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Tonight: Spotty shower or storm is possible until sunset, then partly cloudy.
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VIP Party raises \$53K for new Westfield public library

Fundraising event offers first glimpse of brand-new building

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) raised an impressive \$53,000 for the Westfield Washington Public Library at its VIP Preview Party on Saturday, May 18. The event drew more than 250 guests who enjoyed an Indy 500-themed soiree, becoming the first to tour the state-of-the-art library building.

"We are thrilled with the incredible support from our community," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "It was a truly memorable night, and the funds raised will significantly enhance our makerspace, expand our collections, and support free programming for all our patrons."

The evening, titled "Race to Check-Out the New WWPL," was filled with engaging activities, including a scavenger hunt throughout the new library, a silent auction, a wine pull, and live music. Guests were also treated to a variety of food and drink options while they explored the impressive new facility.



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Guests mingling in the atrium – the centerpiece of the new building.

The evening's presenting sponsors were Westfield Ambulatory Surgery Center and The Grand Millennium Project

developed by 31/32 Investors LLC.

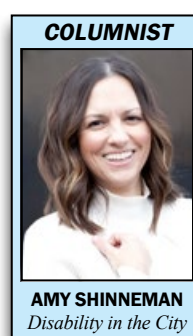
"The success of this event is a testament to the dedication and

generosity of our community," Downey added. "We are on the

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Lonely in a crowd

It's unbelievable how heavy carrying the weight of loneliness can be. It feels crushing at times when you are living through it. The weight of an elephant, a thousand pounds or however you may want to describe it. It's heavy. It's sad. It's ... lonely.



There are all kinds of reasons why people feel lonely in this world. None are easy. The loneliness I feel and have felt in my life that I can speak about is from being disabled. Feeling so incredibly different at times, I wanted to come out of my own skin. Disappear because the loneliness felt so painful. In a crowd of 100 people, it can feel like everyone around you is talking around you, over you, not understanding. It's not intentional usually, it's just what happens. Things are said that isolate you.

I know from talking to my other friends who live with a disability that they too feel this kind of loneliness. It's just that missing piece, someone else like you.

I will set the scene ... I'm invited to an event where maybe I will know one person. I know it's an event where many other people will be, and everything in me is telling me not to go. Social anxiety is real! But I also want to go and see my friend, and at least try to be social, so I accept the invitation. My friend and I agree to meet at the event because it's just what logistically works best. I arrive, hopefully find an accessible parking spot, which if I do is a huge win and it takes a huge load off my mind.

Maybe get a couple of mean glances, as is the norm when you are youngish/healthy

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Butter not miss this popcorn & comedy event

Start your summer off with some great laughs & Indiana's favorite popcorn

The REPORTER

Popcorn and Punchlines Comedy Showcase is returning to Westfield on Friday, May 31. It will feature eight comedians from six different states and will be held at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St.

The comedy show will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:17 p.m. The event is free and family friendly. No pre-registration is needed. More event information can be found at tinyurl.com/PopcornPunchlines2024.

The IMMI Conference Center is located one mile east of Grand Park in Westfield just south of the roundabout at East Street and 191st Street in Westfield.

Appearing at four previous comedy events in Westfield and so much enjoying the people

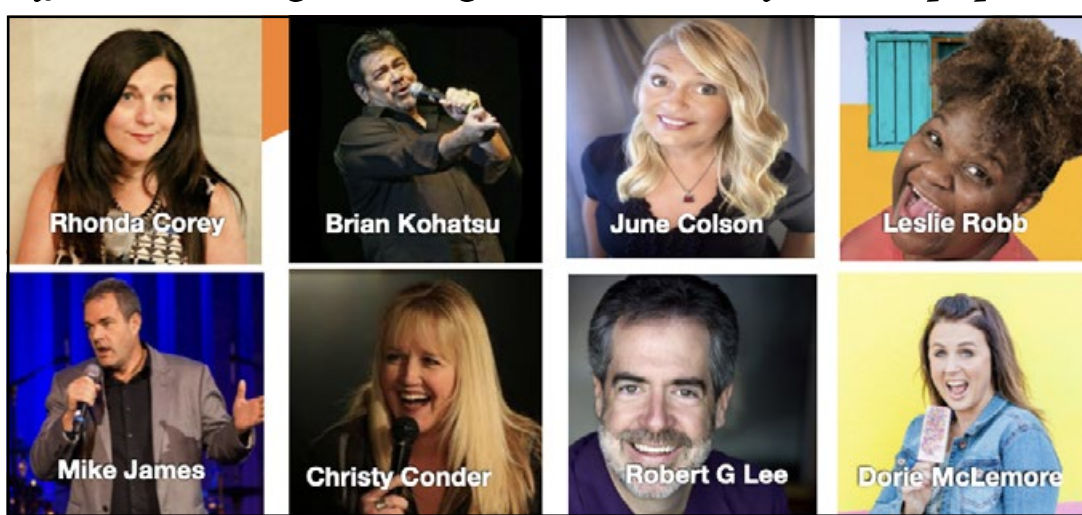


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Come laugh with eight of the country's top clean comedians at CrossRoads Church.

in this community, comedian **Rhonda Corey** has invited seven of her funny friends to join her for this free night of entertainment.

Corey, from Rhode Island, truly embodies the New En-

gland spirit. It's no wonder that her authenticity with a twist of lovable sass has resonated with audiences from Rhode Island to California and back to Indiana.

Leslie Rob is a teacher and award-winning standup come-

dian. Her mission is to bring clean, comedic entertainment and encouragement to teachers on stages and newsfeeds worldwide. She is from Virginia.

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Surprise!

The girl (my mother) was going to be 14. For weeks she had planned her birthday party. When one is in the eighth grade, parties are very special. This was to be the highlight of her year. One day shortly before the important day came, her brother's leg was severely injured. It required almost constant wet dressings. Noise seemed to make it hurt worse.

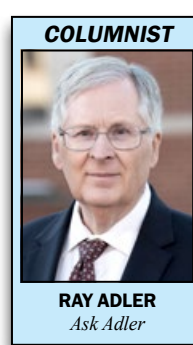
The party was canceled, regretfully. The birthday came and another brother and sister-in-law came to call. "Come home with us for the night," they urged. Even a mild diversion is welcome when one's big plans are upset. Gratefully she gathered her nighttime gear.

"Do you mind if we go past Grandma's house for a few minutes?" Brother asked.

She really did mind but was too polite to say so. Grandmother lived only two blocks away. She loved her dearly and never missed a day of stopping in for a short visit. But today she had already had her little visit. Oh, well, Grandma goes to bed early; they won't stay long, she thought and summoned up the good grace to smile when they went in.

The night was cold. It felt good to stand by the old potbellied stove and soak up its soothing warmth. She had scarcely warmed herself when the parlor door flew open and cries of, "Surprise! Surprise!" filled the room. Surprised. That was putting it mildly. She was flabbergasted! All her friends were there but not one had given her the slightest hint.

Grandmother and family had seemed concerned only with the injured leg. How sweet it was to be the center of attention, to feel the love and care of family and friends; to know that birthdays really matter.



Former Humane Society building to undergo massive renovation, will then house three county departments

The REPORTER

Hamilton County has begun demolishing the interior of the former Humane Society building with the hopes of repurposing the space for three government offices.

This initiative comes as part of a broader revitalization effort in Noblesville, with the city tearing down the Household and Hazardous Waste building to make way for the Reimagine Pleasant Street project.

The project, overseen by the Buildings and Grounds Department, also marks a significant step towards mod-



Photo provided

The 12,000 square-foot building will eventually house the county's Hazardous Waste Department, Soil and Water District, and Weights and Measures offices.

ernizing infrastructure to better serve the community's needs.

"This project is long over-

due," County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said. "The buildings on this campus were

all built in the 1940s as part of

the original Hamilton County Airport. They are all well past

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LONELY

looking from a seated position and parked in an accessible parking space. I think to myself, "Today I am not going to let that bother me, I am here to have fun after all." So, I shake it off and climb out of the car hoping

the mean onlookers will catch a glance of my awkward gait as I walk inside with my trusty cane at my side. I enter the crowded room and the first person I look up to make eye contact with is looking at me like I

have the plague and scurrying away. "Ok, I've still got this," I tell myself, while nervously looking for my friend, feeling like this may have been a mistake. I get a half smile or two as I continue to look for my friend,

and a couple more people staring and quickly turning away.

Then it hits. That lonely in a crowd feeling. I am the only person in the room with a visible disability. People struggle with approaching me or starting a conversation. They don't want to say the wrong thing. They don't know how to talk to me. It's a terrible feeling to feel out of place. After several minutes I connect with my friend, and all feels right again. In the end, despite the challenges, I'm usually glad I went.

Once I'm able to talk with and connect with others there, they realize I'm not so scary after all. This is a scenario that has played

out over and over in my lifetime.

Being disabled can feel very isolating. Making those connections with others who understand is important to bringing about a balance in my life. That rings true for anyone feeling any kind of loneliness. When you can connect with those who understand, it fills your cup and reignites your confidence.

Yesterday, I was at a grocery store and loading up my car. A woman approached me and asked if she could take my cart for me. I thanked her and told her how helpful that is to me. Our conversation eventually revealed that she also has family members living

with Muscular Dystrophy. I was feeling alone and isolated when she approached me. There had been a woman in the store who wasn't kind to me. I'm so grateful she took the time to offer kindness. It really turned things around for me.

I am just in awe of how the human connection works to relieve loneliness and hurt. It's incredibly powerful and healing.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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Supporting the Arts

For one week each month this year, The Hamilton County Reporter is giving young artists at local schools the chance to design the banner at the top of the first three pages in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper.

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VIP PARTY

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(ABOVE LEFT) Mayor Scott Willis and wife Stacey Willis. (ABOVE CENTER) Sheryl Sollars, Westfield Washington Public Library Executive Director, and Danielle Carey Tolan, Westfield Mayor's Chief of Staff and former Westfield Township Trustee. (ABOVE RIGHT) Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation, husband Patrick Downey, member of the Library Board, and daughter Kate.

brink of something truly extraordinary, and the support we received propels us forward in our mission to serve and enrich the lives of our patrons."

The Westfield Washington Public Library will hold a Grand Opening celebration for the public at noon

on Saturday, June 1.

About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington

Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights, and private donations. For more information on the Westfield Library Foundation visit WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com.

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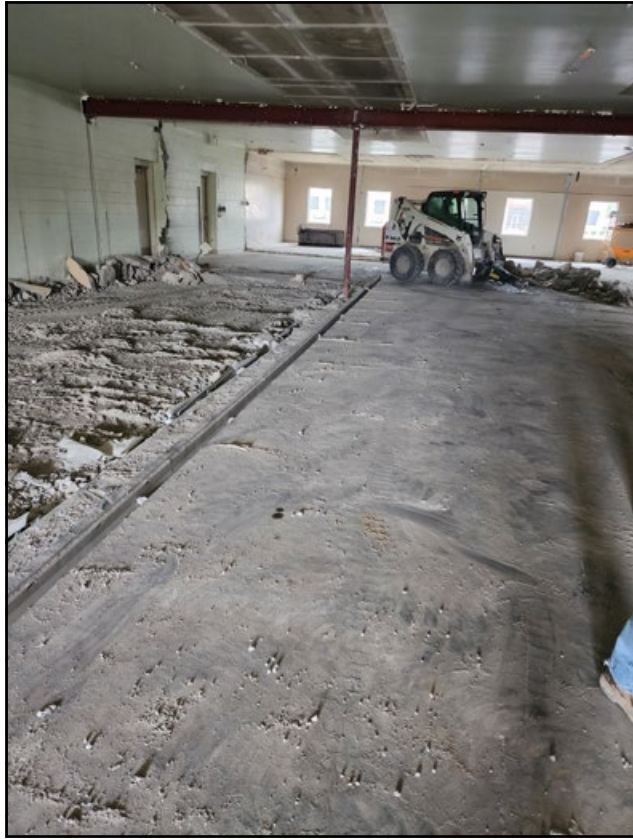


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Interior demolition is underway, and the building will maintain its original footprint once complete.

their prime. Repurposing these departments under the old Humane Society one roof will help them building, demolishing the old buildings, and placing

will retain the original footprint of the Humane Society building, spanning 12,000 square feet, and will be built to accommodate the Household and Hazardous Waste Department, Soil and Water District, and Weights and Measures offices.

Envoy, a Fishers-based construction company, has been tasked with the build-out. The interior of the building has been gutted.

Renovation can begin once the necessary permits have been acquired. The project is expected to take one year to complete.



Heirbrandt

The Hamilton County Humane Society relocated to its new facility at 106th Street and Hague Road in Fishers in April 2021. The building has remained vacant since then.

At press time, the cost of this project was not disclosed to The Reporter.

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COMEDY

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Not many comics make the cover of The Wall Street Journal, have released eight 100-percent clean comedy videos, warm up audiences for Hollywood's top sitcoms, can perform the entire Bible in under 30 minutes, or have written and directed a feature motion picture. Meet **Robert G. Lee**.

June Colson is a comedian, writer, and podcaster born in Indiana and raised in the Bluegrass State. She holds the prestigious title as 2020's Nashville Clean Comedy Champion.

Hailing from Texas, **Dorie McLemore** is a storyteller and joy-bringer who believes that caffeine is keeping her alive, popcorn should be its own food group, and that true joy comes from knowing that we are worthy of God's love in the middle of our imperfections.

From Arizona, **Mike James'** brand of humor fueled by his general confusion of being a husband, father, and just a human being keeps his audiences laughing.

Also from Arizona, **Brian Kohatsu** spent 20 years as an award-winning director before stepping away from the camera for a career in comedy. He quickly found success in radio and gained national recognition when he was featured on Sirius/XM radio.

Comedian **Christy Conder** has been pursuing clean comedy and bringing

laughter to all ages. She has performed at Zanies in Nashville, Guttie's in Indianapolis, various churches and special events, as well as being the warm-up comedian for *The Huckabee Show*.

Popcorn and Punchlines is sponsored by CrossRoads Church at Westfield and is part of the For Our Neighbor strategy to meet, know, enjoy, and serve the people of the local community.

For the past eight years, CrossRoads Church has sponsored the popular February event called Pizza and Punchlines.

Go online to ForOurNeighbor.Life for more information about CrossRoads Church's "For Our Neighbor" community outreach or email ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield provides free pet food every first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m., free Zumba every at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and 8 a.m. every Saturday, Shepherd Center's Together Today for senior adults every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Celebrate Recovery – a faith-based recovery program – every Thursday night from 6:15 to 9 p.m. on the campus at 19201 Grass Branch Road, Westfield.

In the summer of 2025 CrossRoads Church will once again offer free home repairs to local senior adults and veterans.

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Carmel to honor our country's fallen heroes Friday

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The City of Carmel invites the public to the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to remember those who paid the ultimate price in service to our country.

The service will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 24 at the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Plaza located at 800 3rd Ave. SW, across from The Center for the Performing Arts. (Rain location: The Tarkington Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts, 3 Carter Green.)

This year's participants will include:

- Actors Theatre of Indiana – Judy Fitzgerald, Cynthia Collins, Julie Lynn Barber and Nathan Perry
- American Legion Post 155
- Blair Clark, U.S. Army Veteran
- Carmel Children's Choir – ICC directed by Lauren Southard
- Carmel Fire Department Honor Guard Pipe and Drum Band

- Carmel Girl Scout Troop #4304
 - Carmel Middle School Choir directed by Trisha Scheidies
 - Claire Baney, Orr Fellowship Chief of Staff and Operations at Folia
 - George Davis, Chaplain, Carmel Police Department
 - Indianapolis Public Safety Pipe Band
 - Keynote speaker Anthony "Tony" Green, President of Carmel City Council
 - Paul Hensel, Trustee, Clay Township
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10003
- The City of Carmel's annual Memorial Day Ceremony is a special event to honor the brave military personnel who have served and to show our gratitude for the sacrifices they have made. A light breakfast is provided, courtesy of Allegion and Just Love Coffee.
- This event is free and open to the public.



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Noblesville & Fishers landowners along Nickel Plate Trail receive compensation after five years of litigation

Submitted

Stewart, Wald & Smith, a Missouri firm focusing on Rails-to-Trails litigation, recovered over \$7.6 million from the federal government on behalf of 168 landowners along 20.87 miles of abandoned railroad line in Marion County and Hamilton County, known as the Nickel Plate Trail.

Those who owned land along the 20.87-mile stretch of the Norfolk and Western abandoned railway spanning from just south of East 16th Street in Indianapolis to just west of the White River in Noblesville have finally received compensation from the federal government after more than five years of litigation

in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Additionally, 175 other landowners continue to pursue similar claims against the federal government in multiple cases brought by Stewart, Wald & Smith on their behalf.

Prior to litigation, the City of Indianapolis, City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County petitioned the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to allow for railbanking of the Norfolk and Western Railway corridor. By the summer of 2018, the entities had filed Trail Use Requests with the STB, which ultimately resulted in the Dec. 21, 2018, Notice of Interim Trail Use

Decision (NITU) issued by the STB.

The Trails Act permits the conversion of abandoned railroad corridors into nature and hiking trails, which simultaneously preserves the right of way for possible future railroad use, a federal process known as railbanking. The process prevents the land burdened by the railroad easement from reverting to the adjoining landowners, and gives the trail sponsors, in this case the City of Indianapolis, City of Fishers, City of Noblesville and Hamilton County, a new easement, thereby blocking the rights of the landowners to regain their property from within the corridor.

Stewart, Wald & Smith filed the original lawsuit in the United States Court of Federal Claims on Dec. 26, 2018, titled Robert R. Pressly, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 18-1964L.

On Sept. 10, 2019, the firm filed a subsequent lawsuit adding more landowners who wished to file their claims for compensation. This suit, also filed in the United States Court of Federal Claims, was titled LaFord Jones, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 19-1375L.

The court ultimately consolidated both cases and the firm proceeded to negotiate a settlement for 168 landowners. While Stewart, Wald & Smith represents hundreds of

landowners in Pressly and other cases, there are still more than a hundred other landowners who have not yet filed suit but may. **They have until Dec. 21, 2024, to file their claims based upon the applicable six-year statute of limitations, or they will forever be barred from receiving monetary compensation.**

"We are pleased that our clients' property rights in the former railroad corridor, which were used to build the Nickel Plate trail, were ultimately recognized, and that compensation was paid to them by the federal government for taking their land," Attorney Steven M. Wald said. "When the federal government approved

this rails-to-trails conversion, they didn't tell the landowners that they took their land, and so we had to bring them into court and prove both that our clients owned the land and the market value of that land. It has been a long fight, and our clients have been very patient, but individuals' property rights are very important, and it is satisfying to see them vindicated despite resistance from the federal government."

Stewart, Wald & Smith is a law firm with locations in Saint Louis and Kansas City, Missouri. Their national practice focuses on representing landowners in rail-trail conversions across the nation.

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Carmel City Council unanimously approves changes to the way city allocates park impact fees

The REPORTER

The Carmel City Council unanimously approved changes to a city ordinance Monday that improves and adds transparency to the process of allocating Park and Recreation Impact Fees (PRIF) in the City of Carmel.

These fees are assessed to builders and developers of single-family homes and multi-family developments to help the city improve our many parks and recreation facilities; and effectively ensure that existing residents do not bear the financial burden of the population growth.

The changes will require that PRIF will be deposited in an Impact Fee Fund designated by the Council and that credits provided to developers for park and recreation type improvements

will now need to be approved by the Carmel City Council. The City Council reserves the right to be the final approval along with the recommendations of both the Directors of the Carmel Parks Department (CCPR) and the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC). Prior to this change, such credits were issued solely by the Board of Public Works.



Taylor



Snyder

“This new process will ensure that the Parks and Recreation Impact Fees are used to develop new park assets and new park infrastructure within the community, and it creates a transparent process with proper oversight,” City Councilor Rich Taylor said. “Our Parks Department relies on these Park Impact Fees to make our many beautiful parks even better



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Carmel's plans for new parks include Bear Creek Park (left) and Thomas Marcuccilli Nature Park (right).

for all our residents and this will ensure that future use of fees is in line with the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.”

Specifically, Taylor said this ordinance will help boost the effort to build the new Bear Creek Park on the city's far northwest side, along with the new Thomas Marcuccilli Nature Park near 146th Street and River Road.

Councilor Matt Snyder

added, “The PRIF ordinance is the culmination of over a years’ worth of dedication and research by many. This is a great step forward to ensuring that Park Impact Fees are used for their intended purpose: unmistakable and meaningful public parks for all Carmel residents to enjoy. It has already demonstrated its merit by the increased communication between Carmel Clay Parks, the

Carmel Redevelopment Commission, and individual developers. I am excited to see what amazing public spaces arise out of the greater collaboration between the experts; especially, Mr. Michael Klitzing (CCPR) and Mr. Henry Mestetsky (CRC).”

Taylor commented, “I would like to thank Mayor Finkam and all my fellow City Council members, especially Matt Snyder and

Adam Aasen, along with members of the Parks Board in helping us put together this new ordinance to improve the process of allocating these funds. All citizens of Carmel, both current and future, will benefit from this process in the future.”

If you want more details or have questions about this change, please contact Councilor Rich Taylor by sending an email to RTaylor@Carmel.IN.gov.

Duke Energy donates \$5,000 for Noblesville's Innovation Mile marketing campaign

The REPORTER

Duke Energy has selected nine economic development organizations in central Indiana for inclusion in its 2024 Partnership Program, which funds marketing and strategic efforts to attract new jobs and investment in communities the company serves.

Among those chosen is the City of Noblesville,

which received \$5,000.

Noblesville's grant will support the launch of a print and digital marketing campaign aimed at generating interest from targeted industries, brokers, and developers for investment in Noblesville's Innovation Mile, which is a nearly 600-acre development district that borders Interstate 69.

“Economic develop-

ment plays a vital role in the long-term growth and prosperity of the state,” said Erin Schneider, managing director of business development at Duke Energy. “Through these grant funds, we're proud to support our local economic development partners as they work in new and creative ways to market their communities to site selec-

tors and businesses across the world.”

Partnership Program grant funds can be used to support a wide array of marketing initiatives, including trade show attendance, website redesign, promotional materials, and presentations or tours to introduce prospective companies and site selectors to a community.



To qualify for program consideration, each applicant submitted a plan that would have a direct impact on their community's economic growth. Grant amounts varied from \$4,050 to \$10,000 depending on the size and scope of the project.



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The Center for the Performing Arts announces wide-ranging 2024-2025 Center Presents Season

Schedule offers pop, rock, classical, jazz, comedy, family fun & more

The REPORTER

Stars from *Hamilton*, classical icons, classic rock, world music, and even a bit of Taylor Swift are on the schedule for the Center for the Performing Arts' 2024-2025 *Center Presents* Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions.

The Center's 14th season will kick off in August with more than 60 events already booked and more on the way, as well as new, custom-designed sound and lighting systems in the Palladium concert hall.

"The technology has advanced so much since we opened," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, the Center's President/CEO. "Our patrons and artists expect and deserve a state-of-the-art experience, and we will continue to provide that."

The entire season is on sale now through subscription packages. Several performances also are on sale individually now, and the rest will be available in August.

New faces on the schedule include Renée Elise Goldsberry and Leslie Odom Jr., both Tony and Grammy winners for their roles in *Hamilton* on Broadway. Odom also will deliver one of the season's four free matinee performances for local school groups.

Other first-timers include the Average White Band in conjunction with Carmel Jazz Fest, YouTube stars the Piano Guys, longtime Jimmy Buffett sideman Mac McAnally, arena-rock heroes Grand Funk Railroad, Micky Dolenz of the Monkees, and Grammy-winning music producer Don Was with his Pan Detroit Ensemble of top Motor City jazz players. Fans of country-fried guitar picking will enjoy Noblesville native Steve Wariner and bluegrass-rockabilly icon Marty Stuart with his Fabulous



Photo provided

Grand Funk Railroad will appear for the first time in Carmel on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Superlatives.

Returning favorites include Ben Folds, classical piano star Lang Lang, legendary violinist Itzhak Perlman, jazz/R&B saxophonist Boney James, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, pop-soul legend Dionne Warwick, and Michael Feinstein, the Center's artistic director, with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra.

For classic rock fans, alongside standard tributes to artists such as David Bowie and Queen are less conventional approaches to the genre, including Yesterday and Today, an interactive Beatles experience in which the audience chooses the songs. And if you're looking for Taylor Swift, you can hear her songs interpreted by the innovative Vitamin String Quartet, known for its Bridgerton soundtrack work.

The Holiday Series includes the annual tradition of Dave Koz & Friends, a first-time visit from swing revivalists Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and return visits from Canadian Brass, the Four Phantoms, Jane Lynch, and Jon McLaughlin.

International artists on

the calendar include Colombian salsa band Grupo Niche, Indian tabla master Zakir Hussain with dulcimer player Rahul Sharma, and Heart of Afghanistan featuring the Fanoos Ensemble, representing a musical tradition banned from public performance under the current regime in their home country.

In addition to the music, the schedule includes the domestic comedy of #IMOMSOHARD, spooky tales with Haunted Objects Live and witty observations from Peter Sagal, host of NPR's *Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!*

Subscription packages are on sale now for the Classical Series, the Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series and the Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series, with benefits including discounts up to 20 percent off the regular ticket price. Another option is a Create Your Own subscription package, which offers similar perks for the purchase of any four or more events from the 2024-2025 *Center Presents* schedule. Subscribers also are eligible for immediate purchase access to the entire 2024-2025 *Center Presents*

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Tickets are on sale now for some individual events early in the season, including the annual Songbook Academy in Concert, Average White Band, Jerome Collins (Straight No Chaser), rising jazz star Veronica Swift, Backstreet Boy Nick Carter, Leonid & Friends' tribute to Chicago, crossover violinist Damien Escobar and #IMOMSOHARD.

Other performances will go on sale individually Aug. 2. Free tickets for the United States Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus will be available in the spring.

Noblesville Schools encourages community to take part in quick survey

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools has launched a short survey to gather input about academics, finances, student care and more.

All Noblesville residents, including those without children in Noblesville Schools,

are invited to take the approximately five-minute survey by May 31. Findings from the survey will be used to inform strategic planning for Noblesville Schools.

Please take the survey at nobsurvey.com by Friday, May 31.



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Musicologie bringing award-winning music lessons to Noblesville this fall

The REPORTER

Musicologie, renowned for its innovative music lessons in Ohio, has announced that its newest studio will open in Noblesville this fall.

Musicologie is dedicated to making music lessons accessible and enjoyable for everyone, from complete beginners to experienced musicians, and is offering an exclusive opportunity for the Noblesville community to become founding members of its musical family right now.

"At Musicologie, we firmly believe that music education should be exciting, immersive, and available to everyone," Musicologie Co-Founder Kay Barker said. "Music is beneficial for every single person, and it makes us better people when we make music together. So we're absolutely pumped to bring our revolutionary music lessons and classes to Noblesville."

Musicologie offers a variety of music classes, including private lessons on any instrument, accelerated workshop-style labs, toddler classes, rock band group experiences, and lots of free member events, masterclasses, concerts, and open mics.

In anticipation of Musicologie Noblesville's grand opening, Musicologie is now offering a limited



number of Founders Memberships. These exclusive memberships are available at incredible rates that are locked in forever. Students and parents can pre-register now and be matched with an amazing teacher with Musicologie's Perfect Match Promise. All Musicologie teachers undergo a five-level certification program that highlights the experience, professional development, and leadership of each teacher, and assures that each Musicologie teacher has the right skills to lead students on their individual musical journey.

About Musicologie
Founded by Joseph and Kay Barker in 2014 in Grandview Heights, Ohio, Musicologie provides 'simply delightful' music lessons to individuals of all ages. The lessons are conducted in-studio or virtually, embracing The Musicologie Method, which emphasizes a safe learning environment and education through play. With multiple studios and more than 100 certified teachers, Musicologie has taught over 7,000 students at all ages, abilities, and on any instrument.

Musicologie has been recognized by Singersroom, Columbus Parenting Mag, Alive Best of Columbus, and Cincinnati Magazine's Best of Cincinnati and is in the process of growing beyond their Ohio roots to grow communities of music explorers with simply delightful music lessons.

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Carmel Symphony Orchestra unveils amazing lineup of summer shows

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) has announced the events that will make up its summer season.

First, you can join the CSO for the Coxhall Gardens Summer Concert Series. This series, three shows in all, promises an amazing opportunity to create memories with your family, friends, and associates in a beautiful outdoor setting while listening to enchanting melodies played by talented musicians.

The series is followed by an explosive performance on July 4, as well as two of the greatest modern vocalists appearing with the CSO at Carmel Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts.

The first in the Summer Concert Series is Friday, June 21. The Summer Solstice Concert will revive memories of your best summers ever on the longest day of 2024. Conducted by Principal Guest Conductor Joel Smirnoff, hear summer favorites performed at the Centerpiece Amphitheater in Coxhall Gardens in Carmel.

Joined by internationally renowned soprano Asako Tamura and Indiana's very own Cooper Olsen, a former CSO concerto competition winner, the Symphony will perform music by Vivaldi, Barber, Puccini, Gershwin, Mancini, and

others. To get your best seats, purchase tickets online today at [this link](#).

There are several levels of seating available. VIP includes reserved seating, preferred parking, a private party in the Coxhall Mansion, and two drink tickets. Terrace Seating will have a reserved chair for you on one of the terraces of the amphitheater. General Admission will give you the opportunity to enjoy the music from one of the beautiful rolling mounds.

Bring your picnic or purchase from food trucks. Buy your drinks from our sponsor partners Bier Brewery and Sugar Creek Winery. Family-friendly entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. The full CSO will perform at 8:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 3, mark your calendars for the Fourth of July Celebration, followed by the Motown & Disco Concert on Friday, Aug. 23. Bring your friends and family for a memorable experience under the stars. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of live music.

The CSO is far from finished following the Summer Concert Series. The fireworks won't be the only thing booming on Independence Day. On July 4, the CSO will perform as part of



Bennett



Gonzalez



Photo provided

CSO's big summer begins at Coxhall Gardens, comprising three shows for the concert series.

CarmelFest at the Carmel Civic Square.

CSO will join forces with Carmel JazzFest on Aug. 9 as the lovely Antonia Bennett performs with the CSO at The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts. Daughter of legendary crooner Tony Bennett, Antonia Bennett has been invited to be the headliner for the second annual Carmel Jazz Festival.

Growing up surrounded by music greats, including her father, Rosemary Clooney, Ella Fitzgerald, and Frank Sinatra, Bennett's musical journey began early. After completing her studies at Berklee College of Music, she shared the stage with her father at renowned venues worldwide, including Radio City Music Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the Newport Jazz Festival, and London's Royal Albert Hall. You won't want to miss her amazing jazz vocals as she performs with the CSO. Learn more at carmeljazzfest.org.

Then, on Sept. 29, the CSO welcomes Mandy Gonzalez and her show,

"Everything I Know," at The Palladium. Mandy is an accomplished film, TV, stage actor and author, and she possesses one of the most powerful and versatile contemporary voices of our time.

Gonzalez has starred on Broadway in the musical *Hamilton* as Angelica Schuyler. She originated the role of Nina Rosario in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *In the Heights*, for which she received a Drama Desk Award. She also starred as Elphaba in the Broadway production of *Wicked*, blowing the roof off New York's Gershwin Theatre every night as she belted out the signature song, "Defying Gravity."

Tickets for both events go on sale in June. Subscribe to the Carmel Symphony Orchestra eNewsletter for early access to ticket sales at carmelsymphony.org/subscribe.

You can contact the CSO by calling (317) 844-9717. Find out more information at carmelsymphony.org and at facebook.com/carmelsymphony.

Sen. Todd Young's bill would protect privacy of charitable donors

The REPORTER

On May 14, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and James Lankford (R-Okla.) introduced the Protecting Charitable Giving Act to address the unlawful disclosure of data identifying donors who contribute to nonprofit organizations.



Young

This legislation would help nonprofit organizations better protect the identities of their donors by reinforcing existing privacy protections and increasing the penalties for disclosure of sensitive taxpayer data.

"Anonymous giving has long been a way for Americans to support philanthropic organizations that rely on generous charitable contributions. In recent years, donor privacy has been threatened on too many occasions," Sen. Young said. "This legislation will address the disclosure of donor data to better protect both charitable organizations and their donors."

In an effort to verify the legitimacy of tax-exempt organizations, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires these organizations to collect the names and addresses of all major donors. While the IRS collection form is public, the identities of the donors are considered sensitive information and are not subject to disclosure. States like California and New York have tried to force tax-exempt

organizations to disclose donor information. The Supreme Court, however, has ruled that these efforts infringe upon First Amendment rights.

The Protecting Charitable Giving Act would modify penalties relating to the disclosure of donor information to better ensure donor privacy and protection. More specifically, this legislation would:

- Increase the penalty of willful disclosure of the identities of donors to tax-exempt organizations from no more than \$5,000 to between \$10,000 and \$250,000.
- Expand the jurisdiction of prosecution to include the judicial district in which the victim of the offense resides to ensure all cases are subject to a fair trial.

The Protecting Charitable Giving Act is supported by Philanthropy Roundtable, Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, and Americans for Prosperity.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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Fishers' Breakwater Drive voted Indiana's most coveted address

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In cities across the country, certain streets are not just thoroughfares – they are symbols of status and sophistication. These destinations are the epitome of luxury, representing the highest ideals of prestige and privilege. From the opulent "Billionaire Bunker" of Indian Creek Island Road in Florida to the architect's paradise of Beverly Park Circle in California nestled in the Santa Monica Mountains, these streets offer more than just addresses; they offer a lifestyle.

For real estate agents, these exclusive streets represent the pinnacle of their profession. Selling a property on one of these elite roads is a mark of success and expertise.

Agent Advice, a website

which reviews Real Estate CRMs, commissioned a survey of 3,000 respondents to create a definitive list of the top 175 aspirational streets in America. These are the streets where daydreams are set and where a mailbox can signify one has truly "arrived."

Two of the country's most coveted roads are in Indiana:

- No. 128: Breakwater Drive in Fishers – A gated community on Geist Reservoir, affluent Breakwater Drive has stunning waterfront homes with private docks. This was also the most sought-after street to live on in the state.
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The season kicks off with *Ring of Fire*, running Sept. 13 to 29. Celebrate the iconic Johnny Cash – the Man in Black – whose razor-sharp vocals and stripped-down country sound helped shape the American rock ‘n’ roll landscape in the 20th century.

The musical follows Cash’s early life in the cotton fields of Arkansas and moves to Memphis as he launches his music career, hits it big and marries the love of his life, June Carter. Five actor-musicians deliver crowd-pleasing renditions of Cash’s musical catalog, from country rock ‘n’ roll to searing ballads of love and faith, including “I Walk the Line,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “I’ve Been Everywhere” and, of course, “Ring of Fire.” It’s a toe-tapping, soul-stirring musical biography like never before.

Next, ATI will present *She Loves Me* running Nov. 1 to 17. Start your holidays right with this euphoric romantic comedy with a soaring score by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock (*Fiddler on the Roof*). *She Loves Me* shares its source material with the classic movies *The Shop Around the Corner*, *In the Good Old Summertime*, and *You’ve Got Mail*.

Amalia and Georg work together at a modest Hungarian perfumery and have disliked each other from the very beginning. He thinks she’s stuck up; she thinks he’s arrogant and mean. But each rapturously writes to a lonely-hearts pen pal when the workday is done, and

it doesn’t take long for the audience to see that they’re in love without realizing it. Inevitably, through some of the most iconic songs in the musical theatre canon – “Vanilla Ice Cream,” “She Loves Me,” “Will He Like Me?” – Georg and Amalia discover the truth as well and rejoice in their love for each other at the story’s sweet and musically delightful conclusion.

In the third slot, solve the mystery with *Whodunit: The Musical*, running Jan. 31 to Feb. 16, 2025. This musical, by longtime Broadway actor and playwright Ed Dixon, is a farcical mystery based on *The Circular Staircase* and *The Bat* by Mary Roberts Rinchart, often considered “America’s Agatha Christie.” A wealthy spinster and her cockney maid take a beautiful Connecticut summer home in 1931.

When they arrive, all the help has quit, except for a very odd butler who warns that something strange is going on. They are soon joined by the spinster’s niece who’s brought a friend – a “friend” who turns out to be a young man! Heavens! After a night of attempted break-ins, the sound of gunshots and the discovery of a dead body – or two – the detective arrives and things get REALLY strange. *Whodunit* is a tuneful, riotous romp that’s part mystery, part drawing room farce and all musical comedy.

The season wraps up with *9 to 5: The Musical*, running April 25 to May 11,

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2025. Based on the hit movie, it features the blockbuster title song plus an exciting new score of 18 original numbers by Dolly Parton.

Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic. Pushed to the boiling point, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains otherwise engaged, the women give their workplace a dream make-

over, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. This musical is a celebration of friendship, empowerment, and the pursuit of a fair and equal working environment.

As a bonus to your Season Subscription, you’ll receive a gift certificate for a free beer from Sun King Brewery and a free glass of wine from Sugar Creek Vineyard and Winery, ATI’s partners for the upcoming season.

To get your subscriptions go to atistage.org, visit the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, or call the box office directly at (317) 843-3800.

Saving for the future is easier than you think with Indiana529

The REPORTER

Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott announced Monday that Indiana’s Col-

legeChoice 529 Savings Plans has rebranded to Indiana529. The new name and updated look reflect the expansion of 529 plans to provide more opportunities for families.

“Over the years, 529 plans have evolved to become more inclusive of all higher education pursuits, including college, technical school, apprenticeships, and beyond,” Elliott said. “This rebrand is an exciting representation of that. Hoosiers have big dreams and Indiana529 is helping families save early and often – expanding opportunities and paving the way for all students to find future success.”

Indiana529 is the state-sponsored investment plan, offering a simple and tax-smart way to save for your children’s (or grandchildren’s) future education expenses. For every dollar you invest, savings grow tax-free and can be used for qualified expenses like tuition, fees, and equipment at eligible schools across the country, including two- and four-year colleges, tech and trade schools, graduate schools, and registered apprenticeship programs.



Elliott

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for a state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to an Indiana529 account, up to \$1,500 (\$750 for married couples filing separately)

per year. Since you don’t have to own the account to receive the credit, this makes giving to an Indiana529 account very attractive to family and friends who want to support a child’s dreams.

“Saving for the future is easier than you think.” Program Executive Director Marissa Rowe said. “Indiana529 offers families the flexibility they need to save on every budget and timeline. And with additional gift tax and estate planning benefits, contributors can save in the process, too!”

For just \$10, you can open an Indiana529 account and begin saving today. Visit MyIndiana529.com to learn more and get started – because dreams are worth saving for.

About Indiana529 & the Indiana Education Savings Authority

Indiana529 is Indiana’s tax-advantaged 529 education savings program and is offered and administered by

the Indiana Education Savings Authority, a state government quasi-agency and board chaired by Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott. Indiana529 includes the Direct, Advisor, and CD Plans and has more than \$7.3 billion in assets under management in over 437,000 accounts as of March 31, 2024.

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Indiana taxpayers are eligible for a state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to an account, up to \$1,500 credit per year (\$750 for married couples filing separately). This credit may be subject to recapture from the account owner (not the contributor) in certain circumstances, such as rollovers to another state’s 529 plan, federal nonqualified withdrawals, withdrawals used to pay elementary or secondary school tuition for a school outside of Indiana, education loan repayments, or rollovers to a Roth IRA account, as described in the Disclosure Booklet.

Westfield Parks & Recreation names Board of Directors

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield's Parks and Recreation Department announced on Tuesday the appointment of its inaugural Board of Directors, bringing together a diverse group of community leaders dedicated to enhancing the city's recreational opportunities and green spaces.



Willis

The Board of Directors comprises community individuals with a deep commitment to community service and a shared passion for promoting health, wellness, and leisure activities for residents of all ages.

The newly appointed members of the Board of Directors are:

Mayoral Appointees

- Mike Antrim
- Kurtis Baumgartner
- Julia Grimmer
- LeAnne Zentz

School Board Appointee

- Mike Hall

Each member of the board brings a unique set of skills and experiences that will contribute to the strategic direction and suc-

cess of Westfield Parks and Recreation. Their combined expertise in areas such as community engagement, law, strategic planning, and recreation programming will be invaluable as the organization continues to serve the community and enhance recreational offerings.

"We are thrilled to welcome our new Board of Directors to Westfield Parks and Recreation," Mayor Scott Willis said. "Their dedication to our community and their diverse backgrounds will bring fresh perspectives and ideas to our organization, ensuring that we continue to provide high-quality recreational opportunities for all residents of Westfield."

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Board of Directors will be onboarded and have their first meeting in mid-June, with all board members starting on staggered terms to promote institutional knowledge and retention throughout their tenure.

Watch for signs of human trafficking at Indy 500, Attorney General Todd Rokita warns race fans

The REPORTER

As the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, the Indianapolis 500 is unparalleled as an international sporting event. Unfortunately, large events are known to create increased demand for trafficked individuals providing manual labor, sex for hire and other services.



Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita asks Hoosiers to know the signs, stay alert and report any suspicion to law enforcement.

"Spectator events of such grand scale are ripe for human traffickers looking for opportunities to carry out their heinous crimes," AG Rokita said. "As we excitedly participate in the greatest spectacle in racing, we need to keep our eyes and ears open for human trafficking as well. By reporting suspicions to local law enforcement, we can help authorities nab these predators and save victims."

Following are signs that someone might be a victim of trafficking:

1. They appear submissive or fearful.
2. They are prohibited from speaking alone to strangers.
3. They give answers that appear to be scripted or rehearsed.
4. They show signs of physical abuse.

"Human traffickers can prey on anyone, regardless of their age, race or background," AG Rokita said. "It's up to all of us to play a role in shutting down this devastating criminal enterprise."

People in certain job roles – such as medical professionals, restaurant workers, and hotel employees – are particularly likely to

come into contact with trafficking victims.

If you have suspicions that someone is being trafficked, call local law enforcement immediately. You may also report suspicions to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

In addition to raising awareness, AG Rokita and his team are engaged in other efforts to combat human trafficking.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes – including those who have been trafficked – by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers. Learn more about the program at the Attorney General's [website](#).

In February, AG Rokita announced all K-5 students in Indiana would receive a child ID kit in 2024 – free of charge to Indiana families. Child ID kits give parents a tool to provide detailed information, a photograph, fingerprint, and DNA to law enforcement quickly. Completed kits are kept in a safe place at home, out of a database, so parents are prepared if the unthinkable happens. Kits will be distributed by superintendents and school resource officers to students this fall.

As it happens, this year the Indianapolis 500 race weekend coincides with National Missing Children's Day, which is May 25. The day is intended to encourage parents, guardians, and communities to make child safety a priority – and as a reminder to continue efforts to reunite missing children with their families.

Hear Anne Marie Chastain of CSO on *The Omnibus Show*

The REPORTER

This week, *The Omnibus Show* welcomed Anne Marie Chastain, Executive Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO).

Chastain shared her history, including some meaningful and emotional experiences in both work and her favorite music. She will also share exciting information from the CSO, including the upcoming Summer Concert Series, a partnership with the daughter of the legendary Tony Bennett, and more.

Chastain said that the upcoming Summer Concert Series will be an exciting one with six shows, three of them set to take place at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel, as well as appearances as part of CarmelFest on July 4, and a partnership with Carmel JazzFest and their special guest Antonia Bennett, daughter of legendary crooner Tony Bennett.

Chastain's life experience has led her to her role with the CSO. She has a

Master of Arts and Arts Administration from Indiana University. She is a Trained Facilitator in Emotional CPR and Peer Led Support Mental Health and Grief. Organizations she has been involved with include the National Empowerment Center, Allies of Indiana, and Brooke's Place.

She was the Executive Director for Development and External Affairs, Regional Director of Development, and Director of Major Gifts for the IUPUI School of Science and IU Foundation, served as the Associate Director of Development – Planned Giving, Associate Director of Development for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and was the Executive Director of the Bloomington Sym-



Chastain



Farrell

phony Orchestra where she helped launch a youth orchestra.

Chastain also spoke of her success in event planning and the huge numbers she was able to reach with her fundraising efforts over the years.

She was the founding Board President of the Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra and helped incorporate the organization, as well as launch a performance series at the Indianapolis Historical Society for the orchestra.

She attended high school at Interlochen Arts Academy in Traverse City, Mich., with a clarinet emphasis. She spent two years performing with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra as Principal Clarinetist and in other roles.

For more information on CSO and upcoming shows, visit carmelsymphony.org.

Next week's guest on *The Omnibus Show* will be Don Farrell, Founder/Owner of Crossroads Entertainment, LLC, a concert, theatrical, and production company located in Carmel. Crossroads Entertainment collaborates with corporations, organizations, and artists to create a range of compelling theatrical works that is individually suited for a variety of venues.

About The Omnibus Show
The Omnibus Show is Carmel's No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

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CCHA Law welcomes Lynsey David

Submitted by CCHA Law

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) announced Tuesday that Lynsey David has joined the firm, working within CCHA Law's Litigation and Insurance Defense practice sections. Licensed to practice in both Indiana and Kentucky, Lynsey brings a wealth of experience and expertise.

"Our litigation practice has been growing in recent years by leaps and bounds," Managing Partner Alex Pinegar said. "And in light of that, we are delighted to welcome Lynsey to our firm. Her experience and acumen will provide additional strength to our litigation practice and enable

us to continue to serve our clients with vigorous and timely representation."

David's legal practice is primarily focused on representing public entities throughout all phases of administrative proceedings and litigation. Her clients include a diverse array of sectors, such as school districts, higher education institutions, and municipal departments, including police and fire.

With a robust background in both state and federal courts, David is well-versed in managing cases involving wrongful



David

death, catastrophic injuries, and property damage. Before her tenure at CCHA Law, she worked at a well-respected civil litigation law firm in Indianapolis, specializing in the representation of commercial carriers and drivers.

"Lynsey is a skilled litigator who is enthusiastic about her work," said Libby Roberts, Partner in CCHA Law's Litigation Practice Group. "She is also a delightful person who connects with others effortlessly. We are excited to have her on our team."

Originally from Ken-

tucky, David says she is a proud "Hoosier transplant." Her dedication extends beyond the courtroom; she is passionate about promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives both within and outside of CCHA Law. Furthermore, she commits her time to mentoring young lawyers, aiming to pay forward all the support she has received in her career.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, David is an avid reader who cherishes quality time with her two sons. She also leads an active lifestyle, carving out time for workouts, which she humorously describes as a love/hate affair.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed. Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children.

Genesis 47:11-12 (NIV)

Louella Sampson

May 7, 1927 – May 21, 2024

Louella Sampson, 97, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. She was born on May 7, 1927, to Irvin and Hazel (Fisher) Alexander in Clinton County, Ind.

Louella worked for 17 years for Corner Drug Store in Noblesville and had many other jobs throughout her life. She was baptized at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville. Louella worked with the Girl Scouts and in cosmetics and was always taking care of others.

She is survived by her grandsons, Greg (Lisa) Stice and Chris Stice; sister, Virginia (Herschel) Lewis; brother, Larry (June) Alexander; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Louella was preceded in death by her spouse, Sib S. Sampson; daughter, Judy Stice; and several brothers and sisters.

Private family burial will be held at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN 46060; by calling (317) 770-4400; or online myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

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The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will meet at noon on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Girls Tennis

COUNTY-WIDE REGIONAL SWEEP

Rocks win first-ever title, Tigers & Hounds continue winning streak

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The Westfield girls tennis team’s season of firsts continued Wednesday with the Shamrocks’ first ever regional championship.

No. 16-ranked Westfield beat a tough No. 20 Delta team 4-1 to claim the school’s first tennis regional. All five of the matches were finished in straight sets, although the Eagles did give the Shamrocks a battle and Westfield coach Trudy Coler said her team “had to work really hard for it.”

“Delta’s a great team,” said Coler. “We played them earlier in the season, but that was the first match of the season. We know how tough a team they are, so we knew we had to come out and play well across the board at every position.”

No. 1 singles Isabella Norris was off the court quickly, winning her match 6-0, 6-0. Westfield’s other two singles players, No. 2 Juliette Grilliot and No. 3

Addi Kooi, picked up 6-2, 6-2 victories. In doubles, the Rocks’ No. 2 team of Brianna Saylor and Carlie Lukowiak won its match 6-4, 6-1.

“I was really pumped up,” said Grilliot. “I just kept my feet moving. I was just staying focused.”

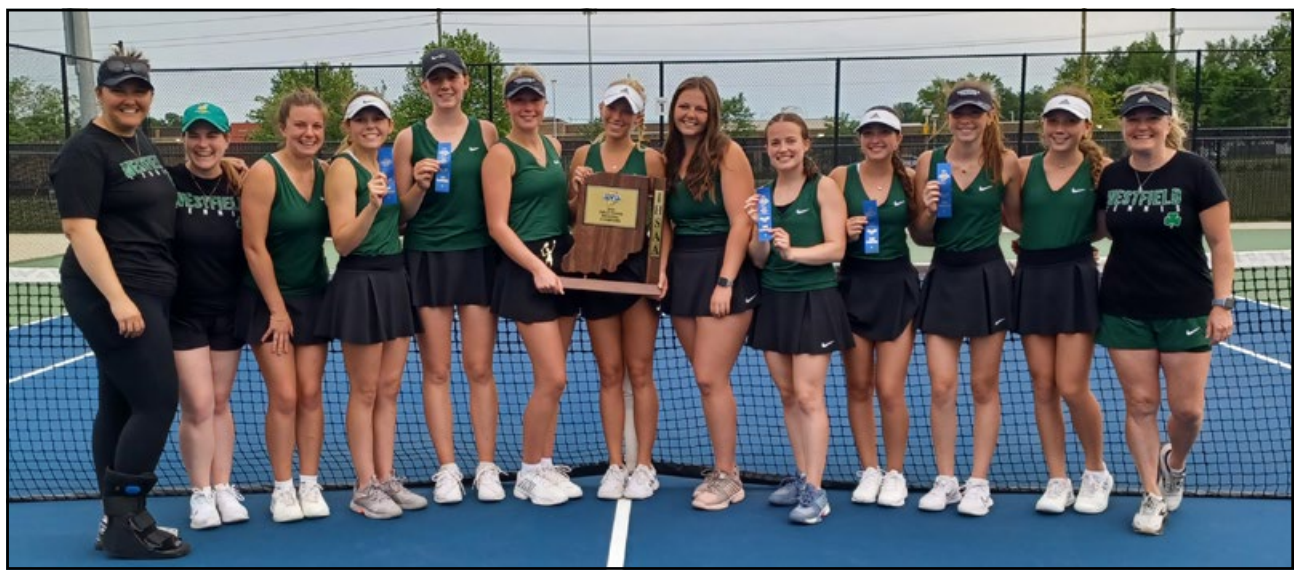
Fired up, yet relaxed

Coler said her team was “very fired up today,” and at the same time, the Shamrocks were relaxed.

“I was really happy with their preparation of getting out there and not getting tight,” said Coler. “They tried to stay really loose and they tried to stay focused on what they needed to do.”

“Noblesville, Delta, they have great fans. It’s a really energetic atmosphere,” said Norris. “So, I think just staying controlled and one point at a time, and then pump yourself up and block out the rest of the noise.”

Westfield will travel to Homestead on Saturday to play in its first-ever semi-state. The Shamrocks will take on the host and No. 26-ranked Spartans at 11



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Westfield girls tennis team won its first-ever regional championship Wednesday, beating Delta 4-1.

a.m., with the winner going to the state finals.

Fishers, Carmel win again

No. 2-ranked Fishers won a regional title for the fourth consecutive year on Wednesday. The Tigers beat No. 18 and regional host Mount Vernon 4-1.

Fishers got all four of its wins in straight sets. In singles, No. 1 Mischa Briggs was a 6-1, 6-2 winner, and

No. 3 Izzy Ireland was victorious 6-1, 6-1. In doubles, Caroline Ober and Cassie Maurer were 6-2, 6-1 winners and Meredith Ober and Emma Beehler won the No. 2 doubles match 6-3, 6-1. The Tigers play No. 13 Cathedral in the Center Grove semi-state Saturday.

Over at Lebanon, No. 7 Carmel swept Fountain Central 5-0 to win its 18th consecutive regional cham-

ionship and 24th overall. The Greyhounds play No. 1 South Bend St. Joseph Saturday at the Culver Academies semi-state.

Individual results

Noblesville’s No. 1 doubles team of Lina Hamashuk and Cami Crist will play for the individual sectional title today at the Millers’ tennis complex.

Hamashuk and Crist beat Winchester’s Brook-

lyn Friend and Mackenzie Meadows 6-0, 6-0 on Tuesday, then defeated Randolph Southern’s Sophi Chenoweth and Brianna Smith 6-0, 6-0 on Wednesday. The Noblesville team will play Delta’s Kate Manor and Kelsey Vest this afternoon.

University’s Laurel Buttrick lost to Zionsville’s Lucy King 6-3, 6-3 in the sectional at Lebanon. Buttrick finished the season with a 15-6 record.

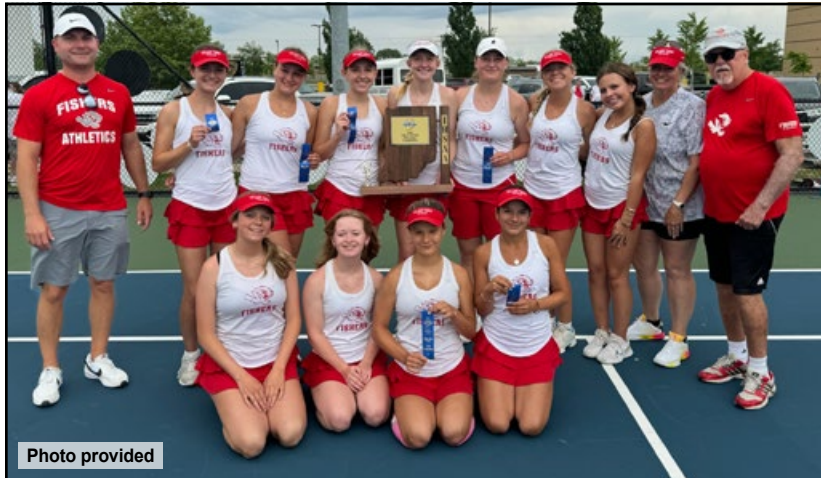


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(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers claimed its fourth consecutive title by beating regional host Mount Vernon 4-1. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel swept Fountain Central 5-0 to win its 18th consecutive regional title.

Baseball

Carmel & Westfield headed to sectional semifinals, University shuts out Sheridan

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The Carmel and Westfield baseball teams advanced to the semifinals of Class 4A Sectional 8 Wednesday at Noblesville’s Don Dunker Field.

In the first game, Carmel got past Noblesville 4-2. The Greyhounds scored one run in the second inning; Gabe Mathison got home when James Charland reached on error.

Mathison stepped up in the third inning, hitting a left field double to bring in JD Stein and put Carmel up 2-0. Nate Steele added a fourth inning run, getting home when Tyler Walkey hit a sacrifice fly.

The Millers got on the board in the fifth inning when Nolan Decker’s left field hit sent Aiden Reynolds home. Noblesville scored another run in the sixth inning: Joe Glander smacked a one-out triple, then went home when Tanner Miller hit a single, cutting the Greyhounds’ lead to 3-2. Carmel scored again in the seventh inning, with Joe Cunningham’s left field hit bringing in Hunter Snow.

Stein was 3-for-4 at the plate, hitting a triple and two doubles. Mathison also had two doubles. Max Winders got the pitching win, striking out 10 in four and two-thirds innings; Winders got out of

a bases-loaded situation in the second inning. Snow made a big catch in the sixth inning for the Hounds, who are 19-10.

Decker had two hits for the Millers, while Trevor Corbett hit a double. Decker pitched four and a third innings, striking out five. Noblesville finished its season 22-6.

Westfield beat Zionsville 6-4 in the second game. The Shamrocks got off to a good start with three runs in the top of the first inning. Matt Drozlek sent a base hit into center field to score Caden Lindsey and Drew Law, then Alex Rudolph doubled Drozlek home.

The Rocks kept going in the second inning with two more runs. Lindsey scored a second run when Drozlek was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Law then scored on a wild pitch.

Zionsville got three runs back in the bottom of the second, then scored in the third inning to get within 5-4. Westfield put up a run in the fifth inning; Rudolph scored on Nick Fero’s left field hit.

Rudolph finished with two hits. Ty Anderson pitched six innings for the win, striking out 10 as the Shamrocks improved to 18-10.

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Carmel’s Hunter Snow (7) is congratulated by his teammates after making a tough catch during the Greyhounds’ sectional victory over Noblesville Wednesday. Carmel won 4-2 to advance to Friday’s semifinals.

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD
 Regional at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.

GOLF
 Noblesville vs. Tipton, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees
 Hamilton Heights vs. Sheridan, University and Lapel, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

SOFTBALL
 Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard
 Championship: Hamilton Heights vs. Bishop Chatard, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24
BASEBALL
 Sectional 8 at Noblesville
 Carmel vs. Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
 Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF
 Noblesville at Yorktown Classic, 9 a.m. at Delaware Country Club

SOFTBALL
 Sectional 8 at Carmel
 Championship: Noblesville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 25
BASEBALL
 Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit
 Guerin Catholic vs. Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.

GOLF
 Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Classic, 1 p.m. at Battle Ground Golf Club
 Westfield at Providence Invitational, 1 p.m. at Champions Pointe

Monday, May 27
BASEBALL
 Sectional 8 at Noblesville
 Championship, 2 p.m.
 Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit
 Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Bishop Chatard, 10 a.m.
 Shortridge vs. Saturday winner, noon
 Championship, 7 p.m.
 Sectional 43 at Sheridan
 University vs. Cascade, 10 a.m.
 Covenant Christian vs. Riverside, noon
 Championship, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28
GOLF
 Hamilton Southeastern, Zionsville at Fishers 4-Way, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 30
GOLF
 Noblesville vs. Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, 4 p.m. at Harbour Trees
 Hamilton Heights vs. Plainfield and Speedway, TBD at Brickyard Crossing

Friday, May 31
GIRLS TRACK
 State finals at Indiana University, 3 p.m.

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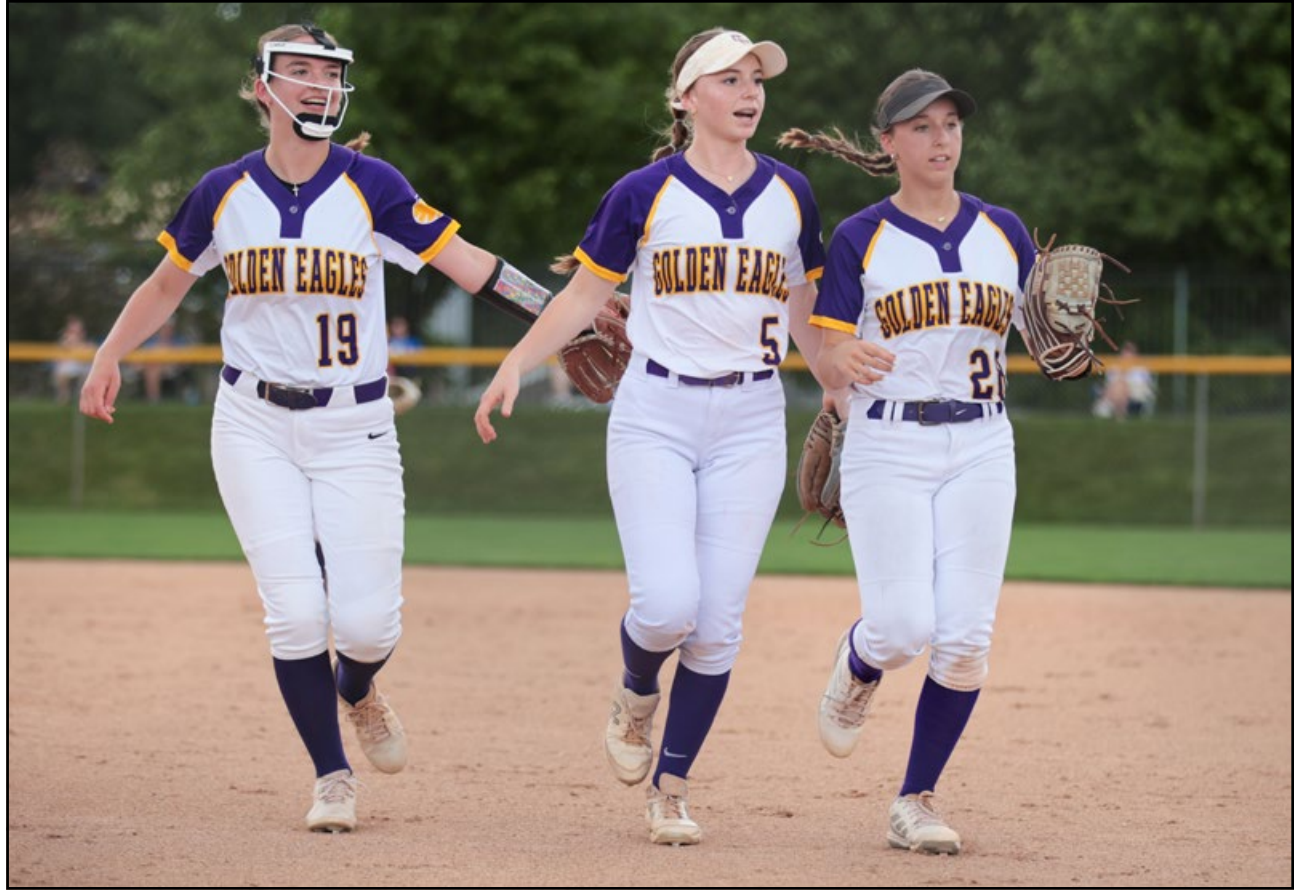


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Guerin Catholic's Madi Cain (right, 28) had two hits for the Golden Eagles during their sectional game Wednesday at Bishop Chatard. Also pictured are Brooklyn Fritsche (19) and Lucy Kemp (5), who scored Guerin Catholic's run and had one hit.

Golden Eagles fall to Bishop Chatard in sectional semifinal

The REPORTER
 The Guerin Catholic softball team fell to Sectional 27 host Bishop Chatard 9-1 Wednesday in a semifinal game. The Golden Eagles scored their run in the seventh inning when Lucy Kemp got home on a passed ball. Madi Cain had two hits, a double and a single, while Kemp hit one single. Guerin Catholic finished its season 2-15. The Trojans play Hamilton Heights in today's sectional championship game.

BASEBALL

Carmel and Westfield play each other at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the first semifinal game, to be followed by the second semifinal between Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern. *** University beat Sectional 43 host Sheridan 12-0 in five innings Wednesday in opening-round play there. The Trailblazers were the home team and scored in all four innings in which they batted. Jimmy Caldwell hit a home run as part of a 3-for-3 night, while Mark Hamby smacked a two-run homer. Cooper Cammack also went 3-for-3, hitting a triple and two doubles for a total of five RBIs. Jasper Owens hit a triple and Charlie Ranek had a double; both totaled two hits. Caldwell scored three runs. Beckett Suh went four innings for the win, striking out eight and allowing one hit. Caleb Alexander had the lone hit for the Blackhawks, who finished their season 14-12. University is 14-11-1 and plays Cascade Monday in the sectional semifinals.



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(ABOVE) Noblesville's Joe Glander hit a triple during the Millers' sectional game with Carmel. (BELOW) Westfield's Matt Drozlek got the Shamrocks on the board with a two-run single, helping his team to a 6-4 win over Zionsville in Wednesday's sectional action. Westfield plays Carmel Friday in the semifinals.



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Industry's first tech-enabled pickleball facility coming to Fishers

24/7 DINK Pickleball to offer around-the-clock access to state-of-the-art facilities with zero membership fees

The REPORTER

24/7 DINK Pickleball has announced plans to bring the popular sport to players of all skill levels with a new tech-enabled facility.

Upon completion, the \$6 million facility will have 20 indoor pickleball courts with ample space for casual matches and competitive games year-round, 24 hours a day. The 60,000 square-foot facility will be in the former Marsh Supermarket location at the corner of 116th Street and Brooks School Road.

This project was approved by the City Council at Monday night's meeting.

Through a cutting-edge app, 24/7 DINK pickleball players can:

- Enjoy the freedom to sign up to play whenever it suits their schedule, regardless of the time of day or night.
- Easily sign up with partners or arrange matches with other players of a similar skill level
- Benefit from a flexible pricing model and easy payment splitting among players with no membership fee
- Access the facility any time through a unique QR code right on their phone

24/7 DINK will be the first facility of its kind when it opens in the fall. There are no membership fees to join.

24/7 DINK co-found-

ers John Hurley, Chief Executive Officer; Scott Brenton, Chief Operating Officer; and Ben Timby, Chief Data Scientist, are successful tech entrepreneurs, first lending their expertise to build companies like ExactTarget and Angi's List during the budding days of Indianapolis's tech scene. The leaders of 24/7 DINK are now reuniting to bring a remarkably different tech-focused pickleball experience to market.

"We are thrilled to introduce our cutting-edge pickleball facility, where technology meets the passion for the game," Hurley said. "Our goal is to create a vibrant community hub that offers an unparalleled experience for players of all levels. We are redefining the way pickleball is enjoyed and can't wait to welcome current and future pickleball enthusiasts to our new facility when we open later this year."

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton,



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and ping pong. It has been gaining popularity across the United States, and with its easy-to-learn rules and inclusive nature, pickleball attracts players of all ages. Hurley has worked hand-in-hand with the Fishers Economic Development team to plan for this project.

"The City of Fishers is proud to support John with this exciting business venture, which is another testament to the power of community-driven innovation," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "24/7 DINK exemplifies the spirit of entrepreneurship that drives our community forward and embraces technology in a whole new way. This state-of-the-art facility will be a vibrant addition to our city's recreational offerings."

The 24/7 DINK facility is being developed by New City Development. Isaac Bamgbose, the founder and CEO of New City Development, has been involved in iconic real estate redevelopment projects including the Ironworks Hotel & Apart-



ments and the Bottle Works District in Indianapolis.

"This is such an exciting opportunity to transform a long-unused space into a community hub, bringing together residents and visitors alike to make an impact through the shared love of pickleball," Bamgbose said. "We're ready to do our part to bring this project to life and are confident it will be a major success and contribute to the explosive growth of Fishers."

Even though the building isn't open yet, the 24/7 DINK team is already looking for ways to support the Fishers community. 24/7 DINK is proud to sponsor this year's Fishers Summer Concert Series hosted by Fishers Parks, which holds free community concerts on Tuesday nights at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

For more information about 24/7 DINK and the forthcoming pickleball facility in Fishers, visit 247dink.com.

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Boys Track & Field

Many county runners competing in today's regionals

The REPORTER

Boys track and field regionals take place today, with qualifiers from the Westfield sectional competing at Lafayette Jefferson. Here is a list of Hamilton County athletes competing.

4x800 relay: Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Carmel, Guerin Catholic.

110 hurdles: Tyler Tarter, Fishers; Adom Quist, Carmel; Elijah Adams, Hamilton Southeastern; Harold Williams, Hamilton Southeastern.

100 dash: Mason Alexander, Hamilton Southeastern; Dario Torres, Noblesville; Cameron Wilson, Noblesville.

1600 run: Jack Strong, Noblesville; Liam Powers, Hamilton Southeastern; Caden Click, Noblesville; Andrew Smith, Hamilton Southeastern; Ian Porter, Westfield; Jonah Kaul, Carmel.

4x100 relay: Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield, Fishers, Noblesville.

400 dash: Christian Ortiz, Hamilton Southeastern; Cole Taylor, Carmel; Michael Griffith, Hamilton Southeastern; Andrew Moss, Carmel; Brady Livingston, Noblesville.

300 hurdles: Tyler Tarter, Fishers; Elijah Adams, Hamilton Southeastern; Jack Huisden, Westfield; Adom Quist, Carmel.

800 run: Matthew Kim, Fishers; Mason Schmitz, Hamilton Southeastern; Luke Mumaw, Noblesville; Alec Moor,

Noblesville; Drew Grogan, Carmel.

200 dash: Mason Alexander, Hamilton Southeastern; Dario Torres, Noblesville; Brian Shaw, University.

3200 run: Tony Provenzano, Carmel; Kyle Grove, Carmel; Sam Rinker, Noblesville; John Libs, Noblesville; Riley Schamp, Hamilton Southeastern; Nick Vega, Hamilton Southeastern.

4x400 relay: Hamilton Southeastern, Fishers, Carmel, Westfield, Guerin Catholic.

Discus: Josiah Bird, Hamilton Southeastern; Joel Gates, Fishers; Teddy Miller, Hamilton Southeastern; Theo Thurmond, Carmel; Ozzy Pollard, Carmel; Hayden Pentecost, Westfield.

Shot put: Joel Gates, Fishers; Ozzy Pollard, Carmel; Teddy Miller, Hamilton Southeastern.

Long jump: Jonathan Hall, Fishers; Michael Griffith, Hamilton Southeastern; Dylan James, Hamilton Southeastern; Blake Braden, Hamilton Southeastern; Gabriel Davis, Carmel.

High jump: Damon Winston, Sheridan; Robert Campbell, Westfield; Konrad Hayden, Fishers; Tyler Runyan, Hamilton Heights.

Pole vault: Peyton McQuinn, Hamilton Heights; Connor Langford, Hamilton Southeastern; Alex Wilson, Westfield; Lucas Bland, Westfield; Colin Swain, Fishers.

Butler prof 'not surprised' at Netflix interception of Christmas NFL games

By **SCOTT SANDER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

As NFL games scatter more widely across the television landscape, fans will have to be more nimble – and possibly dig deeper into their wallets – to watch all the action. The moves are no surprise, though, according to one local expert.

"The NFL has definitely moved in that direction," Butler University's Lee Farquhar said. He is an associate professor of journalism and sports media. "To some extent, the NFL is moving where the fans are."

Farquhar says the move of Christmas Day games in the 2024, 2025, and 2026 season to Netflix directly reflects viewing trends, with more people shifting away from traditional television service to stream

their shows instead.

"We've seen the cable-cutting rates over the last decade. A little less than half of American households still have cable or satellite," Farquhar explained during his appearance on WISH-TV's *Daybreak*. He also pointed to numbers suggesting many cable holdouts may not keep the service much longer. "A third of those people are saying they're ready to cut the cable as well."

The Netflix deal adds to a series of other media-rights deals that direct viewers away from the traditional television sources and toward pay-per-channel streaming instead. Amazon has secured a playoff game for the coming season, and the 'Sunday Ticket' package is now on multi-channel streamer YouTube TV in-

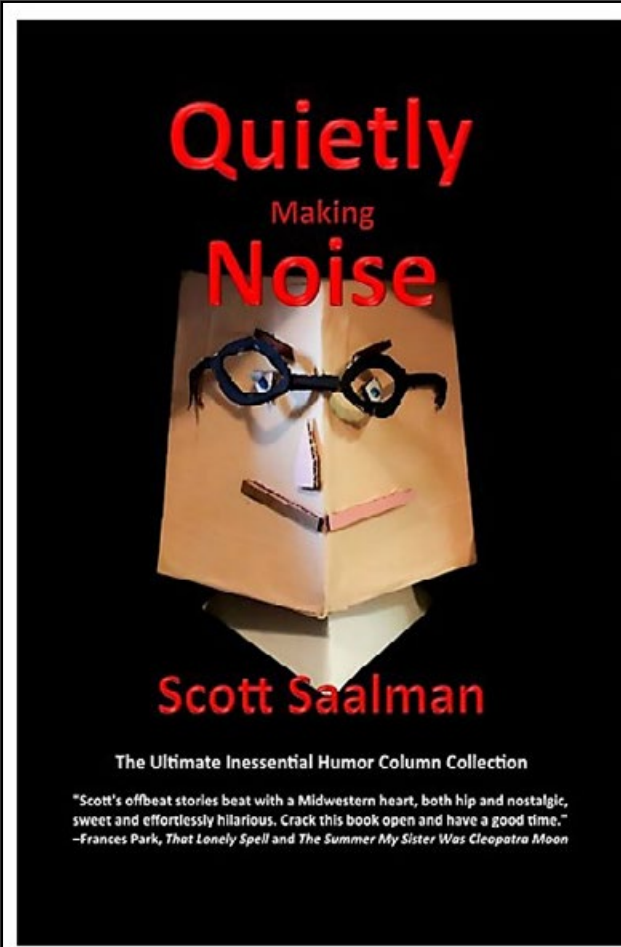
stead of its longtime home of DirecTV.

Asked about the dwindling number of games on free television, Farquhar indicates the league is banking on the belief that its most ardent fans are already comfortable with the new direction and the dollars they require, even if they don't currently have every channel.

"The vast majority also already have multiple streaming services," Farquhar said. "So they might not have something like Peacock, or they might not all have Disney Plus, but Amazon has certainly got loads of subscribers already."

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