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Hamilton East library board suspends book review policy

Tiffanie Ditlevson selected to serve as next board president

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY

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The Hamilton East Public Library Board on Thursday afternoon voted to suspend the moving of specific books in its young adult section pending a future meeting about its Collection Development Policy.

Board member Michelle Payne said, "We need to take responsibility and accountability" on the language and requirements of the policy.



Photo by Danielle Zulkosky / WISH-TV

The Hamilton East Public Library Board had to set up an overflow room at the See *Library* . . . Page 2 Noblesville library for Thursday's meeting to discuss its Collection Development Policy.

Noblesville Lions challenged by District Governor Julia Kozicki

Submitted

On Wednesday, Lion 25D District Governor Julia Kozicki spoke to the club with her challenges for the coming year. She is also a Noblesville Club

Kozicki presented the following list of challenges for the local club and district. And, with a wink, she challenged the club to increase the numbers be-

of Lion year 2023-24 each cent participation. club should perform an environmental project for the photo condistrict clubs by 5 percent.

ships with two new clubs and 10 percent gain in membership.

Leadership: Increase amount of district Zone Chairs by 75 percent and club Officers by 25 percent who attend officer training.

• Lions Club International Foundation: District individual donations to increase by 5 percent. Club participation to also increase by 5 percent. • Service: By the end Three clubs with 100 per-

 Women & Family service. **Membership:** Increase Also submit a photo of a the number of women in

 Vision Screening: crease 25D club member- trainings for the district.



Membership: In- Host two vision screening Lion Julia Kozicki was thanked by Noblesville Lions Club President Walt Scheid.

Nickel Plate Express to offer free caboose rides Sept. 9, sponsored by Duke Energy

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Nickel Plate Express (NPX) has announced the availability of free community caboose rides, sponsored by Duke Energy.

on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Hobbs Station, located inside Forest Park at 825 Forest Park Drive, Noblesville. The caboose rides will last approximately 20 minutes and will provide a scenic Departures are scheduled every 30 minutes.

Duke Energy, in partnership with NPX, has collaborated for



the 2023 season to make these This special event will take historical Monon caboose rides place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. accessible and affordable for the public. The sponsorship from Duke Energy ensures that operating costs are covered, enabling NPX guests to enjoy these unique rides regardless of income.

To ensure a spot on the cajourney over the White River. boose, the public is encouraged to check-in early at the station. Reservations are on a first-come,



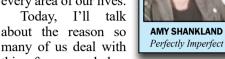
Photo provided by Nickel Plate Express

Families can enjoy scenes of Downtown Noblesville See Caboose... Page 3 while aboard the historic Monon caboose.

What is the reason for our mental loads?

As most of you know, I've been talking about mental load in this column over the past two months and how it creeps into almost every area of our lives.

ple word: MORE.



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many of us deal with this often-overwhelming load. It can be summed up in one sim-

More square feet in our homes, more vehicles, more than one job supporting a family. More kids' activities, more pets, and more invisible responsibilities at work and increased hours spent on the job.

More elaborate holidays and celebrations. More complicated vacations and hobbies. More caregiving responsibilities, especially as we get older, and more ways to help our community.

After reading this series, I'm sure many of you are ready to scream, chuck it all, and move to the wilderness – maybe somewhere like Elk Droppings, Montana. Sorry, but there is no such town called Elk Droppings, Montana. Apparently, there is a product called Montana Elk Droppings, which are chocolate covered almonds. But let's get back to our subject.

I didn't start this series to bring you down, but rather to help you see the extent of the problem and its origins. I promise you there is hope and we can make some big changes. We obviously can't and shouldn't get rid of all our responsibilities. But some of them are optional, and we'll explore how to gradually (or suddenly) let go of these things in our lives without our world collapsing.

In fact, by decreasing or getting rid of some of these responsibilities, we'll be more productive and energetic for the things that truly matter in life.

We'll talk about the many ways we can lighten our mental loads by 50 to 75 percent in each of the areas I've mentioned this summer. We'll explore various techniques that have worked for others as well as some fabulous free or low-cost technology.

I'm cautiously optimistic in my hopes that in 10 to 20 years, all the depressing information I shared earlier will be ancient history. It's my dream that we look back on it and sigh with relief knowing we've made the right changes and won't repeat those mistakes. I believe lightening this mental load will make us a happier, healthier, more productive society.

Where will we begin next week? As the saying goes, "It all starts at home."

A special "Thank you!" goes out to Leah Johnson, who wrote a wonderful note to me in the mail about my high school reunion column. Thank you, Leah, for your kind words and for sharing your experiences. I hope you meet you someday!

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'Art is in Fashion' at Nickel Plate Arts' 11th Anniversary Gala

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, Nickel Plate Arts will hold its 11th Anniversary Gala with the theme "Art is in Fashion." At this event, Nickel Plate Arts will award and recognize some of the most inspirational artists and arts advocates among the region's thriving arts scene.

The event is sponsored by and held at Conner Prairie in Fishers and will consist of art demonstrations and activities, a fashion show celebrating Hamilton County's fashionable heritage facilitated by the streetwear clothing brand MELI, and the and dessert. Vegan, vegetarian, Nickel Plate Arts Awards which and gluten-free options will be will consist of dinner, drinks, live available. A cash bar will be music, and a live auction.

The evening will start with a reception at 5:15 p.m. with the evening with packages feawine provided at each table by



the event's wine sponsor, Spenevent will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will include dinner from Jacquie's Gourmet Catering, featuring hors d'oeuvre, wine, available onsite.

The Silent Auction will start turing fashion jewelry from

Smith's Jewelers, rounds of golf from Plum Creek, gift certificates for a downtown Noblesville date night, and more. Bids can be made on your phone once you're checked in for the evening and will end at 8:45 p.m. Faster giving will facilitate the live auction portion of the evening, which will include a table at next year's Gala.

Enjoy wine, play games, bid cer Farm Winery. The main on silent and live auction items, celebrate local arts leaders, and raise money for the future of Nickel Plate Arts.

Click here to purchase individual and table tickets. This is a black-tie optional event.

You can check out Nickel Plate Arts award nominees and winners from previous years here.

See Gala... Page 2 Gala. Click here to get tickets.



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You can ensure Hamilton County's arts scene continues to thrive by attending Nickel Plate Arts 11th Anniversary

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LIBRARY

The board oversees the decisions." libraries in Fishers and Noblesville.

Board member Tiffanie A.H. Ditlevson is a Republican candidate in the November election for an at-large seat on the Fishers City Council. She called for the board to suspend the movement of materials until a meeting about the policy can be held. That motion passed unanimously.

Ditlevson said, "I would like to suspend that section of the Collection Development Policy that deals with reviewing and moving materials until we can have a meeting to hash this out. I think this is the closest we've come to collaboration in the last eight months and I am really happy to hear this kind of conversation."

No date has been set for a meeting to discuss the policy. It was unclear if the board would schedule a special meeting for the discussion.

Edra Waterman, director of the libraries, asked the board for clarification on the change in the shelving policy. The board indicated anyone still can file a reconsideration form to flag books in the young adult section, and the titles would be moved to the adult section until the board updates its policy.

Waterman asked, "So just to clarify from an operational standpoint, there is a paragraph in the policy that relates to placement, age-appropriate placement. Are we suspending that until we figure it out?"

Ditlevson replied, "Yes." Waterman answered,

"Let your (book-reviewing) readers know they are paused," Ditlevson said.

"We will probably pause them," Waterman said.

"Yes," Ditlevson said.

"And we will go ahead and do our work the way that we always have? And the reconsideration process is still in the policy?" Waterman asked.

"Correct," Ditlevson said.

"So if anybody finds anything in the meantime, we can put that through it?" Waterman asked.

Ditlevson confirmed.

The controversy over reshelving young adult titles caused a large crowd to show up at Thursday's meeting. The board had to set up an overflow room for people to participate in the meeting.

community members after it was revised in December 2022 and reviewed this year in January and April. The policy became more widely discussed after Indiana author John Green posted about the policy calling out the decision to move his most popular novel *The* Fault in Our Stars from the young adult section to the adult section.

Board member Ray Maddalone at the Thursday meeting said Green's book did not need to be moved because the sex scene in the "young adult" novel was "vague." He made a motion to move the book back to the sexual content before a book "Because we already make Teen Zone, but later with- is placed in the children or

drew his motion.

Waterman, the libraries' director, told the board at the meeting that she disagrees that the discussion of sex in Green's novel is not explicit enough to require it to be moved to the adult section.

Waterman said Thursday that the policy for reviewing books written for teens and young adults is too vague. "Give us a clear policy and we will do our best to implement it."

Library staff had been operating with a zero-tolerance policy, but board secretary Ray Maddalone walked back that notion. "If something is on the fence, we want it to be left," Maddalone said.

"Absolutely the opposite," Waterman responded. "The operational response plan is clear, that if there is any question, we age it up The updated policy has and that would mean movbeen under scrutiny from ing 'The Fault in Our Stars' to the adult collection."

Board member Andre Miksha agreed with Waterman's understanding of the policy. "My understanding is yes, while there would be some grace extended, the policy itself is looking to be applied very specifically. Obviously, it was a message to me and seemed like to Edra (Waterman) and her staff it would be reasonable to say all of those terms should be narrowly construed and harshly enforced."

The Collection Devel**opment Policy** requires strict attention be given to not explicit and instead was nudity, alcohol and drug use, profanity, violence, and

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teen sections. If a book discusses any of those topics, it is then reshelved in the adult section.

The policy overrides recommendations from the publishers, authors, and librarians on where to shelve

Laura Aledring, the library board president, is also a member of the Noblesville School Board. The school board had appointed Alerding to the library board, but, on Aug. 15, voted to replace her with Noblesville teacher Bill Kenley. Alerding's term on the board will end Saturday.

As a result, the library board's nominating committee met at 2 p.m. Thursday, an hour before the full board meeting. The full library board has seven members.

During the nominating committee meeting, Alerding suggested Ditlevson replace her as president. Maddalone suggested Miksha or Craig Siebe as president. A discussion occurred about whether Ditlevson can serve on the Fishers City Council and the Hamilton East Library Board at the same time, but an attorney said the library board can discuss that prospect if she's elected in November.

The committee suggested new board officers: Ditlevson for president, Craig Siebe for vice president, Maddalone for secretary, and Miksha for assistant secretary and treasurer. The full board later approved the recommendation in a 4-3 vote.

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GALA

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

This year's nominees Artists: Established artists who are known for their professional, high-quality



art and who help raise the reputation of art in Indiana.

- Penny Roberson
- Peg Adams • Simona Buna
- Caroline Hays • Steve Sickles

Art Entrepreneurs: Artists who, through their hard work,

determination, and talent are proving that art is

- good business. Koda Witsken
- Sweet Tunes
- Emily Winkel • Erik Lundorf

Artist-Advocates: People with an artistic, creative spirit who not only are successful in their own right, but who also build awareness for the arts as a whole and help other artists to blossom and thrive.

- Ian Hauer
- Vernon Williams • John Hinton
- Esperanza Alonzo

Arts Partners: Individuals or organizations who work hard to include art and artists in projects and programs and who help communicate the

importance of the arts for a healthy society.

- Gabby Blauert, Hamilton County Tourism
- Nathan Compton & Tim Palmer, Primeval Brewing
- · Jessica Layman, Hamilton County Bicentennial
- The Ignite Studio
 - Yolanda Kincaid

from Page 1 Arts Patrons: People

who publicly support and invest in the arts.

- Susan Dickey • Katie & Chris Nurn-
- - Jack & Chris Martin
 - Douglas Church

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. Learn more

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History of Arcadia's Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Psi, Part III

Submitted by **VICKI COOPER**

Phi Beta Psi, Delta Chapter

As Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Psi gets ever closer to its 100th birthday celebration on Sept. 9, 2023, let's get the last chapter – for now – of Delta's history finished.

The FUNdraising never stops!

minutes starting with 1991 to glean some facts we've probably forgotten was a bit of a chore but totally enjoyable – if one likes history! We have been (and always will be) a busy group in fundraising, giving, and

having fun! Some of our many fundraisers not previously mentioned included: selling Rada knives, Moore's pies, nuts, candles, poinsettias, flashlights, book drives (took them to Half Price Books), white elephant sales, purse auctions, bagging sales at Kohl's at Christmas, Euchrama yearly from 1990 until 2008, Breakfast with Santa starting in 2015, motorcycle rally with Cicero American Legion since 2017 (just finished 2023's), and taking part in Jim Dandy's fundraiser at both Noblesville and Tipton.

Money from our fundraisers always goes to our National Project of cancer research and our State Project of scholarship and a scholarship given to a Hamilton Heights senior each year. Several programs and events at our local schools have been recipients of our donations through the years. We've given to Ronald McDonald House, sent packages to service men and women in the early 2000s, sent seasonal cards to nursing home residents, helped local folks purchase glasses, hearing aids, among other needs brought to our attenchemotherapy.

In October 1991, Delta again hosted the Indiana State convention at the Radisson, Keystone at the Crossing with a fall theme of "Ain't God Good to Indiana." One of our member's fathers had carved several hundred small pumpkins for favors for this convention. We spent months prior to convention sanding and painting them – chatting and laughing a little bit too! We Talking with Janice Fisher, years!



had no Tasting Party that mentioned in our second year due to preparing for convention. (Note: in 1996 ing party was in 2011.)

Going through Delta's a member of Phi Beta Psi. She loved the fashion shows per member from \$25 after 30 years. State dues are \$5 per year per member. Some chapters also have a membership fee. Delta doesn't. We just expect members to help with fundraisers, try to help bring in new members, suggest where donations might be needed and attend

No matter

where we meet . . .

For years, Delta Phi Betes met in members' homes. In early 2000s we met in the Shaffer Community Center hosted the Indiana State at Arcadia Town Hall several times, and in September 2016, we started meeting at the Shaffer Room regularly for most of our meetings. From its inception, Delta with a "tailgate party," "1st met the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On Nov. 4, 2008, we voted to start having one meeting a month, so we started meeting only on the first Tuesday of each month from September through June.

Remember year 2020? It scored a "touchdown!" was a weird year for everyone because of COVID-19, which affected us all in many ways. Some of our meetings early in the year were canceled but at the start of our new year, which for us was Sept. 1, 2020, we met regularly and practiced social distancing and masked up. It worked!

tion. In December 2007, we Convention in the summer worked hard to raise funds in purchased books from Kim of 2020, but \$297,318 was many (legal) ways for many Martin's Hair Fairy Project given to six cancer research to go children undergoing doctors by Phi Beta Psi anyway. There was no Indiana State Convention either, and we didn't have our Breakfast with Santa.

Remember

longtime members reached 50 years as Delta Phi Betes have passed on and we remember them fondly. Currently we have two members who are 50-year members tried to be the "best that is in and one who has been a Delta Phi Bete for 64 years.

history article, who has been in Delta since Februwe had no Tasting Party that ary 1959, her favorite thing year either and the last tast- about being an active member for so long is the cama-It isn't expensive to be raderie among the members. At National Convention in and tasting parties, and in the 2007, national dues were late 50s and early 60s, she increased to \$35 per year liked the dress clubs with Mr. Eds and Willits. Jo Edna Bardonner, 50-year member, loved catering to the older folks (her words) in the community, taking them food and helping them do small jobs. She always liked making the candy wreaths and doing the pie sales and flower sales. Shirley Stover, our meetings as often as possible. other 50-year member, loves the fact we raise money for cancer research and always enjoyed the style shows.

2021 State Convention

In 2021, we once again Convention. It was held at the Cambria Hotel in Westfield in October. The theme was "Tackling Cancer." The football theme was complete half," "halftime," "2nd half," and "Homecoming Victory Dance." Two weeks before our convention the Cambria underwent a name change to Wyndam, but nothing changed for us - our plans went on as planned and we

100 years of good work

In its 100 years, Delta has seen many members marry, celebrate 50-year anniversaries, have children and grandchildren, enjoy great friendships, travel to state and national conventions and other special places. We've watched history unfold in There was no National our state and country. We've worthy projects.

Our parties have had us "come as you are," dress like hobos, mask up, have picnics in the park, cookouts, eat in nice restaurants, sit on Santa's knee, enjoy great meals at Arcadia Church of Brethren, and Many members who pay tribute to our Founders every year. We have mourned the loss of many members

and family members. And all the while, we've womanhood."

Here's to the next 100

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look forward to a memora- a 501(c)(3) nonprofit orble experience during this ganization dedicated to preserving and sharing historical heritage. The the historic caboose will organization operates the take you over the White historic Arcadia Depot and River, resonating with the offers entertainment and clickety-clack of the train, educational excursions usstraight into Downtown No- ing NPX's historic railroad equipment from Hobbs Station at Forest Park in Noblesville. The 12.5-mile former Nickel Plate Road trackage is owned by the





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first-served basis, so early arrival is recommended for thusiasts of all ages can el Plate Heritage Railroad, those interested in this experience.

This event coincides with the celebration of NPX's track rehabilitation project. The project included upgrading five railroad crossings, replacing 2,000 railroad ties, and upgrading the Forest Park yard. The organization would like to express heartfelt gratitude to **PlateExpress.com**. the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners for their contributions in funding this initiative.

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About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad

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Carmel Mayor Brainard congratulates India on historic moon landing

Submitted by City of Carmel

The global population of

brating Wedneshistoric day's landing of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft on the southern polar region of the moon.

India became the fourth country to execute a moon landing and

the first to land in this particular region of the benefit." moon, where it is believed water and ice are present Indiana and could potentially be used as a resource for future missions to the moon.

The successful landing came just days after a Russian spacecraft crashed while attempting a similar landing.

Mayor Jim Brainard joins Carmel's local Indian population and the city's new Indian sister city, Vi- mayor.

sakhapatnam, in celebrating the historic achievement.

"This is a profound ac-India – including many who complishment for the Indilive in Carmel – are cele- an Space Research Organi- The REPORTER

zation and very exciting for the people of India," Brainard said. "This tremendous accomplishment shows the world that democratic republics continue to advance hueveryone's

Brainard

India Business Council honored Mayor Brainard at its annual Gala, giving the Indiana Ratna award for his significant contributions towards strengthening cultural, edprofound impact in both Indiana and India during his seven terms as Carmel's

Guerin Catholic will soon begin construction on new Fine Arts & Wellness Center

Guerin Catholic High School and the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana have announced they have scheduled the groundbreaking on a new Fine Arts and Wellness Center, a 61,000 square-foot addition to the

The anchors of the projman civilization ect include a 500-seat auditorium and a two-court athletic fieldhouse. Oth-Earlier this month, the er features include locker rooms for outdoor sports, a new weight room, fine arts offices, and classroom space. The project will complete the original master plan for the campus.

"This incredible achieveucational, political, social, ment was made possible and economic ties and his thanks to years of work, done primarily by the dedicated group making up the Capital Campaign Leadership Committee and the Guerin Catholic Advancement Team, led by Lori Norris," said Guerin Catholic President Deacon



Graphic provided by Guerin Catholic

To date, the school has lic students for a ceremonial raised \$22.2 million toward the total construction cost of \$26 million. According to Wagner, fundraising will continue as construction efforts get underway.

Bishop Timothy L. tude," Wagner said. "There Doherty, Bishop Emeritus are so many people that William L. Higi, and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen will join Guerin Catho-

groundbreaking on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Due to space constraints, this is an invitation-only event. "This announcement is

came together to make this longtime dream come true."

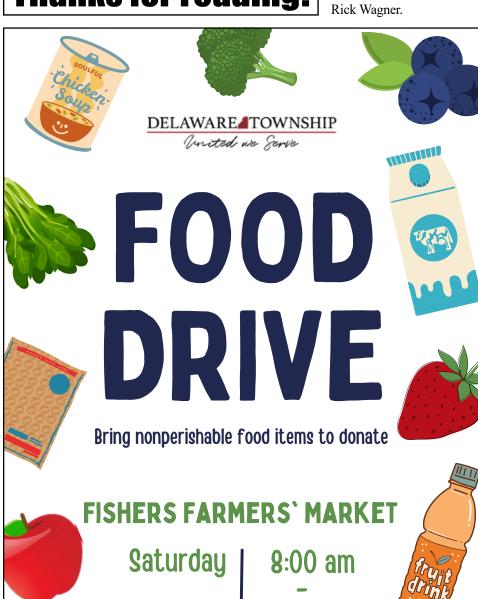
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Guerin Catholic High

School was founded in 2004 and was the first Catholic High School built in the state of Indiana in over 30 years. The school, consistently recognized as one of the nation's top schools for Catholic Identity, began the 2023-24 school year at its capacity enrollment of 800. Learn more at GuerinCatholic.org.

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26 August, 2023



12:00 pm

Overdose Lifeline provides training to combat substance use disorder & overdose in Hamilton County schools

The REPORTER

nonprofit dedicated to help- of an overdose and respond ing individuals, families, accordingly," Overdose Lifeand communities affected line Executive Director Jusby substance use disorder, is releasing first-year results from its School Naloxon and Emergency Preparedness Project, in partnership with CareSource.

The goal for the program substance use disorder and improve preparedness of Inan overdose situation.

been trained to recognize symptoms and administer naloxone safely to anyone thing we can do to remove experiencing an overdose.

addictions in the U.S. originate during the teenage years. With this reality, it's essen-

Overdose Lifeline, a prepared to know the signs tin Phillips said. "With our training programs, we've already seen progress in reducing stigma and educating responses to an overdose."

In a survey given to paris to reduce stigma around ticipants before and after completing their training, they are asked questions diana schools to respond to about their education and skill perception regarding A year after the imple- opioid overdose and naloxmentation of the program, one distribution. After taking 88 school districts across the the training, 99 percent of state of Indiana now have at participants were correctly least one person trained to able to describe how naloxrespond to an overdose, with one stops an overdose. The there will be a time when the 505 total participants now survey also shows improved chronic disease of addiction trained. In Hamilton County, responses around the mis-receives the same care and school staff at Guerin Cath- conception that the opioid attention as any other chronolic School and Sheridan overdose reversal drug nal- ic disease. ODL addressed Community Schools have oxone encourages an individual to continue using opioids.

the stigma around substance "Around 90 percent of use disorder," CareSource Indiana President Steve Smitherman said. "Seeing schools across the state em-

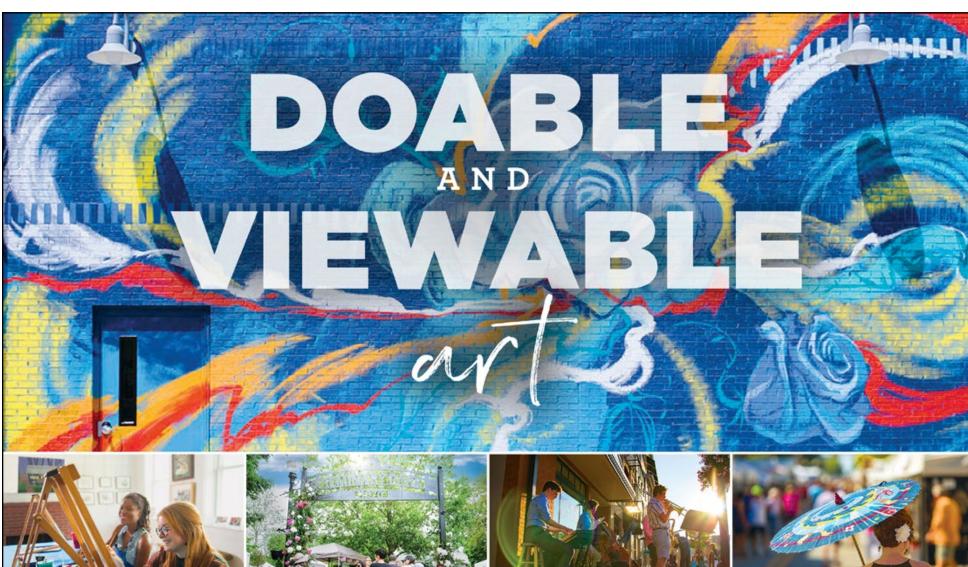
"Education is the best

tial that Indiana schools are brace training for their staff and continue to support children affected by SUD after this first year is a rewarding part of our partnership. We're looking forward to seeing the impact to come over the next two years."

For more information school staff on appropriate on training and overdose resources, visit doseLifeline.org.

About CareSource About Overdose Lifeline, Inc.

The mission of Overdose Lifeline (ODL) is to carry the message of HOPE to individuals, families, and communities affected by the disease of addiction and to work toward its vision that the challenge of preventable deaths associated with substance misuse/addiction through advocacy, education, harm reduction, prevention, and support in the hope that families will not endure devastating loss associated with misuse and addiction.





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Enjoying sunny seasons at Spencer Farm of Noblesville



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

These beautiful sunflowers marked the end of their season at Spencer Farm in Noblesville. However, there is still plenty of home-grown goodness to go around as Concord grapes, red raspberries, and mums are now ripe for the picking. Stop by the market at 7177 E. 161st St. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Pay for what you pick. Grapes are sold by the pound. Red raspberries are \$7.75 for a pint container that you can fill as full as possible. Mums are sold by the entire plant which you can dig up with provided shovels, buckets, and a color map. Pumpkin season starts mid-September with free hayrides on the weekends. The market is open daily with hand-dipped ice cream, homemade fudge and pies, jams, jellies, and much more. Check the Spencer Farm website at spencerberryfarm.com as crop availability changes and is updated almost daily with the most accurate information. You can also follow them on Facebook and on Instagram @spencerberryfarm, or call (317) 776-1560 with questions.

Hoosier Riverwatch workshop to take place at Camp Cullom

drinking water, industrial processes, or for recreation, clean water in local streams and rivers is an irreplaceable resource. Again this year, a number of voluntrained to help monitor this and outdoors.

precious resource. District will hold a Hoosier Riverwatch basic training workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Hoosier Riverwatch is supports volunteer water quality monitoring of local waterways. In this intro-

ductory level workshop, Whether it is used for attendees will discover the meaning of water quality and how to measure it. Workshop participants will learn about stream ecology and tools for assessing water quality through several teer Hoosiers will become fun activities both indoors

leachers, nome school The Clinton County educators and scout lead-Soil & Water Conservation ers may be especially interested in this workshop as many of the activities can be adapted for use with led by Hoosier Riverwatch a statewide program that teaching standards. The the Camp Cullom Nature Clinton County SWCD ofworkshop is open to individuals aged 18 years and older. High school-aged fort. There is no fee for the iaswcd.org.



Conservation District

with a parent.

The workshop will be all grade levels and are trained facilitators. All ac-Center, 6815 W. County Road 200 North, Frank-

students may participate workshop; however, registration is required. Class size is limited to the first 12

individuals to register. For more information cross-referenced with state tivities will take place at or to register, please call the fice at (765) 659-1223 ext. 3 or email clinton-swcd@

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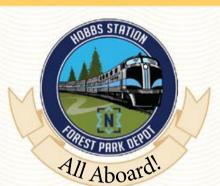
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Watch robing ceremony for Judge Felix live online

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The robing ceremony for Judge Paul A. Felix will take comb named Judge Felix to place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, succeed Judge Margret G.

Aug. 31 in the Supreme Court Courtroom on the 3rd floor of the Statehouse. The public is invited to watch a webcast of the ceremony at in.gov/ courts/video/live/ supreme.html.



Felix

The ceremony Joe Heerens, General Counsel for The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb, Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush, Court of Appeals of Indiana Chief Judge Robert R. Altice, Jr., and Judge Richard Campbell, Judge of Hamilton Superior 4. Chief Judge Altice will administer the oath with the assistance of Judge Felix's wife and children. Judge Cale J. Bradford and Judge Rudolph R. Pyle, III will as- courts.in.gov/appeals.

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sist in the ceremonial robing. In June, Governor Hol-

> Robb. Judge Felix was sworn in at a private ceremony on July 28 and officially began his duties as judge on that date.

> About the Court of Appeals The Court of

Appeals of In-

diana is the secwill include remarks from ond-highest court in the state, hearing appeals from the state's trial courts. The 15 members of the Court issued approximately 2,000 written opinions in 2022. A decision is final unless granted further review by the Indiana Supreme Court. Oral arguments are open to the public, and opinions are posted online. For more information on the Court

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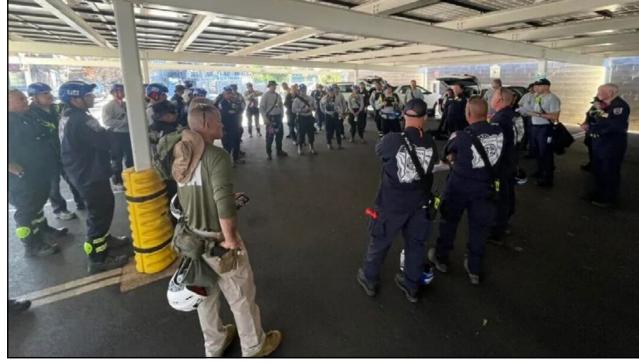


Photo provided by Indiana Task Force 1

Members of Indiana Task Force 1 prepare to support ongoing search and rescue operations in Maui.

'Helping our Hawaiian families'

Indiana Task Force 1 describes difficult search for wildfire victims

Bv DREW BLAIR

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana Task Force 1 has reported great physical and mental health among its 70 specially-trained first responders and medical experts in Hawaii.

The team deployed nearly one week ago to provide search and rescue **support** following the devastating Maui wildfire.

Indianapolis Fire Department Battalion Chief Jay Settergren leads the team that represents 16 central Indiana fire departments, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and civilians. The team comprises 70 central Indiana firefight-

and one from Westfield.

Settergren said Wednesday that the team was expected to complete its first assignment earlier than expected. INTF-1 had been searching an apartment building for any of the credits encouragement commore than 1,000 people not vet accounted for following the fires that broke out on Aug. 8.

common and that's to do the pour into our office back best work we can and make sure that the folks here know that we've gone through these different sites and thoroughly searched them for the missing," Setter-

mel, one from Noblesville, that our folks have done. They've really worked hard the last five days and because of that we're finishing the work on this site that we thought would take a couple extra days."

The task force's leader municated from home in Indiana for the team's strength and efficiency.

"We see all of the well We all have one goal in wishes. You know, they there. It helps us do the work we do here with that emotional support and knowing that we have people back there that are cheering for us to be able gren said. "I can't help but to complete this work and

ers, including five from Car- be more proud of the work help these folks. I know a lot of those Hoosiers who would like to be here helping, and you know, we're fortunate enough to be able to do that," he said.

> The task force has also reported receiving a great deal of appreciation from the community it is helping. Settergren told WISH-TV that islanders have expressed thanks by bringing food and sharing their culture as the team members carry out the work.

Indiana Task Force 1 is one of 28 urban search and rescue teams sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



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Franciscan Health reaches lung cancer milestone as first hospital in Indiana to perform 1,000th robotic bronchoscopy

For four years, doctors at Franciscan Health Cancer Center Indianapolis have been using a novel technology that detects lung cancer in patients early and paves the way for immediate treat-

These experts recently reached a new achievement by treating their 1,000th patient, making Franciscan Health the first health care system in Indiana and one of only a few in the nation to attain this high-level volume using this technology.

They did so using the MONARCH Robotic Platform from Ethicon, a Johnson & Johnson MedTech The system Company. probes the inside of lungs and obtains tissue samples for biopsy. The system, which has been in use at Franciscan since 2019, integrates the latest advancements in technology using a familiar controller-like interface – appearing much like a hand-held game device – and combines views inside the lung with computer-assisted navigation based on 3-D models of a patient's own lung anatomy. The system provides pulmonologists with continuous bronchoscope vision throughout the entire outpatient procedure.

"This technology and in the past two years. approach have been invaluable in our ability to provide

the best care possible for our patients," said Faisal Khan, MD, one of the few board-certified interventional pulmonologists in Indiana. "This platform is more precise and provides improved reach, vision and control during bronchoscopic procedures, which helps us access the hardest-to reach areas of the lung where most lung cancer nodules start to form. As a result of detecting cancerous nodules as early as possible, it offers our patients more hopeful outcomes."

According to the American Cancer Society, the five-year survival rate for overall lung cancer is just 22 percent. This is most likely because in the majority of cases, the disease is not detected until advanced stages. When found in the localized stage, the five-year survival rate increases to 60 percent.

Dr. Khan cited a recent study published in BMC Pulmonary Medicine that he is principal investigator of, and Franciscan Health participated in. This study demonstrated that robotic bronchoscopy is achieving desired outcomes with minimal risk. He added that the study was done before Franciscan began integrating a Cone Beam CT scan with the MONARCH procedure ety of diagnostic options

"That is improving the performance of the robot-



Photo provided by Franciscan Health

The team at Franciscan Health Cancer Center Indianapolis recently celebrated the hospital's 1,000th robotic bronchoscopy case. Front (from left): Metika Beck Burke, RN; Anndee Gosnell, RN; Faisal Khan, MD; Lora Halterman, RN. Row 2: Kyle Leffel, RN; Samantha Forester; Danielle Sellers, RN. Row 3: Shannon Toscano, RN; Martha Hubble: Karen Decatur, RN. Row 4: Carrie Webb, RN; Tayah Eakle; Claire Winters, RN. Back: Luba Settlemyre, Maressa Bresler, Addison Lollar.

the lung," Dr. Khan said.

While there are a varicurrently available for lung cancer, all have limitations on accuracy, safety, or invasiveness. Such limitations can lead to false diagnoses or side effects such as collapsed lung and hemorrhage, which increase health costs and extend hospital stays. Robotic bronchoscopy reduces these complica-

ic platform even further. It tions and increases the acallows us to accurately go curacy of diagnosis. It also after even smaller lesions on allows physicians to find cancer earlier, often in the localized stage.

> Click here to see how the Auris Health MON-ARCH Platform system works. Click here for a video with more information about the platform's use at Franciscan Health.

> Learn more about Franciscan Health's lung cancer programs and lung screenings at FranciscanHealth. org/campaigns/lungcancer.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra opens spectacular fall season with star-studded lineup

The REPORTER

Tickets are on sale now for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's (ISO) thrilling fall season beginning in September at Hilbert Circle Theatre in downtown Indianapolis.

The upcoming season features top names in classical music today, award-winning Pops artists, and innovative fusions – with the talented musicians of the ISO at the heart of it all. Buy tickets at IndianapolisSymphony.org and see the full season lineup here.

One of the most celebrated artists of his era, Grammy Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell headlines the **Opening Night** Gala on Sept. 23 presented by the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation as the ISO warmly welcomes back the Orchestra's fourth music director, John Nelson, Joshua Bell performs Bruch's passionate First Violin Concerto. Soprano Larisa Martínez, who performed with Andrea Bocelli and the ISO in 2022 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, brings her stunning operatic talent to the Hilbert Circle Theatre stage for Mendelssohn's Ah, ritorna, eta dell'oro.

The IU Health Plans Classical Series brings fan favorites Time for Three back to Indianapolis Sept. 28 to 30 to perform Contact, a dazzling concerto written for them by composer Kevin Puts, who received a Grammy Award for the composition in 2023. Conductor Kevin John Edusei makes his much-anticipated return with a program featuring Prokofiev's epic Fifth Symphony and Beethoven's dramatic overture to Goethe's Egmont. On Oct. 6 and 7,

ISO concertmaster Kevin Lin shines in Saint-Saëns' Third Violin Concerto. Oct. 27 and 28, soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme the immortal words of President John F. Kennedy and poet Robert Frost in a newly co-commissioned work by Adolphus Hailstork titled JFK: The Last Speech.

Led by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, the Printing Partners Pops Series includes Grammy and Tony Award-winner Heather Headley Sept. 15 and 16. Maestro Everly conducts the ISO for Disney in Concert: The Sound of Magic, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Walt Disney Company, Oct. 21, part of the Film Series presented by Bank of America. Tony Award-nominated and Emmy Award-winning actress, singer, and recording artist Liz Callaway returns Nov. 10 and 11 to celebrate the best of the stage, screen, and pop hits of the 60s and 70s.

Conductor and composer Steve Hackman returns to bring his visionary *Un*charted Series to Hilbert Circle Theatre following sold-out performances last season. The Uncharted Series offers Indianapolis music fans new avenues into classical music, beginning Nov. 8 with Kendrick Lamar X. Stravinsky, which combines Stravinsky's Petrouchka with Kendrick Lamar's Pulitzer Prize-winning album DAMN.

Maestro Everly leads the 37th annual AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration Dec. 1 to 23, for a magical holiday production featuring Broadway star Ben Crawford

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Help Humane Society for Hamilton County "Clear the Shelters" this weekend

Submitted

From noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 through Sunday, Aug. 27, the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) will take part in the annual Clear the Shelters adoption event to find homes for the almost 600 animals in their care.

"Our situation has become dire as so many homeless pets rely on us as a safe haven, not to mention dogs around the state who are literally dying for a spot in

our facility," explained Lily Pesavento, Community Engagement Manager for HSHC. "Right now, we are having to turn away animals in need outside of Hamilton County. The fact is, we don't know what will happen to them. We are asking for the community to step up by adopting or fostering a dog to help with this ongoing animal welfare crisis."

In place of the traditional adoption fees, HSHC will ask adopters to make a donation - of any amount - atthe time of adoption.

Things to know for the Clear the Shelters adoption 501(c)(3) charitable orgaevent this weekend:

- Those interested in adopting or fostering a cat or dog can fill out an application in advance at hshcadoptions.com.
- If you have a dog(s), bring them with you this weekend to meet possible
- Everyone in the household must meet with the an-
- If you rent or lease, bring your pet policy.
- All adoptions include spay/neuter, microchip, one round of vaccinations/deworming, wellness exam, and a bag of starter food.

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About the Humane Society for Hamilton County

HSHC is a non-profit nization. It is not a United Way Agency and is not affiliated with any other animal welfare group in the United States. HSHC's mission is "Saving Lives. Educating Communities. Completing Families."

HSHC serves as both the animal control facility and Humane Society for Hamilton County, and as such, receives partial funding (approximately 20 percent) from Hamilton County to fund the first seven days of an animal's basic care. The majority of HSHC's annual operating budget is funded by individual donations.

HSHC is one of the only open-admission, truly "No-Kill" organizations in the United States in that it does not euthanize animals for time, space, treatable injuries, illnesses or rehabilitatable behavior issues regardless of age, breed, disability or special needs.

HSHC also serves the community with a variety of unique programs like the Survivor Program (which funds the rescue of hundreds of animals at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters each year) and Pets Healing Vets (PetsHealingVets.com), which pairs Hoosier veterans suffering from PTSD/TBI with emotional support pets at no cost to the veteran.

For more information visit HamiltonHumane.com.

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ISO

as host, the return of MOI- Hannah Kendall (b. 1984), PEI after their debut performance with the ISO in 2022, tap-dancing Santas, dazzling choreography, and stunning costumes. Ben of Yuletide Celebration in 2012 and 2014 and is known for his stellar performances in Broadway blockbusters including Les Misérables, Shrek, Big Fish, **bration** are on sale now.

Unheard Voices Voices initiative, the ISO continues to highlight the works of composers who have historically been overlooked in classical music. The 2023-24 season features works by Grażyna (1909-1969),Bacewicz Nadia Boulanger (1887– 1979), Joseph Boulogne "Chevalier de Saint-Georg-Hailstork (b. 1941), Augus-Holmès (1847–1903),

Meeting Notice

The City of Westfield will hold an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.,

Wynton Marsalis (b. 1961) and many more.

ISO subscriptions: the best value

Subscriptions are the Crawford served as host best way to experience the ISO, offering the greatest value and the most benefits. Curated and flexible subscriptions are available. For the IU Health Plans Classical Series, patrons who sub-Charlie & the Chocolate scribe to the full 16-concert Factory, and many more. package can receive up to a Tickets for Yuletide Cele- 40 percent savings over the cost of purchasing a single ticket. For the Printing Through the Unheard Partners Pops Series, patrons who subscribe to the eight-concert series receive the equivalent of a 25 percent savings over the cost of a single ticket purchase. Patrons may also choose their own package with the Your Season Your Way option, which includes a minimum of four concerts to receive subscriber benefits. Explore es" (1745–1799), Adolphus the options at the ISO's website at Indianapolis-**Symphony.org**, by phone at (317) 639-4300 or in person at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office.

Among many of the benefits of becoming an ISO subscriber is advance ticket buying opportunities for and

such as Opening Night Gala and the annual holiday tradition, AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration, and Kroger Symphony on the Prairie. Subscriber benefits include discounted tickets to classical and pops concerts and an opportunity to purchase a pre-paid season parking pass to Express Park Garage, located at 20 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

The Indianapolis Symony Orchestra, at home and thriving in the heart of Indianapolis, offers an exceptional artistic and musical experience. The orchestra is open to all and dedicated to creating an inclusive and innovative experiential environment that is inspiring, educational, and welcoming. The ISO celebrates historically beloved performances while engaging audiences by introducing new voices through programming including the IU Health Plans Classical Series, the Printing Partners Pops Series, the holiday traditions of AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration, and the popular Film Series presented by Bank of America. For more information, visit In-





Indiana State Fair celebrates historic 166th year

Unveiling of new Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion tops the charts

The REPORTER

The 166th Indiana State Fair wrapped up last Sunday following 18 days full of summertime fun, competition, education, and entertainment. Hoosiers from all corners of the state enjoyed fairgoer favorites, including the traditions of food, animals, exhibits and rides.

Many popular new attractions were also unveiled this year, including the Illuminate Lantern Display, Basketball themed exhibits (Hoopfest & concerts, Baby Otters and so much more.

The stars of the show this year were the unveiling of Fall Creek Pavilion, hosting its first event in the Indiana State Fair Swine Competitions and the celebration of the Year of Basketball.

"This year marks such a special moment in our history," said Cindy Hoye, Indiana State Fair Commission executive director. "Not only did we unveil the World-Class, premiere livestock facility in the Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion, but we also celebrat-

ed the State that Grew the Game of Basketball, with our great partners at Pacers Sports & Entertainment. 2023 was a remarkable and memorable year! Watching 4-H'ers and families showing livestock and making memories in our newly renovated swine barn, which is already packed full of a century of traditions, was nothing short of remarkable."

Highlights from this year's State Fair

- Despite navigating Land of Legends), daily free very challenging weather, 2023 State Fair attendance reached 840,414, which is a slight increase over 2022.
- Implementation of new the new Indiana Farm Bureau safety measures, including the new Minor Policy, proved very successful.
 - · Final numbers show that fairgoers spent their entire day enjoying the Fair, with many vendors and partners reporting record sales. • More than 6,700 exhib-
 - itors showed or displayed a combined nearly 50,000 animal and non-animal proj-For more information on

the Indiana State Fair, visit indianastatefair.com.

Anita A. Klasing

September 19, 1935 - August 23, 2023

Anita A. Klasing, 87, Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on September 19, 1935, to Dewey and Myrtle (Watkins) Allen in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Anita was a 1959 Southeast Missouri State University graduate. She was an administrative assistant for an insurance agent and before that an editor for a trade magazine. When her

children were young, she watched them play baseball and softball at St. Albans and the swim club, Mackinac. Anita liked playing card games, especially Euchre, Bridge, and Pinochle. She enjoyed bowling, gardening, reading, and going to the river. Anita was a huge St. Louis Cardinals, Colts. and IU basketball fan. She volunteered for Indiana Donor Network (formerly IOPO) and loved spending time with friends. Anita liked to attend the Symphony on the Prairie, Symphony Coffee Pops, and listening to her sister play piano. She was a devoted sister, aunt, mother, and grandmother, and loved her family most of all.

She is survived by her daughters, Laura (Russell) Stwalley and Leslie (Eddie) Zelek; son, John (Shareen) Klasing; grandchildren, Steven Klasing, Johnny Klasing, Charlotte Klasing, and Reed Stwalley; nieces and nephews, Tom Phillips, Hap Phillips, Sally Harris, Suzy Ward, Jim Klasing, and Lee Klasing; and several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Klasing; sister, Betty Phillips; niece, Sally Schroer; and nephew, Scott Klasing.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Donor Network Foundation, 3760 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222 (indianadonornetwork.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE LORD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

Genesis 15:1-9 (NIV)

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 29th at 3:45 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.

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Academy invited 20 children who are involved with the Indianapolis Police Athletic League to the store for a \$5,000 donation. Each child received a \$150 Academy gift card, while the Indy P.A.L. received a \$2,000 gift card. Indiana Pacers star Isiah Jackson and Indianapolis Indians mascot Rowdie were also on hand to greet the children.

Geared towards fun: Academy Sports + Outdoors opens new Westfield store

By RICHIE HALL

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tion, class: Academy Sports + Outdoors is open for business.

The assignment for those who attend this Academy is to get outside and "Have Fun Out There," according to its hashtag on X, formerly known as Twitter. The 85-year-old sports and outdoors store is officially opening its first Indianapolis-area location right here in Hamilton County today.

Academy is located at 1960 Greyhound Pass, just north of the Westfield-Carthat had formerly been occupied by Marsh Supermarket. Customers were already in the store on Thursday, taking advantage of a wide selection of sporting goods and outdoor gear.

And there is quite a selection in the 75,000 squarefoot store.

"This store is a sports and outdoor store, so we have everything from hunting, fishing, camping, kayaking," said Khatijah Smith, the store director of the Westfield-Carmel location. In addition to the outdoors section, Academy also offers goods for various sports, including basketball, baseball, golfing, ice hockey, wrestling, football and much more.

"Geared towards fun," in 1978. Two years later, said Smith.

WESTFIELD - Atten- shoe selection ranges from the North Face, as well as and soon began expanding Magellan Outdoors, Freely entered Indiana in 2014 and and Roe. There's also plenty of team apparel available for fans, including for the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers and college teams.

The fishing section has everything from bait - including the store's private label, H2OX – to electronic fishfinders.

"Everything in our fishmel border in the building ing department can be for the professional angler to iust somebody who's a beginner, intermediate," said Smith. "We do also like to highlight our reel bar. We do free line spooling as well for our customers."

outdoors as much as playing outdoors, there is a sizable grilling section at Academy. The store offers charcoal and gas grills, along with a Academy donated a \$2,000 good-sized selection of spices to flavor up your food.

Academy got its start as the Academy Tire Shop, which opened back in 1938 in San Antonio, Texas. The store became a military surplus store the following year, moved to Austin, Texas in 1956, then to Houston

Academy's clothing and sports and outdoor items.

national brands such as headquarters relocated to its NIKE, Columbia, adidas and current home in Katy, Texas, private labels such as BCG, across the country. Academy had four locations (Evansville, Terre Haute, Jeffersonopening its fifth Hoosier Indiana location in Avon.

for all," said Smith.

opening, Academy is giving back to the Indianapolis area. The store invited 20 children who are involved with the Indianapolis Police Athletic If you also enjoy eating League to the store Thursday afternoon for a \$5,000 donation. Each child received a \$150 Academy gift card to shop the store, then gift card to Indy P.A.L. to purchase new equipment for the program. Indiana Pacers star Isiah Jackson and Indianapolis Indians mascot Rowdie were also on hand to greet the children.

> The kids were happy to receive the gift cards, and Sgt. Babacar Diouf, the

Academy began offering

In 1990, the Academy ville and Lafayette) before state location here in Hamilton County. Academy also will soon be opening a sixth

"We just want to find a community that we can be engaged and involved with and just provide more fun

Even before its grand



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Store director Khatijah Smith is welcoming Hamilton County shoppers to Academy, which officially opens its first Indianapolis-area location today. The store is located at 1960 E. Greyhound Pass (in the old Marsh building) and features a wide selection of items for sports and outdoor activities.

Police Athletic League, was to them so they can be more overjoyed at the donation of the \$2,000 card, something that will benefit the kids in

the P.A.L. future through sports, through mentoring, mentorship, but also with parental involvement, because those three things are very important for our growth and what we're trying to do," said Diouf. He also said that if the P.A.L. little bit brighter and also safer for the kids," and op-

supervisor sergeant of the portunities will be provided ranging from \$20 to \$500. successful.

Ribbon cutting

Academy will officially cut the ribbon on its store "We're trying to build at 8:40 a.m. this morning. generation Team members and leadership will welcome customers, along with Indianapolis sports mascots Zeke (Indy Eleven), Boomer (Indiana Pacers) and Freddy Fever with the city's WNBA team.

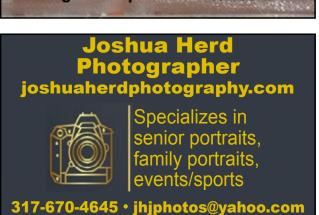
Early-bird customers can line up for free gift cards, as expands, "the future is a the first 150 people (18 and over) in line will receive a free gift card, with values

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There will also be special appearances by Colts defensive tackle Grover Stewart, Major League Fishing pro angler and Indianapolis native Jacob Wheeler, Fever point guard Grace Berger, and Westfield's own competitive eating legend, Joey

Academy will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, visit academy.com/ Westfield.







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Carmel boys basketball Walt Morris getting the word out on aortic dissection symptoms

By RICHIE HALL

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Last summer, Walt Morris learned a lesson that he now wants to teach other people.

The longtime basketball coach and Noblesville native was having several episodes of neck and jaw pain, and it came to a breaking point on July 25, 2022. Morris soon learned he had an aortic dissection, which required a lengthy surgery.

But Morris got through the surgery, and now wants to spread the word about the symptoms, and the need to get help right away – something that saved his life.

"I don't want anybody else to go through what I did," said Morris. "I'm fortunate to be here."

Early symptoms

A couple months prior to his diagnosis, Morris said he was having episodes where he was having trouble swallowing and started sweating. He was also having neck pain and "a lot of jaw pain."

"I blew it off, which wasn't smart," he said.

On that fateful day, Morris said he had just finished a three-mile walk/run. When he got home, he was experiencing "jaw pain from my ear to my jaw," that he said knocked him to the ground. A man tried to help him up, but he walked back to his

Once he got home, he told his wife Lisa, who immediately got her husband to Riverview Health in No-

blesville. Morris participated in a series of tests that lasted the entire day. The doctors kept him overnight so he could have an ultrasound electrocardiogram (EKG) test. What was supposed to be a half-hour test lasted a minute and a half, after which they diagnosed Morris with an aortic dissection, in which a tear occurs in the in-

ner layer of the aorta, which is the body's main artery. The ensuing rush of blood through the tear causes the inner and middle layers of the aorta to split, or dissect. (More information is available here from the Mayo Clinic.)

Minutes later, Morris was in an ambulance for a drive to Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center in Carmel.

"That was a bit surreal." said Morris. He remained calm and said prayers for his family during the ambulance ride, which Morris estimated took about 15 to 20 minutes.

The surgeons and staff were waiting for Morris when he arrived. The resulting surgery took 11 hours, but when it was done, Morris said "those incredible doctors somehow saved my life. Most men, you find them somewhere."

While the surgery was a success, it also required a few months for Morris to recover. That included getting back to his assistant coach duties with the Carmel boys basketball team, helping head coach Ryan Osborn.

"I thought I wasn't going to be able to coach and a lot of things were over," said Morris. "Coach Osborn was very patient."

"It was definitely a scary situation," said Osborn. "I think we're very fortunate that his wife was home and knowledgeable of the situation, and able to get him the care that he needed."

Morris was able to get back to business with the Grey-

"It takes a while," said Morris. "You get your body opened up like that. It was scary for a while.'

The 63-year-old Morris' main message with his story is that if anyone is having these symptoms, they need to get checked out right



Photo provided

Carmel boys basketball assistant coach Walt Morris went through an 11-hour surgery last July to repair an aortic dissection. Morris wants to share his story to make people aware of the symptoms and be ready to take action to save their own lives.

away. Morris was going themselves in order to get The video lasts 1 minute and this, he's been able to acthrough his daily routine in the months prior to his aortic dissection, but ignored the symptoms.

"I was physically active, worked the whole month of June," said Morris. Meanwhile, he felt those symptoms and "blew it off." He noted that the same condition can happen to "very active people, some of them in much better shape than I am. But by late September, If you have this, it doesn't

> Another important aspect is family history. If patients mention that someone in their family have a history of this condition, a test will be set up quickly.

> "If they don't say anything doctors and physicians aren't going to bring it up," said Morris. Patients have to be willing to go to bat for

the test.

"My father had an anuerysm at age 69," said Morris. "That's the other part, it was in my family history. I never told my doctor about it or my cardiologist. I didn't let them know, so there was no way to set me up for the that," said Morris. EKG that I needed."

everyone in his family got tested. His sister also had same surgery that her brother had.

"They did her surgery in February," said Morris.

"She's doing great now." One year later

Almost one year to the day after Morris' surgery, he put out a video that was posted on the Carmel boys' basketball Twitter account.

23 seconds, but it makes its point very concisely.

Morris talked to Osborn, who said that if he could "put a good quality, short video together, we'll put it on our Twitter."

"I think as teachers and After Morris' episode, coaches, we talk about the negative impacts of social media, and it's also provthe exact same condition en in this scenario that it's as Morris, and she had the a positive," said Osborn. Since it was posted on July 26, the tweet has received over 28,300 views. (You can view the video here.)

"He sat on it and really felt compelled to use it as a way to make an impact, and it's just the type of guy that Walt is, super positive and always wanting to help people," said Osborn. "Through complish that."

Now ready to go for another season of Carmel boys basketball, Morris is happy to be back to his regular rou-

"I'm walking four and a "It was Ryan's idea to do half miles a day now, doing all of my normal part-time jobs, feeling better than I ever felt in a long time," he And with this new lease

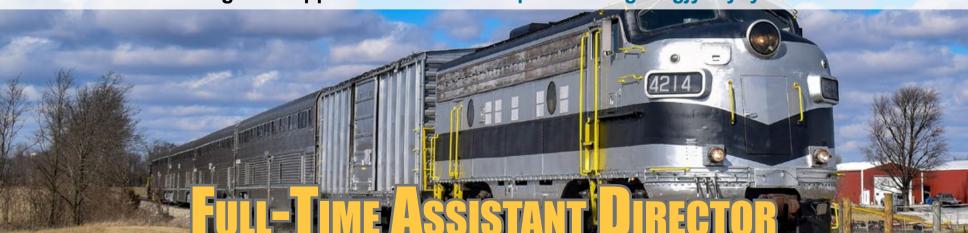
> on life, Morris also wants other people to be aware of the symptoms and to make sure they are ready to take action to save their own

"I'm never going to know if this helps anybody," said Morris. "My job's to get it out."

"I just want to get this message out, hopefully save some people," he said.



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/5gjy8oysyzUX1GaH8



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All eyes on WISH-TV's Anthony Calhoun



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With News 8's Sports Director Anthony Calhoun celebrating 25 years at WISH-TV, billboards are popping up across Indianapolis to celebrate. AC has been with WISH-TV since 1998, in that time anchoring the best sports coverage in Indiana and in his spare time, helping others. Just this summer, AC helped raise over \$460,000 for Teachers Treasures. AC is an Evansville native and a graduate of Syracuse University. Click here to read more about Anthony Calhoun.

Former Colts Head Coach Chuck Pagano makes his return to WISH-TV

By ANTHONY CALHOUN turn to WISH-TV's Emmy Calhoun will go one-on- son, as well as 93.5/107.5 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Former Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Chuck Pagano will make his re-

Award-winning NFL Sun- one with Pagano in a speday pregame show, Count- cial segment called "Chuck down to Kickoff, in Septem-

Sports Director Anthony

Friday, Aug. 25 **BOYS SOCCER**

Rockford (Mich.) at Noblesville, 5 p.m. **FOOTBALL**

Christian Brothers (St. Louis) at Carmel, 7 p.m. Fishers at Pike, 7 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at North Central, 7 p.m. Homestead at Noblesville, 7 p.m. North Miami at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

North Montgomery at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m. Westfield at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m. Lafayette Central Catholic at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

> **TENNIS** Homestead at Carmel, 5:30 p.m. Westfield at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.

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Checks IN," where AC and Pagano preview the upcoming matchup and talk about other hot topics related to

Last season was Coach Pagano's first year with WISH-TV as the Colts an-

The weekly feature will air live at 11 a.m. Sunday on Countdown to Kickoff on WISH-TV.

"I am excited to be back with AC and the Emmy award-winning Countdown to Kickoff crew," Pagano said. "It was a blast last year, giving Colts fans exclusive coverage of the team like no other."

Pagano joins News 8's all-star cast of Colts insiders including former players Ken Dilger and Marlin JackThe Fan's Kevin Bowen, who hosts the sports radio talk show Wake Up Call on weekday mornings.

Sept. 10 will be the first edition of Countdown to Kickoff this season ahead of the Colts' home opener against the Jacksonville Jag-

Pagano should have plenty of insight on the Colts' new starting quarterback, No. 4 overall pick Anthony Richardson. Pagano's regime drafted Andrew Luck with the first overall pick in his first year with the team in 2012.

Pagano coached the Colts from 2012-2017, leading the organization to two AFC South titles and a trip to the AFC Championship Game. Pagano, who spent over three decades on the college and NFL sidelines, guided the Colts to a 53-43 record during his tenure in Indianapolis.

Countdown to Kickoff is the only hourlong Colts pregame show in Indianapolis.

AC and the News 8 Sports Team also host a postgame show, airing right after the conclusion of each Colts game.

For more updates on the Colts this fall, follow WISH-TV on X, formerly known as Twitter, and on Facebook.



Volleyball :



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan freshman Beth Adams served three aces for the Blackhawks during their Wednesday win over International.

County teams smoke the competition, Millers & Royals remain undefeated

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The Sheridan volleyball team improved to 4-1 on the national on Wednesday.

The Blackhawks won 25-12, 25-14, 25-14. Kenzie Garner and Trinity Parkin Nova Cross and Beth Adams both hit three. Cross totaled 14 service points and Garner

had 11. Parkin put down six kills to lead the Sheridan offense, followed by Garner with five and Cross and Shelby Eaton with two each. Cross handed out 16 assists. On defense, Parkin and Claudia Headlee both made six digs, while Cross and Meredith Krupp each collected four.

Sheridan hosts Herron Tuesday.

Hamilton Heights picked up a Hoosier Conference win at Northwestern on Thurs-

The Huskies swept the Tigers 25-13, 25-11, 25-7. Katie Brown was strong all around, making several saves and hitting several kills. Jessa Steffen helped out with undefeated on Thursday, timely digs.

University swept International on Thursday, 25-12, 25-10, 25-14.

23 aces and 15 kills as a team.

Westfield joined the season after sweeping Inter- sweep parade on Thursday with a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Franklin Central.

The Shamrocks won 25both served five aces, while 16, 26-24, 25-18. Audrey Bassett hit eight kills for Westfield, followed by Chloe Sutake with seven and Stella Terpening with six. Lilly Tucker made eight digs and Stella Neale collected seven. Lilly Stanton dished out 15 assists, with Izzy Jackson handing out 12.

The 'Rocks are 3-2 and play in the Yorktown Invitational on Saturday.

Hamilton Southeastern kept its season perfect at 5-0 on Thursday, sweeping Brownsburg 25-20, 25-13, 25-20 at home in the Royals' HCC opener.

Southeastern plays its next two matches at home, taking on Floyd Central Saturday morning and Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday.

Noblesville also stayed beating Avon in a four-set HCC-opening match at The Mill, 25-18, 25-15, 19-25, 25-22.

The Millers play at noon The Trailblazers totaled Saturday at Guerin Catholic.





Upcoming Broadcasts

Thurs Aug 24

6:00 pm - Avon vs Noblesville | JV Volleyball | HCTV Sports

7:00 pm - Avon vs Noblesville | Varsity Volleyball | HCTV Sports

6:55 pm - Covenant Christian vs Heritage Christian | Soccer | IndianaSRN

Fri Aug 25 - IHSAA Football

6:45 pm - Greenwood Christian vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN

6:45 pm - Shenandoah vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN 6:45 pm - Franklin vs Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN

6:45 pm - North Montgomery vs Hamilton Heights | Husky Sports

7:15 pm - Evansville North vs Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm - Homestead at Noblesville | HCTV Sports

Fri / Sat Aug 25 /26 - Boys Soccer | Midwest Showcase Check website www.HCTV1.com for Games and Times | Noblesville Sports

Sat Aug 26 - IEFA Youth Football 1:00 pm - Avon Junior Orioles vs Plainfield Red Pride | HCTV Sports

Wed Aug 30 - Girls Soccer

5:30 pm - Fishers vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:00 pm - Fishers vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports





























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