

Noblesville Lions donate \$15K to Boys & Girls Club



On Thursday, the Noblesville Lions Club donated \$15,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN). This money came from an endowment given to the Lions Club when Irv Heath passed away. Heath served in the Noblesville Lions Club for over 70 years. He also was one of the Founders of BGCN and served on its Board of Directors for 41 years. BGCN plans to use the money for a new Irv Heath Amphitheater at Camp Crosser. (Above) BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry accepts a check from Lion Julia Kozicki, Lions 25-D District Governor, as well as nine additional Noblesville Lions who attended and offered congratulations to Ms. Terry.

He's no 'Foreigner' to fossil rock

I just checked another box on my 1970s Super Group Concert List. This summer, I saw Foreigner. "Feels Like The First Time" was a cherished 8-track tape of mine in 1977. I bought it at a mall in Owensboro and then tortured my parents with it during the 45-minute return drive home.

Foreigner was not a foreigner to the top tier of the weekly music charts during my formative rock and roll years, but only recently did I finally see them in concert while fully knowing that their original lead singer, Lou Gramm, hadn't led the band since 2003.

I used to be a music snob, refusing to see any band sans the original lead singer. Journey without Steve Perry – forget about it. Styx without Dennis DeYoung – seriously, dude, I already sailed away from that shipwreck. I refused to give replacement singers fair shakes, let alone first listens.

This stubbornness changed though in 2015 when Boston made a stop in Evansville. Their 1976 release, *Boston*, has always been my favorite rock album (the tracks are solid from start to finish). Lead singer Brad Delp's 2007 suicide didn't deter me from attending. I still wanted to see founder Tom Scholz and his "just another band out of Boston." Tommy DeCarlo, Delp's successor, taught me that an old band could still sound like the new band it had once been.

Seeing Journey in 2017 reinforced this lesson. Arnel Pineda sounded more like Steve Perry than Steve Perry sounded like Steve Perry. Journey still sounded like Journey.

When Foreigner announced its 50th anniversary (and final) tour this year, I was hesitant to purchase a ticket for the Indianapolis area show, not because Gramm wouldn't be part of it, but because not even one original band member would be on stage. Repeat: zero original members! A band without its original singer is one thing, but a band without any original members!!! Wait ... what? Couldn't they at least toss in a grizzled, original roadie?

"That's not Foreigner. That's a tribute band," a friend of mine snarked.



SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

OneZone Chamber welcomes four newest board members

The REPORTER

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced the appointment of four distinguished individuals to the Board of Directors. These new members bring a wealth of experience, expertise, and passion to the organization, further strengthening its mission of helping businesses and communities thrive.

The new board members joining the Chamber of Commerce are:



Koch



LaBarr



McMillan



Nelson

• Dr. Tom Koch, Beck's Hybrids
• Mark LaBarr, Duke Energy
• Steve Nelson, Mr. Muffin's Trains

• Mindi McMillan, Fairgate Farms
These individuals have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their respective fields and a shared commitment to

fostering economic prosperity in the communities OneZone serves. Their diverse backgrounds and expertise will ensure that the Chamber of Commerce continues to be a dynamic and forward-thinking organization.

OneZone extends a warm welcome to the new board members and expresses gratitude for

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Pom-poms & bus tours ... Welcome to your new career



Hamilton Heights cheerleaders provided a cheerful welcome for the district's 18 new teachers as they board a school bus driven by Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood. The interactive bus tour is a favorite part of the New Teacher Academy, which provides an up close and personal visit with district amenities and the communities it serves. Hamilton Heights Education Foundation President Melissa Martin leads the fun and informative historical bus tour. The New Teacher Academy is an integral part of the onboarding process and to help new educators off to a successful start. The program is coordinated and administered by Heights Elementary School Principal Julie Griffey.

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County to fine people who fail to protect pets during extreme heat

The REPORTER

As temperatures soar this summer, the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) remind pet owners to be extra vigilant when it comes to ensuring the safety and well-being of their pets.

"Leaving animals outside in the heat can have serious and even fatal consequences," HSHC President

& CEO Rebecca Stevens said. "The Sheriff's Office recently brought a senior dog into the shelter suffering from heat stroke. I don't know that he will make it."

Not only is protecting your animal from heat the humane thing to do, but it's also the law.

Hamilton County updated its animal ordinance in 2019 to include new temperature guidelines to protect

animals from extreme weather conditions. The ordinance stipulates that pet owners must provide animals with adequate shelter, food, water, and space, including adequate shade when the temperature exceeds 80 degrees. Any person caught violating this section of the ordinance can be fined up to \$500 per occurrence.

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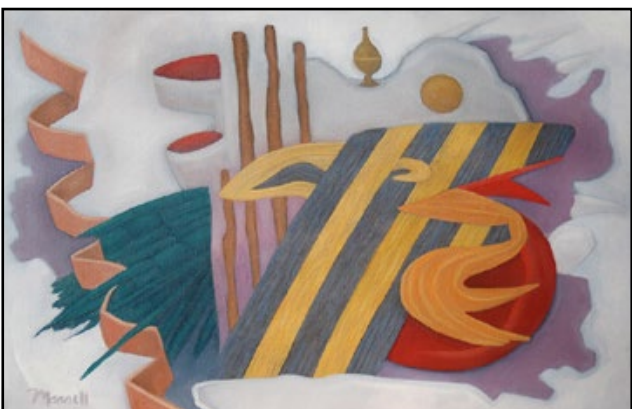
See work of Carmel artist Jerry Mannell this month at Fishers Art Council's Hub Gallery

The REPORTER

For the month of August, Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will display "Color Coordinates," the artwork of Carmel artist Jerry Mannell, who was the Best in Show winner at the 2022 Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists, sponsored by Jiffy Lube of Indiana and hosted by Fishers Arts Council. His exhibit is on display now through Aug. 31.

Mannell spent his childhood in Chicago, moving to South Bend as a high school sophomore. After he graduated from Ball State – majoring in literature and art – he spent a few years in Santa Fe, N.M., and has been living in the Indianapolis/Carmel area since moving back from the Southwest.

Mannell began his career after college working as a graphic artist. After he left the field of graphic design, his interests merged into a



You can see works from artist Jerry Mannell, such as "Symbiosis," at the FAC Hub Gallery in Fishers.

career-long exploration of the relationships between the concrete and the abstract and the mechanical and the organic.

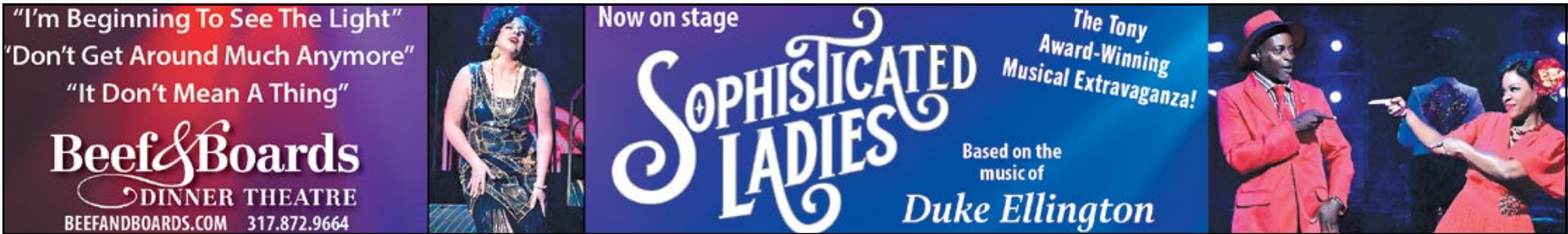
He creates colorful compositions full of well-defined shapes with hard edges. His vibrant color palette creates an almost



Mannell

tropical feel in his pieces. In Jerry's work, everything is self-contained, a stand-alone shape or group of shapes, and he incorporates a lot of movement as well. "You can make the eye move from

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“Animals are highly susceptible to heat stress,” Stevens said. “Even on seemingly mild days, the sun’s intensity can make outdoor surfaces extremely hot. Pets left without access to shade and fresh water are at risk of heatstroke, dehydration, burned paw pads, and organ damage.”

Senior dogs, puppies, heavy-coated dogs, and any type of brachycephalic dog breed like Pugs, French Bulldogs, Boxers, and English Bulldogs are particularly vulnerable, as they cannot regulate their body temperature as effectively as humans.

Pet owners are encouraged to take the following precautions when temperatures rise:

- **Limit outdoor time:** Minimize your pet’s time outdoors during peak heat hours, typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Provide ample shade:** If your pet must be outside, ensure they have access to shady areas at all times. Shade helps reduce the risk of heatstroke.
- **Plenty of water:** Al-

ways provide cool, clean water for your pets to stay hydrated. Check the water dish frequently to ensure it hasn’t run dry.

• **Never leave pets in vehicles:** Even with the windows cracked, temperatures inside a vehicle can become dangerously high within minutes. Leave your pets at home if you’re running errands.

• **Protective paw care:** Asphalt and concrete can become scorching hot in the summer sun, causing burns to your pet’s paw pads. Walk them on grassy areas or invest in protective booties.

• **Recognize signs of heat stress:** Be attentive to signs of heat exhaustion, including heavy panting, lethargy, vomiting, and rapid pulse. If you suspect heatstroke, seek immediate veterinary assistance.

• **Indoor comfort:** Create a comfortable indoor environment with proper ventilation and air conditioning for your pets to retreat to during hot days.

[Click here](#) to read Hamilton County’s animal ordinance.

“The high cost for my Foreigner ticket proves otherwise,” I said defensively, even though I knew he would hear none of it.

“Cover band,” he harrumphed.

“My ticket cost three figures. And I’m near the back row. Cover bands can’t charge that much,” I said. “I don’t care what you think. It’s still Foreigner.”

My rock purist pal remained OK with Van Halen lead singer Sammy Hagar being in the mix, even though David Lee Roth had been the original singer, but I didn’t even try to exhume that now dead debate. For the record, I refused to see Van Halen without Diamond Dave at the helm.

To finally see Foreigner live 46 years after cranking up that 8-track tape for the first time in my parents’ car was partly due to the gravitational pull of nostalgia, the same reason I pay good money to see any veteran rock group. Plus, it was an easy checkmark to make on my 1970s Super Group Concert List since the venue, Ruoff “I Still Call It Deer Creek” Music Center, was just five minutes from where I live.

Foreigner did not disappoint. Double Vision.



Photo courtesy Live Nation Indiana and Amplified Photography
Foreigner lead singer Kelly Hansen performing at Ruoff “I Still Call It Deer Creek” Music Center in Noblesville this summer.

Head Games. Cold as Ice. Waiting for a Girl Like You. Dirty White Boy. Say You Will. Feels Like The First Time. Urgent. Juke Box Hero. I Want to Know What Love Is. Hot Blooded. Despite having no original members, Foreigner held my attention the entire show. Lively singer Kelly Hansen, with the band since 2005, sounded just like Gramm, and Foreigner still sounded like Foreigner. I was happy to get tickets for what appeared to be “a sold-out show.”

Most original ‘70s rockers are now deep in their 70s. Many super groups still tour. Some lead singers became casualties of the solo artist itch, but their former bands refused to let the fans down. Chicago still sounds great

live. The Doobie Brothers still keep us willingly listening to the music. The Eagles continue to fly without Glenn Frey (I’m fortunate to have seen them when he was still alive).

When a singer exits, the group has likely charted its final hit. The replacement singer willingly becomes the vocal executor for tunes he never originated. He will never hear his own voice singing them on the radio. If he does write a new tune to perform with the band during a show ... well ... let’s just say beer sales at the concert will spike at such a moment. Venues love new songs.

Kudos to the replacement singers who bravely take the stage, deliver their inherited hits, and help sus-

tain the spirits of our favorite bands while keeping the band’s brand alive.

Maybe we should view our favorite groups the same way we view our favorite sports teams. Sports team rosters constantly change. A team you followed 10 years ago doesn’t have the same players today. Still, you go to the games, root for the newer players.

As long as the music continues to move us, let’s support our favorite, former arena rock acts, our golden oldie ghosts of 8-tracks past. Once a jukebox hero, always a jukebox hero. Hail! Hail! Fossil Rock.

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ONEZONE

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their willingness to serve the local business community. **About OneZone Chamber of Commerce**

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce is a non-prof-

it organization dedicated to serving Hamilton County local businesses and communities. By fostering collaboration, providing resources, and advocating for

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Westfield Lions add two members



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

On Thursday, the Westfield Lions inducted two new members to the club. Alan Virgin and Josh Lowry bring the club's roster up to 63 Lions. The Westfield Lions were recently recognized for adding the most members in their district last Lions year. They are picking up right where they left off and are setting their sights on winning the award again this year. Virgin's sponsor is Lion Mark Albright and Lowry's sponsor is Lion Jeff Larrison. The induction ceremony was conducted by Lion Bob Benson – a Past District Governor and 54-year member of the Lions Club. For more information on how to become a Lion, go to WestfieldLions.org or email info@westfieldlions.org.

CARMEL FOP LODGE 185

Carmel FOP announces candidate endorsements

Submitted

After conducting a poll of its members, Carmel FOP Lodge 185 has endorsed the following City Council candidates in the upcoming general election in November:

- Northwest District: Ryan Locke
- West District: Loren Matthes
- North Central District: Teresa Ayers
- South Central District: Tony Green
- North East District: Shannon Minnaar

• South East District: Adam Aasen

• At Large Candidates: Jeff Worrell, Rich Taylor, and Sara Draper

"The men and women in law enforcement put their lives on the line to ensure the Carmel community remain protected," Lodge 185 Vice President Matthew Broadnax said. "The above candidates have impressed the membership with their dedication to public safety and their desire to keep Carmel among the best and safest places to live."

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one side of the canvas to the other and relate that to color on the lower right-hand side. The eye keeps on moving in terms of shapes and color, and that's all in the composition."

Mannell's approach to his art is to create works with movement and tension but with unity and color that takes his work in a direction dictated by his own feelings. He is strictly an oil on canvas painter, and a bit of a colorist, which he describes as "an artist whose dominant feature of the work is vibrant color." He always begins with a sketch – a "cocktail napkin kind of composition in pencil" to see what the sketch suggests. He then transposes his initial plan to canvas and begins to paint.

He encourages his viewers to find their own meaning in his art: he encourages people not to be too influenced by his titles for his abstract pieces, but to instead supply their own. He says there have been times throughout his career where patrons saw something completely different in his work from his own original conception. Once at an art fair, two different customers walked up and described one of his pieces as "sushi," when that comparison had never before occurred to him. Through interactions like these, he realized that when viewers are

encouraged to put their own spin on a piece, they are far more likely to want to own the piece.

Mannell's art has been recognized and praised by many people, but he said, "My personally satisfying paintings are my greatest successes." He has been accepted into the Hoosier Salon exhibit more than once, has won both first place and second place in the Carmel Arts Festival, and won Best of Show at the FAC Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists in 2022.

He says he would enjoy traveling as a way to enhance his art: "Experiencing more exotic locales and cultures would certainly inform my art." Many people see the Southwest in his work, and he attributes that to having lived almost four years in New Mexico.

Come to the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, to meet Jerry Mannell, see a collection of his work, and meet other residents who are interested in art and the artists who create art in the community.

FAC's Second Friday – a free, public, all-ages reception – will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 11. During the Second Friday reception, there will be live music from the Goodman & Joven Duo, along with snacks, drinks, and a

cash bar featuring Sun King beer and Daniel's Vineyard wines. Additionally, FAC board member Pat Grabill will lead an interview with Mannell around 6:45 p.m. All are welcome and wanted in the FAC Hub Gallery.

The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday gallery visits are by appointment only by contacting Fishers Arts Council directly.

About the Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at FishersArtsCouncil.org, or call (317) 537-1670.

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Hailing from Chicago, Bluewater Kings Band is a premium group specializing in high-energy music that gets the party started. See them perform on Saturday evening, Sept. 23 during the Carmel International Arts Festival.

Carmel International Arts Festival announces music lineup for fall event

The REPORTER

The Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF) is set to return to the Carmel Arts & Design District Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24. As always, the art of music is a huge part of this annual festival. There will be multiple stages again this year, along with entertainment at ART ROCKS, the Saturday evening family celebration portion of the Arts Festival.

The musical lineup for the Main Stage of CIAF is set. Saturday will include The Hippy Dream, Tim Brickley and the Bleeding Hearts and Tim Wright. Entertainment will continue

into the evening with the Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra.

Saturday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be ART ROCKS. This is a family-friendly event for the whole community. Co-hosted by CIAF and Current Publishing, this event offers over a dozen various food and beverage trucks along with live music from Bluewater Kings Band.

Bluewater Kings Band is out of Chicago. They are live music experts and party starters – a premium band specializing in high-energy music that infuses every event with energy and fun. [Click here](#) to check out some of their music.

The music continues on Sunday with the Kenny Phelps Trio, Touch of Grass and Phone Club.

The Carmel International Arts Festival brings more than 120 amazingly talented artists to Carmel for this two-day event. These artists come from all over the United States. Over 30,000 people are expected to attend this annual event.

The festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24. ART ROCKS will take place Saturday evening at 7:30. The location is at Main Street and Range Line Road in Carmel.

New video kicks off countdown to Indiana Education Scholarship Account deadline

The REPORTER

The Office of the Indiana Treasurer of State kicked off its countdown to the Indiana Education Scholarship Account (INSEA) application deadline with a virtual reveal of a new video that highlights the challenges children with disabilities experience in education – and how the INSEA helps to address those challenges.

Parents and advocates are encouraged to [watch the video](#), find out more about the INSEA application process, and learn how they

can help spread the word to their communities.

The INSEA program helps eligible students with disabilities in K-12 get the educational support they need. The funding provides access to the educational environment that best meets their learning needs, such as private education, at-home learning, and other non-public educational settings that qualify. The video



Elliott

explains how parents can apply for up to \$19,000 in funding and use it to customize their child's education. The application deadline is Sept. 1.

"This fund gives Hoosier parents options, so instead of forcing a child to fit into the system, the INSEA program gives parents the instruments to build around the individual needs

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After the dance, Noblesville Lions clean up the streets



On Saturday evening, July 22, the Noblesville Lions Club kept the trash containers clean for the Street Dance. Quite a few Lions came out to help and support the Main Street event. The Lions provided help from 5 to 9 p.m. (Above left) A few Lions on Shift 1 were caught taking a break: Lions Gene Beck, Dave Marsh, Joe Arrowood, Walt Scheid, and Steve Morgan. (Above right) Second shift took time for a photo: Lions Dale Unger, Joe Arrowood, Cheryl Helton, Mark Bachar, Vicki Neddenriep, and Steve Shaw.

Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club

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of their child,” Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott said. “The INESA program is guided by that principle, and we believe in the mission.”

The Indiana legislature appropriates \$10 million to fund the INESA program each year. More than 173 Hoosier students have benefited from this unique funding since the first enrollment took place for the 2022-2023 school year.

This scholarship funding can be used for a variety of qualified expenses for educational support, such as tuition and fees, transportation costs, occupational therapy,

tutoring, vocational and life-skills courses, extra-curriculum programs, and more.

“A good education is necessary for a student’s future success, but not all children thrive in traditional school settings,” said State Sen. Brian Buchanan of Lebanon. “Indiana’s ESA program was established to help students with disabilities learn in an environment that meets their needs and to give them more flexibility to accomplish their educational goals.”

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Carmel K9 officers attend training seminar in Tennessee



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K9s United, a national nonprofit dedicated to advocating and supporting K9 law enforcement officers, held a free four-day training seminar from July 31 to Aug. 3 in Knoxville, Tenn. Nearly 50 K-9 teams and EMS professionals from 10 states attended, including the Carmel Police Department, the Muncie Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. The purpose of the event was to ensure local and regional K-9 units and EMS professionals have the highest level of customized training, problem solving, and animal care necessary to protect and serve their communities. These hands-on scenarios aim to increase a K9 officer’s chance of survival on the front line by educating K9 handlers and EMS professionals on the dog’s anatomy, combat and environmental injuries, treatment protocols, among other life-saving techniques K9s may require in a moment’s notice. K9s United also provided the attending K9 handlers and EMS professionals with the materials they need to build their own first aid kit before ensuring the recipients understand when to use what and when. For more information or to donate, visit k9sunitied.org.



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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader has different opinion on recent Hamilton East Public Library board meeting

Dear Editor:

This is in regards to the statement sent to the Hamilton County Reporter by the Hamilton County Republican Party “**Massillamany condemns disruptive behavior at library board meeting.**”

First of all, that particular letter does not, in any way, represent the majority of citizens, regardless of political affiliation, in Hamilton County!

I have been to many of the Hamilton East Public Library Board meetings and recently attended the meeting on July 27, although I did not see Mr. Massillamany there.

I was there for Mr. Crouch’s presentation. Although he is passionate

in his opinions, I did not feel he was disrespectful. He was pointing out there are similar violent and other behaviors in the various editions of the Bible as in some of the books being moved from the teen to the adult section. He made no disparaging comments about the Bible. These were not inflammatory nor disparaging comments. He was pointing out the inconsistencies in the enforcement of the censorship policy four board members have pushed through.

The Library Board president admitted one of the reasons the meeting was changed to an afternoon meeting was an apparent attempt to avoid continued critical comments

about the restrictions in their new censorship policy. Four board members want to silence public opinion of those who disagree with the current library board’s policy.

The reason there have been so many comments during the public speaking portion of the library board meetings is the majority of Hamilton County residents do NOT like the censorship policy which restricts materials teens read.

Take a look around and you will see a small group of extremists (which featured a Hitler quote in their newsletter) want to control and restrict what our children read.

Holly Beaver
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer offers voters some conversation topics for candidates

Dear Editor:

As the Carmel election season warms up, here’s a set of facts voters can ask candidates showing up at the front door:

In the last 10 years, Carmel’s population increased 22 percent while municipal expenditures increased 128 percent – a factor of six.

Census Bureau estimates put Carmel’s population at 83,619 in 2012 and 101,964 in 2022.

Carmel reports to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance put total expenditures at \$262 million in 2012 and \$597.2 million in 2022.

Even a fifth grader can see that spending that is six times the growth factor is a formula for disaster.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Sen. Todd Young introduces bipartisan bill to expand access to artificial intelligence research

The REPORTER

Last week, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) introduced the Creating Resources for Every American To Experiment with Artificial Intelligence Act of 2023 (CREATE AI Act).

This bipartisan legislation establishes the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR) as a shared national research infrastructure that provides AI researchers and students with greater access to the complex resources, data, and tools needed to develop safe and trustworthy artificial intelligence.

“Artificial intelligence is already integrated into nearly every facet of our lives,” Sen. Young said. “Recent major leaps in innovation provide great promise, but also have caused some to highlight potential risks to society. The United States cannot cede leadership in AI development, and we

must harness the great potential the technology offers in order to reap its benefits and combat any potential risks. The CREATE AI Act will help us do that by establishing the National AI Research Resource (NAIRR) to democratize AI safety research and serve as a testbed for the development and implementation of innovative AI practices.”

The CREATE AI Act establishes the NAIRR, which has four primary goals:

1. Spur innovation and advance the development of safe, reliable, and trustworthy AI research and development.
2. Improve access to AI resources for researchers and students, including groups typically underrepresented in STEM.
3. Improve capacity for AI research in the United States.
4. Support the testing,



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benchmarking, and evaluation of AI systems developed and deployed in the United States.

The NAIRR will offer the following to researchers, educators, and students at higher education institutions, non-profits, and federally funded agencies:

- Computational resources, including an open-source software environment and a programming interface providing structured access to AI models.
- Data, including curated datasets of user interest and an AI data commons.
- Educational tools and services, including educational materials, technical training, and user support.
- AI testbeds, including a catalog of open AI testbeds and a collaborative project with the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Background

A recommendation to establish the NAIRR came from the final report of the National Security Commission on AI, and work done by Stanford University’s Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI) significantly advanced the concept. In January, the NAIRR Task Force released its final report with a roadmap for standing up a national research infrastructure that would broaden access to the resources essential to AI research and development. The CREATE AI Act implements many of the recommendations of the NAIRR Task Force.

The CREATE AI Act has garnered widespread support from key AI community stakeholders, including TechNet, the National Science Foundation (NSF), Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI), Anthropic, and SeedAI.

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

Save the date for Fishers Blues Fest

The REPORTER

Save the date for the 11th annual Fishers Blues Fest, sponsored by Dunn Hospitality Group.

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Merchants Bank of Indiana's Chairman & Co-Founder named Leader in Banking Excellence

The REPORTER

Carmel-based Merchants Bank of Indiana has announced the company's Chairman and Co-Founder, Michael F. Petrie, has been honored by the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) with the prestigious IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award.

Banking Excellence awards, the IBA's highest honor, celebrates exceptional leaders each year who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Petrie, along with two other members of the In-



Petrie

diana banking community, were inducted into the Class of 2023 leaders in a formal ceremony on Friday. In 1990, Petrie and longtime business partner Randall Rogers founded Merchants Capital



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with their joint interests in mortgage banking and lending for multifamily projects. In 2002, they looked to grow the business into personal banking and founded Merchants Bank of Indiana, specializing in community banking through residential mortgage banking, personal and business banking, Small Business Administration (SBA) lending, agricultural lending, multifamily finance and mortgage warehouse lending.

As of Jun. 30, 2023, Merchants Bancorp has \$15.9 billion in assets, \$13.1 billion in deposits, six bank branch locations across Indiana, and numerous subsidiaries.

Additionally, Petrie chaired the Mortgage Bankers Association in 2004-05 and has served on numerous boards of directors, including the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianap-

olis, the Society of Certified Mortgage Bankers, the Indiana Association of Community and Economic Development, the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, the Indiana Affordable Housing Council and Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, earned the certified mortgage banker designation from the Mortgage Bankers Association, is a member of the IBA 40 Year Club and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2004.

"To be named a Leader in Banking Excellence by an organization I've held in such high regard for decades is a tremendous honor," Petrie said. "When I was first starting out in my finance career, my hope was that one day I could make

a difference in my Indianapolis community. Being recognized for my work, dedication, and influence 30 years later, I'm grateful to have made such an invaluable impact on Hoosiers statewide. Thank you to the Indiana Bankers Association for honoring me with an award my family and I will forever cherish."

This news comes on the heels of another major award win for Petrie, as he was named to the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* 2023 Indiana 250 in the financial and business services category for the second year in a row. Indiana 250 highlights 250 prominent individuals from across the state who are considered the most influential business leaders in Indiana.

To learn more about Merchants Bank of Indiana, visit [MerchantsBankOfIndiana.com](https://www.merchantsbankofindiana.com).

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How will you exit your business?

If you own a business, you've always got a lot on your mind. But no matter how busy you are today, you need to think about tomorrow. Specifically, you'll want to create an exit strategy for the

day you want to move on from your business to a new phase in your life.

To develop this strategy, you'll need to address these key questions:

How much do you need (or want) for your business?

Ideally, you'll want the sale of your business to meet your retirement and estate-planning goals. So, you'll need to think carefully about these goals and what costs they may entail.

These issues aren't just financial. For example, when you think about how you may want to spend your time in retirement, you might realize that you don't really want to exit your business completely. So, you might decide to sell just part of it, or sell it entirely, but stay on to help manage it or possibly do some consulting for the new owners.

How much is your business worth?

You may want to calculate your business' value three to five years before



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your planned exit. You could do this on your own, but it's typically advantageous to use professional valuation services. If you're giving or selling your business to family members, selling it to an employ-

ee stock ownership plan (ESOP) or settling an estate, you'll need to get a more formal qualified appraisal to meet IRS standards.

How can you close the gap between what you need and what your business is worth?

The amount you need from the sale of your business to support your retirement goals may be more than what your business is actually worth. To help close this gap, you could try to boost your business's profits through the usual means, such as introducing new products, raising prices, or cutting costs. But you might also try to lower the amount you need from the sale by working longer, reducing your personal spending, and saving more outside the business.

Who will take over your business?

When planning for a successor for your business, you have several choices, including selling to a family member or an outside buyer.

Going public or liquidating the business are also options. These are distinct paths, but depending on your circumstances, one might be more appropriate for you than another. To cite just one factor, if you don't have an obvious choice for a family member to take over the business, you might have to consider other buyers.

In any case, you'll need to explore all the economic and personal factors involved in the choice of successor.

Who can help you with your exit strategy?

Exiting a business can be complex. To ensure you're making the right moves for your overall financial and family situations, you may want to build an exit strategy team, possibly consisting of your financial, legal, and tax advisors. You may also need to enlist the services of a commercial banker and a business evaluation expert. Each of these professionals can bring a different area of expertise to your exit decisions, and together they can help address all the issues related to your exit strategy.

Exiting your business will take a lot of planning and decisions – but if it's done right, it can be worth the effort.

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Last year's Bright as the Noonday Soirée raised nearly \$100,000.

Help The Cooper House serve kids in foster care & their families at this year's Bright as Noonday Soirée

The REPORTER

The Cooper House's (TCH) third annual Bright as the Noonday Soirée will take place on Sept. 30 at the Lucas Estate in Carmel.

Bright as the Noonday Soirée is a fundraising event benefiting TCH, whose mission it is to serve families and children involved with foster care. Since 2020, TCH has served approximately 275 families and 500 children. However, there are even more families and children needing TCH's services, so this particular fundraising event is needed to sustain its mission as well as help reach more families and children in crisis.

TCH is looking for generous businesses and individuals who want to partner by becoming an event sponsor. This is a community-wide mission, and TCH needs YOUR help. If interested in fostering HOPE right here to



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MC & Magician Jon Mobley and auctioneer Ryan Kramer kicked off the live auction at last year's Bright as the Noonday Soirée.

children and families in Hamilton County, please reach out to Brooke Howe at brooke@thecooper-houseindiana.com.

If you aren't able to be a sponsor, you can purchase individual tickets to attend

the event on Sept. 30. It will be a fancy and fun night out with dinner, drinks, music, magic, a raffle, and a live auction. Come join the party!

Learn more about The Cooper House at TheCooperHouseIndiana.com.

Can nursing homes force kids to pay a parent's bills?

You are facing your own retirement and also have questions about your elderly parents. As you approach Medicare at age 65, your parents may be 85.

If your parents move into a nursing home, it becomes a very pressing question: am I personally responsible for mom's bills? Can Medicare take my home to pay mom's last medical expenses? Can Medicaid take mom's home? Can anyone take my home?

No. Adult children are not responsible for the hospital bill or the nursing home costs of a parent — unless you signed taking responsibility. When you take your parent to the ER, the admitting personnel may "encourage" you to sign taking responsibility for the bills.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services sent a notification letter to nursing facilities and debt collectors on Sept. 8, 2022, about this very topic. The letter kindly "reminds" the nursing homes that the law prohibits them "from requesting or requiring that a third party personally guarantee payment to the facility as a condition of a resident's admission or continued stay in the facility." The government letter warns nursing homes that they cannot go

after the kids to pay the debts of the parents or it will also violate another law, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

If the nursing home turns over the "bad debt" of the kids to a consumer reporting agency it can hurt the credit of the kids. That will violate yet another law, the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If your parents are going into a nursing facility, and they still have assets to pay for their care, they are responsible for the payments. Do not sign anything. You cannot be pressured to sign anything as a condition of your parent being admitted.

If your mom then depletes her assets, she will qualify for Medicaid (this many mean transferring to a Medicaid facility, which will not be as nice). If you are on her bank account and her Social Security check comes in each month, you are responsible to turn that over to the nursing home. You can't keep your mom's money. It now must go to Medicaid to reimburse the state for her care. If you keep her money, then you can run into trouble with the law.

Let's say that you are living in your mom's house. She goes to a nursing home. Medicaid won't force her to sell the house if she has "a reasonable chance of return-

ing to the home." Clearly, if she has a terminal illness or dementia, she will never be able to go back home. This is handled very differently in New York and California, but in most states like Indiana, nothing happens to the home as long as mom is still alive. After her death, Medicaid can put a lien on the estate to be reimbursed for her care. I've had many adult children tell me that they are going to be homeless because of this. Every family should have a plan for nursing home, especially if adult children are living in the home owned by their elderly parents.

There are certain types of trusts that can protect the home from Medicaid. Consult an elder law attorney because these trusts need to be established five years before you or your parents need Medicaid.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of The Medicare Family, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at TheMedicareFamily.com.

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Fishers road construction updates, week of Aug. 7

The REPORTER
146th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 2A traffic restrictions are currently in effect. These restrictions eliminate left turns from 146th Street onto Allisonville Road and reopen to two thru lanes on eastbound and westbound 146th Street.

Use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone. Flaggers will be present when lane or shoulder restrictions are necessary.

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

Fall Creek Road

From Monday, Aug. 7 through Friday, Aug. 11, there will be rolling closures on the Fall Creek Trail between 96th Street and Carroll Road for slurry sealing. Most of the closures will be between 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., but some sections will remain closed overnight while material cures.

Florida Road

Florida Road is currently closed to realign the S-curve and is anticipated to reopen

by Monday, Aug. 21. Local traffic only between 113th Street and Southeastern Parkway. View detour route [here](#).

96th Street & Allisonville Road

From Monday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Aug. 10, overnight lane restrictions will be in place on Allisonville Road between 8:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. to allow for a water main installation for the residential development coming to the northwest corner of 96th Street and Allisonville Road.

106th Street & Allisonville Road

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

106th Street & Hoosier Road

Prep work prior to the roundabout construction is currently taking place. Work will include tree clearing, utility relocation and storm

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

Cumberland Road

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

Geist Greenway

Geist Greenway is now open between Valley Crossing to 126th Street. Work will resume on the trail south of Valley Crossing Drive on/or after Sept. 1 and remains closed until construction is finished. Construction continues to take place on Florida Road and between Bowline Drive and 104th Street. For general project information, please visit [playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway](#).

Resurfacing Projects

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

On Monday, Aug. 7, work will begin to update and improve the ADA ramps at the Parks (Harvard, Ox-

ford, and Princeton Park). On Monday, saw-cutting curb and sidewalk to prepare for the demolition of the existing ramps will take place. On Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be the removal of existing ramps and pouring concrete. This work will take place over the next three weeks in this neighborhood. After this work is completed, Rieth-Riley will then begin milling and paving operations.

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

State Road 37 & 141st Street

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

I-465 & I-69

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

Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers is working on the completion of the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail between Hague Road and 106th Street. The installation of pedestrian rail is currently taking place and pedestrian flashers are not operative at this time.

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

Latest Carmel road construction updates

The REPORTER
Spring Mill Road

Beginning on or after Tuesday, Aug. 8, there will be a five-day closure on Spring Mill Road between Hamlet Drive and 116th Street to construct a new entrance into the Jackson's Grant subdivision.

The morning of Aug. 8, both directions of Spring Mill Road will be closed to thru traffic. Before the end of that work day, northbound Spring Mill will be reopened and remain open for the duration of the work.

Southbound Spring Mill will be closed for the duration of the five-day project. Detour routes will use Illinois Street, Main Street, and 116th Street.

Hazel Dell Parkway

Carmel Utilities will clean a sanitary pipe in Hazel Dell Parkway's northbound lane between Main Street and Plum Creek Boulevard starting Tuesday, Aug. 8 at midnight and continuing through the next four days. Work will be performed during low traffic and low sanitary flow times (midnight to 7 a.m.). Traffic will be maintained in the eastern northbound lane of Hazel Dell Parkway.

This will not result in a closure of Hazel Dell Parkway. The work will occur during the evening and early morning to be less impactful to area residents and daily commuters.

New items this week at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

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

Fiction

1. After Death – Dean Koontz
2. Block Party – Jamie Day
3. Collector – Daniel Silva
4. Everyone Here is Lying – Shari Lapena
5. Evil Heart – Linda Castillo
6. Famous in a Small Town – Viola Shipman
7. Guest Room – Tash Sylva
8. Hello Stranger – Katherine Center
9. Parris Agent – Kelly Rimmer
10. Summer of Songbirds – Kristy Woodson Harvey

Non-Fiction

1. Camera Girl – Carl Sferrazza Anthony
2. Endangered Virtues – Michael Phillips

Children's

1. Alphabuddies G is 1st – Beth Bacon
2. Belly Button Book – Sandra Boynton
3. Hardware Helper – Dana Regan
4. Next Stop Superstardom – Lincoln Peirce
5. Off to the Races – Steve Foxe
6. On the Night Before Kindergarten – Rosemary Wells
7. Phoebe & Her Unicorn – Dana Simpson
8. Spreckles Snack Surprise – Sandra Salisbury
9. Supergran – Rhonda Gowle Greene
10. You Can Be a Good Sport Pout-Pout Fish – D. Diesen

Inspirational Fiction

1. Break of Day – Colleen Coble
2. Dark of Night – Colleen Coble
3. Finding Us – Tracie Peterson
4. His Temporary Family – Julie Brookman
5. Letters of Comfort – Wanda Brunstetter
6. Secret Amish Admirer – Virginia Wise

Young Adults

1. Legacies – Jessica Goodman
2. Murder on a School Night – Kate Weston
3. Poet X – Elizabeth Acevedo
4. They're Watching You – Chelsea Ichaso

Movies

1. Are You There God? It's Me Margaret
2. Avatar: The Way of Water
3. I'm Not Ashamed
4. Super Mario Bros. Movie
5. The Last of Us: Season 1

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LEGAL NOTICE
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 17th, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0823-49-NC

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 770 South Peru Street, Cicero Indiana 46034 concerning Article 10.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: allow a multi-tenant structure to have 3 signs, whereas Article 10.5 states that a multi-tenant commercial structure shall have 1 sign per tenant in the Neighborhood Commercial "NC" district

Project Addresses: 770 South Peru Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage .25 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4
WASHINGTON GLASS Lot 31 & 32
Parcel numbers: 05-06-01-02-08-012.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: Scott Schuler
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Docket No. BZA-0823-50-AG

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted concerning Article 10.2 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the property located at 5411 East 296th Street, Atlanta Indiana, 46031 in order to: Allow a billboard sign in the "AG" district, whereas a billboard sign is not permitted in any Zoning district.

Project Address: 5411 East 296th Street, Atlanta IN 46031
Legal Description: Acreage 112.65 Section 4, Township 20, Range 4
Parcel number: 03-02-02-04-00-007.000

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<p>The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.</p> <p>A work session to discuss changes to the airport layout plan will begin at 6:15 p.m. A public session will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.</p>	<p>The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.</p> <p>Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com</p>

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Donald Joseph Nolan Jr. July 28, 1949 – July 28, 2023

Donald Joseph Nolan Jr., 74, Fishers, passed away on Friday, July 28, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on July 28, 1949, to the late Donald and Anna Rita (Gavaghan) Nolan in Indianapolis.

Donald proudly served in the United States Navy and the Indiana National Guard for 19 years. He worked for Meijer and ran the back room for many years. Donald was a very hard worker and loved his job and all of his co-workers. He never met a stranger and anyone he came in contact with was always a friend.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Phyllis Nolan, whom he adored tremendously. They spent every moment together when they could after Don worked over 60 hours a week. He has two children, Terry and Randy, who he loved so much; and three fur babies, Raggy, Jaxon, and Jakob, who were like his kids. Don has five beautiful grandchildren of whom he was very proud, Amanda Reed, Rachel Wernersbach, Jake Woloshin, Zachary Woloshin, and Justin Moore; and four great-grandchildren with one on the way. He is survived by three siblings, Mary Anne Mitchel, Terry Hergenrather, and Mike Nolan. Don loved being with his family especially at family gatherings. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

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Jane Ann (Harris) Souders October 20, 1940 – August 2, 2023

Jane Ann (Harris) Souders passed away early Wednesday morning, August 2, 2023. Jane was born in Indianapolis on October 20, 1940. She was raised in Noblesville in a historical house on 10th and Hannibal Street.

Jane is preceded in death by her brother, Jim Harris; sister, Susan Harris; and mother, Nelle Melissa (Darrah) Harris.

Jane is survived by her loving children: son, Joe (Christine) Souders of Fishers, daughter, Susan Riddle of Noblesville, and daughter, Gioia Dasovich of Lakewood Ranch, Fla.; and grandchildren, Toni (Justin) Riddle, Tabatha McCord, Katie Souders, Elaina (Michael) Kuhlenschmidt, Sophia Souders, Michael (Nicole) Souders, Amelia Dasovich, and Nicholas Dasovich. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren, Skylar, Lyken, Ryker, Braden, James, Olivia, Emilie, Klay, and Carter.

Jane graduated from Noblesville High School in 1959. She worked at Riverview Hospital and was also the editor of the Nursing Home Newsletter, *The Chronicles*. She spent many summers at Lake Wawasee while she was skiing, boating, and enjoying family time. She was a very devout Catholic and loved life. Jane will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, with the funeral mass to follow at 11 a.m.

She will be buried at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville, following the funeral mass.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV)

Bonnie Carolyn Grant-Aquino

October 28, 1930 – August 2, 2023

Bonnie C. Grant-Aquino (Bon Bon), 92, Noblesville, and formerly of Elkhart, Ind., passed peacefully into Jesus' arms at 3:58 a.m. on August 2, 2023.



Bonnie was born in San Antonio, Texas, on October 28, 1930, to Howard and Victoria Ryan. Howard and Victoria dedicated their lives to others through The Salvation Army. Bonnie married Roy F. Grant Jr. on September 15, 1951. After the passing of Roy in 1988, Bonnie was remarried to John T. Aquino of Chicago in 1992 until John's passing in 2012.

Bonnie is survived by Matthew R. Grant (Carmel) married to Andrea Grant and Adam M. Grant (Carmel) married to Stacie Grant. Bonnie has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bonnie accomplished many things in her lifetime. She was on the Park and Recreation Board, the Planning Commission for the City of Elkhart, and because of that service, Bonnie received one of the very few Keys to the City of Elkhart. Also, back in the mid-70s, she was one of six women who started People who need People (Interracial Rap Sessions) which helped bring together a racially divided community. These are just a few of Bonnie's great accomplishments.

Bon Bon's wishes are to celebrate her life, so we will be having a Celebration of Life from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Lawrence W. Inlow Park, Carmel. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army at give.salvationarmyusa.org.

Carmel's reimagined West Park to include dedication of Jim Engledow Commons

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will host a ribbon cutting from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14 at West Park, 2700 W. 116th St., to celebrate reimagined West Park and dedicate "Jim Engledow Commons" in honor of the late Jim Engledow who served on the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from:

- Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director of Parks and Recreation
- Eric Engledow, on behalf of the Engledow family
- Rich Taylor, Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation President
- Matthew J. Snyder, Clay Township Board Member

- Jim Brainard, Carmel Mayor
- Miles Nelson, Carmel City Council Member
- Gregg Calpino, Smith-Group Principal Landscape Architect

West Park received a complete transformation as part of CCPR's **Reimagining Parks initiative** featuring a new playground, splash pad with waterfalls, expanded parking lot, improved trail system, and a restored prairie maze, among other improvements. Funding from the **Clay Township Impact Program** contributed significantly to the park upgrades.

In honor and remembrance of Jim Engledow, the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation unanimously passed a resolution in March



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

2023 to name the central portion of West Park after Engledow. Jim Engledow Commons will be comprised of the playground, splash pad, and picnic area. On many occasions, Engledow shared that West Park was his favorite to visit, especially with his grandchildren.

Engledow dedicated 20

years, eight as president, to the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation and was devoted to the Carmel Clay community. Throughout his tenure, CCPR twice won the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, the highest honor for a municipal park and recreation agency.

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Carmel Wrestling Club hosted wrestlers from Újpesti Torna Egylet, a well-known sports club in Budapest, Hungary last month. The UTE wrestlers also made stops at Penn and Jeffersonville, saw the sights in Indiana and competed with Carmel in a friendly match.

Wrestling across the planet

Carmel hosts Újpesti Torna Egylet club for exchange program

By RICHIE HALL

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Different styles

Újpesti club, which consists of wrestlers from ages 16 to 20, made stops at Penn and Jeffersonville before finishing up its trip at Carmel. The UTE wrestlers were led by coaches István Németh and Gábor Faran, and they brought some different coaching styles and techniques to the Greyhounds.

"It was awesome the way they ran practice Wednesday morning," said Pendoski. The Carmel coach made a list, writing down the things UTE does to warm up.

"It's just different way to teach the sport," said Pendoski. "It's always neat to see. Obviously, it's the other side of the world and how they do things differently."

Pendoski said that when Németh ran practice, "he ran through a bunch of throws. It's a place that Carmel's had a shortfall in the last couple of years. It's not only what he teaches, but how they teach it, and how they practice it. Whenever I see a new coach, I watch how they teach maybe more than what they teaching, and watching them do their skills the way that they did in this, we're going to add that starting next week."

Németh also detailed some differences, speaking through Farkas, who served as a translator.

"Definitely the stance," he said. "They are much deeper down. And we learned some nice leg attacks and combinations from shootings and then developing after to better positions. Their overall stance and movement is better for freestyle, because they are so deep, almost like an old horse."

Pendoski pointed out that during the U.S. high school wrestling season, student-athletes are wrestling in the folkstyle format. In the summertime, wrestlers switch to freestyle, a more physical style of wrestling. However, Hungary wrestlers compete in freestyle exclusively, along with a little bit of Greco-Roman, a style that does not allow holding off the legs.

"We don't have any folkstyle in Europe, said Németh and Farkas. "Their freestyle is different, too. Their whole style is different because they wrestle so much folkstyle, so that freestyle is different from ours. That's why we came here, to learn from them."

The UTE wrestlers also got to sightsee around Indiana during

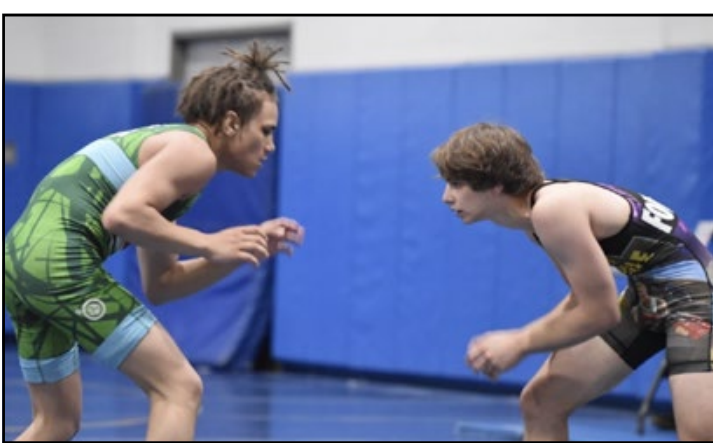


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Carmel's Tamir Halevi (right) competed against UTE's Zsolt Bedák during the July 20 match.



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Carmel's Jairo Ojeda and UTE's Peter Farkas took time to pose for the camera after the friendly bout.

their trip. While at Penn, they headed to Notre Dame University. During their stay at Jeffersonville, they traveled across the Ohio River to Louisville and saw the Muhammad Ali Center.

Once at Carmel, the Újpesti wrestlers also went into Indianapolis and saw the highlights there, including the War Memorial, the courthouse, St. Elmo's Steakhouse (where they tried the famous shrimp cocktail with the infamous spicy sauce), and of course the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The wrestlers went there on a day when there was a practice.

"The cars, they were so loud, so exciting," said Farkas.

Getting a chance to see different cultures in different parts of the world has made the annual Cultural Exchange a worthwhile enterprise, as both Indiana wrestlers and their international counterparts become good friends.

"We became such good friends, even though we haven't seen them in a year," said Farkas. "And we still, like, greet each

other. We love each other. It's a really good experience." Németh echoed that sentiment, saying the Indiana wrestlers had become good friends.

"We have lots of opportunities to wrestle and we're excited about wins and we're sad about losses," said Pendoski. "But the culture trips are a different part of your soul that is filled when you start to learn to create relationships with people on different sides of the planet."

"As a closure, I really want to just say that, I never thought that wrestling was this powerful," said Farkas. "I kind of underestimated. We have seen that we have so much friends internationally we didn't even know about. We got our first AirBnB from a wrestling coach, for free. He said 'Come on guys, you're family.' It's so amazing, so amazing. Now, all we did achieve, everything we did during this trip was due to how wrestling is spread out throughout the world, and I think that's amazing."

NASCAR Hall of Fame Class

Last Wednesday, the 2024 NASCAR Hall of Fame Class was announced.

This year's ballot included drivers such as Donnie Allison, Jeff Burton, Carl Edwards, Neil Bonnett, Harry Gant, Jimmie Johnson, and Ricky Rudd, as well as crew chief Chad Knaus and various other drivers, owners, crew chiefs, and mechanics.

Of those on the ballot, three would be selected. The 57-member Hall of Fame Voting Panel selected Donnie Allison and to no surprise, first ballot nominees Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus. Controversy erupted, however, when it was revealed that Jimmie Johnson was not a unanimous selection, receiving 53 of the 57 panel votes.

The NASCAR Hall of Fame opened in 2010 with a class of five members. Included in that class were, of course, seven-time champion drivers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt, along with NASCAR founder, Bill France, Sr., and his son, Bill France, Jr. Since its opening, including the Class of 2024, The Hall of Fame has inducted 64 individuals. As of today, none were unanimous selections. Not Richard Petty. Not Dale Earnhardt. Why then is it so controversial that Jimmie Johnson was not a unanimous selection?

Naturally, it is a matter of competition. As stated above, the first class inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame was in 2010. Twenty-five individuals were nominated for that first class. Twenty-five of the best and most influential figures in NASCAR history. Petty, Allison, Waltrip, Earnhardt, Pearson, France (father and son), Jarrett (father and son). The best of the best. In fact, every person nominated in the first class has subsequently been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Thus, because of the number of nominees and the quality of the candidates, it is unsurprising that Petty and Earnhardt were not unanimous choices. Who was more deserving, Petty or Pearson, Waltrip or Earnhardt? The panel ultimately put in two seven-time champions, though there may have been some discrepancy on such a large list of NASCAR greats.

Compare the decision in 2010 with the decision in 2024. Jimmie Johnson is a seven-time Cup Series Champion. Jimmie Johnson is the only driver in history to win five championships in a row (two more than Cale Yarborough). Jimmie Johnson has 83 Cup Series wins. Jimmie Johnson has won all the NASCAR crown jewel events (Dayton 500, Coca Cola 600, Southern 500, Brickyard 400) at least twice. Jimmie Johnson accomplished all of this in the span of 18 years in arguably the most competitive era of NASCAR.

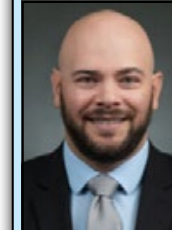
Which of the nominees are more deserving than Jimmie Johnson? None of the other 2024 driver nominees won one championship, let alone seven. Jimmie Johnson more than doubles the win total of the next closest driver, Carl Edwards (28). Jimmie Johnson is literally in a class of his own.

Who on the list of nominees is more deserving than Jimmie Johnson? The answer is none.

Yes, Jimmie Johnson is now a Hall of Fame and made on in on the first ballot. There is, however, no explanation for not having a unanimous decision. Although not critically damaging, Last Wednesday's vote does draw into question the credibility of the voting members of the Hall of Fame committee and panelists.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

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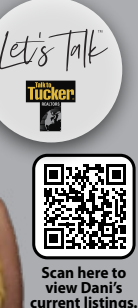
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Westfield’s Samantha Brown gets 14 birdies during Girls Junior PGA Championship

The REPORTER Westfield’s Samantha Brown was among the 36 golfers that finished up the fourth and final round at the Girls Junior PGA Championship Friday at Hot Springs Country Club in Hot Springs, Ark. Brown, who begins her senior year at Westfield High School next week, tied for 25th after 72 holes, carding an eight-over par 292. After three rounds of 72, Brown scored a 76 in Friday’s round, making three birdies. She totaled 14 birdies for the entire tournament.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 5
GIRLS GOLF
Westfield at Kokomo Invitational, 12:30 p.m. at Kokomo Country Club
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at State Preview meet, 1 p.m. at Prairie View

Monday, Aug. 7
GIRLS GOLF
Westfield vs. Cathedral, 4 p.m. at Wood Wind

Tuesday, Aug. 8
GIRLS GOLF
(JV match) Noblesville vs. Carmel and Westfield, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees
Carmel vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9
GIRLS GOLF
Westfield vs. Carmel and Noblesville, 2 p.m. at Chatham Hills
University at Tri-West (with Danville), 4:45 p.m.

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Anthony Richardson signs autographs for young fans at training camp at Grand Park

By **ANDREW CHERNOFF**
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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson has had a lot of fan support at training camp so far at Grand Park in Westfield. Many fans already have Richardson’s No. 5 jersey and cheer on the rookie quarterback when he makes a big play in practice. After practice on Thursday, Richardson made sure to recognize a lot of those fans, especially the kids in attendance. The No. 4 overall pick in this year’s NFL Draft spent time signing autographs. Kids were all smiles as Richardson signed helmets, jerseys and hats. Richardson is currently in a battle with Gardner Minshew for the starting quarterback job for the Colts. His first day in pads was on Tuesday. “It’s definitely different – different from every level,” Richardson said after



Photo courtesy WISH-TV
Anthony Richardson signs autographs after practice Thursday at Colts camp.

Tuesday’s practice. “You’re playing against the best of the best. Regardless of what group you’re going with, everybody is out there working. It’s just a matter of getting the momentum down pat and staying locked in mentally. You can have ups and downs, but it’s just a matter of keeping your head cool, calm and collected and just making plays.” Thursday was Youth Sports Day at Colts Training Camp. The team’s next practice will be on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Nashville to host NTT INDYCAR SERIES finale Sept. 13-15, 2024

New Circuit, Victory Lap Celebration in Music City among highlights

The REPORTER INDYCAR and the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix have announced the 2024 NTT INDYCAR SERIES finale is moving to Nashville on Sept. 13-15, 2024. All roads along the 2024 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will lead to Nashville, as the year-long championship battle will be settled and a champion crowned on downtown Nashville’s iconic Honky-Tonk row. The 2024 season awards ceremony will also

take place in the Music City, on Sept. 16 at the iconic Schermerhorn Symphony Center. More than 250,000 fans are expected to converge on downtown Nashville for the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix, which has quickly become one of the sport’s marquee events since its debut in 2021 and will become a championship-crowning celebration watched by viewers across the globe. The new 2.17-mile, seven-turn circuit will continue across the iconic Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge and route directly past the Country Music Hall of Fame. The racecourse will run through the city’s honky-tonk district, home to bars owned by the biggest names in country music, including Jason Aldean, Dierks Bentley, Luke Bryan, Garth Brooks, Eric Church, Alan Jackson, Miranda Lambert, John Rich and Blake Shelton. Each day of racing will culminate with a takeover of Broadway and a massive street party that only Nashville can throw, featuring live performances by many of music’s biggest artists. Considered one of the world’s finest venues, Nashville’s Schermerhorn Symphony Center will host the 2024 INDYCAR Victory Lap Celebration on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024. Located in the heart of downtown Nashville, the building boasts distinctive design elements that pay homage to the history, culture and people of Middle Tennessee. The Schermerhorn has been a favorite venue for legendary artists spanning different genres, from country music stars like Dolly Parton to contemporary pop sensations like Harry Styles. “Nashville and the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix team are ready to host a can’t-miss, action-packed



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event that transforms the NTT INDYCAR SERIES season finale and elevates it to an even higher peak on the global stage,” said Mark Miles, president & CEO of Penske Entertainment Corp. “Next year’s race in Nashville will be an unbridled celebration of the most fierce and competitive motorsport on the planet, set against the backdrop of an innovative and breathtaking stage that includes one of the premier global entertainment districts in the world. We’ll have more to share soon on an entire weekend of activities, both on and off track, that fully taps into the growing reach and relevance of an ascendant and marquee city.” While the season finale is moving to Nashville, this year’s final venue on the 2023 schedule, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, California, will remain on the 2024 calendar. More details about the entire 2024 season schedule will be forthcoming. “WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca remains a beloved, historic venue for our teams, drivers and fans in an important and scenic market,” Miles said. “The fact that INDYCAR has chosen Nashville and the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix as the crowning event is a testament to our fans, partners, stakeholders and truly the Nashville hospitality industry as a whole,” said Matt Crews, CEO, Big Machine Music City Grand Prix. “The ability to promote our city and state year-round and bring our race into the heart of Nashville is an absolute honor. The Big Machine Music City Grand Prix continues to grow to levels that I never dreamed could have been possible.” The Big Machine Music City Grand Prix has become a marquee event for Tennessee and across the motorsport landscape, bringing fans from all 50 states and dozens of countries annually. With a global TV audience in over 200 countries and territories, the Grand Prix is elevated across a worldwide stage. “Tennessee is already leading the nation in automotive manufacturing, hospitality and entertainment, and this announcement takes it to the next level, as the focus will be on world-class racing in the Volunteer State for the entire 2024 INDYCAR season,” said Tennessee Governor Bill Lee. “As the home state of two-time series champion and current Indianapolis 500 champion Josef Newgarden, it just makes sense that Tennessee would host one of the biggest races of the season. With the national and international spotlight on Nashville, the world will see what Tennesseans already know to be true – that there’s no better stage for racing than Music City.” For more information and to receive future news on the 2024 Big Machine Music City Grand Prix, please visit musiccitygp24.com.

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