

S.T.A.R. student takes active role at Westfield High School

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After attending a STEM camp at the Naval Academy, sophomore Aydah Leising envisioned starting a military and charity-based club at Westfield High School. WHS has more than 80 clubs, and any student can start a new club with just a handful of interested students.

MaryEdith Malin, coordinator of communications and professional development at WHS, had been having similar thoughts since she moved to the area several years ago and was surprised to find no formal military-related organizations at the high school.

"There are not a lot of bases around the area, so I think the kids here, and even families, don't have the knowledge of what the military offers," Malin said.

Malin and her husband both served in the United States Air Force before settling in Indiana



Reporter photo by Amy Adams
(From right) Aydah Leising and fellow sophomores Jasmine Mendez-Garcia, Sandrin Galy, and Parker Hiple go over S.T.A.R. paperwork.

with their three children who are all students in Westfield Washington Schools. Malin eagerly stepped in as club sponsor.

The Military Club officially began in the fall of 2023

and hosted a panel of military service members and veterans from different branches to talk to interested students about their experiences and careers. More than 50 students showed up to

listen to the panel members, who included Mayor Scott Willis as a representative of the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Big updates on upcoming Indiana Peony Festival in May

By KELLY McVEY
Indiana Peony Festival

Hey Peony Lovers, I have some special announcements to make!

First and foremost, we'd like to make a special shoutout to our dear friends with [Smith's Jewelers on the Square](#) for being this year's Premier Indiana Peony Festival sponsor. Smith's Jewelers has been a great partner of ours since the festival began, and we couldn't be more appreciative of all the support they pour into our organization and community. This year, they'll offer some incredible raffle opportunities, which will be announced with more details soon.

Attention VIPPs!
(Very Important Peony People)
It's time to begin thinking about your favorite peony dress or your best floral tie! Tickets are now available for this year's Peonies in the Park VIPP event. Join us the evening before the Festival from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 17 for our third annual Indiana Peony Festival fundraiser.

This year's event has an exciting, elevated twist. We are partnering with James Beard Semifinalist Chef Samir Mohammad and his wife Rachel Firestone Mohammad from 9th Street Bistro to provide a chef-inspired evening. This year, your ticket provides you with a night in the beautifully decorated Seminary Park with some of the most revered chefs in the Indianapolis area, including, but not limited to, Samir Mohammad (9th Street Bistro), Tyler Shortt (Tinker Street), Michael Conley (KanKan), Youssef Boudarine (J'adore/Bluebeard), and Ross Katz (RHB Resources). More info to come, but get your ticket now at [this link](#).

This year's event is made possible by our 2024 Peonies in the Park sponsor Church Church Hittle & Antrim. CCHA has been in our community for over 100 years and can be thanked for helping make Noblesville the special place that it is through their continual support of community and non-profit organizations such as ours.

[Click here](#) to purchase your ticket today.

Don't miss Brunch & Blooms
For the fourth year in a row, the peony fun doesn't stop at Seminary Park.

Plan to spend your entire day in downtown Noblesville – roughly 30 walkable merchant locations will offer additional peony-inspired food, drink, products, and promotions that you can take part in via the annual Brunch & Blooms event. The alleys

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Noblesville Lions Club takes care of business at 25D annual convention

Submitted by Jake Doll
Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions Club played host to the District 25D annual convention on March 2 at the Forest Park Inn in Noblesville.

Lions Club International Director Ron Keller spoke to the 80 attendees on the great work Lions are doing here and around the world. During the convention, the Noblesville, Westfield, and Carmel Lions Clubs were all recognized with Club Excellence Awards for the 2022-23 Lions year. Those clubs, and the Wayne-Fall Lions Club, were recog-

nized for positive membership growth during the first half of the 2023-24 Lions year.

Noblesville Lions realized eight new members. Lions Jeff Kozicki of Noblesville, Christine Woodward of Carmel, and past district governor Dan Wilcox of Westfield received presidential certificates in recognition of their assistance to the district.

Noblesville Lion District Governor Julia Kozicki presided over the election of next year's officers, including Lion David 'Rocky' Simpson of Greentown as next year's district governor.



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
Noblesville Lion Club attendees John Grimes, Tim Baker, Julia Kozicki, Bob Minton, Mark Bachar, Steve Craig, Jeff Kozicki, Walt Scheid (holding membership certificate), Josh Kozicki, Cheryl Helton, and Steve Shaw.

Heights names February Coffee Bean Award winners

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of February: Matthew Autry, Kennedy Cherry, Cameron Hazelwood, Isaac Kuhn, Kinley (Heights' ICAN service dog), Navaeh Smith, and Natalie Vann.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of

recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at hhschuskiies.org/domain/82.



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Hamilton Heights High School February Coffee Bean Award recipients (from left) Natalie Vann, Isaac Kuhn, Kennedy Cherry, Kinley (Heights' ICAN service dog), Cameron Hazelwood, and Nevaeh Smith. Not pictured: Matthew Autry.

Jackson Fire Chief aces tests at state fire safety academy



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Recently, Chief James Carter (front row, fourth from left) from the Jackson Township Fire Department attended the weeklong Fire Chief Executive Training Program at the Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy. Chief Carter was one of only three attendees to score a perfect score on all three final exams for the course. The people of Jackson Township are proud and know they are in excellent hands.

S.T.A.R.

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In mid-February, WHS Principal Alicia Denniston signed a memorandum of understanding with U.S. Army Capt. Brandon Kuegler for the Military Club to officially become the S.T.A.R. Club. S.T.A.R. stands for Students Taking Active Roles, and the club represents a partnership between the Army and WHS in which the Army provides resources and training for participating high school students.

WWS Superintendent Paul Kaiser has been talking to military members about starting a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program. According to Malin, the process will take more than a year.

“S.T.A.R. is an interim program,” Malin said. “It teaches a lot of the same principles that JROTC would, but on a smaller basis. The Army funds T-shirts and some of the experiences for the students. We try to have our clubs be student led, but it’s nice to have this program when they are just getting started.”

Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Simmermon is the S.T.A.R. facilitator at WHS. Simmermon, whose military occupational specialty is artillery, is currently serving as an Army recruiter at area high schools and was a

panel member for the Military Club last fall.

“The students lead the class, but I give instruction,” Simmermon said. “The curriculum is cut and dry and really breaks everything down with a year of material. I try to make it fun.”

The curriculum includes an overview of topics such as first aid, physical training, and stress management.

S.T.A.R. Club is not a recruiting organization and requires no service obligation or even interest in a military career, according to Malin. However, it offers students the leadership development they will need throughout life.

“I hope the students get an understanding of what the military has to offer and that their own personal goals are achievable,” Simmermon said.

Leising hopes to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and become a pilot, and she knows leadership is important when applying to colleges. Appointed platoon sergeant at the most recent meeting, the highest rank for a student, she is on her way to getting that leadership experience.

“I also love volunteering and serving people,” Leising said.



(ABOVE LEFT) Staff Sgt. Anthony Simmermon talks with Aydah Leising and fellow sophomore Tanner Townsend about the chain of command at the most recent S.T.A.R. meeting. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) MaryEdith Malin, S.T.A.R. sponsor; Aydah Leising, Military Club president and S.T.A.R. platoon sergeant; and Sandrin Galy, Military Club vice president got together recently at lunchtime.

The club has plans to spend time cleaning up around memorials and perhaps volunteering at a VA medical center.

S.T.A.R. Club meets twice a month during CORE, which is an approximately 45-minute flex period WHS students have four days a week. The next

meeting will be March 14. Students can sign up to at-

tend meetings using the SchoolCore app that shows them all the CORE options available on a given day.



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
WHS Principal Alicia Denniston and Capt. Brandon Kuegler officially establish the S.T.A.R. Club at WHS.

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Photo provided by City of Carmel
The Range Line Road Corridor was recognized for improvements to safety and design.

Carmel receives Engineering Excellence Award from American Council of Engineering Companies

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced Wednesday that the City of Carmel has received a National Recognition Award in the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) 2024 Engineering Excellence Awards competition for the Range Line Road Corridor Project.

Deemed by ACEC as "the world's greatest celebration of engineering excellence," the award honors projects demonstrating exceptional engineering excellence at the national level.

Completed at the end of 2023, the city partnered with American Structurepoint, Inc., which provided overall program management services for the design and construction of the entire corridor and design and engineering services for roundabouts, streetscape design, and landscape architecture.

"We are so grateful for

and proud to receive the ACEC Engineering Excellence Award in recognition of the contributions of so many at the City of Carmel and American Structurepoint," City Engineer Jeremy Kashman said. "This area is now a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly, streetscaped corridor providing improved public safety, more efficient traffic flow and inviting access to destinations where residents and visitors can live, play and work. It is also an example of the City of Carmel leading the nation in our Safe System initiatives, an approach which aims to improve safety for all road users."

"Congratulations to ev-



Kashman



Finkam

everyone at the City and American Structurepoint for this much-deserved recognition," Mayor Finkam said. "Safety should always be a major focus for our infrastructure programs, and we are proud that the Range Line Road Corridor is a shining example of a safety-focused project that also provides high-quality design and enhances the overall desirability of our community."

Kashman will attend the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., on May 15 to accept the national award on the city's behalf. The Range Line Road Corridor project also received a similar award from the ACEC Indiana chapter earlier this year.

PEONIES

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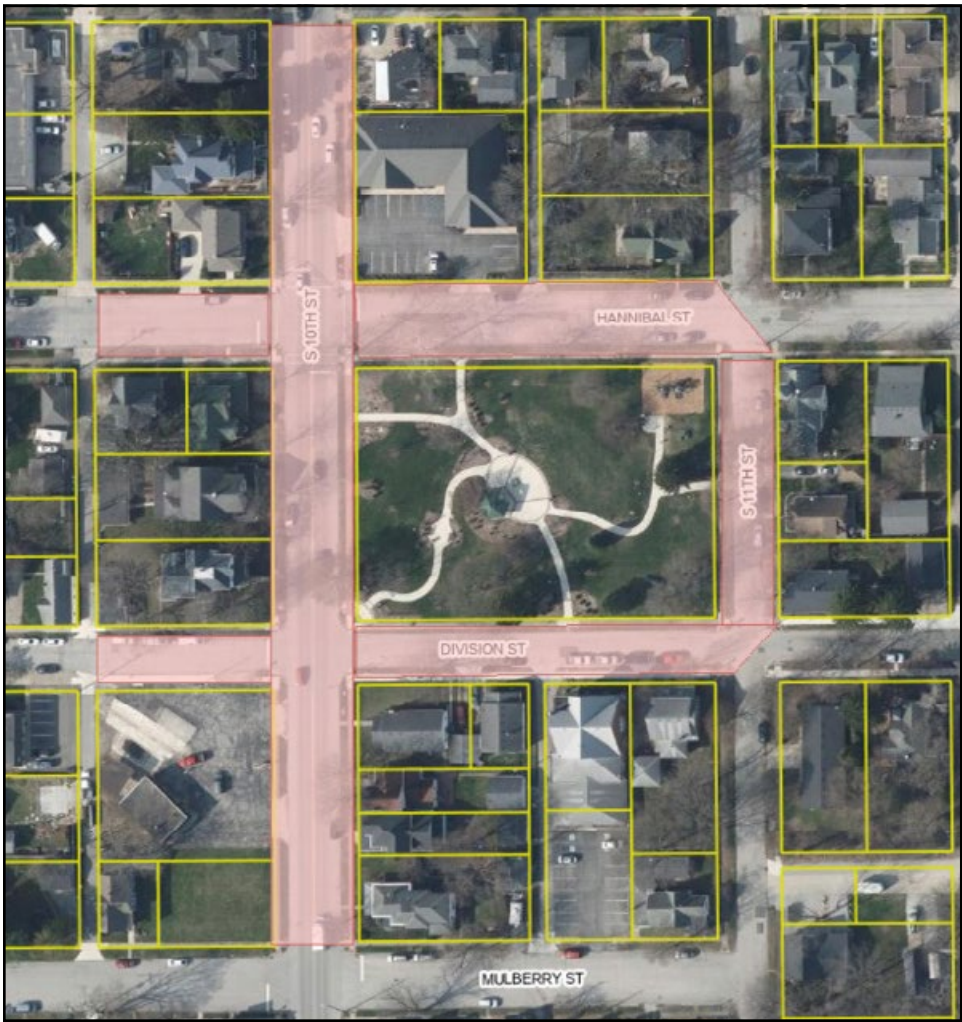


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The festival is growing, and that mean more space in needed! This year, the event goes beyond Seminary Park and pours onto 10th Street.

will be filled with floral installations and live music, the shops will have peony decorated windows, and the local small businesses on the square will be ready for you with all things peony. Grab a commemorative Brunch & Blooms map at the Indiana Peony Festival tent on the courthouse lawn and get your map stamped at 15 or more locations for a chance to win special peony prizes.

Thank you to our friends and neighbors with **Godby Home Furnishings** for sponsoring this year's Brunch & Blooms event. Godby Home Furnishings is celebrating being in business in Hamilton County for 50 years, and what better way to give back to the community than to be an integral part of our downtown event? We appreciate you!

Big News

We are overwhelmed with gratitude at the increasing rate of our peony-loving



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festivalgoers.

Thanks to the City of Noblesville, this year we are expanding our footprint beyond Seminary Park. On Festival Day, Saturday, May 18, 10th Street will be closed and lined with vendors from Mulberry Street to Cherry Street. This is to help leave the park more open for attendees to see and experience the beautiful floral displays and to help provide more space for walking, shopping, and lines.

We are working hard to accommodate the growing crowds by offering 35 public bathrooms, doubling our food and floral vendors, and providing more artists, makers, and small businesses for shopping. This will also help bridge the gap between Seminary Park and our Brunch & Blooms event on the square.

More updates will be announced as Festival Week-end nears. Follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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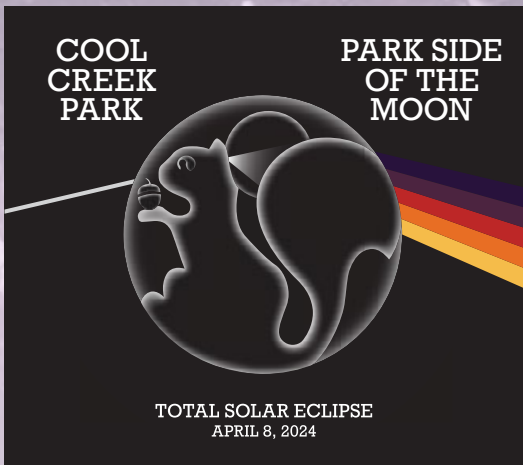




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A rare, total solar eclipse will occur in Hamilton County on Monday, April 8, 2024 and not be repeated in this area until 2153! Hamilton County Parks is staging two events that will entertain and educate, in celebration of this celestial spectacle!



**Park Side of the Moon | April 8
10 AM - 5 PM | Cool Creek Park**

\$10 (\$15 out of county)

Get your eclipse on with *Echoes of Pompeii A Tribute to Pink Floyd*. Broadcast personality Paul Poteet* will serve as host, joined by noted stargazers, Dr. Doug Balogh and Jeff Attebury. Enjoy fun activities, vendors, and for-purchase food and drink throughout the day.

Meet Paul Poteet!



**Moon Market | April 8
12 - 5 PM | Strawtown Koteewi Park**

\$5 (\$10 out of county)

Invited artisans will be selling crafts and wares while respected eclipse expert W. Keith Turner presents fascinating eclipse programming. Guitarist Robin Harrison will set the eclipse to music. Special activities and the Duke Energy Nature Education Trailer will be part of the celebration. For-purchase food and drink will also be available.

FREE eclipse viewing safety glasses will be issued to all attendees when entering the event grounds. Free parking for registered guests and the option to tailgate will be offered at both locations. Register online at MyHamiltonCountyParks.com or scan the QR code below. Hurry, attendance capacities have been set at both park locations!



The perfect way to remember this historic event!

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is offering commemorative eclipse merchandise online. A select number of the online items (viewing glasses, t-shirts and stickers) will also be sold at Cool Creek Nature Center until sold out. *These items will not be available at either park on the day of the events.* A portion of the proceeds will benefit Hamilton County Parks and Recreation.



Thanks to these valued sponsors for supporting these two very special events.

Scan for event registration or eclipse merchandise online store.



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Rocks take the plunge!



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
This year marks the 25th anniversary of Special Olympics Indiana's Polar Plunge, a fundraiser for those who live with intellectual disabilities. Great job to all Shamrocks who took the plunge, including Westfield Washington Schools' very own Superintendent, Dr. Paul Kaiser.

Westfield Chamber spotlights Women in Leadership

Mayor's Chief of Staff Danielle Carey Tolan will speak at March coffee

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Danielle Carey Tolan as the March coffee speaker from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 28 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

Carey Tolan serves as the Chief of Staff for Westfield Mayor Scott Willis. Previously, she served as Westfield Washington Township Trustee, an elected position she held for nine years. She is part of a fifth-generation local farm family and is involved with many rural organizations such as the In-

diana Rural Caucus, AgriInstitute, and Indiana Women in Agriculture.

Carey Tolan volunteers in various ways, including serving as past president and founding member of the Women of Westfield, as well as being a member of the Hamilton County Housing Collaborative, Riverview Health Women of Vision, and the Hamilton County GOP. She and her husband, Andrew, have one adult son and can be found many weekends fly fishing or hiking.



Carey Tolan

[Click here](#) to register for the March coffee event.

Examining our work wardrobe

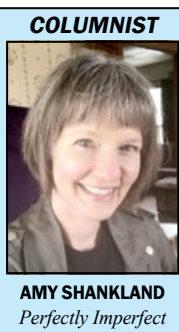
Okee-dokee, you are on your way to creating a joyful workspace with wonderful sights, sounds, temperatures, and perhaps aromas. Your voicemail and email make you – and others – happy. There's just one more basic frontier for us to conquer – our work wardrobes.

Dressing for success not only helps us move up the ladder in our companies, but it makes us feel positive. *The Wall Street Journal* stated in February 2016 that research says when workers wear nicer clothes, they achieve more.

I must admit, I failed in this category miserably years ago when I worked from home after my first son was born. Perhaps it was a combination of being a new mother and dealing with the occasional lack of sleep, along with juggling work with a new baby, but I dressed terribly.

And forget about make-up or doing my hair. When I look back at photos from that time, I see that my "uniform" was a ponytail, no make-up, a T-shirt, and shorts or sweatpants. And, God forbid, Mom Jeans, the subject of *Saturday Night Live* skits and other satirical scenarios. If you don't know what Mom Jeans are, let's just say they are less than flattering.

Sadly, things didn't change much after the birth of my second son, especially when I ran a home day-



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

care for a couple of years. Somehow, I pulled myself together and dressed well for my interview for the City of Noblesville and returned to the typical office setting in early 2007.

A combination of an illness and fate lead me to binge watch the former popular TLC show *What Not to Wear* soon after I started. This show opened my eyes to how a person's dress can affect his or her performance on the job.

Perhaps you are required to wear a uniform for work, so this is not an issue for you. Love it or hate it, a uniform simplifies the whole "what to wear?" dilemma and gives everyone a unified appearance.

I created my own uniform when I worked for our county's Soil and Water Conservation District. We were allowed to wear casual to business casual attire, so I bought different colored polo shirts and the office paid to have a logo embroidered on each one. It was nice to not think about what to wear each morning, as I typically would put on one of the polo shirts and either jeans or khakis.

Some people create a uniform in more formal office settings. In 2015, an art director shared in *Harper's Bazaar* how she bought numerous white silk blouses and black pants for her own day to day uniform. She added a blazer and accessories to change up the look.

This art director's idea is nothing new. Men have essentially been wearing a uniform for decades – a suit. With more relaxed dress codes, both men and women are often wearing what I did at soil and water – polo shirts and khakis or pants.

Creating our own uniform frees up time to focus on more important issues each day vs. thinking about what to wear. For some, however, a uniform is boring and stifling. No matter what, dressing thoughtfully and with care affects your attitude and performance at work.

I'm working from home once again, but this time I make certain to wear at least a bit of makeup, have my hair in an actual style, and put on real clothes.

Remember, dressing well doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. My dear friend Cara, the former public affairs director for the City of Noblesville, does an amazing job of dressing well but has an eye for being frugal.

Obviously, it was of up-most importance for her to look polished and professional in this position, as she was representing the city and its employees every day.

Cara pays attention to what fits her well and to what colors bring out her best features. Her favorite shops? TJ Maxx and garage sales!

You might be thinking, "I have no idea how to do that." Frankly, neither did I. But if I can change and dress better, anyone can. *What Not to Wear* helped me and countless other men and women, but the show is off the air now. You can probably stream old episodes.

There are plenty of resources out there to help you dress your best, including YouTube videos, department store ads, and personal stylists. Or just pick a well-dressed friend like Cara and see if they can give you some free advice!

Whether you wear a uniform, choose to create one, or embark on a journey to wear a variety of professional apparel, dressing well is an easy way to ensure you start your shift with the right attitude.

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Aspire Indiana Health appoints three new board members

The REPORTER

Aspire Indiana Health has appointed three leading members of the central Indiana healthcare and support community to its Board of Directors: Celeste Evers, Vincent Smith, and Steven Warnhoff.

"I am delighted to welcome three outstanding community leaders to our Board," Board Chair Michael Collette said. "Each of them embodies true commitment and vast experience. I couldn't be more honored to serve alongside Board colleagues who bring expertise in abundance as well as a passion for our mission."

Evers is a longtime advocate for building communities, serving as the Vice President of Mission Impact for Coburn Place, an Indianapolis home for survivors of domestic violence and



Evers

their children. She is an experienced social worker with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Smith is a strategic implementation and execution specialist with nearly 20 years of experience in housing, workforce development, and community action. He currently serves as Executive Director of Building and Impacting Communities, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit



Smith

that provides housing and wraparound services for vulnerable populations. The Tennessee State University alum is also a Center for Creative Leadership Community Coalition Leadership Program graduate. He is a cross-functional leader, passionate about creating strategic direction and providing leadership to achieve remarkable outcomes.

Warnhoff has a deep background in educational psychology and currently serves as Director of the Hamilton-Boone-Madison



Warnhoff

Special Services Cooperative, which provides an array of services for special education classrooms to assist in meeting the needs of all youth and their families. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Indiana University, and his bachelor's degree from Ball State University.

"We are so pleased to welcome these new members to the board and thank them for the time and dedication that goes into their service," Aspire President & CEO Antony Sheehan said. "This trio of outstanding individuals will help guide us as the organization continues to grow and explore ways to better serve Hoosiers who face roadblocks to receiving proper healthcare."

Learn more about Aspire Indiana Health at [AspireIndiana.org](https://aspireindiana.org).

Hamilton County braces for more road work

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Beginning April 1, Indiana Department of Transportation will close most of State Roads 32 and 38 through downtown Nobles-

ville, weather permitting.

The work on the road known locally as Conner Street will span from just west of SR 37, over the White River to the SR 38/Sheridan Road roundabout.

Crews will need to re-

move brick that lies beneath the surface of the road. Kyleigh Cramer, a spokesperson for INDOT, says the brick has been there for more than 100 years.

"This brick needs to be taken away," Cramer said. "It's not a good foundation for the road. Back then, they just put a road on top of it, and now we are getting in there and completely reconstructing it."

If the project remains on schedule, the road work will be done by the end of 2024. Detour signs will be going up in the next couple weeks.

Drivers can expect most of downtown to be closed off to traffic, but the sidewalks will remain open.

"We will be maintaining a lot of alleyways, backstreets, things of that nature, so that will also allow folks to be able to park there," Cramer said.

INDOT officials have been working closely with local authorities to make sure the state's detours don't conflict with a Hamilton County Highway Department project, the closure of 146th Street and Allisonville Road. Allisonville

Road last week was closed as Superior Construction Co. crews build a new roundabout and put a new deck on the White River bridge. That project could be completed in June.

Jill Dolak owns [Noblesville Antiques on the Square](https://noblesvilleantiques.com). The store sits on Ninth Street on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square, and the square's south border is SR 32/38. Dolak doesn't think the road construction will discourage her loyal customers.

"I think that it's necessary," Dolak said. "I think that it's inevitable. I think you have a lot of projects that have just decided that they are going to collide at one time."

Another [massive construction project](https://massiveconstructionproject.com) could also be on the horizon for southern Hamilton County: INDOT is issuing a request for proposals on the Interstate 465 and U.S. 31 interchange.

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Indiana Connections Academy opens enrollment for 2024-2025 school year

Submitted

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INDIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

[public virtual school](https://indianacommunityacademy.org), is now enrolling students in grades K-12 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Indiana Connections Academy provides students with the continuous support of highly-skilled teachers and a [curriculum](https://indianacommunityacademy.org) that focuses on both academics and helping to build fundamental life skills. This combination fosters an environment for students to gain the confidence they need to thrive.

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, Indiana Connections Academy students in grades 6-12 will have access to an expanded college and career course offering designed to prepare students for a future they're passionate about pursuing.

"Indiana Connections Academy empowers students through personalized learning plans, enabling students to pursue their education in a way that works best for them," said Kelly Simone, executive director of Indiana Connections Academy. "We are thrilled to offer expanded college and career course offerings for the 2024-25 school year, which reaffirms our commitment to supporting all students throughout their time at Indiana Connections Academy as they change, grow and prepare for their futures."

Indiana Connections Academy's expanded offering combines traditional courses with industry-leading, career-focused options

to help students develop the right skills, gain real-world experiences, and make industry connections to feel confident and prepared for their unique future.

Students can work with their school counselor to explore and identify a career path that is right for them and opportunities that can support that path. This can include making connections and engaging with several industry and higher education partners and student organizations. Students will also focus on developing essential skills like critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and leadership.

For more than a decade, Indiana Connections Academy has served [thousands of students](https://indianacommunityacademy.org) with a variety of needs. Students complete rigorous school work in the comfort of their homes with virtual instruction and support from state-certified teachers. Students develop a strong degree of intrinsic motivation and critical thinking while enrolled at Indiana Connections Academy.

Indiana Connections Academy offers many activities throughout the course of the year to help build community and relationships including numerous field trips, student government, National Honor Society, prom and an in-person graduation ceremony. Indiana Connections Academy also offers many course options for students,

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Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 for Allied Solutions' *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Interact with The Music Playhouse where you can sing, dance, move, and play instruments to stimulate musical learning. All abilities and ages are welcome to visit the booth.

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Special Gallery Exhibits

Each month, local galleries and businesses will feature special events to enhance your experience.

• **Art on Main:** "March Into Spring" at Art on Main with original pieces by painters Randall Scott Harden and Margot Brown and mosaic creations by Nancy Keating. New pieces for spring include resin work, hand-crafted jewelry, fine art photography, felt creations, glass art, greeting cards, prints and so much more.

• **CCA Gallery:** Featuring new member artist, Carrie Baxter, encaustic wax painter. She will be at CCA Gallery hosting a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by,



Photo provided

enjoy refreshments, meet the artist, and learn how she creates these amazing paintings using wax rather than paint.

• **Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery:** If you've got a touch of eclipse fever, nurture it at Indiana Artisan. Make a free eclipse pinhole viewer and talk one-on-one with photographer JD Nolan about tips for shooting the astronomical event with a smart device or traditional camera.

• **Circle Real Estate & Gallery:** It's the time of the year to add new life and color to your home or office. Circle Real Estate & Gallery is offering a one-day-only sale featuring 10 to 30 percent off all artwork and will also have a caricature artist on site.

Special offers
• **Bober Tea & Coffee (110 W. Main St., Suite 106):** Bober will offer the Dollar Donut Deal. Order a delicious boba drink and get one donut for a dollar. Bober Tea & Coffee specializes in freshly made donuts and high quality Singaporean boba teas.

A map of the gallery locations and more information about Meet Me on Main activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-

street. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

ACADEMY

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including core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies; extensive electives including foreign languages, digital technology and career technical courses, as well as honors and dual credit courses. The school also offers a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Academy's

2024-25 school year is now underway for students in grades K-12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming [online information sessions](#) to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students.

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Meijer has what you need for St. Patrick's Day

Submitted

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and it's time to paint the town green!

Meijer is a one-stop destination for everything consumers need to make St. Patrick's Day a golden success. Offerings this month include:

• **Ingredients for traditional Irish recipes:** Meijer

has everything customers need to create a traditional Irish feast, from corned beef hash and sauerkraut to sweet buttermilk and the baking essentials to make homemade Irish soda bread. Meijer also has a large selection of pre-made charcuterie boards, meat and cheese trays, and fresh-cut fruit for

your festivities.

• **Glorious green decor:** Get your green plates, cutlery, napkins, balloons, signs, garlands, streamers, and whatever else your St. Patrick's Day party requires.

• **Leprechaun-approved apparel:** Derby hats, shamrock necklaces, and festive headbands – oh my! Wheth-

er you are dressing up head to toe or just looking for one green piece to save yourself from Leprechaun pinches, Meijer has you covered.

• **Pi Day (3/14):** Just a few days before St. Patrick's Day, load up on one of Meijer Bakery's delicious homemade pies to celebrate the mathematical holiday.

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The sun is so bright you gotta wear shades



Not only is The Reporter publishing a list of places you can buy solar eclipse glasses, but some friends of Hamilton County Tourism have set up giant versions of their glasses both as a reminder to be safe in your eclipse-viewing on April 8, and also so you can get some photos with these massive specs. Locations include Cool Creek Park, Strawtown Koteewi Park, Conner Prairie, Grand Park, Noblesville City Hall, and more. [Click here](#) for a full list of locations.

Photos provided by Hamilton County Tourism



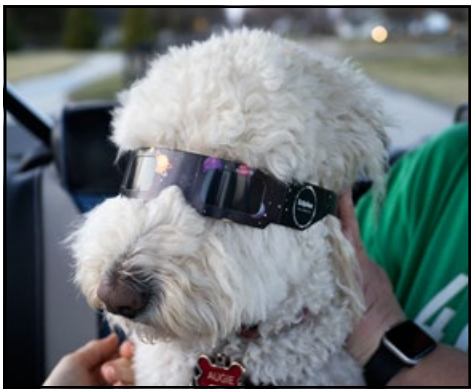
- Places to purchase glasses:**

 - All Things Carmel
 - Cicero Market
 - Cool Creek Park – Nature Center
 - Kits & Kaboodle, Carmel
 - Harbour Market, Noblesville
 - Noble Eyes
(across from Hamilton Town Center)
 - Noblesville Ace Hardware Store
 - Noblesville Creates
 - Nickel Plate Express, Hobbs Station
(on days when there are train rides)
 - Market on Main, Tipton
 - Schoolhouse 7 Cafe, Fishers
- Free glasses in Westfield:**

Solar eclipse viewing glasses available for pickup during regular business hours. Glasses are free and limited to four per family while supplies last. Residents are asked to show proof of address.

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 - The Farmers Bank: 360 Tricia Lane
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 - Westfield Police Department: 17535 Dartown Road
 - Westfield Washington Public Library: 333 Hoover Street
 - Wittler Orthodontics: 534 E Main Street

Learn more about the Total Solar Eclipse at: visithamiltoncounty.com/eclipse/eclipse-prep



Photos provided by Nik Roberts / noble-pc.com

The Cicero Parks Department is ready to help you have a fun & safe eclipse. (TOP LEFT) Lisa Bear and Leigh Burns. (TOP RIGHT) Be sure to protect your pets' eyes, too! (ABOVE LEFT) Shelby Wilson (left) is a frequent volunteer with the Parks Department. (ABOVE RIGHT) Local Boy Scouts Nolan and Jace.

Cicero is counting down to 3:06 p.m. on April 8, 2024

The REPORTER

In anticipation of the celestial spectacle on Monday, April 8 when the Moon will cast its shadow upon the Earth, the Cicero Parks Department, in collaboration with the Friends of Lights Over Morris Lake, is offering complimentary solar eclipse glasses.

Citizens are encouraged

to join the community in witnessing this astronomical event, where the Sun, Moon, and Earth align in a rare total eclipse, observable at precisely 3:06 p.m.

In preparation for the event, the Parks Department invites the public to visit Red Bridge Park during the Spring Marketplace from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16

to collect protective eyewear for their families.

Authorities stress the importance of using these specialized glasses to safeguard one's vision during the eclipse – a crucial measure for those who wish to enjoy such marvels of the cosmos now and at the next occurrence in 2044. Get them before they run out as they have a limited supply.



A farmer has misplaced some eggs and is pretty sure they are somewhere on the Nickel Plate Express!

Come share in a little rail adventure as you roll through Hamilton County's northern countryside to see the trees in bloom while enjoying a snack and a springtime story.

March 23, 24 and 30

Tickets at NickelPlateExpress.com

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn's language to resolve DCS residential care facility reporting issue headed to Governor Holcomb's desk

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, an amended version of **Senate Bill 169** was officially approved by both legislative chambers and is now headed to Gov. Holcomb's desk for signing.

On Feb. 15 in the House Family, Children and Human Affairs Committee, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) successfully offered an **amendment to SB 169** to resolve some of the residential care facility reporting issues brought to light by an investigation by the *Indianapolis Star* in 2023.

That amendment language, which is included in the version of SB 169 sent to the governor's desk, clarifies in Indiana's child abuse statute that the definition of "child" includes individuals between 18 and 21 years of age who reside or previously resided at a residential care facility licensed by the Department of Child Services. This will clarify that DCS has responsibility for children who go into the system and "age out" while residing in a residential community.

"This language is an important step forward in em-

powering residential care facility employees to report suspected abuse, especially as more accounts of abuse at residential facilities have come to light this week," State Rep. Garcia Wilburn said. "The law always comes before any facility 'policy,' and we've made this crystal clear for employees and administrators alike. This code clarification has been a year in the making ever since the *Indianapolis Star* published an investigation about several employees' abuse of residents at Pierceton Woods Academy.

"I am thankful for my fellow lawmakers' partnership in working with me to find a home for this fix this legislative session. The children who reside at residential care facilities often have experienced sexual abuse prior to their time at the facility, and it horrifies and saddens me that anyone would take advantage of a child in such a vulnerable state. I believe that this will make progress in ensuring that all children at residential care facilities are kept safe and treated with the care, concern, and respect they deserve."



Garcia Wilburn

Attorney General Todd Rokita distributes \$44.7M to Hoosier communities in next wave of funds from opioid settlements

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is distributing \$44.7 million to Indiana cities, towns, and counties this week in the next wave of funding from opioid settlements obtained under his leadership.

AG Rokita secured these settlements from companies that allegedly contributed to the state's opioid epidemic through irresponsible and/or unlawful actions.

"The scourge of opioid abuse and overdose has inflicted such unspeakable pain on so many Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "No amount of money will ever compensate families for the loss of loved ones, but these settlements help prevent similar types of corporate irresponsibility from ever happening again."

The payments being sent this week result from settlements with Allergan, Teva, Walgreens, CVS and Walmart – along with a small additional payment received from pharmaceutical distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen. Over the course of all opioid settlements obtained under AG Rokita, Indiana is anticipated to receive more than

\$925 million.

Local governments have wide discretion in choosing exactly how to use the opioid funds. The settlement funds support local law enforcement efforts, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, early intervention and crisis support, and other important programs aimed at combating substance abuse and overdose. Guidelines can be found on **AG Rokita's website**.

The settlement framework continues to be a 50-50 split between the state and local governments. The \$44.7 million sent to local communities – plus another approximately \$2.6 million in attorney fees paid to litigating subdivisions' counsel – represents 50 percent of the approximately \$95 million in funds remitted by the pharmaceutical companies for this round of payments. The other 50 percent goes to the State of Indiana. Local communities are encouraged to seek information regarding the state's 50 percent share and take steps to obtain additional funds.

A listing of the payments estimated for each community for the full 18 years can be found at **in.gov/attorneygeneral**.



Rokita

The REPORTER

Noblesville native Caden Leary is gaining experience as an intern with House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) and his fellow members of the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2024 legislative session.

Leary, a Master's Study High School graduate, is the daughter of Jerry and Heather Leary. She is currently a senior at Purdue University and majoring in social studies education.

"This has been an incredible opportunity to learn, understand and appreciate our state government and the legislative process," Leary said. "I am grateful for the connections I've made, and the opportunity to work alongside state lawmakers and staff at the Statehouse."

As a legislative intern, Leary corresponds with constituents through phone calls, letters and emails while also staffing committee hearings and floor proceedings.

"Caden is a great addition to our team and she's



Photo provided

Noblesville native Caden Leary (left) joins House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers, right) in the House Chamber as the legislative session convenes Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Leary is interning with the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2024 legislative session.

building on her skills that will help prepare her to join today's competitive workforce," Huston said. "I highly encourage interested college students and recent graduates in our community to apply to serve as an intern during the 2025 legislative

session. It's an exciting and rewarding experience that can be a launchpad into public service or a career in the private sector."

Each year, the House of Representatives offers paid internship opportunities to college students, law school

students, graduate students, and recent college graduates for the duration of the legislative session.

Visit **IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/internship** for more information about the House Republican internship program.

Don't miss final Westfield Winter Market

The REPORTER

The final Winter Market of the season will run from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, March 9 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St.

Stop by for baked treats, fresh produce, meat, cheese, dog treats, honey, fresh flowers, handcrafted items and so much more. The market is free and open to the public.

The presenting sponsor is The Farmers Bank, and the host sponsor is West Fork Whiskey.

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• **Now open in Westfield:** The new Financial Center is located just behind Meijer on Spring Mill Road and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. During business hours, high-tech drive-up smart ATMs are available to conduct any transaction with or without live help without the need to leave your vehicle. **Click here** to visit the Westfield Financial Center website.

• **Free tote & enter to win:** Pick up your free Farmers Bank tote bag and then enter to win as you enter the market. This month, The Farmers Bank is giving away a portable Bose speaker (value \$300) and two Yeti thermoses. No purchase necessary. Must be 21 or older to enter.

• **Now hiring:** The Farmers Bank is hiring at four locations. Join the team as a Customer Care Representative/Universal Banker. The bank is looking for great people at the Westfield Financial Center and at three other locations in Clinton, Boone, and Hamilton counties. To view a list of all open positions, visit **TheFarmersBank.com** and click on "Work with Us" to get started.



March 9 Vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for this Saturday. This list is subject to change without notice.

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• Angelo's Italian Market
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• Darling Impressions
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• PipKing Creations with Soule
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Sen. Young leads effort to establish U.S. Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) praised the inclusion of \$10 million in initial funding in the Fiscal Year 2024 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to establish the **National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) U.S. Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute (USAISI)**.

Earlier this year, the senators sent a letter to the

Senate Appropriations Committee in support of initial funding for the USAISI. [Click here](#) to read the letter.

"We are pleased that initial funding for the USAISI is included in this appropriations package," the senators wrote in their letter. "The rapid advancement of AI innovation has brought forth immense possibilities and opportunities. With these advancements comes potential challenges and



Young

risks that must be addressed in a safe manner. The USAISI will provide a dedicated platform for research, collaboration, and implementation of safety measures in AI development. USAISI's work will be critical to ensuring AI technologies are developed in a manner that reflects our shared democratic values and supports American industry."

The U.S. Department of Commerce announced

the creation of USAISI in November 2023 as part of ongoing efforts to ensure the country's global leadership in setting standards for AI innovation and use.

NIST will use the funding to enhance the USAISI team with experts in red teaming and capability evaluation, support the formation of a Joint Research Center for advancing AI system evaluation techniques and safety research, and support the USAISI Consortium that will play a crucial role in integrating these advancements into industry and society.

'Me hate shrinkflation!': even Cookie Monster is complaining about his shrinking snacks

By **HANNA MORDOH**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

If you've noticed the size of your snacks getting smaller, you're not alone. A familiar monster is now expressing his frustration with "shrinkflation."

Cookie Monster took to social media this week saying he is fed up with snacks getting smaller. The famous blue monster shared in a post on X, "Me hate shrinkflation! Me cookies are getting smaller!"

Cookie Monster says his solution is to **eat double the cookies**.

The monster is not wrong. According to a **December report** from U.S. Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), goods ranging from foods to cleaning products are shrinking.

"Household paper products, like toilet paper and paper towels, are 34.9% more expensive per unit than they were in Jan. 2019. Of that total cost increase, 10.3% is due to producers shrinking the size of rolls and packages," the report says.

Numbers from the **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics** confirm that American shoppers are paying more and getting less.

"As input costs increase and costs to create a product rise, companies can increase the list price of a good or they can offer a smaller amount of the product for the same price. So, a candy bar's size might change from 1.6 ounces to 1.5 ounces, yet the price stays the same. In other words, the price per unit the consumer pays increases as the amount they purchase decreases, while the price they pay at the register remains the same."

CNN found that OREO Double Stuff Chocolate Sandwich Cookies had a 6 percent decrease in size by weight from January 2019 to October 2023.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says snacks experienced the largest number of size changes for food items, with a total of 509, followed by sweet rolls, coffee cake and donuts and tea and pies, tarts, and turnovers. For food items, 2.9 percent of observed prices experienced downsizing and upsizing.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/me-hate-shrinkflation-even-cookie-monster-is-complaining-about-shrinking-snacks](#).



Who's on my ballot for the May 7, 2024 Primary Election?

Note that * indicates the candidate is the incumbent for that office.

To view precinct and district maps, please visit [hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps](#).

NOTE: Candidates for precinct committeement and state delegates will appear in upcoming editions of The Reporter.

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Navigating senior care transitions as you celebrate Mom & Dad

Submitted

As Mother’s and Father’s Day approach, a time dedicated to honoring parental love and reflecting on familial bonds, discussions about the future, particularly concerning the care of aging Baby Boomers, take on added significance.

This generation, born between 1946 and 1964, now finds itself at a stage where considerations for nursing home care become increasingly prominent, prompting families to engage in thoughtful planning and informed decision-making.

The Restoracy, locally owned and operated, understands the importance of addressing the future care needs of our beloved parents, especially during a time when we celebrate them. With the Baby Boomer generation, known for its size, now entering a phase of life where the necessity for nursing home care becomes more prevalent, The Restoracy’s “senior care re-imagined” approach serves as a guiding light for families navigating this transition.

According to **Health Services Research**, the elderly population is predicted to double in the U.S. by 2030, which highlights the increasing demand for long-term care services and the vital role of caregivers. Numerous challenges emerge in this landscape, particularly concerning caregivers.

Motivated by years of experience within traditional care models, the founders were inspired to innovate and establish The Restoracy.

“We understand the significance of navigating the complexities of senior care,



Photo provided

The Restoracy of Whitestown is located at 6712 Restoracy Drive.

especially during times like Mother’s and Father’s Day,” said Bryan Lindsay, cofounder of The Restoracy. “Our approach offers our residents a genuine home, but also somewhere where they can receive personalized care tailored to their specific and individual needs.”

The **Bureau of Labor Statistics** anticipates 1.2 million new jobs in home health and personal care between 2016 and 2026, emphasizing the critical need for caregivers. In response to these challenges, The Restoracy established an innovative approach: a home-like environment with the industry’s highest patient-to-caregiver ratio.

Molly Schulz, Director of Admissions at The Restoracy, said, “This isn’t just about numbers; it’s about creating meaningful connections between caregivers and residents, ensuring that even the smallest changes in health and behavior are noticed, leading to better long-term outcomes.” While regulations evolve, The Restoracy remains committed to maintaining this essential ratio, ranking among the top 3 percent of care providers in Indiana, with each of their homes accommodating a maximum of 12 residents.

Additionally, The Restoracy addresses critical concerns such as financing care, implementing safety protocols, preserving couple relationships, respecting religious and cultural preferences, and adapting to changing needs. This holistic approach ensures a seamless transition for residents and their families.

By prioritizing individualized care, cultivating a home-like environment, and embracing each resident’s unique needs, The Restoracy is redefining senior living. Families are encouraged to schedule a tour and witness firsthand the transformative “senior care reimagined” The Restoracy offers.

The Restoracy of Carmel is located at 616 Green House Way.

About The Restoracy

The Restoracy, locally owned and operated, provides “senior care re-imagined” by prioritizing a superior living experience and personalized care delivery. The commitment to residents is reflected in the industry’s highest patient-to-caregiver ratio, ensuring individualized attention in a home-like setting. Unlike large institutional facilities, The Restoracy’s homes accommodate specific rehabilitation, long-term care, or memory care needs, featuring private rooms within common living areas. The heart of The Restoracy’s approach lies in the kitchen/dining area, fostering familiarity and warmth with meals served directly from the dinner table. Staff undergo specialized training, and care delivery is tailored to each home’s focus, ensuring a unique and compassionate experience for every resident.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH’S DREAMS

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Genesis 37:9-11 (NIV)

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Archie Manning’s secret to healthy aging? You’ve got to keep going!

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – When it comes to healthy aging, it’s good to hear from someone who is walking the walk.

Former NFL quarterback Archie Manning is doing that. The 74-year-old visited the Studio Theatre at Carter Green in Carmel Thursday afternoon as part of the Healthy Aging with Archie Manning event, hosted by Ascension St. Vincent.

Pete Bustamante, the Chief Medical Office for the Ascension St. Vincent North Region said that Ascension St. Vincent “is known for having the most robust senior care program in all of Ascension. And we actually have a very strong program that’s evidence-based in how to age in the best way that we can.” The cornerstone of that is studying what is called the four Ms: mobility, mentation, medications and what matters.

The attendees got a chance to meet Manning, who then participated in a conversation and Q&A period. That was followed by a healthy aging panel presentation and another Q&A.

“It wouldn’t be effective if they had a 40-year-old sitting up here who’s in this great health and runs marathons and everything telling



(ABOVE LEFT) Former NFL quarterback Archie Manning visited the Studio Theatre at Carter Green in Carmel Thursday afternoon as part of the Healthy Aging with Archie Manning event. Those who attended got a chance to meet Manning, who then participated in a conversation and Q&A period. That was followed by a healthy aging panel presentation and another Q&A. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Richard Eisgruber, Carmel, shared a photo of him with Archie and Peyton Manning. The picture was taken in Atlanta in February 2000, the night before the Super Bowl, during a party hosted by Delta Airlines, who Eisgruber said he was with at the time. “We had a real good time,” said Eisgruber.

70-year-olds how to deal with life,” said Manning, who turns 75 in May. “I’m kind of walking the walk. I’ve had my share of some setbacks in the last 10 years to deal with, but also I just try to practice what we’re preaching here today. Be concerned about health care and to take care of ourselves and be able to enjoy this stage of our life.” Archie Manning is the father of two sons who are multiple Super Bowl champions. Eli Manning won twice as the quarterback

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Millers lacrosse beat Golden Eagles in overtime



Photo by Mike Navarro

The Noblesville boys lacrosse team won an overtime game against Guerin Catholic 13-12 Wednesday night. Junior Zach McMichael scored four goals, including the game-winner, and handed out two assists. Senior Noah Reynolds had three goals and won 74 percent of the faceoffs. Sophomore Harrison Barnett forced a turnover that led to the overtime game winner, and also had one goal and one assist. Hayden McCaslin scored two goals for the Millers. Logan White, Brighton Kojetin and Charlie Boe each had one goal. Cooper Navarro scored four goals for the Golden Eagles and also collected seven ground balls. (Above) Noblesville’s Zach McMichael scored the winning goal for the Millers during their 13-12 overtime victory against Guerin Catholic on Wednesday.

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Heights cheer team tryouts set for mid-March

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If you are looking for a physical and mental challenge, enjoy being a vital part of pep rallies, and performances, and love supporting your fellow athletes, we encourage you to be a part of the Hamilton Heights cheer squads. The sport brings with it the best in athleticism, attitude, and entertainment and has been an integral part of Heights athletics for decades.

"At Heights, being a part of the cheer squad brings with it opportunities and responsibilities," said Nikki Myrick, now in her seventh year of cheer coaching at Hamilton Heights Middle School. "Being a cheerleader takes dedication and a positive, energetic spirit. It requires practice, commitment, and leadership where members work together to grow their talent and sideline skills."

Over the summer five, HHMS eighth-grade cheer squad members kicked their skills up to the next level earning the title of All-American Cheerleader which gave them the opportunity to cheer at the Citrus Bowl. Three (Illiana Bowyer, Grace Reynolds, and

Rylee Worland) traveled to Orlando, Florida and joined cheerleaders from around the country in practice and performance as part of the pre-game festivities. Attending and participating at the Citrus Bowl was made possible thanks in part to Harbor Exteriors, IBEW Local 1393, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Beck's Hybrid, Black Sheep Ranch, 7P HVAC, Thomas Docks, and Heuer Homes.

"Their generosity helped offset the costs involved in the trip," added Myrick, who is deeply grateful for their interest and support. "It was a great experience for these girls to be a part of this incredible event," said Myrick. "There was so much excitement and energy from being on the field to enjoying some great college football action."

Middle School cheer tryouts are set for March 11, 12, and 14. High School tryouts take place on March 18, 19, and 21. For more information about cheer tryouts at HHMS, email Coach Nikki Myrick at nmyrick1111@gmail.com. For more information about tryouts for the high school cheer team, email Coach Amanda Engle at aengle@hhschuskie.org.



Photo provided

HHMS cheerleaders Grace Reynolds, Illiana Bowyer, Rylee Worland, and Coach Nikki Myrick are pictured at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla. The cheerleaders earned the opportunity to participate in the pre-game show at this year's Citrus Bowl with hundreds of other cheerleaders from around the country.

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of the New York Giants. Peyton Manning finished his Pro Football Hall of Fame career by winning Super Bowl 50 in 2016 with the Denver Broncos – and of course, brought the Indianapolis Colts a Super Bowl XLI victory in 2007.

Several months after winning the Super Bowl with the Colts, the St. Vincent Children's Hospital was renamed the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, after Peyton and his wife donated to the facility.

"I told him, this is your finest hour," said Archie Manning.

Eli Manning and his wife have also gotten involved with a children's hospital affiliated with the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss. Eli would establish Eli Manning Children's Clinics; the Mannings co-chaired a \$100 million campaign with the hospital, with the couple pledging \$1 million.

"Sometimes daddies will say to me, you got to be so proud of your sons, won four Super Bowls," said Archie Manning. "And I am, but I try to explain to them, you put yourself in my place. Yeah, you're proud of the football part. But both of them have done their part in their respective communities."

Archie Manning said that something "would be missing if they were cham-

pion football players and MVPs and so forth," but they weren't doing anything to give back to their communities. "It makes you proud that they want to give back," he said.

Archie Manning was a college star at the University of Mississippi, where he was named to the All-SEC team in 1969 and 1970 and was the conference's most valuable player in 1969. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1989.

Once he got to the NFL, Manning played for 13 years, most of them for the New Orleans Saints (1971-1982). He was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1978 and 1979.

"I worked out hard and I trained hard because I was getting beat on a good bit and I wanted to be able to answer the bell," said Manning. "And I just felt like, the better shape you're in, the healthier you're going to stay."

Manning retired in 1984. After ending his playing days, he said he tried to remain active on health issues, such as working out hard, taking care of his cardiovascular health, get medical checkups and listen to his doctors.

Manning still looks healthy for his age, which he said has caught up to him in some ways.

"I've had knee replace-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Richard Eisgruber, Carmel, brought this photo of him with Archie and Peyton Manning.

ments, I've had six spine surgeries," he said. "It happens. But I think because of my attitude on taking care of myself and my attitude on conditioning that I've been able to get through those things."

Manning said being active is the key, not just physical activity, but also keeping one's mind active as well. Physically, he continues to do weight training with elastic bands and he rides his stationary bike to get his cardiovascular work in. He reads to keep his mind active.

"It's just being active," said Manning. "You got to keep going."

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BOYS LACROSSE
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Sheridan at Taylor University HSR Qualifier, TBA

Saturday, March 9
BOYS BASKETBALL
Regional 3 at New Castle
Fishers vs. Kokomo, 4 p.m.
Regional 13 at Lebanon
Guerin Catholic vs. Indpls. Washington, 4 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:30 a.m.
Carmel at Louisville St. Xavier, 1 p.m.
South Bend St. Joseph at Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Evansville North, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Carmel at Evansville North, 11 a.m.
Perry Meridian at Carmel, 11 a.m.
Homestead at Westfield, noon
Carmel at Evansville Memorial, 3:15 p.m.
Northridge at Westfield, 4:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Carmel, Hamilton Heights at
Indiana Wesleyan HSR Qualifier #2, 10 a.m.
Carmel boys, Guerin Catholic at Pike 2024 Individual Championships, 10 a.m. at University of Indianapolis
University at McCutcheon HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral Hilltop Tournament, 9 a.m.
Monrovia at Westfield, 9 a.m.
McCutcheon at Westfield, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 10
BOYS LACROSSE
Guerin Catholic at Evansville Memorial, 1 p.m.

Monday, March 11
GIRLS LACROSSE
Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Fishers at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.
Roncalli at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12
BOYS LACROSSE
Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Cathedral at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Penn at Westfield, 8:15 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Fishers boys at Carmel, 5 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

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Noblesville’s Quinton Black commits to Manchester University



Noblesville’s Quinton Black has committed to the Manchester University baseball team. (Front row, from left) Brandie Black (mother), Quinton Black, and Jarrod Black (father). (Back row, from left) Justin Keever (Noblesville Baseball Head Coach) and Sadie Black (sister).

Indy 500 green flag starts international relay with Olympic gold medalist

First leg of relay takes green flag from Indianapolis to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Submitted by IMS
The green flag for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge once again will embark on an epic global relay to visit key figures and iconic landmarks before returning to Indianapolis and signaling the start of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” on Sunday, May 26.
Two-time Olympic swimming gold medalist Zach Apple waved the green flag at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on March 7 to signify the start of its relay journey and to kick off the 100-day countdown to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming in Indianapolis.
“I grew up coming to Indianapolis to compete, and I remember seeing the signs ‘All Great Racers Come to Indy,’” Apple said. “To be able to help kick off the Green Flag Relay and the

start of the INDYCAR season with a tie back to competitive swimming and the racing we’ll be doing here in Indianapolis this June is really special to me.”
Apple, now retired, is no stranger to a good relay. He represented Team USA in the 2021 Summer Olympics, where he took home gold medals in both the 4x100-meter freestyle relay and 4x100-meter medley relay.
“The Indianapolis 500 green flag is one of the most important symbols in all of motorsports, signifying the start of the world’s greatest race,” IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “There’s no one better to kick off this year’s relay than Zach. Just 20 days after this year’s Indy 500, Indianapolis will welcome swimmers from around the United States as they compete for their places at the



Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Connecting these two global events further cements that Indianapolis is where legends are made and champions are crowned.”
NBC Sports INDYCAR SERIES announcer Leigh Diffey will receive the green flag in St. Petersburg, Florida, where the NTT INDYCAR SERIES season begins with the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg presented by RP Funding on Sunday, March 10, with the broadcast beginning at noon

ET on NBC, Peacock and Universo. Diffey then will send the flag to its next destination.
To follow the flag’s adventures, use the hashtag #GreenFlagRelay across all IMS social channels.
Live coverage of the 108th Indianapolis 500 starts at 11 a.m. ET from Indianapolis Motor Speedway on NBC, Peacock, Universo and the INDYCAR Radio Network. Visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) to buy tickets and for more information.

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