



Westfield students take a West “field” trip

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For Westfield Washington Schools students, summer break came a week later than usual this year, but not before some students had the opportunity to learn more about their city – from its founding to how it operates today.

Organized by Westfield Washington Historical Society (WWHS) President Jeff Beals and Programs Coordinator Barbara Day, the WWHS Museum, the Barker Cabin, City Hall, and Basile Westfield Playhouse welcomed fifth graders from Westfield Intermediate School on Tuesday, May 21. Third graders from Carey Ridge Elementary School received a similar tour on Thursday, May 23.

Day said the field trip was the result of a joint effort and allowed the students to experience a great mix of the community.

At the cabin, Beals and WWHS Membership Coordinator Diana Peyton volunteered their time to talk to students about the history of the cabin and what it would have been like for Nicholas and Fanny Barker’s 11 children who lived there in the early to mid-1800s. For not only most of the students but for many of the adult chaperones, as well, this marked their first time visiting the historic cabin.

Next door in the City Hall building, students viewed the collections at the WWHS Mu-



Students from Kimberly Grossman’s third-grade class at Carey Ridge Elementary School listen as Jeff Beals and Diana Peyton describe life in a log cabin.

Reporter photo by Amy Adams

seum and heard from Westfield native Judith Stanley Shuck, who is the great-great-granddaughter of an abolitionist.

“Judy did such a good job talking about the Underground Railroad,” WWHS Archivist Brendan White said.

In the City Hall Assembly Room, Westfield Clerk-Treasurer Marla Ailor and Redevelopment Commission President Joe Plankis spoke to the students about the inner workings of local government.

“I was asked to speak on certain subject matter based on their curriculum,” Ailor said. “I was trying to show them how the system of checks and balances really works on the local, state, and federal level. I also wanted to teach them that it is important to be involved in civic discourse.”

With each class, Ailor selected students to sit in the city council seats on the dais and presented them with multiple agenda items to discuss and vote on.

“They had a lovely little debate about whether they wanted to pay for these items,” Ailor said. “They were able to discuss whether they thought each was a good idea, then make motions, second, and vote. The kids were definitely engaged. They seemed most fascinated with the amount of money the city has on hand, which is about \$150 million coming in and out. Of course, the kids loved getting to

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The power of five

My grandson, Jacob Baker, will walk across the stage and be handed his high school diploma in a few days. Then what?

If Jake knows anything about his Grandma Janet, it is that she is never a woman of few words. In this week’s column, I have some advice to share with him.

As I contemplate what to say, I keep coming back to the Power of Five.

Do five intentional things every morning that will create purpose for your day.

1. Make your bed. This creates order.
2. Pray for wisdom. This creates a mindset for any decisions you have to make.
3. Make a list of five things you want to accomplish. Keep the list simple. This creates intentionality.
4. Send a text to encourage a friend. Your words matter.
5. Leave your room/apartment/home in order. Coming home to a calm environment rather than clutter and chaos creates a relaxed mind. Take five minutes to put away “stuff.”

Show kindness in five ways each day.

1. Smile to five strangers. Yours may be the only smile they get that day.
2. Speak to the older adult standing in line with you. You may be the only one to speak to them.
3. Pat a buddy on the back or fist bump him and offer a word of praise or encouragement. He may be hiding a hurt or worry.

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Northern Hamilton County Academy offers alternative to tradition schooling

By ANNA MITCHELL
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Three Hamilton County schools have come together to offer an online – but still in-person – option to help students succeed. While they do need a teacher recommendation before they can participate in the program, for some students it is the best of both worlds.

The Northern Hamilton County Academy (NHCA) alternative program combines students from Hamilton Heights, Sheridan, and Westfield high schools and enables them to pursue learning in a non-traditional manner. The building is located at the midpoint between the schools so students can be easily transported.

The Reporter spoke to representatives from the schools and one of their sponsors, Duke Energy, about how the program is growing at the end of its first year.

“It is an alternative program that allows students from those three county schools to earn credits, attend class in a non-traditional fashion, and either return back to their home school or end up finishing their graduation requirements early,” Sheridan High School Assistant Principal Jason Marer said. “And then being able to be released from attendance state requirements.”

The NHCA planned to start the program for the 2024-25 school year, but donations from Duke Energy and the Sheridan Heights Advocacy Group enabled them to start a year early, giving more students the opportunity to enroll. Faculty started referring and admitting students into the program in August 2023.

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Nobody grills like the Lions



The Noblesville Lions grilled up tasty goodness for people attending the annual fundraising festival known as Race Weekend. The Lions “Grillin’ on the Square” under the big tent featured pork chops, chicken, hot dogs and more from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 31. On Saturday, June 1, the Lions switched over to breakfast to help get people fired up for the annual rubber duck race. This year’s duck race will be covered in our Wednesday edition, and for those of you who don’t know, this year’s winners are a bit surprising. See more photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.

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County’s four mayors to speak on ‘regionalism’ at HCLA’s Leadership Summit, distinguished alumni will be honored

The REPORTER

Hamilton County’s four mayors will gather to discuss regionalism at Hamilton County Leadership Academy’s 11th annual Leadership Summit.

This year’s summit will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville. Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis will serve on the panel moderated by Terry Anker,



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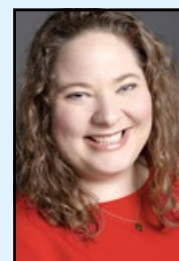
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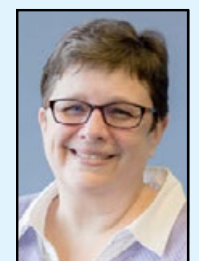
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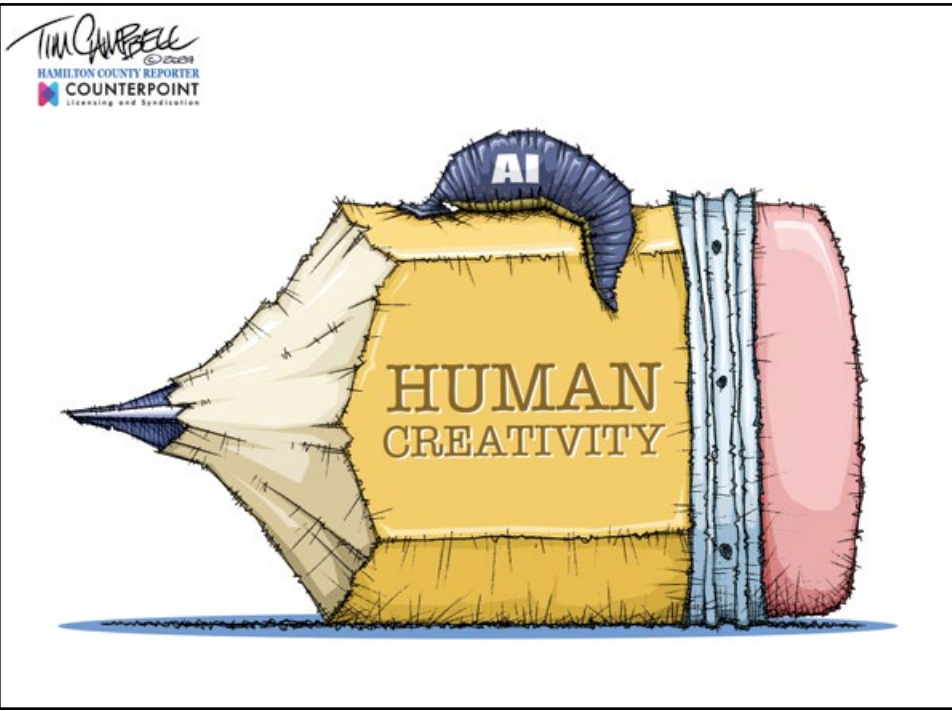
dean of the HCLA Class of 2014. “We are thrilled to be one of the first community organizations in Hamilton County to bring our mayors together and learn how regionalism is shaping their work and the future of where we live, work, and play,” HCLA Executive Director Di-

ana Coyle said. “Community partnerships play a vital role in achieving our mission of amplifying the impact of leaders in the community. We believe informed and connected citizens understand the policy, process, and people who shape the lived experiences of residents and can cul-

tivate change and support for growth in rewarding ways.”

The event is open to the public. Individual tickets and table sponsorships are available at HCLA.net. Registration closes on Wednesday, June 5.

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Less than two weeks to register for Janus' Helping Lives Bloom fundraiser

The REPORTER
Help support Janus Developmental Services by attending and supporting the organization's fourth annual Helping Lives Bloom.

The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 at Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. Attendees will have the opportunity learn more about Janus and the organi-

zation's plans for the future.

Purchase your ticket online at tinyurl.com/HelpingLivesBloom2024. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and one complimentary drink wine/beer/soft drinks (cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild. You can also pur-



chase Cline Wine products with some of the proceeds going to Janus.

Affordable sponsorships for both individuals and businesses are available.

If you have any questions, please email or call Jerry Jamison at jjamison@janus-inc.org.

Sweet reunion



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sophie A. Pinkham

Chief Engineman Joshua Milburn of Anderson, Ind., embraces his girlfriend after returning home from deployment. USS Carney (DDG 64) returns to Naval Station Mayport after a deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation.

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis to hold town hall

The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis will hold his next town hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the brand-new Westfield Washington Public Library,

17400 Westfield Blvd.

Feel free to submit questions and topics that you would like discussed at this link. Don't miss out on city updates and more from the mayor.

Westfield senior recognized at Youth Service Awards

Keegan Connor awarded \$1,000 scholarship

The REPORTER

Senior Keegan Connor from Westfield High School was awarded the 31st annual Hamilton County Youth Service Award last Tuesday.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO). Connor was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Connor is a member of the Thespian Honor Society, National Honor Society, and a dance captain for her school's show choir. She is currently Miss Indiana's Teen and has performed in numerous musical theater productions. Connor considers her greatest accomplishment to be the creation of her nonprofit Keegan Cares: Advocating for Scoliosis Awareness. She has partnered with State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) on **House Bill 1054**, also known as the "Keegan Cares Bill."



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(From left) Sydney Schultz, Drew Wheeler, Commissioner Christine Altman, Keegan Connor, Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Gage West, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Monica Greer, and Andrew Morrison. (Not pictured: Gloria Lane and Maya Narsinghani.)

It would create guidelines for scoliosis screenings for children between 9 and 13 years of age.

Six other students were nominated for the Youth Service Award by their school's counseling department. The other nominees include Sydney Schultz representing

Carmel High School, Drew Wheeler from Fishers High School, Andrew Morrison from Hamilton Heights High School, Gloria Lane from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Maya Narsinghani from Noblesville High School, and Gage West from Sheridan High School. They

will each receive a \$300 scholarship.

"We are proud of each of the applicants that have chosen to lead a drug free lifestyle and contribute their time to help make positive changes in the lives of others," HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer said.

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“Let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor” – May 5, 1868

The REPORTER

This year, military service members buried at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield have flags placed at their graves for Memorial Day.

For as many years as the Scout leaders can remember, BSA Scouts Boys Troop 107 and Girls Troop 1070 have been participating in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Summit Lawn Cemetery. This year, in addition to conducting the ceremony on Saturday, May 25, the Scouts placed flags on the graves of those who served in the military.

David Weiss, secretary-treasurer of the Summit Lawn Cemetery Board, said that in the past there had been a limited number of graves that had been marked with flags. For years, cemetery board member Danny Haskett has been placing flags to mark the graves of around 55 Civil War veterans. In addition, the former American Legion Post 318 placed flags on some graves.

This year, Bob Whitmoyer, of the former Westfield American Legion, turned approximately 50 flags over to the cemetery board.

The board was able to purchase additional flags in preparation for the flag laying.

“We want to be more prepared to recognize as many of the veterans as we can through this process,” Weiss said.

For the past several years, the board has been working to transfer all the cemetery records into a database. With the cemetery dating back to the 1880s and some even older graves having been moved when

the railroad was built, that meant that most of the cemetery records had been written in a book. The process of going through the records has allowed the board to increase the number of known veterans.

Out of around 1,500 graves, Weiss said they have identified around 280 veteran graves, six of which were just discovered last week in preparation for Saturday’s event.

“We’re just looking to try to build upon what’s happened in the past and continue to build it for the future,” Weiss said.

The BSA Scouts Troops say they are glad to take on the responsibility of leading the annual time of remembrance for the second year.

“It’s right and fitting that we come out and honor those who have served our country,” said Barry Simpson, committee chair for BSA Scouts Girls Troop 1070.

Life Scout Jackson Eyer opened and closed the commemoration in prayer. Eagle Scout Johnny Miles, Star Scout Lucy Miles, and First Class Scout Joey Miles performed the flag ceremony, and Second Class Scout Ben Wilken played Taps on the trombone. Fourth-grade Webelos from Cub Scout Pack 107, Colin Blair, Liam Lynch, and Preston Vega laid flowers at the base of the flag pole.

BSA Scouts Boys Troop 107 Assistant Scoutmaster Roy Adams, also a retired Army lieutenant colonel, spoke about duty, honor, and country as the reasons veterans serve in the military. He encouraged those present to ask themselves how they can better serve their community and im-

prove the human condition. As they do every year, an honor guard of members from VFW Post 10003 and American Legion Post 155, both of Carmel, fired three volleys, commonly referred to as a “21-gun salute.” The combined honor guard serves at five to 10 ceremonies each Memorial Day weekend.

Despite the City of Westfield having held a Memorial Day ceremony Thursday evening, May 23, at the Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial on Union Street, Mayor Scott Willis attended the ceremony on Satur-



(ABOVE LEFT) Cub Scout Pack 107 Webelos (from left) Preston Vega, Colin Blair, and Liam Lynch salute after laying flowers at the base of the flag pole. (ABOVE RIGHT) Star Scout Lucy Miles salutes as Scout Elaine Simpson places a flag on a veteran’s grave.



(ABOVE LEFT) Second Class Scout Ben Wilken plays Taps on the trombone. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield Mayor Scott Willis attended the ceremony at Summit Lawn Cemetery to lend his support.

Reporter photos by Amy Adams

day in a non-official capacity, thanking the Scouts for all they do.

As part of the ceremony, Simpson read from the original “Memorial Day Order” issued May 5, 1868: “Let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor.”

Following the ceremony, that’s precisely what the Scouts did, placing flags at the graves of veterans and offering a salute. Scouts return the day after Memorial Day to remove the flags for safekeeping by the cemetery board and place coins on the markers.

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Noblesville’s BSA Troop 222 for Girls retires American flags

Fishers honors fallen soldiers on Memorial Day

Submitted

Scouts from Noblesville’s Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts) Troop 222 for Girls observed Memorial Day on May 27 by retiring American flags.

The flags, which had flown at Kahlo Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, were tattered and in need of replacement. The Scouts accepted the flags for retirement in October and chose Memorial Day as fitting for the ceremony.

Senior Patrol Leader Ellador led the ceremony. Troop 222 scouts Evelyn, Robbin, Charli, Nora, and Sebastian from Troop 183 assisted with the ceremony. Family members of the scouts participated as well.

“Duty to God and Country is the first line of the Scout Oath, it’s that important to our movement,” Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill said. “Our scouts did such a great job with the program. It was powerful to join them in retiring the flags.”

The flags, which were synthetic material, were cut apart in keeping with flag code, keeping the field of blue intact, while the flag is cut into quarters. Burning these flags, which is the proper retirement for flags of cotton, is unhealthy for the environment or participants, so small pieces of the fabric were burned, while the rest were disposed of respectfully. Grommets from the flags were collected from the ashes and distributed to the participants as a remembrance of those who have lost their lives in service of our country.



Photos provided

The Scouts chose Memorial Day as fitting for the flag retirement ceremony.

Troop 222 is chartered by Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. Girls aged 11 to 17 are invited to

join the troop at any time.

For more information about Troop 222, contact Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill at jennysherrill@gmail.com or see the troop website at Noblesville-Troop222.org or at [Facebook.com/NoblesvilleTroop222](https://www.facebook.com/NoblesvilleTroop222).

By HERNAN GUTIERREZ
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Fishers city officials honored the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice with a Memorial Day ceremony on May 27 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

Like many ceremonies, last Monday’s started with the presentation of colors by a color guard, followed by the National Anthem.

Residents were then able to hear from local veterans give their perspective on the holiday.

This year’s guest speaker was Army Colonel Kent Abernathy. He is a West Point graduate who went on to serve in the military for 30 years. During his time in the Army, he held leadership positions at the Pentagon and in Iraq. He had originally left the service and went to work as a banker. However, after 9/11 he decided to reenlist.

During his address, he touched on his service.

“[There are] two people that I knew, that I served with, and that are no longer here,” Abernathy said. “That’s the true meaning of Memorial Day. It’s remembering those who’ve made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.”

Abernathy retired from the Army in 2010 and now lives in Zionsville.

After the ceremony, the city invited community members to place carnations near the green space around the Gold Star Families Monument and Liberty Plaza.

The city also invited families to honor their loved ones who have served by applying for a light pole banner with their name, or with a brick plaque on Liberty Plaza.

Those interested should apply online at tinyurl.com/FishersVetBanner.

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Congratulations on your graduation, Jake Baker!

4. Ask your server how their day is going. Listen to what they say.
5. Tell someone you appreciate them and why.

day, let go of your struggles and stress.

1. Take five deep breaths and slowly release to calm your nervous system.

Consider who is in your Circle of Five. Did you know that the five people you spend the most time with significantly influence the man you become? Pick and choose your friends well.

- 1. People of integrity
2. Kind People
3. People who are not critical or mean
4. People who have goals

2. Name five things that made your day sweet. Coffee with a friend. Your favorite song on the radio. You made more green lights than red. You heard the laughter of a child. Your grandma texted that she loves you.

3. Name five things you are grateful for. Chick-fil-A. A full tank of gas. A buddy that gets your jokes. Clean laundry. Tickets to a concert with friends.

5. People who make good decisions and take responsibility for their mistakes

4. Reflect on a favorite scripture and why it's a favorite.

Guard your reputation.

5. Say your prayers. Thank God for getting you through a bad day or celebrating a good one.

1. Leave 15 minutes earlier than planned. This gives space for traffic issues or delays. You become a person known to be where you are supposed to be and being on time shows that you value the time of others.

This may sound like a lot to remember, Jake, but it's a way of life. It will become routine. You won't intentionally think about having to do any of it except for cleaning up your stuff. It all leads to a pretty simple but quite sweet life.

2. Take responsibility for your mistakes. You will make them. People notice more about your willingness to take responsibility than your perfection.

The Power of Five can be life-changing should you choose to make them a habit. The decisions are yours to make ... with a few reminders from your Grandma Janet.

3. Learn to apologize with sincerity. An apology is only sincere when a change is made.

I love you, Jake, and I am so proud of you. Happy Graduation!

4. Be truthful. Your word is only as good as your reputation. Once you are caught in a lie, your reputation is tainted and questioned.

Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at janethartleonard@gmail.com or followed on Facebook or Instagram (@janethartleonard). Visit janethartleonard.com.

5. You are known by the company you keep. (Back to your Circle of Five)

At the end of your work

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Photo by Barbara Day

Westfield Clerk-Treasurer Marla Ailor let fifth graders act as city council members.

speaking into the microphones and, for a very few, to bang the gavel. It was one of the highlights of my six-month career so far.

Ailor hopes that the students will take with them the lessons that it's important to vote and that it's their civic duty to show up and express their opinions.

Just across the parking lot, students also got to tour the light and sound booth at the Basile Westfield Playhouse and see the set for the current production You Can't Take It With You, which is playing through June 9. Main Street Productions board members John Sampson and Teresa Skelton talked with the students

about the history and importance of having a local theater in Westfield. We might even have a few future actors on our hands as some of the students expressed interest in how auditions work.

"Hosting field trips has always been important to the Westfield Washington Historical Society," Beals said.

Future plans include expansion beyond Westfield Washington Schools to offer field trips to other area schools, churches, senior living facilities, and any other groups, according to Beals. For more information about the Westfield Washington Historical Society & Museum, visit wwhs.us.



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

(ABOVE) In the Westfield Washington Historical Society & Museum, Judi Shuck talks to students about the Underground Railroad in Westfield. (LEFT) Teresa Skelton speaks to students in Jenni Baker's third-grade class at Carey Ridge Elementary School about the stage set for You Can't Take It With You at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

NORTHERN ACADEMY

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They started with a handful of students, but by the end of the year they had 23 students in both ninth and 10th grades. Marer said he has seen more success in the program than anyone had expected.

Students attend classes for half a day during either the morning or afternoon shift. The flexible schedule allows the program to admit more students and to help them balance their online classes with their other responsibilities.

two teachers guide them through their online courses and grade their assignments. The students watch videos, complete modules, and take assessments using the platform "Edmentum." Marer said the teachers help the students with any questions they have regarding their coursework.

"It's due to this outstanding support and incredible teaching staff that the program has been so successful in its inaugural year," Sheridan Superintendent Dave Mundy said.

The alternative program allows students to work at their own pace so they can thrive academically. The Duke donation helped the NHCA pay rent on the building, furnish classrooms, and support students.

Duke Energy Government & Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said the company wants to ensure that students have access to a quality education.

"We've had a long partnership with schools, not just in Hamilton County, but throughout our service

territory, which is 69 of 92 counties," LaBarr said. "We appreciate and we're very proud to support schools with their needs of graduating an educated workforce."

Next year, the NHCA hopes to add a third teacher and enable more students to take classes. Heights Superintendent Derek Arrowood said they plan to make the program sustainable and to expand it in the future.

"We're super proud of this program in its first year with the success that we've had," Marer said.

HCLA

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The event will also feature HCLA's Distinguished Alumni & Honorary Alumni Awards. Each year, HCLA recognizes alumni and community partners for their commitment and service to HCLA and their impact in Hamilton County.

Andrea Davis, executive director of HAND, Inc. and graduate of HCLA's Class of 2014, is the winner of the 2024 HCLA Distinguished Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni from the HCLA program who have made a difference in the HCLA network and Hamilton County through their service to the community and leadership efforts. The recipient has utilized the knowledge gained

from HCLA to leave a mark in the community where they reside and work.

Davis joined HAND in 2016 after more than 20 years as a newspaper reporter and editor, most recently for the Indianapolis Business Journal. A Fishers resident, she is also a graduate of the Fishers City Government Academy.

Brenda Myers, president and CEO of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc., is the 2024 HCLA Honorary Alumni. The HCLA Honorary Alumni Award recognizes a Hamilton County leader for their investment, advocacy, and partnership with HCLA. Honorees are not alumnus of the program but have a deep belief in the mission and vision of HCLA and the

impact graduates can make in the community.

Myers has more than 35 years of experience in tourism development, working in cultural attractions management as well as in tourism development for the state of Indiana. She helped lead Hamilton County's work on the White River Vision Plan and collaborated with her team and local leadership to create the Business of Entertainment, Sport & Tourism Fund under the care of Karen Radcliff.

During her tenure, Hamilton County Tourism has given more than \$15 million to the community in the form of grants and research support and now gives back under the Inspire Hamilton County arm of tourism's

work, supporting People, Place, Planet, & Prosperity.

About HCLA

Hamilton County Leadership Academy unites, inspires, and empowers confident leaders from varied industries to support Hamilton County. The 11-month program provides those who work or live in Hamilton County with unique access to knowledge, community leaders, and local organizations. HCLA graduates gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the county; create meaningful, lifelong connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders; and are inspired and empowered to drive and amplify community impact. Learn more at HCLA.net.

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Leos bake up charity in Noblesville



The Noblesville Leo Club recently sold coffee and baked goods before school as a fundraiser. They made \$625. The club is guided by sponsor Lion John Smith, an NHS teacher. (From left) Leos Izzy Nealy, Diya Nair, Cristina Andrews, Hannah Dugan, Ella Miller, Ella Rinker, and Alanna Puckett.

Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

Celebrate Summer Solstice with Carmel Symphony Orchestra at Coxhall Gardens

The REPORTER

The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year and a day of celebration for many communities.

Get ready to spend an evening under the stars with friends in Carmel as you watch community dance performances from 5 to 7:30 in the Coxhall Amphitheatre. Stay to hear the Carmel Symphony Orchestra perform solar-related favorites as the sun goes down from 8:30 to 9:45 pm. End the evening enjoying the light of the full strawberry moon against the dark evening sky at the beautiful Coxhall Gardens Amphitheatre.

Join conductor Joel Smirnoff and soloists Asako Tamura and former CSO Concerto Competition Winner Cooper Olsen as they perform works by Puccini, Barber, Gershwin, Vivaldi, Carmichael and more, ending with special guest Blair Clark closing out the evening with "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" by Steve Wonder.

Performances by community partners start at 5 p.m. and will feature Central Indiana Academy of Dance,

Dhol Indian drumming, Gregory Hancock Dance Company, Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and Kathak Dance Academy.

Enjoy historic cars on display at the Gardens sponsored by Artomobilia. Bring your dinner or visit food trucks and drink vendors, including sponsors Bier Brewery and Sugar Creek Winery.

VIP table purchases provide guests with front-row seats and help underwrite the costs of Carmel Symphony Orchestra education programs. Tables of eight are available for \$1,000 and include a surprise bonus gift from the CSO to you. You can also purchase VIP or terrace seating for comfortable seats (with backs) and the best view of the concert.

Lawn seating and youth pricing are available to meet everyone's budget.

VIP patrons will have access to catering and drinks inside the Coxhall Manor with an open bar until 7 p.m. and a cash bar throughout the rest of the evening.

Buy your tickets now at tinyurl.com/CSOsummer_solstice2024.



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Smirnoff

Allisonville Road will soon reopen

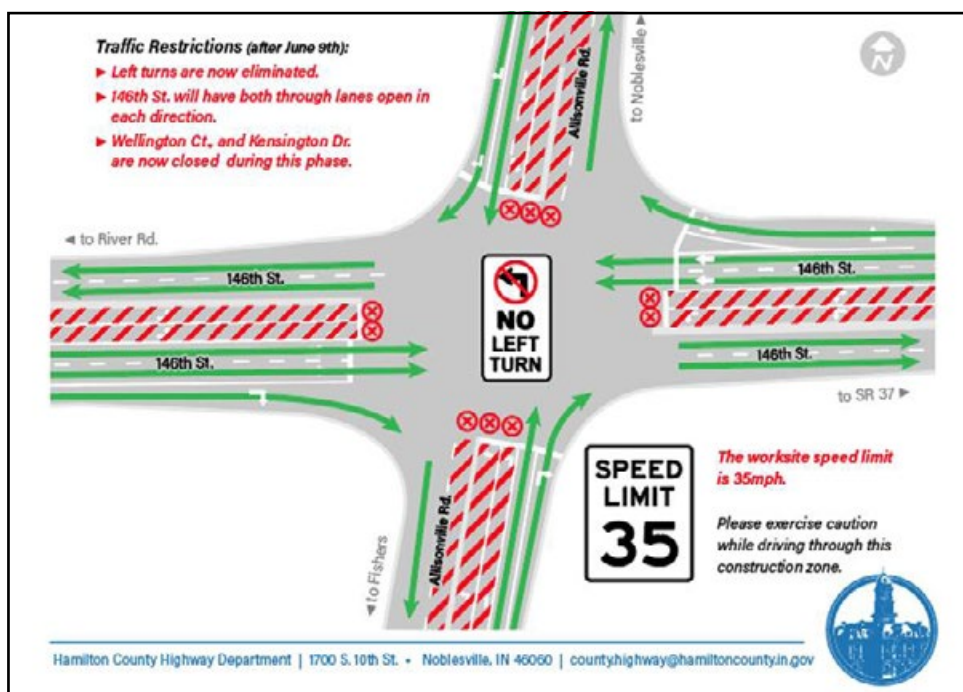
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The Hamilton County Highway Department has announced a reopening of Allisonville Road at the intersection of 146th Street, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. At that time, no left turns will be allowed through any portion of the intersection.

The reopening marks the end of a 90-day closure as well as the project's first full year of construction.

The \$44 million project, which began a year ago, aims to reduce congestion and enhance safety by transforming the intersection into a grade-separated interchange. The Highway Department reports that the project is on schedule, despite minor delays due to rain and eclipse-related work stoppages mandated by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

"We are excited to reopen Allisonville Road," said Matt Lee, Bridge Program Engineer for the Hamilton County Highway Department. "When it reopens, there will be no left turns allowed in any direction,



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

As of June 9, no left turns will be allowed at the 146th/Allisonville intersection.

but through traffic and right turns will be permitted in all directions. We also plan to set the bridge beams before Allisonville reopens to avoid overnight closures in the near future."

To manage traffic, a temporary signal will be installed until the Allisonville Road roundabout becomes operational. Crews say this phase is crucial for ensuring

the safety and efficiency of the new interchange.

"We are very pleased with how the project is advancing," Highway Director Brad Davis said. "Our team has worked diligently to stay on schedule, and we are optimistic about completing the entire project by July 2025. We appreciate the community's patience and understanding during

this construction period."

Motorists are reminded that the worksite speed limit is set at 35 mph, and delays can be expected during peak hours. Be sure to use caution while driving through the intersection and consider alternate routes when possible.

For further details and updates, visit streamline146.com.

SR 32 closes to westbound traffic in downtown Westfield four months

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield has released important upcoming road closure information that will impact travel along State Road 32.

Citizens Energy Group will up-size and relocate a water main along SR 32 between Union and Gurley streets. This essential infrastructure project was scheduled to begin on Monday, June 3 and last approximately four months.

Closure details

- Affected Traffic: Westbound traffic on SR 32.
- Open Traffic: Eastbound traffic will remain open.

Detour

1. From SR 32, go north onto Grassy Branch Road.
2. Continue on Grassy Branch Road and head west onto 191st Street.
3. Proceed on 191st Street and then head south on U.S. 31 to return to SR 32.

Local traffic impact

City officials understand that road closures are inconvenient. Motorists should plan routes accordingly and allow extra travel time.



Graphic provided by City of Westfield

Residents with properties directly affected by the closure will still have access to their homes, though minor delays may occur during

peak construction.

Please visit the dedicated project website at 32Connects.com for the latest updates and detailed

information. You will find real-time updates, detailed detour maps, and additional resources to help you navigate this temporary change.

New filing dates set for school board candidates

The REPORTER

The state legislature has made significant changes to the filing dates for those wishing to run for the school board in the upcoming 2024 general election.

The filing period had been from July to August. This year, petitions opened on May 21 and will close at noon on June 20.

Candidates interested in running for the school

board must gather at least 10 signatures from registered voters within their school district. The required documentation includes the CAN-34 petition form and the CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interest. Both forms are essential for a complete sub-



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mission and must be filed with the Hamilton County Clerk's Office.

Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kream Williams emphasized the importance of this change.

"Adjusting the filing period gives candidates more time to prepare and

interact with their constituents," Williams said. "We hope this will lead to a more informed and engaged voter base, ultimately benefiting our schools and communities."

For additional information or assistance with the filing process, candidates can visit the Hamilton County Clerk's Office or go to hamiltoncounty.in.gov/224/Candidates-Resources.

CICERO Kiwanis

SERVING THE CHILDREN

Cicero Kiwanis provide free book to every Heights Elementary student

Submitted

One young student came up to the table displaying a group of books chosen by Karen Jones, the elementary school Media Specialist and said, "I don't have any money to pay for a book." Cicero Kiwanis Club President Todd Clevenger replied, "You don't need any money. These books are free, so choose any one you want."

She looked up with a smile on her face and said, "Really? I've never had a book of my very own."

Every child deserves the joy of diving into a world of imagination through books. Yet, many young minds lack access to this magical journey due to financial constraints. Research shows that just the presence of books in the home improves educational outcomes. Books are critical and access to those resources is one of the greatest contributors to education equality. Despite all this, books are scarce to many students, meaning they are at a disadvantage from the start.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero wants to close that gap and promote a love a reading by providing free books through its *Books For a Bright Future* initiative.

"Through this program, students are able to choose a free, age-appropriate book at the school book fair," Clevenger said. "The goal of our *Books For a Bright Future* program is to create a love of reading and foster education and literacy among young students."

With help from a grant awarded by the Kiwanis Children's Fund, the Cicero Kiwanis purchased over 800 books that were distrib-

uted during the week-long book fair.

"The Book Fair was a huge success!" Jones said. "Thank you to the Kiwanis for all the volunteer help and guest readers. The kids just loved their new books and those who would not have gotten books were so surprised that they too could get a book at the book fair! You made the book fair a special occasion for all our students. We gave out 809 books. We can't thank the Kiwanis enough."

The primary goal of the Cicero Kiwanis *Books For a Bright Future* program is to raise funds to purchase and distribute age-appropriate books to every elementary school within the Hamilton Heights School District. The club aims to ensure that every child has the opportunity to build their own personal library at home, encouraging them to read, explore and expand their knowledge.

"I was truly amazed at the excitement, joy and smiles we saw simply by providing these students with a book of their own," Clevenger said. "But it went further than that. Teachers and administrators have reached out expressing their gratitude and appreciation for what the Cicero Kiwanis Club is doing. Here is just one example:

"Good afternoon! I am a kindergarten teacher at Hamilton Heights. I wanted to say THANK YOU for the books Kiwanis provided to my students at the spring book fair. Usually there are tears as some students don't get books and this year that

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Westfield Washington Schools thanks 12 retiring teachers & two instructional assistants

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) has announced the retirement of 12 dedicated teachers and two unwavering instructional assistants, whose collective 305 years of service have significantly shaped the district and community.

These remarkable educators have not only imparted knowledge and inspired countless students but have also become integral members of the WWS family. Their commitment to excellence in education and their relentless dedication to students have left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone in the Westfield community.

The retirees include:

- **Tammy Drummond** (Westfield Intermediate School) Bookkeeper – 22 years of service
- **Cindy Gritton** (Central Office) Administrative Assistant for Student Services – 24 years of service
- **Jo Ann Neff** (Central Office) Operations Assistant – 19 years of service

- **Carolyn Wood** (Washington Woods Elementary School) Second Grade Teacher – 28 years of service

- **Jennifer Paul** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Music Teacher – 23 years of service

- **Jacqueline Hiatt** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Second Grade Teacher – 15 years of service

- **Diana Callahan** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Second Grade Teacher – 21 years of service

- **Michelle Foster** (Westfield Intermediate School) Special Education Teacher – 25 years of service

- **Steve Stafford** (Westfield Intermediate School) Special Education Teacher – 11 years of service

- **Christine Hofeling** (Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center) Speech & Language Pathologist – 37 years of service

- **Mark Sands** (Westfield High School) Band/Music Teacher – 26 years of service

- **Robert Lonsinger** (Westfield High School) Math Teacher – nine years of



Photo by Rocks Media House

Congratulations to this year's retirees from Westfield Washington Schools. Thank you for your dedication.

service

- **Tonya Coy** (Westfield Middle School) Instructional Assistant and Job Coach with The Shamrock Project – 24 years of service

- **Janet Schuetter** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Instructional Assistant – 21 years of service

“The impact of these dedicated educators extends

far beyond the classroom,” Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser. “Their commitment and passion have helped shape the lives of our students and have enriched our school community. We are immensely grateful for their service and wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirements.”

“We believe in the power

of community and the importance of every member of our staff,” Assistant Superintendent for HR Chris Baldwin said. “We are not just colleagues; we are a family. The dedication and camaraderie shared by our retiring staff members is proof. They have supported one another, mentored new educators, and contributed to the col-

laborative spirit that defines our district.”

In bidding farewell to these exceptional educators, WWS extend the deepest gratitude for their years of service and their unwavering commitment to students and the school community. Their contributions will be remembered and cherished, and their presence will be greatly missed.

Carmel establishes Mayor Jane's Courtyard

Community honors the city's first woman & first two-term mayor

The REPORTER

On May 24, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, Former Mayor Jim Brainard, SVP of Acquisitions and Development of Onyx + East David Leazenby, and Carmel Redevelopment Commission Director Henry Mestetsky celebrated former Mayor Jane Reimen by dedicating the courtyard at the Mélange located on Veterans Way and Monon Green Boulevard.

Mayor Jane's Courtyard, centered among luxury townhomes and flats, can be accessed off the Monon Greenway through double archways adorned with iron chandeliers.

A plaque placed in the courtyard reads:

Jane Applegath Reiman served as Carmel's mayor for two four-year terms beginning in 1980. After leading a campaign to defeat a

proposed horse racing track that would have changed the character of the City of Carmel, she decided to run for office and became the first woman to be elected Mayor of Carmel. Among her many accomplishments was converting U.S. 31 into a “corporate corridor” designed to attract major employers and preserve State Road 431's (now Keystone Parkway) residential character on the east side of Carmel. After leaving office, Mayor Jane continued to serve the City of Carmel as an advisor and friend to mayors, councilors and citizens of her beloved home.

Mélange is a \$30 million residential project that includes for-sale luxury townhomes and flats along the Monon Greenway. The project transformed underutilized parking lots into



Photos provided by City of Carmel

Former Mayor Jim Brainard, former Mayor Jane Reiman, and Mayor Sue Finkam.

a vibrant urban neighborhood and a public courtyard. Mélange's prime location along the Monon Greenway is just south of City Center providing residents with all of the conveniences of urban living while complimenting the success of City Center.

Future commercial taxes

from the project (TIF) will be used to finance utility relocations, roadway improvements and general infrastructure. This project broke ground in the spring of 2021. The Carmel Redevelopment Commission partnered with Onyx + East on the development of this project.

Fishers Mayor surprises local teachers with more than \$50,000 in grant funding

The REPORTER

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness recently visited local schools to surprise seven teachers with more than \$50,000 in funding as part of the new Educator Innovation Grant program. The program launched this year, with \$500,000 allocated from the 2024 budget to empower educators within HSE Schools with the resources to bring innovation to the classroom and inspire students to rethink learning.

Watch the video online at tinyurl.com/3xz4hftz.

Recent grant recipients included:

John Hochstetler (fifth-grade teacher at Riverside Intermediate)

\$35,000 to modernize the school's makerspace to better support its STEM program, which centers upon environment, agriculture, and engineering. Along with funding renovations to the makerspace, the grant will also fund professional development workshops for educators within the space, teaching them to adapt curriculum and utilize the new equipment for project-based activities to ensure longevity of the makerspace and STEM curriculum within Riverside Intermediate.

Anthony Sturgeon & Kevin Stumpf (seventh-grade teachers at Fishers Junior High School)

\$1,500 for professional development at the Library

of Congress on implementing Primary Sources in the classroom. This professional development opportunity will assist Sturgeon and Stumpf with leading civics education in the classroom and the We the People team at Fishers Junior High. HSE Schools has historically put forth strong performances at We the People competitions nationally – both at the junior high and high school levels. This opportunity allows Sturgeon and Stumpf to better prepare students for We the People in junior high as they progress to high school.

Heather Butz (eighth-grade teacher at Fishers Junior High School)

\$600 to attend First Amendment Professional Development at the Constitutional Center in Philadelphia. As a We the People teacher, Butz anticipates this professional development opportunity will help her better prepare students for We the People competitions and continue to deliver strong performances nationally.

Ashley Eaton (fourth-grade teacher at Southeastern Elementary)

students to learn music in a hands-on, interactive, and creative way. The method incorporates singing, movement, instruments, composition, and improvisation to lay a strong foundation for students' future musical endeavors.

Jennifer Suskovich (Teacher-in-Residence at Fishers Maker Playground)

\$6,000 to purchase two 3D printers for the Fishers Maker Playground to enhance science education for fifth grade students around the HSE Schools district. The Maker Playground 5th Grade Study Trip at Hub & Spoke provides hands on STEM activities for students to prepare them for future careers in STEM fields. The investment in 3D printers will further impact students' creativity, problem solving, and technology literacy skills learned at the Maker Playground.

Jennifer Harmon (second-grade teacher at Geist Elementary)

\$6,300 to implement Vex Robotics, computer science and coding with Geist Elementary students. Students will learn algorithms, loops, engineering, problem solving, design thinking, and more. Harmon would like to continue building upon the investment until Geist Elementary has a strong coding program, to prepare students for intermediate, junior high, and high school with

foundational STEM skills.

City officials have awarded more than \$80,000 in grant funding to 10 educators to date. In April, three educators were awarded more than \$30,000 in grant funding for projects including bringing the LEGO Education SPIKE program to the classroom, a pilot virtual reality program, and a STEM lab expansion and robotics program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and there is no funding cap on project requests.

“I'm thrilled that our local educators are seizing this opportunity and pursuing projects that not only enhance learning in their classrooms, but also demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning through professional development,” Mayor Fadness said. “Their innovation, creativity, and passion are inspiring and speaks to the excellence of the HSE Schools system.”

Grants are awarded by a selection committee comprised of former educators from HSE Schools, community entrepreneurs, and HSE alumni. Committee members include Mike Fassold (retired junior high educator), Kaleigh Arndt (former elementary educator), Brad Jackson (retired junior high educator), Amy Murch (Conner Prairie teacher in residence), Jordin Alexander (HSE alum and City of Fishers Chief of Staff).

Learn more about the grant program at fishersin.gov/InnovationGrant.

Longtime Carmel leaders announce their retirements

The REPORTER

After nearly 65 years of combined service to the City of Carmel, Utilities Director John Duffy and Fire Chief David Haboush have announced their upcoming retirements.

Duffy started with the city in 1993, becoming the director of Carmel Utilities in 1996. Under his leadership, the city has overhauled and modernized its water and sewer systems and launched recycling and renewable energy initiatives leading to robust, efficient, and environmentally sustainable utilities.

Duffy has also served for many years on the city's Climate Action Advisory Committee. His last day with the city will be on or before April 30, 2025.

“Spending the majority of my professional career with the men and women who work tirelessly for the city's utilities department, I'm looking forward to this next chapter of my life,” Duffy said. “It has been an immense honor to lead such a skilled and hardworking team of professionals who ensure the reliable delivery of water and other vital services to our community day in and day out.”

A search for the new Utilities Director will begin immediately. Once the position has been filled, the new hire will work alongside Duffy until his retirement.

A professional firefighter who has served the Carmel Fire Department (CFD) for more than 32 years, Chief David Haboush was named Fire Chief in March 2015.

Under Haboush's leadership, CFD was, once again, reaccredited by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International in March of 2024. He is also Chief Fire Officer designee through the Center for Public Safety Excellence, a graduate of the Fire Service Executive Development Institute through the International Association of Fire Chiefs and chairperson for the Hamilton County Public Safety Board (Hamilton County police and fire chiefs).

Chief Haboush is also an alumnus of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy and the IU Tobias Fellows Program.

“It has been the honor of my life to lead the brave firefighters and first responders who risk their lives day and night to protect our community,” Haboush said. “To the residents of our city, thank you for your steadfast support of our firefighters and first responders. You've made this job more rewarding than I could have ever imagined.”

A search for a new fire chief will begin immediately. Once that position has been filled, Chief Haboush will step into the open position of Quartermaster and subsequently retire in January of 2026.

Mayor Sue Finkam thanked both Haboush and Duffy for providing years of exemplary leadership.

“Both city servants have worked tirelessly to improve Carmel during their tenures as leaders,” Mayor Finkam said. “Our community has benefited tremendously from their experience, integrity and dedication.”

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didn't happen. My students were so excited to show me the books they picked and got to keep forever. I appreciate all you have done!”

In addition to the annual book fair, Cicero Kiwanis is also working to help stock the summer bookmobile that travels throughout the district during the summer months to keep kids en-

gaged in reading throughout summer break. The annual fundraising goal for this program is \$10,000 and the Cicero Kiwanis welcome both individual donations and corporate sponsorships.

To contribute to the *Books For a Bright Future* program, please visit CiceroKiwanis.org and make a secure online donation.

Two Noblesville students earn Governor's recognition

The REPORTER

Congratulations to Alden Newby and Connor Lehman for receiving a work ethic award from Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. The award recognizes outstanding achievements, the ability to persevere through challenges, positive attitude, service to others, and commitment to school and community.

The students are part of the Noblesville Schools Limitless program for young adults with special needs and they earned over 200 hours of work training with Wyndham Hotel, Embassy Suites, Fueled for School, Noble Cause Food

Pantry, Salvation Army, and Perkins Restaurant.

Limitless students lobbied state representatives, the Indiana Department of Education, and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to have their work training efforts be recognized. These students are the first to receive the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate and thanks to their efforts future Limitless students will also now qualify for consideration.

The students were recognized at a class celebration with parents, school leaders, and state government representatives.



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
Alden Newby (left) and Connor Lehman were honored for their perseverance and service to others, among other admiral qualities.

If ever a wonderful show there was this Beef & Boards show is one because...

There aren't very many stories more familiar to my generation than *The Wizard of Oz*. The 1939 film version starring Judy Garland was traditional Thanksgiving Day television fare throughout our childhoods. (It ran annually between 1956 and 1974.) It has been claimed that with this yearly exposure, *The Wizard of Oz* has been seen by more viewers than any other film in history!

Beef and Boards' delightful offering of the stage version – directed by Elizabeth Payne and choreographed by Sally Scharbrough and James Patton, with musical direction by Brandon Vos – is this year's B&B family show. This 1987 musical adaptation is a direct companion piece to the movie, featuring original music by Harold Arlen and original lyrics by E.Y. Harburg with a book by John Kane.

Director Payne has chosen many mimics of the film production's characteristics, though a few roles are fashioned with new emphases – such as the rather sultrier Wicked Witch of the West. Portrayed by Bessie D. Smith, she loses none of her evil skills. Dorothy is deftly offered by Grace Atherholt. Her beautiful bell-like singing voice provides a lovely



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

“Over the Rainbow” and she brings a worthy Garlandesque feel to her characterization.

The trio of Dorothy's travel companions – Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion – are terrifically rendered by Joey Boos, Jaden Kindle, and Brett Mutter, respectively. Boos is a floppy, droopy rag doll, full of energy and patter. Kindle is appropriately stiff in his shiny costume, still able to sing and dance with style. Mutter takes the memorable comic role that Bert Lahr perfected and makes his version just as successful.

Ty Stover brings his expertise to his set of roles – playing Professor Marvel and the Wizard of Oz, and Jameelah Leandra sweetly plays Glinda the Good Witch. Christine Zavakos and Allen Sledge round out the main cast as Aunt Em and Uncle Henry – also handling various other roles along the way.

A talented ensemble of players of various ages takes on the many other working parts of the show – Munchkins, Crows, Trees, Ozians, Guards, etc. And the all-important role of Toto is arrayed to three dogs, with Bilbo doing the honors on Media Night.

Choreography by the Scharbrough / Patton team



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
(From left) The Scarecrow (Joey Boos), Dorothy (Grace Atherholt), the Cowardly Lion (Brett Mutter), and the Tin Man (Jaden Kindle).

matches the film's work well and is kept crisp and visually appealing. One innovative number, “The Jitterbug,” is well-crafted and a stand-out.

I wondered how some of the technical aspects of the production would be done. After all, it's not often that a tornado needs to be portrayed on stage – and the B&B crew and cast has designed and accomplished a stunning combination of sounds, lights, and various projected visuals for the task – and definitely do it justice.

The set designed by Michael Layton covers all the different locations well, Ryan Koharchik's lighting design is more extensive than usual, while costumes by Kathy Henry, makeup by Daniel Klingler, and wigs by Andrew Elliott add much to the

storytelling.

Bottom line: This engaging production kept the youngsters in the audience spell-bound for two hours plus. Lively and exceptionally fun performances are offered by all – giving a magical telling to this familiar and/or new story.

This is a very popular ticket! If you haven't reserved seats for the spring/summer treat, please do so ASAP! *The Wizard of Oz* continues through July 7. Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at BeefAndBoards.com or call the box office at (317) 872-9664. And don't forget – *Legally Blonde The Musical* opens July 11.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Not only can you not take it with you, but you only have one more week to even see it

You Can't Take It With You opened on Broadway in December 1936 and went on to win the 1937 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. (A film version won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1938.) Written

by the legendary playwrighting team of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, the play has remained a favorite in American theatres.

YCTIWY tells of the eccentric Vanderhof-Sycamore-Carmichael family as they congregate in their large home for their normal daily activities – painting, dancing, printing, writing, raising snakes, and making explosives. Led by Grandpa Vanderhof, there is a free-spirited countenance to the group which includes about any facet of any interest one might possess to make themselves happy.

The script is an apt display of the frantic style of comedy of the era – which originated with the Marx Brothers and others. Director Nicole Amsler has managed to compile a worthy cast for the many character types – and produces a neatly arrayed package of surprisingly sensitive portrayals. No actor over-reaches or overacts their part – truly a nifty feat in a lineup of extravagant and at times outrageous types of people. Themes of happiness, family and love are made obvious through the realistic portrayals.

Standouts include John Welch as even-tempered family head – Grandpa, Louis Cavallari as the passionate Rus-



Photos by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
(From left) James Semmelroth as Penny Sycamore, Darnell as Paul Sycamore, Eric Bowman as Mr. De Pinna, and Carrie Reiberg as Mrs. De Pinna.

sian dance instructor Boris Kolenkov, Carrie Reiberg as the artistically over-productive Penny Sycamore, and James Semmelroth Darnell as her fireworks-focused husband, Paul Sycamore. Hannah Partridge and Aaron Budde are very well combined as the romantic couple Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby.

Cara Olsen and Noah Shepard are sincere in their characterizations as Essie and Ed Carmichael, while Eric Bowman and Susan Hill make the most out of their featured comic roles as Mr. De Pinna and Gay Wellington. Tom Smith plays the bewildered federal agent, Wilbur Henderson, and Miki Mathioudakis is an effusive Grand Duchess. Sophie Liese and Austin Uebelhor round out the cast as kitchen-staff Rheba and Donald.

The set design by Ms. Amsler, which she generously decorated with assistance from props mistress Andrea Odle, fills the bill – although an onstage mirror unfortunately reflected stage lights directly into my seat area. Costumes by Judy McGroarty are very

well planned, especially the timely wardrobe featured for Ms. Partridge's Alice Sycamore.

A few problems are present – mostly diction and projection – both of which can be easily corrected. (One character's Scottish accent, while precisely done, lacked enunciation and thereby lost our understanding.) The pacing is perfect, and the opening night crowd had a good time – punctuated by a surprise proposal after curtain call by cast member Noah Shepard to his future wife, Bailey!

Bottom line: This large cast of 18 performers does a great job with this old chestnut making for a truly enjoyable theatre event. There are plenty of fun moments and some wisdom to pass on, as well.

You Can't Take It With You continues in Westfield through June 9. Information about the schedule and reservations can be found at BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org or by calling (317) 402-3341.

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Sweet summertime

Living in Indiana most of my life, aside from a five-year hiatus in Memphis, Tenn., I am very accustomed to the four distinct seasons. There is something to love about each one if you ask me.

However, one in particular stirs up a lot of anxiety in me. Yes, it's true. Summertime causes me a lot of anxiety.

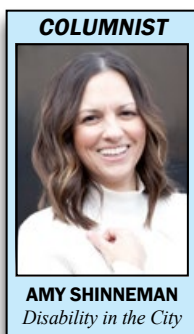
It's not that I hate sunshine and warmer temperatures. Quite the opposite. I love the beauty and feeling of summer. It's magical! The sunsets, butterflies, fireflies, blue skies, lush green trees, and beautiful summer nights.

The reason for the increase in anxiety is simple. With summertime comes a big increase in physical activity. When the boys were younger and in school, we had a routine. My body got used to the demands, and it was manageable because I knew what to expect and how things would work for the most part each day. As summer break approached, I would hear other moms excitedly talking about how they couldn't wait for summer, and all the things they would do with their kids. It's physical and often spontaneous. Parks, pools, trips to the zoo, they couldn't wait to fill their calendars with all these fun things the kids were sure to enjoy.

The pit in my stomach grew. How would I keep up? I wanted my kids to experience all these things too, of course, and I wanted to experience it with them.

It wasn't just the activities, but also more physical demands because they were at home more. More meals to be made, messes to be cleaned up, more entertaining so they wouldn't argue constantly, or die of boredom! I felt so guilty having these feelings because that time with your children is a gift and goes by too quickly.

Summertime, of course, always came, and we al-



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

ways figured it out. Whether it meant I had to have help doing these things with my boys, or sometimes they would join a friend, we made sure they always got to experience all that summer

has to offer. I was working three days a week, so the two days I was home with them, and the weekends, I knew would be full of physical activity. Being open and honest with my boys as they were old enough to understand, made things a little easier. I explained that it was hard for my body to adjust to the increased physical demands, but that I would do my best. That doesn't mean things were always smooth, and it wasn't always easy to adapt.

One way I react when my body starts to shut down is that I get irritable. I think it's because I'm scared. It's a scary feeling when you feel your muscles failing you, and just won't cooperate. You never really get used to that feeling living with Muscular Dystrophy. It's not sore muscles from overdoing it that I'm referring to. This is different, and unless you've experienced it, it's hard to explain.

With some adapting, we managed well. We had fun and memorable summers. Pool time with family and friends, sleepovers, camping trips, family reunions and track meets galore. I loved all of it. Walking head on into situations that produce anxiety is just a part of life. There is almost always a way to figure things out and make them work. I'm going to soak summer up and do my best to keep up!

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

Who will can the peaches?

Do you remember family stories or do you remember everyone else telling you the family stories? I think I remember.

The assembly line was working well. Mother had washed the cans and was now scalding golden jubilee peaches. Little Brother was gleefully slipping the skins off. Daddy was removing seeds. Sister was arranging luscious peach halves in the cans.

Sister laid each piece in carefully. She overlapped each piece so the cut side was turned down. Her finished cans were beautiful to behold. Mother then poured in the hot syrup and processed the fruit in her big blue canner.

It was a good year. Each peach was perfect. The skins slipped off so easily, Little Brother didn't even know he was working. Each bushel made 30 quarts. A total of six bushels was put up before the season ended. Of course, some were made into fresh peach pie or sliced to eat with cereal or ice cream.

Peaches were Grandpa Howard's favorite fruit so several quarts went to him every fall. (Usually at least a bushel.)

One evening the work had gone smoothly. However, before the day's canning was finished the clock said 9 p.m. These peaches were at the peak of perfection. It really was time to get them canned.

But little children who stay up too late tend not to be happy the next day. Little Brother was obviously tired. It was already half an hour past his bedtime. He made no protest when Mother pointed to the clock and said, “Bedtime.”

A peach half made a nighttime snack. Then he was ready for a bath.

Sister looked at the unfilled cans and the peaches yet in the basket. Her blue eyes filled with tears as she protested.

“Mama, who will can the peaches if I go to bed?”

When I hear of latchkey children, children on drugs, children saturated with television violence, children turned loose in cars as soon as they reached 16, children having children, then I wonder, too.

Who will can the peaches?

(I wasn't in school; sister Verna was in first or second grade.)

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Observations from Perry the Pantry

By **PERRY the PANTRY**
Guest Columnist

My name is Perry, and my cousins and I get to hang out in interesting places all over Hamilton County. We get referred to by a lot of names: food boxes, pantries, yellow boxes, food stations, cupboards, or closets. I prefer pantry – just call me Perry the Pantry.

We have homes at businesses, parks, churches, fairgrounds, and neighborhoods all over the place. We hear that once you see one of us, you see us everywhere. Good! That means we're being noticed. I'm a Feeding Team pantry, and even though we are just a bunch of big wooden boxes, we love being able to offer a meal or two to hungry neighbors.

I took over the column this month to give folks some thoughts and perspective from my place in the food chain right here in Hamilton County. See what I did there? "Food" chain.

My beginnings were simple: just plain wood, shingles, paint, nails, and screws. I'm nothing fancy; they make me from something called "seconds" bought at the store. I am bright dandelion yellow with a plexiglass face and some pretty cool signs that tell everyone who stops by that they should take what they need and to please give what they can. I don't really care who takes or donates food, just that there is a place for hungry people to get fed and generous neighbors to help others.

Most of the time, volunteers build, finish, paint, and deliver me. I'm not that tough to build, but I'm sturdy, designed to be outside in the rain, wind, snow, and heat. I hang out at places where folks who might need a few meals can find me easily.

Today, I'm writing to you from 126th Street in Fishers. Please take a second and look at my selfie ... some people took everything off my shelves. Yes, everything! They left nothing, zero, nada, zilch.

Every week I get to see firsthand how people stop by and load me up with food every few days. I see firsthand how people stop by and take a few meals to take care of their families. This week I saw something else. It could have been desperation, or maybe selfishness. It's hard for me to tell. Regardless, it was some neighbors who disrespected the model and took more than they needed to get by.

Now let's be serious for a moment here. I'm a pantry. I don't have eyes, ears, feelings, emotions, or even rational thoughts, but even I can tell when someone has abused the gifts of others. In my case, I went from being almost full to completely empty in a matter of a few hours. I wish no ill will on the folks who took everything. I do wish that they would stop for a moment and think about the needs of

FeedingTeam.org
Facts
63 pantries
Over 11,000 meals in April
Over 100 individual &
30 volunteer families

others. Hey, just take a few seconds and consider why you are there, then consider that, in a

while, likely later that same day, another person will stop by searching for a few meals for their family to get by, too. Your decision to take everything from my shelves impacts other families.

Yes, anyone can take it all, but that doesn't mean that they should.

Regardless, it makes me really sad when this happens. When I'm empty, there is no food for the next hungry family who stops by. When I'm empty, it can mean that a child may go without. When I'm empty, I'm not helping to feed hungry families.

If you happen to be the neighbors who took everything from my shelves, I'm sorry you felt the need to do so. Maybe you should contact the folks at FeedingTeam.org and they can get you connected with a place better able to help people with bigger food needs.

I've learned over the years to be happy when people stop by and visit me. Almost certainly every time they visit, it helps someone. This would be a good opportunity for me to say thank you to all the good folks who are a part of me being here.

To all the volunteers, sponsors, hosts, builders, and shoppers, thank you. May those who need meals

be few and those who provide them be blessed. Feel free to stop by and visit me or any of my cousins all around the area.

Until next time,
Perry

As a "Take What You Need, Give What You Can" model, your donations are responsible for hundreds of meals each week. Although you may never see the recipient, know in quiet satisfaction that you are making a difference in the lives of Hoosier families right here in central Indiana.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County.

With over 40,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for sup-



Photo provided by Mark Hall

The Feeding Team cannot succeed in its mission with empty pantries. Please, only take what you need and give what you can.

porting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a

person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

It's simple to bring joy to your workplace

At this point in the series, you may be thinking, "There is absolutely no way I can do even half of these things. I don't have the time. Or the nerve. Or the creativity."

That's OK. I want to challenge

you to try at least a few of these ideas, some of which take only a couple minutes and don't require courage.

The idea of bringing joy to the workplace is to increase productivity and reduce stress. We don't want to make it more difficult to get our work done.

As I mentioned earlier, I like to stock up once a year on decorations and cards. This drastically reduces your preparation time for some of these ideas. Maybe during some down time, you can find a couple of clever poems online and save them for certain coworkers.

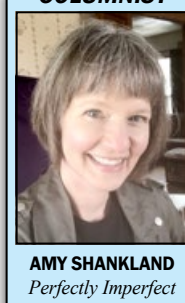
When it comes to birthdays, watch out for the rare person who gets depressed on their birthday. Bringing in black balloons and Depends undergarments might make most people laugh when they turn 50, but some people won't appreciate the humor and might get upset. If someone is dreading a birthday, keep things simple and low-key with a card, if anything.

You still might think you won't have time to try out these suggestions. Start out with one or two and see what happens. You might get hooked on bringing joy to others like I am and discover that you have more time than you think! You'll find out it's beyond worth it to show everyone how much you care about them.

Before we move on, let's talk about what extraordinary things you can do to bring joy to the workplace if you own a company or are in upper management. Let's look at some examples from our friends at Salesforce.

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How I Broke This, episode 7: LZA Fitness

INTRODUCTION V.O.: Ineptitude ... Failure ... Inanity ... Stupidity ... MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!! This is *How I Broke This*.

SFX: CARTOONISH BROKEN SPRING. BOINGGGGGG.

GUY RAZZ: I'm Guy Razz, host of *How I Broke This*. Not to be confused with that other podcast by that other guy, Guy Raz, called *How I Built This*. Welcome to my narrative journey about business ineptitude and the failed leaders who failed to learn from their failures. Listen as my guests reveal what led to their crushed entrepreneurial spirits – and hopefully, they'll reference a murder or two to boost my dismal ratings.

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

GUY: Our guests today are failed fitness gurus Patty Pushup and Bobby Burpee, founders of LZA Fitness gym. Welcome.

BOBBY: Hey, Big Guy!

GUY: Big Guy? That's quite a compliment coming from a self-absorbed mesomorph like yourself, Bobby.

PATTY: Bobby calls every guy smaller than him Big Guy. It's his way of complimenting himself.

BOBBY: It's a self-esteem strategy that's part of my Pumping Irony® workshops.

GUY: So, tell us about your failed fitness club.

PATTY: First a legal disclaimer ... LZA Fitness has no ties to franchise phenom LA Fitness.

GUY: Duly noted. What does LZA mean?

PATTY: LZA is an acronym for LaZy Ass.

BOBBY: Our fitness facility was designed for people who didn't want to apply "work" to their workouts but still wanted to brag about going to a

gym.

PATTY: Our tagline was "Taking the Work Out of the Workout."

GUY: Catchy.

PATTY: LZA was a safe space for those who liked to remain as still as possible, without breaking

a sweat – and without facing the judgmental wrath of obnoxious fitness rats at other gyms.

BOBBY: Our first COYO® class was packed ... well ... until the deaths.

BOBBY: Who knew we'd need so many gurneys.

GUY: Wait ... what? Did you say deaths?!!

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

GUY: This is just what this podcast needs for a ratings bump. By the way, what's COYO®?

PATTY: Cobra Yoga.

BOBBY: It's like goat yoga, but with king cobras instead of smelly goats. Goat yoga, while therapeutic, is flawed because it doesn't deter physical exertion. Goat yoga people contort into complicated yoga poses while expending extra energy to avoid rolling in goat poop. Whereas, with cobras, the last thing you want to do is move – even an eyeblink could be fateful. Think catatonic state, much like when stumbling upon a grizzly bear.

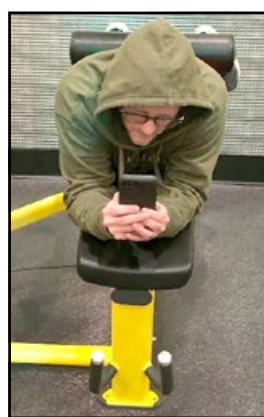
GUY: Say more about the COYO® deaths—

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

BOBBY: Sorry, Big Guy, we can't say much else. The case is currently in court.

PATTY: Guy, let's just say, if we had to do it all over again, we would no longer offer COYO® during allergy season.

BOBBY: Sneezing turned our spring COYO® session into a venom massacre. DEATH ACHOO was a popular headline. But enough



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

Unashamed endomorph Scott Saalman works out his thumbs, which is about as active as any humorist ever gets.

about COYO®. We also provided a guilt-free zone for people who sat at exercise machines and texted for hours. At LZA, we didn't call it texting, it was FINGER STRENGTHENING®. Other gyms phone-shamed members for hogging equipment while Netflix binging. We embraced it!

BOBBY: We also offered a String Puppet Pilates® class, inspired by that 1970s doorknob exerciser fad.

PATTY: Remember those K-tel Multi-Exerciser commercials as a kid, Guy?

GUY: You mean the "As Seen On TV" rope and pulley home workout torture devices people attached to doorknobs?

PATTY: Exactly. Only with String Puppet Pilates®, the ropes didn't attach to doorknobs but, instead, dangled from an overhead pulley system. Members secured their hands and feet into the plastic loops and were raised to a hovering position five feet off the floor.

Our trainer, Jim Geppetto, controlled their limbs from the rafters via a series of repetitive rope tugs and releases. Clients experienced weightlessness, if not sheer helplessness, as Jim choreographed his herky-jerky gym ballet of human marionettes.

PATTY: Members also liked that LZA was a scale-free facility. Instead of using weight scales, a retired carnival worker, Wally The

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Phyllis (Guilkey) Mendenhall

September 16, 1920 – May 31, 2024

Phyllis (Guilkey) Mendenhall, 103, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on September 16, 1920, to Arza and Orpha (Garverick) Guilkey in Noblesville.



Phyllis was a legal secretary for 40 years, working for Roberts and Roberts, then Kyle and Profit. She was a member of First Friends Church, the United Society of Friends Women, Profit and Pleasure Home Economics Club, NHS Alumni Association, and Senior Citizen Organization. Phyllis loved reading, enjoyed auctions, and liked crafting.

She is survived by her sisters, Barb (Dick) Lawson, Harriet Wise, Patricia Paskins, and Ruth Stoops; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Heavy" C. Mendenhall; brothers, Carrol Guilkey, Roland Guilkey, Max Guilkey, and Dallas Guilkey.

Services will be held at noon on Wednesday June 5, 2024 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St. Noblesville, with Pastor Rick Schoeff officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Friends Church, 1055 Division St., Noblesville, IN 46060, or any charity of your choice.

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William Newton Bolen

July 30, 1943 – May 25, 2024

William ("Bill") Newton Bolen, 80, Fishers peacefully entered into eternal rest in the embrace of Jesus at his home on Saturday, May 25, 2024. He was a devoted husband to his beloved Suzanne for 59 beautiful years, a loving father, and cherished grandfather.



Bill was born on July 30, 1943, to James and Nora (Crabtree) Bolen in Beloit, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Bolen; children, Scott (Laura) Bolen, Traci (Brian) Lydick, Kim (Dan) Bolen, Steve (Sara) Bolen, Mike (Alicia) Bolen, and Jon (Alicia) Bolen; sisters, Virginia, Betty, Judy, Janet, and Debbie; brothers, Don, Ken, Bob, and Philip; and grandchildren, Nicole, Silas, Jeremy, Kendra, Rowan, Abbie Mae, Nate, Nick, Olive, and Ivy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James and Stan, and his granddaughter, Kelsey.

Bill dedicated his career to information technology, working as a systems analyst and computer security administrator at prominent companies including The Associates in South Bend and Sallie Mae in Fishers. Bill consistently used his keen intellect and sharp analytical mind to tackle complex challenges, often bucking conventional methods for more creative and effective solutions.

Family was at the core of Bill's life, and he cherished every moment spent with Suzanne, his children, and grandchildren. Embracing life with the heart of a child, his playful spirit truly shone when he was not taking things too seriously. He had a knack for finding joy in everyday moments, like gently poking fun at Suzanne's retelling of falling in the Aldi's parking lot, embellishing the story, and requesting a reenactment for the family's amusement, but all in good fun. Whether sharing laughter, creating memories, or simply being present, Bill's love for his family was unwavering and palpable to all who knew him.

As a faithful Christian and member of Stony Creek Church of Christ, Bill left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew him. His steadfast commitment to his beliefs and his gentle spirit will be profoundly missed by his church family and beyond. Bill found great joy in sharing the teachings of Christ, particularly through his beloved children's Bible classes. His dedication to nurturing young hearts in faith leaves a lasting legacy of love and guidance.

A true lover of God's creation, Bill found solace and inspiration in the natural world. Whether he was taking contemplative walks in the woods, marveling at the wonders of creation, or communing with God in quiet reflection, his reverence for the Creator was evident in every moment.

In addition to his deep spiritual and familial connections, Bill enjoyed a variety of outdoor pursuits, from hiking and camping to fishing and hunting. His passion for outdoor ice hockey with his brothers while growing up at the family farm brought him both joy and camaraderie, as well as family competitiveness.

Beyond his love for nature and outdoor adventures, Bill enjoyed engaging in intellectually stimulating activities such as strategy games, challenging puzzles, and engaging in deep discussions about life.

Bill's life was a testament to the enduring power of faith, family, and a profound appreciation for the wonders of God's creation. While he may have left this earthly realm, his spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held with his family and friends to gather to honor his memory and give thanks for the beautiful life he lived. Though we mourn his passing, we take comfort in knowing that Bill is now at peace in the arms of his Savior, where he will forever dwell in the light of God's love.

The Bolen Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with William's care.

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Wackiest senior prank ever



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

These seniors surprised Noblesville High Schools school resource officer (SRO) and coach Jason Shonkwiler at 6 a.m. last Wednesday morning by showing up at his house for a before-school "sleepover." Considering this is finals week, all these students being willing to get up extra early as a thank you to their coach and SRO speaks volumes.

Ethel Mae Ewing

June 17, 1930 – May 25, 2024

Ethel Mae Ewing, 93, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on June 17, 1930, to Joseph and Mary (Carey) O'Brein in Indianapolis.

Ethel was VP and general manager of Allied OSI Orthotics and was a member of Faith Missionary Church in Indianapolis. She enjoyed golf, traveling, and especially painting.

She is survived by her daughter, Anne (Jerry) Sparrow; son, Eric (Elizabeth) Ewing; niece, Mary Louise Parks; stepister, Janet Turmail; and grandchildren, Ian Sparrow, Kyle Anderson, Sarah Ewing, and Will Ewing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandchild, Dana Anderson; and sister, Marie and Dorothy.

Services will be held at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary at a later time. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Carol June Clark

November 4, 1942 – May 26, 2024

Carol June Clark, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville.

Carol was born in Noblesville on November 4, 1942, to the late Robert and Thelma (Penwell) McDonald.

Carol's legacy is carried on by her daughter, Leann (Daniel Stone) Clark of Cicero; sons, Kenneth (Karol) Clark of Noblesville and Mike (Elaine) Clark of Maryville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Colton Clark of Noblesville, Zachary (Ashley) Clark of Maryville, Tenn.; and Jordan Clark of Maryville, Tenn.; great-grandchildren, Myer Clark of Noblesville and Lyla Clark of Maryville, Tenn.; brothers, Mike (Pat) McDonald of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Bob (Judy) McDonald of Clearwater, Fla.; along with several nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents.

Carol attended Jackson Central High School and was a part of the graduating class of 1961. Carol was comfortable being a homemaker and caring for her family. She was the "Road Mom" to many as she kept up with the many activities of her children and grandchildren throughout the years. When Carol joined the workforce, she spent most of her career with Curtis Dyna Products. Carol was also a member of Victory Chapel Community Church. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, fishing, reading, and talking to the neighbors in her free time. Those who knew Carol know that she was a social butterfly. Her grace and conversations will be missed by many.

Visitation and funeral services were held Friday, May 31, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Andrew Marshall officiating. Burial followed at Cicero Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Victory Chapel Community Church.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Marilyn Sue Ulsh-Eiler

April 6, 1935 – May 26, 2024

Marilyn Sue Ulsh-Eiler, 89, Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at Franciscan St. Francis Health in Indianapolis.

Marilyn was born in Martinsville, Ind., on April 6, 1935, to the late Walter and Vivian (Knight) Sink. In November 1994, she married James "Jim" William Eiler and they shared 29 years of marriage.

Marilyn attended Martinsville High School and later attended The University of Indianapolis. She was a bookkeeper for USA Student Aid and the City of Noblesville. She was a longtime member of Arcadia Brethren Church and served in many different capacities at the Church, including as a Sunday School teacher, a Greeter, and as the President of the Woman's fellowship. In her spare time, Marilyn enjoyed sewing and cross-stitching, doing crosswords and word searches, and reading. She also loved to watch sports, especially when IU was playing. In her younger years, she enjoyed gardening and tending to her roses.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, James "Jim" William Eiler of Indianapolis; sons, William "Bill" D. (Jean Ann) Ulsh of Locust, N.C., Alan Ulsh of Indianapolis, and Neil R. (Wanda) Ulsh of Crawfordsville, Ind.; grandchildren, Amy (Jason) Sheets of Statesville, N.C., Jessica (Mac) West of Indianapolis, and Billie (Mike) Swanson of Indianapolis; four great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Ben West of Greenwood, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Walter & Vivian Sink; daughter, Denise R. West; grandson, Adam Ulsh; and brother, Malcolm Sink.

Visitation and funeral service were held Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia, with Ben Poole officiating. Burial followed at Arcadia Brethren Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arcadia Church of the Brethren.

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Westfield Washington Schools starts new rugby field, expansion of Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools held a groundbreaking ceremony last Tuesday for the much-anticipated expansion of the Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center and the renovation of the Monon Athletic Fields.

The event marks a significant milestone for the district and the rapidly growing city of Westfield.

The Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center, which opened its doors in 2022, quickly reached full capacity, underscoring the need for expansion. The center has 330 children enrolled and provides essential services including daycare for district staff's children starting at eight weeks old, speech therapy, developmental preschool, and a pre-kindergarten program called All Aboard. The expansion project will add 13 new classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, offices, and storage, as well as an en-

larged playground enclosed at the center of the facility. Additionally, the administration wing will see a small office addition, and significant improvements will be made to the soccer, rugby, and baseball fields at the Monon Athletic Fields.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser expressed enthusiasm for the expansion.

"Today's groundbreaking is a testament to our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for our youngest Rocks," Kaiser said. "This expansion will allow us to better serve our community and accommodate the growing number of families choosing Westfield Washington Schools."

Director of Early Learning Marci Derado highlighted the impact on the community.

"These early education programs have been a cornerstone for early childhood education in Westfield," Derado said. "This expansion



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Not just building for the next generation . . . Westfield Washington Schools is building with it!

ensures that we can continue to meet the needs of even more children and provide a nurturing environment for them to thrive."

Brice Johnson, client services manager for CORE Construction, played host to the event.

"As a father to a toddler, I know how important the early years of education are to our little ones," Johnson said. "Our team at CORE is honored to help expand the thriving early learning environment at Westfield Washington Schools with this

project. The design and construction team has been hard at work to prepare for this day and we can't wait to see this project come together."

The expansion and renovation projects come at a pivotal time for the district, which has seen an influx

of 550 new students this school year alone. As Westfield continues to grow, the improvements to the Early Learning Center and athletic fields will play a crucial role in maintaining the district's reputation as the top destination district in Indiana.



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Boys Track & Field

Tigers win first state championship

The REPORTER

With consistent excellence and depth across the board, the Fishers boys track and field team won its first-ever team state championship last Saturday.

The Tigers battled with its Mudsock rival Hamilton Southeastern throughout the meet, which took place at Indiana University. At the end of the meet, Fishers finished just ahead of the Royals, totaling 60 points. Southeastern was the team runner-up, also using excellence and depth to total 54 points for its highest state finish since 2013.

Senior Tyler Tarter led the way for the Tigers, sweeping both hurdles events. Tarter took care of business in the 110 hurdles, winning that race in 13.85



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Athletics



Photo courtesy Fishers Athletics

(LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Peyton McQuinn won the pole vault event, becoming the first Huskies boys track athlete to win an event at state. (ABOVE) The Fishers boys track and field team won its first-ever team state championship last Saturday at Indiana University. The Tigers scored 60 points, with senior Tyler Tarter sweeping both hurdles events.

seconds. Then in the 300 hurdles, Tarter cruised to victory in a time of 37.25 seconds.

Tarter finished the meet by joining Matthew Kim, Leo Morrow and Makell Wiggins to place sixth in the

4x400 relay, a performance that helped clinch the team title for Fishers. Wiggins and Kim helped the Tigers

get off to a great start in the meet, as they teamed with Declan Mohr and Bryson Slagle to take second in the

4x800 relay.

Kim joined Tarter in

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Girls Track & Field

Taylor wins state title for Tigers by incredible .002-second margin

The REPORTER

Maya Taylor made history for Fishers High School last Friday, in the most incredible way.

The Tigers senior was running in the finals of the 100 dash at the IHSAA girls state track and field meet, which took place Friday night at Indiana University. Taylor was running toe-to-toe with Warren Central's Jila Vaden and the two zoomed to a photo finish.

In the end, the winner was Taylor. She edged out Vaden by a margin of two thousandths of a second – Taylor finished in 12.101 seconds, Vaden finished in 12.103 seconds. What was contained in those .002 seconds was history – Taylor earned the first-ever girls track and field state championship win for Fishers.

Also remarkable was how much speed Taylor dropped in her win from the prelims to the finals. Taylor placed fourth in the 100 dash prelims with a time of 12.26 seconds, so the senior improved her time by .15 seconds in a few hours.

The meet finished with another win for a Hamilton County team. Carmel's 4x400 relay squad of Gabriella Grande Rosas, Sadie Foley, Olivia Cebalo and Emily Norris won that event, cruising home in 3 minutes, 50.90 seconds. The Greyhounds' time was 0.45 seconds ahead of runner-up North Central and a big part of the Carmel team finishing tied for fifth place.

Overall, four county teams placed in the top 12 by the meet's conclusion. Warren Central was the team champion with 57.5 points; the Warriors won two events, including a 1-2 finish in the long jump. Bloomington North

scored 41 points for the runner-up trophy; the Panthers picked up three event victories.

Hamilton Southeastern was the highest-placing county team, taking third with 29 points. The Royals began the meet with a third-place result for their 4x800 relay (Elizabeth Butler, Elise Herman, Anissa Lammie and Maggie Powers), then finished the evening by taking third in the 4x400 (Ciara Kepner, Addison Smith, Lammie and Chloe Senefeld).

In between, Powers finished fourth in the 1600 run, while Butler took fourth in the 3200 run. Kepner also earned an individual medal by taking seventh in the 800 run. The top nine in each event receive medals.

Carmel totaled 24 points, tying it with Brownsburg for fifth place. In addition to the 4x400 victory, the Greyhounds' 4x800 relay team of Audrey Ricketts, Larkin Taylor, Katelyn Oshimura and Cebalo placed second in that event.

Grande Rosas also made the medal stand individually, taking sixth in the 400 dash. Emily Norris placed eighth in the 200 dash.

Noblesville, the defending team state champion, finished seventh with 23 points. Delaney Teachnor led the way for the Millers by taking second in the pole vault.

Hannah Alexander earned two more medals in the throwing events, placing fourth in the discus and sixth in the shot put. Noblesville's 4x800 relay team took fifth; Brinkley Cooper, Gretchen Graham, Riley Flynn and Summer Rempe competed on that relay.

Fishers scored 18 points as a team to place 12th. In addition to her state champion



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' Maya Taylor won a dramatic 100 dash at the IHSAA girls track and field state finals, which took place last Friday at Indiana University. Taylor edged out Warren Central's Jila Vaden for first place by two thousandths of a second. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Carmel 4x400 relay team was the final winner of the night at the state meet. The team of Sadie Foley, Gabriella Grande Rosas, Olivia Cebalo and Emily Norris won that race in 3 minutes, 50.90 seconds.

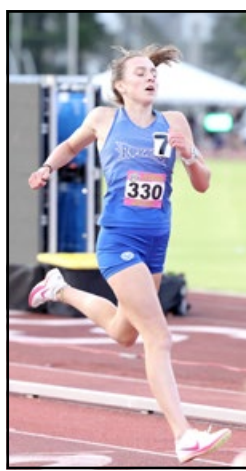
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100 dash run, Taylor joined Mireya Benjamin, Zinnia Pineda and Kylee Black to take fourth in the 4x100 relay. Macey Miller placed eighth in the shot put.

Westfield scored 7.5 points, good for 38th place. Lucy Hauser finished third in the 300 hurdles, while Alexandra Hamilton made the medals stand, tying for ninth in the pole vault.

Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever tied for seventh place in the high jump, scoring 2.5 points for the Huskies and tying them for 57th place.



Photos by Mike Kepner

Hamilton Southeastern's Elizabeth Butler crosses the finish line in the 3200 run, then reacts after finding out she placed third in the race.

Carmel girls, HSE boys win lacrosse state titles

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls lacrosse team won the Class 2A state championship last Saturday, beating Guerin Catholic 10-9 at Beaver Materials Field in Noblesville.

The Greyhounds were down 8-2 to the two-time defending champion Gold-

en Eagles before rallying for the victory.

Over at Westfield, the Hamilton Southeastern boys lacrosse team beat defending champion Carmel 10-6 to win the 2A state title.

A full report on both games will run in our Wednesday edition.

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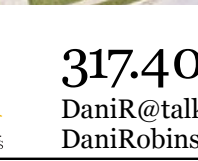
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Girls Tennis



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The Fishers girls tennis team finished as state runner-up last Saturday after dropping a 3-2 match to South Bend St. Joseph in the championship. It's the second time the Tigers have been state runners-up.

Tigers finish as state runners-up, GC's Kolb sisters reach state

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

ZIONSVILLE – The Fishers girls tennis team had to be two places at once last Saturday to compete in the IHSAA girls tennis state finals.

The No. 2-ranked Tigers began their day by playing a semifinal against No. 26 Franklin Community at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center. After Fishers won that match, the rains came.

With the weather staying rainy all day, the championship match was moved to the Pearson Tennis Center in Zionsville. The Tigers traveled west to take on No. 1 South Bend St. Joseph and gave the Huskies a battle before St. Joseph prevailed 3-2.

Fishers got both of its wins in doubles. No. 1 Cassie Maurer and Caroline Ober toughed out a three-set win over Dani Graham and Libby Yergler 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. Meanwhile, No. 2 Emma Beehler and Meredith Ober were finished in no time, beating Ella Michaels and Anna Walsh 6-0, 6-0.

In singles play, No. 1 Mischa Briggs battled before falling to Molly Bellia 6-1, 6-3; Bellia would win the Mental Attitude Award after the match. The Amalathan sisters took the other two singles matches, with Ashi Amalathan beating Madelyn Barron 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 match, while Anni Amalathan defeated Izzy Ireland 6-1, 6-3 in the No. 3 match.

"We were undefeated

all year," said Fishers coach Dave Heffern. "That's the first time that's happened since I've been at Fishers. Great bunch of kids, five seniors that have worked hard to get where they're at. The last three years have been the most successful in Fishers High School history."

All four of the Tigers' doubles players are seniors, along with No. 2 singles Barron. Briggs and Ireland are both juniors.

"You put in the time and the effort all the time and you play enough matches," said Heffern. "It feeds off itself. They've earned the right to play well. The younger kids, I bring 12 to these events. They see what's going on and they learn from it and hopefully it inspires them to play a lot more and to get more involved in the whole program."

Maurer and Caroline Ober were undefeated for the tournament, so they will advance to the individual tournament, which takes place this weekend.

The Tigers reached the state championship match with a 4-1 win over Franklin. In singles, Briggs scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout while Ireland toughed out a 6-3, 7-6 (5) win. Barron fell to Marnie Moore 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 2 match. Fishers' doubles teams took care of business quickly, with Maurer and Caroline Ober winning 6-1, 6-0 and Beehler and Meredith Ober cruising to a 6-1, 6-3 win.

Fishers won a tough all-county battle with Westfield last Friday in the quar-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers' No. 3 singles Izzy Ireland won in straight sets during the Tigers' semifinal with Franklin Community.

terfinals of the IHSAA girls tennis state finals at Center Grove.

The No. 2-ranked Tigers edged out the No. 16 Shamrocks 3-2. Maurer and Caroline Ober came back from a set down to win 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-3, clinching the team victory. Briggs won a close straight-set match, Beehler and Meredith Ober also picked up a straight-set win.

The Shamrocks got wins at the other two singles matches. Juliette Grilliot won in straight sets at No. 2 singles, while Isla Harvey came back from a set down to take the No. 3 singles match.

Guerin Catholic's Kolb sisters reach state

The Guerin Catholic doubles team of sisters Katie Kolb and Anna Kolb qualified for the individual state tournament by winning the La Porte regional last Saturday.

The Kolbs dropped only one game in their two matches, sweeping Melanie Greenwood and Rachel Paul of New Prairie 6-0, 6-0 in their first match. In the championship, the Kolbs beat Northwood's Emery Porter and Kaydence Dumka 6-1, 6-0.

The draw for the individual doubles tournament will be released early this week.

Unified Track & Field

Fishers gets runner-up at state, Westfield 5th, Noblesville 9th

The REPORTER

The Fishers Unified track and field team finished as runner-up at the IHSAA state meet last Saturday at Indiana University.

The Tigers scored 112 points, behind only state champion Elkhart's 124 points. This is the second time Fishers has been the Unified track runner-up; the Tigers also placed second in 2021. Section winners for Fishers were Evan Berding in the 100 dash, Brock Hunsaker in the 400 dash and Bennett Gorak in the shot put.

Noblesville tied for fifth place with 88 points. Lauren Pepples was a section winner in the 100 dash and Addison Boles picked up a section victory in the long jump.

Westfield scored 81 points to place ninth. Carson Faulconer was a section winner in the 100 dash, along with Lillie Wade in the 400 dash.

Team scores: Elkhart 124, Fishers 112, Valparaiso 102, McCutcheon 89, Noblesville 88, Bloomington South 88, Pendleton Heights 88, Homestead 82, Westfield 81, Hobart 77, Bloomington North 76, Indian Creek 71.

Girls 4x100 relay – Section 1: 3. Westfield (Emma Kate Greer, Taylor King, Reagan Lorenzen, Stella Seymour) 1:00.65, 4. Noblesville (Hannah Dugan, Josie Williams, Aubrey Griffin, Ava Mattingly) 1:03.18, 5. Fishers (Emerson Gorak, Mira Warnick, Crysta Coble, Addison Gorak) 1:03.79.

Boys 4x100 relay – Section 1: 2. Noblesville (Mo Ashour, Aiden Brewer, Luke Davis, Jacob Dean)

48.91, 6. Westfield (Gavin Dietz, Will Holmes, Gunnar Webb, Brandon Price) 50.58. Section 2: Fishers (Stephen Krokos, Thierry Ndongo, Aaron Schooley, Malik Klooz) 51.24.

Mixed 100 dash – Section 1: 1. Carson Faulconer (W) 11.72, 2. Aa. Schooley (F) 11.82, 3. Akeem Schooley (F) 11.86. Section 2: 7. Jarret Puma (F) 14.24, 8. Talon Nicholson (N) 14.68. Section 3: 5. Katalina Schweg (W) 15.26. Section 4: 1. Evan Berding (F) 15.73, 5. Kenzie Cason (W) 16.56, 8. Dilan Cabrera-Pacheco (W) 19.17. Section 5: 1. Lauren Pepples (N) 16.73, 8. Barrett Zoeller (N) 20.98. Section 6: 3. Camille Rollins (N) 20.23.

Mixed 400 dash – Section 1: 1. Brock Hunsaker (F) 53.19, 6. Brewer (N) 58.39. Section 2: 3. Cade Agnelli (F) 1:06.59, 4. Dylan Snyder (N) 1:06.76, 8. Kylene Kubik (W) 1:13.34. Section 3: 5. Chloe Seymour (F) 1:12.68. Section 5: 1. Lillie Wade (W) 1:22.76, 3. Robert Barrett (F) 1:24.92, 4. Ashour (N) 1:25.46, 7. Jake Hogle (W) 1:30.72. Section 6: 1. Brady Sterchi (W) 1:25.38, 5. Arden Snyder (N) 1:39.90.

Mixed long jump – Flight 1: 3. Ak. Schooley (F) 17-10.5, 5. Webb (W) 17-3.25. Flight 3: 3. Avery Lake (F) 13-4, 8. Kyla Deckard (W) 12-6.25. Flight 4: 1. Addison Boles (N) 13-11.5, 2. Wheeler (F) 12-6.25, 4. Mya Choutka (N) 12-0.75, 7. Carter Schmidt (F) 10-8.5. Flight 5: 6. Keagan Cheesman (W) 9-3.75, 8. Rollins (N) 7-2. Flight 6: 2. Ryan Grisby (N) 7-7.25, 4. Cabrera-Pacheco (W) 6-8.5.

Mixed shot put – Flight 1: 1. Bennett Gorak (F) 50-7.5, 3. Dietz (W) 48-2.75, 4. Jrue Kante (N) 46-6. Flight 2: 5. Shawn Landrum (W) 37-3. Flight 3: 4. Harrison Gilbert (W) 31-2.75, 5. Caleb Short (F) 30-3.5, 8. David Lesko (N) 23-10. Flight 4: 3. Ryleigh Gee (F) 26-1.5, 7. Samantha Davidson (N) 22-6.25. Flight 5: 3. Klooz (F) 22-4.25, 7. Elijah Hurd (W) 19-11.5. Flight 6: 2. Jessica Neal (N) 16-1.75.

Softball

Royals & Huskies to play semi-state championship games on Monday

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern softball team advanced to the championship game of the Class 4A north semi-state at Harrison last Saturday.

The Royals beat Fort Wayne Carroll in the first semifinal game 2-0. Southeastern scored in the third inning when Makena Burlingame sent Addy Justice home with a left field hit. Jenna Chase led off the fourth inning with a home run for HSE's second run.

Justice (4-for-4) and Burlingame (3-for-3) were both perfect at the plate for the Royals. Grace Swedarsky pitched a no-hitter, striking out 19 and only al-

lowing two runners on base.

Southeastern was to play Penn that night for the championship, but the game was rained out. It will now be played at 11 a.m. Monday at Harrison. The Royals are 23-4.

Heights also rained out

Hamilton Heights was also rained out of semi-state competition last Saturday. The Huskies were to play Tri-West at the Class 3A south semi-state at Jasper.

All games at Jasper have been rescheduled for Monday. Silver Creek plays Gibson Southern in the first game at 11 a.m., followed by Heights and Tri-West at 12:30 p.m. The championship is set for 5 p.m.

TIGERS

winning three medals at state. The senior also placed fifth in the 800 run. Fishers' 4x100 relay also did its part. The Tiger team of Joe Syrus, Carsen Eloms, Jon-Anthony Hall and Tristan Capps finished third, meaning Fishers got 19 points for its relays alone.

Hall provided additional assistance with an outstanding long jump, placing second in that event. Joel Gates was equally superb, placing second in the discus.

The Tigers had finished in fourth place at state the three previous years and

continued a streak of finishing in the top 10 every year since 2018. Fishers also won the boys basketball state championship this past spring, making the 2023-24 school year the first time the Tigers won multiple state titles.

Royals champions

Southeastern matched Fishers in that both schools scored in eight events at state, more than any other team at the big meet. The Royals also got two event victories.

Josiah Bird claimed the discus championship,

with a best throw of 182 feet, 9 inches. Meanwhile, the Southeastern 4x100 relay team of Silas Newton, Christian Ortiz, Chandler Weston and Mason Alexander also raced to a blue ribbon, finishing that race in 41.79 seconds.

Alexander already had a state medal to his credit, finishing fifth in the 100 dash. Ortiz would go right from the relay to the open 400, where he also placed fifth. The Royals also picked up a fifth-place result in the 4x400 relay, with Hunter Hoef, Michael Griffith, Jaxson Wanza and Mason Schmitz participating in that event.

Griffith had a great long jump day, placing third, while Schmitz zoomed to a fourth-place finish in the 800 run. Connor Langsford placed fourth in the pole vault to complete HSE's list of medalists.

Carmel takes fifth Carmel's long distance runners gave the Greyhounds a boost towards the end of the meet, vaulting their team to a fifth-place finish with 25 points.

Tony Provenzano won the 3200 run, breaking away at the end to finish the race

in a time of 8 minutes, 51.40 seconds. His running mate Kyle Grove placed fourth, giving the Hounds 16 team points to cement their top-five result.

Also helping out Carmel were Adom Quist, who took fifth in the 110 hurdles and Theo Thurmond, who placed sixth in the discus. They were also a part of the Greyhounds' success; Carmel placed in the top five for the fourth consecutive year, a nice way to finish coach Ken Browner's career.

McQuinn for the win

Hamilton Heights' Peyton McQuinn also went out with a victory. The senior won the pole vault, leaping to a personal best of 16 feet, 3 inches. McQuinn clinched the victory by clearing 16-3 on his second try; as a result, McQuinn won the Huskies' first ever boys state track event.

Noblesville's 4x800 relay team of Alec Moor, Luke Mumaw, Banner Barnes and Bradyn Livingston placed sixth in that event, while Westfield's 4x800 squad of Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney, Jack Loiselle and Will Snedeker also made the medal stand by placing eighth.

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Boys Track & Field State Championship Results

Team scores (top 10 and all county): 1. Fishers 60, 2. Hamilton Southeastern 54, 3. Bloomington North 40, 4. Franklin Central 26, 5. Carmel 25, 6. Brebeuf Jesuit 24, 7. Center Grove 24, 8. North Central 24, 9. Martinsville 20, 10. Penn 20, 11. Hamilton Heights 10, 12. Noblesville 4, 13. Westfield 2.

4x800 relay: 1. Bloomington North 7:47.94, 2. Fishers (Declan Mohr, Makell Wiggins, Bryson Slagle, Matthew Kim) 7:52.93, 6. Noblesville (Alec Moor, Luke Mumaw, Banner Barnes, Bradyn Livingston) 7:55.68, 8. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney, Jack Loiselle, Will Snedeker) 7:56.90, 12. Carmel (Max Meisner, Kiefer Jay, Carson Szotek, Drew Grogan) 8:00.98.

110 hurdles – Finals: 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 13.85, 5. Adom Quist (C) 14.58. 100 dash – Finals: 1. Jaidyn Johnson (Bloomington North) 10.52, 5. Mason Alexander (HSE) 10.93.

1600 run: 1. Martin Barco (Martinsville) 4:06.34, 13. Caden Click (N) 4:21.26, 14. Jack Stron (N) 4:22.68.

4x100 relay: 1. Southeastern (Silas Newton, Christian Ortiz, Chandler Weston, Alexander) 41.79, 3. Fishers (Joe Syrus, Carsen Eloms, JonAnthony Hall, Tristan Capps) 42.37, 12. Westfield (Caleb Terril, Deacon King, Cato June, Cade Parker) 42.93.

400 dash: 1. Cainen North-

ington (Evansville North) 48.38, 5. Ortiz (HSE) 49.12, 17. Cole Taylor (C) 49.78.

300 hurdles: 1. Tarter (F) 37.25, 22. Elijah Adams (HSE) 41.03.

800 run: 1. Barco (Martinsville) 1:50.97, 4. Mason Schmitz (HSE) 1:52.98, 5. Kim (F) 1:53.36.

200 dash – Finals: 1. Johnson (Bloomington North) 21.77. Prelims: 15. Alexander (HSE) 23.03.

3200 run: 1. Tony Provenzano (C) 8:51.40, 4. Kyle Grove (C) 9:00.93, 14. Sam Rinker (N) 9:20.95.

4x400 relay: 1. North Central 3:16.88, 5. Southeastern (Hunter Hoef, Michael Griffith, Jaxson Wanza, Schmitz) 3:19.79, 6. Fishers (Tarter, Kim, Leo Morrow, Wiggins) 3:20.34, 12. Carmel (Taylor, Myron Pack, Andrew Moss, Michael Delaney) 3:22.86.

Discus: 1. Josiah Bird (HSE) 182-9, 2. Joel Gates (F) 180-3, 6. Theo Thurmond (C) 163-6.

Shot put: 1. Nylan Brown (Ben Davis) 63-1.5, 20. Gates (F) 49-3.

Long jump: 1. Elijah Coker (Penn) 23-3, 2. Hall (F) 23-1, 3. Griffith (HSE) 22-7.25, 19. Blake Braden (HSE) 20-11.75, 20. Dylan James (HSE) 20-8.75.

High jump: 1. Elliot Ryba (Greenfield-Central) 6-10, T2. Damon Winston (Sheridan) 6-2.

Pole vault: 1. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 16-3, 4. Connor Langsford (HSE) 15-3, 16. Alex Wilson (W) 14-0.

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-4953 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Peter Gabriel Nguyen Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Peter Gabriel Nguyen, whose mailing address is: 697 Axford Bay Dr., Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Peter Gabriel Nguyen has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Peter Delano Kaiser. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: September 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Date: May 6, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams County Clerk R4364 5/20/24, 5/27/24, 6/3/24

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Softball

Swedarsky's 1-hitter, HSE's big hits clinch regional crown

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FISHERS – Not even an overnight postponement could cool off Hamilton Southeastern ace Grace Swedarsky.

With one no-hitter already on her resumé this postseason, lightning nearly struck twice for Swedarsky, as the sophomore carried a perfect game through five innings before recording her second complete-game, one-hitter this season during the two-day Class 4A Regional 4 championship.

The Regional 4 title game between the Royals and visiting Logansport Berries originally began last Tuesday night, but play was halted until Wednesday due to inclement weather with two outs in the top of the fifth and HSE up 5-0.

The delay didn't faze Swedarsky, who retired five of the final seven batters she faced to nail down HSE's 9-0 win and seventh regional title in program history.

Swedarsky struck out a personal-record 19 batters without a single walk issued, and the 4A No. 12 Royals' bats posted a pair of four-run frames to clinch HSE's first regional championship since 2017.

"It's definitely something all of us teams in the state of Indiana have had to battle this year. Rain delays, cancellations, makeups, just having to continue to fig-

ure out how to get the girls in the zone and then put a pause on that and regroup," HSE head coach Emily Pusti said.

"The girls in general kept that energy, so I wasn't too worried about them. In the circle, we just kept it short and said, 'Yeah, it may say something on the scoreboard, but we have to play like it's 0-0 and kind of start right out of the gate.'"

From the first pitch on Wednesday, Swedarsky picked up right where she left off Tuesday, needing only three pitches to battle back from a 2-1 count suspended during the at-bat initiated the night prior.

A swinging strikeout to end the top of the fifth marked Swedarsky's 14th punchout and fifth-straight 1-2-3 inning.

"I knew from the first pitch she threw tonight that we were good," HSE senior shortstop Lani Wyrick said. "It's just so much fun to cheer her on and watch her do her thing."

For 19 of Logansport's 22 at-bats, the HSE defense wasn't tasked to do much.

A pop up to Wyrick to open the fifth inning was easily handled to secure a 13th consecutive out for Swedarsky.

The first Logansport hit didn't occur until the top of the sixth, as sophomore Adrienne Scott (1-for-2) laced a hard, lead-off grounder to right field.

"It didn't really matter, and we were able to throw her out, so we still got that out of it," Swedarsky said.

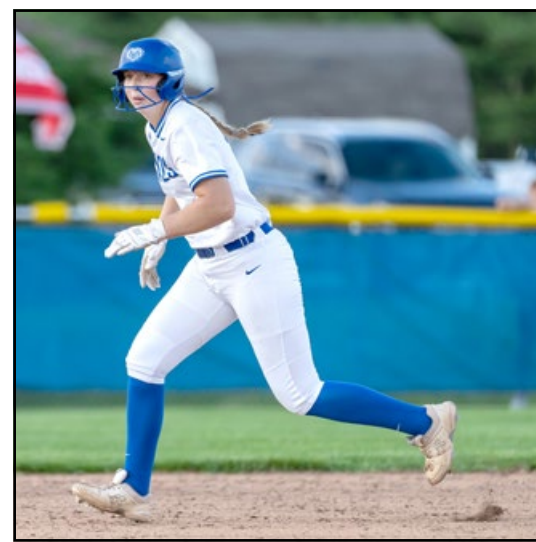
A strike'em out, throw'em out double play in the next at-bat erased the Berries' first base runner. The Berries didn't have another runner until a fielding error awarded junior Kellyn Cripe first base in top of the seventh.

Swedarsky stranded the final runner at first base with back-to-back strikeouts to end the game.

"We were up 5-0 and half of the game had already passed, so I felt pretty good going into today," Swedarsky said. "It was definitely strange (finishing today), but I still got a good warm-up before each part of the game, so it wasn't too bad. It was a big achievement to get 19 strikeouts."

Prior to last Wednesday, Swedarsky's single-game best was 17 strikeouts, which she recorded three times as a freshman and three times this season, including during her first-career no-hitter against Zionsville in the Sectional 8 semifinals on May 21.

"Grace is really good at figuring out, especially in her sophomore year, how to get into the groove. She's very good at figuring out what calms her and then just stays focused on that," Pusti said. "That starts from her figuring out that pacing for her that works. She was



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern pitcher Grace Swedarsky threw 19 strikeouts and allowed only one hit during the Royals' 9-0 Regional 4 championship win over Logansport last Wednesday. (ABOVE RIGHT) HSE's Jenna Chase had two hits for the Royals.

ready to go today."

She was equally as dominant on Tuesday, striking out the Berries' first 12 batters and 14 out of 15.

"You just have to be confident in those high-pressure games, and obviously, all of these games are high pressure, but if you can just take the pressure down and focus on the little things, then it's all good," Swedarsky said. "Honestly, I think, just keep it going."

The Royals provided ample run support, beginning with a Wyrick (1-for-2) scoring in the bottom of the first on one of Logansport's two errors.

HSE's 1-0 lead grew to 5-0 after a four-run bottom of the fourth, powered by a

bases-loaded RBI double from Wyrick with no outs and an RBI groundout by senior Addy Justice (1-for-4). The Royals plated a run on a wild pitch during the three-hit inning.

A four-run top of the sixth was fueled by four hits. A leadoff single by junior Chloe Smith (3-for-3) followed by a sacrifice bunt by Wyrick got the rally rolling.

"We had a whole bunch of momentum coming into today. We were five runs ahead, and we were so excited to keep going. Our team just wanted to win and finish it," Wyrick said.

A two-run double by junior Makena Burlingame (1-for-1) with the bases loaded and one out kicked

off a string of three RBI hits. Keira Lodes, a junior, drove in a run on a groundout and senior Megan Wincek (1-for-2) lined an RBI single to right field for the fourth.

"I knew we had it in us because our whole team is super talented, and we're putting the pieces together," Swedarsky said. "We're pulling out wins. It's awesome."

Senior Jenna Chase went 2-for-4, as seven of 12 HSE batters posted at least one hit each.

"We play for each other, and we just want to see each other succeed," Wyrick said. "For Grace to keep doing her thing is great to see. Throwing a no-hitter and then 19 strikeouts today, it's crazy."

Baseball

Shamrocks shock Tigers, win Sectional 8

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Westfield senior ace Ty Anderson needed one more putout, one more strikeout, just one more ball to stay inside the spacious confines of The Dunk on Memorial Day to complete his no-hit gem.

Sophomore Nick Fero understood the assignment.

With two outs in the top of the seventh during the Class 4A Sectional 8 title game, the left fielder not only rose to the occasion; he came up clutch, tracking down and robbing a probable game-tying home run by Fishers above the outfield wall to lock down both Anderson's no-no and Westfield's 1-0 victory.

"I saw it go up, and at first I didn't think it was going to end up leaving because the wind is blowing to my right, and it's been killing the ball today, but it just kept going," Fero explained. "I was so focused on the ball. I went up, and I felt like I was just flying. My only focus was just to get this ball."

It was "unreal," Anderson emphasized after the Shamrocks swarmed Fero in left field and dogpiled on top of him to celebrate Westfield's first sectional title since 2011.

"Honestly, I was really nervous. That was the deepest ball they've hit all day, and I kind of got nervous there for a second, and Fero went up there and made that amazing catch. Probably the best catch I've ever seen in person. That was absolutely crazy. He's amazing," Anderson said.

Fero was quick to say the same of Anderson, who was near perfect en route to pitching his first-career no-hitter.

Through 22 at-bats, the right-hander sat down six

Tigers via strikeout, didn't walk a single batter and beyond a fielding error that allowed senior Evan Doran to reach base in the top of the fifth, the Eastern Illinois commit was literally unhittable.

"It took a lot, but my team had confidence in me, and I had a lot of confidence in them. I just went out there and felt in control the entire time," Anderson said. "You'd think it'd be stressful because you really have to be great to keep the other team from scoring, but at the same time it gives you a ton of motivation because you know you have to stay in this for your team."

Anderson set the tone quickly, retiring the first 13 batters he faced before Westfield's fielding miscue awarded Doran first base with one out. Doran stole second base, but a strikeout and a line drive to center fielder Caden Lindsey left him stranded.

Anderson induced six more putouts, including Fero's heroics on the final play.

"(Ty has) been great all season. This just solidified it. He's one of the greatest pitchers I've played behind, and he makes it easy on me," Fero said. "Every pitch matters in games like this. You have to make every play. When the ball is in play, you have to go 100 percent, especially in a sectional game. That's what it took to win it."

Perseverance is what propelled the Shamrocks to the sectional title game against 4A No. 8 Fishers (22-9) following a taxing season filled with setbacks, injuries and three one-run losses.

Westfield jumped out to 5-0 record to start the season, but a stretch of seven losses in eight games dropped the Shamrocks out of the IHSBCA top-10 poll

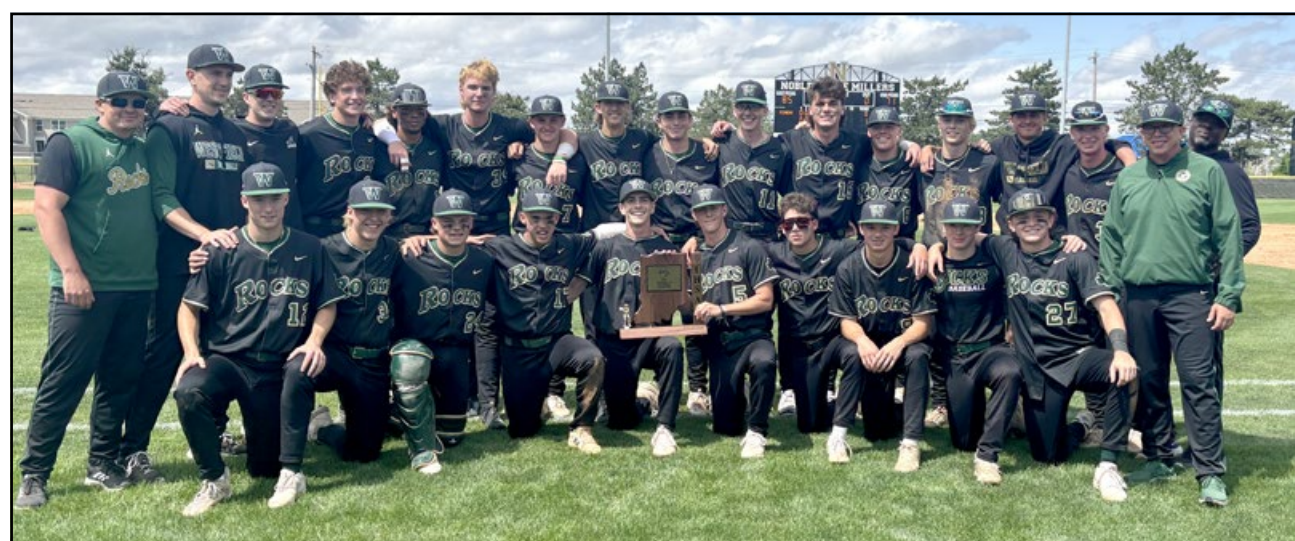


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The Westfield baseball team won its first sectional title since 2011 by stunning Fishers 1-0 on May 27. Ty Anderson pitched a no-hitter, while Nick Fero's left field catch of a certain home run sealed the victory.

before they turned things around to win their past eight straight.

Fishers swept the rival teams' two-game Hoosier Crossroads Conference series this past April, 6-3 and 5-3.

However, after Westfield knocked off No. 6 Zionsville, 6-4, in the sectional quarterfinals and Carmel, 9-8, in the semifinals, Tigers head coach Matt Cherry knew nothing would be easy on championship Monday.

"Ty Anderson was awesome. We knew that he had that in him. He was really good once he settled in on Wednesday against Zionsville, and he was really good today," Cherry said. "We couldn't find barrel. I think (Jase) Ruggles squared him up in the fifth but hit it right at a defender. (Jack Brown) had his in the seventh, and (Benjamin) Hammond had his, but Fero made an unbelievable catch. Stinks, but it's kind of this sectional."

The fourth different team to win Sectional 8 since 2021, Westfield plated its decisive run in the bottom of the fifth off a two-out RBI single by junior Drew Law, which erased Fishers' Gavin Kuzniewski's shutout bid.

Kuzniewski carried a no-hitter over the first three innings and finished with three hits allowed, six strikeouts, a walk and two hit batters.

The Shamrocks spoiled the Ohio State recruit's perfect-game attempt in the bottom of the first when Law reached base after getting hit on an 0-2 count. A Brayden Hibler leadoff single in the bottom of the fourth broke up Kuzniewski's no-hitter.

Westfield had seven base runners – one off an error in the third – and left six stranded with five in scoring position.

Law, Hibler and Akron recruit Matt Drozlek each logged singles, while Lindsey's two-out walk in the bottom of the fifth opened the door for Law's run-scoring base knock.

"We haven't won since 2011, so it's been a long time," Law said. "It's really special. Our coach has been coaching for 22 years, so it's a big moment for him. It means a lot. My heart rate was through the roof with all that adrenaline, but it was a special moment."

For Westfield coach Ryan Bunnell, the sectional title marks his fourth (2008,

Shamrocks win regional title

The REPORTER

Westfield blasted its way to the Class 4A Regional 4 championship last Saturday, defeating McCutcheon 13-1 at Loeb Stadium.

The Shamrocks got on the board with five runs in the third inning, starting with a two-run triple from Brayden Hibler. Westfield added three runs in the fourth and two more runs in the fifth. Matt Drozlek hit an RBI double in the fourth, while Hibler blasted an RBI double in the fifth.

The Rocks finished the game strong with three runs in the seventh

inning. Hibler drove in his fourth run with a single, then Alex Rudolph added a two-run single; Rudolph had three RBIs in all.

Hibler was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4. Drozlek also was flawless with a 3-for-3 effort. Hibler and Drew Law both scored three runs. Ty Anderson went 6.1 innings for the pitching win, striking out four.

Westfield is 21-10 and plays the winner of the Griffith regional on Saturday. Lake Central and Chesterton play for the title at Griffith on Monday in a weather-delayed game.

'09, '11) in his tenure and arguably the most memorable.

"The catch in left to save the no-hitter and win the game will forever go down for me. Who knows what would have happened in extras? Just unreal," Bunnell said.

"Initially off the bat, I

didn't think it had enough, but it just kept carrying. Obviously, it benefited us because it gave him a chance to get back. We were in no-doubles, so he was deep to begin with, which gives him a chance, and he's a plus defender. He obviously showed it there."

FISHERS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Fishers
Fishers, Indiana

Roundabout Construction - 141st Street and Old Oak/Prairie Lakes
General Notice
City of Fishers (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Roundabout construction work in Fishers, Indiana
Online Bids for the construction of the Project will be received for the project until June 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read at a special Bid Opening meeting at 10:00 am (local time) on June 19, 2024, in the Fishers Hamilton Conference Room, located at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46037. The bid opening can also be joined virtually. No late bids will be accepted. Project Manuals will be available for purchase starting May 28, 2024.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Bid Opening: Meeting ID: 217 783 348 760 Passcode: NC9MoS

For special accommodations required for handicapped individuals planning to attend the public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the City of Fishers at (317) 595-3160 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

In general, the Work shall be completed by State of Indiana certified/qualified Contractor and Subcontractors for the Project and consists of: Roundabout Construction at the intersection of 141st Street and Old Oak Drive/Prairie Lakes Blvd in Hamilton County, Fishers, Indiana.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Project Manuals will be available for purchase starting May 28, 2024.

Bid Documents and Plans can be obtained digitally from the City of Fishers via link: https://qcp.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/?group=8012654&provider=8012654&projType=all and/or www.questcdn.com Reference Quest Number 9149781. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for a free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of \$42.00. Downloading the documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder's receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates and access to vBid, online bidding via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital bidding documents and vBid questions.

Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.

To access the electronic bid form, download the digital bidding documents and click the "Online Bid" button or Online Bidding "Available" button on the bid posting page.

Bids will ONLY be received and accepted through vBid via QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

All payments for Bidding Documents are non-refundable. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Work shall be constructed under a Unit Price Contract.

A Bid Bond or certified check in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each Bid. Performance and Payment Bonds each worth 100% of the Bid will be required of the successful Bidder.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on a State Board of Accounts Form 96 (revised 2013). Each Bid shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Bid Attachments (included in the project manual and proposal packet). A financial Statement (completely filled out and signed) shall also be submitted as required by Form 96.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of ninety (90) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The City of Fishers reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than ninety (90) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period.

Submission of a signed Bid by the Bidder constitutes acknowledgment of and acceptance of all the documents and terms and conditions of the Contractual-Legal Requirements and Technical Sections of the specifications in the Project Manual.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities or minor defects in bids or bidding procedure, or reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid as may be lowest responsive or most responsible as exclusively determined by the City of Fishers. The City of Fishers reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-22-18-2.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

In accordance with Indiana Code 22-5-1.7-11, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the E-Verify program.

In accordance with Indiana Code 5-22-16.5, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to certify they are not engaged in business with the Government of Iran, as defined in IC 5-22-16.5.

The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

This Notice to Bidders is issued by:
Owner: City of Fishers
By: Hatem Mekky
Title: City Engineer
Date: May 28, 2024

R4412 6/3/24, 6/10/24

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

2406-VS-17; 20101 Grassy Branch Road; North Circle Church requests a Variance of Development Standard to permit a temporary gravel parking lot extension without surfacing or curbing on 9.15 +/- acres in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 6.14(G)(7)(a) and 6.14(G)(7)(b));

2406-VS-18; 16708 Southpark Drive, Roundtripper Sports Academy by Keeler-Webb Associates requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach twenty (20) feet into the forty (40) foot Minimum Front Yard Setback to accommodate a building addition on 10.54 acres +/- in the EI: Enclosed Industrial District (Article 4.24); and

2406-VS-19; 3942 Madeline Lane, Nadia Khoury requests Variance of Development Standard to permit a fence with a height in excess of 6 feet on 0.28 +/- acres in the SF3: Single-family Medium Density District (Article 6.5(C)(2)).

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov

R4414 5/29/24, 6/3/24

CICERO

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on June 20th 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0624-19-C4
A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 2826 East 226th Street, Cicero IN, 46034 to allow a recycling and waste transfer station to be located in the C4 district. Whereas Article 4.9 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance does not list recycling and waste transfer station as a permitted use or a special exception use in the C4 District.

Project Address: 2826 E 226th street, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 14.15 Section 7, Township 19, Range 4 PIERCE AUTO ESTATES Replat information: Replat of Replat Lot 2 Irregular Shape Parcel numbers: 29-06-07-000-001.002-008

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: Dan Ealy 5/22/2024

R4440 6/3/24

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Docket No. BZA-0624-21-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow two accessory structures to be eighteen (18) feet tall. Whereas Article 4.10 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall be fifteen (15) feet tall.

Docket No. BZA-0624-22-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow three (3) drives to exceed twenty six (26) feet in width when from a local street, Whereas Article 7.15 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that a drive shall not exceed twenty-six (26) feet in width when from a local street.

Docket No. BZA-0624-23-C1
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Docket No. BZA-0624-24-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow two (2) directional signs to be six (6) feet tall: Whereas Article 10.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that a directional sign shall not exceed forty-two (42) inches in height.

Docket No. BZA-0624-25-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow four (4) awning signs to exceed nine (9) feet in height: Whereas Article 10.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that no part an awning sign shall exceed nine (9) feet in height above the ground.

Docket No. BZA-0624-26-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow the cumulative area of signs to be one thousand twenty-three (1023.8) feet: Whereas Article 10.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the cumulative area of signs on site shall not exceed two-hundred (200) feet for a SINGLE-TENANT-STRUCTURE.

Docket No. BZA-0624-27-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow two (2) electronic pole signs at thirty-two (32) feet tall and sixty (60) feet tall: Whereas Article 10.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that pole signs and electronic signs are prohibited.

Docket No. BZA-0624-28-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow forty-four (44) parking spaces: Whereas Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that sixty (60) parking spaces would be required.

Docket No. BZA-0624-29-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow more than thirty (30) percent of parking to be in front of the primary structure: Whereas Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that there shall be no more than thirty (30) percent of parking in front of the primary structure.

Docket No. BZA-0624-30-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow the parking lot to eliminate the 6 trees required in the interior of a parking lot: Whereas Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that there shall be one (1) deciduous shade tree required for every ten (10) parking spaces.

Project Address: 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 17.72 Section 6, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel numbers: 29-06-06-000-001.000-008

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: McClure Oil Corporation 5/22/2024

R4441 6/3/24

FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP

~ Notice ~
SPECIAL MEETING

Location: 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana 46037
Time & Date: June 4, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Agenda:
Executive Session: Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. A real property transaction including:(i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

R4431 6/1/24, 6/3/24

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R4433 6/1/24, 6/3/24

COUNTY

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
Elijah Jay Drainage Area
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 405 of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code that this Board, prior to final adjournment on May 28, 2024 has issued an order adopting the Schedule of Assessments, filed the same and made public announcement thereof at the hearing and ordered publication. If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article Eight of this code within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication, the order shall be conclusive.

Hamilton County Drainage Board
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
R4416 6/3/24

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss county business will immediately follow the Executive Session.

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
R4442 6/3/24

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety on behalf of the City of Noblesville ("Owner"), will receive bids for the following project on June 25, 2024.

Project: Noblesville City Hall Controls Upgrade.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at the City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th St. Noblesville, IN 46060 at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on June 25, 2024. Bids received after such time are subject to rejection. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter. Bid must be submitted according to the Instructions to Bidders and properly executed. Each bid of at least \$150,000 must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with Indiana Code - IC 4-13-18. Each bid of at least \$200,000 or more must be accompanied by a Contractor's Bid Bond or certified check made payable to Noblesville City Hall in an amount equal to 10% of total of the base bid and any alternate bids. If submitting certified check, the check must be delivered to Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th St. Noblesville, IN 46060 in an envelope labeled with "Bid for Noblesville City Hall Controls Upgrade" before the bid deadline. Each bid of at least \$200,000 or more shall include costs to furnish a Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract.

Upon notification to the successful bidder, no contract shall be valid until receipt of bond, if so required. The instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans, and drawings for the project. A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on June 21st, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. EST at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th St. Noblesville, IN, 46060. Prospective bidders shall meet in the back parking lot and then a tour will follow. The architectural/engineering firm for this project is: RQAW | DCCM, 8770 North Street, Fishers, IN 46037. Hard copy and electronic PDF bidding documents may be obtained from: Eastern Engineering Supply, 9901 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, IN 46038 Phone (317) 827-6083 Fax (765) 288-8311. To order a set of plans, please contact Fishers Eastern Engineering at the number above. Costs of documents are the responsibility of the bidder. The City of Noblesville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive, to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the City of Noblesville be to the advantage of the City of Noblesville.

R4413 5/27/24, 6/3/24

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R4440 6/3/24

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A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow four (4) awning signs to exceed nine (9) feet in height: Whereas Article 10.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that no part an awning sign shall exceed nine (9) feet in height above the ground.

Docket No. BZA-0624-26-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow the cumulative area of signs to be one thousand twenty-three (1023.8) feet: Whereas Article 10.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the cumulative area of signs on site shall not exceed two-hundred (200) feet for a SINGLE-TENANT-STRUCTURE.

Docket No. BZA-0624-27-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow two (2) electronic pole signs at thirty-two (32) feet tall and sixty (60) feet tall: Whereas Article 10.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that pole signs and electronic signs are prohibited.

Docket No. BZA-0624-28-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow forty-four (44) parking spaces: Whereas Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that sixty (60) parking spaces would be required.

Docket No. BZA-0624-29-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow more than thirty (30) percent of parking to be in front of the primary structure: Whereas Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that there shall be no more than thirty (30) percent of parking in front of the primary structure.

Docket No. BZA-0624-30-C1
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN to: allow the parking lot to eliminate the 6 trees required in the interior of a parking lot: Whereas Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that there shall be one (1) deciduous shade tree required for every ten (10) parking spaces.

Project Address: 0 E 236th Street, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 17.72 Section 6, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel numbers: 29-06-06-000-001.000-008

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: McClure Oil Corporation 5/22/2024

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LEGAL NOTICE OF FIELD HEARING
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 46038
PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, LLC PURSUANT TO IND. CODE §§ 8-1-2-42, 8-1-2-61, FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE THROUGH A MULTI-STEP RATE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW RATES AND CHARGES USING A FORECASTED TEST PERIOD; (2) APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES AND CHARGES, GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL OF REVISED ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE TO ITS ELECTRIC PLANT IN SERVICE, AND APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ASSET TREATMENT UPON RETIREMENT OF THE COMPANY'S LAST COAL-FIRED STEAM GENERATION PLANT; (4) APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMPANY'S FAC RIDER TO TRACK COAL INVENTORY BALANCES; AND (5) APPROVAL OF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING RELIEF, INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO: (A) DEFER TO A REGULATORY ASSET EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EDWARDSPORT CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION STUDY, (B) DEFER TO A REGULATORY ASSET COSTS INCURRED TO ACHIEVE ORGANIZATIONAL SAVINGS, AND (C) DEFER TO A REGULATORY ASSET OR LIABILITY, AS APPLICABLE, ALL CALCULATED INCOME TAX DIFFERENCES RESULTING FROM FUTURE CHANGES IN INCOME TAX RATES

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Field Hearing in the above-captioned Cause at the Hamilton East Public Library, East / Center Rooms, Five Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038, commencing at 5:00 PM on June 27, 2024. This hearing is open to the public.

If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC - Greg Loyd, AL

DATE: May 29, 2024
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF 641TS HOLDINGS LLC

Notice is hereby given that 641TS Holdings LLC, an Indiana limited liability company (the "Company"), has been voluntarily dissolved in accordance with the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, as amended. Any person or entity having a claim against the Company must file a written claim at the Company's principal office located at 9998 Crosspoint Blvd, Ste 310, Indianapolis, IN, 46256, attention: Cory Schneider. Such notice must include the name and address of the person or entity making the claim, the amount of the claim, the basis for the claim, and any other pertinent information concerning the claim. All claims against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the

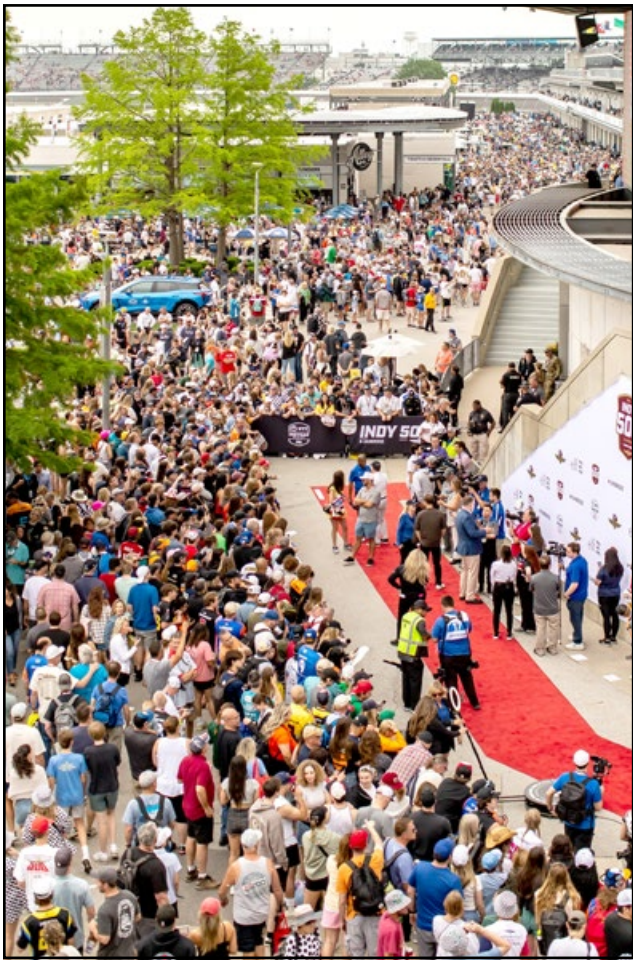


Photo by Joshua Herd

Over 300,000 people attended the 2024 Indianapolis 500, and the race also got solid television numbers, with 13.3 million viewers tuning in during the over nine hours of coverage.

Huge numbers for INDYCAR despite rain

Despite a four-hour rain delay, the 108th Indianapolis 500 had mega television/streaming numbers. Over the nine hours of race coverage from 11 a.m. to 8:15 p.m., the race had 13.3 million viewers. The actual race averaged 5.3 million viewers with a peak of 6.46 million viewers toward the end of the broadcast.

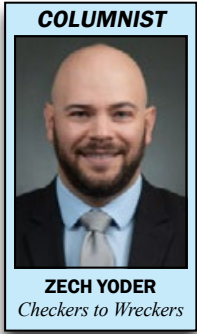
These numbers are significant increases over the last several years. Given the phenomenal ending to the race, INDYCAR has a lot to be excited about.

It is no secret that INDYCAR has struggled with viewership in recent years. Telling are the numbers from the 2024 Long Beach Grand Prix (INDYCAR's most prestigious street race) which had a disappointing 307,000 viewers. Even the NASCAR ARCA Menards Series (NASCAR's fourth-tier series) had better numbers with 413,000 viewers.

So what is INDYCAR doing wrong?

I'm not exactly sure. However, the racing is not the problem. Without a doubt, INDYCAR puts out a better racing product than Formula 1. Formula 1 has A+ production quality and the cars are spectacular, but the on-track action, especially with Red Bull's dominance, has been mediocre at best.

As it pertains to the road and street courses, INDYCAR has a better product than the NASCAR Cup Series. With the lack of power steering, INDYCARs are difficult to drive, and the drivers are aggressive. Further, because of



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the option tires and fuel strategy starting position does not necessarily make or break a driver's race. The racing product is on par with NASCAR and Formula 1.

Two problems I observed are the schedule and the tracks. First with schedule, INDYCAR only has 17 points races. Compare that with 24 in Formula 1 and 36 in NASCAR. There is something about continuity that draws attention to a sport. Be it NASCAR, football, basketball, or baseball having the product in front of the fan on a weekly basis is so important. INDYCAR is simply not on television enough.

That brings me to my next point. INDYCAR needs to be on more ovals. INDYCAR's best racing is on ovals. This year's Indianapolis 500 is a prime example. Big ovals make for spectacular racing. There is no doubt that oval racing is more dangerous, particularly on the larger tracks, and I am not the one strapping myself into a racecar. The fact, however, remains true. Large ovals attract fans.

It will be interesting to see the viewership numbers this week at Detroit. Will the huge numbers from Indianapolis carry over? More important, what will the new viewers think of Detroit. Going from IMS to a tight street course is a night and day difference? Here's hoping INDYCAR can catch the attention it deserves.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

When Sting Ray met Molly

Up-and-coming race star engaged to Hamilton Heights graduate

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Two young people from small towns meet in the big city and fall in love.

It sounds like a romantic comedy movie, but two years ago, it became real life for Cicero's Molly Mitchell and race car driver Sting Ray Robb, who competed in his second Indianapolis 500 on May 26.

Robb made a remarkable jump in only his second appearance at Indy. He finished 31st last year in his rookie race, with his day ending early. But in 2024, Robb found himself pacing the race. He led 23 laps, the third most of any driver on Sunday. The only competitors with more where polesitter Scott McLaughlin (64) and race winner Josef Newgarden (26).

"I couldn't have asked much more," said Robb after the race. He credited his team with calling a great strategy that saw him lead and keep up with the top drivers during the race.

"Proud is a word I'd use to describe the day," said Robb.

Among the people congratulating Robb after the race was Mitchell and her family. The two of them met a couple of years ago when they were both living in nearby apartments in downtown Indianapolis.

Robb, who was born and raised in Idaho, moved into an apartment in downtown Indianapolis with his roommate Stafford, another Idaho native. They did not have much of a social life for the first two months — "We would just go to and from races and that was it," said Robb. "We didn't have anything else to do in the meantime."

One night, Robb and Stafford saw Mitchell and her roommate leave their apartment to go to a concert.

"And we said, 'Oh, no way, friends! Like, finally someone,'" said Robb.

A few days later, Robb and Stafford went to Mitchell's apartment and decided to knock on the door.

"We were the two creepy neighbors that showed up at Molly's front door," said Robb. "But it turned out for the best."

Mitchell, a 2016 Hamilton Heights graduate, moved to downtown Indy from Cicero, which she admitted made some of her friends and family nervous.

"It's not generally super unsafe, but every once in a while something happens down in the canal," said Mitchell.

Still, she was apprehensive when Robb and Stafford knocked on her door one night.

"I didn't answer at first because I was nervous, because the door goes out to a path that walks down to the canal," said Mitchell. The two men knocked on the door louder, "like more aggressively, and now I'm like 'Oh, no.'"

"So naturally, I open it, just because I'm curious enough. And there's two men I've never seen before which is arguably worst-case scenario. But it's Stafford and Sting Ray. Of course, they're the sweetest guys ever. But at that time, I didn't know that."

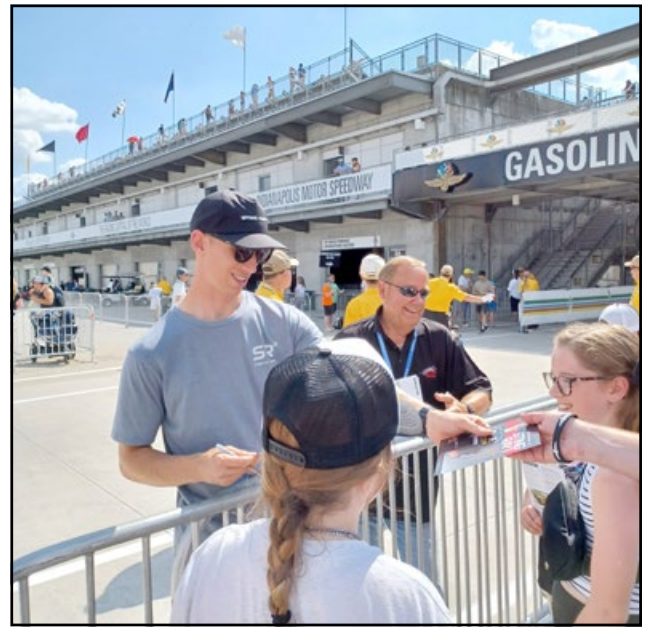
That initial meeting was not a success.

"They knew it was a bad interaction," said Mitchell. But a couple days later, the group was outside at the same time with a mutual friend.

"It was like, 'Oh, have you guys met each other?"



Mitchell



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Sting Ray Robb signs autographs for fans during the Sunday, May 19 second round of Indianapolis 500 qualifying. Robb, who is engaged to Hamilton Heights graduate Molly Mitchell, finished 16th at the 2024 500, leading 23 laps in his second go at the race.

"These guys are great," said Mitchell. "Reintroduced us, vouched for the guys. Felt a little bit safer and ended up hanging out with them that night. And from that point on, we made a lot of dinners together, had a lot of nights where we'd sip tea and watch a show."

By that point, Mitchell said the foursome was "inseparable." Robb and Mitchell were friends for about a year before they started dating, which Mitchell said was "awesome."

"We weren't necessarily pursuing each other or trying to impress one another," said Mitchell. "So it was really awesome just to see him in his natural setting. Just being his friend was really great for us and allowed us to grow to really care about each other even before we were dating."

Once the couple began dating, Mitchell said it wasn't long before the two realized they wanted to get married. They were engaged in January of this year, with the wedding to come in November.

"They love what I do and they also have that faith, that purpose side," said Robb of Mitchell and her family.

Robb, 22, was named after the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray car and has been racing since a young age. He made his first big impact when he won the 2020 Indy Pro 2000 Championship, claiming seven individual races on his way to the title. He moved to Indy Lights (now INDY NXT) for the next two years, placing second in the overall championship race in 2022.

Robb moved over to INDYCAR in 2023. His 16th-place finish at the 2024 Indy 500 tied his second-best finish in a race; he took 12th at the season-ending Laguna Seca race in 2023.

Sting Ray is on the rise, and he's already looking forward to next year.

"Absolutely," he said. "I think that's the most fun we've had on an oval to date. All the glory goes to God." Robb called the race "a big confidence booster, and I'm just so thankful."

Meet Rocks rugby club, now state champs



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield High School boys rugby club recently won the Division 2 state championship. The Rocks defeated the Carroll Chargers 26-3 at the Rugby Indiana State Tournament in Fishers. The Rocks went 9-0 in divisional play this season.

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