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Reporter photo by Amy Adams IYO Artistic Director Adam Bodony conducts the Symphony Orchestra during rehearsal at Butler University.

Hamilton County students play with Indianapolis Youth Orchestra

By AMY ADAMS

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Begun in the mid-1980s as the New World Chamber Orchestra with around 20 musicians, the Indianapolis Youth Orchestra has grown to include more than 200 students from all over the area playing in three leveled ensembles.

Selected by audition, musicians ages 9 to 18 commit to versity High School between one-and-a-half to three hours of rehearsal per week at ilton Southeastern Schools Butler University or the Indianapolis Opera. This rehearsal comes in addition to personal tion in school music programs.

Hamilton County students playing in the 2023-24 Indi- Carmel Clay Schools

anapolis Youth Orchestra in-

In Symphony Orchestra

- Liam Batchelor, Double Bass, Noblesville Schools
- Chaz Chapman, Tuba, Carmel Clay Schools
- · Ian Dugger, Viola, Hamilton Southeastern Schools
- Charlie Epstein, Trumpet, Westfield Washington Schools
- Audrey Ko, Violin, Uni-
- Calvin Kocal, Cello, Ham-
- Tayla Koenig, Cello, Ham-
- ilton Southeastern Schools • Kaitlyn Probst, Double
- lessons, practice, and participa- Bass, Hamilton Southeastern Hamilton Southeastern Schools
 - Diego Rowley, Trumpet, Hamilton Southeastern Schools

olin, Hamilton Southeastern

- Schools Noah Strawhacker, Cello,
- Hamilton Southeastern Schools
- · Nathan Vaught, Violin, Hamilton Southeastern Schools
- Vincent Won, Cello, Carm-
- el Clay Schools • Alex Woolston, Percus- itage Christian School

sion, Carmel Clay Schools **In Philharmonic**

Orchestra

- Carson Adams, Cello, mel Clay Schools
- Westfield Washington Schools • Evan Feliciano, Cello, No- el Clay Schools blesville Schools
- · Jackson Fuller, Violin, Tudor
- Arabella Kimball, Violin, Hamilton Southeastern Schools
- Alrik Mansberger, Double

 Andrew Strawhacker, Vi- Bass, Carmel Clay Schools · Cooper McGriff, Violin,

- Mission Christian Academy
- Preston Retif, Double Bass, Carmel Clay Schools

In Concert Orchestra

- Joy Chen, Violin, Carmel Clay Schools
- Addison Davis, Cello, Her-
- · Elijah Fishback, Violin, Hamilton Southeastern Schools
- Joanna Hong, Violin, Car-
- Ananya Jain, Cello, Carm-
- Owen Ludwig, Viola, Park
- Sam Strawhacker, Cello,

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Beaver pit approved

Editor's note: On Monday evening, City of Noblesville Press Secretary Robert Herrington released the following statement.

The City of Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals has voted to approve the Beaver Materials' land use variance application with a 3-2 vote at tonight's [Monday, Oct. 2] meeting.

City staff's focus was on reviewing the petition, remonstrance, and associated materials and ensuring that procedural requirements were adhered to and all interested persons had an opportunity to have their voices heard. The approved land use variance includes several conditions that have to be followed during excavation and transporting activities on the site, including a prohibition on blasting or the use of explosives, site watering to limit dust pollution, and timing limitations.

Because the proposal is a land use variance, this item will not go before the city's plan commission or common council. Final decisions of the board are subject to judicial review in superior court as provided by applicable state law.

Raising friends

I look at my twoand four-year-old son and daughter and see the closeness they share. I so frequently wish that time would just stand still. I see their friendship and excitement for each other and am so grateful for the bond they have. It



makes two pregnancies in the span of two years worth it when I see the two of them growing up together and experiencing their childhoods together.

Having two toddlers is not easy all the time. In fact, it's never easy, but it's fun. Well, most of the time it is. We have this beautiful chaos that my husband and I have grown so accustomed to we don't even realize how crazy it is until we are around other people.

I absolutely love being a mom. I always knew I wanted to be a mother and when we were blessed with our daughter in 2019, I knew someday that we would want to have another one, but maybe not as soon as we did. This is coming off the heels of my daughter's delivery where the epidural did not work, so I was really in no hurry for a repeat of that delivery. Kudos if you want to do that drug free, but that was not something I ever care to repeat again.

2020 hit and we really wanted to round out the stereotypical COVID-19 experience by having a baby, getting a puppy, and buying a house. Oh yes, we did it all in the same year. I pictured us waiting another year or so before having another baby, but after a few weeks of being cooped up in the house, a canceled vacation, a game

See Friends . . . Page 2

Victor McCarty rocks GOP caucus, gets spot on Westfield City Council

The REPORTER

Republicans held a

Councilman Joe Edwards. ed by unanimous vote. Victor McCarty was Westfield City Council, District 2.

Those PCs were elcaucus at 5:30 p.m. on igible to vote at the cau-Monday to fill the va- cus. One PC position was cancy for Westfield City vacant, and one did not Council, District 3, creat- come to the caucus to ed by the recent death of vote. McCarty was elect-

McCarty is now the the only candidate who City Councilman for Disfiled paperwork to fill trict 3, and that term will the vacancy. He was cau- end at the end of 2023. On cused in to fill the po- Jan. 1, 2024, Joe Duepner sition by four precinct will become the newly committeemen (PC) (Mc- elected councilman for Carty being one of those). the new District 3 and There were six precincts McCarty will be the newin the old boundaries of ly elected councilman for



Westfield City Councilman Victory McCarty, his wife Chelsea, Hamilton County Republican Party Secretary Beth Sheller, and Party Vice Chair Teresa Ayers.

County Health Department to hold QPR class to raise awareness about suicide prevention

The REPORTER

Month, the Hamilton County Health Department will play host to a free QPR Training at sis just need some-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at one to listen to them. Trinity Free Clinic in Carmel.

QPR stands for Question, non-judgmental lis-Persuade, and Refer. The event tening techniques and aims to raise awareness about suicide prevention and equip community members with the sidering suicide." knowledge and skills necessary to help those in crisis.

could save a life," said Fresh off Suicide Prevention Jim Ginder, health education specialist. "Most people in cri-This class teaches the critical questions to ask someone con-

Students in the QPR training will learn how to recognize the their life. That's simply not true. "Knowing how to listen and signs of suicide, engage with in- By the time someone is seriouswhat to ask a person in crisis dividuals in crisis, and connect ly considering suicide, they've munity."



Ginder

resources and sup-

ed. "But it's critical that you ask. It's a common misconcep-

tion that asking the question will give someone the idea to take

them to appropriate been thinking about it for many months and maybe years."

All Hamilton County res-"One of the tough- idents are invited and encourest questions you may aged to attend the training. ever ask someone is Pre-registration is required due if they're considering to limited space. Please visit suicide," Ginder add- ow.ly/TSle50PRzfn to register for the class.

"Everyone has the ability to reduce the number of lives lost to suicide," Ginder said. "Together, we can raise awareness, reduce stigma, and work towards a healthier, safer com-

Go Purple with Prevail!

During October, The Reporter is recognizing Domesting Violence Prevention Month by Going Purple with Prevail, Inc. As a Hamilton County-based nonprofit, Prevail advocates for victimes of crime and abuse. Everyone is invited to take part in the "Go Purple" campaign by wearing purple and letting victims know they aren't alone.

Today's Fact One in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner.

Learn how you can Go Purple with Prevail at prevailinc.org.

ORCHESTRA-

These students aren't the only Hamilton County connection in IYO.

Westfield resident Adam Bodony serves as the artistic director as well as conducting the IYO Symphony Orchestra. Johanna Kitchell, orchestra director at Riverside Intermediate and Junior High Schools in Fishers. conducts the IYO Concert Orchestra.

This summer, Cara Pettinger of Noblesville was named IYO's new executive director. Having served as executive director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Pettinger is no stranger to the

"I am truly excited to help continue and lead further growth of this amazing organization as we continue to develop high artistic excellency in our young musicians," Pettinger said.







Reporter photo by Amy Adams

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(Left) Bassists Alrik Mansberger and Preston Retif rehearse at Indianapolis Opera. (Right) Cellists Carson Adams and Evan Feliciano follow Philharmonic Conductor Eric Baker's lead during rehearsal. (Right) (Front row, from left) Addison Davis, Joanna Hong, Joy Chen, and Ananya Jain. (Back row, from left) Sam Strawhacker, Owen Ludwig, and Elijah Fishback.

Concert of the IYO Symphony and Philharmonic Orches-

The 42nd Season Premier Theater, 45 Monument Cir- the Frank and Katrina Basile are available through the cle, Indianapolis.

The IYO Concert Ortras will be at 5 p.m. on Sun-chestra will perform at 5 day, Oct. 29 at Hilbert Circle p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, at

Theater at the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Orchestra Box Office at in-Indianapolis.

Indianapolis Symphony dianapolissymphony.org/ Tickets for both events event/iyo-2-19-23.

The IYO is accepting late auditions until Oct. 15. Visit indianapolisyouthorchestra.org/about/auditions for more information.







FRIENDS

of dominos, and a shared bottle of wine, we figured, eh, why wait? Neither of us is getting any younger and it would be fun to have two close in age. Why not throw a puppy into the mix? What else do we have to do?

I think it's safe to say that most mothers wish for nothing more than their children to be friends when they are adults. They want their children to come home and still allow them to play an active role in their lives. I imagine my kids as adults from time to time. I wonder what they will do, who they will marry, what their lives will look like. I see their closeness and the friendship they share and pray that life never gets in the way to allow for anything to break that bond. I know there will come a time when my husband and I are no longer here and I want them is that they remain close both there for each other to know and show love, but and look out for each othmost importantly, I want them to be loved.

each morning when they see each other, or the way Mary grabs Pat's hand when we are out in public. She is his little Mother Hen. I'm sure that will be more than entertaining when they are both in high school at the same time and neither of them will get away with anything. I love how Mary is the only one to call him Patrick. She even calls him Patrick Timothy if she's really upset with him. He calls her "May Me" because he can't prothey've been wronged or the other has gotten away with something. I love how even though she's only 23 months older than him, she truly thinks she is his second mother.

My wish for my kids I see the excitement schemes well into their of closeness, laughter, mis-



adulthood. I hope they giggle like they do now when they're grown up. I hope nounce the R sound in her Pat checks on Mary to make name. They always tattle sure she got home safely on each other if they think and always reminds her the kind of man she deserves. I hope Pat marries someone who fosters a sense of family and is Mary's friend. I hope Pat and Mary's husband one day like to go golfing and help each other build a deck. I hope they are and their children just like er. I hope they still get into my sister and I are. I hope trouble and come up with they never lose their sense



Photos provided by Megan Rathz

chief, and protectiveness.

I hope I'm around long enough to soak up every moment of it and be a spectator in their lives and cheer them on no matter what they do. I hope when they are too old to walk down the street hand in hand with their brother or sister, that they have someone in their life that holds their hand and loves them just as much as I do.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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Councilman Mark Hall's Overtimesheet

Welcome to Overtime Timesheet. Last month was busy, out of respect publishing brevity it made sense to break September's time report in half. My Timesheet previously pub-

was

lished and here is my Overtime Timesheet.

This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking

to watch online those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month part two.

> Every department budget submitted was evaluated. When the smoke done, we trimmed \$5.4 million from a requested budget of over \$272 million. This included approving roughly 25 new positions. The budget provides an average 7 percent increase for employee's compensation, improvements in employee in multiple areas.

a balanced budget that includes a strong increase in attention first. your rainy-day fund, the first planned rainy-day budget contribution in a few Council meetings are at years. The County tax rate 7 p.m. the first Wednesday will remain the same and of every month at the Ju- we have a healthy AAA

will get final approval at the public meeting on Monday, Oct. 16 and is subject to state approval from the Indiana Department of Local Government & Finance. has been spent, The process is not easy or simple, but is filled with the fiscally responsible budget for the taxpayers.

Time spent this month cleared and the job was was largely consumed with the County 2024 budgeting process. We deal with a tremendous amount of data, money, personnel, and expectations. The 2024 budget included requested funding for over 50 new county employees, increases in benefits, salaries, reand retiree benefits, and it tirement, and operational strengthened public safety costs. In my view, the first priority of government I am pleased to report is public safety. As such, those departments got my

With the county tax base increasing 8.7 percent, any reoccurring expenses that increase annually beyond that percentage eventually become unsustainable. dicial Center in downtown bond rating, which allows These must be scrutinized

Noblesville. They borrowing at the lowest to properly manage re- on behalf of the taxpayers. luncheon, the Nickle Plate are also available rates possible. The budget serves, our bond rating, Highway project expenses debt, and our tax rate. The challenge becomes a balance of great services with the proper stewardship of taxpayer money. It's walk- ty Council budget, public ing a tightrope of sorts balancing the two.

> give and take that delivers a son personnel committee council public meeting, meeting was canceled. Personnel change requests will be voted on by the full council at our Oct. 4 meeting. Our highway committee meeting provided updates on existing projects. We discussed several bridge projects. I was surprised to learn that we have 66 timber bridges across the county. Many of these bridges will need maintenance or replacement over the coming years. Highway projects require council sponsorship. Project details are reviewed in advance, sponsored, and then moved to votes at a subsequent ment of Local Government full council meeting. This process, along with statu-

are still high, but we think that some moderation in component costs has begun.

In addition to the Counand committee meetings, September's work includ-This month, our in-per- ed attending a Cicero town constituents' meetings regarding county board appointments, HEPL, county services disputes and the councils proposed increase in the Homestead credit. This month's work also included meetings on behalf of the Hamilton County Senior Center and Janus De-

velopment Center. Of note this month were meetings with representatives of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority and meetings with Daniel Shackle, the new director of the State of Indiana Departand Finance. In addition, I was honored to represent tory regulations that govern the county in meetings procurement, are in place with the Hamilton County to ensure value and mul- Leadership Academy, at

Arts 11th annual gala and the Silver Sneakers Champ Camp Gala.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during month nine. There are quite a few projects in the queue and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark. hall@hamiltoncounty. in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to tiple checks and balances the Fishers State of the City talk about county business.

Renee Cook named principal of Noble Crossing Elementary

The REPORTER

Schools heights." Noblesville announced on Tuesday the

to the role of principal of Noble Crossing Elementary, pending formal board approval on Oct. 24.

Cook will replace Pat Haney, who recently announced his departure to lead the East Central

Schools for over 25 years.

Cook brings 16 years of families." experience in education, including her most recent role resident and has three chilas the assistant principal of dren who attend Noble Noble Crossing Elementary since 2017.

"Renee has been a Noble Crossing for the last six years and is more than ready to step into this next level," said Dr. Heather Hendrich, assistant superintendent of human resources and safety for Noblesville

ble Crossing to even greater

"Pat Haney has made a promotion of Renee Cook lasting impact on me and

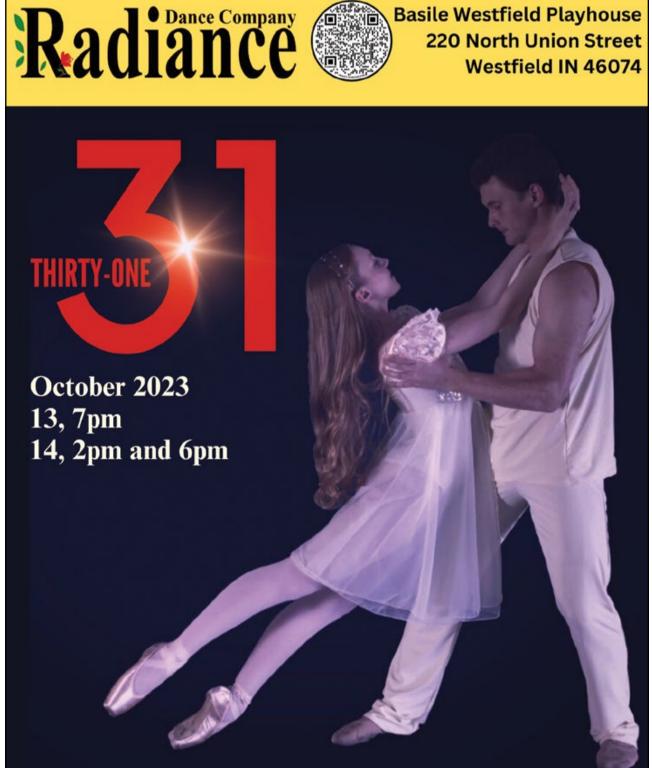
our whole school community and we are all so incredibly grateful for his service to Noble Crossing," Cook said. "I am truly humbled to take on this new opportunity and excited to continue the great

Educational Services Cen- work that our team has acter after serving Noblesville complished together to best serve our students, staff and

Cook is a Noblesville Crossing Elementary. She holds a master's degree in **Educational Administration** strong partner in leading from Ball State University and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University.

Noble Crossing will begin considering candidates to fill the assistant principal vacancy soon and will cel-Schools. "I'm confident she ebrate Haney's tenure with will continue to guide No- an open house in his honor.





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Give & take is needed with HEPL's collection policy

Anyone visiting the Hamilton East Public Libraries, whether Noblesville Fishers, can see that the revamping of the buildings is near completion and the changes are

dramatic. While the external changes to the building are positive, things on the inside are not.

For almost a year now there has been division on how the operation of the library should proceed. The community appears to be splintered between the function of the library board versus the function of the library director and staff. There are three main factions:

- 1. Parents who believe they should determine what their child sees and reads and that the board was out of line with their Collection Development Policy (CDP).
- their kids should not be exposed to explicitly obscene material and approve of the
- nity members who feel that meeting, there was a dis- she feels should be added

COLUMNIST tor is best suited to decide what books to buy and where they should be placed in the library.

MELBA KISER

At times the got heated, and rather than being

conciliatory the comments got personal and accusatory, especially as it referred to the last president of the library board, Laura Alerding. Those who did not policy put any more relike the policy seem to have strictions on access to confocused their dislike on one tent than the school library was reached by a majority of the seven-member board. Those board members were selected or appointed by elected officials in the community. In addition, the policy was developed not by one person, but after meetings with local leaders, legal counsel, and other personnel from other libraries.

Unable to ease the con-2. Parents who feel that cerns of the varying groups, and with no consensus reached, the library board decided to pause the new collection policy for fur-3. Parents and commu- ther review. During the last tor to purchase the books

the library direc- cussion on moving forward to the library. with more public hearings that would be run by a facilitator. I agree that having listening groups is a good idea but I would ask if anything can improve if divergent groups are not open to public comment thinking more critically and inclusively.

For example, how do you develop a policy that is agreeable to opposing groups of parental rights believers, the pro versus con on the CDP? Does this person instead of acknowl- books and iPad safeguards edging that the decision or the library computer guidelines that are in place for young children? Or, how do you reconcile the beliefs of those who feel parents decide with the beliefs of others who feel the librarians are professionals and should decide how to handle the books?

I believe the current policy addresses the concerns of parents who believe it is their right to determine the content their child can see. I have not heard or seen anything that restricts the ability of the library direc-

more "graphic" or explicit cess form has been added to Simply stated, young content are still accessible children, those of elemento all children, just in a diftary school age, will be ferent section of the library. shielded from seeing or Should any community reading content that is of member feel that a book has concern to some parents. been shelved in the wrong The books that contain section, a complaint pro-

the policy for easy access.

Can the CDP be streamlined or worded better? Sure. But that will not happen unless we are willing to listen to one another and have some give and take.





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We hope you can join us!

Ascension St. Vincent extends mammogram clinic hours

The REPORTER

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Ascension St. Vincent is offering extended hours for mammograms in October to help more women get this life-saving screening.

 Ascension St. Vincent Anderson, Carmel, Indianapolis, Fishers, and Kokomo are all open for mammograms from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 28.

 Ascension St Vincent Carmel also offers extended hours on Saturday, Oct. 7 and Tuesday evenings.

 Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis offers extended hours Saturday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday evenings.

"It's very, very import- clusive results. ant. A mammogram screen-Terrell, Outreach and Ed-



Ascension

encouraging your family never have any other isand friends to get a mam- sues. mogram."

gold standard for breast cangrams at (317) 338-9595. cer detection, and Ascension Online scheduling and more St. Vincent Breast Centers information are available at and Mobile Mammography ascension.org/StVincentunit use 3D mammography technology, which has shown to catch more can-schedule in October, Ascers and provide more con- cension St. Vincent Carm-

ing is the best way to find may get a diagnosis of 'you the month and Tuesday any potential breast health have cancer,' it might ini- evenings, and Indianapolis problems," said Karen tially seem like a death sen- always offers hours the sectence, but because we can ond Saturday of the month ucation Coordinator at As- get cancer so early through and Wednesday evenings.

cension St. Vincent Cancer regular mammograms, it's Care Services. "It needs to not," Terrell said. "It's very be something that people are treatable and many women comfortable talking about, fully recover from it and

Patients can call to Mammograms are the schedule their mammo-Mammogram.

For those unable to el always offers extended "Initially when a lady hours the first Saturday of

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Noble PC offers free PC tune-ups for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The REPORTER

In a heartfelt move this October, Noble PC of Noblesville has announced a special initiative in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, effectively intertwining technology with a cause that touches so many.

With an entire month dedicated to bringing attention to breast cancer, its impact, and the vital need for research and support, Noble PC will provide **free PC tune-ups** to the community. This initiative aims not only to ensure your computers are operating at their optimal performance but also to stand in unity with those affected, either directly or indirectly, by breast cancer.

A noble cause with Susan G. Komen

Beyond the complimentary tune-ups, Noble PC takes a step further towards making a difference. A generous percentage of all sales throughout October will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, one of the largest and most widely-known breast cancer organizations in the United States. Through its robust research, community health, global outreach, and public policy initiatives, Susan G. Komen has made substantial impacts in the fight against breast cancer.

"We are deeply moved broader battle against breast

cant initiative," Noble PC Founder Nik Roberts said. your PC runs smoothly, "Our goal is to rally the your engagement throughcommunity together in sup- out the month will be part of port and awareness while a collective effort to support, contributing to a cause that raise awareness, and most seeks to provide hope, research, and support for individuals impacted by breast breast cancer. cancer."

Leveraging technology the spirit of the pink ribfor a cause

This October, Noble hope, strength, and unity. PC is harnessing its technical expertise as a tool for change and awareness. The complimentary PC tune-ups not only represent an invitation for community members to experience top-tier tech services but also a pathway to contribute to a pivotal cause.

Customers are welcomed to visit Noble PC, situated at 935 Maple Ave., Noblesville, throughout October to avail themselves of this complimentary service and to join hands in supporting a worthwhile cause.

Inviting community

participation Noble PC extends a heartfelt invitation to the Noblesville community and beyond to participate in this initiative. Your involvement whether through utilizing services, purchasing products, or spreading the word actively contributes to the

In addition to ensuring importantly, uplift those in our community affected by

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Rep. Spartz may resign if Congress doesn't create debt commission

The REPORTER

Last Saturday, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement on her "no" vote on the U.S. House's Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund opportunities for the government.

"I cannot support a CR lower business as usual – without a debt commission to at least have a better plan for the next debt ceiling increase at the end of 2024,"

Rep. Spartz said. "Congress must deal with the crushing national debt and infladestroying tion middle class and Americans

equally poor."



ing one woman ism - with DC oligarchs standing many times with on top and everyone else many very long hours and personal sacrifices, but

said she may re-

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Wage in order to

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commission

"I've

there is a limitation to hu-Then, on Monday, Rep. Spartz man capacity. If Congress does not pass a debt commission this year to move the needle on the crushing gress if no debt national debt and inflation, at least at the next debt ceiling increase at the end of 2024, I will not continue sacrificing my children for this circus with a complete absence of leadership, vision, and spine. I cannot save this Republic alone."



Hamilton County Bicentennial Bash tickets available now

The REPORTER

tion of 2023, the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission will hold the Bicentennial Bash to round out an online at HamCoTurns200. incredible year of 200th anniversary happenings. This free, open-house style event is family-friendly and designed to celebrate all that Hamilton County has to offer.

The event will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville.

Here is some of what

- will be available: • Free food
 - Live music · Short film commemo-
- rating the Bicentennial year • Free raffle - to get more tickets, bring canned goods to the event benefiting the Hamilton County Harvest

Food Bank

- Art show in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts that includes commissioned works from the Bicentennial book, "200 Years of Change: Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana"
- Displays non-profits around the county, many of whom hosted Bicentennial events
 - Fun photo opportunities

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• Free giveaways

Free tickets are available com and find the link on the home page. Tickets required for entry, so get yours before they're gone.

About the Bicentennial

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission was established by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as the official oversight agency for the 200th anniversary of the county in 2023. It will do so in partnership with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc, and lead sponsor Duke Energy. For more information, visit HamCo-Turns200.com.



State Rep. Jerry Torr announces plan to retire after 28 years of public service

The REPORTER

State Rep. Jerry Torr opportunity. And (R-Carmel) announced on Tuesday his plans to retire from the legislature after serving 28 years in the Indiana House of Representatives. Torr said he intends to serve out his current term area at the Statebut not seek re-election.

Torr represents portions of Carmel and Westfield, and he currently serves as chair of the House Judiciary Committee and vice chair of the House Joint Rules Committee. He is also a member of the House Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee, and the Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee.

"It's been an honor of a lifetime to serve my friends and neighbors in House District 39," Torr said. "During my time as a state representative, we've made Indiana the "right-to-work" law for over 20 years. "He was a one of the most attractive places in the country to start and grow a business, and our local communities continue to reap the rewards through record growth in population, a law to repeal the Compolicymakers on both sides

our future remains bright. I'm thankful for the privilege to represent the voices and values of our house, but I'm

looking forward to concentrating fully on my career working in title insurance."

During his legislative career, Torr authored several notable laws, which have made a significant impact on Indiana and its economy.

• In 2005, Torr successfully spearheaded legislation moving Indiana to daylight saving time, which he says has been instrumental in supporting businesses and commerce in the state.

giving Hoosier workers the freedom to choose whether to financially support a

• In 2015, Torr authored



Torr

public projects. He twice received the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Government Leader of the Year Award.

"Rep. Torr has been a longtime friend and distinguished legislator who we repeatedly called upon to shepherd many of the most difficult and important issues through the legislative process: moving our state into the 21st century through the adoption of daylight saving time, making Indiana the 23rd Right-to-Work state, and much more," said former House Speaker Brian C. Bosma (R-Indianapolis), • In 2012, Torr authored who served alongside Torr voice of reason and bipartisanship and his accomplishments helped make Indiana the success she is today. He will no doubt be missed by

mon Construction of the aisle."

"Jerry's business and policy acumen, institutional knowledge and passion for service are a tremendous asset to our team at the Statehouse," said House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers). "He continues to be a strong advocate for his constituents and local communities, and Indiana is better for it. His heart for putting Hoosiers first will be missed, but I look forward to serving with him for his last session."

In 2022, Torr supported the passage of a \$1 billion tax-relief package to support hardworking Hoosiers – the largest tax cut in state history. He also supported cutting the state's individual income tax over the last two years, which will result in Hoosiers having one of the lowest rates in the nation by 2027.

Torr, a sixth-generation Hoosier, grew up on a family farm in Putnam County and was a 10-year 4-H Club member. In 1987, he moved to Carmel where he currently resides.







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Westfield Pride welcomes people from all over the area

By AMY ADAMS

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The first Westfield Pride Celebration on Saturday afternoon at Asa Bales Park welcomed more than 1,200 attendees with open arms. Literally, Free Mom Hugs in Indiana was the first booth at the north entrance to the park.

"I think it is important to show everyone in Westfield that they belong and that they can feel welcome in their own community," said Westfield Pride Board Secretary Jennifer Hill.

Alisha Hunter, Westfield Pride board president and mom of an LGBTQ+ child, said she began thinking about the idea back in 2020. A core group started meeting in March of this year to make

"It's great that Carmel has Pride, and it's awesome that Indy has Pride. We need this in Westfield," Hunter said.
"We have LGBTQ people here, and we want them to know that there is community here for them."

For those who wonder why the celebration didn't happen in June for Pride Month, Hunter said that they couldn't pull it together in time and still produce a quality event.

"We really wanted to do it this year," she said. "Pride happens any time. People aren't just gay in June. Plus, the weather is better."

Sponsors included Capital Group, Breathe Easy Hamilton County, Meijer, and LeAnne Zentz of Zentz Realty with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Indiana Realty.

Around 60 booths included local artisans and queerowned companies.

A youth zone offered face painting, games, and a story time with local author Rebecca Flannery.





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adults experiencing housing

weeks brought some contro-

versy with confirmation and

subsequent announcement of

a family-friendly drag show,

the event went even more

smoothly than the organizers

"I think the fact that we

Though the past couple of

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expected.





Reporter photos by Amy Adams (Top) The first Westfield Pride welcomed people from all over the area. (Above left) Four-month-old lvy was feeling the love, giving kisses to her foster mom, Valerie Watson, who is on the board of Redemption Rescue. lvy and her sister, Quinn, are available for adoption at redemptionrescueinc.com. (Above center) New Joy Lutheran Church Pastor Chris Duckworth read from 1 Corinthians 13 of the Bible, sometimes referred to as the "love chapter." (Above right) Adrianna Randle and Kathleen Berberich came from Frankfort and Plainfield, respectively, to welcome everyone to Westfield Pride with

loving to all," said Hunter.

Pastor Chris Duckworth from New Joy Lutheran Church addressed the crowd just after the opening at 2

"I have learned that love is the only thing that really matters at the end of the day," Duckworth said. pride, of love, of acceptance

Hunter has also found Westfield to be a community

"I have met so many people who are so devoted to making Pride safe and welcoming," Hunter said. "And that had no issues is proof that we is the overarching thing about

Free Mom Hugs in Indiana.

"Westfield is a place of and of community."

of abundant support.



Physicians Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. As a podiatrist, Dr. Lining enjoys the diversity a typical

day can provide treating everything from ingrown toenails, bunions, and wound care to extensive traumatic/reconstructive surgery. His clini-

matic care, limb salvage and conservative and surgical treatments of general podiatry conditions. Dr. Lining graduated from

cal interests include diabetic

care, pediatric flat feet, trau-

Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children, golfing, watching sports service excellence.

and traveling.

Riverview Health

For more information, cians is pleased to welcome visit riverview.org. To

with Dr. Lining. call (317) 770-3777.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156bed hospital in Noblesville, 16-bed hospital

in Westfield, as well as freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are more than 25 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and

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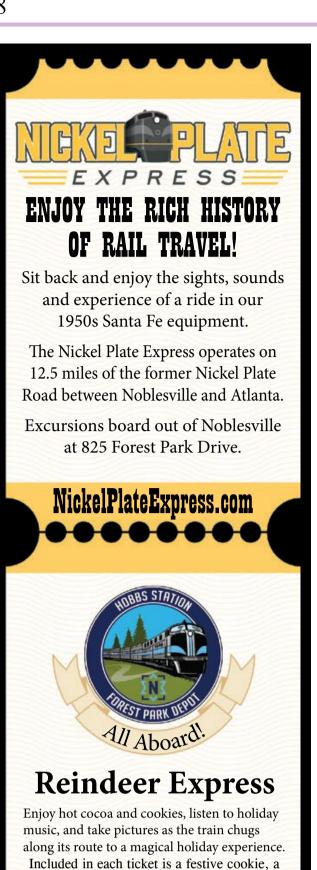
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Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County & Jiffy Lube roll out another fundraising partnership

The REPORTER

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County and area Jiffy Lubes are entering a second year of partnership in order to impact the lives Lube location. of those in need.

"Drive locations include: Jiffy Lube's to Do More for Meals on Wheels" campaign aims to raise both funds and awareness to support the vital mission of ensuring that seniors and homebound individuals remain nourished and cared for.

When customers visit participating Jiffy Lube service centers for oil changes, tire rotation, or other vehicle maintenance now through Oct. 31, they'll be asked to donate \$3 to Meals on Wheels when they check out, and 100 percent of the funds raised will be distributed to Meals on Wheels programs.

Wheels program volunteers demon and staff are eligible to re-strating the ceive a 15 percent service power discount on personal and fleet vehicles at any Jiffy together to

Participating Jiffy Lube ing change.

- Noblesville: Conner St.
- Fishers: 13855 Olivia on Wheels Way
- Carmel, 14837 N. Me-
- Carmel/Zionsville:

10390 N. Michigan Road Hamilton County and Jiffy Lube are united by a common goal: to make a difference in the lives of those facing the challenges of aging, disabilities, and food insecurity. This collaborative effort leverages the collective voices and

working create last-

For more 2390 information, call Meals of Hamilton County (317) 776-• Carmel, 1840 E. 151st 7159.

About Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County

Established in 1975, Meals on Wheels of Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County supports individuals who are elderly, disabled and homebound by delivering nutritious meals, reducing hunger, improving health, and promoting independence. Meals are prepared in state-approved healthcare facilities and Additionally, Meals on networks of all partners, designed by a certified



MEALS ON WHEELS

HAMILTON COUNTY registered dietitian under

a physician's prescribed supervision according to the client's specific dietary needs. Nearly 200 meals are delivered daily by volunteers to enable clients to remain independently living within the community in their own homes for as long as possible. For more information on receiving services or to volunteer, call Meals on Wheels at (317)

TODAY: nationwide Emergency Alert Test scheduled for this afternoon

Alerts will be sent to all cell phones, TV & radio stations across United States

The REPORTER

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless **Emergency Alerts (WEA)** today, Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests are scheduled to begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. this afternoon.

The WEA portion of the test will be directed to consumer cell phones. This will be the third nationwide test, but the second test to all wireless handset.

The EAS portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions. This will be the seventh nationwide EAS test.

coordinating with EAS par-

ticipants, wireless providers, a code sent to cell phones. emergency managers and other stakeholders in preparation for this national test to minimize confusion and maximize the public safety value of the test.

The purpose of the test is to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level. In case the Oct. 4 test is postponed, due to widespread severe weather imately 2:20 p.m., cell or other significant events, the back-up testing date is

or in Spanish, depending on System (IPAWS), a centraladministered by FEMA that enables authorities to send authenticated emergenthrough multiple communi-FEMA and the FCC are cations networks. The WEA

This year the EAS message will be disseminated as a Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) message via the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System-Open Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN).

All wireless phones should receive the message only once. The following can be expected from the nationwide WEA test:

- Beginning at approxtowers will broadcast the test for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, The WEA portion of WEA-compatible wireless WEA-compatible cellular the test will be initiated us- phones that are switched devices. The test message ing FEMA's Integrated on, within range of an acwill display in either English Public Alert and Warning tive cell tower, and in a geographic area where the wirethe language settings of the ized internet-based system less provider participates in receiving the test message.
 - For consumers, the cy messages to the public message that appears on their phones will read: "THIS IS A TEST of the test will be administered via National Wireless Emergen-

cy Alert System. No action is needed."

- Phones with the main menu set to Spanish will display: "ESTA ES UNA PRUEBA del Sistema Nacional de Alerta de Emergencia. No se necesita acción."
- Similar to when your phone receives an Amber Alert, the WEA alert tone is generally only played when the alert is initially received by the phone and on some devices stops as soon as the user clicks a button.
- If a phone is off before the test alert is sent and not turned back on until after the WEA Test expires (approximately 30 minutes), the phone should not get the test message.

WEA alerts are created WEA, should be capable of and sent by authorized federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies through IPAWS to participating wireless providers, which deliver the alerts to compatible handsets in geo-targeted areas. To help ensure that these alerts are accessible to the entire public, including people with disabilities, the alerts are accompanied by a unique tone and vibration.

Important information about the EAS test:

- The EAS portion of the test is scheduled to last approximately one minute and will be conducted with the participation of radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireline video providers.
- The test message will be similar to the regular monthly EAS test messages with which the public is familiar. It will state: "This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 14:20 to 14:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the



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Rokita warns Hoosiers to use caution during **National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

The REPORTER

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita wants Hoosiers to be prepared for cyber criminals.

"The world we live in relies more and more on and your famitechnology every day," AG Rokita said. "This is making our businesses and even our schools vulnerable to these thing Hoosiers can do is educate themselves and stay on high alert."

Making sure your business has the appropriate cybersecurity controls has become a necessary step in today's economy. The average cost incurred by a business from a data breach is now more than \$4 million, and the average cost of a your credit report. A fraud healthcare data breach has alert tells lenders and crediskyrocketed to over \$10 million.

nesses, but they also affect one of the three major credit

individuals and potentially can destroy people's lives by taking their hard-earned

To keep you ly protected, AG Rokita is sharing the following tips:

• Monitor your credit. place. You can place a credtypes of attacks. The best Credit monitoring services it freeze by contacting each track your credit report and of the three major credit bualert you whenever a change is made, such as a new account or a large purchase. Most services will notify you within 24 hours of any change to your credit report. Most major credit cards now offer these monitoring services at no cost to the consumer.

tors to take extra steps to verify your identity before issu-Cyber-attacks do not ing credit. You can place a only affect schools and busi- fraud alert by contacting any



Consider placing a free credit freeze on your credit report. Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name while the freeze is in

Equifax: 1-888-766-

- **Experian**: 1-888-397-

- TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

· Contact Attorney General Rokita. If you believe • Place a fraud alert on you are a victim of identity theft, visit in.gov/attorneygeneral or call 1-800-382-5516. For additional tips, you may also visit identitytheft.gov, a site maintained by the Federal Trade Com-



Celebrate Oktoberfest at Carmel City Center

The REPORTER

in Carmel from 6 to 10 p.m. will take place on the Plaza on Friday, Oct. 6 with Ger- level along Veterans Way man style food and drinks, and Hanover Court. games, and live music by Der Polkatz. Peruse the Car- al celebratory fall event for mel City Center shops and Carmel residents and visivendors while enjoying this tors. It is free to the public family-friendly evening.

located at the southwest corin the Veterans Way Garage,

ner of City Center Drive and the Civic Square Garage and

Oktoberfest is an annuand open to all ages. Parking Carmel City Center is is available along the street,

Celebrate Oktoberfest Range Line Road. The event the lot at the southeast corner of City Center Drive and Range Line Road.

Participating vendors

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Merchants Capital completes \$303M Freddie Mac Q-Series transaction

The REPORTER

Financial services provider Merchants Capital announced on Monday it has successfully completed a \$303 million securitization of 11 multifamily housing loans via its fourth Freddie Mac-sponsored Q-Series transaction.

The loans, ranging from \$4 million to \$62 million, were used for the acquisition or refinance of multieight states, with Florida, Indiana, Colorado, and New a significant portion of the units' composition comprising less than 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

This is Merchants' fourth Freddie Mac Q transaction in the last two and a half years, totaling \$1.1 billion in crucial real estate loans securitized nationwide. It is the second O-Series transaction of 2023. Merchants has been the loan seller in four of the last nine Freddie Mac Q transactions, making Merchants Capital Freddie Mac's largest Q-Series loan seller two years in a row.

This news comes on the heels of a record-breaking year for the Capital Markets platform at Merchants, having executed its second and third Q-Series deals in 2022. Since its inception in 2020, the Capital Markets group has executed more

than \$3.5 billion in securi- chants Capital on Facetizations and accumulated book, X, LinkedIn, and more than \$1 billion in loan **Instagram**. purchases.

strength and performance as are proud to continue growing our relationship with Freddie Mac."

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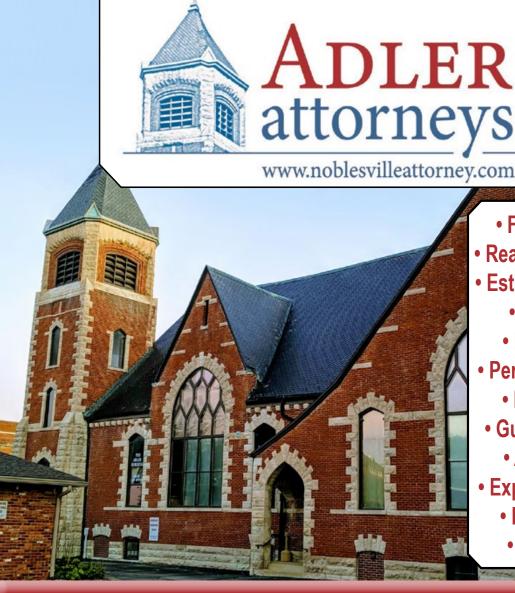


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"Executing on this securitization shows our a regional bank in this volfamily properties spanning atile financial climate," said Evan Gibson, Merchants Capital's Senior Vice Pres-Jersey making up 81 percent ident and head of Capital of the loan balance. Most of Markets. "In a down year the properties are workforce for commercial real eshousing developments, with tate (CRE) securitizations, Merchants is completing complex securitizations to finance affordable housing in a responsible manner. We

> The transaction supports financing of affordable housing in underserved markets, qualifying as "Social Bonds" within the Social Bonds Framework published on Freddie Mac's website. Proceeds from Social Bonds are used to provide liquidity to social impact financial institutions (community development financial institutions, housing finance agencies and small financial institutions), including parent company Merchants Bank of Indiana.

> To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit merchantscapital.com or find Mer-



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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. has been canceled due to lack of petitions for considerations. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet to discuss agency business at noon on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville

The Sheridan Public Library will hold its 2024 Budget Adoption meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. The regular monthly meeting will follow immediately after.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

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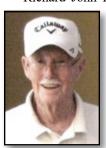
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Richard John Farrell January 7, 1931 - October 3, 2023

Richard John Farrell, 92, Noblesville, formerly from



Worcester, Mass., died peacefully in his home on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, after a battle with stomach cancer surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, Lucy E. (Gadaire) Farrell; two daughters, Kathleen A. (Farrell) Corrigan of Noblesville, and Ellen C. (Farrell/Risotti) Hinkle and her husband Lonnie Hinkle of Brownsburg, Ind.; and the pride and joy of his life, his two grandchildren, Gabriella Lucy-Ann Risotti of Indianapolis and Colby Richard Thomas Risotti of Brownsburg. He also leaves three step-grandchildren, Travis, Cath-

erine and Samantha Hinkle; his sister, Pauline C. (Farrell) Wambach of Auburn, Mass.; sister-in-law, Lillian Farrell of Auburn, Mass.; and many nieces and nephews.

I. (Haggerty) Farrell of Worcester. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary (Farrell) Quercio; his brother, Paul T. Farrell; and sister, Frances A. (Farrell) Phelan.

He was born in Worcester, Mass., on January 7, 1931. Richard attended South High School in Worcester and enlisted in the Army in 1948 during the Korean conflict. He was stationed in Alaska, San Francisco, Calif., and then spent 44 days sailing from San Francisco to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and then on to England, where he was stationed for the next 20 months. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1951 after four years of service to his country.

Richard worked at the Wyman Gordon Plants in Grafton and Worcester, Mass. He was an avid bowler and golfer and was manager of the West Boylston Bowl tenpin lanes and Bowling Green Central Street candlepin house before managing the Thunderbird Bowl in Auburn, Mass., for the next 25 years, retiring in 1991. After retirement, Richard drove part time for Yellow Cab in Worcester for seven years. He moved to Indiana in 2004 to be near his two daughters and grandchildren.

Richard loved the game of golf beginning from when he caddied at Worcester Country Club in MA at the age of 14. He started to play on a regular basis at 25. He was an avid golfer for some 65 years, at one point having a handicap of 2. After moving to Indiana, he joined a group of retirees at Fox Prairie Golf Course in Noblesville until 2022. He enjoyed the course and the friendship of his fellow golfers and the pro.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 p.m., on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 (shrinerschildrens.org/en).

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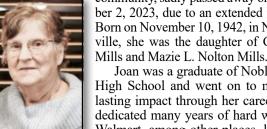
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A. Joan Stoops November 10, 1942 - October 2, 2023

A. Joan Stoops, a beloved and cherished member of her community, sadly passed away on October 2, 2023, due to an extended illness. Born on November 10, 1942, in Noblesville, she was the daughter of Gordon



Joan was a graduate of Noblesville High School and went on to make a lasting impact through her career. She dedicated many years of hard work at

Walmart, among other places, leaving behind a legacy of diligence and commitment.

Beyond her professional achievements, Joan held a deep love for her family and friends. As a devoted caregiver, she spent her life ensuring that everyone around her was taken care of. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond blood ties as well; she was known for being a child of God and considered faith to be of the utmost importance in her life.

A devout Christian and an active member of Victo-Richard was the son of Thomas E. Farrell, and Florence ry Baptist Church in Noblesville, Joan found solace and strength in her faith. Her church community provided support throughout her life journey.

In her leisure time, Joan enjoyed indulging in various hobbies and interests that brought joy to her life. Whether it was crocheting or knitting beautiful creations or immersing herself in the addictive world of Candy Crush, these activities brought moments of relaxation and contentment to her.

Playing board games – be it dice or poker – with loved ones held a special place in Joan's heart. These cherished memories will forever hold a bond amongst family members as they recall the laughter and friendly competition shared around the table.

Joan Stoops leaves behind a profound impact on those who were fortunate enough to have known her. She will be remembered as the rock of the family – someone who selflessly put others before herself. Her unquestionable dedication to providing care and support will continue to inspire generations to come.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents Gordon Mills and Mazie L. Nolton Mills, her brothers Roy Mills and Willie Mills, her sister Naomi "Sue" Butche, and her husbands Thomas Zion Sr. and Leroy Stoops.

Her memory will forever be treasured by her surviving family: her son Thomas Zion Jr. (Tamara), her daughters Naomi Crecelius, Melissa Mullins (Charlie), and Debbie Mounts (Ryan). Additionally, she leaves behind numerous grandchildren including Amy Cran, CJ Zion, Tommy Zion, Joshua Sutton, Jessica Longest (Clinton), Jonny Peters, Steven Crecelius, Christopher Dormady (Crystal), Austin Dormady, Jacob Mullins, Amber Houghtalen (Justin), Brittany Mack, Lakin Howard (Tucker), Corey Mounts, Chelsea Mounts and a multitude of great-grandchildren as well as several great-grandchildren. Her presence will be deeply missed not only by her immediate family but also by her nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

To honor Joan's life and pay tribute to the impact she had on those around her, visitation services will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 at Legacy Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 W. 9th St., Anderson, Ind. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 at the same location.

Joan Stoops' departure leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of those who knew her. Although she may no longer be physically present with us, her spirit and legacy will continue to shine brightly through the countless lives she touched. May we all find solace in our cherished memories of Joan as we navigate through this difficult time together.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TREATY AT BEERSHEBA

At that time Abimelek and Phicol the commander of his forces said to Abraham, "God is with you in everything you do. Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you now reside as a foreigner the same kindness I have shown to you."

Abraham said, "I swear it."

Then Abraham complained to Abimelek about a well of water that Abimelek's servants had seized. But Abimelek said, "I don't know who has done this. You did not tell me, and I heard about it only today."

So Abraham brought sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelek, and the two men made a treaty. Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs from the flock, and Abimelek asked Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs you have set apart by themselves?"

He replied, "Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well."

So that place was called Beersheba, because the two men swore an oath there.

Genesis 21:22-31 (NIV)

Blythe Marie Alderton April 29, 1974 - September 29, 2023

Blythe Marie Alderton, 49, Fishers, passed away on Fri-



day, September 29, 2023, at her home. She was born on April 29, 1974, in Terre Haute, Ind. She fought cancer for three and a half years and in the most noble way. She was the baby of the family

but also "the boss," arranging family vacations and celebrations. Her home became the family home, swimming pool and all. Her nieces and nephews were her children, they would not be where they are today without her love, guidance, and support. The loneli-

ness and emptiness will be great in our family without her. She wants no funeral but a celebration of life at a place she chose which we will arrange in the near future. In lieu of flowers a donation to the American Cancer Society would Blythe was a graduate of South Vigo High School and

Indiana University. She was an operations director for Charles Schwab for 25 years.

She is survived by her mother, Marianne (Decker) Alderton; brothers, Scott (Teresa) Alderton and Andrew Alderton; best friend, Jennifer (David) Griffin; nieces and nephews, Noah, Sarah, Rosemary, and Samuel Alderton; and her dogs, Jacques and Julio.

She was preceded in death by her father, L. Scott Alderton; and grandparents, Rev. R. Louis Alderton, Mary Margaret Alderton, Claude Decker, and Mary Decker.

The Alderton Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Blythe's care.

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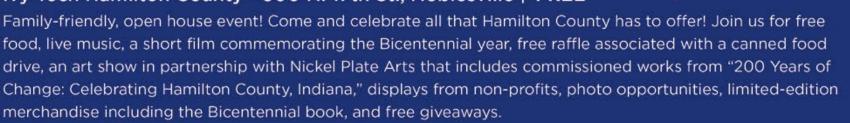
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Girls Soccer

Four Hamilton County teams to face off in sectional semifinals

The stage is set for two tremendous sectional semifinal match-ups involving Hamilton County's Class 3A girls soccer teams.

Top-ranked Carmel and No. 5 Westfield will play each other Thursday at the Greyhounds' Murray Stadium in the semifinals of Sectional 10. Meanwhile, Sectional 8 host and No. 2-ranked Hamilton Southeastern will take on No. 3-ranked and defending state champion Noblesville, also on Thursday.

All four teams easily won first-round matches on Tuesday to advance to their respective semifinals.

The Royals defeated Anderson 9-0. Riley Boyd scored two goals, followed by one goal each from Norah Wans, Kate Noel, Ayla Conn, Addison Mc-Clain, Alyssa Damson, Mia Libich and Kaylan Hoener. Noel, Sloane May, Damson, Tessa Green, Gracie Pyle and Rylie Bryges each had one assist.

The Millers were also 9-0 winners over Muncie Central. Stats from that game were not available at press time. Southeastern is 13-1-3 for the season while Noblesville is 11-1-3.

Over at Murray Stadium, the Greyhounds defeated Crispus Attucks 9-0. The Greyhounds led 6-0 at halftime; Megan Hamm scored two goals during the first eight minutes. Other first-half goals came from Adalyn Cameron, Clare Simmonds, Olivia Joyce and Elsie Flanders. Emma Ehret scored two goals in the second half, then Olivia Ade put in the ninth goal to the way for the 'Rocks. She well," said 'Rocks coach end the game.

"We played everybody and we actually brought four kids up from the JV," said Carmel coach Frank Dixon. The coach said all those players got some playing time, with everybody getting to see action for "pretty close" to one half of the game.

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(Left) Carmel's Madeline Recker gets control of the ball during the Greyhounds' sectional win over Crispus Attucks on Tuesday. (Right) Kate Malin scored a late penalty-kick goal for the Shamrocks during their victory over North Central.

on. "They deserve it, they worked hard all year long and they made the starters what they are, so they deserve the time."

Lindsey's hat trick

The Shamrocks had a tougher game, as

they took on North Cen- Meanwhile, Westfield's detral. Neither team scored in fense did its job, with Kate the first half, but Westfield broke it open in the second half, scoring four goals for a 4-0 victory.

44th minute on a penalty kick, then used a header to net in the 48th minute. Cassady then blasted a 25-yard rocket into the net a couple minutes later, and Westfield had a 3-0 lead.

"It definitely increased our confidence and in-"They love it," said Dix- creased the momentum go-



now." Kate

ing forward," said

could just find the

back of the net

Cassady.

"And

the 71st minute. Pallante and the back line stopping any of the Panthers' opportunities.

"Our back line did re-Lindsey Cassady led ally well, Kate did really scored the first goal in the Hannah Eggert. "The fans got into it a little bit and they were able to keep their 5-1 and play Tipton Thurssend a second ball into the composure and keep the clean sheet for us."

Carmel is 14-0-3 for the season, while Westfield is

Hamilton Heights advanced to the semifinals of Class 2A Sectional 24 at Yorktown by beating Jay County 3-0 on Tuesday.

The Huskies led 1-0 at halftime, with Addyson Ferguson putting in Heights' goal. Lizzy Smith added a second goal midway through the second half, then Ella Hickok scored a few minutes later.

The Huskies are 10-4-3 and play Delta Thursday in the semifinals.

Host Sheridan cruised we knew that we past Taylor 6-0 Tuesday to reach the semifinals of Class 1A Sectional 37.

The Blackhawks got on Malin the board 12 minutes in the put in the Sham- game, when Norah Stites rocks' final goal scored off an Emma Alexof the game, ander corner kick. Sheridan nailing a PK in began to roll after that: Cecelia Timme put in a goal, with Sadie Timme making the assist, then Stites scored again to give the 'Hawks a 3-0 lead.

> Alexander scored two goals for Sheridan in the second half. Makenzy Terry earned another shutout as goalkeeper.

The Blackhawks are 10day in the semifinals.

University lost a tough first-round game in Class 1A Sectional 42 Tuesday at Cardinal Ritter, as the Trailblazers were beaten in penalty kicks by Bethesda

Christian. The Patriots led 2-0 during the first half before University came back to tie the game at 2-2 by the end of regulation. Kierra Bright and Mack Feeney both scored for the 'Blazers. Neither team scored in overtime, which sent the game to the shootout, which Bethesda won 3-1.

University finished its season 5-7-2.

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Noblesville

Carmel Center Grove

Pike

Zionsville

Fishers

Northridge **Bloomington South**

Lake Central 10. Columbus North

Cathedral

12. Castle

13. Munster

14. Fort Wayne Carroll

15. Goshen 16. Brownsburg

17. Harrison 18. Hamilton Southeastern

Warsaw 20. Northrop

BOYS CLASS 2A

Mishawaka Marian **Brebeuf Jesuit**

Evansville Memorial

Speedway

Providence

Illiana Christian

West Lafayette

Cascade

Heritage Christian

10. Hamilton Heights

11. Bishop Dwenger

12. Culver Academies

13. Guerin Catholic

Heritage Hills 15. Bishop Noll

16. West Noble

17. Greencastle

South Bend St. Joseph

19. Washington Community

NorthWood **BOYS CLASS 1A**

Westview

Covenant Christian Faith Christian **Bethany Christian**

Oldenburg Academy **Greenwood Christian**

Wheeler 8. Covington

Park Tudor Southwestern Shelby

Blackhawk Christian

12. Carroll

Northeast Dubois 13. 14. Muncie Burris

15. North Putnam

16. University

Forest Park

18. Rock Creek

19. Switzerland County

20. Elkhart Christian

GIRLS CLASS 3A

1. Carmel

Hamilton Southeastern

Noblesville

Castle Westfield

Cathedral Fort Wayne Carroll

East Central

Crown Point

10. Evansville Reitz

Bloomington South

12. Penn

13. Homestead

14. Chesterton

15. Brownsburg 16. Northridge

17. Mount Vernon

18. Warsaw

Goshen 20. Evansville North

GIRLS CLASS 2A Brebeuf Jesuit

Bishop Chatard

Guerin Catholic

Bellmont

5. Leo

West Lafayette

Bishop Dwenger

Evansville Memorial 9.

Monrovia

Lawrenceburg Gibson Southern 11.

12. Mishawaka Marian

13. Hanover Central

Batesville

15. Northwood

16. Northwestern

Speedway 18. Silver Creek

19. Tri West T20. Danville

T20. Jasper

GIRLS CLASS 1A Providence **Evansville Christian**

Heritage Christian Park Tudor

Evansville Mater Dei

5. Canterbury

> Trinity Westview

Greencastle

Andrean 11. Wheeler

Oldenburg 13. Faith Christian

14. Forest Park

15. Bethany Christian (Goshen) 16. Bremen

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Boys Soccer

Noblesville toughs out win over Muncie Central; Carmel wins all-county battle over Westfield

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys soccer team, two-time defending Class 3A state champions, opened sectional play Monday by beating a tough Muncie Central team 2-0.

The Bearcats held the No. 1-ranked Millers scoreless in the first half with difficult defense, and their goalkeeper saved a penalty kick during that half. Noblesville broke through in the second half, when Alex Pursch sent a cross from the left flank to Ashton Craig on the back post. Craig made a header to send the ball into the net.

Less than a minute later, Ben Hewitt scored. He collected the ball near midfield, dribbled 40 vards, then blasted the ball into the net with a left-foot kick.

The Millers are 12-

semifinal game at 5:30 p.m. That will be followed by the second semifinal game, between No. 6 Fishers and No. 18 Hamilton making the assist. Gourley Southeastern.

Two Hamilton County teams met Monday in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 10 at Zionsville.

No. 2-ranked Carmel got on top of Westfield early and eventually won 5-1 to advance to tonight's Greyhounds will play the host and No. 5-ranked Eagles, with North Central and Herron playing in the the first round of Class 2A other semifinal.

Christian Nielsen scored the Greyhounds' first goal, off an assist by Hayden Warneke. Johnny Gourley added a goal suit. The Braves won 4-1. during the 21st minute,

Heights in tonight's first Carmel led 2-0 at halftime. The Shamrocks scored

during the 57th minute; Grant Myers scored the goal with Oliver Smith put in a goal five minutes later to give the 'Hounds a 3-1 lead. John Gilbert put an assist from Connor Dora into the net for Carmel's fourth goal, and Warneke added the fifth goal, with Nielsen making his second assist of the night.

Carmel is 14-1-2 for sectional semifinals, The the season, while the Shamrocks finished 9-6-2.

Sectional 26 on Monday.

The No. 13-ranked Golden Eagles had a difficult assignment, playing No. 2-ranked Brebeuf Je-Gavin Rieck scored Guer-0-5 and play Pendleton with Nielsen assisting, and in Catholic's goal in the 2-5 season.

Prather making the assist.

In the second game, No. 10 Hamilton Heights lost a tough one to No. 9 Heritage Christian, 2-1 in overtime. After a scoreless first half, the Eagles broke 43rd minute.

The Huskies came back with 12:11 left in the half, as Phoenix Vondersaar scored off an assist by Micah Colvin. The score stayed 1-1 through the end the contest to overtime.

Guerin Catholic hosted overtime consists of two the Regional 14 title. seven-minute periods. Heritage got the winning goal with 1:20 left in the second overtime period, then held on from there.

> The Golden Eagles finished 5-10-1, while Heights completed an 11-

Boys Tennis Regionals—

Three county teams make final round

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County teams advanced to the championship round of their respective regionals on Tuesday.

Noblesville advanced to the final of its own regional, beating a tough Frankton team 3-2 in the Tuesday semifinals. The No. 24-ranked Millers swept the doubles matches, with No. 1 Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard winning 6-2, 6-0 and No. 2 Jack Brenneman and Dane Campbell getting a 6-1, 6-0 victory. No. 3 singles through with a goal in the Zane Panning was the clincher, getting a 6-3, 6-2 win.

No. 1 singles Ethan Feliciano fell to Sam Barr in a tight match 6-3, 7-6 (9); Barr moves on to the individual tournament. No. 2 singles Coleman Kratz dropped a of regulation, which sent 6-4, 6-2 match to Max Barr.

A soccer tournament Delta at 4:30 p.m. today for

Top-ranked Carmel swept Crawfordsville 5-0 to reach the championship of the Lebanon regional on Tuesday.

The Greyhounds won all five matches in straight sets, including 6-0, 6-0 shutouts

for No. 2 singles Rocky Li, No. 1 doubles Michael Bao and Braedon McIntyre, and No. 2 doubles David Liu and Grant Mu. No. 1 singles Jonathan Yang won his match 6-3, 6-0 and No. 3 singles Wes Worobel was a 6-1, 6-1 winner.

Carmel takes on No. 9 Park Tudor in today's Regional 9 championship, which starts at 5 p.m.

Also at Lebanon, two county individual players will face off for the individual sectional title today.

University's Owen Schellhase defeated Parke Heritage's Lewie Woody 6-1, 6-0 to advance to the final. He will play Guerin Catholic's Max Fuller, a 6-1, 6-0 winner over Western Boone's Gavin Hawkins.

The two will play at Noblesville takes on Lebanon today for the championship.

> Fishers beat Northeastern 5-0 in Tuesday's semifinals to reach the championship at the Mount Vernon regional.

The No. 14 Tigers play No. 30 Greenfield-Central at 5 p.m. today for the Regional 8 championship.

Volleyball

Blackhawks finish conference play 5-3 after beating Tri Central

The REPORTER

The Sheridan volleyball team made some more history Monday night after beating Tri-Central in a four-set Hoosier Heartland Conference match.

The Blackhawks won 25-22, 21-25, 25-23, 25-20. Trinity Parkin blasted a season-high 24 kills and broke the school record 21-25, 25-19. most kills in a season. Par-IJzer. Kenzie Garner totaled 17 kills and Nova Cross dished out a season-high 42 assists.

Meredith Krupp delivered six aces and 17 service points, while Cross had three aces and 12 service points. Garner and Claudia Headlee both had two block assists, followed by one block assist each from Cross and Shelby Eaton.

On defense, Cross collected 24 digs, with Garner

getting 23. Krupp had 20 digs, Parkin 17, Headlee six and Beth Adams six.

Sheridan finished conference play 5-3 and is 14-11 overall, and plays tonight at North Montgomery.

Hamilton Heights won a four-set match at Westfield on Tuesday, 25-23, 25-22,

The Huskies had everykin now has 258 kills; the one on the team step up for previous record was 244 the victory, which puts the set last season by Senne team's record at 19-6 for the season. The Shamrocks were led by Chloe Sutake with 10 kills and Lilly Tucker with 10 digs, and are 12-15 for the season.

Heights reached the final of the Hoosier Conference tournament last Saturday. The Huskies beat Rensselaer Central 25-8, 25-9 and West Lafayette 25-14, 23-25, 25-9 before falling to Benton Central at Fishers. 25-14, 25-23.

Heights hosts Sheri-



Photo by Dwight Casler Hadley Phillips ran through the "tunnel" as Sheridan volleyball players and coaches recognized Youth volleyball players Monday night at the Blackhawks' match with Tri-Central.

plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match Thursday

University was swept by on Thursday.

dan on Thursday. Westfield Indiana School for the Deaf

on Monday, 25-22, 25-21, 25-15. The Trailblazers are 9-10 and host Bethesda Christian

IHSAA announces volleyball sectional tournament pairings

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced the pairings for next week's volleyball sectional tournaments last Sunday.

Hamilton County's Class 4A schools will travel to Zionsville to compete in first of two opening-round matches on Thursday, Oct. tridge winner. 12, followed by Noblesville taking on Fishers.

In semifinal action Saturday, Oct. 14, defending 4A state champion Hamilton Southeastern will play Westfield-Zionsville winner in the first semifinal. Carmel will face the Noblesville-Fishers winner in the second semifinal.

Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights will play

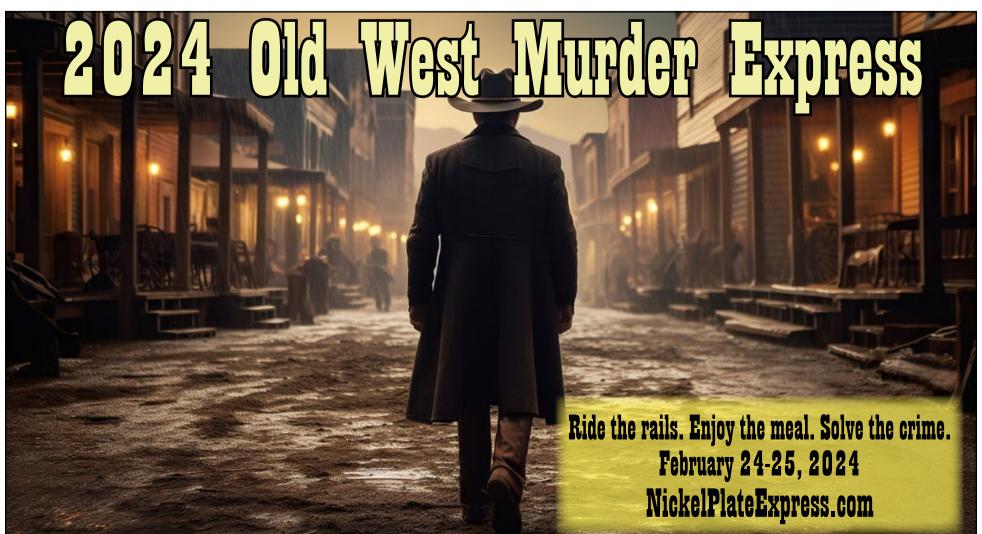
hosted by Bishop Chatard. The Trojans play Herron in an Oct. 12 first-round match, followed by the Golden Eagles playing Shortridge. The Huskies will take on the Herron-Chatard winner Sectional 8. Westfield will in the first Oct. 14 semifiplay the host Eagles in the nal, with Heritage Christian playing the Guerin-Shor-

at Class 3A Sectional 27,

Sheridan is hosting Class 2A Sectional 43, a five-team site. Cascade and Park Tudor will play the first-round game on Oct. 12. In the Oct. 14 semifinals, Covenant Christian plays University, while Sheridan takes on the Cascade-Park Tudor winner.

All semifinal winners advance to the championship matches, which are set for the evening of Oct. 14.

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Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St. Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road

Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St. Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.

Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road

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Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road

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SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.

WESTFIELD

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St. Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.





Grant wins BC39 after fierce fight with teammate

Submitted by IMS

Justin Grant, a childhood friend and longtime competitor of event namesake Bryan Clauson, prevailed in a fierce duel with teammate Thomas Meseraull to win the fifth running of the Driven2SaveLives BC39 feature in racing, that margin of vicrace Saturday night at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Grant, from Ione, California, earned \$20,039 for the victory in the 39-lap USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Champion-USAC champion and threetime Indianapolis 500 startawareness of and participation in the Indiana Donor Network and Drive2Save-Lives. Grant also won the preliminary feature Friday dirt oval inside Turn 3 of

"He was an awfully good race driver, great person, and it's an honor to race here in his memory," Grant said of Clauson, who died in August 2016 after a racing accident. "To come in here and win at IMS, to win a race for Bryan Clauson, everything in his honor, it really means a lot to me."

Curb-Agajanian

sports car, while Logan 11 laps remaining. Seavey placed third in the No. 57 Abacus Racing car.

Grant won by a comfortable 2.094 seconds even as he navigated heavy lapped traffic over the closing laps. But as with many statistics tory was deceptive.

Halfway through the feature, teammates Grant and Meseraull were engaged in a ferocious race for the top spot, nearly colliding numerous times and probably causing heartburn for ship feature that honors late RMS Racing owner Dave Estep. Grant had climbed from the fourth starting spot er Clauson while increasing to duel for the lead against Meseraull, who won the Thursday night preliminary feature and started second in tonight's feature.

Meseraull slid under night on the quarter-mile Grant in Turn 4 on Lap 25 to take the top spot – one of numerous lead changes between Grant, Meseraull and Axsom from the early going past the halfway point. Grant then tapped a lapped car in Turn 1 on the next lap and lost momentum, giving Meseraull some breathing room out front.

But Grant stayed on his preferred high line around the bullring while lapped Pole sitter Emerson traffic slowed Meseraull, Axsom finished second in and Grant was right back on It was almost really hard to the No. 68 Keith Kunz/ the rear nerf bar of fellow pass lapped traffic, so I felt Motor- Californian Meseraull with

The deciding moment occurred with eight laps to go when Meseraull slid high exiting Turn 4 and climbed the wall, with his right-side tires riding the top of the concrete wall while his left tires stayed on the clay oval. Grant squirted past for the lead and never trailed thereafter, while Meseraull kept control of his car after the wild wall ride and stayed in the throttle, eventually finishing fifth.

"I was hustling as hard as I could there, and I know T-Mez (Meseraull) was hustling hard, too," Grant said. "It was really, really tricky down there. It felt like we got to pushing each other harder and harder and harder. It's unbelievable."

From there, Grant deftly navigated tricky lapped traffic in the 25-car field to power to what he called one of the biggest victories of his career. Grant also has an IMS connection through his late father-in-law, Bubby Jones, who raced in the 1977 Indianapolis 500.

'It was really hard when you get to lapped traffic," Grant said. "You couldn't get in at the rate you needed to get in, so your car was unloaded behind those guys. like we kept getting back to each other in lap traffic. Just a ton of fun."

Grant said one of his turning points in the race came after Daniel Whitley flipped into the fence between Turns 1 and 2 on Lap 4, pausing the race for more than 20 minutes for fence repairs. Whitley was unhurt, and Grant used the down time to settle his mind and prepare for a looming fight.

"We were kind of riding around early," Grant said.
"We weren't the best car; we weren't the fastest. But I just knew as soon as it got slick, curved up, technical, I can go to work. We got that yellow there, and OK, it was time to regroup and go to work here."

Seventy-two cars participated in this three-night event at IMS, making the Driven2SaveLives the largest USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship field of the year.

Zionsville vs. Carmel, 5:30 p.m. North Central vs. Herron, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 39 at Sheridan Tri-Central vs. Muncie Burris, 5 p.m. Liberty Christian vs. Sheridan, 7 p.m. Sectional 40 at Park Tudor Scecina vs. Lapel, 5 p.m. Park Tudor vs. University, 7 p.m. TENNIS REGIONALS

At Noblesville Championship: Noblesville vs. Delta, 4:30 p.m. At Lebanon Championship: Carmel vs. Park Tudor, 5 p.m. At Mount Vernon Championship: Fishers vs. Greenfield-Central, 5 p.m. **VOLLEYBALL**

Wednesday, Oct. 4

BOYS SOCCER

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Noblesville vs. Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 10 at Zionsville

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Sheridan at North Montgomery, 7 p.m.

