

# Duke pitches in to help clean up Morse Reservoir




Mike Berry photos provided

Duke Energy employees volunteered their time last weekend assisting the Morse Waterways Association clearing trash and debris from the public docks in Cicero. According to Duke Energy Government & Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr, the team brought a large amount of tree limbs, stray floating items, tree stumps, plastic, and other debris to the shore where it was hauled away for disposal. One employee volunteered his boat, which enabled the team to tow the very large items across the lake where it could be handled by a backhoe. Keep reading The Reporter for an upcoming story on all the work that was done to help keep Morse Reservoir beautiful. See more photos on Page 4 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](#).

## Wisdom from my Grandpa Howard

It was a rainy Sunday in 1914 and only a few persons were present for the morning worship at the Sterling Christian Church where Grandpa preached. (Sterling was on the east side of Coal Creek across from Veedersburg, Ind.) Thinking of the inclement weather and viewing the small audience, Grandpa was feeling rather depressed until Prudence Minnick, 90 years old, came in and took her place on the front seat near the pulpit. Her very presence seemed an inspiration that dispelled his lethargy. Immediately after dismissal, Grandpa greeted her and expressed his special appreciation for her faithful attendance. She replied, "I suppose there would not be many here today and I came to encourage you." "Oh frail body, for my sake, she was going to minister to me." He cherished her memory.

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# Winners announced in Soil & Water's photography contest




Photos provided by Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District has announced the winners of its ninth annual photography contest. This year's theme was "A Look into Biodiversity this Bicentennial." This year, the judges chose Steve Gass as the winner of the adult category for his submission, "Great Egret Posing," seen above left. Nate Fulton was the People's Choice adult winner for his submission, "Mother Swims Best," seen above right. Congratulations to both photographers. You can see all the photos submitted for this year's contest as the Soil & Water booth at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, which starts today!

## Stacey Swan named Westfield Middle School principal

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools has announced that Stacey Swan will assume the role of principal of Westfield Middle School. The position opened when the former principal, Mike Hall, became the director of operations within the district. Most recently, Swan served as principal at Fall Creek Junior High School in Hamilton Southeastern since June 2019. Before that, she was principal at Noblesville West Middle School. She has high school administrative experience at Noblesville High School and she taught at Kokomo High School and Blue River Junior High/High School. With 17 years of administrative experience, Swan says she is motivated to lead approximately 1,400 students and nearly



Swan

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# Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Cornhole Tournament set for Aug. 4

The REPORTER

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will hold its eighth annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday, Aug. 4, presented by the McGowan Insurance Group and West Bend Mutual Insurance. Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 12:30 p.m. at Forest Park, Shelter No. 1. The afternoon will consist of a three-game guarantee to include a double-elimination tournament and a "toilet bowl" bracket. Competitive play will culminate in a championship game paying out cash prizes to first and second place. Each participant will receive a commemorative tank top, sponsored by HMC Screen Printing, and an entry into a door prize drawing. All players are invited to bring their own adult beverages and multiple silent auction packages will be offered.

"Last year, over 60 teams competed in the event to support our youth programs," BGCN Community Center Director Tony Eslamirad said. "Those who attend not only have the opportunity to net-

work and relax on a Friday afternoon under the shade of

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Photo provided

The popular Cornhole Tournament benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville returns next month for its eighth year to the grounds of Forest Park in Noblesville.

## Parade of costumed pets returns to 4-H Fairgrounds Sunday

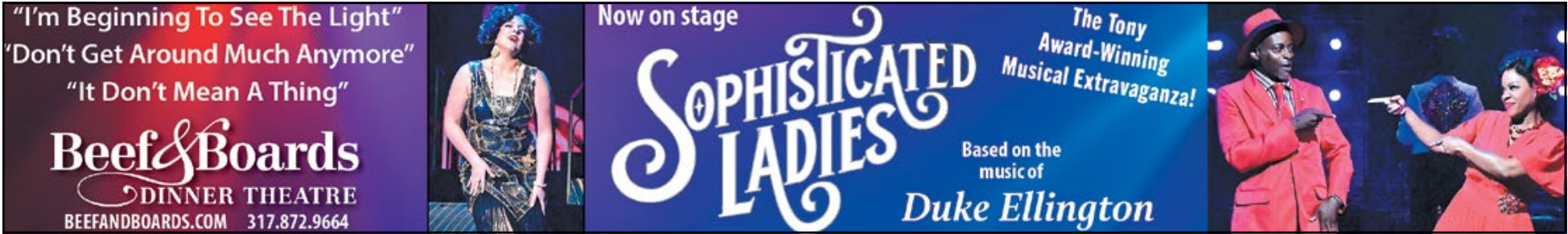
The REPORTER

Youth and their pets can explore their creativity by dressing in costumes to participate in the Hamilton County 4-H Pet Parade at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 23 during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. The Pet Parade will be held in the Rabbit Tent (west of the O.V. Winks building) at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. Participants must be 2 to 8 years old and be accompanied by their favorite pet. All participants will receive a ribbon and awards will be given to the most creative participants. Participants should report to the Rabbit Tent at 5:30 p.m. for registration. Proof of current rabies vaccinations MUST be provided at time of registration.

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160 staff members during this time of growth in the schools and community.

“Westfield Middle School's reputation and expansion were appealing to me as a leader,” Swan said. “I am excited about creating a school structure where all learners find success and feel supported. I am deeply passionate about middle level education and feel privileged to be trusted to lead Westfield Middle School into the future.”

Dr. Paul A. Kaiser, superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools, says he is excited to work with her.



Kaiser

“This was a highly competitive job to fill,” Kaiser said, “and we’re happy it led us to a leader as strong as Stacey Swan. Her passion and leadership shined throughout the process, and she brings exactly the type of experience that our district needs as we continue to be the top destination district in the state. I can’t wait to see the great work that she will do in our community.”

Swan received her education specialist degree, masters in educational leadership and supervision as well as her bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Ball State University.

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Forest Park, but they are making a difference in the lives of thousands of local kids that utilize the Club’s services. In the past seven years, the event has raised over \$65,000 to support affordable after school programs for our local Club Kids.”

The registration fee per team of two will be \$80 with all proceeds benefiting the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Teams may register online at [bgcni.org](http://bgcni.org). For more information, call the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville at (317) 773-4372 or email [teslamirad@bgcni.org](mailto:teslamirad@bgcni.org).

About BGCN

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health and physical development.

Enjoy memorable evening of Duke Ellington’s works at Beef & Boards

Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre continues its 50th anniversary season with *Sophisticated Ladies* – a very musical appreciation of Mr. Duke Ellington. The revue, originally conceived by Donald McKayle, opened on Broadway in 1981, and was a Tony Award nominee for Best Musical.

B&B’s production celebrates the jazz-master’s catalogue with swagger and style. His progression of ideas and creations is set forth by a solid group of performers supported by Musical Director Teneh B.C. Karimu’s full-voiced orchestra. Director/Choreographer Kenney Green-Tilford sets the tone for a fine evening of stylized song and dance.

A good-sized cast of singers and dancers wend through the show’s 30 musical numbers

with a snappy and sassy array of combinations and song stylings. Ellington’s works are aptly portrayed with animated tellings, highlighted by such favorites as “Music Is A

Woman” as offered by Tiffany Gilliam and Sean Blake, “It Don’t Mean A Thing” with Yvette Monique Clark, and “Satin Doll” with Zachary Dyer and Kelliann DeCarlo. Ms. Clark and Ms. DeCarlo combine for a soulful “I Got It Bad and That Ain’t Good,” Joseph Perkins leads the ensemble in “Caravan,” and Darius-Anthony Robinson, Gigi Huang and Jonny Rouse perform a spirited “Dancers In Love.” Ms. DeCarlo offers “Solitude” punctuated by a dreamy dance by Anika Lynn Casey.

All the performers sparkle and shine due to the



Photo by Julie Curry

The cast of *Sophisticated Ladies*, on stage now at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

amazing plethora of costumes designed and gathered by Dustin Cross and his crew. The stage setting by set designer Michael Layton and lighting designer Ryan Koharchik evoke a night club environment including the onstage orchestra.

**Bottom line:** The combination of Ellington’s wonderful compositions, this cast of well-prepared and talented performers,

plus a “big band” sounding orchestra makes for a memorable evening of the master’s works.

*Sophisticated Ladies* continues at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre through Aug. 20. Show times and reservations can be obtained at [beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com), or by calling (317) 872-9664.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

PET PARADE —————

Immediately following the event, all Pet Parade pets must leave the 4-H Fairgrounds.

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](https://www.facebook.com/hamilton4h),

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**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.*

GRANDPA’S WISDOM —————

(Prudence Minnick was born in 1824 and her good deeds are being reported here almost 200 years later). For an equal period of time, your good deeds would be reported in 2222!

During hard times, the Sterling Christian Church was pastored by Grandfather Howard for \$5 a year.

One of the recent members moving to Hamilton County from the church is Ryan McCann, the Executive Director of the Indiana Family Institute. The

Indiana Family Institute opened its doors in 1990 as a non-partisan public education and research organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group.

IFI consists of professional staff, a Board of Directors consisting of state business and community leaders, and numerous volunteers. It works in association with 40 other Family Policy Councils across the nation as well as Focus on the Family, the Family

Research Council and Alliance Defending Freedom but the vast majority of its work and effort centers on public policy, research, and education regarding the health and well-being of all Hoosier families.

Grandpa always had other words of wisdom:

Evil thoughts are better unspoken.

A lazy person cannot be a Christian – preacher not excepted.

It requires more courage to rebuke a friend than to fight a foe.

As the chilling blast of winter, so unkind words from those we love.

He who finds the most fault with others has the least time for self-improvement.

A rolling stone gathers no moss, and a traveling falsehood increases rapidly.

Sin is the wrong use of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us.

I saw a young man recently who certainly loved his mother, for he parted his hair in the middle and actually tried to look like a woman.

Some wayward children bring their parents down to the grave in sorrow, and then erect stately monuments to show how much they love them.

He who has only one talent and improves it is better than a man having five talents and does not improve them, for to whomsoever much is given, of him much will be required.

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# LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

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## Saturday, July 29

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19401 N. Allisonville Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060

Celebrate our county's history by joining Hamilton County Parks and Recreation for a unique visual evening experience at Potter's Bridge Park. Lighted canoes provided by White River Canoe Company will be visible as you stroll along the iconic covered bridge arrayed with luminaries. Music and roving lighted entertainment will help make this an event to remember. Food trucks and a beer vendor will offer their menu items for purchase.

For more details call 317.770.4400 or visit [MyHamiltonCountyParks.com](http://MyHamiltonCountyParks.com).

A complete list of bicentennial events can be found at [HamCoTurns200.com](http://HamCoTurns200.com).

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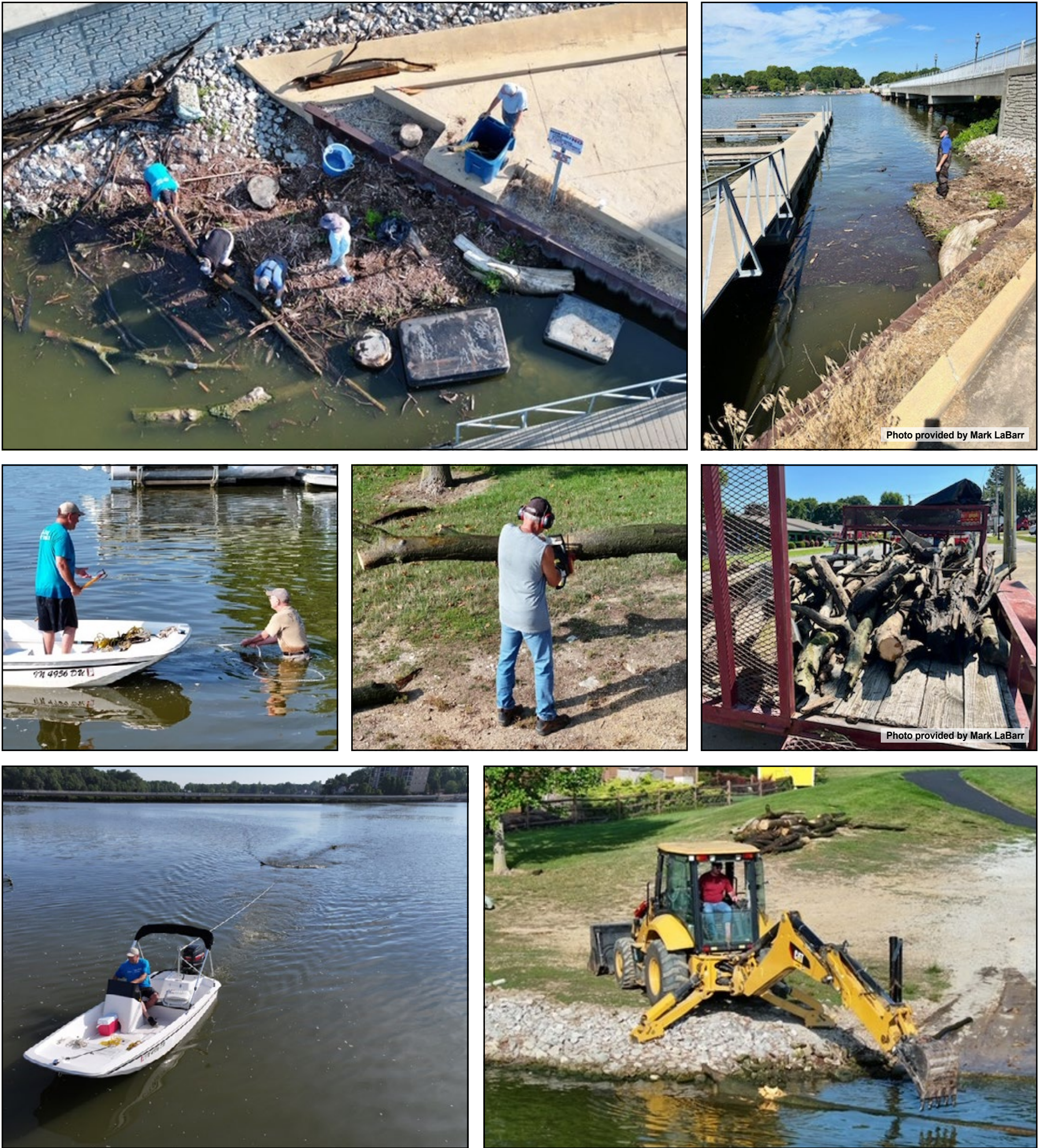


SCAN ME



# It takes a village to clean up a lake

*In addition to Duke Energy crews, several other groups of volunteers helped clean up the area around Morse Reservoir all weekend long. Debris, trash, and hazards were removed from the water and shoreline to help keep the reservoir safe, tidy, and welcoming. Read more in an upcoming edition of The Hamilton County Reporter. (Mike Berry photos provided)*





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# Beckwith calls for state tax relief

Submitted by  
**Micah Beckwith**  
for Lt. Governor

Republican candidate for Indiana Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith is urging state officials to provide tax relief due to the state’s surplus revenue.

“As a good fiscal conservative, I am pleased the state is paying down the debt,” Beckwith said. “However, there needs to be more tax relief for Hoosiers. Families and seniors are paying higher and higher prices at the pump and grocery stores. Property taxes have skyrocketed, stretching the family budget to the max. More needs to be done to help hard working Hoosiers.”

State Comptroller Tera Klutz recently announced that the state will close the books on fiscal year 2023 with a \$2.9 billion surplus. At the beginning of the year there was \$6 billion in reserves. \$2.5 billion went to the pension stabilization fund and \$3 billion was spent on one-time expenditures. Out of all the billions of dollars, the legislature provided \$100 million to help Hoosiers with rising property taxes, which increased on average 18 percent last year.

“Hoosiers are being hit with a 9 percent inflation rate and property tax increases of 18 percent. These facts cannot be ignored,” said Beckwith. “By lowering our tax burden, we will not only be helping families, but we will also be making our state more economically competitive.”

The Money Geek rates Indiana as a B in tax friend-

liness. Indiana has a higher sales tax rate than Massachusetts.

“Our goal for Indiana should be to get into the top 10 friendly tax states,” Beckwith said. “As the next Lt. Governor, I am committed to helping the taxpayers of this great state.”

**About Micah Beckwith**

Micah Beckwith is a proud father, devoted husband, pastor, and small business owner. He and his wife, Susan, and their two children have been serving Hamilton County and surrounding areas for over 15 years. He is a graduate of Huntington University with a degree in business and economics.

Currently, Beckwith teaches a high-school constitutional literacy class for a Christian school in Carmel. He also co-hosts the popular podcast *Jesus, Sex and Politics* with Pastor Nathan Petemel. He is an inspirational speaker and has served as the keynote speaker for several not-for-profit and community groups and over the past year has toured the state as an advocate for health-care freedom.

Beckwith currently serves in leadership positions for several organizations, including: Noblesville Campus Pastor for Life Church, Executive Director of Indiana Family Action PAC, Co-Founder of Indiana Coalition Conservatives, Indiana Chairman of U.S. Term Limits, and Executive Director of Hoosier Leadership Series.

Learn more at [Micah-Beckwith.com](https://MicahBeckwith.com).



Beckwith

# Local Republicans gather for breakfast at Peterson’s in Fishers



Reporter photos

Hamilton County Republicans gathered for their monthly breakfast meeting Wednesday morning at Peterson’s Restaurant, 7690 E. 96th St., Fishers. County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt spoke during the meeting. (Above right) Afterward, Gaylor Electric CFO Jim Crews (left) and Adler Attorneys’ newest associate Hayden “Bugsy Malone” Parsons were kind enough to take a moment for a quick photo.

## Letter to the Editor

# Tiffanie Ditlevson stands in full support of HSE Schools referendum

Friends in education, I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to ensure broad communication of my support to you all as you begin the 2023-2024 school year. In the coming months, we will hear community comments about the referendum and properly funding our schools – teachers compensation/benefits, classroom resources, and maintaining a thriving learning environment.

I stand firmly in support of an ongoing referendum. Your compensation, work environment, and job security are important to me because of the integral roles the school system plays in the lives of families, young students, young adults, and people who decide to move to Fishers and put down roots.

I am the product of public school, and my third-grade teacher at Duncan Elementary School, Mrs. Sargent, changed the trajectory of my life by noticing my reading skills were not on grade level. When we moved from Germany to Texas my vision began to lapse and I couldn’t see to read or do math (actually, second grade was horrible academically); hence, I was not on level and behind my classmates. My teacher informed my parents and

helped me close my math and reading gaps. Ultimately, I was identified as a gifted student and began the appropriate curriculum.

In retrospect, I am so grateful for her care, expertise, and professionalism. Eighteen months later, in the middle of fourth grade, we moved to El Paso and the schools were underfunded, overcrowded, without gifted programs, and I was bullied for being fat, four-eyed, and nerdy (yes, that still stings). We had music classes every day, and that was my respite.

I started fifth grade in Cumberland County Schools in North Carolina, and my “gifted” designation allowed re-entry into programs and classes best for me, put me with my peers, and set me up for long-term success.

So yes, I know how vital teachers are and I have huge respect for the indelible marks they make.

During my daughter’s schooling, I was always an involved parent who worked to support teachers, staff, and students in order to create the best possible environment for learning, acceptance, and self-expression. My daughter has been blessed to have countless impactful teachers throughout her life.

Her first teacher, Ms. Lenora, taught me how to cultivate a lifelong love of learning within my child: sending Micayla to school with a nutritious lunch (with an emphasis on rehashing the previous evening’s dinner); demonstrating a love of environment by not creating unnecessary trash; growing her self-esteem by recreating an at-home Montessori-like environment to empower her; buying toys that were educational and fun; and allowing her to pursue subjects that greatly interested her (she wanted to be a nail tech in sixth grade and we spent time and money painting nails at women shelters and festivals).

She graduated with honors, cheered all four years, and earned a Hudson and Holland Scholarship to IU. She will pursue her doctorate in chiropractic in the fall at Logan University.

I greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication teachers provide by building young people. I support continuing the referendum and ensuring resources support teachers, classrooms, and students in the pursuit of academic excellence.

**Tiffanie Ditlevson**  
Candidate for Fishers City Council, At-large

# Scripps News names Braun “most active” Senator in writing & passing laws this year

Submitted

In a recent report, Scripps News found Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) to be the most active and effective Republican Senator legislatively this year using data from GovTrack.us.

This follows on the heels of the non-partisan Center for Effective Lawmaking naming Sen. Braun the most effective first-term Republican Senator in the last two-year period, as well as the most effective Republican in the categories of Health and Agriculture.

Craig Volden, co-director of the Center for Effective Lawmaking, also noted Sen. Braun’s accomplishment of defining a portfolio that effectively represents the issues his constituents care about, including his appointment as Ranking Member of the Aging Committee.

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) was the other Senator Scripps named as most active.



Braun

Sen. Braun made this statement on his ranking:

“When I was elected, I promised Hoosiers that I would come to Washington to fight for them and get results,” Sen. Braun said. “I’m proud to be named the most active and effective Republican Senator and to represent Hoosier work ethic here in Washington.”

Sen. Braun serves on the Aging Committee, Agriculture Committee, Budget Committee, Appropriations Committee, and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP). He has sponsored 76 bills in the 118th Congress and cosponsored 336 bills so far.

## Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, July 24, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commission will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, has been changed to a joint meeting between the Redevelopment Commission and Redevelopment Authority. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5, the Hamilton County Election Board will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, in the Clerk’s Office at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

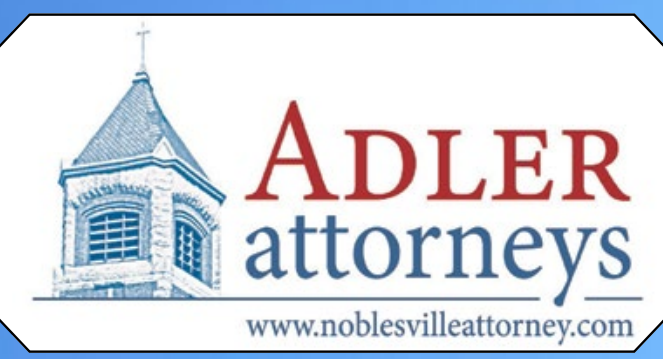
The purpose of the meeting is to accept three school board referendum questions that are to be placed on the 2023 Municipal Ballot.

The Election Board will also address a challenge made by Darin Johnson, a potential Independent Candidate for Carmel Mayor. Mr. Johnson is challenging the rejection of his Petition for Nomination claiming the possibility that too many signatures were rejected.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
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# Westfield Farmers Market is back, baby!

### Submitted

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

### July 20

#### Market vendors

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

- A Couple Kids Family Farm
- Babydoll Boutique
- Baked, A Cookie Company, LLC
- Becky the Baker
- Boozee Bundts
- Cool Creations Company
- Courtney Ann Designz
- Creolicious Bakery
- Dragonwood LLC
- Eagle Creek Apiary
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- Fox Holler Woodworks
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- Good Chew Company
- Grace over Grace Boutique
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- June Ellen Clothing
- Lazy Labs Bakery
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- Mary D Jellies and Preserves, LLC
- Middlefork Meadows LLC
- My Dad's Sweetcorn
- Old Major Market
- Orange Cat Creations
- PipKing Creations with Soule
- Poppin' Sweet Confections
- Revolt CBD LLC
- Sandys Sass
- Shellacakes Sweets and Treats
- Simply From Scratch
- Tall Girl Specialty Pasta
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- timbar
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- With the Grain Woodshop
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- Arepas
- Bearded Burger
- Grand Junction Brewing Co.
- Papa Floyd's Polar Snow
- Polish Cottage Polska Chata LLC
- Sloppy's
- Taco Express LLC
- The Lemon Bar
- The Walking Waffle Co
- True Texan BBQ
- Community Partners**
- Trinity Free Clinic
- Westfield High School Band

### This week's live music

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

#### About the Market

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

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

### Submitted by Indiana ACT for Families

This week, the Indiana ACT for Families coalition features Natasha Navas of Westfield. She is a mother of a six-year-old with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who was inspired to begin a career as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy after seeing her son's dramatic improvement.

#### Natasha's story

Natasha first learned that her son was demonstrating signs of autism at his two-year checkup. Like many parents of children with autism, she was initially overwhelmed by this diagnosis, but set out to find the best way to help her son. After doing extensive research about her son's options, she decided to try ABA therapy. However, there was limited access in her hometown of Los Angeles, Calif. In order to receive the best services for her son, she packed up her life in California and moved to Westfield where the ABA center was only a 15-minute drive away.

"We were able to move to Indiana, specifically for ABA therapy, become en-

rolled in Medicaid and begin ABA services for my son," Navas said.

#### "I wholeheartedly believe in ABA Therapy"

When he started ABA therapy, Navas' son was nonverbal. After just a few short months he could functionally communicate.

"He had maybe 10 words when we started ABA and now we are moving towards sentences at times," she said. "For example, yesterday, he was able to tell his therapist he had an earache."

As her son shows improvements through therapy, Navas said she is also able to feel the impact it has had on herself and her family.

"ABA has given me and my family the confidence and ability to do things we never imagined we could, like go to restaurants and the grocery store," she said.

#### Finding inspiration

The success of her son's ABA therapy inspired Navas to pursue her own career in the field so that she could help other families like hers.

"Seeing the improvement in my son, I wanted to be able to give other families the same consistent quality therapy that my son



Photo provided

**Natasha Navas says ABA has given her family the confidence to do things they've never imagined.**

receives," she said. "So, last year, I started the program to become an RBT."

It has offered her the ability to gain a deeper insight and understanding into her son's behaviors, and how to help him reach his goals and become, all-around, more independent.

#### About Indiana ACT for Families

Indiana ACT for Families is a broad coalition of Hoosier families, ABA

therapists, ABA therapy providers, and stakeholders, including The Arc of Indiana and other advocacy groups, working to advocate in support of promoting access to high-quality ABA therapy services in Indiana. For more information, please visit [IndianaACT4Families.com](http://IndianaACT4Families.com).

If you are interested in sharing how ABA therapy has impacted your family, please email [info@IndianaAct4Families.com](mailto:info@IndianaAct4Families.com).

# Carmel court reporter wins first-ever Court to CART grant

### The REPORTER

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), recently presented its first-ever \$1,000 **Court to CART Grant** to NCRA member Amy Doman, RMR, CRR, a freelance court reporter from Carmel.

NCRA is the country's leading organization rep-

resenting stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

Chairing the Court to CART Stewardship Team, NCRF Trustee Patricia Graves, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, a captioner from Monument, Colo., said she was pleased to select Doman from a number of highly qualified grant applicants.

"CART services support a person's journey through hearing loss," Graves said. "As a service provider, one needs to always stay in role but be approachable, caring, empathetic, and perceptive. CART is more than merely words on a screen. It is communication. Amy Doman has the heart and skills to be a great CART captioner."

Doman, who holds the nationally recognized pro-



Doman

fessional certifications of Registered Merit Reporter (RMR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), was impressed by the court reporter who captioned the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo keynote speaker and became inspired to become a CART captioner.

The \$1,000 grant is offered to honor the memory of the stepfather and lifelong role model of NCRA member and NCRF Trustee Rich Germosen, FAPR, RDR, CRR, Eligio Antonio Rosario, Sr. Germosen is a freelance court reporter and agency owner from New Brunswick, N.J.

The grant is awarded to an NCRA applicant interested in broadening his or her skill set from the judicial setting to the path of

providing communication access realtime translation (CART) for people with hearing loss or for non-native English speakers. As a grant winner, Doman will receive an assessment of her real-time skills and instruction about current CART technology. Hands-on training will be provided as well as the chance to learn from applicable existing NCRA videos.

The concept behind this grant emanated from Germosen's quest for speed, accuracy, and professional development. His focus was complemented by Graves' passion to serve people with hearing loss or nonnative English speakers by providing CART services when needed.

"I'm as happy as a hound dog with two tails!" Doman said. "Receiving this grant has a very special meaning

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# Here's a pro tip: don't look directly at the camera



Photos provided by Carmel Police Department

**The Carmel Police Department (CPD) is investigating multiple thefts from vehicles that occurred at the Lawrence Inlow Park and Monon Center parking lots on Tuesday, July 11 between approximately 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. As part of this investigation, CPD is attempting to identify the individuals pictured above. If you have any information regarding the identity of these individuals, please call Officer Davis at the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500, or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case numbers 23-48442, 23-48452, 23-48449, and 23-48433.**

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# Attorney General Todd Rokita & team take strong actions against robocallers during national sweep

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team have continued a month-long crackdown against illegal robocallers responsible for billions of calls nationally and tens of millions to Hoosiers.

As part of this effort, AG Rokita's team has collaborated with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other law enforcement partners nationwide – including attorneys general from all 50 states and the District of Columbia – in a national sweep the FTC has dubbed “Operation Stop Scam Calls.”

“All Hoosiers, my wife and I included, hate these unwanted automated calls that disturb our peace and interrupt our routines,” AG Rokita said. “But these calls are more than mere annoyances. Quite often, they’re part of elaborate scams aimed at stealing people’s money and identities. We’re working to stop these criminal acts and hold perpetrators accountable.”

The national sweep targets telemarketers and the companies that hire them – as well as lead generators who deceptively collect and provide consumers’ telephone numbers to robocallers. These deceptive lead generators falsely represent that consumers have consented to receive calls.

Operation Stop Scam Calls also targets Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers who facilitate tens of billions of illegal robocalls every year, which often originate overseas.

Over past months, AG Rokita's team has taken the following actions:

- In April of 2023, Rokita's team **finalized settlements** with Startel Communication LLC, Wanda

Hall, and Rapid Eagle Inc. – doing business as VoIP Essential Inc. These companies allegedly helped robocallers make over 4.8 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states across the United States. The alleged robocalls included a variety of scams, including IRS and Social Security Administration imposter scams, legal action or arrest scams, Apple support scams, and Amazon subscription scams. The settlements included civil penalties and injunctive terms. Rapid Eagle Inc. LLC agreed to follow state and federal laws on telephone privacy and pay \$150,000 to the State of Indiana. Startel Communication LLC and Wanda Hall agreed to leave the robocalling and telecom industry forever.

- In March of 2022, Rokita's team **settled with Piratel LLC** – a California telecommunications company whose clients included the aforementioned Startel Communication LLC. The settlement resolved allegations that Piratel LLC had accepted money to essentially “look the other way” rather than act upon its knowledge that Startel facilitated robocalls. Piratel LLC agreed to follow state and federal laws on telephone privacy and pay \$150,000 to the State of Indiana.

- In April of 2023, Rokita's team settled with Greg Sheppard doing business as Connected Leads out of Chicago, Ill., for allegedly sending at least seven robocalls sent to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List. The settlement includ-



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ed a judgment of \$30,000 and other injunctive terms.

- In August of 2022, **Rokita announced** that his team was leading The Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force. The Task Force is a 51-state-member collective, led by the Attorneys General of Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio, which is focused on pursuing investigating and pursuing enforcement actions against various entities – currently, VoIP providers – in the robocall ecosystem that are identified as being responsible for significant volumes of illegal and fraudulent robocall traffic routed into and across the country.

- On behalf of the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force, Rokita's team in November of 2022 filed a petition to enforce a Civil Investigative Demand issued earlier that year to One Eye LLC. In May of 2023, the court ordered that One Eye LLC, its ownership group, and its successive company One Owl Telecom Inc. stop transmitting calls to: 1) phone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry; 2) phone numbers on the Indiana Do Not Call List 3) phone numbers with an Indiana Area Code; and 4) Indiana residents.

- Co-leading a 49-attorney-general coalition, Rokita **filed a civil lawsuit** in May of 2023 against

Michael D. Lansky LLC – doing business as Avid Telecom – and others alleging violations of various state and federal telephone privacy and telemarketing laws. The complaint alleges that Avid Telecom sent or transmitted more than 7.5 billion calls to telephone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry. This was the first enforcement action that arose out of the investigative efforts of the 51-member Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force. As of July 2023, the case remained pending.

- Rokita and his team, along with six other states, prepare for trial in August of 2023 against Health Advisors of America Inc., Michael T. Smith and Scott Shapiro for their alleged role in one of the United States' largest robocalling schemes. The complaint alleges defendants made 25 million calls to Hoosiers in 2019 and 2020, which included more than 13.5 million calls to people whose numbers were on the Do Not Call Registry and 5 million calls to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List. In March of 2023, the Attorney General **settled with John Spiller and Jakob Mears**.

“Collaboration is a key component in investigating and prosecuting illegal robocallers,” AG Rokita said. “We will continue working with state and federal partners to combat this criminal activity and achieve positive outcomes for Hoosiers.”

## Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

### AUGUST

**Young Professionals Coffee & Networking**  
8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 8  
Location: The Bridgewater Club

**Perfecting Your Partnership**  
3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 9  
Location: The Bridgewater Club

**Chamber Luncheon**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17  
Location: The Bridgewater Club

**Coffee with the Chamber**  
8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22  
Location: The Club of Chatham Hills

**Party on the Patio (& YP Happy Hour)**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22  
Location: Collective Beauty Salon & Spa

### SEPTEMBER

**Young Professionals Coffee & Networking**  
8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 8  
Location: The Club at Chatham Hills

**Young Professionals Golf Outing**  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12  
Location: Wood Wind Golf Club

**Mental Health First Aid Training**  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13  
Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

**Party on the Patio (& YP Happy Hour)**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19  
Location: Four Fingers Distillery

**Chamber Luncheon**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21  
Location: West Fork Whiskey

**Showcase & Taste**  
Time T.B.D., Wednesday, Sept. 27  
Location: Grand Park Events Center

**Thanks for reading  
The Reporter!**

## Matthew Rodgers of Carmel makes dean's list at Anderson University

### The REPORTER

Matthew Rodgers of Carmel was named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the spring semester 2023.

To be named to the

Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average or higher for the semester. The University congratulates its students for their exemplary academic achievement.



### One-day lane closures on 161st Street

Beginning on or after Friday, July 21, one lane at a time along 161st Street between Hazel Dell Road and Gray Road will be restricted while the construction contractor places epoxy on the bridge. This is a one-day restriction between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## COURT

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to me as it honors Rich's stepfather. Rich and the Facebook practice group have been a real game changer in both my personal and professional life, so that makes this opportunity even more meaningful. I can't wait for the day I can post in our group that I'm taking my first CART job! The generosity of the resources you're giving me is immeasurable. Thank you, NCRF.”

Doman added, “The Court to CART Grant will provide me with opportunities I could not easily afford on my own. I am determined to be an excellent CART provider in the next five years. This grant would help me access the tools and education to shorten that timeline tremendously.”

Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live captioning of events, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communi-

ties with gaining access to information, entertainment, educational opportunities, and more.

If you're looking for a career that is on the cutting edge of technology, offers the opportunity for work at home or abroad, like to write, enjoy helping others, and are fast with your fingers, then the fields of court reporting and captioning are careers you can explore at [NCRA.org/discoversteno](https://ncra.org/discoversteno).

The NCRA A to Z Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program, a free online six-week introductory course, lets participants see if a career in court reporting or captioning would be a good choice for them. The program is an introduction to stenographic theory and provides participants with the opportunity to learn the basics of writing on a steno machine. There is no charge to take the course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download the **iStenoPad app**.

**Click here** to learn more and the NCRF Court to CART Grant. To donate to the fundraiser for this Court to CART Grant, **click here**.

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# Hamilton County 4-H Fair Schedule, July 20 – 24

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Joint Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Extension Homemakers' Special: Taco Platter

**VIP Animal Care**

Exhibits & Displays Open	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	4-H Tractor Driving Contest	1 p.m.
Bicentennial Groundbreaking	9 a.m.	4-H Pygmy Goat Show	1 p.m.
4-H Bucket Calf Show	9 a.m.	4-H Llama Pack Obstacle	1:30 p.m.
4-H Llama Senior Showmanship	9:30 a.m.	Kids' Craft Activities	2 p.m.
4-H Crops Judging	10 a.m.	Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
4-H Horse & Pony English Show	10 a.m.	Extension Homemakers Flower Show	4:30 p.m.
4-H Poultry Show	10 a.m.	Purdue Extension Celebrates!	6 p.m.
4-H Robotics Activities	10 a.m.	4-H Rabbit Ambassador Contest	6 p.m.
4-H Dairy Show	10:30 a.m.	Do-Si-Squares Exhibition	6:30 p.m.
		4-H Clogging Exhibition	7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**  
Sheep Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.  
Extension Homemakers' Special: Beef & Noodles

Exhibits & Displays Open	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
4-H Sheep Wool Judging	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Hunter & Jumper Show	10 a.m.
4-H Sheep Show	10 a.m.
4-H Pocket Pet Show	12 p.m.
Caravan Classes Kids' Crafts	12 - 4 p.m.
4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor Contest	1 p.m.
Walk-A-Llama	1 p.m.
Stone's Crossing Live Music	1 p.m.
Youth Pedal Tractor Pull	2 p.m.
4-H Parents' Llama Show	2:30 p.m.
Kids' Craft Activities	3 p.m.
Youth Sheep Exhibition	4:30 p.m.
Antique Tractor Parade	5 p.m.
4-H Food & Microwave Auction	5 p.m.
Pet Parade	6 p.m.
Farmer Olympics	6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**  
Rabbit & Poultry Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.  
Extension Homemakers' Special: Chicken & Noodles

**THE Farmers Bank**

Exhibits & Displays Open	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Kids' Craft Activities	1 p.m.
4-H Rabbit Show	8:30 a.m.	Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive	3 - 6:30 p.m.
4-H Beef Grooming Contest	8:30 a.m.	Indiana Wild Animal Show	3 p.m.
4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest	9 a.m.	4-H Meat Goat Show	3 p.m.
4-H Llama Intermediate Showmanship	9:30 a.m.	Llama Costume Contest	5 p.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Western Show	10 a.m.	4-H Dairy Goat Show	6 p.m.
Master Gardener Fair Fun	11 a.m.	4-H Beef Barbecue Contest	6 p.m.
Sheep Fitting Contest	11:30 a.m.	Leaping Llama Exhibition	6 p.m.
4-H Llama PR Obstacle Class	12 p.m.	4-H Sewing & Consumer Clothing Revue	7 p.m.
		Walk-A-Llama	7:30 p.m.
		Blue River Band	8 p.m.

**4-H GROWS HERE**  
**MONDAY, JULY 24**  
Beef Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.  
Extension Homemakers' Kitchen 8 - 11 a.m.

Exhibits & Displays Open	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
4-H Beef Show	9 a.m.
4-H 1/16th Tractor Pull	9:30 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Versatility Show	10 a.m.
4-H Llama Youth Judging	10 a.m.
Color Me Green Fun Run	11:30 a.m.
4-H Rocket Launch	1 p.m.
Youth Talent Contest	2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Royal Showmanship	3 p.m.
Supreme Showmanship	7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**  
Pork Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.  
Extension Homemakers' Special: Meatloaf

**Breathe Easy Hamilton County**

Exhibits & Displays Open	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	4-H Llama Field Obstacle	1:30 p.m.
4-H Swine Show	8 a.m.	Homemade Pie Contest	2 p.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Dressage	8 a.m.	Kids' Craft Activities	2 p.m.
4-H Public Speaking Contest	8:30 a.m.	Extension Homemakers' Food & Craft Show	3 p.m.
4-H Llama Junior Showmanship	9:30 a.m.	Hedgehog Hannah	4:30 p.m.
Master Gardener Fair Fun	10 a.m.	4-H Cat Show	5 p.m.
4-H Demonstration Contest	11 a.m.	4-H Dog Drill Team Demonstration	5 p.m.
Providence Wildlife Animal Show	12:30 p.m.	4-H Horse & Pony Contesting Show	6 p.m.
Antique Tractor Pull	1 p.m.	Homemade Ice Cream Contest	6:30 p.m.
		Walk-A-Llama	7 p.m.
		Youth Swine Exhibition	7 p.m.
		DJ Charlie Van Wieringen	8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**  
**4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION 5:30 P.M.**

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# Indiana Donor Network reports 25% increase in six months in organ recoveries for transplantation

## The REPORTER

With two quarters of 2023 complete, Indiana Donor Network has surpassed the number of organ recoveries it achieved during the first two quarters of its record-breaking year of 2022, putting the organization on pace to save more lives than ever this year.

From January through June 30, 804 lifesaving organs were recovered, a 25 percent increase in the number of organs recovered during the same time period one year ago. Additionally:

- 232 organ donors and 734 tissue and cornea donors were facilitated by the organization.

- 8,442 tissues were recovered by the organization.

In 2022, during the same period, 645 lifesaving organs were recovered by In-

diana Donor Network. Additionally:

- 155 organ donors and 617 tissue and cornea donors were facilitated by the organization.

- 6,994 tissues were recovered by the organization.

“We are maximizing use of the latest technology available to increase the time organs can remain viable outside the human body as they are transported to patients waiting for a transplant,” Indiana Donor Network President & CEO Kellie Tremain said. “These technological advancements are increasing the viability time of donor organs and substantially increasing the time we have and the distance we can span to get these gifts to those whose lives depend on them. Our successes are also due to

our growing, hard-working staff, each dedicated to saving and healing lives through various critical roles.”

In 2022, Indiana Donor Network began utilizing revolutionary kidney perfusion pumps, which are used in operating rooms during organ recovery and during a donated organ’s transport to a transplant center. These pumps keep donated kidneys functioning outside the body, allowing the organ’s temperature and vascular performance to be constantly monitored and increasing its viability for successful transplant. Donated kidneys on perfusion pumps can now be transported up to 250 nautical miles from Indiana Donor Network’s Organ and Tissue Recovery Center in Indianapolis, reaching patients at 40 trans-

plant centers throughout the Midwest.

“We’ve widened our organ donor criteria, enhanced our donor management operations and are utilizing advanced organ recovery coordinators to perform diagnostics and procedures,” said Sherry Quire, director of organ services at Indiana Donor Network. “We’ve added surgical recovery specialists and a surgical medical director. We are also now utilizing a real-time, geo-tracking system to monitor transport of donated organs during all phases of their transport to transplant centers and optimize logistics for recovery, transport, and transplantation teams.”

Lindsay Hamilton, director of tissue services at Indiana Donor Network,

attributes the five-month rise in tissue recoveries to stronger relationships with the organization’s tissue recovery partners, which are critical links between tissue donors and recipients. Indiana Donor Network’s tissue recovery partners manage the identification of donors and tissue retrieval, preservation, and transportation.

“We’ve worked diligently to enhance and expand our relationships with our tissue recovery partners,” Hamilton said. “Many of our partners have expanded their criteria to accept more tissue donors and donors of increased age.”

Currently, there are 1,259 Indiana residents waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and more than 4.3 million Hoosiers

registered as organ donors.

## About the Indiana Donor Network

Indiana Donor Network, a non-profit organization, is the federally designated organ recovery organization that coordinates organ, tissue and cornea donation in Indiana and transplantation throughout the U.S. Its mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state’s 92 counties and serves transplant hospitals throughout the U.S.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor at [DonateLifeIndiana.org](https://www.donatelifeindiana.org).



Metz



Misiewicz



Rhodes



Wright

## Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, Inc. announces inaugural Hall of Fame inductees

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, Inc. (IPBS) announced on Monday its inaugural class of inductees into the IPBS Hall of Fame. The inductees are:

- **Perry Metz** – Former Executive Director of Indiana University Radio and Television Services and General Manager of WFUI/WTIU (Bloomington)

- **Dr. Joe Misiewicz** – Former General Manager of Ball State Public Media and Emeritus Chair of the Department of Telecommunications at Ball State University (Muncie)

- **Roger Rhodes** – Former Executive Director Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, Inc. and General Manager of WFWA-TV (Fort Wayne)

- **Lloyd Wright** – Former President and CEO of WFYI Public Media (Indianapolis)

“We are so pleased to be honoring four very special individuals in this way,” said Nichole Carie, IPBS Board President and General Manager of Vincennes University Broadcasting. “They epitomize excellence in our industry and will forever have the distinction of being members of the first class inducted into the IPBS Hall of Fame.”

The Hall of Fame was established in 2023 by the IPBS Board of Directors to recognize individuals with Hoosier ties who have made meaningful contributions to the advancement of public media in Indiana, the nation, or the world. Inductees have achieved excellence by embracing the noble cause of service, and have provided leadership, wisdom, and good counsel to the communities they serve through the betterment of public media.

To be eligible, nominees for the Hall of Fame will be champions of public media with ties to Indiana and the industry that date back at least four years. New inductees will be selected annually.

“These inductees are all accomplished and have left an enduring legacy of dedication that others strive to emulate,” Carie said.

The IPBS Hall of Fame Awards will be presented on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at the **Renaissance Hotel** in Carmel and will coincide with the **IPBS Annual Conference**.

### About Perry Metz

Perry Metz served as Executive Director of Indiana University Radio and Television Services from 2003 to 2019 and was General Manager of WFUI/WTIU during that time. He also held a number of administrative posts within the university.

Under Metz’s leadership, WFUI/WTIU dramatically expanded local programming – especially news and documentaries – and earned hundreds of awards and honors, includ-

ing 65 in 2019 alone. Metz served as the President of Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, Inc. for almost a decade. He is credited with founding IPB News, the statewide collaborative for gathering and sharing news among IPBS member station. It was one of the first converged newsrooms in public media, bringing together radio and television news departments and developing a deep online presence.

In addition, Metz is a former Vice President of the Bloomington’s redevelopment commission, President of the city’s traffic commission, and President of the county’s convention and visitor’s bureau. In 2019, he received IU’s Bicentennial Medal, in recognition of his distinguished service and contributions.

### About Dr. Joe Misiewicz

Dr. Joe Misiewicz, affectionately known as Dr. Joe, had a distinguished career at Ball State University and in public media. He arrived at Ball State in 1990 as chair and professor in the Department of Telecommunications and retired with emeritus status in 2012. He is one of the forces behind creating the Department of Media in what is today called the College of Communication, Information, and Media (CCIM) at Ball State.

Dr. Joe was also the General Manager of public media stations WIPB-TV and WBST-FM, Board President of IPBS, and CEO of Indiana Broadcasters Association. He provided vision and leadership for IPBS during some of its earliest years. Known as a creator and innovator, Dr. Joe is credited with starting the East Central Indiana business incubator, Idea Mart (now known as the Innovation Connector) in 2002. In 2021, he was honored with the Indiana Broadcasters Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

### About Roger Rhodes

Roger Rhodes set himself apart during a 28-year career in public media through steady and thoughtful leadership. He served as President and General Manager of WFWA-TV (today PBS Fort Wayne) from 1990 to 2007 and as Executive Director of IPBS, the statewide consortium of PBS and NPR stations in Indiana, from 2007 to 2018.

As IPBS Executive Director, he combined knowledge about government relations and public affairs with important advocacy work to maintain station financial support at the state and federal level. He completed a fiber network linking IPBS member television and radio stations with one another. He also established a content sharing framework that made Statehouse addresses such as the Governor’s State of the State, Chief Justice’s State of the Judiciary, and Commissioner’s State of

Higher Education an ongoing component of the annual statewide production and programming cycle. Finally, he was instrumental in WLPR-FM in Merrillville becoming the 17th IPBS member station and was the visionary behind the IPBS Annual Conference.

At WFWA, Rhodes successfully led an \$8 million capital campaign to create northeast Indiana’s premier digital production and broadcast facility. He also oversaw the station’s initial transition from analog to digital broadcast. In 2003, WFWA became the first television station in the Fort Wayne market to broadcast in digital. In addition, he expanded the scope of educational services for children in the Fort Wayne viewing area.

### About Lloyd Wright

Lloyd Wright had more than four decades of service in public media, retiring as President and CEO of WFYI Public Media in Indianapolis in 2019. Under Wright’s leadership, WFYI’s annual operating budget grew by more than 5X to \$11 million. Also, WFYI Public Media relocated to a state-of-the-art broadcast facility during his tenure and collaborated with countless community partners in the areas of health, education, arts and culture, news, public affairs, and Indiana history. Under Wright’s leadership, WFYI Public Media flourished as a multi-media content provider with its three distinct public television services, two HD public radio channels, an interactive website, and an array of social media assets.

In 2008, WFYI successfully completed a \$20 million capital campaign. Wright has been recognized with Emmy Awards for Technical Achievement and as a Station of Excellence, plus two Sagamore of the Wabash honors, the highest award given by an Indiana Governor to recognize distinguished service to the state of Indiana. In 2013, Wright was inducted into the Indiana Broadcasters Association Pioneers Hall of Fame and has served multiple terms on the Board of Directors for PBS, Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, and The Economic Club of Indiana.

### About IPBS

Established in 1975, IPBS is a not-for-profit association of 17 public television and radio stations. Together, these stations provide engaging, educational, and informational programming for Indiana citizens. Stations are located in Bloomington, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Merrillville, Muncie, South Bend, Vincennes, and West Lafayette. To learn more about Indiana Public Broadcasting, Inc., visit [IPBS.org](https://www.ipbs.org).

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# Noblesville First UMC’s GriefShare starts next month

**The REPORTER**

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., announces its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in the community.

The fall session will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Aug. 10. You are invited to join anytime

during the 14 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated, but scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a 14-week non-denominational Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily



work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps in the healing process. GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have suc-

cessfully rebuilt their lives. To learn more about GriefShare, visit [noblesvillefirst.com](http://noblesvillefirst.com), email Coleen Albright at [coleen.albright58@gmail.com](mailto:coleen.albright58@gmail.com), or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

## Michael Jowayn Hartley October 23, 1957 – July 16, 2023

Michael Jowayn Hartley, 65, Arcadia, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 16, 2023, while vacationing with friends in Tennessee. He was named Jowayn after his grandfathers Joe Hartley and Wayne Ehman.

He was born on October 23, 1957, in Noblesville to John A. Hartley and Sylvia Kay (Ehman) Hartley and was loved deeply from the first time he was placed in his mother’s arms.

He grew up in the Arcadia area and attended Hamilton Heights Schools, graduating from Hamilton Heights High School with the Class of 1976. He participated in sports during his school years, excelling in basketball and baseball. Being tall, he usually played center and forward on the Huskies basketball team. In 1975, the Huskies won their first sectional in several years, and that was “one for the record books” for hundreds of Heights fans.

Michael then began to further his education at Anderson College. He was already farming with his Grandfather Ehman and did not decide to go to college until two weeks before classes began. The coaches at the college saw Mike, as he was fondly known, in “pick-up games” at the college and encouraged him to try out for the basketball team. He made junior varsity his freshman year and starting five on the varsity team the following years. They had good coaches and thus good teams, and they played in tournaments at the Omni in Atlanta, Ga., and the Astrodome in Texas.

After college years, Mike returned to farming with his grandfather and other farm owners. In 1962, his parents purchased the funeral home in Arcadia, and he also worked with them.

He married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Robin Renee Bagwell, on July 19, 1980, and she brought much joy to the Hartley Family. They would have celebrated their 43rd anniversary this month.

In his younger years, the Hartley Family lived above the Arcadia Funeral Home and that gave him exposure to the funeral profession as he often helped with various chores. So, he decided to become a funeral director and work with his family. He enrolled in the Mid-America College of Funeral Service. He graduated with honors and was valedictorian of his class. He received the 1993 Fraternity Scholastic Award and Perfect Attendance Award and won the prestigious Frank Moore Award at the Indiana Funeral Directors Association in 1993.

He then joined his parents at the family-owned funeral homes in Arcadia and Cicero.

Mike was a hard worker, conscientious, a problem solver when faced with challenging situations and cared deeply for our small community.

Mike is a member of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association, the sexton of the Arcadia Cemetery and the Crown Hill Cemetery near Arcadia, a member and president of the Hamilton Country Cemetery Board, and he serves on the Jackson Township Advisory Board.

He was a rock to his family. Mike had a way of uplifting and encouraging others and helping them to believe in themselves. He was graced with wisdom and insight in serving others. He was very involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He will always be remembered as a loving son, husband, father, and papa.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, John A. Hartley; sister, Michelle Elayn (Hartley) Knapp; maternal grandparents, Wayne and Luella (Kinder) Ehman; paternal grandparents, Joe and Ruth (Wise) Hartley; mother-and father-in-law, Jim and Pauline (Plaspohl) Bagwell; sister-in-law, Karla Bagwell; and brother-in-law, Tom Gonzales.

Surviving him is his wife, Robin Renee Hartley; sons, Doug (Janine) Hartley and Nick (Jackie) Hartley; twin granddaughters, Ada Jane and Bailey Marie Hartley; mother, Sylvia Kay Hartley; brother, Steven John (Dena) Hartley; uncle, Dr. Dwayne Lee Ehman; niece, Nicole Gonzales and Jeff Whitmore; brother-in-law, Greg Knapp and Debbie Jacobs; and brother-in-law, Mike (Anita) Bagwell.

Additional survivors include nephews, Chris, Ryan, Adam, Tanner, Kevin, and Brian; and nieces, Tayler and Payton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. Burial will follow at Arcadia Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton Heights Boys Basketball, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia, IN 46030; or donation envelopes will be available at the Church. For online donations, please visit [gofund.me/2cad8aa2](http://gofund.me/2cad8aa2).

## William R. “Bill” Cox October 24, 1936 – July 16, 2023

William R. “Bill” Cox, 86, Knightstown, Ind., passed away early Sunday morning, July 16, 2023, at his residence. He was born on October 24, 1936, in Noblesville, a son of the late Carl and Grace (Beals) Cox.

Bill graduated from Westfield High School in 1957 and earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis). He retired from the U. S. Army following 28 years of service. He served during Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Grenada. He was a life member of Knightstown Friends Meeting, and enjoyed woodworking, reading, and IU sports.

Always a “family-first” man, Bill was a loving dad and grandpa. He never wanted to be a burden to his family, and always put others first. He had a great sense of humor, flavored with sarcasm, and could occasionally have a stubborn streak.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Debbie (Jeff) Wilkerson of Knightstown; grandchildren, Ashlee (Jeremiah) Ruddick of Knightstown, Jace Wilkerson of Knightstown, Trista (Jordan) Pruett of New Castle, and Taylor Cox of Carthage; great-grandchildren, Addison Ruddick, Emsley Ruddick, Avery and Hudson Cox, and Ridge and Paisley Pruett; stepdaughter, Judy (Jeff) Elliott of Greenwood; stepson, Matthew Taylor of Plainfield; his grandpuppies, Bentley and Asher; two sisters, Maedean Tower of New Castle and Suzanne (Bob) Bulthaupt of Indianapolis; two brothers, George (Marilyn) Cox of Carmel and Norman (Elizabeth) Cox of Coldwater, Mich.; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Rose Cox, in 2002; second wife, Linda Cox, in 2006; a son, Bill Cox, Jr., in 2002; two brothers, Steve Cox and an infant brother, Arthur; and two sisters, Ruby Hair and Becky Ellis.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Bro. Jeff Elliott officiating. Burial will follow at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Memories and condolences may be shared at [hinsey-brown.com](http://hinsey-brown.com).



## Health Spotlight: researchers make discovery in treating treatment-resistant depression

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

In the United States alone, more than 16 million adults have experienced at least one major depressive episode in the past year.

About 30 percent of these episodes were unresponsive to standard treatments, like medication or therapy, meaning roughly 4.8 million people are dealing with treatment-resistant depression.

Researchers now are discovering new ways to give these patients hope to live a

happier, more fulfilling life.

Christy Hart, 69, has turned to creating colorful artwork to help control dark thoughts, a struggle that she has faced most of her life.

“I can remember my senior year of high school being extremely depressed,” Hart said. “I (eventually) got Prozac, and it was like somebody took a paper bag off my head. The world existed outside.”

Then, in her 60s, Hart’s health issues, combined with the pandemic, sent her spiraling again. While she was already taking the an-

tidepressant Effexor, Hart soon learned about a study at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Eric Lenze, head of the psychiatry department at Washington University in St. Louis, says though doctors don’t know in advance that someone’s depression will be treatment-resistant, he found that adding the anti-psychotic medication aripiprazole can help.

“The underlying idea is if you take two antidepressants from different classes, you may have a higher chance of getting better from

depression,” Lenze said.

According to Lenze, 30 percent of treatment-resistant patients found relief through this method.

Hart now uses another drug called bupropion along with Effexor, and says it’s changed her life.

“Being happy is a nice thing, you know, more energy, less sleeping. People don’t realize what depression does until you start getting help,” she says.

Lenze added, “Just because it’s been called treatment-resistant doesn’t mean give up hope.”

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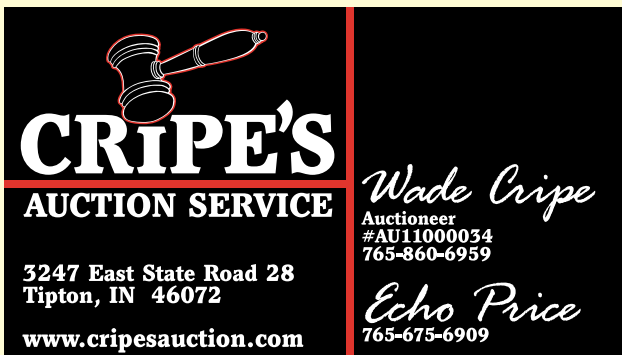
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### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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Genesis 8:6-12 (NIV)

### Rita Jane Boles

January 30, 1948 – June 21, 2023

Rita Jane Boles, 75, passed away at her home in Noblesville on Wednesday evening, June 21, 2023. Born in Tennessee on January 30, 1948, she was the daughter of the late Roscoe & Jane (Casten) Boles. She attended Noblesville High School and later worked on the production line for IDI of Noblesville.

Rita's family (and that includes all her fur-babies) was, without a doubt, the most important thing in her life. She always looked forward to her grandchildren coming over to visit and never met an animal (pet or otherwise) that she didn't immediately love. She enjoyed the simple pleasures in life and doted over her four-legged friends.

Rita is survived by her two daughters, Inka Glidden (Mike) of Sheridan and Kimberly Forrer (Larry) of Noblesville; four grandchildren, Ashley, Gary, Tommy, and Neal; four great-grandchildren, Landon, Brayden, Elizabeth, and Lillian; brother, Don Boles (Mary) of Noblesville; and her sister, Joyce Poe (Bill) of Cicero.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roscoe & Jane (Casten) Boles; six siblings; and by her son, Terry Baldwin.

In honoring Rita's wishes, no services are being planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton County Humane Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home of Sheridan.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

### Larry Lee Revis

March 18, 1941 – July 11, 2023

Larry Lee Revis, 82, passed away at his home in Fishers, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday morning, July 11, 2023. Born on March 18, 1941, in Indianapolis, he was the son of the late Noel Lester and Kathryn Lucille (Vesey) Revis.

Larry honorably served his country as a soldier with the United States Army and Army Reserves. After graduating from Noblesville High School with the Class of 1959, he continued at Butler University where he studied pharmacy for a short time. He later transferred to ITT Tech where he earned his associate degree in business administration in May of 1991.

For 35 years, Larry worked in the driver check in office for US Foods, helping ensure that everything ran like a well-oiled machine. He was a member of the Noblesville Friends Church, as well as a member of the Conner Prairie Muzzle Loading Club, which complemented his interest in the Civil War era history.

Larry loved to travel, and Myrtle Beach and the Great Smoky Mountains were a couple of his favorite destinations. He was also an extremely vocal Colts and Pacers fan, to which anyone within a three-block radius of his TV on game days could attest. Of the many loves and interests in his life, music was always Larry's greatest passion. He had a deep appreciation for music in all its forms. After high school, he joined a band as their drummer. Music became a part of his soul. Later in life, he picked up playing the banjo and fiddle as well.

Larry's faith and his family (both two-legged and four) were the most important parts of his life.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Lynn (Roeder) Revis. He and Lynn were married on January 1, 1988. Also surviving are his daughters, Miranda Rodriguez (David) of Muncie and Megan Weir (Chris) of Fishers; his canine BFF, Margot; and by his three cats, Oscar, Oswald "Ozzie," and Olive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noel Lester and Kathryn Lucille (Vesey) Revis; his brother, Ronald L. Revis; and by his sister, Karen Sue Dance.

A celebration of Larry's life will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

Larry will be laid to rest at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. To honor Larry's love for animals, memorial contributions may be presented to the Hamilton County Humane Society.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

### Patricia Ann "Pat" Crissman

May 22, 1944 – July 17, 2023

Patricia Ann "Pat" Crissman, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, July 17, 2023, in Michigan. She was born on May 22, 1944, to Theodore and Dorothy (Beggs) Youngman in Tampa, Fla.

Pat led with a servant heart. She embodied the Christian Spirit as a loving wife, caring mother, and extraordinary grandmother. She took delight in her everyday interactions with her family, friends, and even strangers. Pat was often the person who brought others together whether it be by school fundraisers, club game nights, lunches, Cousin Christmas, scavenger hunts, and porch perching. Although we all will miss her daily reminder of how we are called to love others, her legacy will live on in each person whose heart she touched.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Crissman; children, Brian (Ginny) Crissman, Pam (Chad) Stansberry, Tim Crissman, Jennifer (Shawn) Davis, and Deborah (Mike) Randazzo; and nine grandchildren, Hollie Crissman, Makayla Crissman, Bryce Crissman, Matthew Crissman, Gabriel Stansberry, Sophia Davis, Isaak Davis, Reilly Davis, and Myles Randazzo.

In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Youngman.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 S. Pearl St., Cicero, with Rev. Msgr. James L. Gunn V.F. officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Pat was a mom amongst moms and that showed in her compassion for kids. In addition, during her cancer battle, Pat also expressed a desire that something good needs to come out of her journey. Combining her compassion for kids and desire to always put others before herself, the family asks that in lieu of flowers you to donate to St. Jude Cancer Research Hospital at [raise.stjude.org/fundraiser/4808991](http://raise.stjude.org/fundraiser/4808991).

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

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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.

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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."

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

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# Solid summer for 'Rocks basketball

## Seniors step up for Westfield boys during busy June

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

With an Indiana All-Star and a world-class move-in among the senior class, it's easy to predict that there are big things in store for the Westfield boys basketball team next winter.

The Shamrocks showed off some of that talent during what coach Shane Sumpter called a "pretty busy June." Westfield played in 15 games that month, including a tournament at Purdue, Tuesday night action in the Pacers Athletic Center (PAC) League at Grand Park, and the big Charlie Hughes Shootout, in which the 'Rocks played all four of their games on their home court, CSI Gymnasium.

Westfield went 3-0 at Purdue, with wins over a Kentucky team, Hamilton Southeastern and Delta. Moving into the PAC League, which had games every Tuesday night in June, the Shamrocks compiled a 7-1 record. Westfield picked up victories over North Central, Lawrence Central and Arsenal Tech, only falling to Crispus Attucks.

"We had a pretty good run in the PAC League," said Sumpter.

Westfield also had a nice run in the Charlie Hughes Tournament. The 'Rocks were 3-1 at

the event, starting with a victory over Bloomington North 71-54, and a rematch win against Attucks, 70-53. Westfield then took care of Crown Point 54-34 before dropping its finale against Brownstown Central 65-56. Sumpter said Brownstown is "a very good team;" the Braves are coming off a 24-5 season and reached the final of the Class 2A semi-state.

"I thought we played well and did a lot of good things," said Sumpter. The coach said his Shamrocks "learned about our basketball team and where we need to get to, but I thought we had a nice Charlie Hughes Shootout."

### Senior stars

Westfield graduated three seniors from last year, but the incoming senior class looks to be solid. The first big name is Trey Buchanan, who was an Indiana Junior All-Star. Buchanan is the leading scorer among returning players, averaging 14.3 points per game. He also pulled 3.6 rebounds per game.

"He's been playing well and getting some attention," said Sumpter. "I'm assuming that's going to ramp up even more. He's had a good spring and a good summer."

Another senior getting notice is Charles Farrell. He was a consistent player for Westfield during his

junior year, with 4.8 points and 2.6 rebounds per contest. Sumpter said Farrell has stepped up his game, and has had "a really good spring and a really good summer. I'm starting to field some calls on him as well."

Senior-to-be Caleb Wise had limited games last season due to a stress fracture, but he made the most of what he had, averaging 3.8 points in four games.

"I thought he had an exceptional spring and summer, shooting the ball and getting the ball to the rim," said Sumpter.

The senior who is sure to turn heads for Westfield is Nic Book, a 6-8 transfer from Oak Hill (Va.). Book is originally from New Zealand, where he was an international star, playing on junior national teams. Last year, he played for New Zealand at the FIBA U16 Asian Championship, where he was named to the All-Star Five, averaging 19.3 points and 10.3 rebounds per game during the tournament.

"He just played in the Charlie Hughes because he was hurt initially," said Sumpter.

After their busy month, the Shamrocks will be taking a breather, especially as players are now competing in their AAU seasons. Sumpter said the team will return to two workouts per week in September.



Kent Graham / File photo  
Westfield's Trey Buchanan, an Indiana Junior All-Star, returns 14.3 points per game for the Shamrocks and will be part of a solid senior class.

## Westfield girls bring back four returning starters

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There will be several familiar faces on the Westfield girls basketball team this upcoming season, and that's a very good thing for the Shamrocks.

That familiar cast of characters had a busy month of basketball during the month of June. Second-year coach Kelsey Key said of her team's traveling: "We went a little bit all over the place."

Westfield made a trip up to Indiana Wesleyan University for a team camp, where the 'Rocks won the Red Bracket tournament. Westfield picked up wins over teams such as Danville and Western at that event. The 'Rocks also traveled to Ann Arbor to compete in the University of Michigan's high school shootout.

Closer to home, the Shamrocks participated in the Pacers Athletic Center (PAC) League, "which we've done for multiple years," said Key. They also competed in the Charlie Hughes Shootout, playing two games at Hamilton Southeastern on June 16 and two games at Mount Vernon Middle School on June 17.

Westfield went 3-1 over four games at the Charlie

Hughes tournament. The 'Rocks dropped their opener to South Bend Washington 55-50. The Panthers are coming off a 27-1 season that included a Class 4A regional championship. Westfield swept through its next three games, beating Lake Central 48-35, Penn 44-20 and Valparaiso 59-43.

"We had good spurts and good moments for sure," said Key. "Obviously we played a lot of games, so that told us a lot. We got a lot of experience for our young players, which was nice."

Key said there were some teachable moments throughout the month.

"We had a good summer," said Key. "I think more than anything, you want them to grow as a group," which the coach said the team did.

### Four returning starters

Westfield graduated three seniors, but will have four of its starters returning next season. Leading the way is incoming senior Ellie Kelleher, who was an Indiana Junior All-Star last season. Kelleher was the Shamrocks' leading scorer as a junior with 11.5 points per game, was first in assists (3.2) and steals (1.7), and second in rebounds at 4.7.

"Ellie's a very good

basketball player," said Key. "She played on the Junior All-Star team. Ellie played a lot of minutes. She played well for us this summer. She is a very fun kid to coach, because outside of basketball, she's just a great kid."

Two prominent juniors-to-be are also returning. Aubrey Crockett was Westfield's leading rebounder as a sophomore (5.1 per game); Key said Crockett "was our point guard all of the summer." Also back is Lindsey Van Dyke, who Key calls a "high-level defender."

"She always gets everyone's hardest matchup, their best guard every night," said Key.

Kiki Loveless returns as a senior after a solid junior season (3.6 rebounds, 3.5 points). Another returning senior is Reagan Lorenzen, who scored 3.9 points per game last year.

Several younger players will be stepping up as well. That includes incoming junior Sam Price, and sophomore-to-be Makayla Hatcher, who played 13 games for the Shamrocks as a freshman.

"They're going to be new to their roles for us," said Key.

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Kent Graham / File photo  
Westfield's Ellie Kelleher averaged 11.6 points and 4.7 rebounds per game for the Shamrocks, and was an Indiana Junior All-Star last season. Kelleher will be one of four returning starters for Westfield this upcoming season.

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## INDYCAR strengthens rear-wheel bearing retaining nut, to debut at Iowa doubleheader

### The REPORTER

INDYCAR, along with longtime partner Dallara, is providing an update to improve the overall strength and retention of wheel hubs on NTT INDYCAR SERIES cars.

The updated rear-wheel bearing retaining nut is being distributed to all entries in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and will be mandated for use beginning at this weekend's Hy-Vee INDYCAR Race Weekend doubleheader at Iowa Speedway. The strength of the rear-wheel bearing retaining nut has increased by 60 percent over the previous design.

Revisions to the existing component came after a meticulous review of the incident at the 2023 Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge involving the No. 27 car of Andretti Autosport and the No. 6 car of Arrow McLaren, which resulted in the loss of the left rear wheel assembly on the No. 27.

"Dallara continues to be a tremendous partner of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES," INDYCAR President Jay Frye said. "Their thorough review process of the incident between the No. 6 and the No. 27 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway began immediately and included an extensive recreation at their headquarters in Italy.

"INDYCAR takes safety very seriously. This update is an important step in making sure an incident like this does not happen again."

Previously, it was determined that the wheel tether system, using high-performance Zylon material, did not fail in the May 28 incident. INDYCAR was the first sanctioning body in the United States to require its use.

"It is Dallara's mission, along with INDYCAR and all of the racing series we work with, to maintain and continuously improve safety based upon the highest standards," Dallara CEO Stefano dePonti said. "After completing a detailed analysis of the accident during this year's Indy 500, together with INDYCAR we have reached the conclusion that the outcome was the consequence of an unusual and never experienced set of circumstances.

"Nevertheless, we have developed and produced new components that will increase the strength of the corner in case the unlikely sequence of events repeats itself."

The next race for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES is the Hy-Vee Homefront 250 presented by Instacart Saturday, July 22 at Iowa Speedway. Coverage begins at 3 p.m. ET on NBC with a simulstream available on Peacock. The doubleheader at "The Fastest Short Track on the Planet" continues Sunday, July 23 with the Hy-Vee One Step 250 presented by Gatorade. Coverage on Sunday begins at 2 p.m. ET on NBC and Peacock. The INDYCAR Radio Network will also provide coverage throughout the weekend.

## Fever end losing streak with win at Washington

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Fever (6-15) ended an eight-game losing skid with an 82-76 win on Wednesday afternoon against the Mystics in front of the largest crowd for a WNBA game this season.

Indiana's leading scorer Kelsey Mitchell notched 18 points in the win on a 7-of-13 shooting clip to go along with a team-high five assists and four steals. With her 18 points, Mitchell earned her 136th career double-figure scoring game, which surpassed Katie Douglas' 135 games to take sole possession of second place for most double-figure games in Fever history.

Mitchell's stat line also marks the first time a Fever player has recorded at least 15 points, five assists and four steals since Briann January in 2014, per [Across the Timeline](#).

Fever forward Emma Cannon came off the bench to contribute 13 points and five rebounds. In addition, Victoria Vivians and Aliyah Boston each pitched in 11 points, Erica Wheeler added 10 points, and Amanda Zahui B tied a season-high seven points.

Six Fever players pulled down at least three rebounds, highlighted by Boston's eight rebounds, and five players dished out at least three assists. In addition, Vivians, Mitchell, Wheeler, Zahui B and Cannon combined for a perfect 13-of-13 from the charity stripe.

Washington took the lead early as it opened the game with a 12-4 scoring run, but Indiana was quick to respond with a 7-0 scoring run of its own. The Fever had six players contribute to the eventual 19-8 scoring run in the first quarter, highlighted by Mitchell's nine points on 4-of-5 shooting from the floor. Boston also added six points on a perfect 3-of-3 shooting clip. The first frame ended with the Fever leading, 26-21.

Indiana held Washington to 33.3 percent (6-of-18) from the floor in the second frame, but were outscored, 15-13, heading into halftime. Vivians led the way for the Fever as she contributed six points on a perfect 2-of-2 shooting clip from beyond the three-point arc. After a quarter of six lead changes, Indiana came out of the first half ahead, 39-36.

The Fever gave away their lead halfway through the third quarter, but after roughly four minutes, Indiana was able to reduce the deficit and reclaim the lead after closing the third frame on a 9-0 scoring run. The run started at the 2:11 mark in the third quarter and would be stretched to 15-0 through the 7:23 mark in the fourth quarter and would eventually extend to 25-9 roughly four minutes later. Guided by Cannon's eight points and Wheeler's six points, the Fever extended the lead to as many as 11 points in the final frame and successfully closed out the game for the first win on the road against Washington since 2016.

For Washington, the Mystics were led by Natasha Cloud's 19 points and Tianna Hawkins' 13 points. Queen Egbo tied a season-high 10 points on 5-of-5 shooting from the floor to go along with five rebounds and three blocks. Brittney Sykes contributed nine points and a game-high seven assists. Washington shot a season-low 71.4 percent (10-of-14) from the free-throw line on Wednesday.

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Once the summer high school season ended, the players headed off to their AAU teams for the July season. Key said AAU is a "good experience" for the players, as they play very high-level competition, although it does mean quite a bit of traveling.

"I'm thankful that we have the PAC and things that are close," said Key.

After that, things quiet down once school begins, and the players focus on conditioning for the high school winter season. Key said once the calendar hits August, it will be time for them to "recover and regroup," and head to the gym for lifting.

"We're blessed, we have an incredible situation at Westfield with strength and conditioning with Coach Tavio and his wisdom," said Key. "He'll put them to work."

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