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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly to partly cloudy, muggy, with a spotty shower or storm possible early to mid morning.
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 Tonight: Partly cloudy.
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Sheridan Elementary Carnival: a fun-filled community tradition

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

The Sheridan Elementary School (SES) Carnival, an annual event sponsored by the school's supportive PTO, was a resounding success this year, drawing record attendance.

Blessed with beautiful weather, the event provided a perfect backdrop for families and students to come together and celebrate the end of the school year.

Principal Valerie Roberts highlighted the importance of the event.

"The Annual SES Carnival, sponsored by our outstanding PTO, is our year-end thank you for our students and families," she said. "Students were free!"

The carnival featured a variety of food trucks offering delicious options to attendees, and special thanks go to the Lions Club for serving up hamburgers and drinks. The Sheridan Fire Department added excitement by filling the dunk tank, which became a popular attraction.



(ABOVE LEFT) Fifth graders Kyla Rose and Keeley Carrico smile for the camera as they take a quick break from playing games. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fifth grader Simone Baker won the art supply basket.



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Attendees enjoyed a range of activities, including numerous games, face painting, a

cake walk, and a photo booth. The event was further enhanced by the efforts of wonderful youth and parent volun-

teers who helped make the day run smoothly.

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Tales from the crib

Lately, I have been nostalgic for babies, thanks to my son, Austin, turning 30 last week. Thirty isn't old (try telling that to my son) – but him turning 30 does make me old (if you must ask . . . add 30 more years to the equation). Yes, our kids age us.



When I was only a few months from turning 30, back in 1994, I was anticipating first-time fatherhood, doing all those things first-time parents do.

Here are details about one of those things.

1994. The baby isn't born yet, but there are things that must be done beforehand to turn young men into fathers.

There is courage to be mustered, and time must be set aside to contemplate the perseverance of the human spirit, but above all, young men must condition themselves to maintain a constant state of both physical and mental grace under fire.

I tell you this because, if you haven't guessed, I had to assemble a single drop rocker hardware crib.

Pressure mounted even before step one: WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS AND ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

I shuddered. It all seemed so . . . well . . . responsible. A life could be at risk based on something I do of a mechanical nature. I am the self-appointed poster child for the assembly-impaired. I hyperventilate at the simplest threats of home improvement. For me, even refilling the ice tray becomes a trial of life.

STEP ONE: Tool requirements: Phillips screwdriver and hammer.

I couldn't believe the instructions were so technical right off the bat. They couldn't just say screwdriver; they had to use that Phillips word. I wish I had taken shop class where, perhaps, the Phillips thing had been defined. Plus, I've never had good experiences with hammers. The thought of using a hammer haunted me through the whole crib construction process. (Why don't hammers come with instructions?)

STEP TWO: Attach stationary side. What followed was a hellish configuration of connecting nuts, hangar bolts and a lot of wretched little parenthetic secondary instructions that looked something like this:

(See (Figure A) Figure (Figure D) B) Or
 (G) (O) (O) (D) (L) (U) (C) (K)
 (S) (U) (C) (K) (E) (R)

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Riverview Health Foundation celebrates 20th annual Women of Vision Luncheon

Nearly \$65,000 distributed to support women's health initiatives

The REPORTER

The Riverview Health Foundation held its 20th annual Women of Vision Luncheon on April 25 with over 340 attendees hearing from speaker Desi Payne on the "Incredible Power of Laughter," as well as the impact of the Women of Vision Giving Club and its grants for 2024. The 2024 Women of Vision Luncheon Diamond sponsor was CarDon & Associates.

Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs for Riverview Health, shared with the attendees that total grants awarded to Riverview Health departments serving women and children throughout the Women of Vision Giving Club program has provided more than \$700,000 in support and assistance to those in need. Thirteen grants were awarded to seven departments at Riverview Health in 2024, totaling \$64,600 to support programs for new moms and babies, women going through breast cancer and other

cancer-related illness and much more. These grants are made possible through proceeds from the annual luncheon as well as individual, family, and corporate gifts to the Women of Vision Giving Club.

The 2024 Women of Vision Giving Club grant recipients include the following Riverview Health departments. For more information about each grant recipient, [click here](#).

Women's Boutique
 Awarded \$15,300 for lymphedema/compression garments, wig program, breast cancer post-surgical garments and the breast prosthesis program.

Rehab & Fitness
 Awarded \$3,000 for lymphedema treatment supplies.

Bone & Breast Center
 Awarded \$2,500 for breast cancer awareness gifts.

Volunteer Services
 Awarded \$15,000 for the Touch of Love Program.

Maternity Services
 Awarded \$16,300 for lactation support, sleep sacks, car seats, Period of PURPLE Crying



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(From left) Megan Wiles, Melinda Nash, Desi Payne, Mary Jane Polsgrove, and Polly Craig.

education, pregnancy and infant loss, new moms saving lives and the adolescent peer pregnancy support group.

Outpatient Pharmacy
 Awarded \$10,000 for Health Start Prenatal Vitamin Program.

Riverview Health Employer Clinics
 Awarded \$2,500 for outreach for women clients to schedule mammogram appointments.

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Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Beef & Boards

The REPORTER

Join Dorothy, Toto, and their friends for an adventure along the Yellow Brick Road as Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents its 2024 Season Family Show: *The Wizard of Oz*. Now on stage, this production brings the beloved story and songs to life and features a special discount for children's tickets.

L. Frank Baum's delightful tale about Kansas farm girl Dorothy Gale's journey over the rainbow to the magical land of Oz has enchanted families for generations. The stage adaptation includes the famous Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion characters, as well as unforgettable songs from the 1939 MGM film such as "We're Off To See The Wizard," "The Merry Old Land of Oz," "Follow The Yellow Brick

Road," and "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."

Grace Atherholt (*West Side Story*) plays the lead role of Dorothy Gale, with Jameelah Leandra (*Beauty and the Beast*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Phantom*) as Glinda the Good Witch, Joey Boos (*White Christmas*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Little Shop of Horrors*) as the Scarecrow, and Brett Mutter (*White Christmas*, *Joseph*, *Grumpy Old Men*) as the Cowardly Lion. Jaden Kindle makes his Beef & Boards debut as the Tin Man. Ty Stover (*Grumpy Old Men*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hello, Dolly!*) plays the title character, and local children play the famous Munchkins.

The *Wizard of Oz* is on stage for 57 performances through

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Photo provided

Dorothy (Grace Atherholt) watches as her new friend the Scarecrow (Joey Boos) dances and sings "If I Only Had A Brain" in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, now on stage through July 7.

Ducks ahoy!

The REPORTER

While the Darlington Bed Race has been canceled this year due to road construction and parking woes, Noblesville Main Street's (NMS) rubber duck race is still taking place next weekend.

Thankfully, there is no such thing as Hamilton County river construction! Four local businesses are paying it forward with flocks of 100 racing rubber ducks each.

The following companies bought 100 rubber duck race tickets and announced a local nonprofit to get the money if any of their ducks win:

If Johnston & Company CPA wins, the money will go to Nickel Plate Express.

If Sease Gerig & Associates wins, the money will go to Serve Noblesville.

If Church Church Hittle + Antrim wins, the money will go to Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.

If the Lacy Arts Building wins, the money will go to The Lions Club.

Because each picked a nonprofit organization, and because NMS is itself a nonprofit, that makes these four businesses donation double-dippers.

If you want to jump on the duck-wagon, email NMS Executive Director Kate Baker at kate@noblesvillemainstreet.org.



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WIZARD

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July 7 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops' family-friendly dinner buffet and select beverages. As the 2024 Season Family Show at Beef & Boards, *The Wizard of Oz* features \$10 discounts off tickets for all children ages 3-15. (Children under age 3

not admitted.)

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit BeefAndBoards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664.

Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department

at (317) 872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards.com for details.

The Wizard of Oz is sponsored in part by Indy's Child.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

CARNIVAL

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

A highlight of the carnival was the fantastic Silent Auction, which drew significant interest and participation. All the money raised from the event will go right back to Sheridan Elementary School to support events for the 2024-2025 school year.

The SES Carnival not only provides a fun-filled day for students and their families but also strengthens the sense of community within the school. It stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of the PTO and the generous support from volunteers and local organizations.



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The duck pond is always popular at the Carnival.



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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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A 30-year-younger Scott Saalman with his now 30-year-old son Austin. This photo appeared in *The Dubois County Herald* on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994.

Step three consisted of an array of rocker locks, tapping screws, bolts, teething rails and drop side rails. I stared at these parts in disbelief. My God, I thought, UPS obviously got our order mixed up with something from Cape Canaveral. I envisioned a NASA engineer at that very moment wondering how to fit a solid rocket booster onto our wayward baby crib.

At that point, I pondered merely putting a pillow in the crib's cardboard box so that could be the crib.

The only consolation about step three: it didn't require a hammer.

STEP FOUR: Attach

side rail to crib. (See Figure D). Holding side rail with teething rail up, insert drop side rod thru hole in the drop side rail; then thru hole in spring rest bracket; then place bumper spring (B) on rod before inserting rod thru bottom of hole side rail ... left foot red ... right foot green.

I twisted and cursed and frantically battled the maple Bassett beast until the shape of an actual baby crib miraculously began to form. Through it all, I worried about all those terrible sounding hex head machine screw things (see Figure G) – it sounded like something from the mad mind of Ste-

phen King. What puzzled me even more was the crib was almost built, but nowhere had I been instructed to use the dreaded hammer.

By the end of step four – still no mention of the hammer – the crib's four walls were attached, and it was basically completed. All that was left was the final step of installing the bed springs and mattress.

I must admit I was really feeling good about my crib-building experience. I shook the crib to test its sturdiness – the whole contraption held – and was actually feeling fatherly for the first time, truly believing that Baby X would

be safe in something I constructed.

But the triumphant feeling didn't last long when I started to reach over for the spring and mattress. I realized then that I had built myself within the crib. A trap maker caught in his own trap, so to speak.

I shook the bars and spindles, hoping to find a simple way out of the crib without undoing everything I had done. The sides were too high to step over and too low to slip under.

It dawned on me then: now I know what the hammer is for.

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VISION

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Photo provided
Desi Payne spoke on the "Incredible Power of Laughter" at this year's Women of Vision Luncheon.

"As the needs of women and children in our communities continue to evolve and change, Riverview Health and the Riverview Health Foundation remain committed to being an active solution and resource for our patients," Wiles said. "Our Women of Vision Giving Club has been instrumental in these efforts. Year after year, they continue to inspire generosity and change in our communities."

ty's health system, we are extremely dedicated to our community," Riverview Health CEO Dave Hyatt said. "This means not only providing state-of-the-art health-care but also leading the charge to support the health and wellbeing of our neighbors. The Riverview Health Foundation and the Women of Vision Giving Club allow us to do just that."

The WOV Giving Club is a group of empowered donors who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the women and children who come through the doors of Riverview Health. Money raised for the WOV Giving Club annually is through the Women of Vision luncheon, gifts from individuals and support from the Women's Endowment Fund. At the beginning of every year, each Riverview Health department receives the opportunity to submit a grant application for the WOV Giving Club's consideration. In spring, voting members of the Giving Club gather to allocate grant funding.

"As Hamilton Coun-

For more information about the 2024 grant recipients, please [click here](#). To learn more about the WOV Giving Club, please visit riverview.org/women-of-vision-giving-club.

About Riverview Health Foundation

Since 1976, Riverview Health Foundation has been raising funds to support the patients, families, and staff of Riverview Health. The Foundation's mission is to create meaningful charitable giving opportunities in support of Riverview Health and advance community health and quality of life – now and in the future. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated over \$16.8 million in support of Riverview Health patients, programs, and staff.

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State of Westfield's safety

Hear from police & fire chiefs at Chamber luncheon

The REPORTER
The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the June Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd.



The luncheon will feature the Westfield Police Department's newly appointed Chief of Police Shawn Keen and Westfield Fire Department's Chief Robert Gaylor. Hear them discuss the state of community safety, as well as what their departments have planned for the city's future.

**Police Chief
Shawn Keen**

Keen received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in history from Chaminade University of Honolulu and his Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Oklahoma. He is also a graduate of the 259th Session of the FBI National Academy and the Indiana Associations of Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Academy.

Keen is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and served as a military policeman and later as a member of the Hawaii Armed Services Police

on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.

Keen served as a sworn member and chief of the Terre Haute Police Department for 26 years before joining the Westfield Police Department as Chief. During his time with Terre Haute, he was assigned to the uniform patrol division and criminal investigation division where he served as assistant chief for 10 years. In addition to these primary duties, he served as an operator, sniper, team leader, and commander of the Special Response Team for over 17 years. He was also a member of the department's honor guard for over 18 years.

**Fire Chief
Rob Gaylor**

Gaylor has been in the Fire and EMS service since 1995 and part of the Westfield Fire Department since 2004. Through this time he has had the opportunity to participate in many different functions ranging from incident scene management, NFL training camp, presidential rallies, and long-term projects such as Computer Aided Dispatch and implementation of a radio system. He has have progressively taken on more responsibilities and positions within the department: Deputy Chief of Business Operations, Dep-



Keen



Gaylor

uty Chief of Operations and the Division Chief of Training, Lieutenant, Driver, Firefighter/EMT.

At levels outside of the organization, Gaylor is a member of multiple organizations, including the District 5 Incident Management Team, Indiana Task Force One, Indiana Fire Instructors Association, and the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is a past or present

member of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Training Council for Districts 4 and 5, and an adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech College, State Instructor for the Executive Leadership Development course, and State Instructor, Live fire 1403 instructor.

Gaylor still finds time to volunteer as a football coach and mentor at his local high school for the last 10 years. He is an internationally recognized instructor and is a past speaker at the Indiana Safety and Health Conference. He is married and has two children with his wife Amanda.

Discounted partner tickets and non-partner tickets are available. Corporate reserved tables (seating for eight) are also available. [Click here](#) to register and for information on sponsoring the June luncheon.

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Westfield Washington Public Library set to launch Summer Reading Program

Registration for "Adventure Begins at Your Library" now open

The REPORTER

Registration for the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) Summer Reading Program is now open.

The eight-week program officially starts on Saturday, June 1 – the same day as the grand opening of the library's new building. All ages are encouraged to participate.

"We're inviting everyone to spend more time at our new library this summer," Summer Reading Program Coordinator Sara Perry said. "Come meet new friends, cool off while reading a book, or participate in one of our hands-on activities."

Summer programming will kick off on June 1 with Feller Express' three life-size dinosaurs and traditional Mexican dance by Fuego Nuevo USA Ballet Folklorica de Indiana. A host of animal programs and science experiments are also planned for later dates as well as visits from musician Jim Gill, storyteller Professor Watermelon, and magician Daniel Lusk.

Back by popular demand, the library will host the ever-popular Whalemobile, a 43-foot-long model of a humpback whale as well as three Foam Parties. Space is limited for all programs and registration is required. Event registration can be found on the library's event page.

More than 3,000 Westfield residents – kids, teens, and adults – participated in last year's Summer Reading Program. They read a total of 2,875,881 minutes. This year's goal is three



Photos provided by WWPL
The Whalemobile (above) and foam parties (below) will return this year.



million minutes.

"We hope to see everyone at the library this summer," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars. "I think everyone will find a new favorite spot to sit and read in our new building. Plus, reading over the summer helps keep young minds sharp."

Registration for the Summer Reading Program can be found at wwpl.beanstack.org. Anyone who reads (or listens to) at least 40 hours between June 1 and July 31 will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize which includes an *Adventures in Indiana* gift basket with over \$350 in restaurant

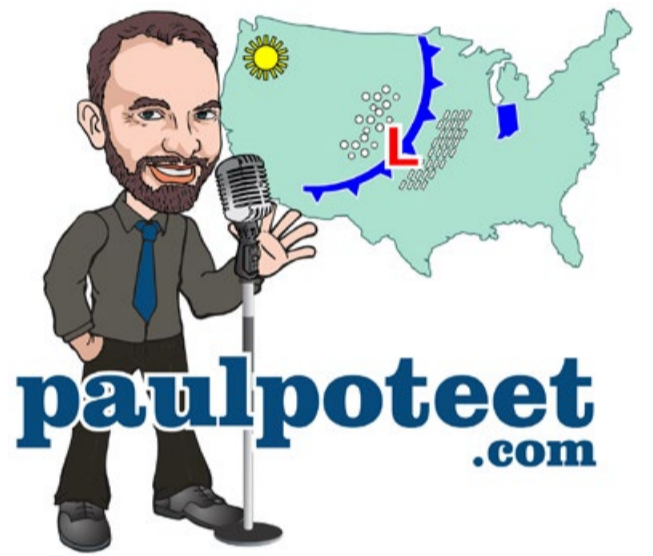
gift cards and family-friendly experiences. Prizes will also be distributed to participants throughout the program when they hit specific reading milestones.

Special thanks to the Westfield Library Foundation and Friends of the Westfield Library for their financial support.

Sheridan Lions award scholarships to Alexander & Kolb



Photo provided by Chuck Godby
Sheridan Lions Club member Steve Bilby (right) presented \$1,000 scholarships to Sheridan High graduating seniors Emma Alexander and Eli Kolb on behalf of the local service organization during the school's annual Senior Awards Night.



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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Editor's note: This month's column from Stony Creek Church is by Max Dawson, who currently lives in Beaumont, Texas. He lived and preached in Noblesville for many years in the late '60s and early '70s.



GUEST COLUMNIST
MAX DAWSON

There are good and just men who receive what Solomon thinks ought to happen to the wicked. That is, bad things come upon them. By contrast, Solomon observes that there are wicked men who receive what ought to go to good men. He recognized that life is often unjust and unfair.

So, the problem of bad things happening to good people is not a new problem. It is as old as the Bible and something that nearly every Bible writer wrestled with at one time or another.

Is it right for us to ask questions about injustice?

Indeed, it is right! Many Bible writers asked the same questions that we may have.

Job couldn't understand why so many bad things befell him (Job 30:26-27).

As the author of Ecclesiastes, King Solomon seemed to be constantly troubled by the injustice that he saw (Ecclesiastes 3:16).

Abraham believed it was an injustice if God destroyed the good along with the bad at Sodom. God did not condemn him for asking this. This text is more than Abraham merely asking questions. The last line of that quotation is an expression of Abraham's confidence in God that He would do right. God is not the author of injustice.

Even the great King David wondered about injustice in our present world. In Psalm 10, David was distraught and disturbed. It

appeared to him that God was just letting bad people get away with sin. He even wondered if God was hiding Himself while these evil men went about doing their dastardly deeds! The psalm, however, concludes with David expressing confidence in God, that He will indeed do justice and vindicate the oppressed (Psalm 10:14-18).

The solution to the problem of injustice

We need to trust God and think long-term.

Let us think again about the case of Asaph in Psalm 73. By looking to God's answer, Asaph learned that the injustice was only temporary; it will not prevail long-term. And what about King David? He seemed to blame God for the injustice done to him, or at least thought that God was doing nothing to help him (Psalm 10:1-18). David was wrong in his assessment. God did hear his prayer and David eventually admitted that. The real problem was one of time. David (like us) wanted relief immediately. Think-long term!

Job's case bears out the value of seeing the big picture. Job suffered greatly but look at the end of the matter. In Job 42:12-13, we learn that "the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters." In His time, God took care of Job and brought him great blessing. That, of course, was the earthly outcome. But we look for more.

In eternity, all outcomes will be good for the righteous. In Revelation 6:9-10, the righteous had suffered terribly under the hand of

wicked oppressors. They are pictured as "under the altar," indicating that their lives had been sacrificed for the cause of Christ. They wondered "how long" it would be until God brought justice to them and to their cause? But Revelation 20:4 portrays those same souls as victorious. Their cause has been vindicated. Truly, the words of Revelation 14:13 have application to all those who suffer for the cause of Jesus, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." We look for that time of blessing.

Viewpoint is important. We often don't see a thing in its true nature until we have seen it from all sides. Don't take a short-sighted view of the bad things that happen in life. See all that happens to us in view of eternity.

We can't answer all the questions that can be raised about bad things happening to good people. But we can answer with assurance that it is right to be a person of faith and righteousness. No matter what life brings, God ultimately takes care of His own. He will take care of you if you belong to Him.

A final text: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

Tao of flexibility

*"The stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind."
— Bruce Lee*

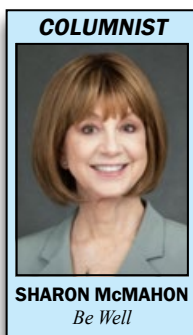
Although Bruce Lee succumbed at the early age of 32 (widely speculated that it was due to a reaction to prescription medication, although the coroner stated result was due to brain edema) he was internationally acclaimed as the premier martial arts professional of his time, and still today.

Lee was adamant about the necessity of muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance, and flexibility – with "flexibility" being my topic today. For many people the increased use of technology has caused us to remain stationary making increased flexibility even more important in our quest for optimal mobility.

I firmly believe in the fundamental discipline of stretching for a healthy body. Stretching is critical to any sort of fitness regimen, and essential to a body's well-being. Many people are eager to get going on a fitness routine and would rather skip the important step of stretching, thinking it to be unnecessary.

Additionally, there is often confusion on which kind of stretching is best – static, dynamic, passive, active – all important elements of a good stretching routine. Stretching is not for "sissies" – a good, basic routine will provide an important component to a well-rounded workout program which also incorporates aerobic and strengthening activities. I like to think of stretching as something I have in common with Olympic athletes; because they ALL have stretching routines!

The practice of Yoga asanas, or poses, is very good for integrating the body parts most essential



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to stretching on a regular basis. Some people do not wish to participate in a Yoga class due to its Hindu roots and philosophy. However a good stretching class can accommodate those poses in a more generic way. I teach a "FlexAbility" class which incorporates my knowledge and experience in Yoga in a more physical way for those who wish to approach stretching in that manner.

From athletes to grandparents, all need to stay as flexible as possible to avoid injury and maintain mobility. Stretching reduces the tension in your muscles, increases your strength, lubricates your joints, refreshes your body, relaxes your mind, improves posture, and helps your digestive system.

For those who spend much of their time at a desk or in front of a computer, stretching is essential to their well-being and in carrying out daily activities. Extreme stretching and incorporating bouncing as you stretch is unnecessary and can lead to injury. A common-sense approach will yield the results you are looking for, keeping you limber, energetic, and strong. Check out local classes at a fitness facility, library, or community center soon, as well as availability of books and DVDs (again check with your local library) to get you started and can give you valuable information on anatomy which also may be helpful to you.

As with any change in your physical routine it is always good to begin with a check-up and "all clear" from your physician. Stay flexible! **Sharon McMahon, CNWC**

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

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For some time, each ad has included a picture of the building where we meet. However, that is not the church -the people are. With that in mind our ad will now include a picture of "the church" – the people. We invite you to come visit with the church at Stony Creek. You will be warmly greeted, treated with respect, and highly valued. We can benefit from you, and you can benefit from us. Let's search the Scriptures together and come to understand God's Word more completely.

We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor's office and at the stop sign.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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Carmel summer road construction updates

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel, in its continuing efforts to improve its infrastructure and communications, has provided the following updates to share from the Engineering Department. Below is a summary of highlighted projects.

On or after Tuesday, May 28, construction for a new roundabout will begin at the intersection of **Hazel Dell Parkway and East 106th Street**. Traffic traveling north and south will be maintained throughout the duration of this work, with limited access to East 106th

Street during all phases of work. This roundabout is estimated to be complete in the fall of 2024.

On or after Tuesday, May 28, the Hamilton County Highway Department will reconstruct the **Cherry Tree Road** bridge over the Emily Vestal Ditch. A new sidewalk will be added between Streamside Drive and Klingensmith Boulevard. Expect a full closure of Cherry Tree Road between the end of May and the end of September.

On or after Tuesday, May 28, **Haverstick Road** will have a full closure just south of Rolling Springs

Drive, for approximately five days to rebuild the culvert.

On or after, Friday, May 31, the Indiana Department of Transportation will conduct bridge resurfacing over U.S. 31 in the following locations:


- **West 111th Street**, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will begin on or after Friday, May 31 and be completed on Monday, June 3.
- **West Carmel Drive**, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will begin on or after Friday, June 21 and be completed Monday, July 8. Work will take

place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.

• **West Main Street**, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will be dug on or after Friday, July 12 and be completed by Monday, July 22. Work will take place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.

• **West 136th Street and Smoky Row**, work will begin in August (schedule to come)

For any additional support or questions please reach out to Engineering Administrator Joshua Kirsh at JKirsh@carmel.in.gov.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Lane closures on Hazel Dell Parkway

Starting Tuesday, May 28, one lane each way on Hazel Dell Parkway in Carmel will be closed as construction of the roundabout begins at the intersection with 106th Street.

Fishers road construction updates, week of May 27

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141st Street & Promise Road roundabout

The City of Noblesville has plans to begin construction on a roundabout at 141st and Promise Road this summer.

The intersection is scheduled to be closed on or after June 3 and will remain closed for approximately seven to eight weeks. The detour route signage will be in place prior to the closure. For your safety, please do not enter the construction zone. There could be open

trenches or other obstacles that are unsafe.

Click here for additional project information.

Road resurfacing projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is ongoing in Lantern Ridge; towards the end of the week the contractor will continue into Sunblest as part of the 2024 Resurfacing Project. Residents should refrain from parking vehicles on the street during active construction operations. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruct-

tion near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

View the Road Resurface Overview Map [here](#).

Roadways and neighborhoods are prioritized

based on the PASER rating condition of their pavement. You can see a map [here](#).

Florida Road closure

During the week of May 27, there will be a road closure in place to allow for resurfacing that will be completed in two phases which includes a full depth dig out and rock, base, and binder installation. As a result of this, Phase 2 will not begin as previously scheduled and will proceed after the 126th Street and Southeastern Roundabout construction. Both sections will be resurfaced with traffic restrictions in place, flaggers will be on site directing traffic.

View a map of the closure [here](#).

Noblesville Lions Club

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Friday - May 31, 2024
Lunch/Dinner
11:00AM to 8:00PM
\$15 Advance \$16 At the Door \$8 Hotdog

SATURDAY, June 1, 2024
Breakfast
7:00AM to 11:00AM
\$6 Advance \$7 At the Door \$5 Kids



Advance tickets available from any Lion

Noblesville Lions induct new member



Photo provided

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club inducted John Einsfeld as a new member. He was introduced to the club by his sponsor Walt Scheid, the current club President. (ABOVE) Lion President Walt Scheid, Sponsor; Lion John Einsfeld; and District Governor Lion Julia Kozicki.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield presents a ...

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is an effort of CrossRoads Church to meet, know, enjoy, and serve our local neighbors. This event is provided for you, our neighbors, because we love you!



State Police increasing patrols for Memorial Day Weekend

The REPORTER

Indiana State Police and area law enforcement agencies are participating in the "Click it or Ticket" enforcement campaign through the Memorial Day weekend and remind all motorists the importance of doing their part to help ensure everyone's safety.

Indiana State Police Indianapolis District Commander Lt. Josh Watson said, "Memorial Day Weekend often serves as the unofficial start to summer, and many people will be hitting the roads. Our troopers work diligently to ensure the roadways are safe for everyone and with the expected increase in traffic this weekend, many of our troopers will work during their typical off duty time to increase our presence, enforce traffic laws, and respond to emergencies. Please buckle up, slow down and drive with courtesy for one another."

Troopers will be watching for unrestrained passengers in cars and trucks and for dangerous and impaired

drivers. Overtime enforcement is made available with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Troopers are offering the following safety tips:

- Ensure you are rested before driving. A fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.
- Follow other vehicles at a safe distance.
- Always utilize your turn signals when changing lanes and when turning.
- Avoid "hanging out" in the left lane unless you are actively passing or preparing to make a nearby left turn.
- Avoid driving while distracted.
- Ensure everyone is properly buckled up.
- Don't drink and drive.

If you are going to drink, please have a designated driver.

If you observe a possible impaired driver, the Indiana State Police encourages motorists to contact 911 immediately. Please be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, license plate num-

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Welcome to the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation May 2024 Newsletter covering Military, Veteran Community (MVC) activities here in Hamilton County.

Listed below are the Hamilton County American Legion and VFW Posts located in our neighborhoods. Please stop in and see what they are doing not only for our MVC but for your neighborhoods. If you are in the Military, a Veteran or just want to help, come in and let's talk about joining our community

so we may continue assisting and caring for our Military, Veterans, their families and our whole community! Each Post offers not only a Service Officer to assist our Veterans in filing claims or seeking financial help when needed, but they are always searching for ways to reach into their local communities to assist and donate their time and money to events, special groups, non-profits who also care for our neighbors. To continue doing all they do for our communities, they need

our continued support by coming into their Posts and enjoying time there with friends and family. They are our local family-oriented Bar & Grill with food, drinks, games and plenty of space to host personal parties, or you may rent space for meetings or events to support local activities. Some Posts are open to the public every day while others are open on specific days for food, games, fun and they all look forward to serving you.

As of January, 2024, the Posts that are

completely SMOKE FREE, inside, are the Carmel American Legion, Carmel VFW and Noblesville VFW. The Fishers American Legion allows smoking in their enclosed bar area, the rest is non-smoking. The Noblesville American Legion allows smoking in the small game room which is a separate building out front, the Post and meeting rooms are smoke free!! The Sheridan and Cicero American Legions still allow smoking in their Posts.

Carmel American Legion Post 155

852 West Main St.

Commander Rick Curtis: (317) 846-0001

Post Hours: Mon-Tue 3-10; Wed-Thu 10-10; Fri-Sat 10-11; Sun 12-8

Public is welcome Tue, Thu & Fri, and for lunch 11-2 & dinner 5-8 Wed-Fri

Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm

Website & Calendar: post155.org

Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679)

- Pay attention to their Facebook page for special gaming events like Texas Hold Em, Bingo, their jackpot totals and game day specials
- Euchre is every Tuesday night at 7pm and the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm
- Treasure Hunt drawing every Friday 7pm (\$2,700)
- They have a weekly draw on Wednesday at 7pm
- Pull Tabs are available every day at the bar
- Post Service Officer may be reached at postserviceofficer@post155.org
- Room Rentals call (317) 846-0001 for the Post Manager. They have 3 rooms large enough for 150 people plus outdoor space.

Cicero American Legion 341

50 Washington Ave.

Commander Jeremy Delph: (317) 984-4441

Hours Mon-Thu 3-10pm, Fri-Sat 12-11pm, Sun 12-10pm

Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 730pm

Kitchen hours are 4-8pm Tue, Wed, Fri & Sun – eat in or order food to go

Public is welcome Mon, Fri & Sat and for their Treasure Hunt at 7pm Tuesdays (\$5,500)

Website and calendar: cicerolegion341.org/events

Facebook: [facebook.com/cicerolegion341](https://www.facebook.com/cicerolegion341)

- Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & Treasure Hunt results
- Weekly drawings are Sundays 6pm, Wednesdays 7pm, Fridays 8pm
- Euchre tournaments are Mondays at 7pm and Saturdays at 4pm
- Bingo is every Friday, 6pm for Early Bingo and 6:30 for Bingo
- Post Service Officer Mary Ringer may be reached at (317) 984-4441

*** The Cicero VFW meets at the Cicero American Legion Post on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. ***

Fishers American Legion Post 470

9091 E. 126th St.

Commander Matt Rapp: (317) 842-5944

Hours: Mon 12-10, Sat 3-11, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun 12-11, Fri 12-12 – Open to the public but only members & signed in guests may order alcohol

Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm

Food is served 1-9pm Sun, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri

Website and calendar: legion470fishers.org/index.php?id=1

Facebook: [facebook.com/FishersLegionPost470](https://www.facebook.com/FishersLegionPost470)

- Bingo is Sunday at 1pm and Tuesday 6pm
- Texas Holdem is Every Friday at 5pm
- Treasure Hunt is on Fridays at 8pm (\$26,600)
- Pool Tournaments are at 6pm, 8 ball 2nd Saturdays, 9 ball 4th Saturdays of the month and American Poolplayers Assoc 7pm Wed & Thu
- Pull Tabs are available at the bar every day
- Every month the Aux schedules a euchre tournament to raise funds for a local non-profit to help our community
- Pay attention to Facebook and their calendar for live music dates, times
- Room rental space is available – email Rhonda.Cree78@gmail.com
- Post Service Officer Greg Cyrus may be reached at (317) 698-3745

Meeting location of the



We are working to eliminate Veteran suicide here in Hamilton County and you can help

The 'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' Coalition on the Prevention of Suicide in Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers has been a collaborative effort since late 2021 to reduce the number of veteran suicides in Hamilton County. Under the umbrella and leadership of A Healthier Hamilton County: Systems of Care, anyone is welcome to join the Coalition who is interested in preventing suicide. Members include veteran-serving organizations, non-profits, local government, and other entities throughout the county including volunteers and veterans and service members themselves.

The coalition has teamed up with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and will be launching the Governor's Challenge to fight suicide in Veterans here in Hamilton County. We are working collaboratively to leverage all resources for our service members, veterans, and their families to bring meaning and value to their lives. We plan to do this through three the Pillars of the Governor's Challenge – 1. Identifying the service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers, 2. connecting them to resources no matter the level of need, and 3. promoting safety for those in a suicidal crisis.

How will we do all this? We need everyone's help!

The Ask The Question Initiative is part of the Governor's Challenge and has become part of our Plan in Hamilton County. Five local entities have partially launched our Pilot Group and we plan to close that gap soon. We will then promote the initiative to the community, asking that any person-serving organization go through the Ask The Question Initiative process.

The key to Ask The Question is changing how we identify Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers in our county. We encourage and will help organizations change their current identification question to the more inclusive "Have you or a family member ever served in the US Military?". If the answer to that broader question is yes, the person will be provided with a QR code that will start the process of linking them to resources.

There are a myriad of resources available for those who are serving, have served, or are related to or caring for someone who was/is in the US Military. The Ask The Question Initiative will help those folks link to helpful resources from the multiple Dimensions of Wellness and

Social Determinants of Health. As we know, mental health is impacted by other aspects, and stressors, of our lives. As we identify those in or adjacent to the military and connect them to resources, the community, and one another, potential suicidal crises decrease.

We have built a team and grown alongside the Governor's Challenge with the IDVA, who we recently requested funding to further our projects in here Hamilton County. We were encouraged to think BIG with our ideas and include those organizations that currently serve our Military Veteran community to incorporate their ideas in our 12-24-month strategic plan. This plan will include our Coalition working hand in hand with many community partners to reach our Military and Veterans who are not connected. We will introduce them to those who will get them their benefits and resources they have earned, helping them be more connected thus building stronger Veterans through stronger communities. The more we all know about where to get the benefits and resources we need to address our issues/needs the stronger more connected we all will be!

Speaking of resources, our partner, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp (HCVC) is hosting a Hamilton County Community Resource Fair July 20, 2024, from 11am to 3pm at the Noblesville Schools Community Center 1775 Field Drive at the north end of the stadium at Noblesville High School. This resource fair is not just for our Military Veteran Community (MVC), it's for all our Hamilton County neighbors! Sure, maybe 30 resources are specific for our MVC but there will be over 85 resources setup inside and outside the community center to help us all live a more fulfilled life right here in Hamilton County. Bring a Veteran, bring a neighbor!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can work with the 'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' Coalition to prevent suicide in Hamilton County's service members and veterans, email kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypshc.org.

If you are a Veteran or Active Military and wish to become a member of the Hamilton County Veterans Corp, please send an email to secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com so you too may help us help our MVC. Our dues is only \$25/mo and we meet the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the Fishers American Legion 9091 E 126th St in their big American Room. See you there!

Noblesville American Legion Post 45

273 S. 8th St.

Commander John Morris: (317) 773-9985

Hours: Mon-Thu 11-10pm, Fri 11-12, Sat 12-12pm, Sun 12-8pm

Meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 7pm

Food is served 4-9pm Tue-Sat

Public is welcome for food and games plus every Friday and the first three Saturdays of the month

Website: noblesvilleamericanlegionpost45.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063496781153](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063496781153)

- Shuffleboard games are every Wednesday at 7pm – they have two tables
- Treasure Hunt drawings are every Friday 6:45pm – Public is welcome (\$7,680)
- Pay attention to their Facebook page for updates and special events like Music Bingo on the first & third Saturdays at 7pm
- Rental space is available as well as the kitchen – Rental space address 610 Hannibal St. Contact huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com or call (317) 773-9985
- Post Service Officer may be reached on their website link above

Sheridan American Legion Post 67

406 E. 10th St.

Commander Mike Brunell: (317) 758-5007

Hours: Mon 3-9pm, Tue-Thu 11-9pm, Fri & Sat 11-10pm, Sun 1-6pm – Public is welcome for lunch and games

Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Food service – lunch from 11am-2pm Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri, after lunch bar food (fries, burgers, etc.) is available.

Facebook – [facebook.com/ALPost67](https://www.facebook.com/ALPost67)

- Pay attention to their Facebook page for everything:
 - Lunch specials posted weekly
 - Treasure Hunt Friday night at 7pm – Public welcome
 - Bingo 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6:30pm early bird, 7pm start
 - Events for the community you can help with
 - Post Service Officer may be reached after they find a qualified member to help Veterans

VFW Information Carmel VFW Post 10003

12863 Old Meridian St.

Commander Darin Bibeau: (317) 846-0917

Hours: Sun-Thu 11-10pm, Fri & Sat 11-12am

Meetings the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm

Kitchen serves lunch specials 11-2pm with food service till 8pm. They have a great breakfast every other Saturday. Public is welcome in for food and anytime when signed in with a member.

Facebook page: [facebook.com/CarmelVFW](https://www.facebook.com/CarmelVFW)

- Check their Facebook page for their weekly updates, lunch specials, music and special events
- Poker is Tue, Fri & Sun 12pm-12am, dealers provided, food snacks & drinks available
- Thursdays 7pm is their Treasure Hunt – open to the public (\$8,200)
- Post Service Officer Shawn Ransford may be reached at shawn.ransford@va.gov if you need assistance
- Contact carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com to rent space for your special events

Cicero VFW

Meets at the Cicero American Legion Post, 50 Washington Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Noblesville VFW Post 6246

654 S. 9th St.

Commander Rob Loy: (317) 773-9956

Hours: Mon-Thu 3-8pm, Fri 2-10pm, Sat 12-10pm, Sun 12-8pm

Meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 11am

Food service is available Mon & Fri 6-9pm & public is welcome

Facebook: [facebook.com/post6246](https://www.facebook.com/post6246)

- Bingo every Friday at 7pm and the public is welcome
- Karaoke is every Saturday 7pm and the public is welcome
- Queen of Hearts is every Wednesday 7pm and the public is welcome
- Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & food specials
- Post Service Officer Linda Behrens may be reached at (317) 773-9956

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Please call to setup an appointment or walk in, as your Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers are ready to help our Military, Veterans, and families

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- Survivor Benefits
- VA Medical Care
- G.I. Bill Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Burial Benefits
- Property Tax Abatement
- Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans
- Motor Vehicle License Plates
- Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License
- Golden Hoosier Passport

Fishers Armed Services Commission

The drive for this commission is to make a more vibrant community where Military Service is Honored and recognized as a key component to our community's future and wellbeing.

• Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, 4-5:30pm, in the Pavi-

lion Conference Room at 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

• Website: fishers.in.us/1419/Fishers-Armed-Services-Commission where you will find this info and links to make comments, suggestions and see the members of the commission.

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Remembering our fallen heroes

When a train returned the body of Colonel Sion Bass to Huntington County in April 1862, a crowd of grateful Hoosiers gathered to receive him.



TODD YOUNG
U.S. Senator

The following day, Col. Bass was laid to rest at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. A monument, made of sandstone, was later placed over his grave, a gift of his former regiment. It still stands today, though, poignantly, not quite in the same form.

While serving in the Union Army, Col. Bass was wounded in the Battle of Shiloh and died seven days later. He is believed to be the first fallen soldier from Fort Wayne during the Civil War, and one of Indiana's earliest sons who perished in that conflict.

Col. Bass is one of the thousands of Hoosiers, and more than half a million

Americans, who have given their lives in defense of our liberties in conflicts around the globe. This weekend, we honor and pay tribute to every single one of these heroes.

In doing so, we will rightly remember the valor and fortitude of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, just as the people of Fort Wayne did after the death of Col. Bass.

But it is selflessness, as much as courage or strength, that defines the American service member. Surrendering one's life for the liberty of generations unborn is an act of incredible generosity.

Though the debt we owe our fallen can never be repaid, it is our most basic duty to always honor and never forget their example. We should revere their memory in the same man-

ner we revere our flag.

Hoosiers, of course, know this. On Memorial Day, all across Indiana, you will find tributes to our glorious dead. You can lay flags and flowers at monuments and memorials that keep their example alive.

Or even help protect their final resting place. In 2020, over a century and a half since the death of Col. Bass, the citizens of northeast Indiana not only cleaned and repaired his monument but added a spire that had been originally planned but never placed over Col. Bass's grave. Now it will stand for years come, an example of a hero's sacrifice and the gratitude of Hoosiers.

Regardless of our differences, let us unite this Memorial Day to remember our fallen heroes and say thank you to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Republican Todd Young serves as one of Indiana's United States Senators.

Jennifer McCormick salutes Hoosier servicemembers & families who support them

Submitted by **Jennifer McCormick for Governor**

In recognition of Memorial Day, Jennifer McCormick, Democratic candidate for Governor, released the following statement.

"As a proud military mom, Memorial Day has a special meaning. Indiana has a proud tradition of service," McCormick said. "Generations of Hoosiers have fought to protect our rights

and freedoms and to secure a better future for all. On Memorial Day, we honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Join me in recognizing and thanking those who have and are currently serving in our armed services."

Indiana has more than 372,000 veterans. With an-



McCormick

other 3,000 current active-duty service members and 21,500 National Guard and reserve members, the values of service, sacrifice, and duty run deep in the hearts of Hoosiers. We

must also acknowledge the commitment of the families who also sacrifice to allow their loved ones to serve our great nation.

Sen. Braun introduces bill to ease burdens on small business

Submitted by **Office of Sen. Mike Braun**

Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) recently introduced the Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act to protect small businesses from the financial burden of top-down federal regulations.

Often, when D.C. imposes regulations, it comes at a significant cost to locally owned businesses. In 2022 alone, complying with regulations cost American small businesses an average of \$14,700 (adjusted for 2023 dollars) **per employee on their payroll**. The Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act

alleviates these costs and requires the Administration to submit an annual report to Congress outlining the impacts of regulations on small businesses.

"We need to cut burdensome regulations on small businesses in order for Main Street to thrive," Sen. Braun said. "I'm proud to join Sen. Marshall on this bill to prevent big government from stacking regu-



Braun

lations on top of America's small businesses without removing any red tape."

This legislation is based on the Trump Administration policy that required agencies to repeal two regulations for every new one created. This policy was repealed by the Biden Administration in 2021.

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

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

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Carmel Deputy Mayor Holden shares good news from city's community survey

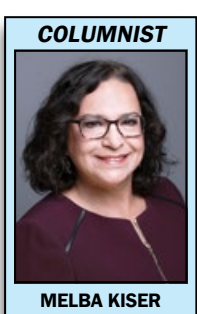


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Thank you to Holden, the City of Carmel's latest fifth-grade deputy mayor, for his outstanding presentation at the City Council Thursday night. He shared a significant finding from the community survey: a whopping 97 percent of respondents affirmed Carmel offers an excellent quality of life – followed by a lighthearted moment prompting applause. This statistic showcases the pride city residents can all feel about their community. Kudos, Holden, for a job well done in helping tell Carmel's story.

Packed agenda included \$17M bond details

This month's Noblesville Schools board meeting was jam-packed with recognitions, including the teachers of the year, high school journalist of the year, robotics team, best community for music education, and oth-



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ers. The meeting then moved to action items and committee reports, which are the subject of this column. This month I will discuss the \$17.3 million bond and the strategic planning survey since these are time sensitive.

First, the strategic planning survey. According to the Superintendent's Update, the administration is seeking input from students in grades 6 through 12, parents, employees, and residents of Noblesville township. As per Dr. Hile, postcards were mailed out last week to the Noblesville Township community asking for input on the survey for the strategic planning of the schools. There is a QR link and website link on the postcards for the survey. Dr. Hile stated that the information for the survey is also available on Parent Square as well as social media. In case you have not received information on the survey, the website link is nobsurvey.com. **Deadline for submission to the survey is Friday, May 31.**

It is my opinion that the strategic planning for Noblesville Schools is critical and we should give enough time to allow more members of the community to respond. Given the time it takes to receive mail and realizing we have a national holiday on Monday, the deadline for responding to the survey should be extended by a week or two. Next topic is the proposed \$17.3 million bond for repairs and replacement of school property. A large portion of the budget will go to the replacement of HVAC units in the high school that are about 30 years old. The remainder of the money will be divided among various projects including:

1. Renovation of a facility in the high school softball field to make it into a locker room facility for the softball team.
2. The update or rebuild of a building on Noblesville East Middle School used for ticket concessions and restrooms.
3. School paving at Hazel Dell Elementary and Stony Creek Elementary.
4. iPads for grades 9 through 12.

These projects have not been bid out according to the CFO. Final bond request could be higher or lower. Two public meetings have been scheduled, as re-

quired by Indiana Code, for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6 p.m. The Noblesville community is invited to come and comment. The next school board meeting will be on June 18 at 6 p.m. at which time the final bond resolution will be voted on. *Melba Kiser is an outspoken advocate for financial responsibility and transparency in government at all levels. Her column appears at least once each month in The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.*

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NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

May 21, 2024 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board recognized Teachers of the Year and music educators.
- Students were honored for achievements in art, journalism, indoor percussion, winter guard, and robotics.
- Promise Road Elementary was this month's spotlight school and they shared about their school theme "Growing Together."
- Annual updates to student and employee handbooks were approved.
- The board approved that two future-construction neighborhoods currently in the Noble Crossing Elementary boundary area will be realigned to Stony Creek Elementary and Hazel Dell Elementary to minimize family disruptions and ensure adequate space for future students.
- Bond hearings will take place this summer for NHS maintenance projects.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

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Hamilton County Express will update fleet this fall

IndyGo grant to provide six new minivans

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Express (HCE), a vital lifeline for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and the economically disadvantaged, will add six new minivans to its fleet this fall. IndyGo, the largest public transportation provider in the state of Indiana, has awarded Hamilton County with a grant worth \$453,000.

"This grant marks a significant milestone in enhancing public transportation accessibility in Hamilton County," says Roscoe Brown, Director of Transportation at Janus Developmental Services, which operates Hamilton County Express. "It's a significant step toward independence for people with limitations, ensuring they can access their community effectively, even without owning a car."

The grant award will facilitate the acquisition of six low floor minivans that will be accessible for individuals with disabilities (including wheelchair users). The smaller vehicles will also provide easier naviga-



This handicap-accessible 2023 Chrysler Voyager will serve in the Hamilton County Express fleet.

tion through city streets and parking lots than the larger buses operated by HCE.

The IndyGo grant award is funded by the Federal Transit Administration and comes with favorable terms, including an increased federal match percentage from 80 to 85 percent for the vehicles, due to the level of federal funding. Additional equipment funded includes interior vehicle security camera systems that will require a 20 percent local match.

Delivery of the new ve-

hicles is expected in early fall.

The Hamilton County commissioners and councilors, the City of Fishers, Fishers' Disability Advisory Council, and Invest Hamilton County, along with the county's grant administrator, have been working closely with Hamilton County Express in recent months to enhance public transportation services in the county.

"Public transportation creates economic develop-

ment, improved infrastructure, and gives mobility to people who don't have it," Commissioner Mark Heibrandt said. "As our community continues to grow, the need for accessible public transportation becomes increasingly apparent."

Hamilton County Express operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. A one-way ticket is \$3. For more information or to make a trip request, residents can call (317) 773-2688 or visit [HCE's website](#).

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White River Alliance announces 2024 White River Paddle Days & festival races

The REPORTER

For decades, the White River has been enjoyed by thousands seeking adventure or a relaxing summer afternoon, but nearby organizations are looking to shake things up a bit.

The White River Alliance is kicking things into high gear with the 2024 Paddle Days and Festival Races June 14 to 16 at locations in Daleville, Indianapolis, and Noblesville. The festival lasts for three days, filled with live music and plenty of opportunities to get out on the water and race with friends and family.

The Alliance is a 16-county consortium of local governments, industries, utilities, universities, agriculture organizations, and regional community members that work together to steward the river and its watershed. Their ultimate goal is to protect and improve the quality of water resources in central Indiana.

Maintaining the quality of the water is essential for agricultural and safe community use, but there's limited financial support and ever-changing regulations.

"Getting people out and recreating on the water is the first step to getting more folks invested in water issues," explained London Heist, the White River Alliance's Community Outreach Coordinator. "These races are a great way to get more people interacting with our waterways, making them more likely to care about water quality and its advocacy."



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By drawing in new visitors, they hope to expose locals to the importance of having accessible water sources and nature conservation.

Awards will be handed out to the first three finishers by boat type: canoes, tandem kayaks, and kayaks. If your team races in themed outfits or costumes, you will be entered for a chance to win the team spirit award. Enter all three races at Daleville's Canoe Country, Indianapolis's Frank's Paddlesports Livery and Noblesville's White River Canoe Company, and you will be entered for the participation award.

Participants and spectators can also earn points through the free Discover White River Rewards Pass by attending any of the races, which can be redeemed for exclusive prizes like stickers, T-shirts and on-wa-

ter experiences.

Registration for the event is required for all paddlers and will cover canoe or kayak rentals, food, entertainment, and fundraising for the Alliance.

In addition to the White River Paddle Days and Festival, the Alliance's programs include the Indiana Water Summit, the national Clear Choices Clean Water program, the River Assessment Field Team (RAFT) and several other regional public engagement and professional training programs.

As more people are moving to Indianapolis and its surrounding cities, there's many opportunities to introduce newcomers and long-time residents to what all White River has to offer. Anyone of any canoeing or kayaking experience is welcome to join in on the fun.

To learn more about the White River Alliance and its mission, visit thewhiteriveralliance.org.

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JOSEPH AND THE FAMINE

When that year was over, they came to him the following year and said, "We cannot hide from our lord the fact that since our money is gone and our livestock belongs to you, there is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land. Why should we perish before your eyes—we and our land as well? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we with our land will be in bondage to Pharaoh. Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate."
Genesis 47:18-19 (NIV)

Steven J. Pflug

January 8, 1966 – May 18, 2024

Steven J. Pflug, 58, Noblesville, died on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. He was born on January 8, 1966, to Milburn James and Carol Ann (Stricker) Pflug.



Steven graduated from Hamilton Heights High School in 1984. He was an industrious worker having several jobs over many years, but most recently working in the restaurant field. He proudly served his country as a military reservist for several years. He participated in few activities as he did what he needed to in order to get along and make ends meet.

He is survived by his brother, Mike Pflug of Atlanta, and nephew Alex Raquet and niece Michelle Raquet. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rebecca Raquet.

The family has chosen a time to gather and remember Steven from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home in Tipton, with a memorial service to begin at 7 p.m.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pflug family. Words of encouragement and condolences may be left online at young-nichols.com on Steven's obituary page.

Sheridan Public Library has full June calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

- Preschool**
 June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11 a.m.: Mindful Movements (ages 2 to 6)
 June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11 a.m.: Story Time – Adventures in Imagination (ages 3 to 6)
 June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time – Treasure (ages 0 to 3)
Grades K-5
 June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11 a.m.: Adventures in Light

- discover different types of light from blacklights to glowsticks
Grades 6-12
 June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 4 p.m.: Adventures in Food – explore foods from around the world
 June 7 at 4:30 p.m.: Amazing Race: Library Edition *Register at front desk in teams of two to four
 June 28 at 4:30 p.m.: Live Action Among Us
Adults
 June 4 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (Sponsored by Robert Owen)
 June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Needle Crafters
 June 7 at 4:30 p.m.:

- Amazing Race: Library Edition *Register at front desk in teams of two to four
 June 12 at 6 p.m.: Fly Tying Introduction
 June 17 at 6 p.m.: Pinners
 June 19 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers: The Smallest Man by Frances Quinn
 June 26 at 6 p.m.: Backpacking Basics
All Ages
 June 4 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Taco Tuesday: Food Truck – Samano's at the Library; food available for purchase
 June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6 p.m.: Fireside Stories; family fun by a faux fire
 June 14 at 4:30 p.m.:

- Fort Night – bring pillows and blankets to create a fort
 June 14 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night, free event
 June 20, 27 at 6 p.m.: Travel the World at the Library
 June 21 at 6 p.m.: Outdoor Summer Concert: Lilly Rose, Bigg Higg Food Truck will be onsite and food available for purchase. Free event; bring a chair and blanket.

 Register for Summer Reading now at sheridan.beanstack.org. All ages are welcome to participate. Great prizes for completion. For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

Raising Cane's opens new restaurant in Westfield

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber will hold a ribbon cutting for the latest Raising Cane's location at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 30.

The new restaurant is at 14909 Thatcher Lane. That's just to the east of U.S. 31 between 146th and 151st streets.

Raising Cane's has been in business since 1996, starting at Louisiana State Uni-

versity and now with over 780 locations nationwide. Founder and CEO Todd Graves is an award-winning entrepreneur and restaurateur as he has created one of the fastest growing restaurant brands in the U.S. Raising Cane's also involves itself in the community through its **Community Partnerships program**. Visit raisingcanes.com

for additional information about the franchise and the menu. Follow Raising Cane's on **Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok**.

This event is open to the public; advanced registration is not required.

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Meeting Notices

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The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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Countdown to Race Day

"It never gets old": Noblesville's own Conor Daly ready to race

Young driver grateful for his hometown's support

By RICHIE HALL

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Conor Daly will soon be competing in his 11th Indianapolis 500.

The Noblesville native's feeling towards the Greatest Spectacle in Racing is universally shared by everyone who has raced in or spectated at the race: "It never gets old."

Daly spoke to the Reporter last Sunday, a day after officially making the Indy 500 field. He will start the race at the 29th position, in the middle of the 10th row. Once the green flag drops, Daly will attempt to notch his third consecutive top 10 finish at the 500. He placed eighth last year and reached a career-best sixth in 2022.

"I think I've gained a lot of experience as a driver," said Daly. "I feel much more confident here every year. I know what I want. I know what it takes to run at the front now. It's fun to attack it every time we get here. It's an amazing experience. It's at the absolute limit of control and mental capacity, but that's why we all do it."

Daly booked his place in the 500 last Saturday during the first day of qualifications. His qualifying speed of 231.243 got him safely inside the top 30, so he avoided the stress of the last-day shootout to fill the final three places in the field of 33.

The only thing that hampered Daly, among a few other drivers, was an engine problem during his last two laps of his second qualifying run.

"We know where we deserve to be after (Saturday)," said Daly. "Just that technical glitch, as other cars did too. We weren't the only one. I made a mistake on the first run, but we knew we could have been much faster. So, we ran out, second run, and we were going faster until one corner to go. Bit of an issue there."

"Honestly, it just makes it slightly more difficult for



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Conor Daly is preparing for his 11th run at the Indianapolis 500 this weekend. The veteran driver is looking to add another top 10 finish, and possibly more, to his resumé at the Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

us on race day, but we obviously know how long of a race this is. And I've gone from the back to the front there several times. We're going to be able to do the same, I believe, with this car as well."

Daly has slowly worked his way up the ranks from young newcomer to Indy 500 veteran — although at age 32, he is still young, especially when one considers that some drivers have competed in the race well into their 50s. One of them was A.J. Foyt, who was the first to give Daly a ride in the 500 back in 2013, when Daly was a fresh-faced 21-year-old.

Daly started 31st, working his way up to 22nd by the end of the race. Daly didn't run in the 2014 Indy 500, but has competed in every race since 2015.

The young driver went through some growing pains during his early years at the Speedway. He qualified in 2015, but didn't make it to the green flag, as a fire broke out under his car. Daly finished 33rd, sardonically saying he should get a "participation ribbon" at the next day's victory banquet.

Daly's next two races ended early, but things began to change at the 2018 race, where he placed 21st. In 2019, Daly qualified 11th, then moved up a spot to place 10th, his first-ever finish in the top 10. "I think we can be proud of what we did today," Daly said after the race.

In the 2020 race, Daly's day ended early after a Turn 3 crash. He rebounded in 2021 to place 13th, where he led 40 laps, the most of any driver during the race. Daly's best place finish came in 2022, when he placed sixth, five seconds behind winner Marcus Ericsson. In 2023, Daly was just 1.88 seconds behind winner Josef Newgarden.

"It's a tough business to be a part of," said Daly. "You're forgotten easily. You're only as good as your last race, a lot of people say. If you don't have the momentum on your side, you can get absolutely just dropped like a rock and that's brutal."

Daly got a reminder of that right after last year's race, when — just one week after his 500 finish — he was let go from Ed Carpenter

Racing after a 15th place finish at Detroit. He finished the season with stints for Meyer Shank Racing and Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, then signed on with Dreyer & Reinbold Racing; he will make his debut with that team at the Speedway.

"Dennis (Reinbold) just called me," said Daly. "He called me two years ago, but I was already signed somewhere else. He's always been close. He just called me and wanted me to drive. That's the most easy thing possible. I've known Dennis since I was a kid because I've been in this sport for so long and I've been around this sport for so long."

He's been around the Speedway for a long time, and as an Indiana native, Daly has become a fan favorite over the years.

"It means so much to have the support here," said Daly. "This is my hometown. It's awesome to be representing for Indiana, for where I grew up in Noblesville. I'm proud to be an Indiana kid, Indiana guy. It would certainly mean the world to me to win the event for all those folks that shout our name and cheer for us."

Track & Field

IHSAA releases performance lists for state finals

The REPORTER

The performance lists are set for next weekend's IHSAA state track and field finals at Indiana University.

The girls meet takes place Friday, May 31, with the boys meet scheduled for Saturday, June 1. Hamilton County will have student-athletes competing in each event of both the girls and boys meets.

In addition to the qualifiers by place and state standard times, there were several callbacks. Westfield's girls had four callbacks: Alivia Lozier in the 3200 run, Gracie Czubik in the high jump, Alexandra Hamilton in the pole vault, and the 4x400 relay.

Noblesville's Ansley Applegate received a callback in the 1600 run. Guerin Catholic's 4x800 relay received a callback, as did Hamilton Southeastern's 4x100 relay.

In the boys meet, Sam Rinker received a callback in the 1600 run, as did Westfield's Alex Wilson in the pole vault.

A complete list of qualifiers from Hamilton County, as well as their regional performances and seeds, are listed below.

GIRLS MEET

4x800 relay: 3. Hamilton Southeastern 9:25.33, 4. Carmel 9:28.73, 9. Noblesville 9:34.82, 15. Guerin Catholic 9:42.70.

100 hurdles: 20. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 15.45, 24. Ella Ewing (Hamilton Heights) 16.00.

100 dash: 16. Maya Taylor (Fishers) 12.75, 21. Emily Norris (C) 12.86.

1600 run: 2. Maggie Powers (HSE) 5:00.12, 7. Sadie Foley (C) 5:01.84, 14. Ansley Applegate (N) 5:06.73.

4x100 relay: 4. Fishers 47.97, 11. Hamilton Southeastern 48.95.

400 dash: 1. Anissa Lamie (HSE) 55.58, 7. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 56.99.

300 hurdles: 5. Lucy Hauser (Westfield) 45.06.

800 run: 7. Ciara Kepner (HSE) 2:15.48, 8. Brinkley Cooper (N) 2:15.51, 9. Summer Rempe (N) 2:15.69.

200 dash: 7. Emily Norris (C) 25.28.

3200 run: 7. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 11:01.57, 13. Alivia

Lozier (W) 11:13.08.

4x400 relay: 1. Hamilton Southeastern 3:51.92, 2. Carmel 3:55.34, 14. Westfield 4:01.64.

Discus: 2. Hannah Alexander (N) 156-2, 23. Macey Miller (F) 121-7.

Shot put: 5. Hannah Alexander (N) 44-6.75, 7. Macey Miller (F) 43-4.

Long jump: 17. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 17-6.75.

High jump: 5. Emma Warner (C) 5-5, 6. Waverly Woolever (HH) 5-5, 24. Gracie Czubik (W) 5-2.

Pole vault: 2. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-0, 4. Scarlett Olson (F) 11-6, 12. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-0.

BOYS MEET

4x800 relay: 8. Westfield 7:53.89, 9. Fishers 7:54.33, 10. Noblesville 7:54.43, 18. Carmel 7:56.03

110 hurdles: 2. Tyler Tarter (F) 14.00, 7. Adom Quist (C) 14.43.

100 dash: 13. Mason Alexander (HSE) 10.88.

1600 run: 3. Caden Click (N) 4:15.94, 14. Jack Strong (N) 4:18.94.

4x100 relay: 6. Hamilton Southeastern 41.55, 12. Fishers 42.10, 15. Westfield 42.30.

400 dash: 4. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 48.44, 12. Cole Taylor (C) 48.91.

300 hurdles: 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 36.17, 22. Elijah Adams (HSE) 39.62.

800 run: 2. Matthew Kim (F) 1:52.77, 3. Mason Schmitz (HSE) 1:52.89.

200 dash: 5. Mason Alexander (HSE) 21.71

3200 run: 1. Tony Provenzano (C) 9:00.35, 2. Kyle Grove (C) 9:02.95, 12. Sam Rinker (N) 9:19.33.

4x400 relay: 1. Hamilton Southeastern 3:16.48, 4. Fishers 3:17.26, 11. Carmel 3:22.59.

Discus: 3. Josiah Bird (HSE) 177-8, 8. Theo Thurmond (C) 172-6, 12. Joel Gates (F) 169-8.

Shot put: 3. Joel Gates (F) 62-0.

Long jump: 3. Jonathan Hall (F) 22-7.5, 12. Dylan James (HSE) 22-3.75, 20. Blake Braden (HSE) 22-2.25, 21. Michael Griffith (HSE) 22-2.

High jump: 8. Damon Winston (Sheridan) 6-6.

Pole vault: 4. Peyton McQuinn (Hamilton Heights) 15-6, 8. Connor Langsford (HSE) 14-6, 18. Alex Wilson (W) 14-3.

Boys Golf

Westfield wins at South Knox Invite, Will Harvey earns medalist honors

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys golf team triumphed at the South Knox Golf Invitational earlier this week.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in the final coaches poll of the season, won the two-day tournament with a 36-hole score of 574. Westfield totaled 288 Monday on the first day of the event, then scored 286 on the second day.

Will Harvey put together a spectacular round, going under par both days for medalist honors with a 134. Harvey scored a two under 68 in the first round and totaled a four under 66 in the second round. Jake Cesare was even par 70 on Monday

and scored a one under 69 in his second round for a total of 139, placing him third individually.

Hamilton Southeastern placed second as a team with 589. Mattingly Upchurch led the Royals by scoring 143 over both days. Guerin Catholic totaled 601, finishing fifth as a team. Leo Wessel led the Golden Eagles with 144.

Team scores: Westfield 574, Hamilton Southeastern 589, Evansville North 590, Gibson Southern 598, Guerin Catholic 601, Tipton 621, Jasper 622, Castle 636, Vincennes Lincoln 639, South Knox 658, East-brook 667, Terre Haute South 691.

Medalist: Will Harvey

(Westfield) 68-66=134.

Other Westfield scores: Jake Cesare 70-69=139, Ryan Cesare 71-80=151, Hudson Kutchnan 79-75=154, Brayden Worthington 83-76=159.

Hamilton Southeastern scores: Mattingly Upchurch 71-72=143, Kai Warner 70-

74=144, Nate Benson 77-75=152, Huffer 82-71=153, Jordan Huxford 79-77=156.

Guerin Catholic scores: Leo Wessel 70-74=144, Eli Wessel 74-74=148, Gabe Berglund 77-75=152, Will Parenteau 79-80=159, Owen Nielsen 77-83=160.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE Dixon, Honda drive to top of Miller Lite Carb Day practice

Saturday, May 25

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville
Carmel vs. Westfield, 3 p.m.
Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
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

SOFTBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel
Championship: Noblesville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, noon

TENNIS SEMI-STATES

At Homestead
Westfield vs. Homestead, 11 a.m.
At Center Grove
Fishers vs. Cathedral, noon
At Culver Academies
Carmel vs. South Bend St. Joseph, noon

UNIFIED TRACK REGIONALS

Westfield at Kokomo, 11 a.m.
Fishers, Noblesville at Edgewood, noon

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, Zionville at Fishers 4-Way, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Regional 14
Hamilton Heights at Beech Grove, 6 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Newgarden, Team Penske win pit stop challenge

Submitted by IMS

Scott Dixon led the Miller Lite Carb Day final practice for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Friday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as Honda-powered drivers turned the qualifying form chart upside-down with two days remaining before “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

Six-time NTT INDY-CAR SERIES champion Dixon, who won this race in 2008, was fastest at 227.206 mph in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda. It was the ninth time in the last 10 years Dixon ended up in the top four on the speed chart in the final practice.

Dixon will start a career-low 21st in the race Sunday (11 a.m., NBC, Universo, Peacock, INDYCAR Radio Network) but is confident he can climb through the field to contend for a long-awaited second “500” victory.

“We rolled off pretty good,” Dixon said. “It was a good day. The car seems pretty fast, pulls up well, pretty consistent.”

“I think you have to take the moment as it is. You don’t want to rush it too much (with early-race passes). We’ve got some positions to make up. Hopefully move up as quick as possible. I’d like to pass all 20 cars (in front of me) on the first lap, but that’s probably not going to happen.”

Chevrolet-powered drivers captured the top eight spots on the starting grid last Sunday during PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying, including the Team Penske trio of Scott McLaughlin, Will Power and Josef Newgarden sweeping the front row, respectively. But Honda-powered drivers rebounded during the two-hour practice Friday on the 2.5-mile oval, taking seven of the top 10 spots on the



Photo courtesy IMS

speed chart.

Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves raised expectations for a record-breaking fifth victory Sunday after ending up second at 226.939 in the No. 06 Cliffs Honda fielded by Meyer Shank Racing with Curb-Agajanian. Castroneves, at 49 the oldest driver in the field, is starting 20th Sunday in his only race of the season.

“These boys are doing a phenomenal job,” Castroneves said. “They don’t look a bit like one-offs (one start this season). It’s just like me: As you get older, you get better – just like fine wine. Great job.”

“We’re going to have some work to do in the race, but the whole vibe is incredible.”

Pato O’Ward, who qualified eighth, was the top Chevy driver in final practice at 226.666 in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet. Colton Herta continued his strong performance in traffic during practice at this event by ending up fourth at 226.220 in the No. 26 Gainbridge Honda of Andretti Global with Curb-Agajanian.

Rookie Tom Blomqvist, who starts 25th, rounded out the top five at 225.450 in the No. 66 AutoNation/Arctic Wolf Honda fielded by Meyer Shank Racing, as the team put all three of its cars in the top eight in the session. Felix Rosenqvist, starting ninth, was eighth at 225.310 in the No. 60 AutoNation/SiriusXM Honda.

Pole sitter McLaughlin was 20th at 224.264 in the No. 3 Pennzoil Team Penske Chevrolet. Power,

starting second, was 21st at 224.253 in the No. 12 Verizon Business Team Penske Chevrolet. Reigning race winner Newgarden, starting third, was 32nd in the 33-car field at 222.847 in the No. 2 Shell Powering Progress Team Penske Chevrolet.

All 33 cars were on track during a practice filled with passing and thick traffic, turning a combined 2,721 laps in the busiest session of the month despite lasting only two hours.

The session was slowed by just two cautions, one for debris and one for a tow-in for heralded rookie Kyle Larson, whose No. 17 HendrickCars.com Arrow McLaren Chevrolet ran out of fuel. 2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion Larson, the highest-starting rookie in fifth, is attempting to complete the “double” of racing in the “500” and the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday.

“My car handling was good,” Larson said. “I didn’t suck up (aerodynamic tow) as good as I thought I did on Monday. The pit stop stuff, just kind of getting familiar with that. It’s obviously a little different than a NASCAR pit stop.”

“I felt comfortable with all that. I feel like we checked off a lot of boxes before the race.”

Penske Extends Pit Stop Challenge Record

Team Penske won its record-extending 19th One Stop to Start Pit Stop Challenge, as driver Josef Newgarden earned his second win in the prestigious annual contest between the best Indianapolis 500 pit crews.

It was the first win for Team Penske and Newgarden since 2022.

Newgarden and Team Penske earned the victory by beating Arrow McLaren and driver Pato O’Ward in the best-of-three final round, sweeping the first two rounds.

Reigning Indianapolis 500 winner Newgarden entered the pit box in the No. 2 Shell Powering Progress Team Penske Chevrolet and Team Penske’s crew changed four tires and simulated fueling in 11.333 seconds in the first round, edging O’Ward and the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet crew’s time of 12.121 for service.

In the second round, Team Penske and Newgarden completed its stop in 10.792, the quickest of the entire contest. Arrow McLaren and O’Ward trailed at 12.647.

Newgarden’s crew earned a \$50,000 prize for the victory, while O’Ward’s Arrow McLaren crew earned \$25,000 for its runner-up finish.

Members of the winning team: Chad Gordon, chief mechanic/outside front tire changer; Caitlyn Brown, inside front tire changer; Kyle Lapier, inside rear tire changer; Keenan Watson, outside rear tire changer; Derrick Ruppert, fueler; Tom Jones, air jack. Brown is believed to be the first female crew member to be a part of the winning team.

The last time a driver swept the Pit Stop Challenge and Indianapolis 500 in the same year was 2009, when Helio Castroneves of Team Penske achieved the feat.

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Today at the Indy Motor Speedway

Information about 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge Legends Day Presented by Firestone track activity Saturday, May 25 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

SCHEDULE (All times local)

8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Public Gates Open

9-10 a.m.: Driver Autograph Session (Pagoda Plaza)

10:30 a.m.: Public Driver Meeting (Pit Lane - Tower Terrace)

Noon-1 p.m.: Former Driver Autograph Session #1

1:30-2:30 p.m.: Former Driver Autograph Session #2

TICKETS: General Admission tickets are \$20. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (8 a.m.-3 p.m.): Gate 2, Gate 4, Gate 6 South, Gate 7 South, Gate 7 Vehicle, Gate 7S, Gate 10, Gate 10A

PARKING: Limited free parking is located in the N Lot, and the West Museum Lot, Tower Terrace Lot and Flag Lot for ADA, and South Carousel

Lot for motorcycles. Paid parking and paid ADA parking is \$10 in Lot 2. Bicycle parking is located outside Gate 1, Gate 6 and Gate 9.

CASHLESS OPERATIONS:

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a cashless facility. Fans should be prepared to complete their ticket, credentials, parking, concession and merchandise purchases with ease during their event via debit or credit card.

Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Cash-to-Card machines, which convert paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located in Pagoda Plaza and outside Turn 1 by concessions stand 7. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/Visa debit cards are accepted.

MUSEUM: The IMS Museum is closed for a major renovation, reopening in April 2025. To learn more, please visit imsmuseum.org/renovation.

Snapshots from Qualifying at IMS



Photos by Joshua Herd

New Zealand's Scott McLaughlin (above right) will have all eyes on the yellow Pennzoil Penske car this weekend for the 108th running of the Indianapolis 500. McLaughlin turned several heads during the Fast Six qualifying to determine pole positions last Sunday, qualifying with a speed of 234.220 mph, the fastest-ever pole speed for the race. "Welcome to the party," McLaughlin said. "The Pennzoil Chevy was unreal. There's so much pride in being able to do it. I'm working hard. Indy hasn't been kind to me, and a lot of it was my doing. I need to work on things. This is the first step. The Thirsty 3's, baby, we're coming."



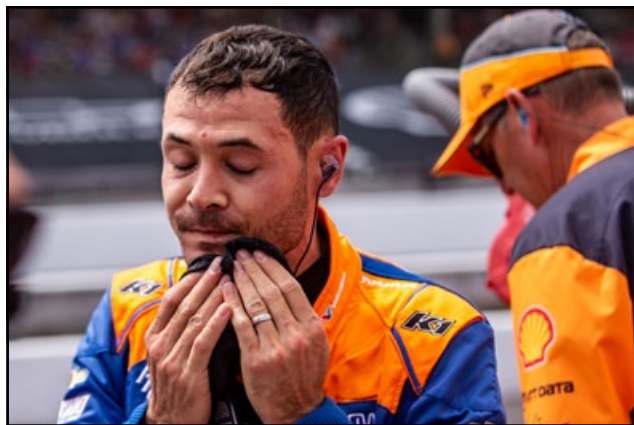
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WISH-TV sports director Anthony Calhoun interviews Rinus VeeKay during qualifying.



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(ABOVE) Will Power, the 2018 champion at the Indy 500, qualified in second position with a speed of 233.917. (BELOW) Defending Indy 500 champion Josef Newgarden made it a Penske sweep of the front row for qualifying, as his speed of 233.808 placed him third, on the outside of the front row.



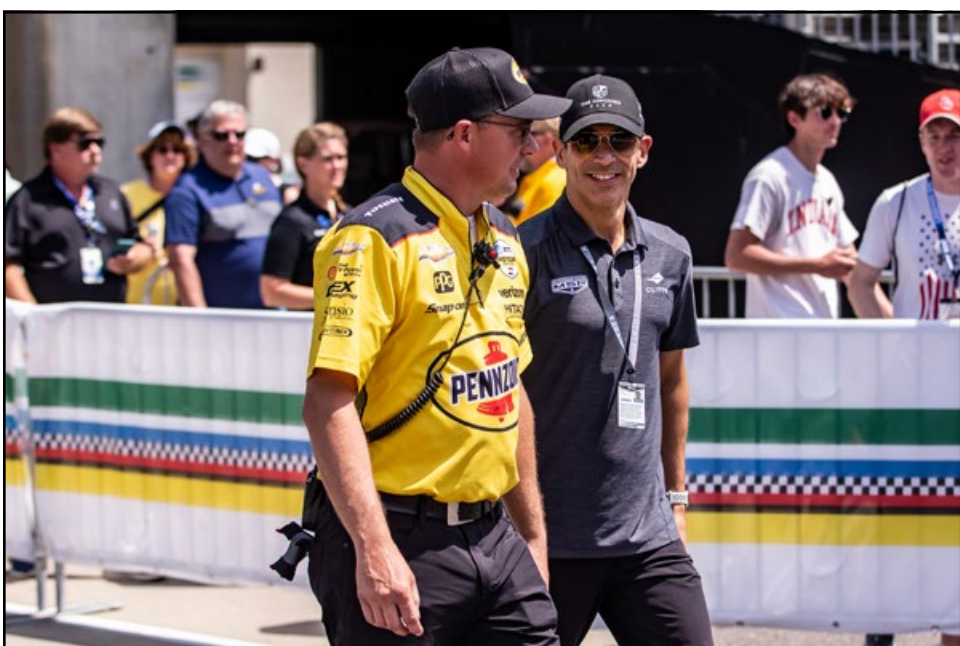
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(ABOVE LEFT) Four-time champion A.J. Foyt was on hand to watch Santino Ferrucci during last Sunday's pole qualifying. (ABOVE RIGHT) Kyle Larson kept his cool during the hot Fast Six qualifying last Sunday, earning the fifth spot with a speed of 232.846. Larson is attempting the Race Day "Double Duty," competing in the Indy 500 before jetting to Charlotte Motor Speedway for NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600. Larson will be the first driver in 10 years to try for the race-day double, although the potential of thunderstorms in Indianapolis on Sunday could be an issue.



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Americans Alexander Rossi (below right, the 2016 champion) and Santino Ferrucci (above) qualified fourth and sixth respectively for Sunday's Indy 500.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Four-time champion Helio Castroneves is racing in the 500 again this year and also is functioning as a minority owner of Meyer Shank Racing.

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