

New face coming to HEPL Board

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On a night with 26 members of the public requesting time to speak, Noblesville School Board President Dr. Joe Forgey had to make a motion for more time to let everyone have their chance. The topics on the tip of every citizen's tongue were the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) board appointment and **HEPL's policy of reshelving books** from the teen to the general (adult) collection area.

In a 3-2 vote on Tuesday night, the Noblesville School Board appointed English teacher Bill Kenley to the HEPL Board. Current HEPL Board President Laura Alerding's last day on the HEPL Board will be Aug. 26.

Kenley, a 1989 Noblesville High School (NHS) graduate, has taught at NHS since 1996. Noblesville Schools has previously referred to Kenley on its own website as "an inspirational educator, coach, author, champion of the arts, and active Noblesville resident."



Kenley



Alerding

Alerding is one of five members of the Noblesville School Board and was the only person on the seven-member HEPL Board who also held a position on the governing body given the power to appoint people to the library board.

Alerding voted against her own replacement to the HEPL board. Misti Ray also voted against Kenley's new appointment to the HEPL Board.

Of the 26 members of the public who were given the opportunity to speak Tuesday night, 12 spoke in favor of the current library reshelving policy or in favor of Alerding's reappointment. (It should be noted that three of those have a family name in common.) Ten spoke specifically against at least one of those things. Four people voiced their opinions without specifically stating a position.

Public comments before the vote went on for well over the allotted 45-minute time and contained some notable moments.

One speaker, who said, like the Lorax, she wanted to speak

One book is not enough

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Kelly Yang is an Asian American author of young adult (YA) and children's literature. She won the 2018 Parents' Choice Gold Medal for Fiction and 2019 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature for her novel, *Front Desk*.

Another of her books, *Private Label*, has been moved from the teen section to the adult section of the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL), along with

well over 1,300 other books. She has spoken about this in a video on Twitter, which you can watch at [this link](#).

The Reporter reached out to Yang to talk about her own book in light of a recent statement from HEPL Board President Laura Alerding indicating John Green's novel *The Fault In Our Stars* should be moved back to the teen section and the choice to move it should be reviewed.



Yang

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for the books and wants a board appointee who would do the same, asked the school board to "appoint a new trustee who understands how books work."

Another speaker compared the current debate over book shelving to the movie *Footloose*.

One person, speaking specifically in favor of Alerding's reappointment, said, "A vote against someone like Laura is a vote for pornography for children."

Adam Crouch also spoke

during the public comment section. Readers may remember his name as the man who has repeatedly been escorted out of HEPL Board meetings by Fishers Police at Alerding's request.

Mr. Crouch was not escorted out of Tuesday night's school board meeting.

Alerding's final meeting as a member of the HEPL Board will be Aug. 24. At that meeting, new board officers will be chosen with their terms to begin on Sept. 1.

My dragonfly baby

I remember the day vividly in July of 2020 when I took a pregnancy test. I had a feeling that I might be expecting and decided that maybe I should take a test. My husband did not want me to take a test yet; he wanted to give it more time and not have me get my hopes up if it was negative.

Naturally, I waited for him to go to work and was so nervous that I placed a Drive-Up order at Target for a test and failed to mention it to my husband. He would find out eventually, right? I did not want to hear him tell me to wait or that it was too early to test. The entire drive to Target, I remember my mind swirling with the thought of *what if I'm pregnant?*

I noticed on my drive to Target that there was a dragonfly that seemed like it was following my car. It seemed to be riding alongside me and was fluttering all about keeping pace with my car. I remember when I pulled into the spot for my curbside order that the dragonfly was still around and circling my car. I couldn't help but smile to myself and take it as a sign that this was going to be OK. I drove home trying to make casual small talk with my daughter and not tip my hand that mommy was severely freaking out.

Spoiler alert: I was pregnant. I think we all saw that one coming.

I remember looking down and thinking *OK, this is really happening*. Much like Steve Carell in *The Office* when his character Michael Scott is screaming for everyone, "Oh my God. OK. It's happening. Everybody stay calm!" This quote is followed with hilarious obscenities while he's trying to assure everyone to stay calm. I felt like Michael Scott at that moment.

Oh yeah, and I needed to make sure my husband knew I was pregnant.

I gathered my thoughts and started to wrap my mind around the idea of baby No. 2. (Keep in mind we were knee-deep in COVID craziness, so this was just one more thing to add to the list of chaos). I step outside for a breath of fresh air and walk over to my garden and there all around me is another dragonfly. I'd like to think it was the same one, but I know it wasn't. I realize I have a garden that attracts a lot of them, but this was different. This dragonfly wanted me to see him. I smiled again and felt again comforted that perhaps it is really a sign from maybe my dad, God, or the Universe that this is all going to be OK.

I went back inside and told my little girl that we were going to stop by daddy's work. I decided to go by Starbucks on the way and pick up my husband's favorite drink and I asked for a pastry bag. I dropped the test into the pastry bag and showed up unannounced to my husband's job. He thought his girls were just popping over to say hello, but upon looking in the bag, he quickly realized I had another reason for my visit.

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Kentucky murder suspect arrested at Topgolf in Fishers

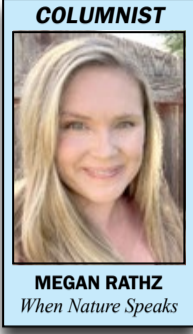
By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
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A Kentucky murder suspect was arrested after being found at the Topgolf in Fishers, police say.

On Saturday, Bowling Green, Ky., Police Department detectives began a murder investigation after a person was found dead. During the investigation, officers named David Proffitt, 25, as a suspect.

Bowling Green detectives contacted the FBI Violent Crime Task Force in Indianapolis after learning Proffitt may have fled to Indianapolis. Task Force officers searched for Proffitt, who was found at the Topgolf. The Fishers SWAT team was called to assist, and Proffitt was taken into custody without incident.

He was being held at the Hamilton County jail in Noblesville without bond.



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks



Photos provided by Janus Developmental Services

(Above left) Noblesville Police Department Officer Ben Lugar and K9 therapy dog Luna get to know participants, staff, and guests at Janus Summer Fest. (Above right) Following all the outdoor fun and afternoon ice cream sundaes, participants gathered inside for a dance party.

Janus Developmental Services' annual Summer Fest welcomes first responders

By **AMY ADAMS**
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Janus participants look forward to Summer Fest every year. The annual end-of-summer celebration provides them the opportunity to participate in outdoor games, indoor dance parties, and much more.

"It's like a field day for them," said Brennan Greer, Janus manager of community employment. Greer was one of a handful who braved the highly anticipated Wheel of Doom where participants get to bom-

bard beloved staff members with food items like pudding and Jello.

This year, for the first time, in addition to around 85 participants, Janus welcomed nearly 20 members of the Noblesville and Carmel fire and police departments.

Career Support Specialist Tori Trevorow initially brought the idea to Janus leadership on her first day on the job in mid-May. Trevorow has worked with people of differing abilities since high school, holds a bachelor's degree from Taylor

University in psychology with a minor focus in autism, and worked with Outside the Box prior to coming to Janus Developmental Services.

In Trevorow's experience, there can be a gap in the connection between community members with disabilities and police, fire, and emergency workers.

"Sometimes people with disabilities are scared of officers because of what they have seen on TV," Greer said.

Similarly, Trevorow noted that while first responders receive training in this area, they

aren't always comfortable interacting with people with communication abilities because they don't have personal experience in those scenarios.

"I wanted to help first responders feel more comfortable with participants and participants to feel more comfortable with first responders," she said. "I wanted to put on an event to come together on a good day, so that when there is a bad day, they feel more comfortable with each other."

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Applications for Circuit judge due Thursday; Clem serves as interim



COLUMNIST

FRED SWIFT
The County Line

Applicants for judge of Hamilton Circuit Court have until 5 p.m. Thursday to submit applications to Gov. Eric Holcomb. The Circuit Court position is open due to the July 31 resignation of former Judge Paul Felix who left the bench to accept a posi-

tion on the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Holcomb's staff will review the applications and make recommendations to the governor who will make the appointment. Based on past history, it may take several months to complete the process.

In the meantime, former Madison County Circuit Judge Thomas Clem has been appointed to serve as judge pro tem.

The successful applicant for judge will fill Felix's unexpired term which runs through Dec. 31, 2024, and will be eligible to run for election

to a full six-year term.

Circuit judges in Indiana are paid a minimum of \$173,500 annually and can receive up to \$194,000 depending on years of service, level of judicial education, and cost of living in the community they are serving.



Proffitt

Summer Fest provided the perfect opportunity for that kind of positive interaction, and local departments in Noblesville and Carmel responded to the call.

The Noblesville and Carmel fire departments each brought out an engine for the participants to explore, and the Carmel Fire Department set up a tent with information. The fire department presence was such a hit with participants that some chose to wear their fire hats all day.

One particular participant, who has long dreamed of being a firefighter, was able to hang out with Carmel Fire Department Division Chief of Community Relations John Moriarty most of the day.

“He was in hog heaven,” said Janus Development and Communications Director Jerry Jamison.

Another participant bragged that he got to sit by a police officer at lunch.

“These are the things they live for,” Jamison said.

Noblesville Firefighter John Sage even jumped right in to participate in the Wheel of Doom, even foregoing the protective poncho, shower cap, and goggles to the utter delight of participants.

In addition, participants got the opportunity to spend time with two K9 therapy dogs who are part of NobleAct, a combined crisis response program of the Noblesville police and fire departments. Noblesville Police Department’s Luna, handled by NobleAct Officer Ben Lugar, and Noblesville Fire Department’s Carbon, handled by Division Chief of Prevention and Public Relations Trevor Hash, are both black English labs trained by Ultimate Canine in Westfield. Two-year-old Luna became the first therapy dog within a public safety agency in Hamilton County and responds to 911 calls, using her specialized skills to de-escalate difficult situations and to snuggle on command. Not quite a year younger, Carbon offers comfort to firefighters in the station and in the community, such as at the Janus Summer Fest.

And, of course, no summer celebration is complete without good food. The For the Love of Janus Guild was on hand serving walking tacos for lunch and ice cream sundaes in the afternoon.

“Having a good day together can break down a bunch of barriers later on,” Trevor said. “Today is just the first day in bridging the gap.”



Photos provided by Janus Developmental Services

(TOP LEFT) They survived the Wheel of Doom! (From left) Manager of Transportation Ben Platz, Vice President of Client Services Tim White, Janus President and CEO Yolanda Kincaid, Creative Arts Coordinator Katie Kester, Noblesville Firefighter John Sage, For the Love of Janus Guild Member and parent of participant Leslie Carothers, and Manager of Community Employment Brennan Greer. (TOP RIGHT) Noblesville Fire Department K9 therapy dog Carbon is completely at ease with Janus staff members and participants. (ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville Firefighter went above and beyond the call of duty to face the Wheel of Doom. (ABOVE RIGHT) Janus Vice President of Client Services Tim White and Janus participant Gary enjoy learning about the Carmel Fire Department.

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DRAGONFLY

Throughout my entire pregnancy and since, whenever there have been moments that I’ve been worried or having a tough time, without fail, I’m visited by a dragonfly. I call Pat my dragonfly baby. I’ve taken such a liking to dragonflies that I wanted to learn more about these little insects which have brought me such calm during chaotic times in my life.

Dragonflies are flying insects that have been around for millions of years with over 5,000 varieties. You will often find them by water. Some can live up to a year, but oftentimes they only survive a few weeks. Dragonflies greatly help keep a balance with mosquito control. Dragonflies lay their eggs in water, and when the larvae hatch, they stay there for up to a couple

of years.

According to smithsonianmag.com, “Dragonflies are expert fliers. They can fly straight up and down, hover like a helicopter and even mate mid-air. If they can’t fly, they’ll starve because they only eat prey they catch while flying.”

In addition to their beauty, they’re intriguing insects that represent different things to various cultures. To me, they’re symbolic of calmness and a reminder that God has His hand on every situation in my life. They are a tangible sign of His presence and reassurance that everything will be OK.

Nature is speaking to us and affording us the opportunity to trust that things will end up being OK. Are you listening?

Megan Rathz is a wife,



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Mary meeting her little dragonfly brother, Pat.

mother, and teacher. She learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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Letter to the Editor

Westfield author: moving books to different sections is “ludicrous”

Dear Editor:

As an Indiana author, I believe there are no bad words, only uncomfortable meanings. It is our right as intellectual beings to interpret those meanings for ourselves.

It is ludicrous that books are “moved” to different sections of the library, to be distributed at the fancy of a board of people who are forcing their beliefs and values on all patrons.

As a child, I was a voracious reader. At 12 years old, I was deemed too young by rules to read books that my college reading level needed to keep me engaged. My mother wrote to the library, and I was allowed to start reading ALL the books in the library.

I thought the rule ignorant at the time and I still do.

Libraries are the keepers of knowledge, and EVERYONE has the right to that knowledge. Libraries allow free access to a world of information, and the opportunity this brings is invaluable.

What is going on now at the HEPL is no different than my experience as a child and it is appalling in the extreme.

Not only is the HEPL board imposing its personal views on everyone, they are taking away the rights of the parents to ... parent. When we restrict access for children, we signal it is okay to restrict knowledge, and we move one step closer to restricting intellectual freedom of all. Challenges to the sensibilities of patrons such as these challenges our intellectual freedom and smacks of fascism.

This is a most dangerous form of censorship and encroaches on our freedoms as parents, patrons, and intelligent human beings. Our future access to all points of view is in danger with the actions of the HEPL library board.

Moving one book back to the teen shelves where it belongs is a start. Stop the archaic Chicken Little attitude toward uncomfortable subjects and return ALL books to where they belong.

Furthermore, this underpatented posturing by members of the HEPL board is a waste of library time, money, and resources, based on the actions of the minority. This money would be better spent providing resources to patrons or working with library leaders to find better ways to run libraries.

Perhaps this money and time should be spent on appointing board members with far more credentials than the current HEPL board that won't use their positions as a stepping stone for political aspirations or take away our freedom to intellectual information.

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Westfield

PEN America calls on Hamilton East Public Library Board to restore books to teen section

Submitted by PEN

PEN America has expressed distress over the decision by the Hamilton East Public Library Board to move more than 1,300 Young Adult books to its adult section under a new “Collection Development Policy” that overrides publisher, author, and librarian recommendations on where to shelve books.

The decision will make it more difficult for teenagers to access books written for them, including John Green’s *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Looking for Alaska*, Judy Blume’s *Forever*, Laurie Halse Anderson’s *Speak*, Leigh Bardugo’s *Six of Crows*, Ruta Sepetys’ *Between Shades of Gray*, Angie Thomas’ *Concrete Rose*, Kelly Yang’s *Private Label*, and hundreds more. The library said it had reviewed just over 25 percent of what it called “the high school collection” and moved 1,385 books to the adult section. Just 474 books were kept in the teen section.

Free Expression and Education programs director Jonathan Friedman made the following statement:

“The ongoing review of books in Hamilton East Public Library is distressing. Teens have books that are written with them in mind; that is precisely what a YA collection is about. To dismantle that runs the risk of making teens disinclined to read, taking away their opportunity to explore and distill their own interests, or even to feel welcome in a library. The entire review appears motivated by a distrust of young people, and an interest in curbing what ideas and information they have access to,” Friedman said. “In a letter to the district, John Green was right to call it ‘political theater of the lowest and most embarrassing order.’”

About PEN America

PEN America stands at the intersection of literature and human rights to protect open expression in the United States and worldwide. PEN America champion the freedom to write, recognizing the power of the word to transform the world. Its mission is to unite writers and their allies to celebrate creative expression and defend the liberties that make it possible. To learn more visit [PEN.org](https://pen.org). Founded in 1922, PEN America is the largest of the more than 100 centers worldwide that make up the PEN International network. PEN America works to ensure that people everywhere have the freedom to create literature, to convey information and ideas, to express their views, and to access the views, ideas, and literatures of others.

Letter to the Editor

Grammar Guy says HEPL board’s policy is waste of taxpayer money

Dear Editor:

In the book *Palm Sunday*, Kurt Vonnegut writes, “Whenever ideas are squashed in this country, literate lovers of the American experiment write careful and intricate explanations of why all ideas must be allowed to live. It is time for them to realize that they are attempting to explain America at its bravest and most optimistic to orangutans.”

Hoosier-born Vonnegut was no stranger to book bans during his career. *Slaughterhouse-Five*, his most well-known novel, has been challenged, removed, burned, and banned from 1975 through the 2010s. A satirical sci-fi novel, people found *Slaughterhouse* offensive due to scenes involving sex, foul language, the acknowledgment of homosexuality, as well as its strong anti-war themes.

Now the bans have come to central Indiana. Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) board members will call this a “book-moving” crusade, as the teen sections in Noblesville and Fishers now resemble book ghost towns.

Another famous Hoosier author, John Green, is appalled at the removal of *The Fault in Our Stars*, a book written for teens with teen protagonists. Has the board read it? I doubt it.

Book bans and removals are a sad attempt at adults who feel threatened by people who don’t think like them to hold onto the power they fear is disappearing. What is actually happening is an attempt at equality. You have LGBTQIA neighbors. Black co-workers. Non-Christian family members. Drag queens exist. Let their perspectives be represented.

As a syndicated grammar columnist, I don’t agree with any of the HEPL board’s reasoning or perspectives on removing books from the library. Censorship has no place in the public library. It’s a thinly veiled attempt at suppressing the public’s First Amendment rights.

The HEPL board is wasting Hamilton County tax dollar money by combing through books to flag them for suspicious perspectives. I’m a proud Noblesville resident but ashamed of the HEPL board. We can’t let this continue to happen.

Curtis Honeycutt
AKA Grammar Guy
Noblesville

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ONE BOOK

"I'm glad John's book is going to be put back, but teens deserve access to all the books that got moved," Yang told The Reporter. "All teens, including teens of color, deserve to feel seen and valued. To pick and choose which narratives and books get to stay in the YA section and which must be moved to Adult is not only a waste of taxpayer dollars, it's censorship. It's making a judgment call on which stories get to be told."

Yang said she thinks the HEPL policy (which is costing over \$300,000 to implement) is not only bad for taxpayers, but for teenage readers as a whole.

"It makes it that much harder for teens to find the stories that were written for them, that they need to feel less alone in the universe," Yang said. "This, at a time when teens have gone through so much during the pandemic – and desperately need stories to process and heal. That goes against the core mission of libraries to serve everyone."

Yang was very clear that she is not advocating solely for her own titles to be moved back to the section they were specifically written for.

"Even if the library moves one or two books back, it's not a win," Yang said. "All YA books pulled need to be moved back."

Yang said she does not blame the Fishers community or the librarians for this policy.

"I want to add that I have so much love and admiration for the community of Fishers and the librarians of Hamilton East Public Library," Yang said. "I was just at HELP last year, speaking on my middle grade novel *Front Desk* and the community came out and gave me such a standing ovation. I know how much these books matter to the kids and teens of the Fishers community – I heard from them first hand. I also know how hard the librarians are working to safeguard books. But they can't do it alone. So I urge everyone to speak up and show up to their local library board meeting, if they care about the right to think freely and read freely! Let's stand up to censorship together."

If any authors, readers of books, or readers of this newspaper would like to have their voices heard on this issue, please write to News@ReadTheReporter.com. Include your name, city of residence, and phone number in your email. While we will not publish your contact information, we do need it for any follow-up questions The Reporter may have prior to publication.



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We can do something about farmland loss

Dozens of people gathered at the Sheridan Historical Society Museum on Saturday morning, July 29, to learn about farmland preservation. I organized the event to learn how to protect my great-great-grandfather's farm.

GUEST COLUMNIST


CINDY SALO

and a crop farmer and was instrumental in starting the Wood-Land-Lake Land Trust (WLL), where he serves as President. WLL helps farmers throughout Indiana preserve their land with ACEs.

Everyone who has protected land with WLL voluntarily gave up the development rights; none has been paid for these rights. Yoder said, "Everyone talks about preserving farmland, but nobody wants to pay farmers to do that. They just want farmers to reduce their retirement income by donating the value of an easement. That's not fair and that's not right."

He continued, "We need to figure out a way to connect preserving farmland with the desire to create and sustain vibrant communities. Farmers donating conservation easements are contributing significant value to their community, which enhances the quality of place and life. I am not aware of a single community in Indiana that recognizes this charitable contribution."

Another speaker, Beth Clarizia, described a "vast opportunity" to protect farmland in the state through the federal program she manages. The Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) program of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) pays up to half the value of ACEs on qualified land. Some states will pay farmers the other half of an easement's value; Indiana does not. Clarizia pointed out that the state is missing out on a large pot of federal money that could be tapped if there were a source of matching funds.

In the last session of the General Assembly, Representative Kendell Culp (R-Rensselaer) sponsored two laws that address farmland preservation. The first directed the Indiana Department of Agriculture to determine where, why, and how much farmland has been lost in the state. The second created a Land Use Task Force to explore how Indiana can expand economically while

Photos by Steve Martin

(Above left) Beth Clarizia, Indiana Easement Program Manager with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, describes the agency's Agricultural Land Easement program. (Top right) Mike Yoder, President of the Wood-Land-Lakes Land Trust, shares ideas on farmland preservation. (Above right) Indiana Representative Kendell Culp (R-Rensselaer) answers questions about farmland preservation after an event on the topic at the Sheridan Historical Society Museum. (Below) Dozens of people gathered at the Sheridan Historical Society on July 29 to learn about farmland preservation.

also protecting farmland.

At the event in Sheridan, several people had questions about the recent purchase of thousands of acres of farmland for the LEAP business park near Lebanon in rural Boone County. Culp said that he also had questions but had gotten few answers. He was concerned about how water and power will be supplied to the site, and how that might affect area utilities and communities. He also noted that the purchase of the land had driven up farmland prices in the area.

One person in Sheridan mourned the fate of small towns that "lose the grocery store, and then people are forced to leave the community."

But this has the process backwards.

Small town businesses don't want to close. Residents leave the community to shop, which forces the

businesses to close. Farmers don't want to sell to developers. Developers outbid other buyers when cash-poor, land-rich farmers want to retire.

Grocery stores and farmland both enhance the quality of life in a community. Many towns have already lost their grocery store, but

many still have abundant farmland. We can protect our remaining farmland by paying willing farmers to separate development rights from their land.

If you want to see farmland preserved to enhance the quality of life in your area, consider asking your Indiana legislators what

they're doing to protect farmland.

Cindy Salo is a plant ecologist who studies army cutworms in the intermountain west and writes about research and agriculture from rural Idaho and Arizona. Find more about Cindy and Indiana farmland preservation at CindySalo.com.

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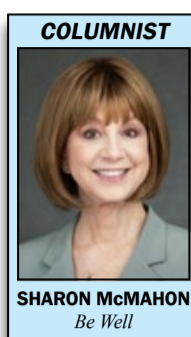
Reward yourself with good, nutritious food

"Eating crappy food isn't a reward — it's a punishment." — Drew Carey

Okay I am not going to define "crappy food" for everyone, although I believe most of us really do know what is involved there! I am not here to bash fast food ... or am I?

We are winding up our summer produce season very soon and I hope you have taken advantage of the many opportunities to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits over the summer. Many of you garden and that is a great way to obtain delicious options. Other venues to obtain these items are many and include grocery stores, farmers' markets, produce stands, and locally Teter Organic Farm.

We often see advertisements for supplements which give us the impression that the items replace fresh fruits and vegetables. While these are perhaps fine once in a while if you feel that you have not given your body the fuel that it needs for optimal performance, please do not rely on these supplements on a regular basis. While I am certainly not



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SHARON MCMAHON
Be Well

against supplements (although you should vet the producers of the supplements as there are so many on the market) they are never a substitute for the nutrients you receive from fresh foods. A diet rich in vegetables and fruits can lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke, prevent some types of cancer, lower risk of eye and digestive problems, and have a positive effect upon blood sugar, which can help keep appetite in check. Eating non-starchy vegetables and fruits like apples, pears, and green leafy vegetables may even promote weight loss. Their low glycemic loads prevent blood sugar spikes that can increase hunger.¹

Okay — enough of that! How about some ideas/suggestions on great tasting menu ideas for fresh foods which are in such abundance right now? I know many of you are very aware of your favorites and actually can and preserve, which is a delicious way to enjoy them all year round. I will share some of my favorite go-to items that we enjoy at my home, whether

you grow some of these items yourself or purchase locally.

Tomatoes are in great abundance right now and we enjoy making homemade salsa which can be used not only with "chips" but also as a topper for many fresh vegetable items, as well as scrambled eggs. How about chopped tomatoes, cucumber slices, sprigs of basil and a little olive oil — yum!

Vegetable skewers on the grill are another favorite, especially with pineapple. Although I personally am vegetarian, you might wish to add some protein such as shrimp or chicken to your skewers and vegetable recipes. I like to sauté my vegetables in a small amount of avocado oil, adding in fresh garlic to my broccoli, bell peppers, onions, snow peas, cauliflower, fresh corn, artichoke, and Brussels sprouts. If you are vegetarian, you can always add black beans or tofu for some extra protein or add your shrimp or chicken if preferred. I like to top Jasmine rice with my sautéed vegetables. Dark leafy greens such as kale and spinach are a must to round out your food plan.

Don't forget about those colorful fruits! Blueberries

in particular are antioxidant-rich. Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries are all still readily available in most markets. Melons, particularly cantaloupe, are all rich in Vitamin C as are strawberries. Bananas are rich in potassium but with any of the above-mentioned food items be sure to check with your physician if you feel some may be contraindicated for you due to allergies or prescription medications.

Eating seasonally and well is especially easy during the summer and early fall months. A trip to the fast-food line once in a while will not interfere with your quest to be healthy and fit, but make sure that is not a common "go to" in your nutrition goals. Eating well will become a habit that you continue for a lifetime and reap the health and wellness benefits you deserve. Enjoy!

¹Harvard School of Public Health

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.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer wonders how much more Carmel Redevelopment Commission can spend

Dear Editor:

Carmel's civic debt addicts are hard at work gobbling up more land.

Its annual financial reports list \$140 million in land ownership already. Four bonds allocate \$31 million in borrowed money to buy land (plus interest over the life of the bonds) according to bond data the city provided the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) already owns more than 120 parcels of land according to county record. Now it is getting city council approval to buy 453 other parcels.

This is the bunch that earlier was authorized to buy seven parcels for \$3.5 million and bought the seven for \$10.2 million. What it pays for 453 more is anyone's worst nightmare.

Is it time Carmel voters intervened with the addicts?

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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Concert artist Jeff Harnar kicks off international tour in Carmel

Submitted

Award-winning vocalist Jeff Harnar will release his new album *A Collective Cy: Jeff Harnar Sings Cy Coleman* on Sept. 8, featuring both hits and rarities from the Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-winning composer of *Sweet Charity*, *City of Angels* and more.

Harnar will celebrate the new album with national tour stops in St. Louis, Chicago, London, New York — and Carmel! — with more dates to be announced.

You can see Harnar on Sept. 8 and 9 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel. Buy tickets at feinsteinsc.com/events.

For *A Collective Cy*, Harnar and a full orchestra put a jazzy and sophisticated spin on Coleman's pop standards and music theatre classics, including a cut number from *Barnum*

and two selections from the rarely-staged show *Seesaw*.

A Collective Cy features special guests in pop/jazz vocalists Ann Hampton Callaway, Liz Callaway (both Tony nominees), Nicolas King, and Danny Bacher.

Harnar has performed at Carnegie Hall for both the Cole Porter and Noël Coward Centennial Galas. His PBS concerts include "The 1959 Broadway Songbook" and "American Songbook: Stephen Sondheim." He toured in the Symphony Pops Concert "I Got Rhythm: Mickey & Judy's Hollywood." He has won multiple MAC, Bistro, and The Noël Coward Foundation awards.

In 2022, Harnar released his fifth solo album, *I Know Things Now: My Life in Sondheim's Words* with a 20-piece orchestra. Also in 2022, he was the recipient of the Mabel Mercer



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Foundation's Mabel Mercer Award, and the winner of three BroadwayWorld Cabaret Awards. In 2023 the Manhattan Association of Cabarets honored him as "Celebrity Artist" and *I Know Things Now* won the

Major Recording Award. He performs in the movie *Joshua Tree, 1951: A Portrait of James Dean* from Iconoclast Films.

Learn more about the singer and pre-order his new album at JeffHarnar.com.

Noblesville man convicted of attempted murder of son-in-law

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Boone Circuit Court jury found a Noblesville man guilty of the attempted murder of his son-in-law in January 2020, a release from the Boone County Prosecutor's Office made Tuesday says.

Mark Wilburn, 57, was convicted Tuesday of felony charges of attempted murder, aggravated battery, battery with a deadly weapon, and criminal recklessness.

On Jan. 27, 2020, Lebanon Police Department officers were called to a report of a person shot at a home in the 800 block of Cohen Street. That's northeast of

the I-65 interchange at State Road 32.

When officers arrived, they found then 29-year-old Michael Maxwell suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. He was taken to a local hospital for treatment, and later taken to a hospital in Indianapolis for surgery.

According to the release, the shooting stemmed from an argument between Wilburn and Maxwell, who is his son-in-law. The argument spawned during a child exchange between Maxwell and his estranged wife, Wilburn's daughter.

During the exchange,



Wilburn

Wilburn allegedly pointed a handgun at Maxwell's head. Maxwell attempted to knock the gun out of Wilburn's hand. Wilburn then shot Maxwell in the neck

and shoulder area.

Wilburn proceeded to chase Maxwell around a vehicle and attempted to shoot him again, but his handgun jammed.

The incident happened feet away from Wilburn's grandchildren.

Wilburn was later taken into custody at a hotel in Fultondale, Ala.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 25.

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A group of five people, four men and one woman, are posing for a photo. They are all wearing bright yellow t-shirts with the Lions Club logo. The woman on the far left is also wearing a yellow cap. The man next to her is wearing a black jacket over her shoulder. The man in the center is wearing a yellow cap with a black and white checkered band. The man on the far right is wearing a grey cap. They are all smiling. In the background, there is a banner that says 'Woods Run' and other people in blue shirts.



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club

Last Saturday, the Noblesville Lions helped at the Humane Society for Hamilton County's 5K Run/Walk fundraiser in Fishers. The event drew over 850 participants. The Lions passed out water at two different water stations. (Above left) Lions Vicki Neddenriep, Jen Carr, Josh Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, and Tim Baker. Lion Gary Hines (not pictured) also assisted the group. (Above right) Lion Jen Carr passing out water to a finisher.

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(in the Chamber Info tent, Thursdays, 5-8 p.m.)

Submitted

Carmel Democrats have made history with one mayoral and seven city council candidates for office in the upcoming November election.

"Carmel residents don't often get a choice at the ballot box," said Beth Sprunger, Vice President of the Carmel Democratic Club. "This year, there will be a record number of people to choose from, but many vot-

ers are still not aware ”

So, the club will hold what's called a "Human Library" where, instead of books, citizens can "check out" their candidates for office, get to know them, and make more informed decisions about their own democracy. The entire community is invited to stay informed by attending this event.

The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. this eve-

ning, Aug. 16, in Community Room A at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

The candidates for office are Miles Nelson for Mayor; Sara Draper and Jake Madore for City Council, At-Large; Melanie Brown, Northwest District; Courtney Culver, North Central District; Jeremy Eltz, South East District; Jessica Irvine, South Central District; and Anita Joshi, West District.

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Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Theta Alpha Upsilon Chapter, welcomes everyone to their Euchre Night Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Play will begin at 4 p.m. at The Vine, located inside Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051

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To guarantee your seat, please email your name, cell phone number, and number of players to Phi Beta Psi at pbpnoblesville@gmail.com with subject line EUCHRE! RSVP. Cost is \$15 per person to play. Payment instructions will be provided in response.

to your reservation

Bring \$1 bills to pay when you get Euchred. RSVPs are requested but not required.

Food will be available for goodwill donation. Profits go to support Phi Beta Psi's benevolence fund and cancer research. Please join for a fun evening.

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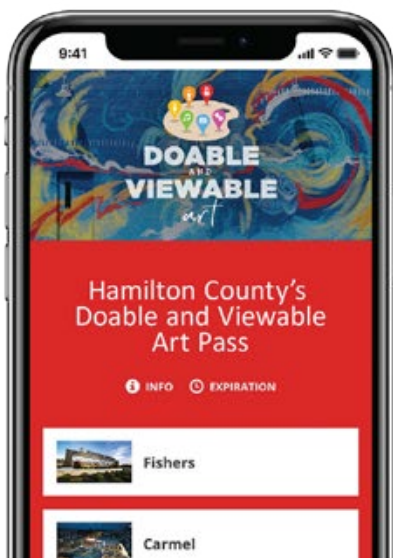
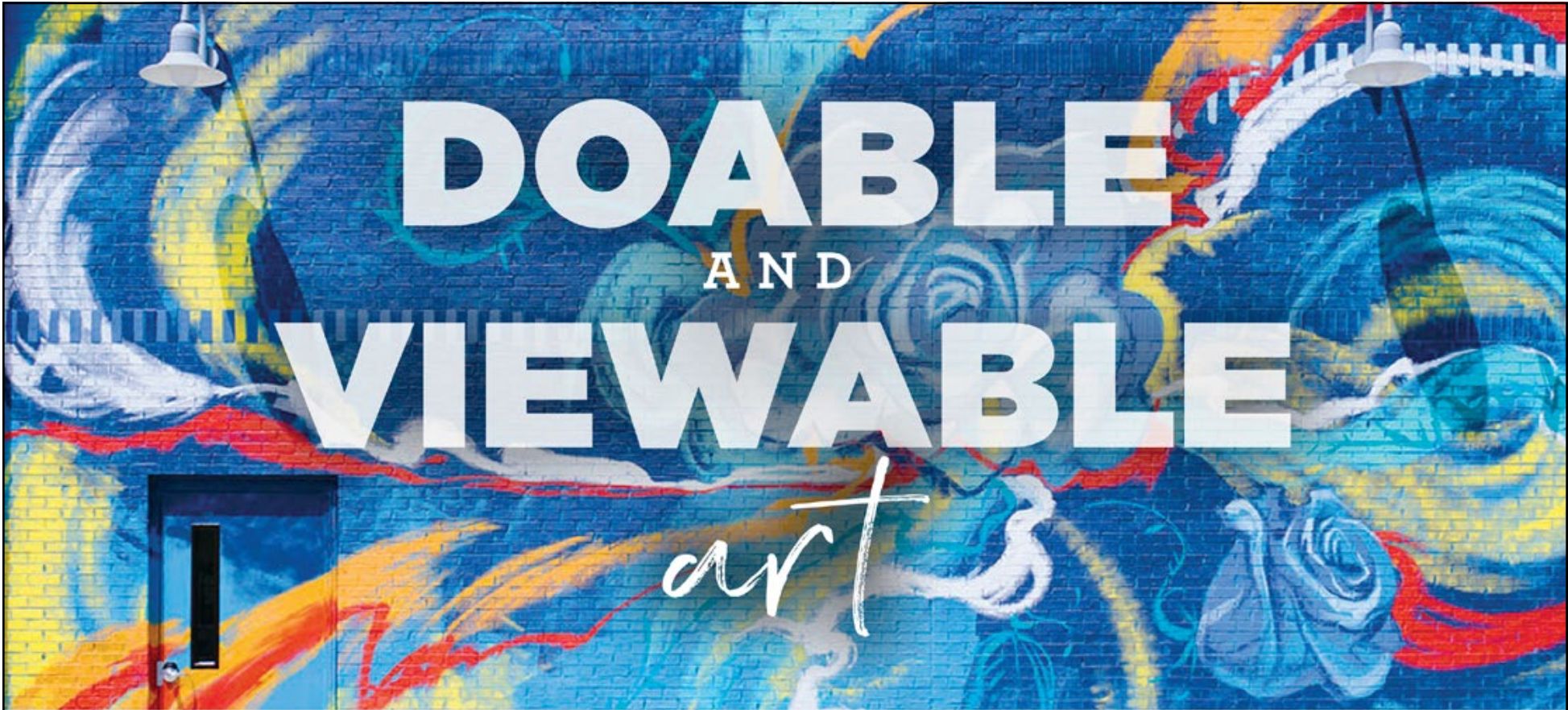
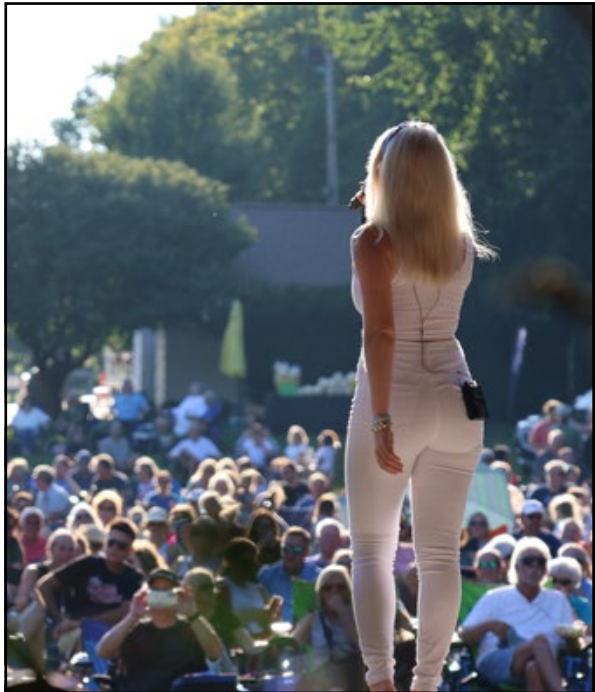
The seasonal positions are ideal for individuals who possess a passion for delivering exceptional customer service and are interested in working on a vintage train. Seasonal positions will run from October through January 1st. Most shifts will be Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday. Youth over the age of 16 are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants can apply online through our application form at <https://forms.gle/5qjv8oysyzUX1GaH8>



Nickel Plate Express is also in search of an Assistant Director to support our local non-profit organization. The Assistant Director will collaborate with our Executive Director in planning, executing, and providing exceptional train rides. Candidates should have experience in event planning, marketing, communication, computer skills, and social media. This is a salaried full-time position with a salary range of \$38,000 - \$42,000. This position will typically work Tuesday-Saturday, so weekend availability is a must. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to Emily at ereynolds@nickelplateexpress.org

Land-locked yacht rock concludes Cool Creek Summer Concert Series

It was smooth sailing last Friday night for the final set in the Cool Creek Concert Series as The Nauti Yachtys crooned classic hits from Yacht Rock captains of the '70s and '80s. Steely Dan, Boz Scaggs, Michael McDonald, Todd Rundgren, Gerry Rafferty, Hall & Oates, Ambrosia, Eagles, Player, Rupert Holmes, Christopher Cross, Jackson Browne ... you name it, they can play it! See where they'll dock next by going to TheNautiYachtys.com. Thank you to these sponsors for another great Cool Creek Summer Concert series: Andersen Windows & Doors By Hometown Window & Door Company, Napleton Automotive Group, Ashlin Hadden Insurance, The National Bank of Indianapolis, Compass Realty – Stacey Sobczak, Sobczak Construction Services, Community First Bank of Indiana, Keeler-Webb, Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc., Bach to Rock, and Lowe's Home Improvement. Find out more ways to enjoy the outdoors by going to MyHamiltonCountyParks.com. (Photos provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation)



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YouTube stars Squirmly & Grubs speak to Carmel crowd about disability inclusion & accessibility



Photos provided
YouTube stars Shane Burcaw and Hannah Aylward, better known as **Squirmly & Grubs**, enlightened and delighted an audience of around 200 people at an Aug. 10 event hosted by BraunAbility at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Married in 2020, the Minnesota residents have amassed more than 1.5 million followers on their YouTube channel, where they share their experiences as an interabled couple while advocating for accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities. Burcaw, author of three books, uses a wheelchair as a result of spinal muscular atrophy, a rare neurodegenerative disorder that causes loss of motor neurons and progressive muscle wasting. Shane and Hannah work with BraunAbility to spread their joint mission to advance disability inclusion and accessibility for people with mobility challenges and their caregivers. [Click here](#) to watch their video about their time in Carmel.



More lane restrictions along 146th Street

Beginning on or after Thursday, Aug. 17, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., 146th Street from Allisonville Road to a point approximately 1,800 feet west of Allisonville Road (west of Renner's Body Works) will be under a lane restriction. The westbound right lane will be restricted.

Drive with extreme caution through this construction zone and help keep workers safe during this restriction. [Click here](#) for more project information.



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

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

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

- Carmel road projects
- Fishers road projects
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- Westfield road projects

- Streamline 146th
- Hamilton County road projects
- INDOT projects across the state



Rep. Spartz calls Biden's \$40B supplemental request unacceptable & dangerous politics

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement Tuesday on President Biden's \$40 billion supplemental funding request, which includes \$24 billion of Ukraine associated funding, including \$5 billion for direct security assistance, \$12 billion to FEMA disaster relief fund for emergencies, and \$4 billion for border security

and migration.

"Not even three months have passed since President Biden signed the debt ceiling deal, and he is already circumventing his agreement," Rep. Spartz said. "It's unfortunate that he is trying to politicize the issue of Ukraine again to score some political points,



Spartz

keeps slow-walking military assistance to Ukraine, which costs a lot of money to Americans and a lot of lives to Ukrainians, continues to neglect some serious domestic issues, like border security and sound energy policies, and is just blatantly mismanaging our country fiscally.

"Congress has not passed any appropriations bills yet and considering our dire fiscal situation, no supplemental funding should be allowed – all funding, including Ukraine and emergency reserves, should be included in our regular 2024 appropriations according to the deal Biden signed recently, which is just a 1 percent cut from the already COVID-inflated 2023 budget."



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The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes comes to the Paramount Theatre

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Anderson's historic Paramount Theatre, alongside 2023 Season Sponsor Community Hospital Anderson, has announced the addition of The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes to its 2023-2024 lineup.

Elwes, featured as "Westley" in the '80s classic *The Princess Bride*, will engage the audience in an exclusive talkback session following the screening of the iconic film. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 18 at AndersonParamount.org.

Join Elwes for a behind-the-scenes look at life on and off the set of the classic 1987 film, *The Princess Bride*. After a screening of the iconic movie, he will engage in a moderated discussion revealing never before shared secrets and tales of inconceivable antics.

Journey back to the lands of Florin and Guilder in an adventure filled with fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, miracles, and of course, true love.

Elwes has been in a multitude of films and tv shows, including *Robin Hood*, *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, *Sav*, *Twister*, *Liar, Liar*, *Stranger Things*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, and many more. Now he's hitting the road to share with fans the personal stories behind the making of this piece of cinematic history.

Don't be a "Humperdinck," make haste to see *The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes* for a night you will always "treasure."

Tickets can be purchased at AndersonParamount.org or by calling the Paramount Box Office at (765) 642-1234.



Elwes



Barlow H. Poindexter May 10, 1925 – August 12, 2023

Barlow H. Poindexter, 98, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on May 10, 1925, to William and Fanny (Melton) Poindexter in Hart County, Ky.



Barlow was a self-employed construction worker. He is survived by his daughter, Carol (Kenny) Wariner; son, Jerry (Connie) Poindexter; sister, Zelma Shaw; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

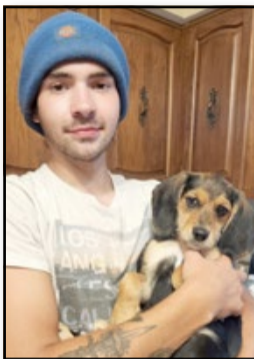
In addition to his parents, Barlow was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy M. Poindexter; grandson, Matthew Joseph Wariner; great-granddaughter, Natalie Marie Wariner; three brothers; and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, August 18, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Brad Wariner will officiate.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Zachary Michael Trump November 5, 2003 – August 12, 2023

Zachary Michael Trump, 19, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2023, as the result of an accident. He was born on November 5, 2003, in Noblesville.



Zach worked for G&G Underground Construction. His major passion was riding motorcycles. Zach loved being outdoors fishing, skateboarding, shooting guns, snow skiing, and golfing with his grandpa. He was an amazing friend, sibling, and son who lived life to the fullest.

Zach is survived by his mother, Amanda (Stuart) Williamson; father, Tanner (Christina) Trump; siblings, Julian Taylor, Jada Trump, Hunter Trump, Ashton Williamson, and Lizzy Williamson; grandparents, Charlene & Bill Cummings, Gary & Lisa Trump, Bob & Cheryl Jones, and Ian & Dian Williamson; uncle and aunts, David & Annie Quear, Travis & Julie Trump, and Ashley Santasiero; as well as several beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Mike Quear; and his grandmother, Teresa G. Jones.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with a Celebration of Life service at 7 p.m., on Friday, August 18, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Memorial contributions may be made to a GoFundMe account set up by the family (gofund.me/7130fca).

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

ABRAM & LOT SEPARATE

So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Genesis 13:1-9 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Town Council has rescheduled its Monday, Aug. 28 meeting for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Atlanta Town Council will hold a budget workshop at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at 130 W. Walton St., Atlanta.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet for a 2024 budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. The meeting will also include discussion of an update on projects and bonds, as well as the revised Community Center policy.

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at the Fishers branch of the library, located at 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees in accordance with Ind. Code §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

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The Westfield Washington Advisory Plan Commission will not meet as scheduled on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, due to no agenda items.

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FARMING PAST AND PRESENT
AUGUST 13, 2-5 P.M.




Clarksville Christian Church, *Lehr Street, Noblesville*
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Join lifelong farmers Donald and David Zeller at 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. as they discuss how farming in Wayne Township has changed over the decades. Plus, check out the agricultural artifacts “show and tell.” Inside the church, enjoy history displays about Clarksville and the surrounding areas. Outside, experience the Hamilton Southeastern Schools FFA “touch a truck” area with old tractors alongside new Reynolds farm equipment and old Ford trucks and Model T’s alongside new trucks. Free refreshments will be provided at the church, with the Wayne/Fall Creek Lions Club providing food for sale.

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Girls Golf

Southeastern swipes first Mudsock

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls golf team won the first Mudsock competition of the year on Tuesday, winning over Fishers 153-184 at Stony Creek Golf Club in Noblesville.

The Royals had the co-medalists at the meet. Ella Bui and Janelle Garcia both carded 37s. Karolina Franssen was next with a 39, followed by Natalia Nieset with a 40. Laci Hart and Sophie Roberts both scored 41s.

"We definitely played pretty good," said Bui. "We definitely missed a lot of birdie opportunities, but it was still overall a good round."

The Tigers were led by Kate Jansen's 43. Ava Wellbaum added a 46, followed by Sophia Rush 47, Lola Kivett 48 and Maren Spencer 50.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern girls golf team won the Mudsock meet with Fishers, which took place Tuesday at Stony Creek Golf Club. The Royals scored a 153 and had co-medalists in Ella Bui and Janelle Garcia, who both scored 37s.

Volleyball

Sheridan sets the tone for success by winning four-set season opener

The REPORTER

The Sheridan volleyball team began their season on Monday with a four-set win over Crawfordsville at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks won 25-11, 19-25, 25-15, 25-22. Meredith Krupp and Trinity Parkin both served six aces, while Claudia Headlee winning 14 service points. Parkin blasted 13 kills, with Kenzie Garner hitting 12 and Nova Cross five. Cross also handed out 23 assists.

On defense, Krupp made eight digs, with Headlee getting six and Cross five. Garner made two solo blocks and had two block assists, with Parkin and Cross both making one solo block and one block assist.

Sheridan played Clinton Central on Tuesday; stats from that match will run in a later edition.

In a Monday all-county match, defending state champion Hamilton Southeastern swept Carmel 25-13, 25-22, 25-14 at the Royals' gym.

Southeastern improved to 3-0 with the victory. The Royals are back in action next Tuesday (Aug. 22) when they host Lawrence North. The Greyhounds are 1-1 and host Roncalli at 7 p.m. tonight.

Another all-county



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Kenzie Garner makes a block to seal a season-opening victory for the Blackhawks volleyball team on Monday.

match took place on Tuesday, with host Hamilton Heights sweeping Guerin Catholic 25-13, 25-16, 25-13.

The Huskies host Lebanon tonight, while the

Golden Eagles will host New Palestine on Thursday.

Westfield was swept by Yorktown on Monday, 25-15, 25-18, 25-9.

Senior Chloe Sutate and freshman Carsyn Comer both hit five kills for the Shamrocks, who are 1-1 for the season and play next Monday (Aug. 21) at Pendleton Heights.

Girls Golf

County teams securing wins & new records

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls golf team won a four-team nine-hole meet at Prairie View on Tuesday.

The Greyhounds scored a 148 to Westfield's 155, Noblesville's 157 and Zionsville's 170. Claire Swathwood led Carmel with a 36, with Michaela Headlee and Kamryn Williams both scoring 37s. Sophie Mock added a 38, Maddie Headlee carded a 41 and Gabby Saber scored a 47.

The Shamrocks' Samantha Brown was the meet medalist with a 34. Kelsey Haverluck added a 37, followed by Addi Kooi 41, Sami Hanavan 43 and Sam Lemieux 44. The Millers were led by Josie Kelley's 37, followed by Jordan Adam 39, Olivia Fowler 40 and Karis Shields 41.

Westfield set a new school record to par last Saturday while winning the Western Invitational at Chippendale Golf Club.

The Shamrocks scored a five-under par 287. Brown was the meet medalist with a 67, while Kooi scored a 68 for the runner-up spot. Haverluck added a 75, Lemieux scored a 77 and Anna McKeown carded a 78.

The Noblesville Varsity 2 team placed third at the meet with a score of 356. Peyton Kauzlick led the Millers with an 87, Presley

White was next with an 88 and Kendall Cooper scored an 89.

Westfield Gold scored a 371 for seventh place. Sophie Raines led with an 86, followed by Taylor Nokes 94, Lily Murray 94, Kate Brown 97 and Ava De-Craene 108.

Fishers placed seventh with a 386. Kate Jansen scored a personal-best 84, while Lola Kivett added a personal-best 94. Maren Spencer scored a 101, followed by Elli Webster 107 and Ava Wellbaum 109.

Noblesville's Varsity 1 team won the Lapel Invitational last Saturday at Edgewood, totaling a 302.

Adam was the medalist by scoring a 72, Fowler took second with a 75 and Kelley tied for third with a 76. Olivia Anderson scored a 79 and Shields totaled an 80.

Westfield's Varsity Green team placed second with a 341. Scoring for the Shamrocks were Hanavan 79, Sadie Edwards 83, Lilley Ku 86, Sophie Thompson 93 and Ellison Daggy 95.

Hamilton Southeastern took third, scoring 342. Sophie Roberts led the Royals with a 78, followed by Natalia Nieset 83, Laci Hart 87, Karolina Franssen 93 and Maya Cieply 96.

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Soccer

Boys teams take care of opponents, Nuñez scores goal for Blackhawks

The REPORTER

The defending state champion Noblesville boys soccer team began its 2023 season Tuesday with a 4-0 win at Perry Meridian.

The Millers got on the board in the 18th minute when senior Sam Holland put in a penalty kick. Ten minutes later, Noblesville got a second goal on a full volley by junior Caden Rice. That made the score 2-0, which would stand at halftime.

In the second half, the Millers added two more goals. Holland initiated the third goal of the game, slotting the ball to senior Miles Tucker, who slotted the ball past the Falcons' goalkeeper. Sophomore Kasole Williams corralled a corner kick and sent it in for the fourth goal.

Goalkeeper Cole Thompson and defenders Max Reason, Williams, Jake Hall, Blake Horn and Alex Pursch all contributed on defense.

Noblesville plays Thursday at Carmel.

The Hamilton Southeastern boys beat Cathedral 2-1 for a Tuesday victory.

Drew McDonald scored the Royals' first goal in the first half, then assisted Jack Anderson for a second-half goal. The Irish scored to cut into the lead, but Southeastern was able to hold on for the win.

Sheridan's girls opened their season with a hard-fought game against Lebanon, falling 3-1.

The Blackhawks' Isabel Nuñez scored the first goal of the game, before the Tigers tied it up by halftime. Lebanon then added two goals in the second half.

Sheridan sent a junior varsity team



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan senior Isabel Nuñez scored the Blackhawks' goal during their Tuesday game with Lebanon.

on to the field for the first time in several years, and won 1-0. After a scoreless first half, the Blackhawks' Mak Southerland scored the winning goal with 10 minutes left in the game.

Sheridan plays Frankfort on Thursday.

Hamilton Heights' boys team beat Yorktown 3-2 Tuesday to open its season.

Micah Colvin, Sam Harpham and Phoenix Vondersaar all scored goals for the Huskies, who play Thursday at Pendleton Heights.

Football

Royals get ready for tough competition, starting with Fort Wayne Carroll on Friday

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern football team will get a big game to start the season Friday.

The Royals will take on Fort Wayne Carroll to begin their 2023 campaign, one that hopes to build upon a highly successful 2022 season. Southeastern had an outstanding previous year, rolling to an unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Championship title and winning sectional and regional crowns before falling to Carroll in the semi-state. The Royals thus finished the season 12-1.

"We are excited because it is the first game of the season and an opportunity to compete," said Southeastern coach Michael Kelly.

Two big offensive players will return for HSE. First is reigning Hamilton County Player of the Year Donovan Hamilton, now a senior. The wide receiver made 50 catches for the Royals, including 10 for touchdowns.

Also returning is senior half-back Jalen Alexander, who blazed his way to 1,533 rushing yards last season – an average of 110 yards per game – and scored 15 touchdowns.

Junior Azariah Wallace is also back on the rushing side. He put up solid numbers as well, with 515 yards and eight touchdowns. The starting quarterback for Southeastern is junior Chandler Weston, who played several games last year as a sophomore.

Senior Silas Newton is another wide receiver coming back; he had 14 catches, two for TDs last fall. Senior Kameron Anthony will get his first significant wide receiver call this season. A key return on the offensive line is senior Styles Prescod at left tackle. He will be joined by fellow seniors Reed Alexander at left guard, Will Irish at center and Ben Weaver at right guard, with junior Cameron Gorin at right tackle.

The Royals' defense includes five solid seniors on the line. Jacob Seyferth brings back the most tackles from last season with 67, including 10.5 for a loss. Also returning up front are Jack Osiecki, Chidubem Okonkwo, Nate Ingalls and Anthony Reynolds. Another defender, senior Judah Parker, had 54 stops last season, while senior Donovan Rhodes made 42 tackles.

Kelly said his team has "had a good summer" and is looking forward to "seeing what this team will accomplish. We have been working to develop a culture of team, hard work, and mental/physical toughness."

After starting against Carroll, Southeastern will travel to North Central for its Week 2 game on Aug. 25. The Royals then begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Sept. 1 against Avon before traveling to Fishers on Sept. 8 for the Mudsock game.

Huskies heavy with seniors' leadership & experience this year

The REPORTER

With 22 seniors on this year's team, leadership will be the big factor for the Hamilton Heights football team this season.

The Huskies had a good season in 2022, compiling an 8-3 record and winning a sectional game for the first time since 2017. Heights coach Jon Kirschner said this year's team returns with "a lot of varsity experience from last season" and a love for the game.

"This senior leadership is going to be key for our

success top to bottom," said Kirschner.

Leading the way will be senior quarterback Bodie Derrer. As a junior, Derrer had a sensational 2022 campaign, going 131-of-223 for 1,797 yards and 24 touchdowns. He will be complemented by a good group of receivers, including junior Tyler Champion, who led the catches with 45 last year, 13 of them for touchdowns. Senior Jaylyn Pugh had 17 receptions, including four TDs.

Senior Owen VanHaar-

sen is the top returning rusher, with 549 yards and two scores last year. Senior Dean Mason is a key returner on the offensive line, along with seniors Simon Knott, Dusty Dunn and Justin Hilton.

On defense, the list of linebackers will be experienced, with seniors Carson Fetting (68 tackles), Ethan Millsaps (78 tackles last season) and Eric Balcom (73 tackles), plus junior Michael Cain (62 tackles), all returning. Pugh (53 tackles) will also play at free safety, with Mason back on defensive end. The cornerbacks are also both seniors, Tyler Overton and Eli Millsaps. Overton and Cain both had 38 tackles last season.

The Huskies will play at home for their first three games. Heights opens Friday against Lapel, then welcomes North Montgomery on Aug. 25 and Lafayette Central Catholic on Sept. 1. The Huskies start Hoosier Conference East Division play Sept. 8 at Northwestern.

Kirschner said his team is "definitely excited" about its first game on Friday.

"We know Lapel is coming off a great season which included capturing a sectional title last fall," said Kirschner. The coach said it will be a "tough game" against a high-quality opponent.

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McDowell enjoys smooth ride to Verizon 200 victory

By RICHIE HALL
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SPEEDWAY — Michael McDowell's first-ever NASCAR Cup Series win was a big one: The Daytona 500 in 2021.

McDowell's second-ever win was another big one: The Verizon 200 at the Brickyard. The 38-year-old McDowell was dominant at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday, leading 54 of 82 laps to claim the Verizon 200 title.

McDowell had a smooth ride for the last 20 laps, then held off a late run by runner-up Chase Elliott during the final two laps.

"I was really trying to pace myself," said McDowell moments after the race. "I figured there'd be a late-race caution. I didn't want to burn myself up. I was just trying to maintain that gap."

The race was a fast one, as there was only one caution period, during the first six laps of the race. Pole-sitter Daniel Suárez led during the yellow, but McDowell jumped ahead for the first time on Lap 6 and led for the remaining nine laps of Stage 1.

There was a little more jostling around in the 20-



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Michael McDowell speaks with the media following his victory at the Brickyard in Indianapolis.

lap Stage 2, with drivers pitting here and there. Christopher Bell, Austin Dillon and Denny Hamlin all moved into the lead during the stage. Hamlin was the Stage 2 winner (35 laps), but McDowell jumped back in front to start the final stage.

After McDowell pitted on Lap 50, Chicago winner Shane Van Gisbergen moved in front. McDowell eventually regained the lead on Lap 56, and everything went his way to the checkered flag.

Elliott never gave up, eventually finishing less than a second behind McDowell.

"Really appreciated the effort, man," said El-

liott. "Our Chevy was really good, really good. Just needed a little bit more. Came up a bit short. But congrats to Michael, man, he did a good job."

Suárez stayed near the front during the last half of the race, finishing in third place.

"We win and we lose as a team," said Suárez. "That's all I got to say."

"I was always one step behind the 9 and 34," said Suárez. Still, it was his best finish at the Speedway since he placed seventh in the 2017 Brickyard 400 (oval edition), Suárez's first race at Indy.

"A little bit heartbreaking, but that's part of the sport," said Suárez.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

(ABOVE) Harrison Burton (left) and Ross Chastain. (BELOW) Austin Dillon (left) and Corey Lajoie.



GOLF

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Hamilton Heights scored a 421. The Huskies were led by Taylor Morrison with an 89, followed by Presley Cherry 107, Hadleigh Cherry 115, Camryn Runner 116

and Tanner Penwell 120.

Carmel won the Zionsville Invitational last Saturday at Golf Club of Indiana. The Greyhounds scored

a 319 and were led by a 1-2 finish from medalist Williams with a 76 and Swathwood with a 78. Michaela Headlee placed fifth with an 81, while Mock added an 84.

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