 races? Well, the racing is either exceptional (Kansas, Charlotte, Fontana, Atlanta, Chicago) or quite disappointing (Martinsville, Talladega). It seems that few races fall in the middle.

Further, the tracks that have produced the most excitement with the Gen 5 car (short tracks and superspeedways) have disappointed, while the tracks that were meager in the Gen 5 car (intermediate and two-mile ovals) have produced some of the best racing in the last decade.

In 2021 – the last year of the Gen 5 car – the jeffgluck.com “Good Race Poll” found that three out of the five best races were on short tracks. Moreover, the five lowest-ranking tracks were intermediate tracks. Conversely, in 2022 – the first year of the NextGen car – four of the five best races were on intermediate or two-mile tracks while the highest-ranking short track was 14th.

Seemly overnight, the NextGen car has turned the Cup Series on its head. Not only that, it has substantially leveled the playing field and has enabled smaller teams such as Trackhouse, 23XI, Childress, and JTG to compete with the Big Four (Hendrick, Gibbs, Penske, and Stewart-Haas). The 2022 season had a record 19 different winners and the 2023 season (with 16 races remaining) already has 12 different winners. NASCAR is more competitive than ever before.

NASCAR has also made substantial changes to its marketing strategy, much of it thanks to the great-grandson of Bill France, Ben Kennedy. Gone are the days of (nearly) every track getting two race dates per year. Declining attendance and vast swaths of empty seats have caused NASCAR to pull second races from Pocono, Dover, New Hampshire, Charlotte (sort of), Texas, Fontana, and Michigan, and move into newer markets by expanding its road courses and even adding a street course. Although some have been unhappy with the changes to the schedule, it appears to be overwhelmingly positive, and attendance numbers both at the tracks and on television continue rising.

NASCAR’s new marketing strategy was at the forefront of the last two races with the street race in Chicago and the reconfigured Atlanta Motor Speedway. The racing product the last two weeks was fantastic.

However, logistics and weather plagued both races and raised additional questions. One of the more interesting questions I heard raised was the implementation of a “race clock.” In the last couple years, many of the races have been shortened from 500

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Two Carmel swimmers win on Day 2 of Senior State Meet

The REPORTER

Two Carmel Swim Club swimmers were winners Friday during Day 2 of the Indiana Swimming Senior State Meet, which is taking place at the IU Natatorium.

Molly Sweeney led off the evening with a victory in the Women's 400 individual medley, finishing in a time of 4 minutes, 53.08 seconds. Lynsey Bowen followed her teammate a little later by winning the Women's 100 freestyle, clocking in at 56.22 seconds.

Day 3 will be another busy day, with swimmers participating in the 200 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 400 freestyle, 200 breaststroke and the 400 medley relay. Preliminary swims begin at 9 a.m. in all events, except for the relay, which will be a timed final event. Finals in the other events begin at 5:15 p.m.

Women's 400 individual medley
"A" Final: 1. Molly Sweeney (CAR) 4:53.08, 3. Kate Mouser (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 4:57.35, 5. Avery Stein (FAST) 5:01.18, 6. Kayla Barr (CAR) 5:04.21.
"B" Final: 9. Lucy Enoch (CAR) 5:07.98, 10. Grace Ruble (FAST) 5:09.16.
"C" Final: 19. Mia Wilson (FAST) 5:20.54, 20. Anna Stolle (Southeastern Swim Club) 5:20.69, 21. Emma Schwertfeger (FAST) 5:21.81.
"D" Final: 25. Izzy Heuck (FAST) 5:23.03, 26. Alexandra Stein (FAST) 5:25.64, 28. Arabelle Johnson (CAR) 5:32.37.
Men's 400 individual medley
"A" Final: 4. Gus Ro-

throck (CAR) 4:30.01, 6. Luke Parsons (FAST) 4:38.66.
"B" Final: 11. Brian Qian (CAR) 4:41.38, 13. Anderson Kopp (CAR) 4:43.04, 14. Ethan Zhang (CAR) 4:43.27, 15. Luke Pugh (CAR) 4:45.09.
"C" Final: 18. Jihoon Jung (SSC) 4:42.11, 19. Lukas Biller (CAR) 4:46.20, 20. Cory Han (CAR) 4:47.54, 22. AJ Adams (FAST) 4:48.53, 23. Lane Monger (CAR) 4:49.23.
"D" Final: 26. Eduardo Sanchez (FAST) 4:46.75, 27. Jack Keyser (CAR) 4:48.33, 28. Cameron Harrell (CAR) 4:48.47, 32. Drew DuBois (CAR) 4:58.67.
Women's 100 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Lynsey Bowen (CAR) 56.22, 4. Julie Mishler (FAST) 56.88.
"B" Final: 15. Meghan Christman (CAR) 59.07.
"C" Final: 21. Nalanie Cortez (FAST) 59.21, 24. Aubrey Simmons (CAR) 1:00.29.
"D" Final: 25. Emma Schumacher (FAST) 59.38, 29. Kiley Zoeller (SSC) 1:00.95, 30. Priscilla Smith (CAR) 1:00.98, 31. Haddie Vohs (Noblesville Swim Club) 1:01.00.
Men's 100 freestyle
"A" Final: 2. Aaron Shackell (CAR) 50.38, 3. Sean Sullivan (CAR) 50.77.
"C" Final: 19. Michael Gorey (CAR) 53.17, 23. Jonny Hines (FAST) 53.48.
Women's 200 backstroke
"A" Final: 3. Grace Dougherty (CAR) 2:19.86, 5. Simmons (CAR) 2:21.28, 8. Barr (CAR) 2:23.32.
"B" Final: 11. Char-

lotte Fagin (CAR) 2:23.69, 12. Kalli Agapios (FAST) 2:23.79, 13. Audrey Crawford (SSC) 2:23.86.
"C" Final: 20. Anna Brown (FAST) 2:28.79.
"D" Final: 31. Vohs (NOB) 2:36.43.
Men's 200 backstroke
"A" Final: 4. Nicholas Plumb (CAR) 2:06.80, 8. Carson Szotek (CAR) 2:09.35.
"B" Final: 9. Lewis Zhang (CAR) 2:08.73, 14. Carter Hadley (CAR) 2:10.22, 16. Kopp (CAR) 2:14.81.
"C" Final: 18. William Lathrop (CAR) 2:11.40, 19. Emile Haig (CAR) 2:11.61.
"D" Final: 26. Johanneman (FAST) 2:16.10, 27. DuBois (CAR) 2:16.27, 28. Cory Han (CAR) 2:17.21.
Women's 100 breaststroke
"A" Final: 4. Van Jaarsveld (CAR) 1:11.36.
"B" Final: 11. Enoch (CAR) 1:14.18, 16. Maya McDonald (NOB) 1:15.98.
"C" Final: 18. Crawford (SSC) 1:15.06, 23. Julia Kiley (SSC) 1:16.09, 24. Maddy Lathrop (CAR) 1:16.27.
"D" Final: 25. Addy Czarniecki (CAR) 1:16.53, 26. Zoeller (SSC) 1:16.59, 30. Frankie Ramey (FAST) 1:18.30.
Men's 100 breaststroke
"A" Final: 7. Sullivan (CAR) 1:05.25.
"B" Final: 13. Dan Bennett (FAST) 1:06.39, 15. Collin Huston (SSC) 1:06.87.
"C" Final: 18. Aidan Biddle (NOB) 1:07.29, 19. Jung (SSC) 1:07.71, 21. Will Chambley (Westfield Aquatics) 1:08.46, 22. Eli

Pache (SSC) 1:08.60.
"D" Final: 27. Landon Holmes (CAR) 1:08.40, 30. Keyser (CAR) 1:10.01, 31. Luke Feller (CAR) 1:10.11, 32. Anthony Mathis (NOB) 1:11.89.
Women's 800 freestyle relay
2. Fishers "A" (Schumacher, Cortez, Av. Stein, Mouser) 8:33.28, 4. Carmel "A" (Christman, Van Jaarsveld, Parker Kurazwa, Enoch) 8:41.01, 5. Fishers "B" (Claire Parsons, Claire Francis, Ramey, Ruble) 8:45.31, 7. Southeastern "A" (Zoeller, Crawford, Kiley, Lauren Bergman) 8:55.61, 10. Fishers "C" (Mia Wilson, Teegan Madara, Amira Leer, Schwertfeger) 9:00.83, 11. Carmel "B" (Simmons, Czarniecki, Brooke Cummings, Lathrop) 9:04.58, 19. Noblesville "A" (Vohs, Ellie Hayward, Olivia Motz, Exley Tricker) 9:19.76, 22. Southeastern "B" (Meghan Voelker, Ash Saple, Stolle, Naomi Haines) 9:24.73.
Men's 800 freestyle relay
2. Carmel "A" (E. Zhang, L. Zhang, Pugh, Rothrock) 7:46.10, 3. Fishers "A" (Parsons, AJ Adams, Owen Lindsey, Hines) 7:55.24, 5. Carmel "B" (Gorey, Plumb, Szotek, Qian) 7:57.05, 16. Fishers "B" (Sanchez, Johanneman, Sean Harvey, Grant Ruble) 8:19.12, 22. Noblesville "A" (Mason Snyder, Biddle, Sean Halvorsen, Connor Pearson) 8:30.21, 24. Southeastern "A" (Jung, Warren, Pache, Derek Robison) 8:34.09, 31. Noblesville "B" (Mathis, Josh Naas, Liam Hayward, Mark Berger) 8:43.23.

Indianapolis Colts to celebrate 1984 inaugural team in September

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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The Colts will celebrate their 40th season in Indianapolis in September as one of its gameday themes for home games in the preseason and regular season in 2023.

Here is information on the themes for the Lucas Oil Stadium games released Monday from the Colts:

7 p.m. Aug. 19, vs. Bears: "Kick off the preseason festivities and join the Colts for an evening filled with excitement in American Family Insurance's Touchdown Town. Plus, fans can participate in the 11th annual Colts 5K Run/Walk in the morning before the game."

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 10, vs. Jaguars: "Members of the inaugural 1984 Indianapolis Colts team, coaching staff, other alumni and fans will come together to commemorate 40 seasons of Colts football in Indianapolis. Fans can relive behind the scenes moments, tell stories and walk through Colts history as the Colts celebrate this milestone in Indianapolis."

1 p.m. Oct. 1, vs. Rams: "Gather the whole family for a gameday experience, including special activities and entertainment for kids. The NFL is also proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by highlighting NFL players, coaches and staff and partnering with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement."

1 p.m. Oct. 8, vs. Titans: "The NFL's Crucial Catch mission is to fight cancer through early detection and risk reduction. The league, its clubs, players, the NFL Player Association and the American Cancer Society are committed to providing individuals with the tools they need to help them better understand early de-

tection and ways to reduce their cancer risk."

1 p.m. Oct. 22, vs. Browns: "Announcement coming in July."

1 p.m. Oct. 29, vs. Saints: "Embrace the Halloween spirit and join the Colts for a holiday-themed gameday. Plus, the NFL PLAY 60 is the league's national youth health and wellness campaign that encourages kids to be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day."

1 p.m. Nov. 26, vs. Buccaneers | Sun., Nov. 26 - 1 p.m.: "Salute to Service is a year-round effort to honor, empower and connect our nation's service members, veterans and their families. It is grounded in deep partnership with nonprofits and organizations that support the military community and the United States across the world."

To be determined, Week 15 vs. Steelers: | TBD: The team's 1956 Throwback game will feature 1950s uniforms. The team also will recognize the NFL's Inspire Change, which has committed \$250 million to addressing barriers to opportunity and equality and other social justice causes.

1 p.m. Dec. 31, vs. Raiders: "The Colts will dedicate the game to Kicking The Stigma, the team's effort to raise awareness about mental health and remove the stigma often attached to mental health disorders. To date, Kicking The Stigma has committed more than \$24 million to awareness efforts, treatment services and research in Indiana and beyond. Plus, fans can ring in the New Year and commemorate the holiday season."

To be determined, Week 18, vs. Texans: "As the 2023 season comes to a close, the team will celebrate Colts Nation at the final home game, filled with special surprises, giveaways and appreciation for fan support."

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miles to 400 miles. According to some, a 400-mile race is still too long and television viewership wanes by the end of the race. Apparently, the drop-off point around hour three. Thus, the theory goes, have a three-hour race clock and when the clock strikes zero, wave the checkered flag.

Like most ideas, the traditionalist will throw up their hands in disgust and wonder how we've strayed so far.

But if you stop and think about it, the idea really does have some merit. Will it significantly change the outcome of any race? No, probably not. Will it attract

and retain additional fans? Watching a three-hour race is much easier than a four-and-a-half-hour race, so probably, yes. It's certainly not the worst idea. Plus, the crown-jewel event such as the Daytona 500 or the Coke 600 could remain untimed.

I really appreciate NASCAR's flexibility and openness to change and try to make the racing better. How do you think the first 58 races with the NextGen car have gone? What, if anything, do you believe needs to change?

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