

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9, 2023

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TODAY'S WEATHER
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy.
Scattered showers and storms in the afternoon.
Tonight: Scattered showers and storms.

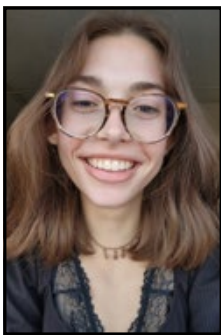
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Julia Cleary Bricker



Audrey Cox



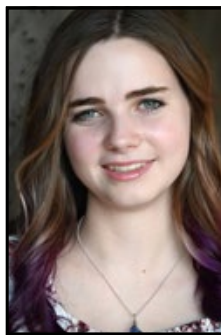
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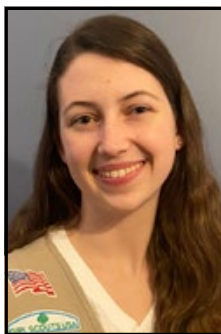
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Gloria Sanchez



Sneha Vashistha



Samantha Walz

Hamilton County Girl Scouts earn Gold Awards through meaningful, sustainable community projects

The REPORTER

Eleven Hamilton County Girl Scouts have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.

Julia Cleary Bricker

Julia Cleary Bricker attended Carmel High School and was a Girl Scout for 12 years.

She noticed that larger community gardens may lack resources and/or manpower to effectively care for their gardens. This was important to her to be solved because food poverty is

one of the most prevalent issues in the urban United States and community gardens in impoverished areas are often the only sources of fresh produce for the residents surrounding them. She decided to build an irrigation system in Fletcher Place's Garden to allow for volunteers to spend more time working on other more important tasks while the garden waters itself.

Julia also earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and a \$10,000 Girl Scouts of the USA

Gold Award scholarship. She is the daughter of Susan Sutton and plans to pursue a degree in Architecture at Virginia Tech.

Audrey Cox

Audrey Cox attended Carmel High School and has been a Girl Scout for 12 years.

She noticed that her community had become reliant on the use of technology and that creativity was waning, so she put together take and make kits for teens and create a use for the technology that would help

their creativity rather than not hinder it. She chose this project because her little sister thrives on art and creativity, and she found it difficult to see that be hindered in others.

Audrey is the daughter of Wendy and Brian Cox, and she also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She plans to attend Purdue University in the fall to study Biochemistry and Forensic Sciences.

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Carmel FOP endorses Democrat Sara Draper for City Council

The REPORTER

Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185 announced last week its endorsement of Democrat Sara Draper for Carmel City Council At-large.

Draper said she is delighted to have earned the endorsement.

"When I'm elected, I want to ensure I operate from a place of true understanding, not just of the community, but the public servants who keep it safe,"

Draper said.

Draper enrolled in the Citizens Police Academy, an 11-week program open to all, and graduated in May. "I wanted to learn all I could about law enforcement and the needs of the CPD," she said.

"We think you are the first Democrat that the Lodge has



Draper

ever endorsed," replied Lodge 185 Vice President Matthew Broadnax to Draper's appreciative response. "Sara has impressed the membership of the Carmel FOP Lodge 185 with her dedication to public safety and her desire to see Carmel as one of the best and safest places to live."

Draper said it was the Carmel Police Department's commitment to its officers' physical and mental health that impressed her most.

"I knew before I participated in the Citizen's Academy that CPD was one of only 1 percent of Law Enforcement Organizations that are globally accredited. The Academy

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Phi Beta Psi & Cicero Legion Riders join forces for 'Saving 2nd Base' cancer research

The REPORTER

Phi Beta Psi Sorority and the Cicero Legion Riders will soon host another motorcycle ride for Saving 2nd Base, a charity raising money for cancer research.

Cancer research is the vital ingredient in the fight against this disease that affects so many people's lives. Countless folks in the community can testify to the benefits of this kind of research.

Come join the ride on Saturday morning, Aug. 19 at the Cicero American Legion Post 341, 50 Washington St., Cicero. Registration and breakfast will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 per rider. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, two \$100 gift cards, and bucket raffles.

Ride for a great cause, bring a friend, and meet some new ones.



Photo provided

Last year's ride raised \$4,500 for doctors and scientists to continue their research.

Kenton Ward takes spots on five National Association of Counties committees

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton C. Ward was recently appointed to five committees with the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Ward was appointed to serve on the Information Technology Standing Committee, Resilient Counties Advisory Board and the Rural Action Caucus. He was also named to leadership positions as Chair of the Water Subcommittee and Vice Chair of the GIS Subcommittee. The appointments were made by NACo President Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

"It's an honor to be chosen to serve on these committees and to be able to bring back to Hamilton County what I have learned by doing so," Ward said. "It's important to make sure local and county issues are heard at the federal level. Through these appointments and the strength of NACo, Hamilton County has a seat at the national policy table."

In addition to his seat on these committees, Ward continues to serve on the NACo Board of Directors and the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.



Ward

Sheridan Community Schools begins new year with exciting updates

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

The buzz of excitement filled the air at Sheridan Community Schools on Tuesday as students were welcomed back for a brand-new school year.

With innovative changes across the district, from elementary to high school, and even transportation, the upcoming academic year promises to be one of growth, learning, and community-building.

Better Together Indeed Sheridan Elementary's focus on unity & growth

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) Principal Valerie Roberts shared the school's theme for the year: "Better To-

gether Indeed!"

With the belief that "Blackhawks fly better together," SES is dedicated to fostering a sense of unity and collaboration among its students and staff. Mrs. Roberts highlighted some of the exciting updates at the elementary school, including a comprehensive school-wide discipline plan designed to address post-pandemic challenges and more trauma-related discipline issues.

"We introduced it to the staff at our meeting last week, and we are excited to



Valerie Roberts



Kent Davis

supporting students' holistic growth.

Additionally, the arrival of a new art teacher, Madeline Sweger, brings the promise of art therapy to students, adding an exciting dimension to their educational experience. With a full staff of dedicated ed-

ucators, SES welcomed approximately 550 students back with open arms and a special red-carpet roll-out for kindergartners.

Sheridan Middle School Blackhawk Pride

Sheridan Middle School (SMS) Principal Kent Davis shared that SMS is excited to start back with Blackhawk Pride.

This is the 30th school year of SMS, with the building opening in August 1994. New staff members at SMS include Chuck Sears, eighth-grade Math; Michael Fenneman, seventh-grade Math; Josh Cooper, sixth- and seventh-grade Social Studies; Mallory Johnson, seventh-grade

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"I'm Beginning To See The Light"
"Don't Get Around Much Anymore"
"It Don't Mean A Thing"

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SHERIDAN UPDATES

ELA; Elaine Morgan, seventh-grade Science; and Scott Sears seventh- and eighth-grade Wellness.

"One of the many advantages of a smaller school is that students get individual attention," Mr. Davis said. "We do all we can to make all students feel welcome and part of our school community."

Davis encouraged parents to reach out to him if they had questions throughout the school year.

Sheridan High School
A year of growth & innovation

Sheridan High School (SHS), under the leadership of Principal Rick Davis, is gearing up for an exciting year of growth and innovation. The addition of Mr. Jason Marer as Assistant Principal brings fresh perspectives and expertise to the school community.

"We look forward to integrating Mr. Jason Marer into the Blackhawk Family and utilizing his experience, skills, and abilities to further move Sheridan HS forward," Mr. Davis said.

The summer was marked by significant projects, including the launch of the Northern Hamilton County Academy and the introduction of new courses.

"We will be offering several new courses this school year including adding a Human Services Pathway to our CTE curriculum, Dual Credit Math136 (Precalculus/Trigonometry), Advanced Placement Physics, and a totally redesigned Preparing for College and Careers," Mr. Davis said. He also highlighted the opportunity for qualifying students to earn the Indiana College Core block of college credits.

Davis expressed his enthusiasm for the new school year, saying, "We are all super excited to get the year rolling!" With a focus on "Better" driving the initiatives, SHS is set to celebrate its 100th Homecoming on Sept. 16 and experience a total eclipse on April 8, 2024.

Superintendent Dave Mundy added, "We have a lot to look forward to this upcoming year. We have a lot of new, but veteran teachers, joining our outstanding staff. As well we are continuing to grow our programs and think outside the box on how we can offer our students whatever classes they may want. Our internship program, led by Mrs. Williams, is taking off at unprecedented levels."

Soaring smoothly with Enhanced Transportation Services

Sheridan Schools' Transportation Director Eric Gifford assured families of a smooth start to the school year with a focus on safety and efficiency. The introduction of a new routing software promises improved communication and convenience for parents.

"This will be an app-based system that will show students' busing information, such as pick-up/drop-off time, and stop location," Gifford said.

With all open positions filled, the transportation department is fully staffed, ensuring a seamless start to the year. Gifford emphasized the importance of patience during the first week of school as routes are adjusted for optimal efficiency. He also shared the great news that all school buses have passed the state police inspection without any issues.

Mundy added, "We have really spent time this summer analyzing the results from the parents' surveys, and I look forward to sharing some of this information as well as other items in my upcoming community meeting on Monday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School."

With dedicated educators, innovative programs, and a commitment to excellence, Sheridan Community Schools is dedicated to making the academic year one to remember.

Mundy concluded by sharing that overall enrollment as a district has increased slightly and this is mainly due to transfer numbers, adding, "We welcome all these students as they are an important part of our school culture."

Information for current and future Blackhawks can be found at scs.k12.in.us.



Rick Davis



Dave Mundy

DRAPER

Sara Draper is an Oxford University graduate with professional expertise in finance and market research. She has spent time on the board of the Village of WestClay. She's an adoptive "Mum" and former foster parent. She is now a Guardian ad Litem, advocating for children of abuse/neglect cases in the court system in Hamilton County.



Photo provided

At-Large council candidate Sara Draper was so happy about her historic endorsement that she sent The Reporter this photo of herself . . . in a giant coat? It's like British people are from a whole different continent.

Learn more about the candidate at DraperForAll-Carmel.com.

ELDER SCAMS

• Use strong passwords: Teach seniors to create strong, unique passwords for online accounts and to update them regularly. You might also suggest a password book or app to help them keep track of this important information.

• Secure personal documents: Help seniors secure important documents, such as Social Security cards, bank statements, and wills, in a safe place.

• Regularly review statements: Encourage seniors to regularly review their bank and credit card statement for any unauthorized transactions.

3. Technology Awareness

• Online safety: Educate seniors about online risks, such as phishing emails, malicious websites, and online shopping scams.

• Secure devices: Ensure that seniors' computers, smartphones, and tablets have up-to-date antivirus software and security patches.

• Avoid clicking suspicious links: Teach seniors to avoid clicking links or downloading attachments from unknown sources.

TIP: Teach seniors that if someone legitimate really wants to get to them, they will find them! Just DELETE WHEN IN DOUBT!

4. Communication Strategies

• Caller ID and screening: Help seniors set up caller ID and teach them to screen calls from unfamiliar numbers.

• No rush decisions: Advise seniors to take their time when making decisions and not be pressured into making immediate choices.

• Check with trusted contacts: Suggest that seniors consult a trusted family member or friend before making significant financial decisions.

TIP: Regularly call or visit loved ones to inspect what you expect.

5. Scam Reporting

• Document scams: In the unfortunate event of a scam attempt, help seniors document all relevant information, such as caller details, dates, and amounts involved.

• Report scams: Assist seniors in reporting scams to relevant authorities, such as the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or local law enforcement.

Additional effective methods

• Support groups: Connect seniors with local support groups or community organizations that focus on senior protection and scam prevention.

• Financial advisors: Encourage seniors to consult reputable financial advisors or professionals before making major financial decisions.

• Power of Attorney: Consider setting up a power of attorney to allow a trusted family member or friend to help manage financial matters.

• Legal protection: Explore legal options, such as setting up trusts or guardianships, to protect seniors, assets, and interests.

• Social engagement: Help seniors stay socially engaged and connected, as isolation can make them more vulnerable to scams.

• Elderly care services: If needed, consider enlisting the help of professional caregivers who can provide oversight and support to seniors.

Remember, preventing senior scams requires ongoing vigilance and effort from both individuals and their communities. It's a collective responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our seniors.

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Arcadia Town Hall 208 W Main St.
Hamilton Heights. Main Office of each school
Jackson Township Office 506 W Main St.

CARMEL
Carmel City Hall 1 Civic Square
Monon Community Bldg. 1195 Central Park Dr. W.
Visitor's Center 37 E Main St.

NOBLESVILLE
4-H Extension Office. 2003 Pleasant St.
Adler Attorneys 136 S 9th St.
Community First Bank 17661 Village Ctr. Dr.
Nickel Plate Express. 825 Forest Park Dr.
(during September rides)
Noblesville City Hall 16 S 10th St.
Noblesville Schools. 18025 River Road
Rep. Spartz's Office 5540 Pebble Village Ln.
Schwartz's Bait & Tackle. 118 Cicero Road
Tom Wood VW 14701 Tom Wood Way

STRAWTOWN
Taylor Center. 12308 Strawtown Ave.

ATLANTA
Atlanta Town Hall 105 E Main St.

CICERO
Cicero Parks Dept. 1050 S Pearl St.
Cicero Utilities Office. 331 E Jackson St.
Hamilton North Library 209 W Brinton St.

SHERIDAN
Sheridan Town Hall. 506 S Main St.
Sheridan Schools Main Office of each school

FISHERS
Fishers Arts Council 11810 Techonology Dr.
(for Second Friday Reception, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 11)

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Welcome to Grill-osophy 101

I have to come clean. I am a heavy smoker. But it gets even worse than that.

I am also a habitual grill

There is no brisket, turkey breast or rack of ribs safe with me around. In my house, I am the Maestro of Meat, the Sultan of Steak, the Boss of Beef, the Prince of Pork, and even the V.I.P. of Veggies. If it once moo'd, oinked, clucked, or made whatever noise fish or vegetables make, then it has probably experienced the business end of one of my smokers or grills.

Yes, you heard me right. I'm such a man that I have multiple smokers and grills. Most of my weekends are spent beating my chest, grunting, and grilling. By the end of a Sunday, if my knuckles aren't bleeding and I don't smell like I've been laying in a campfire pit for a week, then I did something wrong.

There is a purpose for each of my grill babies. My offset smoker is for when I want to smoke the larger



hunks of a beast. The electric smoker is for the smaller portions and when I don't feel like wasting a chimney of charcoal or a pile of wood. The Weber charcoal grill is for when I want to get back to my basic roots.

And then there's my Blackstone propane griddle. This is my youngest child, my newest toy.

Oh, I've been spending a lot of time with this bad boy!

When I suit up to take this grill for a drive, I feel like a master hibachi chef. I have all the same tools. I make clanking sounds with the metal spatulas. I attempt an onion volcano that turns out to be more of a smokeless, onion bunny hill. Who cares? It's still awesome. And if you're standing outside with me, go ahead and open your shirt pockets, because here come the flying shrimp tails!

Now that you know the purpose for these prodigious contraptions, I'd like to welcome you to my Grill-osophy class. Consider this col-

umn your syllabus. While I am aware that I'm sitting here spewing out hefty amounts of testosterone, I also realize that there are just as many women who excel at the BBQ pit as there are men. So, henceforth, I will refer to any home chef as a grill master, or GM for short. Mainly, so my wife doesn't smack me for being a sexist pig.

Since this is the first day of class, we need to go over all the ground rules. These are exceptionally important, so pull out your pen and butcher paper.

Rule No. 1

Never touch another GM's grill. This is simple, but pivotal. The smoker or grill is the GM's domain. Enter at your own risk. You don't like when others mess with your stuff. So, keep your oven mitts to yourself.

Rule No. 2

Never critique another GM's grilling style. Don't tell me to turn the heat up or down or show me how to adjust the pipe on my smoker. We all cook differently since we probably watch different YouTube cooking channels to hone our skills, so BACK OFF! Sorry, did I

yell? I get passionate about these things.

Rule No. 3

Never ask a GM to cook something well-done. It goes against a GM's instincts and all rules of nature. Don't be that guy. Just don't. If I ever cook anything past medium rare, it should be because it was my turn in the cornhole game and I neglected to check the internal temperature of the meat in a timely fashion.

Rule No. 4

Never ask a GM for steak sauce or ketchup. Would you like it if someone walked up to you and said, "You know what? You suck!" This is exactly how a GM feels when you ask for steak sauce. So, have a heart. Eat what you're given.

So, that's all for today's class. The moral of the story is ... where there's smoke there's fire. Hopefully with a well-seasoned steak on top of it! Enjoy, my fellow grill masters! I'll see you at the next Grunters Anonymous meeting.

Tim Rathz can be reached at 40somethinginfishers@gmail.com. Follow on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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SCOUTS

Gene Gerardot

Gene Gerardot attended Fishers High School and was a 13-year Girl Scout.

Gene noticed that the outdoor learning garden at Sand Creek Elementary across from her high school was run down and did not seem maintained. She worked with SCE staff to create a safe, sustainable, engaging, and educational learning garden; and then built a music wall, constructed a rock garden that included multiple types of rocks, sewed curtains for the chicken coop, constructed a chalk board that teachers could use to instruct their students outdoors, revamped the school's life size chess set, and created a pumpkin patch.

Also a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards recipient and the daughter of Amy and Anthony Gerardo, Gene is a Freshman at Indiana University.

Taryn Lynn Ginnan

Taryn Lynn Ginnan attended Hamilton Heights High School and was a Girl Scout for 14 years.

She noticed that kids in the foster care system don't have a lot of items that they need for daily care. If they did have items, they carried them in a trash bag because they didn't have a suitcase or backpack. Because she cares deeply about youth, particularly those in foster care, she made more than 250 To Go Bags for them. The bags contained handmade blankets and pillows and donated items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, a book, tissues, toothbrush and toothpaste, and water bottles.

Taryn also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She is the daughter of Shane and Kimberly Ginnan and is now a theater arts major at Vincennes University.

Celia Hamilton

Celia Hamilton attended Carmel High School and has been in Girl Scouts for 13 years.

She noticed the need for youth involvement at the Hamilton County Artists' Association. She reached out to all area middle and high schools to find interested youth to join the HCAA youth membership council, creating an opportunity for creative youth to learn from and inspire professional artists and each other, and to volunteer in community events. Celia chose this project because she volun-

teered and the HCAA and saw interest from other teens to become more involved in the arts and community.

Celia also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She is the daughter of Melinda and Todd Hamilton and plans to attend the Purdue University Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. School of Business.

Cara Harvey

Cara Harvey attended Fishers High School and is a 13-year Girl Scout.

Sparked by memories of her neighborhood park and to encourage people to spend more time outside, do physical activity, and potentially make new friends after the COVID quarantine, she painted games in the neighborhood park path. The neighborhood HOA helped support this project so that it could be of great benefit to everyone in the neighborhood.

Cara also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She is the daughter of Cheryl and Michael Harvey and is a freshman attending Roger Williams University studying marine biology.

Rebecca Lee

Rebecca Lee attends Carmel High School and has been a Girl Scout for 11 years.

She realized some of her community members held misconceptions about recycling, and that this may be a concern nationally and globally (currently 150 million metric tons of plastics in the oceans and other staggering statistics). Understanding the recycling products and process are complicated, she knew that education and instruction to proper plastics recycling must be made easily accessible and understandable to the public to create change. She interned for the Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center and learned details about plastics recycling, then created flyers for the Hamilton County HHWC and coloring pages for school-age children, as well as a website housing recycling resources.

Rebecca also earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. She is the daughter of Julia Lee.

Madeline Misterka

Madeline Misterka attended Carmel High School and was a 13-year Girl Scout.

She noticed that Indiana school curricula cover limited information about government and civics with

little explanation on how to get involved in one's community, and she believes the information that is taught is dusted over and taught with little emphasis on the significance civics education holds in everyday life. Passionate about political journalism, she created an education program of short, understandable videos and activities covering topics about citizenship and civic responsibility for elementary and middle school students and centralized all her resources digitally.

Madeline also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards and a Girl Scouts of Central Indiana scholarship. She is the daughter of Michelle & Matt Misterka and plans to attend Purdue University.

Gloria Sanchez

Gloria Sanchez attends Carmel High School and has been a Girl Scout for 12 years.

Realizing the youth room at her church had many issues and was in dire need of remodeling, she led the space renovation to create a welcoming space for youth to enjoy and build a community. She has been a member of the church her whole life and wanted to leave her mark there.

Gloria also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards and a Girl Scouts of Central Indiana scholarship. She is the daughter of Jenn Stumpp and plans to attend the University of Brighton for Business Management with Finance.

Sneha Vashistha

Sneha Vashistha attended Carmel High School and was a 13-year Girl Scout.

She noticed that, because they grew up in a time when technology was not as prominent or dangerous as it can be today, senior citizens lack the specific training and practice to be safe online and are vulnerable to hackers and scams that can breach privacy. Inspired by her relationship with her grandparents and other older adults, she designed and hosted cyber security awareness workshops specifically for senior citizens, hosting virtual and in-person workshops at community centers and senior homes to reach seniors across the world.

Sneha also earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. She is the daughter of Anil Vashistha and Uma Nagarajan and plans to major in biomedical engineering and pre-med in college.

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Samantha Walz

Samantha Walz attended Carmel High School and was a 13-year Girl Scout.

She is passionate about and enjoys STEM and noticed a lack of access to STEM for kids in her neighboring community. She created a cabinet filled with different fun and educational STEM activities to provide kids with access to STEM.

Samantha also earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She is the daughter of Amy Walz and Matt Walz and plans to attend Purdue University to study engineering.

About the Girl Scout Gold Award

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Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles presented Tamela Grabb of the Elysian Foundation a check for \$5,000 on Aug. 5.

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- This year marked the 32nd annual Father's Day Car Show. Each year proceeds go to the Elysian Foundation to benefit the

residents of Normal Life of Sheridan, a home-based care program for severely brain injured men and women.

This years' show brought

261 vehicles to a sunny Forest Park for the community to enjoy. Thanks again to these sponsors and the community for making this such a successful event.

Hercule Poirot, a murder express & The Cat; what could go wrong?

By **CARRIE NEAL**

A Seat on the Aisle

The statistics continue to astound: Agatha Christie is the most widely published author of all time. Her work has been translated into over 100 languages, with more than two billion books published, and outsold only by the Bible and Shakespeare.

I became a fan at a young age, introduced to Christie's books as an elementary schooler. As luck would have it, my second-grade teacher was Miss Sharples (not Miss Marple but close), a British expat who was also a huge Christie fan. We'd trade reviews at recess, and eventually she gave me a notebook for my own mystery stories. So as a lifelong devotee of Agatha Christie's mysteries, my hopes for this production were high.

Anyone who has attended a production at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel, is aware of the limitations of the space, which has a very small stage and a long, narrow construct for audience seating. These limitations actually work surprisingly well within the framework of *Murder on the Orient Express*, with the compact set adeptly conveying the cramped nature of actual train carriages.

In any Christie mystery, the most important character is the detective attempting to solve the case, in this instance Hercule Poirot. As Poirot, Larry Adams rarely leaves the stage and has an innate understanding of the character, as well as delightful comic timing. My only quibble would be some minor inconsistencies with his accent, and in fact the production as a whole would have benefited from a dialect coach (at least, there was none credited in the program).

Among the uniformly strong cast, there are two particular standouts de-



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(Top) Detective Hercule Poirot (Larry Adams) comforts passenger Greta Ohlsson (Nicole Sherlock). (Above) Reactions from Monsieur Bouc (Earl Campbell) and Helen Hubbard (Vickie Phipps).

serving of special mention: Earl Campbell as Monsieur Bouc, with an impeccable accent and delivery, and Vickie Phipps as Helen Hubbard. Ms. Phipps absolutely steals the show with her deadpan comedic talents, but also demonstrates real emotional depth during more serious moments.

Director Lori Raffel must be complimented on the pacing of the piece; for most of the play, things clip along just as they should and are very entertaining. Unfortunately, the pace slows a bit during the denouement, and the play loses some of its urgency. Another noteworthy element that must be

complimented is the charming program centerpiece, complete with a full-color map and headshots and descriptions of each character, accompanied by the flag from their country of origin.

CCP's *Murder on the Orient Express*, performed at The Cat Theatre in Carmel, continues for just one more weekend, Aug. 10 to 13. As the entire opening weekend was a sellout, don't delay in getting your tickets if you wish to see this well-done production. Tickets may be purchased online at carmelplayers.org.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

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A body in motion will stay in motion

"People are like bicycles. They can keep their balance only as long as they keep moving." – Albert Einstein in a letter to his son Eduard, Feb. 5, 1930

Movement! Haven't we all heard this at one time or another: "Don't lie down if you can sit, don't sit if you can stand, don't stand if you can walk."

Whatever! I know that I often just want to kick back with my feet up – literally. However, we must admit that A.E. did get that whole theory of relativity thing right, so maybe we

COLUMNIST



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

should pay attention to his remark about balance! (Although I do not agree with his minimal sleep habits – but that is another column!)

The importance of balance and movement cannot be overemphasized for us as we move into the 50 and over range. Along with changes in our muscle strength and flexibility, we also incur issues with balance in our everyday movement. Increasing that movement can enhance our ability to maintain balance. How many times did you fall down as a child?

But you sprang up without a problem; your strong bones, muscle tone, and flexibility enabled you to brush yourself off and keep on going with barely a notice!

According to the *BMJ* (*British Medical Journal*, 29 October 2013) French researchers analyzed the results of 17 trials that tested the effect of fall-prevention exercises on seniors' risk of falls and fall-related injuries. Overall, exercise programs reduced falls that caused injuries by 37 percent, falls leading to serious injuries by 43 percent, and broken bones by 61 percent.

Independence is something we all value – children are eager to become independent, and mature adults are eager to stay independent! Broken bones from falls which can be prevented limit mobility and lead to a host of other health issues as well as lack of confidence and fear of falling.

What is to be done? Movement!

As a fitness instructor, I find it both amusing and rather sad that many people look upon stretching as a not-very-challenging workout and therefore not to be highly regarded. Ask

any Olympian what type of workout offers the most benefits. In addition to increasing balance and flexibility, stretching transports oxygen and removes toxins from muscles, improving athletic performance.

Fitness classes aimed at improving balance are increasingly common, I am pleased to say. In addition to promoting better balance, participants can experience improved muscle tone, stronger bones as well as coordination and a sense of well-being.

When is it a good time to start? How about now? Taking control of our balance and movement – along with better nutrition – can make a world of difference to the quality of life we cherish. Self-care is not only a gift we give to ourselves, but a precious gift we offer to those who love us. It truly is the "gift that keeps on giving" to coin a phrase!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Teresa Ayers grateful for Carmel FOP's endorsement

Submitted

Carmel City Council member Teresa Ayers has announced she was endorsed by Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185 in the upcoming general election.

"I have always supported law enforcement and the job they do every day to protect our community and this endorsement

confirms that," Ayers said.

"In the past year, we have seen a huge spike in burglaries and vehicle thefts. With these increases, we need a stronger police force now more than ever to maintain our quality of life and keep Carmel one of the safest cities in America. I am the candidate in this race committed to these goals."



Ayers

Two Noblesville students earn honors at Concordia University

The REPORTER

Concordia University officials have released the Spring Honors List for the 2022-23 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 grade-point average and complete at least 12 undergraduate

credits.

Mary Dubke, Noblesville, a senior at the Mequon, Wis., campus, is studying K-12 Music Education.

Zackary Johnson, Noblesville, a senior at the Ann Arbor, Mich., campus, is studying Justice and Public Policy.

Six Carmel students make Dean's List at Washington University

The REPORTER

The following students from Carmel have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.:

- Christina Chun
- Allison Foster
- Neal Joshi
- Sanchali Pothuru

• Morgan Ye
• Ethan Zhang
All are enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

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Carmel listed among safest cities in Indiana

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel and its record of low crime and safe neighborhoods has been named the No. 1 safest city in Indiana with populations of more than 30,000, according to a new survey released this week by Safewise. The survey utilizes federal crime statistics to determine results.



Brainard

Carmel's violent crime rate is 0.5 per 100,000 population. Its property crime rate is 6.5. Indiana's violent crime rate of 3.1 is below the national average of 4.0 and represents a 13 percent decrease. The nationwide violent crime rate decreased by less than 1 percent during the same period.

You can see the results by [clicking here](#).

"Maintaining one of the safest cities in Indiana is something we are proud of in Carmel, and we know our current and future residents count on this as part of their experience living in our great city," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "I give a lot of credit to our Carmel Police Department which has a record of excellence

in patrolling our streets and neighborhoods and in working to anticipate potential criminal activity and working to stop it before that happens."

Overall, Carmel ranked fourth behind St. John, Zionsville, and Dyer, each of which have much smaller populations. Based on FBI statistics,

Carmel's violent crime rate and property crime rate is well below the state and national average.

The State of Safety Survey results also reflected this decrease, with 11 percent of Indiana residents claiming to have experienced a violent crime in the 12 months prior to the survey (a 15 percent decrease).

That said, 49 percent of the Hoosiers surveyed felt concerned about violent crime, which represents a 5 percent increase compared to the previous year's survey. Gun violence concerns rose by 8 percent. Compared to its regional neighbors (Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin), Indiana saw the most significant decrease in violent crime.

Four boys arrested after car theft, vehicle damaged, Fishers police chase

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | [wish.tv.com](#)

Two 14-year-olds, a 15-year-old and a 16-year-old are facing juvenile criminal charges after a Kia subcompact car was stolen from an Indianapolis home and other vehicles were damaged at a Fishers Kia dealership, police say.

A news release issued Monday afternoon from Fishers Police Department announced the arrests of the four boys, who are listed as being from Indianapolis.

The release said officers were sent about 5 a.m. Sunday to the Napleton Kia, 13417 Britton Park Road, Fishers. A video system at the dealership notified the Hamilton County Communications Center that people were breaking into vehicles.

Upon officers' arrival, one person ran north across the property as a black 2014 Kia Soul exited the parking lot. Investigators later learned the subcompact car had been stolen from an Indianapolis home, said the release, which provided no additional details about the theft.

Police chased the Soul northbound in the southbound lanes of State Road 37 until it crossed the median and turned south in the southbound lanes near Greenfield Avenue in Noblesville.

As the pursuit contin-

ued, tire-deflation devices were used on State Road 37 before the Soul crashed near the I-69 interchange for 116th Street. The four boys fled from the crashed Soul on foot. The driver was taken into custody a short time later, and the other three boys were found in a nearby trash dumpster.

The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office will determine how to proceed with the boys' cases. The news release says the boys face charges of resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, resisting law enforcement-fleeing, unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, auto theft, and criminal mischief.

Based on Indiana Criminal Justice Institute reports, those crimes are not generally ones that would cause the boys to be charged as adults. Indiana law protects the disposition of juvenile cases from public view.

Investigators say two vehicles at the dealership had smashed windows, and one of those and four others had "interior damage including damage to the steering column/ignition switch."

The news release did not say if the vehicles damaged at the dealership were Kias or other brands.

Recently, thieves across the nation have targeted cars from automotive makers Kia and Hyundai.



The group, which includes college students working as part-time water quality technicians, recently took samples from a stretch of Little Cicero Creek in Bishops Park near Arcadia.



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Health Department monitoring water quality in local streams

Hoosier Riverwatch Program helps preserve state's rivers

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), is monitoring the health of local rivers and streams as part of the Hoosier Riverwatch program, a state-sponsored water quality monitoring initiative.

"Our office participates as often as we can," said Morgan Bennett, Senior Environmental Health Specialist at the Health Department. "It is not a part of our regulatory requirements, but it is a nice break from our normal activities during the summer months. It allows us to get directly involved with the stream and connect to nature."

The group, which in-

cludes college students working as part-time water quality technicians, recently took samples from a stretch of Little Cicero Creek in Bishops Park near Arcadia. They measured chemical and biological markers like water flow, temperature, and transparency, as well as levels of nitrate, pH, phosphate, and dissolved oxygen.

"We also test for E. coli and collect and identify macroinvertebrates," Bennett added. "Some species are more pollution tolerant than others. We're looking for diversity of these organisms as they can indicate the overall water quality of the stream."

The data the group collects is then added to Hoosier Riverwatch's online database to determine the



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water quality of streams and how they are changing over time. Since 1996, Hoosier Riverwatch has trained more than 3,000 stream monitors as part of its volunteer stream moni-

toring program. The volunteer network serves as active stewards of Indiana's valuable water resources. Those interested in participating can visit [Hoosier-RiverWatch.com](#).

American Heart Association teaches Colts fans CPR during Give Back Sunday

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
WISH-TV | [wish.tv.com](#)

Give Back Sunday is the Colts training camp day dedicated to highlighting the work of local non-profits in the community, but this year, the team also brought in the American Heart Association to teach fans hands-only CPR in the aftermath of Damar Hamlin collapsing on the field during a 2022 NFL season.

This addition to training camp is a part of the NFL's commitment to CPR education and automated external defibrillator (AED) access across the country through the Smart Heart Sports Coalition.

"The CPR initiative with the league, they are working with teams and individual markets to do this education and awareness piece to be able to train fans in hands-only CPR, and to target coaches working with youth as well too is a really high priority," explained Ashley Powell, the Colts director of community relations.

Tim Harms is the senior communications director of the American Heart Association.

He said the goal is to create a "Nation of Life Savers" ready to call 911 and start CPR until help arrives.

"You put your hands in the center of the chest and you press hard and fast, which is about 100-120 beats per minute, and you do that until the EMS arrives," Harms said.

Representatives at the American Heart Association

tents encouraged parents to jump in with kids to get more comfortable doing hands-only CPR too.

"Right now, there are about 350,000 instances of sudden cardiac arrest each year, and unfortunately, 90 percent of those people do not survive," Harms said. "A lot of that is because people don't feel comfortable jumping in to do CPR. They

don't know the skills that are needed to do that, and we want to create a 'Nation of Life Savers.'"

The Colts said it is important to be able to showcase the important work many of the other non-profits featured at Give Back Sunday are doing in the community.

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Mental Health America of Indiana receives \$900K grant from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation

The REPORTER

Mental Health America of Indiana (MHA) announced last Friday a three-year, \$900,000 grant from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation during Mental Health Matters Day at the Indiana State Fair.

Representatives from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation presented the grant alongside Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Douglas Huntsinger, Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment, & Enforcement for the State of Indiana and Chairman of the Indiana Commission to Combat Substance Use Disorder, to MHAI's Indiana Recovery Network for their Regional Recovery Hub – Emergency Department Program.

“With bipartisan efforts in the general assembly and collaboration with the private sector, Indiana has made great strides in providing Hoosiers battling mental illness or addiction issues with the appropriate help they need,” said Crouch, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “Today’s generous commitment from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation is representative of the collaboration we are seeing, especially in emergency and crisis situations.”

“Emergency departments are a critical intervention point for individuals with substance use disorders and mental health needs, and peer support services are a necessary component of recovery,” Huntsinger said. “With strong collaboration between our Regional Recovery Hubs and hospitals, peer recovery coaches will provide another layer of support for our most vulnerable Hoosiers, working to identify their needs and walk alongside them to ensure a successful recovery.”

The grant funding will allow MHA1 to expand peer support in emergency departments across the state serving as a critical access point to those with substance use disorders and/or mental illness. Peer support will improve access to treatment, resources, and recovery for impacted individuals, with a focus on medically underserved communities.

“The Indiana Recovery Network, a program of Mental Health America of Indiana, is pleased to part-



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Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch said the donation signifies the kind of public/private collaboration Indiana needs in the fight against mental illness issues.

ner with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation to enhance peer recovery support services in rural Indiana counties,” said Heather Rodriguez, MHA’s Vice President of Recovery and Advocacy Programs, Director of Indiana Recovery Network. “This program will create partnerships between Regional Recovery Hubs and hospitals to connect patients with certified peer recovery professionals upon discharge who will walk alongside individuals as they begin their recovery journey. Not only will individuals be provided with direct peer support services and recovery focused groups, but peers will assist them with resource navigation which can be an additional challenge for someone suffering from substance use and/or mental health concerns. Peers serve as a link to additional needs such as treatment, housing, employment, whatever that person needs to find sustainability in their recovery and overall health and wellness utilizing a strengths-based approach.”

Defined as a mental disorder, substance use disorder affects a person's brain and behavior, leading to the inability to control the use of substances such as legal or illegal drugs, alcohol, and medications. Individuals who are using the emergency department for treatment

of conditions related to substance use disorder and/or mental illness are more likely to initiate recovery services and access community resources if they are engaged proactively at the point of the emergency care. Individuals who continue chaotic substance use, have instability in housing, are unemployed, food insecure, or affected by other social drivers of health, are less likely to access care options.

According to a published study by *Annals of Emergency Medicine* and the National Institute of Health, 60 percent of individuals who had fatal overdoses over a four-year period had been discharged from an emergency department within the prior year.

This grant funding from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Foundation will provide immediate connection through peer services with emergency departments by delivering direct services and/or referrals to increase access to treatment options.

“Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation continues to work with our local community partners across Indiana, including MHA and the Indiana Recovery Network (IRN), to provide meaningful solutions to achieve better health for all individuals,” said Dr. Kimberly Mayrose, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana’s Behavioral Health Medicaid Medical

Director. “Addressing the array of care and service options from prevention and screening to early intervention and treatment for mental health and substance use disorders leads to higher quality of care and advancement of health equity. Our collaboration with MHA and IRN will drive specific, measurable outcomes that will ultimately strengthen our communities through crisis response and intervention, community resources and referrals, as well as recovery supports.”

Mental Health Matters Day at the Indiana State Fair was created to advance the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable's mission to raise awareness for mental health by reducing stigma, strengthening the mental health delivery system, and improving access and affordability. The Mental Health Matters Day exhibit included several local organizations including Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield that offered mental health resources, education, services and supports for those that attended.

This grant is part of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation's **commitment of up to \$30 million** to make significant progress in addressing the mental health and well-being in communities across the country with an emphasis on substance use disorders.



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Indiana Bankers Association President Amber Van Til (left) presents a plaque to Centier Bank CEO and Chairman Mike Schrage at the IBA's Leaders in Banking Excellence Awards Ceremony last Friday.

Centier Bank's Michael Schrage receives IBA's Leaders in Banking Excellence award

The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Centier Bank, was honored by the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) at its annual Leaders in Banking Excellence Awards ceremony, which took place last Friday in Indianapolis.

This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Schrage, who has over half a century of service in the banking industry, was one of three inducted into the class of 2023 leaders. The IBA touts the Leaders in Banking Excellence Award the association's highest honor.

“This recognition is a testament to Centier Bank’s dedication to our clients and communities as well as their unwavering support,” Schrage said. “My career has not just been about building a successful company, but a family rooted in trust, integrity, and a genuine commitment to enriching lives. As we continue this journey, we remain steadfast in our belief that a strong community bank can be a catalyst for positive change, enriching lives through financial

guidance for an even better tomorrow."

Schrage first joined the bank in 1972 when it was known as Bank of Whiting and was elected Chairman of the Board in 1982. Schrage is the fourth-generation leader of the family-owned financial institution. Under his leadership, Centier Bank became the largest private, family-owned bank in Indiana, receiving national recognition and accolades such as America's Best Small Employers in 2023 and the Best-in-State Banks Award from Forbes annually from 2018 to 2023.

Schrage has served numerous community organizations, including the Northwest Indiana Symphony, St. Jude House, American Red Cross, YMCA, and the Calumet Council Boy Scouts. He is an alumnus of Culver Academy, earned his bachelor's degree from Denison University and a master's from the University of Colorado-Boulder. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1995 and is a member of the Indiana Bankers Association 40 Year Club.

For more information
about Centier Bank, go to
centier.com.

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“Community is extremely important to the organization, really from the top down,” Powell said. “The Irsay family and the Indianapolis Colts organization as a whole really see ourselves as stewards to the community.”

Some of the local organizations featured at Give Back Sunday included Big

Brothers Big Sisters and the Westfield Youth Assistance Program.

A new Indiana law went into effect July 1 requiring schools to have AEDs on hand at all extracurricular activities, including the arts. The law also required staff and teachers involved in these activities to be trained to use them.

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Letter to the Editor

Fishers reader: most HSE parents support our students & teachers

Dear Editor:

If you promised the community you would be transparent with your actions and uphold academic excellence, would you follow through on those promises?

I am writing to address the [letter submitted by HSE board member Suzanne Thomas](#) that was printed on July 28, 2023.

A board member with “overwhelming support” from their community does not need to write a letter to the editor seeking support for handbook changes they have forced through in multiple meetings this year. These changes have NOT had the support of the majority of teachers and parents who have attended and given public comment during these board meetings. In fact, the majority of public comments were in support of our teachers, administration, and following the policies and procedures that were in place long before this board took their seats.

Dawn Lang, school board president, was quoted in a recent news interview that they were unaware of surveys given to the teachers, students, and parents asking for input on what issues they have noticed or felt needed to be addressed in the handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.

However, in the March 15 Board work session, the administration presented the timeline for stakeholder input (meetings, surveys, etc.), which can be seen in attachments on the school board’s BoardDocs website (found at [this link](#)).

A week later, at the board meeting on March 22, the administration respectfully requested the school board follow their timeline and policies, but the board chose to ignore the administration, teachers’ union, and community and forced their vote through to remove microaggressions from the handbook. (Watch at [this link](#).)

The HSE administration, HSEA President and Vice President, and countless parents have requested this board listen to our educators, stop micromanaging all aspects of the district, and learn what the statutory responsibilities of their jobs are before making major changes at board meetings. Instead, the excuse of not fully understanding their job has been used while still voting against the administration and teachers.

Another extremely unpopular change of policy came up when the board refused to renew the contracts for five of the top administrators in our district, which has created anxiety among the community and within the schools about plans currently being made behind the scenes regarding our DEI Director Dr. Natak Pettigrew. Yet HSE’s administration continues to show up, cater to this board’s demands, and perform superior work for the students.

This week, a special meeting was scheduled on at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30 to address HSE’s representative on the Hamilton East Public Library board. It seems some of HSE’s board wants to remove Andre Miksha (who served for years under an elected Republican Prosecutor as his Chief Deputy, served in the military, and is married to an HSE teacher) two years before his term is finished because he was appointed by HSE’s previous board president and he will not fall in line with the extreme changes some of the library board want to force through.

With a referendum renewal coming in November, one would think our board would be focused on reaching out to the community for support and building positive relationships instead of playing politics and alienating it further.

There is NOT overwhelming support for the private, behind-the-scenes agendas being forced through by a majority of this Board. In fact, most HSE parents love our school district and do not want to hurt, frustrate, or lose the very people we NEED to continue the high-quality education that leads to the academic greatness for which our district is known.

Community members can access past meetings on the BoardDocs website ([hsechools.org/board/live-board-meetings](#)) to hear public comments themselves. March 22, July 15, and July 26, 2023, are meetings regarding the handbook changes.

My concern is five of the board members have shown, since taking their seats, that they are not sticking to their campaign slogans. Academic excellence is not attained by overly ambitious adults making changes and rules they do not understand the significance of. It is earned IN THE CLASSROOM, with the teachers and students who learn and work within the walls 180 or more days a year. Currently, it feels like the suggestions and direction this board is going is not building our district up, but rather causing employee and student anxiety, distrust in the system, and an unnecessary and unwanted negative spotlight on our schools. This is not what HSE students need right now; they need the community to come together to pass a referendum renewal that keeps class sizes reasonable, educational extracurriculars thriving, and adds safety for our schools.

To broadly say the school board is functioning in a negative way is not true. Two members, Sarah Donsbach and Sarah Parks-Reese, are conscientious board members who truly care about our community and the educators at HSE. They have voted against the policies the other five board members discuss and create outside of public view. They voted against policies that our teachers, administration, and parents of HSE students do not support. They voted against micromanaging a district that is NOT failing, but instead is creating a loving, supportive, and inclusive environment where students are achieving academic greatness because of the students, educators, and administration INSIDE our schools.

I understand I will not always agree with how our school board functions. They cannot please everyone with every decision they make. However, when it is apparent they are disregarding the voices of the students, educators, and a majority of the parents attending their meetings and emailing them, I feel there is a need to stand up and call for attention.

This board was voted in because lies were being spread in our community about our schools having failing academics and questioning our budget. However, those of us who attend the meetings have witnessed this board learn the truth since taking their seats. Meeting after meeting, they are educated on the REAL academic opportunities and greatness this district creates and maintains.

Katy Dowling, HSE CFO, has broken down accounts and budgets and explained how and why the district operates as it does. She routinely shares hard copies of numbers with the public and explains accounting terms in ways that everyone can understand. If the board would like a better understanding of transparency, they can look to Katy.

HSE was thriving academically before this board took their seats, and despite efforts by some, it will still be thriving when they are no longer there. We, the MAJORITY of students, parents, and community members of HSE, LOVE and support our educators. We appreciate their efforts in the classroom, and we respect their voices and their desire to be HEARD when changes are made within the walls of our schools.

We love them for loving our kids, and at the end of the day ... THAT is where academic excellence is going to come from, and THAT’s HSE.

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Stephanie Hunt
Fishers

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader says HSE School Board targeting Miksha for removal from Hamilton East Public Library Board

Dear Editor:

Andre Miksha, JD, was appointed to the Hamilton East Public Library Board in September 2022 by the Hamilton Southeastern School Board.

For 15 years he was a Deputy Prosecutor in the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office, the last 12 of those as Chief Deputy Prosecutor. Previously he was an Active Duty U.S. Army Judge Advocate stationed at the Fort Knox Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, where he achieved the rank of Captain and received the Meritorious Service Award.

He has been an engaged and faithful member of the board, making important motions and votes that have kept the library running, retained talented staff, and made meetings more accessible for Fishers and Noblesville taxpayers who work during the day. He has never missed a regular meeting, showing a commitment that few of his fellow board members have. He is, by many reports, a Republican.

And yet the HSE School Board is having a special public hearing at its central office at 7 a.m. (not a typo) on Wednesday, Aug. 30, ostensibly to remove him from the board two years before his term expires.

By voting against moving teen and children's books that mention gender, sexuality, race, and violence to the adult section, Mr. Miksha has upheld the values and laws of the Indiana State Library, the American Library Association’s Code of Ethics, and the U.S. Constitution. He has not fallen for the false and politically motivated claims that our library contains “porn.”

For that reason, the HSE School Board seeks to remove him and replace him with someone who will vote in favor of censorship.

As an HEPL taxpayer, I oppose this dishonorable attempt to keep the board stacked with people who care more about scoring political points than they do about individual rights and responsible stewardship of our money.

Lori Hand
Noblesville

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Micah Beckwith calls on Rep. Greg Pence to seek Lt. Governor nomination “on his own”

Submitted

Micah Beckwith, Republican candidate for Indiana Lt. Governor, has challenged Congressman Greg Pence to enter the race for Lt. Governor on his own. Beckwith says he strongly believes that the Lt. Governor position should be chosen by the people, not one person.

“Delegates should be able to choose who should serve in the second highest level in office in our state government instead of just one person choosing,” Beckwith said. “That’s why today I am challenging Congressman Greg Pence to enter the race for Lt. Governor. If he wants to be Lt. Governor he should run and make his case to the delegates not look for an anointment.”

Beckwith said delegates should make a choice. “I believe in the delegates. They are fully capable of making a choice in the race for Lt. Governor. Does Pence?” Beckwith asked. “We need leaders with courage in Indianapolis. Every day the liberal woke agenda is being forced upon us. That’s why it is so essential that we not only elect a strong governor, but also a strong Lt. Governor.”

Beckwith announced his candidacy in May. He has been visiting with delegates across the state for months.

“There should be no deals for the position of Lt. Governor,” Beckwith said.

Learn more about the candidate at [MicahBeckwith.com](#).



Beckwith

Noblesville residents collecting school supplies for children overseas

Submitted

As the new school year gets underway, shoebox packers are making use of back-to-school prices to purchase gifts and essential items for children in need around the world.

Residents in Noblesville are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, to pack in shoeboxes. **Operation Christmas Child**, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

For many children, access to these simple items is essential to an education.

This was the case for Justin Thomas, a shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia whose parents could not afford the supplies needed for school. Thomas remembers the specific day he received a gift-filled shoebox from Operation Christmas Child and found it filled with toys and most exciting to him – school supplies.

Growing up with hand-me-down clothes and used items, Thomas used to

write with a pencil so short that he held it using a pen cap. Having an entire packet of new pencils and a pencil sharpener all his own was a treasure to him. This simple gift made a life-changing impact for Thomas because it opened the doors for him to receive an education.

For more information, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](#). National Collection Week is Nov. 13 to 20. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift

online through “Follow Your Box” and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](#) to select gifts matched to a child’s specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, seeks to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry.



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The Finance Committee of the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, in the Small First Floor Meeting Room of the library, located at 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville.	The Carmel Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.
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Montie H. Merrill

May 2, 1933 – August 23, 2022



Montie H. Merrill, 89, passed away at his home in Warsaw, Mo., on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. He was born on May 2, 1933, in Kirklin, Ind., the son of Charles Merrill and Louise (Kemmer) Merrill.

Montie graduated from Sheridan High School in 1951. After graduation he worked at Delco Remy in Anderson, Ind. He later joined the United States Army and was stationed at the Chanon Engineering Depot in Chanon, France.

In December of 1954, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Marie Wiles of Sheridan, and together they were blessed with four sons.

In 1976, the family moved to Missouri. Montie was a fencing contractor prior to working along his two sons, driving milk trucks. He was first a member of First Christian Church in Sheridan, then later the Warsaw Christian Church.

Montie is survived by four sons, Michael Eugene Merrill and wife Mary of Cole Camp, Mo., David Warren Merrill of Warsaw, Mo., Gary Joe Merrill and wife Cheryl of Sheridan, and Scott Douglas Merrill and wife Teresa of Westfield; sister, Col. Marjorie Charlene of San Bernardino, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Louise (Kemmer) Merrill; brother, Roland; nephew, Ron; and niece, Diana.

The family extends a special thanks to Karen Wallace for taking care of Montie in his final days.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Mike Srbljan will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Warsaw Christian Church, 320 State St., Warsaw, MO 65355; or to the Sheridan First Christian Church, P.O. Box 111, Sheridan, IN 46069.

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Dorothy Marie Merrill

March 3, 1935 – July 16, 2023



Dorothy Marie Merrill, 88, Warsaw, Mo., and formally of Sheridan, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born on March 3, 1935, in Sheridan to Roy and Julia (Walls) Wiles. She graduated from Sheridan High School in 1953.

Dorothy married Montie H. Merrill in December 1954.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed church activities and crocheting. Dorothy was a member of the Warsaw Christian Church, where she was the organist for many years, and formally a member of the First Christian Church in Sheridan.

Dorothy is survived by her four sons, Michael Eugene Merrill and wife Mary of Cole Camp, Mo., David Warren Merrill of Warsaw, Mo., Gary Joe Merrill and wife Cheryl of Sheridan, and Scott Douglas Merrill and wife Teresa of Westfield; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Col. Marjorie Charlene Merrill of San Bernardino, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Julia (Walls) Wiles and her husband, Montie H. Merrill, on August 23, 2022.

The family would like to thank Karen Wallace for taking care of Dorothy in her final days.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Crown View Cemetery, Sheridan. Reverend Mike Srbljan will be officiating.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

FROM SHEM TO ABRAHAM

This is the account of Shem's family line.

Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

Genesis 11:10-26 (NIV)

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Grand mayoral menagerie of football fans fills Colts City close to capacity

By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

WESTFIELD – The fans watching the Indianapolis Colts practice at Grand Park on a beautiful Tuesday morning included several mayors from around Indiana.

The mayors were guests for what has become an annual tradition at Colts Camp: The Mayor's Breakfast event. They watched the team practice, ate breakfast, got some impromptu



Jensen

entertainment from Colts mascot Blue, and enjoyed being a football fan in a relaxed setting in open-air suites at the camp.

The group of mayors included a mayor-elect. Scott Willis will become the mayor of Westfield on Jan. 1, 2024, and although he is busy getting ready to make the transition to public office, Willis managed to get to the Colts Camp with his family for the third time this season.

"It's been amazing," said Willis. "We had huge turnouts the first year, but it seems like every year it just gets bigger and bigger. The Colts have done an amazing job of bringing in Colts City and having events for kids. I know my kids enjoy coming."

Priceless moments

Willis remembers a couple years ago when his children got in line to get an autograph from now-retired Colts quarterback Andrew Luck.

"These are just moments that you share with your family that are priceless," said Willis. "You don't get that anywhere else."

Willis and the current Westfield mayor, Andy Cook, got a chance to chat during the Mayor's Breakfast. Cook, of course, was here when the Colts Camp moved to Grand Park in 2018. He said that next year he will be at the camp as "a citizen," but Cook will be back.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said. "I will be watching very closely. But we've got some great people coming on board. Scott Willis is going to do a wonderful job."

Westfield and Grand Park have also done a wonderful job in working with the Colts since they came to town. Cook said the goal has always been to work with the Colts to make it the "premier NFL pre-season camp" in the entire league.

"The Colts tell me 'We're there,'" said Cook. "And they are so proud of this facility. It's really a very rewarding joint venture between government and private enterprise because we all contribute to the facilities you see here. Three years ago, the Colts put almost a million dollars of their money into our property. That's the kind of relationship that we've developed."

Cook said one of the rewarding things about bringing Colts Camp to Westfield is to "watch all these little kids out there" attending the camp. Kids have many opportunities for fun at the camp, with the Colts City area, and getting autographs from players. Cook said the kids "come out here, their eyes are as big as saucers and they're just having a ball. That is one of the most incredible things about Colts Camp."

The mayors that attended the event came from all across the state, and there was one from right next door, Noblesville mayor Chris Jensen.

Regional asset

"Andy Cook and Westfield and the entire team, the Colts have really perfected the customer experience here," said Jense. "I think it's awesome to have mayors from across the state. Surely I'd love them in Noblesville, but it's great to have them in Hamilton County, and Grand Park and the Colts are a huge addition to this community. And it's a perfect week to have them here."

Jensen thinks of Grand Park as a regional asset, noting that the impact from the facility spreads into other cities beyond Westfield.

"I think every city in Hamilton County is benefitting directly from Grand Park whether it be direct spending in their community, whether it's heads in beds," said Jensen. "But this is an absolute regional asset. I think we're getting better as a state of talking about regional assets. And Grand Park is certainly one that we all benefit from in Hamilton County and even beyond Hamilton County."

Several mayors from northern Indiana came to the event, including those from Columbia City, Mishawaka, Hobart, and Mayor Mark Senter of Plymouth.

"I grew up here in Indianapolis and I was a born-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield mayor Andy Cook (left) chats with the city's mayor-elect Scott Willis during the annual Mayor's Breakfast at Tuesday's Colts Camp practice at Grand Park.

and-bred Colts fan when they moved up here in '84," said Menter. "Love to see these guys."

One big team

Menter was seen talking with his counterparts from the northern part of the state. He said the mayors from that area are a "very close-knit group," and there is an organization called Northern Indiana Mayors Roundtable, and get together once a month to share stories.

"No matter what size you are or what part you are, we're on one big team," said Menter.

Westfield is happy to welcome the state's other mayors to that team, showing them a city that is putting itself on the map outside of Indiana as well.

"I just think it's a great opportunity to showcase

Westfield and showcase Grand Park. We're always excited to announce an event that the Colts put on every year and we're excited to host it and be a part of that. We like to show off our city.

"It's given us an identity," said Willis. "For example, I recently retired from the Marine Corps and I was in Alabama for a training event and I was talking to a resident at a restaurant, and they said 'Where are you from?' I said 'Well, I'm from Westfield, Indiana. It's a suburb of Indianapolis.' 'Oh, yeah! We've been there, our kids play soccer.' We are on the map now because of Grand Park and it's been a great branding tool for our city."

The mayors weren't the only guests in the Colts

Camp suites on Tuesday. Representatives from Citizens Energy Group were also there, as well as some from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which is gearing up for Brickyard Weekend in a few days.

"Several different companies are bringing people in, really from a lot of different locations outside of Indianapolis are bringing people, and that's huge exposure for Grand Park," said Cook.

And with Grand Park getting the exposure, the other cities of Hamilton County are in the line of sight as well.

"Having the Colts here, having the Pacers G League team in Noblesville, I think it's starting to show that these mega professional sports teams that had for a

long time solely called Indianapolis home are realizing the benefit of regional opportunity," said Jensen. "And I think customers are benefitting from that by being able to have different options in which to go see their professional sports teams."

Jensen also points out that Indianapolis will continue to be strong – "we personally can't be a suburb of nothing," he said. The mayor said that Indianapolis will continue to be a regional and national hub for tourism and conventions.

"But we would not be doing our job if we did not take advantage of those opportunities and make us a regional player and a regional asset for Central Indiana," said Jensen. "I think Hamilton County is primed for that opportunity."



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(Above left) Columbia City mayor Ryan Daniel watches a practice. (Above right) Mishawaka Mayor David Wood (left) talks with Plymouth mayor Mark Senter, who said the Northern Indiana mayors are a very close-knit group.

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4	Zionsville	133
5	Homestead	132
6	Noblesville	117
7	Hamilton Southeastern	109
8	Floyd Central	95
9	Fort Wayne Carroll	93
10	Batesville	88
11	Franklin Community	70
12	Penn	62
13	Terre Haute South	55
14	Culver Academies	50
15	Brownsburg	43
16	Bedford North Lawrence	36
17	Valparaiso	35
18	Northridge	32
19	Lake Central	13
T20	Plainfield	8
T20	West Lafayette	8

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A special celebrity guest & big
Colts fan attends training camp

By ANTHONY CALHOUN
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WESTFIELD — Colts training camp continued Tuesday at Grand Park Sports Campus.

The Indianapolis Colts will play their first preseason game of the year Saturday in Buffalo against the Bills.

On Tuesday, a special celebrity guest and big Colts fan attended practice at training camp. NASCAR Cup Series veteran driver Chase Briscoe and his family were guests of the Colts. He's from Mitchell, a Lawrence County city of 3,940, that's about a 100-minute drive south-southwest of Indianapolis.

Briscoe has been a die-hard Colts fan for a very long time.

"I'm excited for this year," Briscoe said.

Briscoe's car number is 14, and Colts tight end Mo Alie-Cox presented Briscoe with a No. 14 Colts jersey after practice.

The 28-year-old driver said he has the utmost respect for these Colts players. "We both (NASCAR and NFL) professional athletes and to do that at the top level it takes a lot of commitment," Briscoe said. "There's a lot of sacrifice when it comes to family and things like that so I can definitely appreciate the grind."

Briscoe said he can't wait for the upcoming Colts season especially getting the chance to watch rookie quarterback and the fourth overall pick in the 2023 NFL draft, Anthony Richardson, play for the horseshoe.

"I know one thing, he is a freak just looking at him, he's huge he's bigger than the other guys (quarterbacks)." Briscoe said. "If he can throw the ball, it's going to be exciting. He can definitely run fast and everything else. I think it is going to be a learning curve I feel like anytime you see a rookie come into the league. It's hard to just light the world on fire right away. If we can get the whole team around him it should be fun to watch. We need another franchise quarterback so hopefully he can be that guy."



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NASCAR Chase Briscoe's car number is 14, and the Indianapolis Colts on Tuesday, gave him a jersey with his number during Colts training camp at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield.

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Briscoe and drivers from NASCAR and IndyCar will invade Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the week-

end. The IndyCar drivers take center stage at 2 p.m. Saturday. The NASCAR Brickyard 200 is set to start at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. All events at IMS will be on the Road Course.

Ballenger hosts Boars Nest
Coaches Clinic on Aug. 26

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger will host the 22nd annual Boars Nest Coaches Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Tri-Ponds Golf Course, 2345 S. County Road 900 West, Tipton.

Five coaches will speak at the clinic, which is free with no registration required. Coaches and their assistants are invited to attend.

"We have a great line-up of speakers, and I can't wait to steal from some of the best coaches in the state," said Ballenger. "After the coaches speak feel free to hang out and stay as long as you want."

The line-up and speakers are as follows:

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Coach Micah Shrewsberry
Topic: Playing Offense with a Purpose

Head Coach at Notre Dame University. Shrewsberry is fresh off a historic turnaround as the head coach at Penn State. After a 14-17 first season, Shrewsberry produced a 23-14 mark in 2022-23, just the 12th 20-win season in the 127-year history of Penn State basketball. Coach collected more Big Ten wins (17) in his first two seasons than any other Penn State head coach.

Shrewsberry brings a wealth of experience and success to the helm of the Notre Dame program. All-in-all he's coached in six NCAA Tournaments, two NCAA Final Fours, five NBA Playoffs and two NBA Conference Finals — in addition to coaching all-NBA honorees Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown. Coach has strong Indiana ties with coaching stops at Purdue/Butler/IU-South Bend/Pauw/Wabash/University of Indianapolis/Played collegiately at Hanover and High School basketball at Cathedral.

11:05 a.m. to noon
Coach Don Carlisle
Topic: The Culture of Ben Davis Basketball

Head Coach at Ben Davis HS. Entering his 6th season as the Giants head coach, they are coming off a 33-0 season and a 4A State Championship. He has an overall record of 144-66. Carlisle was the 2023 Indiana All-Stars coach. Coach has won 4 Sectional Championships, 2 Regional Championship and 2 Semi-State Championship at Ben Davis. Coach won a Sectional title with Indianapolis Arlington in 2016. Coach is a Ben Davis graduate, he played and coached collegiately at IUPUI. Topic — The Culture of Ben Davis Basketball.

12:05 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.
Coach Jarrett Moore
Topic: In Season and Out of Season Workouts

Notre Dame Associate Strength and Conditioning Coach. Coach Moore is in his first year as a strength & conditioning coach at Notre Dame. He is responsible for strength & conditioning programs for Women's Basketball, Men's Golf and Women's Golf. Coach previously worked at Purdue University, where he was an assistant strength & conditioning coach for Men's Basketball from Fall 2021 until Winter 2022. At Purdue, he started off as the CSCCa Coaching Assistant and assisted all Olympic sports. He was elevated to Strength & Conditioning Associate where he oversaw Women's Swim, Cheer, and Men's Tennis. Coach also worked with Volleyball & Dive during the 2022 Spring & Summer seasons.

1:15 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.
Coach Brooks Miller
Topic: Motion Offense

Head Coach at Trine University. Miller just completed his 12th season as the Head Coach of the Trine

University Men's Basketball program and has 23 combined years of collegiate basketball playing and coaching experience. Miller has compiled an overall record of 197-112 at Trine including a 103-57 record versus Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) opponents. Coach Miller guided the Thunder to their first ever MIAA Championship in 2019 and swept both the MIAA regular season and MIAA Tournament Championships in 2021. Miller's career at Trine University is highlighted by being named the 2020-2021 NCAA D3 National Coach of the Year by both Hoopdirt.com/Just Play Sports Solutions and Basketball Times Magazine. Miller was also named the 2021 Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year by D3Hoops.com. In 2007, his career took him to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, where he served as a graduate assistant coach to Naismith Hall of Fame Coach Bob Knight (three National Championships) and was involved with on-campus recruiting and player development.

2:25 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.
Coach John Peckinpough
Topic: Building the Wildkat Defensive Principles

Head Coach at Kokomo HS. Entering his 3rd season as the Wildkats head coach, they are coming off a 24-5 season and a 4A State Runner-Up. He has an overall record of 65-37. Coach has won 2 Sectional titles, 2 Regional titles and 1 Semi-State Championship with the Kats. Coach has stops at Noblesville HS and college stops as a head coach at Wheeling Jesuit and Indiana Tech. He also served assistant roles at Purdue Ft. Wayne and Indiana Tech. Coach played collegiately at Purdue Ft. Wayne and at Muncie Central HS where they were back-back State Runner-Ups.

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