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Heights' Career Readiness Week instills sense of possibility

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights Elementary School (HHES) recently hosted its fifth Career Readiness Week that drew in 26 professionals from various industries.

From an agricultural scientist and school bus driver to a pediatric nurse and an engineering consultant designer – students got an up close and personal visit with professionals in a diverse array of fields. These individuals shared personal insights into their work, their experiences, educational requirements, why they enjoy what they do, and what led them to choose their particular career.

This experience really resonated with the students as they thought about the many types of jobs and career paths ahead. Learning about them now helps spark their interest, instill a sense of possibility, and see their limitless potential.

"The day was really about broadening horizons and instilling a sense of curiosity in our students," said HHES Coun-

selor Tricia Rudy, who helped organize the day along with K-4 teachers and community members. "It was a way we could give them a snapshot of opportunities where they could see themselves using school and personal skills in a diverse array of career paths."

"The support within our community is what made our Career Readiness Week a success," added Rudy, emphasizing the importance of active engagement from both the community and families in shaping student success. "We look forward to partnering with these community members again as we expand the program and incorporate the Reaching New Heights initiative. It's great to see kids learn about the careers that they can have in their own community and around the world."

Heights Elementary School extends a special thank you to community partners for taking the time to inspire and support

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Photo provided Steve Becker, an Agricultural Scientist at Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta, explains his role and function to Miss Fleck's second-grade class.

Seventh year in a row, Noblesville Schools places in top 1% nationally for STEM education

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday that it has been nationally recognized as a 2024 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished District for providing broad access to transformative Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning opportunities for students.

The district is one of only 20 in the nation to receive the honor, putting it in an elite, top 1 percent group nationally.

All 10 of the district's schools were also recognized as Distinguished Schools, with Noblesville High School and Noblesville East Middle School receiving the top national honor for the seventh year in a row.

In addition to dozens of traditional math and science courses, Noblesville Schools offers 17 different PLTW courses across all grade levels with students exploring robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity, aerospace engineering, construction, energy, weather, and much more.

The Distinguished recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW STEM programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the content and continuation in the programming.

Who are you? I'm the Doctor

By ANNA MITCHELL

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"Doctor who?" Many people asked this question in 1963 when the British Broadcasting Corporation aired the first season of *Doctor Who*. The answer was usually, "Just the Doctor."

Fans in the USA had no access to *Doctor Who* products until 1998 when one clever Whovian launched a website selling all things *Doctor Who*. The show then saw a resurgence in 2005 when the show returned with Christopher Eccleston as the ninth Doctor, helping that website grow into Who North America, the only remaining permanent *Doctor Who* museum on the planet. It's located on State Road 67 between Mooresville and Camby.

Who North America Owner Keith Bradbury had grown up watching *Doctor Who* on the Public Broadcasting Service in the 1980s. He saw the problem and developed a solution, starting with a fan-based website in 1998 to connect with other *Doctor Who* fans.

"One thing with growing up with *Doctor Who* is you couldn't get any Doctor products," Bradbury said. "You couldn't get any of that stuff because it was all British. So with the internet, it was kind of our first time to really communicate back and forth



Reporter photo by Anna Mitchell

Do not attempt to touch the Dalek. Do not attempt to feed the Dalek. Do not attempt to ride the Dalek like Sandy the Penny Pony.

with people overseas, other than just writing letters and trying to hope they reply to you."

Bradbury reached out to Dapol, the British company that owned the *Doctor Who* action figures, and asked if he could buy a few to distribute in the U.S. They agreed, and he quickly sold out.

Around 2005, when the show came back, Bradbury

and his wife Jany realized they were outgrowing their storage facility. They moved to a bigger space, planning to show items from the show as well as purchasable souvenirs.

"When the show began, they actually started putting out products, probably right around 1965, two years after the show first aired," Bradbury said. "And

we've got products dating all the way from 1965 to current [day] on display in our museum."

Bradbury's favorite Doctor is Tom Baker, the fourth Doctor, and his favorite piece in the museum is "The TARDIS Tuner." The colorful packaging is right out of the 1970s.

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Westfield Washington Schools providing free lunches this summer

The REPORTER

In accordance with the Summer Food Service Program, Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) will serve free meals to all children 18 years of age and under as well as to persons over 18 who are enrolled in a state-approved educational program for the mentally or physically disabled.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through July 31 at Monon Trail Elementary School, 1940 Tomlinson Road, Westfield.

Free meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all participants. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, WWS is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Meals will be provided at a first-come, first-serve basis.

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam & Lauth Group dedicate & open 1st ON MAIN

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam joined Lauth Group, Inc. for the dedication and grand opening of 1st ON MAIN.

The new mixed-use development is located on the first historic lots, one to four, of the original town of Bethlehem, located at the northeast corner of Main Street and Range Line Road. Featured at this project is a new Seward Johnson sculpture, adding to the city's extensive collection of works by the renowned artist.

"Seward Johnson's work will leave a lasting cultural legacy for future generations in Carmel," Mayor Finkam said. "The addition of this sculpture to the new 1st ON MAIN development will enhance this location for years to come."

The 1st ON MAIN development is a \$45 million project

featuring 35 apartments, eight two-story for-sale condominiums, a 310-space public parking garage and a four-story, 73,000 square-foot office building with first-floor restaurant space and a private rooftop terrace. The development also includes a community gathering plaza showcasing the city's Rotary Clock.

"The development of 1st ON MAIN represents a significant investment in the future of Carmel," said Michael Garvey, Chief Investment Officer and Partner with Lauth Group, Inc. "We are proud to bring this vibrant, mixed-use space to the heart of the city, providing new residential, commercial and cultural opportunities."

The goal of the project is to redevelop the corner of Main Street

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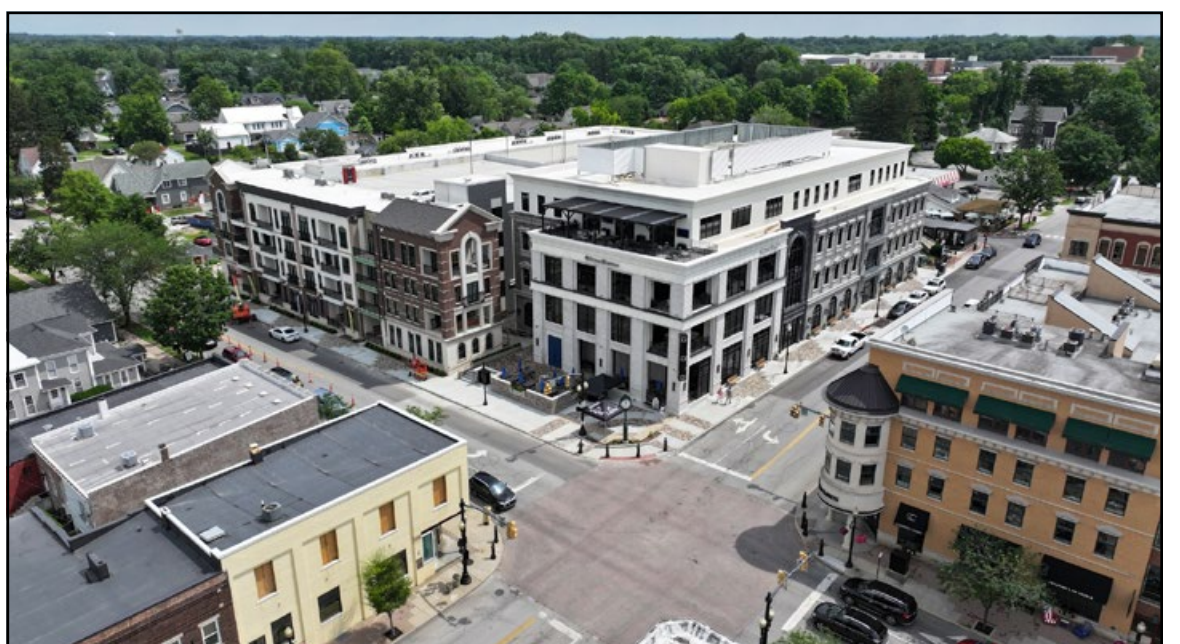


Photo provided by City of Carmel

1st ON MAIN sits on the first four plots of the historic town of Bethlehem on the northeast corner of the intersection of Main Street and Range Line Road.

GOP Women kicking off summer 1ST ON MAIN

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The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Women will kick off the summer with a social event from 6 to 8

p.m. on Monday, June 10 at Bar Louie, 1111 W. Main St., Carmel.

Come mingle with like-minded people and

hear about summer events happening in Hamilton County,

RSVP by Sunday, June 9 to hamcogopwomen@gmail.com.

There is no cost for members and sponsors, but guests are \$5.

Appetizers will be provided.

READY

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(ABOVE LEFT) Barrie Summers, a bus driver with Hamilton Heights School Corporation, shares details about her work with Ms. Holt's second-grade class. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lisa Long offers fourth graders in Mrs. Zimmerman's some equipment she uses every day in her job as a pediatric nurse.

students on their journey of self-discovery: Century 21, Bender Homes, Herrman Veterinary Clinic, T2 Utility Engineers, Snap-

chat Engle's Tree Moving, Riverview Hospital, IU Health North Hospital, Red Gold, ATI Physical Therapy, Blackmore & Buckner

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Transportation Department, Eskew Law Firm, Lifetime Financial Growth, Sunbelt, and Indianapolis Metro Police Department (IMPD).



Photo provided by City of Carmel

and Range Line Road with a mixed-use development that would enhance and anchor the main crossroads of the Arts & Design District. Working closely with the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC), Architects Forum and Studio M Architects, the project's design received approval from the Architectural Review Committee in October 2021. The project was officially named 1st ON MAIN with a nod to its location on Carmel's first plotted lot and its prominent location along Main Street.

za is the latest work from Seward Johnson. The sculpture, titled "Captured," features a woman reading on a bench. Carmel boasts the largest collection of Seward Johnson works outside of his original studio. Johnson, an American artist, is known for his trompe-l'oeil painted bronze statues, which are life-size castings of living people depicting them engaged in day-to-day activities.

The CRC contributed the land for the 1st ON MAIN development. Future commercial taxes from the project (TIF) will be used to help finance the free public parking garage and assist with the relocation of utilities, making this site developable.

The now open 1st ON MAIN development features a variety of businesses, including Tré on Main, Compass Realty, First Databank, McCarter & English and Assured Partners, with additional establishments set to open soon. The residential portion of the project features eight condominium units built in partnership with Wedgewood and 35 one- and two-bedroom apartments for rent.

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WHO ARE YOU?

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Another of his favorite pieces is the *Doctor Who* pinball machine. The ball whizzes around as the sounds and music from the show blast over the player's head.

A fan-favorite museum piece comes from the episode "Blink" with David Tennant, the 10th Doctor.

Unlike most episodes, the Doctor and his companion are not the central characters. Instead, Steven Moffat, the writer of the episode, followed a young woman who was being chased by "Weeping Angels."

The Weeping Angels are statues – but only while you are looking at them. The second you look away, the moment you blink ... they're another step closer.

So, don't blink.

In that episode, the woman tears away some wallpaper. That very piece of wallpaper hangs in the museum, near a cutout of Tom Baker.

Museum patrons can also enjoy a showing room where *Doctor Who* episodes play non-stop. At the desk, a TV runs classic *Doctor Who* while the showing room plays newer *Who*.

Other fan favorites in-

clude the Dalek that threatens customers when they walk into the museum – "buy something or you will be exterminated –" and the life-sized TARDIS that people enjoy taking pictures in front of.

Besides all the displays, fans can buy their own figures, sonic screwdrivers, costumes, DVDs, books, mugs, and much, much more. Readers can learn more at whona.com.

Located at 8901 S. State Road 67, Camby, Ind., "Who North America" is the only museum in the U.S. where *Doctor Who* products and memorabilia are displayed. Whovians drive from miles around to see and interact with their favorite show: *Doctor Who*.

"We don't charge people to come and look at stuff," Bradbury said. "If you're a fan of *Doctor Who*, if you're casually associated with it, or you just want to know what it's about, we welcome you to come on by and see our place. And if you are a fan of the show, we wanted to make it a place where, when you walk in, you're like, 'this is your happy place.'"



Reporter photo by Anna Mitchell

(ABOVE) No, this is not the sign indicating a local branch of the World Health Organization, but rather Who North America, the last Doctor Who museum on the planet, located in Camby, Ind.



Reporter photos by Anna Mitchell

(ABOVE LEFT) Classic Doctor Who plays constantly at the front counter. (ABOVE CENTER) It's a full-size TARDIS. If you don't know what that means, this article wasn't written for you anyway. (ABOVE RIGHT) Torn wallpaper from the episode "Blink." See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

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Rocks ready to roll out into the world

Westfield High Schools held commencement for the Class of 2024 on May 30 at Grand Park. Once a Rock, always a Rock! [Click here](#) to see more photos, and [click here](#) to watch the video of the ceremony. (The live portion of the video begins shortly after the 31-minute mark.) (Photos provided by Rocks Media House)



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Photo provided by American Structurepoint

The mural on the north end of the tunnel links three trails: Riverwalk, Midland Trace, and Nickel Plate.

Noblesville unveils mural at new Pleasant Street pedestrian tunnel

The REPORTER

A mural depicting Noblesville scenes and historical elements has recently been painted on the new pedestrian tunnel as part of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project.

The city worked closely with local artists Corey and Casey Wilkinson of Wilkinson Brothers, Inc., to commission a custom mural along the north side of the project's pedestrian trail.

The mural highlights the message of connectivity, from past and present, in all modes and from every corner of the city. The mural on the north end of the pedestrian tunnel links three trails: Riverwalk, Midland Trace, and Nickel Plate. This mural reaches

beyond the trail connectivity, as various elements highlight the story of community connection, including the historic interurban electric streetcar, star brick-lined streets, a train on the Midland Railway, and the engagement of the White River, among others. The plum trees pay homage to the surrounding historic neighborhood of Plum Prairie, while the peonies tie together the celebrations of the present.

"Reimagine Pleasant Street is more than just a road project," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "This project is a reflection of our connected community, and we're excited to see this mural come to life as part of our commitment

to highlight the beauty and character of Noblesville."

"We've always respected Noblesville as a hard-working, creative community that knows how to have fun," the Wilkinson brothers said. "For many years, we've played in its waters, ridden its trails, and enjoyed its downtown – we hope this mural shows our appreciation and prompts some smiles from passers-by."

Two additional public art installations in the form of concrete relief murals, designed by Noblesville native Phoebe Davis-Dearth, adorn the south walls surrounding the pedestrian tunnel, reflecting Noblesville and Indiana's heritage, including the state flower, a

peony, and the state bird, a cardinal.

"We have a vibrant art scene in Noblesville, and these unique murals reflect the rich history of our city and Hamilton County," Noblesville Community Development Director Sarah Reed said. "This quality of place effort will have a lasting impact for our community and will encourage the continued efforts to grow public art in public spaces."

The first phase of the project, which is the segment from River Road to 11th Street, is planned to be completed by the end of this year. Construction for Phases 2 and 3 has begun, and the entire corridor is expected to be open to traffic by the end of 2025.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 130

Now that we have reached the end of another successful year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for all your support and dedication throughout the

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

In addition to Carson, this year's building nominees included: Heather Greider (HHMS fifth-grade teacher) and Melissa Martin (HHES Technology Integration Specialist). Our Support

Staff of the Year honorees include Krystal Hickman (HHHS Instructional Assistant), Kristi Moe (HHMS Secretary), and Erin Hileman (HHES Head Custodian). Congratulations!

An special part of bringing the school year to a close is our annual End of Year Employee Recognition Breakfast. This tradition, nearly 30 years strong, draws in a full house of current and past staff to celebrate service milestones, special recognitions, and honor our retiring personnel.

I would like to extend our deep appreciation to our 2024 retirees for their more than 200 years of collective service to the district. Each played a vital and valuable role impacting the lives of countless students and families. They selflessly gave of themselves for the advancement of students and helped make a difference in a child's life every day. We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your lives.

- HHHS: Kim Kaiser (Business Teacher, 25), Cyndi Morse (Registrar, 10), Debbie Reeves (English Teacher, 30), and Dee Roper (Instructional Assistant, 7)

- HHMS: John Walsh (fifth-grade teacher, 32)

- HHES: Joyce Sowers (Title 1 Instruction Assistant, 10)

- Food Service: Kay Davis (ES Café Worker, 28), Patty Hicks (Director, 28), and

- Karen Versprille (ES Café Worker, 20)

- Transportation: Jeff Hasty (Bus Driver, 13)

Emilie Carson, HHHS Agriculture Teacher/FFA Sponsor, has been selected as our Teacher of the Year. She was among three outstanding professionals from the district nominated as the top pick for their building for this year's recognition. Carson will represent HHSC at the state Teacher of the Year competition in Indianapolis in the fall.

Looking ahead to next school year, as per Indiana State Law, students are required to be up to date with their immunizations (for all grades, but specifically in grades Kindergarten, sixth, and 12th) by the 20th day of school to avoid exclusion on day 21 (Sept. 4, 2024). If you have a student attending Hamilton Heights this fall, getting state-mandated vaccinations just got easier. The Hamilton County Health Department will be hosting a back-to-school vaccination clinic at Hamilton Heights Middle School from 1 to 6 p.m. as part of the Middle School Husky Connect Day.

[Click here](#) to register and learn more about what you need to know about your child receiving a vaccination at this event. Remember, education is not confined to the walls of a classroom. Learning happens everywhere, every day, and the world is your classroom. No matter where you are and what you are doing, seize the opportunity to grow, learn, and make a positive impact. Stay curious and stay connected. Have a great summer!

#WeAreHuskies

Courtney James of Fishers makes dean's list at Northern Illinois

The REPORTER

Northern Illinois University has announced its spring 2024 Dean's List students.

Courtney James, Fishers, who is majoring in SPED-LBSI with PEL, was among those on the list. James is a graduate of Fishers High School.

To earn this distinction,

students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Nine local students make UW-Madison dean's list

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Nine Hamilton County students made the list:

- **Joe Augustine, Fishers:** College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Sam Balanoff, Carmel:** College of Agricultural & Life Sci, Dean's List

- **Jaclyn Copeland, Carmel:** College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Lauren Kennedy, Carmel:** School of Education, Dean's List

- **Emma Langsford, Fishers:** College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Jack Macias, Carmel:** College of Engineering,

Dean's Honor List

- **Madeline Maurer, Carmel:** School of Pharmacy, Honor Roll

- **Avery Muckridge, Carmel:** College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- **Elyse Wiener, Carmel:** College of Agricultural & Life Sci, Dean's List

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own grade-point average requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

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GSN's Resource & Health Fair just one week away

Submitted By **Jim McGee**

The Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County will soon hold a free public event, the Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair, from noon to 4 p.m. on June 14 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

This free event is available to the public to promote a stronger and more informed Hamilton County.

The Resource & Health Fair will host over 100 booth spaces representing numerous food, clothing, baby pantries, and social service agencies, as well as non-profits, for-profits, local organizations, businesses, and professionals who can provide programs and services as resources to support and improve the well-being and quality of life for Hamilton County families.

The Resource & Health Fair will be a fun family event with a few activities for children, such as face painting, caricature drawings, and more.

This free public event is presented and coordinated by the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. Current sponsors include: Duke Energy, Good Samaritan Network, Miller Family Insurance Agency Allstate, Hamilton County Health Department, Gentle Dentist, and Ascension St. Vincent Fishers.

Visit gsnlive.org/resourcefair for sponsorship details and an updated list. These dedicated sponsors' invaluable support is crucial in bringing this wonderful, free community event to life.

Visitors can network with numerous nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, government and social service organizations, and civic organizations, including volunteer sign-up opportunities. Various exhibitors will provide educational information and health resources and hand out materials at their booths. Attendees who complete a survey will have the chance to win a door prize.

"The Resource Fair is a remarkable FREE event for central Indiana!" GSN Founder/Executive Director Nancy Chance said. "Our vendors and exhibitors bring their extensive resources and expertise to one convenient location. By attending, families will have access to a wealth of information that can help them make informed decisions and discover opportunities they might not have heard about before!"

Exhibitors currently include: A Caring Solution, Adams Insurance LLC, Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, And Campaign, Angels' Attic, Ascension St. Vincent Fishers Hospital, Aspire Indiana Health, Ben's Ranch Foundation, Breathe Easy Hamilton County, CareSource, CenterWell Senior Primary Care, Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority - Commuter Connect, Cherish Child Advocacy Center, Child Care Answers (CCA), Choices Coordinated Care Solutions, City of Fishers, Connections of Hope, Cornerstone Lutheran Church / Comfort Dog, Duke Energy, Emmanuel United Methodist Church / Learning Academy, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, Family Development Services, Family Promise of Hamilton County, Firefly Children And Family Alliance, Fishers Health Dept, Gentle Dentist, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Good Samaritan Network, Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc., Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity, Groff & Associates, Guardian Angel Hospice Foundation, Hamilton CO WIC, Hamilton County Emergency Management,

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tion Army - Central Indiana Area Command, The Salvation Army - Harbor Light Center, Trinity Free Clinic, WRCC Food Pantry, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

About the Good Samaritan Network

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on assisting the at-risk population in Hamilton County. Client referrals are received from a variety of social service agencies, churches, township trustees, food pantries, local hospitals, and government emergency agencies. GSN also works with the Hamilton County Schools, Sheriff, police, and fire departments.

Direct services include serving at-risk and underserved individuals and families within Hamilton County. Typical service streams are emergency or crisis intervention, educational resources, and support. Indirect services include the network of GSN services which was established to ensure efficiency and communication among the different agencies and social services that support and assist the at-risk and underserved residents of Hamilton County.

Learn more at gsnlive.com.

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Duke Energy dedicates \$100K to help low-income Hoosiers manage home energy costs this summer

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Duke Energy Indiana customers who may be struggling to pay their energy bills can apply now for up to \$300 in financial assistance. The company announced Thursday it has dedicated an additional \$100,000 through its Share the Light Fund to help individuals and families in need.

"As temperatures climb, these funds will help reduce the burden of energy expenses for those who need it most," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "We want to remind customers who may be having trouble paying their utility expenses to contact us about options for managing their bills, including interest-free payment plans."

Duke Energy works with the Indiana Community Action Association to distribute funds to qualifying customers to help pay energy bills, deposits and reconnection/connection charges. Individuals should contact their local community action agency to see if

they are eligible. Click here to find a listing of service providers by county.

Over the last five years, Duke Energy, its employees and its customers have provided more than \$3 million in bill assistance through the Share the Light Fund, which has helped support more than 10,000 Indiana households.

Duke Energy has more than a dozen energy assistance and bill-lowering tools, including:

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Pinegar

they can make adjustments before their billing period ends

- **Free Home Energy House Calls**, where energy professionals assess a home for efficiency and provide homeowners with a toolkit of energy saving devices

- **Budget Billing**, which helps ease the impact of higher seasonal bills by leveling out monthly payments
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Noblesville & Carmel Lions continue to serve with Gleaners



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On Tuesday, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions helped with another Gleaners distribution at Grand Park. Over 60 cars and about 100 families for a total of 300 people were served. Gleaners has moved the mobile pantry to Grand Park, Lot F, in Westfield. This now occurs the first Tuesday of each month, and the time is still 4 to 6 p.m. (ABOVE) Noblesville and Carmel Lions and spouses who assisted Gleaners. Not pictured: Lion Joe Connerley.

Joyful at work? Some people just won't get it

"Give the world the best you've got anyway." — Mother Teresa

Up until now I've shared stories, research, examples, ideas, and experiences with the idea that we work with (mostly) semi-normal, even-keeled, pleasant individuals. People who aren't incredibly negative or down all the time. Coworkers and bosses who will probably appreciate our efforts to be joyful people spreading positivity to others.

No matter where you work, there's usually at least one person who rocks the boat, creates some challenges and is negative overall. It can be our boss, manager, administrative assistant, fellow assembly line worker, and yes, even a receptionist. (And aren't they supposed to — most of the time — be friendly?)

These people can make it difficult to accomplish our normal tasks at work, let alone allow us to spread joy.

Then there is the type of person I'll describe as The Wall. This person sees work as work and nothing else. No fun is ever allowed, and God forbid your personal life or any discussion of it enters the department.

The Wall often hates their job and absolutely nothing is going to change that feeling. The Wall is there each day to work eight or more hours and then get out as quickly as humanly possible.

Lolly Dasko, president and CEO of Lead from Within, wrote one of the best articles I've ever seen on inc.com on this topic in June 2015. She says right in the headline that difficult coworkers can drain the joy out of our work and make us less effective. She suggests using one or more of the five "A's" to help deal with these individuals:

1. Accept. Dasko says this is the toughest step of all and for good reason. We have to stop wishing that the person will change and instead commit to rising above the situation. This includes not taking the bait. If we can conquer this step, we'll grow tremendously.

2. Anticipate. If we can look ahead and think about

what might cause trouble with this individual, we can often avoid or mitigate it. The Boy Scout motto comes into play here — be prepared!

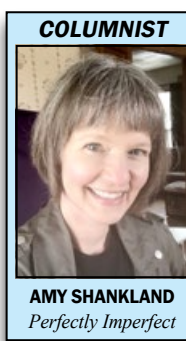
3. Adjust. If there are frequent misunderstandings and conflicts, take some time to examine what is happening on your side. Dasko emphasizes good listening, empathy, and openness. This can help minimize the conflicts and help you model good responses.

4. Attune. What can you appreciate about the person? In my entanglement years ago with a woman I'll call Vanessa, I truly did admire her skills, which had won her numerous awards. Dasko points out that we also need to look inside ourselves for this step. We're often bothered by behaviors in others that we don't like about ourselves.

5. Avoid. This is personally my favorite solution and I'm sure it's a popular one with many folks! If possible, focus on minimizing contact with the person. Maybe another co-worker has no trouble whatsoever with the individual and can be the occasional go-between for you. Perhaps you can use email or other technology to communicate and get the work done. Take advantage of working from home as much as you need to if it's an option. Dasko warns us not to become a recluse or subvert other workplace relationships, however.

6. Apply. If all else fails, perhaps changing departments, transferring to a different location, or moving on to a different company altogether is the best solution. Dasko states that change can be challenging, but it also moves our careers forward. "There will always be annoying, angry, chagrined, cross, irritating, and difficult people in our lives," Dasko summarizes. "We may not be able to fix them, but we can always care for and protect ourselves."

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See you on Saturday in the Carmel Arts & Design District

The REPORTER

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

Enjoy live music throughout the District, gallery and merchant specials, and engage with team members from five city departments.

Stop by the city booths in Anthony's Plaza at the corner of Main Street and Monon Boulevard to learn more about how each department serves the community. Be sure to visit the Marketing & Community Relations booth; team members will be available to discuss the city's rebranding initiative and have fun activities planned for all ages.

Live music

• Adam Shuntich in the breezeway by Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 111 W. Main St.

• Sophia Stephens at Anthony's Plaza, Monon Bou-

levard & Main Street Gallery Exhibits

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

• **Art on Main:** The June show at the gallery features the colorful show of mixed media by Tresa Steenberg and Diane Staver. (111 W. Main St., Suite 140)

• **CCA Gallery:** Featured artists in June are pen and ink and acrylics artist Jennifer Barnett and pottery artist Judy LaMere. (111 W. Main St., Suite 135)

• **Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery:** Indiana Artisan will host its 5th annual Top Spinning contest during *Meet Me on Main*. Give it a whirl! (22 N. Range Line Road)

• **Kuaba Gallery:** The gallery is featuring paintings by Nigerian artist Chika Idu and wall sculptures by Carmel-based artist Claudia Labin. (404 W. Main St.)

Special offers

• **All Things Carmel:** Indianapolis will host the U.S. Olympic swimming



Photo provided by City of Carmel

trials from June 15 to 23 at Lucas Oil Stadium and the City of Carmel will proudly have 14 local swimmers participating. To honor these swimmers, All Things Carmel will sell SwimCity, USA T-shirts for a limited time. Proceeds will be used to support swimming education programs presented by Lilly, USA Swimming and Indiana Sports Corp. While you're in the store, be sure to try a sample of a fresh summer brew from some **Brews and Barrels Trail** vendors. (110 W. Main St., Suite 104) * * *

For a complete directory of galleries, restaurants and businesses in the District,

visit CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

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



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Finalists announced for national Songbook Academy

Tickets for performances and livestreams available now at TheSongbook.org

The REPORTER

From hundreds of applicants nationwide, 40 high school students from 14 states have been selected to participate in this year's Songbook Academy, a weeklong summer intensive that immerses young performers in America's musical heritage and helps them develop as artists under the guidance of Broadway stars and other entertainment professionals and music educators.

Now in its 15th year, the Songbook Academy is the flagship education initiative of the Great American Songbook Foundation and its founder, performer and preservationist Michael Feinstein. Songbook Academy 2024 will take place July 13 to 20 at the Foundation's headquarters, the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

The annual program includes workshops, masterclasses and performance opportunities that help participants hone their vocal and stage skills with an emphasis on song interpretation, while building friendships and professional connections that last a lifetime. Alumni from previous years include Ava Nicole Frances (2020-22), who recently appeared on *American Idol*; Cate Hayman (2015), who recently closed her run on the Broadway National Tour of *Hadestown*; Adriana Scalice (2017), currently on the Broadway National Tour (Boleyn Company) of *SIX: The Musical*; Audrey Trullinger (2017), who appeared in feature film *Prom Dates* on Hulu; Alexandria Reese (2020), who appeared in the latest season of *Law & Order: SVU*; and Nina White (2016), who closed *Kimberly Akimbo* on Broadway and has joined the cast for the pre-Broadway premiere of *The Queen of Versailles* alongside Kristin Chenoweth.

Songbook Academy Week includes public performance events at the Center's Palladium concert hall for a live audience and livestream viewers worldwide, offering opportunities to see tomorrow's stars just as their careers begin to blossom. Two events are already on sale:

• **Songbook Showcase** – 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18: Each of the 40 national finalists will take a turn in the spotlight to perform a selected song. Traditionally a daytime event, the Songbook Showcase has shifted

to a more accessible evening time. This year's event also will feature special solo performances by Feinstein and guest mentor Nicole Zuraitis, a New York-based jazz singer-songwriter, pianist, arranger and bandleader whose career highlights have included winning the prestigious 2021 American Traditions Vocal Competition Gold Medal, as well as the 2024 GRAMMY Award for Best Jazz Vocal Album with her sixth release, *How Love Begins*.

• **Songbook Academy in Concert** – 7 p.m. Saturday, July 20: Feinstein will emcee as all 40 singers perform in choral numbers, small group ensembles and featured solos, celebrating their growth over the week and paying tribute to iconic composers and lyricists from George Gershwin to Duke Ellington.

Showcase ticket purchases are pay-what-you-can with a \$5 minimum for on-site viewers and no minimum for the livestream. For the final concert, on-site tickets start at just \$25, and the livestream option is pay-what-you-can with no minimum. Tickets are on sale now at TheSongbook.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free at (877) 909-2787.

All applicants to the Songbook Academy receive personalized feedback from the screening panel. The 2024 Songbook Academy finalists were selected by a panel featuring Broadway stars Max Chernin (recently in the award-winning Broadway revival of *Parade*) and Ali Ewoldt (Christine Daaé in Broadway's *The Phantom of the Opera*); NYC-based music director, musician, orchestrator and arranger Steven Cuevas; and university vocal professors Sonia Santiago (Palm Beach Atlantic University) and Dr. Kathleen Hacker (University of Indianapolis).

The Songbook Academy receives generous support from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation and Mentor Champions to expand program awareness and provide financial assistance to students who request it. The Songbook Academy in Concert performance is part of the Center for the Performing Arts' 2024-2025 *Center Presents* Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions, and its Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series. The Public Masterclass, for which details are pending,



Photo illustration courtesy Great American Songbook Foundation

The 40 finalists selected for this year's Songbook Academy hail from 14 states coast to coast.

is generously sponsored by Bob and Rose Popovich. Additional support comes from the City of Carmel.

Activities are made possible in part by Noblesville Creates, a regional partner, Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

2024 Songbook Academy Top 40 Finalists

After receiving hundreds of video auditions from students in 22 states, the screening panel selected these 40 finalists to attend this year's Songbook Academy:

Indiana Finalists

- Izzy Casciani, Zionsville
- Sadie Cohen, Carmel
- Emmaline Colvin, Carmel
- Keegan Connor, Westfield
- Isaiah Henderson, Carmel
- Ava Lee, Avon
- Addie McMillan, Noblesville
- Cooper Peters, Martinsville
- Craig Reynolds II, Lebanon
- Phoebe Sidebottom, Zionsville
- Journee Woodley, Westfield

Other Finalists

- Helena Badiali, Doylestown, Pa.
- Nat Barker, Shreveport, La.
- Maddie Begin, Wellington, Fla.

- Kaitlyn Blair, Anderson, S.C.
- Emily Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Riley Chaye-Shin, Mill Valley, Calif.
- April Cho, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Elle Cohen, Exeter, N.H.
- Jane Delahoussaye, Sugar Land, Texas
- Eliza Griffey, Sewanee, Tenn.
- Colin Ho, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Mia Kadar, Dublin, Ohio
- Zac Kowal, Palmetto Bay, Fla.
- Jackson Manning, Doylestown, Pa.
- Ethan Mathias, Ada, Mich.
- Clara McGough, Bethel Park, Pa.
- Violet Miles, Sugar Land, Texas
- Kate Mincieli, Doylestown, Pa.
- Jenna Montgomery, Richmond, Texas
- Madilyn Montgomery, Herriman, Utah
- Adrienne Nicastro, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
- Sophia O'Toole, Medfield, Mass.
- Dilan Patton, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Liris Robles, Alameda, Calif.
- William Daniel Russell, Westwood, Mass.
- Anna Sparrow, Danville, Ky.
- Tyler Steffen, Madisonville, La.
- Kellyssa Rose Vincent, Wellington, Fla.

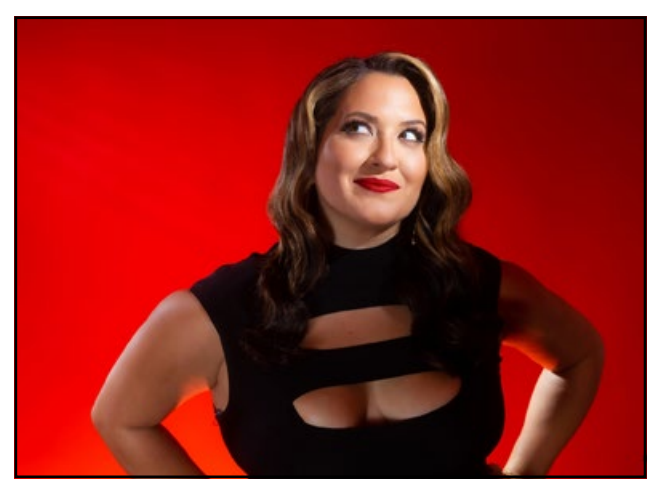


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GRAMMY Award-winning jazz singer Nicole Zuraitis will be a guest mentor and performer at this year's Songbook Academy.

• Jacob Vincent Volker, Franklin, Tenn.

About the Great American Songbook Foundation

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the foundational era of American popular music. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers

and publishers in the Songbook Library & Archives; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum. More information is available at TheSongbook.org.

Carmel resident & Merrill Lynch advisor ranked No. 1 on Barron's "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" list

The REPORTER

John Cate was recently named to the 2024 Barron's "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" list that ranked him as the No. 1 financial advisor in Indiana. He was also recognized on the Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" list.

Cate is a financial advisor with the Cate, Brunton & Luc Group,

a Merrill Lynch Wealth Management company in Indianapolis. He graduated from the Miller College of Business at Ball State University.

Cate was also named to the 2020-2024 Barron's "Top 100 Financial Advisors," and 2017-2024 Barron's "Top 100 Institutional Consulting Teams" lists.



Cate

New lawsuit alleges Biden administration forcing medical providers to perform gender transition surgeries under Affordable Care Act

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

As part of a new lawsuit led by Tennessee and Mississippi and including 13 other states, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is challenging a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) rule as part of a new lawsuit that seeks to force medical providers to perform surgeries and administer hormones to both children and adults for the purpose of gender transition.

"The Biden administration will stop at nothing to impose its radical transgender ideology on Hoosiers and all Americans," Rokita said. "These HHS bureaucrats are illegally weaponizing the U.S. healthcare

system in this misguided quest. With our lawsuit, we aim to protect common sense, science and the rule of law – not to mention the physical and mental health of people experiencing gender dysphoria."

The rule redefines the Affordable Care Act's prohibition against discrimination on the basis of "sex" to include "gender identity." The rule deems doctors guilty of discrimination for hewing to the scientifically grounded reality that males and females have different anatomies and physiologies that require different kinds of care.



Rokita

In 2016, federal courts struck down as unlawful a similar rule sought by the Obama administration.

According to Rokita, the Biden administration's rule could cause significant damage to Indiana and the 14 other states that signed on to the lawsuit – places where medical providers have restrictions against performing gender-transition interventions on minors.

Covered entities found non-compliant with this new HHS rule risk the loss of significant federal funding – including the loss of billions of dollars in state Medicaid

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"Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.

"Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships; his border will extend toward Sidon.

"Issachar is a rawboned donkey lying down among the sheep pens. When he sees how good is his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will bend his shoulder to the burden and submit to forced labor.

"Dan will provide justice for his people as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan will be a snake by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider tumbles backward.

"I look for your deliverance, Lord.

Genesis 49:8-18 (NIV)

INDOT releases initial insights from ProPEL Indy study

Public feedback requested through end of June

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is releasing initial insights from **ProPEL Indy**, a two-year study that will inform the next 20 years of investment in Interstate 65 and Interstate 70 by developing a bold vision to modernize interstates inside the I-465 loop.

ProPEL Indy has spent the last year asking for the public's ideas about the future of I-65 and I-70. During the study's Visioning Phase, the study team received more than 1,100 comments from several hundred stakeholders who use, work, or live near the interstates. This feedback informed ProPEL Indy's collection and analysis of data for the study.

The study team today released a draft Purpose and Need Report using this data alongside the public's feedback to define the transportation issues, opportunities, and desired outcomes in the study area. Community feedback on this report is



Graphic provided by INDOT

requested through the end of June. A brief video overview of the report is available [here](#).

The full report and supporting documents can be found on the [study's website](#).

"Feedback from residents, neighborhoods, businesses, and organizations has fueled ProPEL Indy and guided us to this point in the PEL process," said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "Continued participation

from all stakeholders will be crucial as the study progresses."

ProPEL Indy has identified bridge and pavement conditions, safety, mobility, and multimodal connectivity issues in the study area and in this next phase will be focused on why potential improvements are being considered and why they are important to Indianapolis and surrounding communities.

The study will provide

several opportunities to engage with the study team during the public comment period. These opportunities include both public information meetings, known as Community Conversations, and Neighborhood Office Hours throughout the study area. A list of upcoming events can be found [here](#).

INDOT encourages the public to continue sharing input throughout all stages of the study at [ProPELIndy.com](#).

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Fire Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

A regular meeting will follow at 6:15 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Conference Room on the second floor of Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, has been canceled.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Building, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Training Room at Carmel Police Headquarters, 3 Civic Square. The purpose of this meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective new employees, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

The Board will hold a regular meeting at 4:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later, in the same location.

The Noblesville Fire Department Pension Board will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024, in the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4416 Hall, 399 S. 14th St., Noblesville, to Consider Approval of Confidential Findings of Fact and Final Determinations made by the Pension Board following its May 13, 2024, Hearing related to claims advanced by a sworn employee.

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com.

Indiana DNR provides public with opportunity for input on proposed otter trapping rule changes

The REPORTER

Public comment is now open to the Indiana Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for proposed changes to the state's river otter trapping rules. If adopted, the changes would take effect this November for the 2024-25 river otter trapping season.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to open regulated otter trapping statewide but keep all other otter trapping regulations like the statewide quota, bag limits, reporting, and tagging the same. Indiana DNR values river otters and recognizes their value to the state.

"Responsibly managing our state's wildlife populations is vital to our DNR mission," said Indiana

DNR's furbearer and turkey program leader, Geriann Albers. "In recent decades, our careful management work has reestablished strong river otter populations across Indiana. As we consider incremental updates to our management practices, the focus will remain on how we continue to maintain this strong population now and into the future."

Public comments can be submitted online at [IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket](https://www.in.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket) by locating the "Submit Comments Here" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the River Otter Trapping Rule. Comments can also be mailed to:

Natural Resources Commission
 Indiana Government Center North

DNR

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

100 North Senate Ave., Room N103
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

The deadline for submitting public comments is June 25. A public hearing will also be held on June 25 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Ballroom at Fort Harrison State Park Inn, 5830 N. Post Road, Indianapolis; you can attend in person or online anytime during that timeframe. To

attend online, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 273 875 645 791 and Passcode vtsG9X.

For more information on the proposed rule changes, visit wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes.

Questions about the proposed otter rule changes should be directed to Geriann Albers at (812) 822-3304 or galbers@dnr.IN.gov.

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Royals win regional title, Noblesville & Fishers also qualify for state meet

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YORKTOWN – Dane Starnes did very well for his first-ever IHSAA postseason event.

The Hamilton Southeastern freshman played his inaugural tournament at The Players Club, the site of the Muncie Central regional on Thursday. Starnes was the meet medalist with an even par 72 and helped the Royals to defend their regional trophy.

Southeastern scored 297, winning its sixth regional title in program history. In addition, the Royals led a Hamilton County parade on to next week's state finals at Prairie View. Noblesville placed second at the regional and Fishers was third, so all three schools are headed to state.

Starnes was a rookie to the postseason, but not at The Players Club. He played on HSE's first five when the Royals competed in the Muncie Invitational on May 18 and carded a one under par 71, making him the Royals' low man for that day.

"We knew that going into sectionals and regionals who was going to play on which course, that was based on their track records and consistency on each of those courses," said Southeastern coach David Young.

"I was really confident coming into this because we had a tournament here earlier this year and I shot one under," said Starnes. "I really like this golf course. I was pretty confident but I was also really nervous for my first postseason tournament as a freshman."

Starnes made four bird-

ies in his round.

"It's going to be an exciting next three years just watching him grow and develop," said Young.

The entire Royals team did well, putting together consistent scores. Kai Warner was part of a three-way tie for fourth place by carding 74; he made one birdie. Jordan Huxford scored 75, Mattingly Upchurch totaled 76, with four birdies, and Nate Benson scored 78 with one birdie.

"We've hung around that 295 number a good amount this season," said Young. "So, to play it when conditions are changing like we had today with the wind and different courses, when I think about the mark of a great team, that to me is no matter what course you put us on, we're pretty consistent."

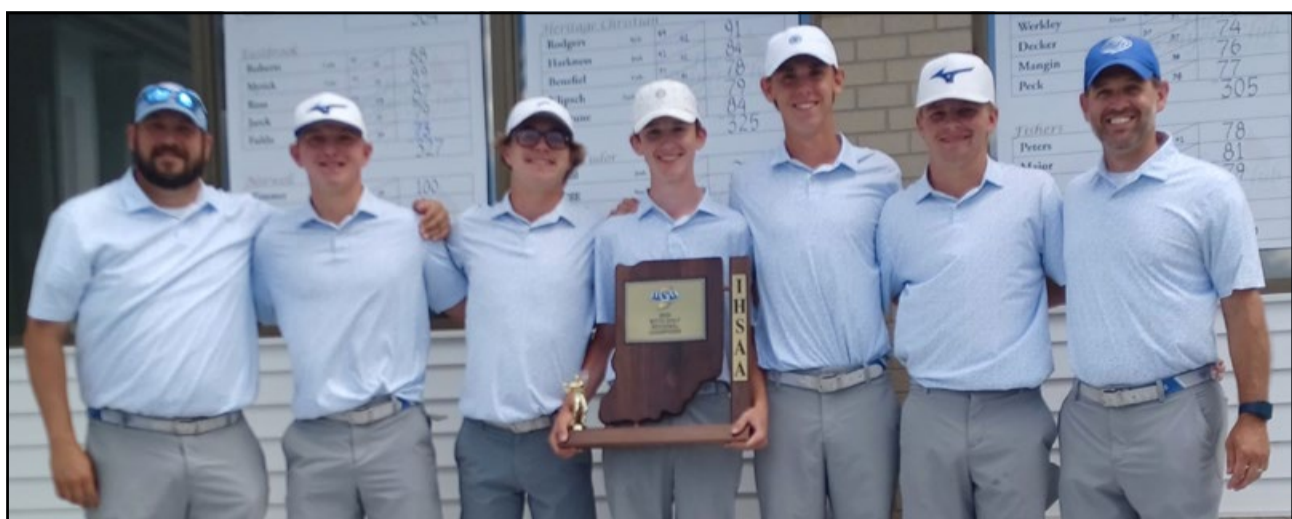
The Royals qualified for state for the sixth consecutive year and 14th year overall.

Meanwhile, Noblesville achieved its score of 305 in the same way: by being consistent. All five Millers golfers scored anywhere from 74 to 78 in their rounds. Noblesville coach Gary Deakyne said that consistency has "been our thing all year long."

"We have a lot of faith in all of our guys," said Deakyne. "And you never know. We put it all together at the same time, something special could happen next week."

Lance Decker led the way with 74, tying him for fourth place individually. Decker made one birdie on Thursday.

Brady Mangin was next with 76, draining two bird-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(TOP) The Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team defended its regional title Thursday at The Players Club in Yorktown. The Royals scored 297, with freshman Dane Starnes earning medalist honors with an even par 72. (ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville placed second at the regional, qualifying for state for the 25th time in program history. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers edged out Cathedral for the third qualifying spot for the state meet, returning to Prairie View for the first time since 2021.

ies. Alex Peck scored 77, while Drew Werkley and Tyler Marucci both scored 78s. Peck and Werkley each made two birdies while helping the Millers to their 25th appearance at state and third in a row.

Fishers hadn't been to state since 2021, and the Tigers broke that drought with a third-place finish to qualify for what will be their third appearance at state. Fishers totaled a 316, edging out Cathedral by one stroke for the final ticket to Prairie View.

"They do a great job of competing," said Tigers coach Mike Mozingo. "This group's a really good group of competitors. They're picking each other up and that'll certainly help us down the stretch. We've got a couple of young bucks, too, that are doing a good job of learning how to stay with it."

Carson Peters was Fishers' low man with 78, making one birdie. Sam Keithley and Lucas Brown both totaled 79s; Keithley drained three birdies and Brown

made one.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 297, Noblesville 305, Fishers 316, Cathedral 317, Mount Vernon 321, Heritage Christian 325, Eastbrook 327, Yorktown 328, New Palestine 330, Park Tudor 333, Greenfield-Central 343, Norwell 349, Delta 353, Monroe Central 363, Bluffton 364.

Medalist: Dane Starnes (Southeastern) 36-36=72.

Other Southeastern

scores: Kai Warner 38-36=74, Jordan Huxford 37-38=75, Mattingly Upchurch 37-39=76, Nate Benson 37-41=78.

Noblesville scores: Lance Decker 37-37=74, Brady Mangin 38-38=76, Alex Peck 39-38=77, Drew Werkley 41-37=78, Tyler Marucci 40-38=78.

Fishers scores: Carson Peters 36-42=78, Sam Keithley 36-43=79, Lucas Brown 40-39=79, Tommy Klinker 42-38=80, Will Major 40-41=81.

Tyler Trent Foundation raises \$360K for cancer research

Fourth annual "Tee off For Tyler" event set for Monday, June 10 in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Tyler Trent Foundation recently announced that supporters have helped the organization raise more than \$360,000 since it was established in 2019, which has led to researchers across the country receiving more grant funding for pediatric cancer research.

Tyler Trent was a Purdue University student who died on Jan. 1, 2019, after fighting an aggressive form of bone cancer known as osteosarcoma.

The Tyler Trent Foundation – led by his parents, Tony and Kelly – is looking to raise even more money during the fourth annual "Tee off for Tyler" charity golf outing on Monday, June 10. The Opening Ceremony is set for 10:30 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 11 a.m.

This year's event will be held at a new location, the Sagamore Club, 10900 Golden Bear Way, Noblesville. While the outing has already sold out for golfers, there are still ways for the community to get involved. People can bid on items in a silent auction, with VIP sports experiences, autographed sports gear and more up for grabs. Some of those items include memorabilia connected with the 2024 National Championship runner-up Purdue University basketball team.

"A lot of people remember Tyler as a football fan, but what they may not know is that his first love was basketball," Kelly Trent said. "Tyler's passion for Purdue sports really started when he wrote articles about the basketball team for the Purdue Exponent, so he would be delighted to know how well they did in this year's tournament."

During his life, Tyler donated several of his tumors for cancer research. Those donations – as well as the monetary donations provided by the Tyler Trent Foundation – have led to even more opportunities for researchers in the field.

"We recently received two new awards through the rare cancers program at the Department of Defense, which were based in part on screening data conducted with Tyler's tumor cells," said Karen Pollok, PhD, IU School of Medicine researcher and one of Tyler's doctors. "We are humbled to be able to conduct this work and appreciate the Trent family's continued support. It is making a difference."

This year's event will feature a helicopter ball drop, as well as opening remarks from Kelly and Tony Trent. Former Vice President Mike Pence will also be in attendance to share some thoughts about Tyler and to

offer the opening prayer.

Other special guests at this year's golf outing include:

- Tony and Kelly Trent, Tyler's parents (speaking during opening ceremony)
- Ethan Trent, Tyler's brother and Purdue University Football OL (golfing)
- Chris Ballard, Indianapolis Colts General Manager
- Ethan Fernea, Indianapolis Colts wide receiver (golfing)
- Ryan Walters, Purdue University Football Head Coach (golfing)
- Hudson Card, Purdue University Football quarterback
- Gus Hartwig, Purdue University Football OL (golfing)
- Trey Kaufman-Renn, Purdue University Basketball forward

The Tyler Trent Foundation supports local and



Photo courtesy Tyler Trent Foundation

BOILERMAKERS' BIGGEST FAN: Tyler Trent never let cancer stop him from cheering on his favorite team and living his dream of sports journalism.

national organizations targeting pediatric cancer research, including Riley Hospital for Children, Purdue Institute for Cancer Research, and OS Therapies. This year's title sponsor is Elevance Health. President and CEO Gail Boudreaux's

son played basketball at Purdue when Tyler was there, which is one reason this cause is close to her heart.

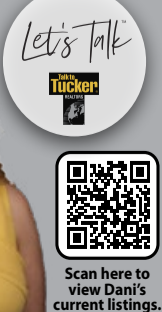
"Making an impact for individuals and communities, in our home state of Indiana and beyond, begins

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Saturday, June 8
BASEBALL
 Semi-state at Lafayette Jefferson
 Westfield vs. Lake Central, 11 a.m.
 Homestead vs. Concord, 2 p.m.
 Championship, 8 p.m.

TENNIS
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 Semifinals, 10 a.m.
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Tuesday, June 12
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Baseball Semi-state

Shamrocks set to take on Lake Central in first semifinal game

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The Westfield baseball team had a nice time at Lafayette's Loeb Stadium last Saturday, winning its first regional title in 13 years.

The Shamrocks are headed back to Loeb this Saturday, where they are hoping recent history repeats itself. Westfield is playing in the Class 4A north semi-state on Saturday, which features four teams battling for a place in the IHSAA state finals.

The Rocks take on Lake Central in the first semifinal game, playing the Indians at 11 a.m. Homestead and Concord face off in the second semifinal at 2 p.m., with the championship game set for 8 p.m.

Lake Central comes into the semi-state with a 22-9 record and has only given up one run during its four postseason games. That was in its sectional opener, where the Indians beat sectional host Munster 7-1. Lake Central then defeated Merrillville 10-0 in a six-inning semifinal before taking care of Hobart 4-0 in the championship.

Due to last Saturday's bad weather, the Indians had to wait until Monday to play Chesterton in the Griffith regional. Lake Central won that game 2-0, advancing the Indians to the semi-state.

Lake Central has some capable hitters, including eight that have batted in 10 runs or more during the season. Senior Nick Robinson has the most RBIs with 18; he is batting at a .388 clip and leads the team in hits with 33. Robinson is tied for most runs scored with junior Drew Kosteba, both have 28 runs to their credit.

Senior Griffin Tobias has 17 RBIs and is one of the Indians' top pitchers, with a 6-2 record, 0.96 earned run average and team-leading 81 strikeouts. Senior Blake Sivak is 6-1 for the season with 48 strikeouts and a 1.35 ERA.

The Shamrocks enter the semi-state with a 20-10 record. Westfield broke its long sectional title drought by claiming Sectional 8 at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field with some dramatic victories.

The Rocks beat Zionsville 6-4 in its opener, made a big comeback against Carmel to win their semifinal 9-8, then won the sectional championship over Fishers 1-0. The game ended with a play that made ESPN's SportsCenter Top 10: Nick Fero caught a certain Tigers home run over the left field fence for the final out.

With that, Westfield won its first sectional trophy since 2011 and made its first



Richie Hall / File photo

Matt Drozlek is the Westfield baseball team's leading hitter with a .321 average. The Shamrocks play Lake Central in the first semifinal of the Class 4A north semi-state Saturday at Lafayette's Loeb Stadium.

trip to Loeb Stadium for the Lafayette Jefferson regional. The Shamrocks took care of business by routing No. 7-ranked McCutcheon 8-1. Westfield broke another long drought with that victory: it was the Rocks' first regional title in 15 years.

Junior Matt Drozlek is Westfield's top hitter with a .321 average; he also has batted in 29 runs. Drozlek and senior Brayden Hibler

both have 25 hits for the season, with Hibler driving in 26 runs. Junior Drew Law has the most runs scored with 29. Westfield also has eight players with 10 or more RBIs.

Senior Ty Anderson is the Shamrocks' top pitcher. He is 8-3 for the season and threw a no-hitter in the sectional championship game. Anderson has a 1.82 ERA and has tossed 73 strikeouts.

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Colts to conduct joint practices with Cardinals, Bengals in August

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The Indianapolis Colts will have joint practices

with the Arizona Cardinals and Cincinnati Bengals during training camp in August at Westfield and at Cincinnati.

Practices with the Cardinals will begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 14 and 15 at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield. That's in advance of the teams' preseason game at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Tickets to practices in Westfield will be available in the summer.

The practice with the

Bengals will begin at 2:15 p.m. Aug. 20 in Cincinnati in advance of the preseason finale at 8 p.m. Aug. 22 at Paycor Stadium.

The 2024 season will mark the sixth year – 2018-19, 2021-23 – in which the team will conduct training camp at Grand Park. The team says it conducted the 2020 training camp at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2017, the city of Westfield and the Colts announced

a 10-year partnership that named the 400-acre campus as the official host of the team's training camp.

The Colts say the rest of the training camp schedule, including practice days and times, themed days and fan activities, will be announced at a later date.

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and mission to support pediatric cancer research as well as improve lives of others who face a similar battle.”

Other key sponsors for this year's event include Lucas Oil, Republic Airways, Wood Mizer, Trueblood Real Estate, Ryan Fire Protection, and the Purdue Institute for Cancer.

About The Tyler Trent Foundation

Tyler Trent is a legendary Purdue fan with a story of courage and hope that inspired and captivated a nation throughout his battle

with the rare bone cancer osteosarcoma. Relentless in his battle and driven by his fandom for the Boilermakers, Tyler managed to attend classes and games, and never allowed cancer to prevent him from living out his dreams in sports journalism and serving others.

Tyler was committed to sharing his story to raise money to eradicate the disease and improve the lives of others who face a similar battle. He rose to national recognition and used his platform to encourage fans

to donate to cancer research – raising more than \$3 million for The Tyler Trent Cancer Research Endowment at Purdue University, Riley Children's Hospital, and the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

Established in 2019, The Tyler Trent Foundation is dedicated to continuing Tyler's mission to support cancer research and honoring his memory by improving the lives of others who are challenged by the same disease. Learn more about the **Tyler Trent Foundation here.**

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