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TODAY'S WEATHER



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## Seniors to Seniors program marks start of something good

By AMY ADAMS  
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Joey Doll graduated from Westfield High School (WHS) on Thursday, May 30, but she still has one more project to complete before she heads to Ball State University in the fall.

In late June, Doll will be one of 18 students from WHS and Westfield Middle School who will travel to Seattle to compete in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. In the Chapter Service Project category, Doll will deliver a presentation about her work helping to create a program at the Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County called the Seniors to Seniors program.

The Shepherd's Center exists to promote and support independent lifestyles for senior adults. As part of its Together Today Program, which serves to enrich the lives of adults ages 55 and over and to prevent isolation through fun, educational activities, the Shepherd's Center development office had the idea of facilitating interaction between senior adults and high school students to bridge the generation gap.

"We were looking to work with a school to make it happen," Shepherd's Center Mar-



Photo courtesy Joey Doll

**Seniors to Seniors aims to bridge the generation gap between senior adults and high school students.**

keting and Special Events Manager Heather Luljak said. "We were also looking to give back by offering an internship."

It was WHS Internship and Capstone Coordinator Michelle Goudy's idea to combine those two goals – to establish an in-

ternship for a high school student who would help create and manage the program.

"I try to fit students with the perfect positions for them and for the organization," Goudy said.

Doll first reached out to Goudy in April of her junior

year with her interest in finding a marketing and business internship after taking a class at WHS called Career Exploration and Internships. Mark Ewing, who teaches a variety of service and

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## Oh, what a WONDERful world

If you're a history buff, like me, you have probably seen documentaries about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You can easily check YouTube, the History Channel, or a million other outlets to familiarize yourself with these marvelous structures that have been mostly lost to time.

Now there are the New Seven Wonders of the World, New Seven Wonders of Nature, New Seven Wonders Cities, Seven Wonders of the Underwater World, and even Seven Wonders of the Solar System.

No, I didn't make any of these up. It seems like everyone has their own "Seven Wonders" lists. I can sometimes be an "I want what's mine" kinda guy, so I have my own list. The difference between the official lists and my list is that mine are completely random. I have thousands of wonders in my brain, but since seven is the socially accepted wonder number for some reason, I followed suit.

So, here we go! Seven Wonders of My Forty-something World . . .

### Girl Clothes

I don't mind doing laundry, but I always dread folding. It's not the time it takes or the effort I have to put in. My anxiety is caused by having to fold my wife's and daughter's clothes. You see, as a man, I am used to clear cut, easy folding rules. Each item should take three seconds or less. Pick it up, fold, fold, done. Next shirt. Grab two socks (they don't need to match), make them look like a tube. Next.

But when you meet that special woman, everything changes. If you've ever wondered why grade-school girls fold pieces of paper a million times to make those little origami fortune tellers (see local listings for whatever they were called in your neck of the woods), it was because they were practicing for their clothes when they got a little older. I had never seen so many straps, ribbons, and extra doohickies in my life. It's like trying to fold a shirt for an octopus.

The zippers and buttons are on the opposite side . . . why?!?! What do I wash in hot water? What do I wash in cold? Did I remember to wash that one on extra super-duper gentle mode? What goes in the dryer and what gets hung up? And isn't there something I'm supposed to do after Labor Day? Ugh!

For these reasons, girl clothes will forever top my wonders list.

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## Noblesville Lions supporting B&G Club's Irv Heath Amphitheater



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Friday, June 7, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Camp Crosser held a ribbon cutting for the recently completed Irv Heath Amphitheater. Heath was a dedicated member of the Noblesville Lions Club, as well as a long-time supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN). His donated legacy to the Lions Club, in his passing, allowed a \$15,000 portion to be donated to BGCN. The Noblesville Lions Club is honored to be a sponsor of the BGCN Camp Crosser Irv Heath Amphitheater. (From left) The Crosser Family, Steve Shaw, two camp members, Cheryl Helton, Stanley the Lion (a.k.a. Stephen Craig), Becky Terry, Bob Minton, Duke Miller, Charlie McMillian, Joe Arrowood, and Marilyn Heath.

## Welcome summer with CSO & friends at Coxhall Gardens

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) invites you to celebrate the longest day of the year on June 21 at 8:30 p.m. as the orchestra launches its first-ever Summer Concert Series at Coxhall Gardens, located on the northwest side of Carmel.

Get ready to spend an evening under the stars as you enjoy pre-concert performances by Central Indiana Dance Academy, Dhool Indian Drumming, Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and Kathak (North Indiana) Dance Academy starting at 5 p.m. Stay to hear the CSO perform solar-related favorites as the sun goes down and reveals a full Strawberry Moon against the dark evening sky from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m.



Tamura



Olsen



Clark



Smirnoff

"The start of summer and this unique full moon makes the pastoral setting of Coxhall Gardens the perfect place to relax and unwind while being entertained by performances inspired by cultures from around the world," CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said.

Led by Principal Guest Conductor Joel Smirnoff, the CSO

will be joined by soloists Asako Tamura, former CSO Cooper Competition Winner Concer Olsen, and Carmel Jazz Festival Artistic Director Blair Clark. The trio of artists will perform works by Mendelssohn, Puccini, Barber, Gershwin, Vivaldi, and Carmichael, as well as an original arrangement of Japanese folk songs by Conductor

Joel Smirnoff. The evening will end with special guest Blair Clark performing Stevie Wonder's "You Are the Sunshine of My Life."

"We wanted to add a local celebration of this seasonal milestone and felt a collaboration of a wide and colorful

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## Westfield seeks state approval of Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

### The REPORTER

The Westfield City Council is considering an ordinance that would establish a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the downtown corridor.

A DORA is an area where patrons 21 and older can purchase alcoholic beverages in a marked container from participating establishments and carry them within the district. Thirteen Indiana cities have been approved by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) to establish DORAs.

"DORAs enhance opportunities for walkable downtowns and community engagement in outdoor settings and we are excited to be pursuing approval for one in our downtown area that is prime for development," Mayor Scott Willis said. "We know this will be a positive economic driver for our downtown restaurants."

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## SENIORS

leadership-oriented courses at WHS, agreed with Goudy that Doll would be a perfect fit for the internship.

As an intern during her second trimester, Doll planned one gathering a month, January through May, for senior adults and high school juniors and seniors. In addition to planning activities, seeking sponsorships, and arranging caterers for lunches, Doll also recruited and managed an average of around 20 WHS volunteers a month.

"The end goal is to get our kids to recognize the importance of giving time to something bigger than yourself," Ewing said.

The students and senior adults played BINGO and trivia that spanned the generations. The students even taught the senior adults some TikTok dances, and the senior adults taught the students some new games.

After planning the first Seniors to Seniors event, Doll was 100 percent sold that it was the right internship for her, Goudy said. Even more importantly, she recognized that it gave her direction for what she wanted to do in the future.

"I was really impressed with Joey," Luljak said. "She volunteered outside of the internship. If she was given a task, she was able to walk it all the way through without being given a step-by-step, which is an achievement. She always did it with a smile and had a great attitude. Everyone here at our



Doll



Photo courtesy Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County  
WHS instructor Mark Ewing joins students volunteering for the Seniors to Seniors Program through the Shepherd's Center.



Photo courtesy Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County



Photo courtesy Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County



Photo courtesy Joey Doll

(TOP LEFT) As part of the Seniors to Seniors Program, students from WHS and senior adults play games once a month. (ABOVE LEFT) The senior adults taught the students some of their favorite games. (ABOVE RIGHT) Heather Luljak (left) with the Shepherd's Center, worked with intern Joey Doll to start the Seniors to Seniors program.

center loved her."

In fact, after her internship was officially over, Doll chose to stay involved with the Seniors to Seniors meet-ups during her third trimester.

"I love being able to be a support for these senior citizens," Doll said. "I can tell that the whole program is such a big family. They give us such a warm feeling, and we want

to give that back to them."

The feeling seemed to be mutual. Luljak said that they would see an increase in attendance on the Seniors to Seniors days, and Doll said that some senior adults joined the Together Today program after hearing from friends about Seniors to Seniors. Ewing, who attended each Seniors to Seniors gathering, said some of the senior adults expressed that the interaction changed their perception of youth today and gave them hope for the future.

Doll hopes that the program will continue to grow even after she has moved on to pursue a degree in sports administration with a minor in marketing.

Though Goudy hasn't found a replacement for the position yet, she said that will be one of her goals for the first trimester.

"You need somebody who isn't afraid to fail," Doll said. "You're not always going to get a 'yes.' They need to be a people-person and a problem solver."

As far as the Shepherd's Center is concerned, Luljak said they intend to resume the Seniors to Seniors program in the fall. In addition, the Shepherd's Center will be opening a new location in Noblesville in early August for Together Today programming on Fridays.

To find out more about the Shepherd's Center, visit [shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org](http://shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org).

## WONDERS

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### Pringles Cans

I wish I could have been there when the idea for stackable chips placed in a tube lit up the board room at Procter & Gamble. I can hear the harps and angelic choir now. Finally, chips that won't be obliterated when a three-year-old is in the room (I know from experience).

These portable morsels are a staple in the Rathz house, even though it did take me some time to forgive them for discontinuing the jalapeno flavor. If only other companies would learn from what tennis ball companies and Pringles have been teaching us for years. I might just start carrying my wallet, keys and phone in a tube, just as a tribute.

Except, maybe add a spring-loaded chip lift, so my hands don't get stuck anymore.

### Raw Oysters

There was some brilliant marketing thousands of years ago, when man began eating oysters on the half shell in prehistoric martini bars. The bar manager, Og-Og, needed something to serve during happy hour to bring in more customers. His supplier brought in a bunch of oysters sitting on ice in a rock bowl. Og-Og asked how he was ever supposed to sell little balls of snot to his customers. The supplier said, "It's simple. Just add hot sauce."

I took a few liberties with this story for cinematic value, but I'm pretty sure this is close to what happened.

### Grain Silos

I'm no farmer, but I'm pretty sure grain silos were created by aliens. I think I understand the purpose of the large rocket-ship-looking containers. But what are all the pipes and chutes hanging around the top? All I need to know is that it's important. Beyond that, I'm not meant to understand, and I never will be. Thank you to all farmers for understanding Martian technology.

### College Electives

This is a true wonder. How in the world do

colleges get away with charging students \$20,000 for a once-a-week bowling class? And why are electives necessary or required, ever? It's a mystery best left to the debt gods.

### Sunflower Seed Butter

So, this one probably seems weird. But if you happen to be a parent of an anaphylactic child allergic to peanuts, you definitely understand. My wife and I are two of those parents who have been on the hunt for an alternative to peanut butter for a couple years now. We tried all the usual suspects, cashew butter and almond butter. These are great if you're a fan of dry, dusty goo, but it wasn't working for us. We finally ran across sunflower seed butter one day and decided to give it a try. It's not cheap, but you do what you gotta do for your kid. After that day, the sun came out and all was right with the world. Go try it. It's amazing!

### Meat Thermometers

A staple for all at-home Emeril wannabees, like me. I remember back in the day when the most common way to see if meat was done was to cut right down the middle with a sharp knife and check the color. This always ensured every last ounce of glorious meat juice ran down into the grill, starting a fire and leaving your steak the consistency of a hockey puck.

Thanks to the revolutionary days of Food Network and the internet, people finally found out that food is supposed to have flavor. Who knew? Thanks to this wonder, we all walk around with smiles on our faces now, right?

The moral of the story is ... girl clothes are weird, Pringles cans are genius, raw oysters are gross, grain silos are alien technology, college electives are dumb, sunflower seed butter is amazing, and meat thermometers are a must.

What's on your list?  
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## DORA

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As part of the ordinance presented, there are several regulations that will be put in place, which includes:

- The Downtown Westfield DORA is in effect Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, Monday through Thursday from noon to 10 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- Only specific plastic cups with the DORA logo are permitted to be used for DORA beverages.

- A maximum of two beverages can be served at a time.

- DORA beverages are allowed only within the DORA boundaries.

- Exit signage is placed at the boundaries of the DORA, and DORA beverages are not permitted out-

side of these exit points.

- DORA containers must be disposed of before entering another bar or restaurant including those that are Designated Permittees and those businesses displaying a "DORA beverages are not permitted" decal in the window.

Nine businesses within the DORA boundary have applied to participate. Businesses can be added to the DORA designation list by resolution of the Council, which will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The ordinance will be eligible for adoption at the June 24 City Council meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.

More information can be found at [westfield.in.gov/DORA](http://westfield.in.gov/DORA).

## Supporting the Arts

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

# This Week

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### winning art is on Pages 1, 2 & 3

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# SUMMER





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group of artists would create the perfect solstice event," Chastain said. "Around the world, many cultures host festivals focused on the solstice, some lasting a week."

**About the Soloists**

**Asako Tamura**  
In 2002, Tamura launched her international career as the female soloist in the Three Tenors Concert with Pavarotti, Domingo, and Carreras at the Arena of Yokohama during the World Cup Championships. Since then, she has made numerous appearances with various orchestras around the world, including the Summer Opera Festival at the Foro Romano, the Teatro Filarmonico in Verona, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, L.A. Asian American Philharmonic Orchestra, Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, and Tokyo City Orchestra, among others.

**Click here** to hear Tamura sing in Lucia di Lammermoor with Ramón Vargas.

**Cooper Olsen**

Former winner of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, Olsen studies violin with Professor Mimi Zweig in the String Academy at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has won numerous solo awards, including: first prize winner of the Michael Ben & Illene Komisarow Maurer Young Musicians Competition with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in 2022, as well as awards from the Tri-State Rising Artist Violin Competition at Northern Kentucky University, the Bloomington Symphony Competition, and the Rising Star Young Artist Concerto Competition at Southeast Missouri State University.

**Click here** to hear Olsen perform at the 2021 Chicago Violin Competition.

**Blair Clark**

Clark's most recent release, "Al Be Like," rose to number seven on the United Kingdom Soul Charts earlier this year. He has toured Germany, Indonesia, and Holland performing his original songs and his tribute to the world-renowned Al Jarreau this year. Clark has emerged as an original Jazz R&B solo artist and is being recognized both regionally and internationally. During his career, he has recorded two albums and written more than 36 original songs. He has had the privilege of working with Grammy award winner/producer Narada Michael Walden, BMI award winner Preston Glass, New Orleans jazz legend Henry Butler, and Kerry Gordy, to name a few.

**About Maestro Joel Smirnoff**

Highly acclaimed conductor Joel Smirnoff has led orchestras across the United States, Europe, and Asia. Past President of the Cleveland Institute of Music, violinist with the Juilliard String Quartet and Current Faculty member and past Chair of the Violin Department at Juilliard, Mr. Smirnoff is the Artistic Advisor of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra and a Carmel resident.

Maestro Smirnoff has handpicked the repertoire and guest artists for this concert, personally arranging the Japanese folk song which Asako Tamura will be performing. Come prepared – he may make a surprise performance himself on violin towards the close of the evening.

"The orchestra and I are excited to welcome our three guest artists for this concert, each of whom promises to enhance the evening and to captivate and move our Carmel audience," Smirnoff said.

**Click here** to learn more about Maestro Smirnoff



through his 2022 interview.

**Special Activities**

- 5 p.m. Mr. Daniel sings
- 5:30 p.m. Central Indiana Dance Ensemble
- 6 p.m. Kathak Dance Academy
- 6:15 p.m. Indian Dhol Drumming
- 6:30 p.m. Chinese Lion Dance by the Indiana Association of Chinese Americans and Carmel Mooncake Festival Committee
- 7 p.m. Indiana Ballet Conservatory

**Classic Cars**

During the evening, enjoy historic cars on display at the Gardens sponsored by Artomobilia. Get a preview of what to expect from the Artomobilia event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7 in the Carmel Arts and Design District.

**Food & Drink**

Bring your dinner or visit food trucks and drink vendors, including Bier Brewery and Sugar Creek Winery.

**Seating**

Lawn seating and youth pricing are available to meet everyone's budget. VIP seating provides the best view of the concert. VIP tickets also include access to the air conditioned Coxhall Mansion and the CSO's inside VIP Patron Bar and amenities. Table purchases provide you with front-row seats and help underwrite the cost of CSO's education programs.

Tickets are available on **Eventbrite**. This concert is presented in partnership

with the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department.

Coxhall Gardens is located at 11677 Towne Road, Carmel. In the event of rain, the 8:30 p.m. CSO performance will move to Clay Middle School, 5150 E. 126th St., Carmel.

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**About the Carmel Symphony Orchestra**

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is a Resident Company of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The 70-member orchestra of professional musicians performs at the Palladium, a 1,600-seat concert hall at the Center. Founded in 1975, the CSO performs concerts featuring an eclectic repertoire of some of the world's greatest symphonic music. The CSO is committed to enhancing the community's quality of life through creative, artistically excellent performances and educational experiences for diverse audiences of all ages. Visit [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org) or follow along on **Facebook** to learn more. You can call the CSO at (317) 844-9717.

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# Offering my thoughts on some of Noblesville's father figures

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others." – Pericles

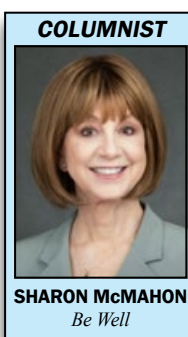
Again this month a diversion from my usual health-related

column – a healthy attitude about those who deserve our respect and remembrance is most sorely needed in these challenging times.

As Father's Day is just around the corner, many of us are either spending time with our father or father-figure or perhaps reminiscing about time we did spend with that person. For you he may be a grandfather, uncle, or close family friend as well. One thing they all have in common – they are guys!

However, this column will not be about my own dad, specifically. Trust me, I could write volumes about him; he was my "Ward Cleaver" type of dad and a most loving, generous, funny, hardworking man who passed away long ago at the age of 42, and I miss him very much. Additionally, my father-in-law was a man who I feel blessed and honored to have known. SO – I started thinking recently, while attending a memorial service, about other Noblesville men who have left in recent years and the mark they made and legacy they left behind. Their families will have their own special memories, but I thought I would touch on some of the ways these men left a special memory or legacy for many. You may or may not be surprised by my comments.

Irving Heath (or "Irv" as we all knew him) was a towering figure of a man



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

who came to Noblesville to live with his beloved wife Rachel and to raise their three children. Although Irv was an East Coast fellow, he jumped into the Midwest with both feet! Irv started his own business

and became very active in community events, making a huge difference in the lives of children through his work with the Boy Scouts and the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club. If I name all the organizations this column would be far too long! Irv's legacy as a soldier who was awarded a purple heart, bronze star and other decorations again could fill many pages.

**Don Roberts** was known for his gentle nature and love of life. Don was an aviation teacher at Noblesville High School for several years and never knew a stranger. He was our beloved "Santa on the Square" for many years and had a big heart for anyone in need. Don operated his own construction business, and it is said that many times he helped out friends and strangers alike who needed a helping hand. Don was a Navy veteran and most of us saw him driving his pickup truck through Noblesville with his American flag attached to the truck bed. Don and his best friend Larry owned and operated Noblesville Airport. Don indeed will be missed.

**Dick Dellinger** was a Noblesville transplant who made his mark at Noblesville High School teaching government from 1959 to 1997. His dry wit and the ability to stimulate and engage his students are legendary. "Mr. D" was also a City Council member and served in the

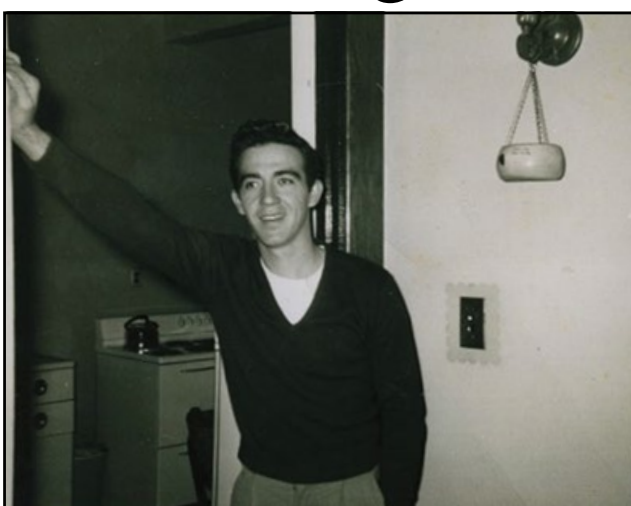


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Sharon's father, who passed away at age 42.

Indiana House from 1972 to 1992. Those of us who were fortunate to be one of his students will continue to remember him fondly.

The last mention may surprise some, and I can say I did not personally know this gentleman as I did the other two. His name was **Billy Taylor**. I grew up in Noblesville hearing Billy's name and catching a sighting once in a while. Unfortunately, Billy's name usually came up in order to poke fun at him or disparage him. You see, Billy was developmentally disabled, though in years past other words were sometimes used. As far as I know, he was usually smiling and ready to run an errand or follow any directions given to him. As the Chamber president, I was aware that business owners around town would rely on him to take their deposits to the bank because Billy was not deceptive but trusting and faithful. I believe that many watched out for him as well. There were no special classes, social services, or outreach to benefit Billy, but he was a survivor through many trials who I am sure endured much through his youth and

young adulthood. Why did I include Billy here, among these inspired and inspiring gentlemen? It just felt right.

These unique men all left their mark here in Noblesville. Irv lived to a great old age of 98, Don left too soon at 79, Mr. D at 87, with Billy passing at 71. Four different men with very different backgrounds and experiences, but all part of Noblesville's legacy and whom I hope will be remembered for a long time. Special people who remain in our hearts and minds continue their legacies and will never be forgotten.

In the meantime, Happy Father's Day and thank you for being there to care for, inspire, and lead the next generation of young men and women.

Back to nutrition and fitness next month! Lots of opportunities for veggies on the grill – yum!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

Stop me if you've heard this one: a writer and a cartoonist walk into a coffee shop . . .



Photo provided  
The Hamilton County Reporter's humorist, Scott Saalman (lower left) and our editorial cartoonist, Tim Campbell (upper right) have never been formally introduced. And they still haven't, but they happened to be in the same place at the same time and recognized one another from the pages of the newspaper they are both affiliated with. Thanks go out to The Well Coffeehouse, 8890 E. 116th St. #120, Fishers, for offering a brand of creativity fuel that lured them both in on the same day, thus saving us the bother of introductions. (Editor's note to self: we need to do a better job of getting our people together.)

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# Two local food drives in May & June

## Helping Hamilton County food pantries & summer lunch programs

### Submitted

On Saturday, June 1, we Packed the Cruisers!

Thank you, Hamilton County, for helping provide over 18,950 meals for Summer Lunch programs across Hamilton County. Nine Kroger stores and six police and sheriff departments came together with the Summer Lunch Programs to provide needed food for kids. This was the seventh year for Pack the Cruiser locally, and together 19,640 pounds and \$6,271 was donated.

Thank you to all the Kroger store personnel, police officers, and program volunteers who helped out with this effort. Thank you to the Summer Lunch program providers who take on a huge undertaking every summer.

Click here to see a video about Pack the Cruiser 2024. \* \* \*

Saturday, May 11, was the 32nd annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

ers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Across Noblesville, Fishers, Westfield, and Carmel, over 54,010 pounds of food was donated from our generous community. This is the equivalent of 45,008 meals provided, all coming at a time of year where much of the food is being purchased by food pantries and food banks to keep up with the need.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Thank you to the NALC Union 888 and all the postal workers who picked up and carried all the donated food. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped fold bags and who helped unload and load all the donated food on the day of the Food Drive.

For additional information about how to find needed food support anywhere within Hamilton County, visit [communitycompass.app](http://communitycompass.app).

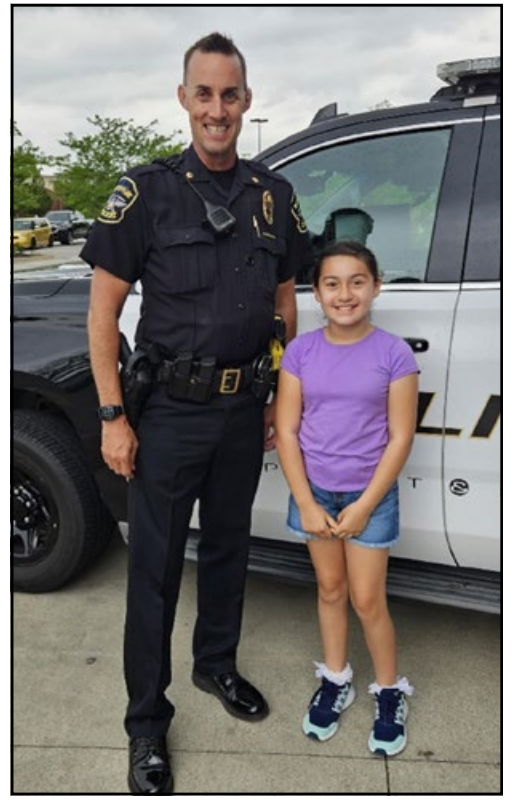


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(TOP LEFT) Open Doors Food Pantry Volunteers and Postal Carriers at Stamp Out Hunger 2024. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville Police Deputy Chief Jason Thompson and Jasmine Ceba at Pack the Cruiser 2024. (ABOVE LEFT) Filling the last Fishers police cruiser for Fishers Youth Assistance summer lunches.

## Seven local students make Iowa State University dean's list

### The REPORTER

More than 10,600 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2024 dean's list.

Locally five students from Carmel and two Fishers made the list.

### Carmel

- Lexie Elise Balkema, 4, Biology
- Megan Elizabeth Colosi, 4, Interior Design
- Sarah Elizabeth Thiel,

### 2, Biology

- Isabelle Woodward, 4, Entrepreneurship
- Adam Zeitlin, 4, Civil Engineering

### Fishers

- Morgan E. Reigeluth, 4, Interior Design
- Zachary T. Steinmetz, 4, Genetics (AGLS)

Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

# Indiana Connections Academy announces local graduates

### The REPORTER

More than 700 students recently graduated from Indiana Connections Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, as part of the Class of 2024.

Local students are listed below by city:

- **Carmel:** Lucie Kirchner, Madison Philley, Chase Benbow, Lillian Haskett, Aedan Navarro, and Tyler Wills.

### • Cicero:

Nathan Najdowski.

### • Fishers:

Meredith Watters, Lauren Drury, Caleb Boyer, Colton Collins, Rose'Lyn Jones, Piper Reese, and Kaylee Rodgers.

### • Westfield:

Kyra Le, Blake Sammauro, Mason Sammauro, and Alexander Walker.

### • Noblesville:

Delaney Moore, Ethan Seanor, Niya Shockley, Chloe Burt, Emma Clouse, Isabella Lawson, and Nathan Yancey.

### • Anderson:

Alexander Durm.

Among the graduating class, 50 percent plan to attend two- or four-year colleges or universities, including the University of Nebraska, Ball State University, and DePaul University. Additionally, 36 percent plan to enter the workforce, 10 percent plan to receive vocational training, and 4



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percent plan to serve in the military or take a gap year.

Indiana Connections Academy provides students with the continuous support of highly skilled teachers and a curriculum that focuses on both academics and helping to build fundamental life skills. This combination fosters an environment for students to gain the confidence they need to thrive in today's modern world.

For more than a decade, Indiana Connections Academy has served thousands of students with a variety of needs. Students complete rigorous schoolwork in the comfort of their homes with virtual instruction and

support from state-certified teachers. Students develop a strong degree of intrinsic motivation and critical thinking while enrolled at Indiana Connections Academy.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Academy's 2024 - 2025 school year is now underway for students in grades K - 12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming online information sessions to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students.

For more information about Indiana Connections Academy, visit [IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com](http://IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com) or call (833) 591-0251.

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# Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Newsies sells out Ivy Tech stage



Reporter photos  
 Last weekend the Attic Theatre staged *Newsies* at the Ivy Tech Auditorium, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville. While we cannot speak for every show, Saturday night was a full house. There was a great deal of talent on that stage, as was evidenced by the exceptionally enthusiastic crowd response to the singing, choreography, and occasional acrobatics. To find out what's next for The Attic, check out their website, [TheAtticTheatre.com](http://TheAtticTheatre.com), this weekend. Their 2024-25 schedule is going live Saturday!

## See the spritely Anne of Green Gables with Carmel Community Players

### Submitted

Carmel Community Players (CCP) invites you to attend the family-friendly production *Anne of Green Gables*, a Rising Star Production, and stage adaptation of a beloved classic. The play hits the stage from June 28 to July 7 at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

Two middle-aged siblings intend to adopt a young boy to help them on their farm. Things don't go as planned when the orphanage sends a spritely 11-year-old girl instead...

*Anne of Green Gables*, based on the novel by L.M. Montgomery, tells the tale of Anne Shirley, her life on the farm with Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert, and the

lives she brightens in the town of Avonlea. This timeless tale tells of imagination, self-acceptance, and the importance of friendship and found family.

The Rising Star production, directed by Amber Roth, is comprised of young performers aged 18 and under; the technical and creative crew include students of the same age-range, mentored under experienced adult leaders.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

### Show Dates

- Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 30 at 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 7 at 2:30 p.m.

## Fatal crash at 206<sup>th</sup> Street & Six Points Road

### The REPORTER

At 5:12 p.m. last Friday, Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of 206th Street and Six Points Road regarding a serious accident.

Upon arrival, deputies determined that three vehicles were involved. A Honda Odyssey van traveling westbound stopped at the four-way stop, then proceeded into the intersection. A Chevrolet Tahoe traveling northbound appears to have disregarded the stop sign at the four-way stop and the front of the Tahoe hit the driver's side middle of the van.

After the Chevrolet collided with the Honda, they slid north and collided with a southbound Kia sedan.

The juvenile driver and the juvenile passenger of the van were transported to St. Vincent Hospital on 86th Street by ground ambulance. One of the juveniles succumbed to the injuries at the hospital.

The driver and passenger of the Kia sedan were transported to Riverview Hospital by ground ambulance.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team investigated the crash.

## Feinstein's is Celebrating Celine in tribute show on July 12 & 13

### The REPORTER

One of the focuses of Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel is recognizing and honoring musical greats, and everyone recognizes the amazing Celine Dion as one of those greats.

On July 12 and 13, Jenene Caramielo, who has delighted audiences the world over, delivers a stunning tribute show to the legendary Celine Dion with *Celebrating Celine* with her breathtaking vocals.

Before traveling the globe as a sought-after headliner on luxury cruise lines or selling out top cabaret rooms such as Feinstein's 54 Below in New York City and the Royal Room in Palm Beach, Caramielo honed her craft with a wide variety of experiences and education. This included work in regional theater musicals such as *The Music Man* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, opera workshops including *Aida*, lead vocalist in pop music-packed theme park productions and more.

Caramielo studied classical voice at the Civic Light Opera in Pittsburgh, as well as Carnegie Mellon University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater from Shenandoah Conservatory. A true crossover entertainer, she is as adept at belting a Celine Dion or Whitney Houston song as she is performing an aria or captivating audiences with Broadway show tunes.

She has shared the stage with the group Chicago, has opened for The Beach Boys, has kicked off Major League Baseball games with our national anthem, sung for celebrities and world leaders, and performed at some of



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the most exclusive private country clubs in the United States. She says, though, that her greatest honor to date was performing at the Governor's Ball at The White House backed by the United States Marine Band, Navy Sea Chanters, and Air Force Singing Sergeants.

Now, Caramielo presents her very own tribute show.

*Celebrating Celine* is leaving audiences awestruck. Celine Dion fans will reconnect and reminisce with classic and contemporary hits like "Because You Loved Me," "My Heart Will Go On," "I Drove All Night," "Power of Love," and many more.

Accompanied by a live band, Caramielo's breathtaking vocals deliver goosebumps. She brings to life the iconic songs of one of the greatest vocalists of our time while she commands the stage and bares her soul for all to see. This is a must-see show for any fan of Celine Dion or anyone who appreciates exceptional live music.

"Jenene's voice was captivating, how she interacted with the audience was entertaining, and her song selection was terrific. Her voice is commanding. I recommended vocalist

Jenene Caramielo and look forward to seeing her perform again." – Carlos Slim, international business magnate, investor and philanthropist.

"Jenene Caramielo is an amazing and versatile performer. Her genuine style, passion, and energy mesmerizes a crowd. I have a personal experience when we had Jenene perform at a private event at Tiffany Co. in Palm Beach, Florida. Her beauty and voice are incredible while executing the perfect engagement with the crowd. She understands how to tailor her performance to the group she is playing to ... whether it be an intimate gathering like Tiffany or a large on-stage venue." – Jeff Sabeau, Director, Tiffany & Co.

[Click here](#) to see a sneak peek at what to expect from this show.

Now you have the opportunity to experience this incredible performance in the intimate setting of Feinstein's in Carmel. *Celebrating Celine* will be performed Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. both nights for dinner. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase your tickets to "Celebrating Celine" [online at Eventbrite](#).



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# It's about to get more creative in Fishers

## The REPORTER

New art classes, camps, and exhibitions are coming to Fishers this month when the Fishers Art Center opens to the public June 17 at the Fishers Municipal Center.

The Fishers Art Center, a partnership between the City of Fishers and Indy Art Center, features 1,200 square feet for art exhibitions, two art studios, a clay studio, and a flexible theater with multiple configuration options to accommodate performances, meetings, art classes and events. This summer it is open to the public Monday through Friday and during evening and weekend class times. Eventually it will be open seven days a week. While class and camp costs vary, exhibitions are always free to view.

"Fishers Art Center is one of the most unique aspects of a municipal building in the country today," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "We are proud to bring this highly desired amenity to our community."

Indy Arts Center President Mark Williams said, "This partnership allows us to bring what's working at the Indy Art Center to Fishers and customize it for the community here, and continue to innovate, much like the community around us. We

look forward to many collaborations with Fishers-based groups and artists."

## Summer Art Camps

Spots are still available for the Fishers Art Center inaugural camp program. Camps are half-day, so campers who enroll in a morning and an afternoon camp can make it a full-day of art-making, along with outdoor breaks and lunch. Camps include clay, digital art, drawing and painting, cartoons and characters, and more. Instructors are trained teaching artists, and classes are small, with an instructor and assistant in every camp. Students will have fun, make new friends, and enjoy a rewarding art-making experience in the new state-of-the-art studios at the Fishers Art Center. Options are listed at [fishersartcenter.org/classes](https://fishersartcenter.org/classes).

## Make It Take It Art Classes

Make It Take It (MITI) classes are two-hour sessions designed to serve as art class "samplers." From a "Basic Brushstrokes" painting class to clay cups, and from felted flowers to an iPad pet portraits class, there's something from everyone. See more MITI options at [fishersartcenter.org/adult-classes](https://fishersartcenter.org/adult-classes). Regular session-long classes will



A partnership between the City of Fishers and Indy Art Center.

## Opening events

- June 15, 8 a.m. to noon:** Sneak peek and community art activities during Fishers Farmers Market
- June 15, varying times:** First "Make It Take It" art classes take place (register at [fishersartcenter.org/adult-classes](https://fishersartcenter.org/adult-classes))
- June 17, 11 a.m.:** Ribbon cutting for the Fishers Art Center in the Fishers Municipal Center with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers City Councilors and Indy Art Center President Mark Williams
- June 17:** Building open to the public for the *Balderdash: Artworks by Kurt Vonnegut* exhibition (free exhibition)
- June 29:** Building open and activated with programming during Spark!Fishers
- July 12, 5 to 8 p.m.:** Inaugural community reception for *Balderdash: Artworks by Kurt Vonnegut*

start in the fall.

## Art Exhibitions

The inaugural exhibition, *Balderdash: Artworks by Kurt Vonnegut*, is a collaboration with the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library and features prints on loan from the museum as well as prints from the Indianapolis Art Center's permanent collection. Various interactive elements will encourage visitors to engage with themes and styles

while learning about the history and methodology used by the famed Hoosier writer and artist. The free exhibition runs June 18 to Aug. 18, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on July 12.

Through the summer, Fishers Art Center hours are the same as the Fishers Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as during evening and weekend Make It Take It class times.

# Carmel Clay School Board narrowly rejects ban on controversial LGBTQ+ book

By ADAM PINSKER  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://wishtv.com)

The Carmel-Clay School Board voted 3-2 not to remove a queer memoir from school libraries during a contentious meeting Monday night.

In *All Boys Aren't Blue*, author Charles M. Johnson talks about his life growing up as a queer Black man in New Jersey and Virginia through a series of essays.

**Under a law** passed in 2023, Hoosiers can ask a school district to review and potentially remove a book they think is inappropriate for children.

Cindy Black filed the complaint. She claims *All Boys Aren't Blue* contains graphic sexual content, including statutory rape and sexual assault.

"As you ponder the literary merit of this book, together with its graphic content and racist comments, I would ask you to consider the works of another American author, when speaking to the need of quality literature in our schools, a man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who does not read at all," she said during

Monday's meeting. Janine Zee-Cheng says critics took the graphic nature of the book out of context.

"The purpose of pornography is intentional sexual stimulation," Zee-Cheng said. "This book is a memoir, it does not sell stimulation. Does it describe abuse and trauma and the results of that abuse and trauma? Yes, it does."

A committee assigned to review the book recommended it not be removed from the library.

Board Member Louise Jackson said although the content is graphic, the overall message is important for students to hear.

"I am also deeply heartbroken that some of us are unable to open our hearts and minds to the experience of someone different," she said.

According to the **American Library Association**, *All Boys Aren't Blue* was the second most challenged book nationwide in 2023.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/education/carmel-clay-school-board-narrowly-rejects-ban-on-controversial-lgbtq-book](https://wishtv.com/news/education/carmel-clay-school-board-narrowly-rejects-ban-on-controversial-lgbtq-book).*

# Sarah Parks-Reese announces re-election bid for Hamilton Southeastern School Board

## Submitted

Sarah Parks-Reese has brought and will continue to bring the experience and dedication necessary for maintaining the strength and continue the excellence of Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools.

During her tenure on the Board of Trustees, Parks-Reese was involved in both helping renew and reduce the rate of HSE's referendum. She was a consistent voice for all students, with a particular focus on those students in Wayne Township, who are Noblesville residents, as well as those with exceptional needs and other student groups who are underrepresented.

Additionally, Parks-Reese supported the district's application and award of multiple grants, including the 3E Grant (Education, Employment, and Enlistment) which engaged The Ford NGL model to mobilize educators, employers, students, parents, and community leaders to prepare our students for

employment, post-secondary enrollment in a two-year or four-year school, or enlistment in the armed services after graduation. She also supported the application and award of a mental health grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education that allowed HSE to expand services by increasing the number of school counselors by 23 percent, the number of school social workers by 113 percent, and school psychologists by 27



Parks-Reese

percent across the district.

Finally, Parks-Reese made it a priority to seek out professional development to become a better board member by attending conferences and regional meetings, and because of that, she earned enough points to be recognized with an Exemplary Governance Award Level II (Advanced) distinction for her leadership and commitment to excellence.

Parks-Reese and her

family have lived in Noblesville, in the HSE district, for 18 years. She has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Ball State University and has spent 25 years working in early childhood education.

Parks-Reese is passionate about children, teachers, and education, and she is excited about the opportunity to continue to serve the HSE community to keep HSE as one of the top districts in the state.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/parks-reese4hse](https://facebook.com/parks-reese4hse) or [sarahparks-reese4hse.weebly.com](https://sarahparks-reese4hse.weebly.com).

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**The REPORTER**

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

- Carmel road projects
- Fishers road projects
- Noblesville road projects
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# Bridge work on Carmel Drive over U.S. 31 this weekend

## The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Enneking Pressure Cleaning, Inc. plans a weekend closure on a bridge over U.S. 31 in Carmel.

Beginning on or after 9 p.m. on Friday, June 14, crews will close West Carmel Drive in both directions

between Illinois Street and North Pennsylvania Street.

This closure will allow crews to safely complete a bridge deck overlay. This work is expected to be complete Monday, June 17, at 6 a.m., weather permitting.

The official detour for this work is Pennsylvania

Street to West Main Street to Illinois Street.

INDOT reminds drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using caution, and avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

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Letter to the Editor

## Reader: Indiana needs diverse energy mix for the future

Dear Editor:

As someone who grew up in the shadow of MISO with friends throughout the energy industry, I am heartened to see that the “energy transition” has become a topic of discussion in the Hamilton County Reporter. I believe a nuanced discussion is necessary since every industry seems to have a “magic bullet,” which conveniently means only their source of energy should be used.

Indiana, however, needs a diverse energy mix to power the needs of our future.

Indiana is shutting down existing power plants too quickly, but the answer is not to hold our breath and wait for nuclear energy to save us. No large-scale nuclear plant has been built in decades and Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) have recently received numerous setbacks. NuScale, which had the furthest along SMR plans, recently terminated its plans for 77 MW Power Module SMR with the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), and other companies are struggling as well. It will, at very least, be five to 10 years before nuclear power makes a resurgence, and that is if county governments and their constituents allow nuclear plants to be built near their homes.

As our existing power plants age beyond their useful life, there are better solutions to our energy concerns other than banking on infeasible solutions that are not coming to fruition. Converting plants to clean natural gas and engaging in energy saving activities can truly help strengthen our grid.

In Jasper County, for example, the Schahfer Generating Station received a \$644 million investment to convert from coal into a natural gas peaker, saving a plant that was planned to be shuttered for years. The county had previously approved a solar project, in part, to make up the portion of the tax base that would have been lost from the power plant shutting down. Instead of just shutting down the plant, the county now produces more energy than ever in a cleaner way than before. Energy investment should fit the needs of local communities while providing options to how they produce energy rather than a mandate.

Producing energy is not where this discussion should end, however. Energy savings are often the simplest way to help secure our energy grid. Much has been made about data centers’ energy consumption, but there has been very little public discussion about the energy-saving opportunities presented by data centers through thermal energy. Data centers produce significant heat as a byproduct of their operations, and entrepreneurs across Indiana are currently working to harness the power of thermal energy. Industry leaders predict gigawatts of energy burden could be taken off the grid once data centers are integrated into a circular economy that utilizes thermal energy.

Additionally, energy use reduction technology can be used at home to lower the costs on ratepayers more than any single energy source could alone. Due to natural gas cost increases associated with the war in Ukraine, Europe has been looking to address energy consumption for years. One way they found to significantly reduce use and cost is through furnace magnets, which condition fuel to burn more evenly. This significantly reduces fuel consumption and utility costs on everyone who uses it. One company, Magnatech Technology, already has many blue-chip companies such as Lilly, Pfizer, and Heinz utilizing their product, and widespread adoption of product reducing energy consumption like this could truly make a tangible impact.

As technology rapidly advances, Indiana cannot lock into a single source of energy, no matter how “clean” or “reliable.” To lead the energy future, Indiana must look to the opportunities of the present instead of clinging to industries of the past.

**David Goldberg**  
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

## Westfield Democrat: more of us than we’ve been led to believe

Dear Editor:

As a lifelong Hoosier, I care deeply about the future of our state. As a Democrat living in what I believed to be a firmly red state, I had started to believe there weren’t enough people here who believed as I do to really make a difference.

When a friend told me last spring there were two Democrats on the ballot in Westfield for city council, my curiosity was piqued. When he mentioned that one of them was a woman in my district, I reached out immediately.

That was the beginning of a new phase of activism in my life. While canvassing with Alexis Lowry, we came across large blocks of homes (sometimes 10 to 15 in a row) who’d fake whisper, “I’m a Democrat, but don’t tell my neighbors.” We need these voters to be empowered to tell their neighbors and friends what they care about and why it matters to them, and we need them to show up and vote in November. There are more of us than we’ve been led to believe.

Alexis missed a city council seat in Westfield by only 23 votes AND had about 5 times that in voters who promised their support but just didn’t show up at the polls in November for one reason or another. Now I’m volunteering for her husband Josh Lowry in his bid for Indiana House District 24’s seat, and we need Democrats here to learn the lesson from his wife’s campaign. We need people to believe we can do this, so that we will actually do this!

Indiana Republicans have held a supermajority in the House since the 2012 election. Because of this, Republicans can strip women of their autonomy, use your tax dollars to pay private school tuition, and make life more difficult for marginalized Hoosiers without even listening to their constituents.

BUT that doesn’t have to be that way next year. Democrats only need to take 4 seats to break the supermajority in the House, and each Hoosier Democrat can be a part of making that happen. Donate, volunteer, support the candidates’ social media, and most importantly VOTE! Together, we can build a better future for all Hoosiers.

**Cary Fuller**  
Westfield

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# State Rep. Garcia Wilburn urges House District 32 residents to comment on proposed Duke Energy rate hike request

## In-person field hearing comment opportunity set for June 27

Submitted

Duke Energy, which serves parts of Indiana House District 32, has submitted a rate hike request to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Duke’s request would increase their revenue 16.2 percent and their profit margin from 9.7 to 10.5 percent, resulting in an estimated monthly bill **increase of 19 percent, or \$27.63.**

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) expressed her opposition to customers footing what she says is an exorbitant bill and encouraged constituents to either submit written comments to the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor or attend a public field hearing in Fishers on June 27.

“The argument that Duke Energy, our utility monopoly, needs an even higher profit margin when every penny of it comes from a Hoosier paying for a necessity is absurd,” Garcia Wilburn said. “An increase of this magnitude cannot be necessary when Duke Energy continues to focus on outdated forms of energy production. Duke knows their coal plants require excessive clean-up costs and will continue to for as long as they remain in operation. They cannot expect hard-working families to foot the bill because they chose to stand by an increasingly expensive



**Garcia Wilburn**

form of energy that will result in higher bills. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission must not let Duke pass the cost of their decision to the residents of House District 32.

“I am opposing this rate hike because my community is already facing high utility bills, not to mention unresolved issues with property taxes, healthcare costs, and their household grocery bills. They have better things to spend their hard-earned money on than Duke’s refusal to adapt to the fact new, more sustainable energy production is on the horizon.

“If you have thoughts on Duke’s rate hike proposal, I encourage you to either submit written comment to the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor or attend the public field hearing the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission is holding on June 27 at the Hamilton East Public Library Fishers branch. Your voice matters when it’s your money on the line.”

Consumers may submit written comments to the OUCS via the online portal [here](https://www.oucs.in.gov). It is important to reference Duke’s cause number (Cause No. 46038).

The June 27 public field hearing will begin at 5 p.m. in the East/Center rooms at the Hamilton East Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

# AG Todd Rokita races to support consumers by raising awareness of harmful household products recalled in May

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in May. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

“Summer is in full swing, and that means you and your family will be spending more time outdoors,” Rokita said. “Don’t let the beautiful weather be ruined by an outdoor item breaking down. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in May:

- Crib Bumpers Recalled Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violation of Federal Crib Bumper Ban; Sold by Henan Ouchang Trading and Xinxiang Junshun Trading on AliExpress and Recalled by AliExpress
- Black & Decker Recalls CRAFTSMAN V20 Cordless Tillers/Cultivators Due to Laceration Hazard
- Medline Industries Recalls 1.5 Million Adult Portable Bed Rails Due to Serious Entrapment and Asphyxia Hazards; Two Deaths Reported
- Compare Brands Recalls ADIOS! Super Vinegar All Natural Cleaner Due to Risk of Poisoning and Chemical Burns; Violation of Labeling Requirements under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
- TOPINCN Pool Drain Covers Recalled Due to Entrapment Hazard; Violation of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Sanure
- Kano Laboratories Recalls Super Lube® Products Due to Risk of Poisoning; Violation of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act
- CHZHVAN Combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Recalled Due to Failure to Alert to Fire; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Haikouhuidishangmaoyouxiangongsi
- Electrolux Group Reannounces Recall of Frigidaire and Kenmore Electric Ranges Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Multiple Fires and Injuries Reported
- Children’s Nightgowns Recalled Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com; Imported by Zegoo Home
- Spin Swivel Chairs Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Imported by Article
- Korimefa Multi-Purpose Helmets Recalled Due to Risk of Head Injury; Violation of Federal Regulations for Bicycle Helmets; Imported by Yangxi and Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
- Children’s Robes Recall

Expansion Announced Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Imported by SIORO; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com; Additional Units Added



**Rokita**

- Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls Prowler Pro and Tracker Utility Vehicles (UTVs) Due to Fire Hazard
- Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls Arctic Cat Model Year 2024 Catalyst Snowmobiles Due to Crash Hazard
- Cotton On USA Recalls Toy Pinwheels Due to Choking Hazard
- ZLINE Recalls Built-In Electric Wall Ovens Due to Impact Injury Hazard
- Bausch + Lomb Recalls Project Watson Eyelid Wipes for Dogs Due to Risk of Exposure to Bacteria and Fungi
- Arctic Cat Recalls

Snowmobiles Due to Laceration Hazard

- DR Power Equipment Recalls Leaf Blowers and Leaf Vacuums Due to Laceration Hazard
- Dixon Ticonderoga Recalls Creativity Street Foam Pattern Rollers Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban
- American Honda Motor Expands Recall of Lawnmowers and Pressure Washer Engines to include Lawnmower Replacement Engines Due to Injury Hazard; Additional Units/Injuries Reported
- True Manufacturing Recalls Commercial Refrigerators with Secop Compressors Due to Fire Hazard
- Polaris Recalls Prostar S4 Titan Adventure Snowmobiles Due to Fire Hazard
- Children’s Dressers

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- Skims Body Recalls SKIMS Children’s Pajama Sets Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Children’s Sleepwear; Sold Exclusively by Skims Body
- Igloo Products Recalls Youth Sipper Bottles Due to Choking Hazard

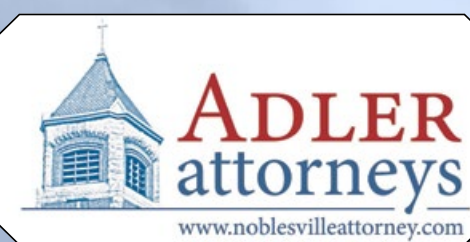
If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

For more details and to see recalls issued prior to May, visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls).



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# Noblesville-based Adam Grubb Media takes ownership of Edible Indy

## The REPORTER

Edible Indy, a premier food and beverage media platform, is under new ownership. Adam Grubb Media (AGM), a Noblesville-based media and marketing agency, will run and expand the platform, celebrating central Indiana's culinary spirit and fostering a space for food lovers to connect.

"We have immense respect for the legacy built by Jennifer Rubenstein and her team," AGM CEO Adam Grubb said. "Our goal is to build upon that foundation, infusing Edible Indy with fresh energy and a team of creatives, journalists, and media experts to tell the stories of our amazing food and drink scene."

Edible Indy will expand into a multi-platform experience with features including:

- **Elevated print magazine:** The magazine will remain a cornerstone, fea-

turing fresh design and captivating storytelling.

- **Digital stories and multimedia features:** Original digital stories, informative podcasts, videos, and exciting ways to connect with local food businesses.

- **Social media focus:** A vibrant online community on Instagram, Facebook, and Pinterest for interactive articles, fun videos, and behind-the-scenes glimpses.

- **Engaging YouTube channel:** Restaurant reviews, recipe tutorials, and shows featuring Indianapolis food enthusiasts and personalities.

- **Next-level events:** Food Truck Feud, exclusive dinner experiences and events connecting community members with local food personalities, brands and partners.

Edible Indy fosters a community around more than food; it's about the peo-

ple who create it, share it, and savor it. This includes readers, partners, advertisers and the people who make up the Indiana food scene.

Believing in the power of collaboration, AGM partners with local restaurants, grocery stores, beverage brands, and anyone passionate about food, reaching a highly engaged and enthusiastic audience on a dynamic, multi-platform level.

For more information about Edible Indy, visit [EdibleIndy.com](http://EdibleIndy.com). For more information about AGM, visit [AdamGrubbMedia.com](http://AdamGrubbMedia.com).

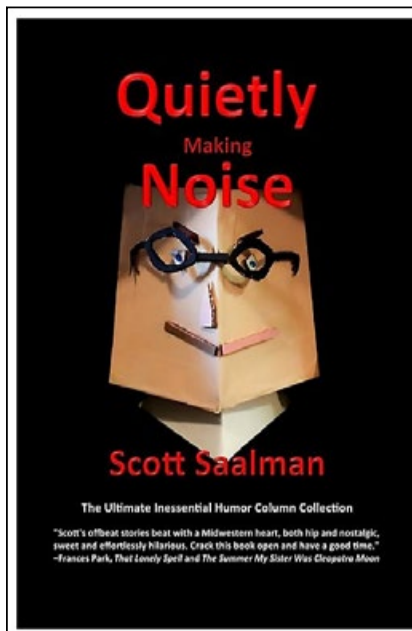
### About Edible Indy

Edible Indy is part of the Edible Communities network, a group of over 80 independent food publications across North America. For over a decade, it has been a trusted resource for members of the Indianapolis community, celebrating the city's vibrant culinary

scene through engaging articles, stunning photography and insightful recommendations. Edible Indy remains committed to its core values of quality journalism, community focus, and showcasing the best that Indianapolis has to offer.

### About Adam Grubb Media

Adam Grubb Media (AGM) is a Noblesville-based video marketing agency fueled by a passion for storytelling and content creation. AGM brings a wealth of experience to the table, having helped businesses of all sizes connect with their audiences through engaging video content, social media, marketing strategies, and web design/development. With the acquisition of Edible Indy, AGM is excited to leverage its expertise to create a dynamic, multi-platform experience for food lovers across Indianapolis.



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## Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, has been canceled.

The Cicero Town Council staff meeting previously scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, has been moved to 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees, staff, and the construction team will meet for a public work session to discuss project planning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
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## — NOBLESVILLE —

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Board of Zoning Appeals City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 1st day of July, 2024. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-000104-2024, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Ralph and Kristen Walker requests approval of a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO §9.B.2.C.3. to permit an accessory structure to exceed the maximum building height in the R1 zoning district at property located at 18969 Mallery Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org> at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

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# Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana issues statement on passing of Gleaners' founding President & CEO, Pam Altmeyer Alvey

## Submitted

"As we mourn the loss of our founding President & CEO, Pam Altmeyer Alvey, we celebrate her tireless passion and dedication to hunger relief for Hoosiers," Gleaners President & CEO Fred Glass said. "Pam's vision was foundational to the work Gleaners and our partners are performing to this day."

In 1981, Pam was the first full-time hire of the fledgling Gleaners Food



Bank of Indiana, located in a three and a half car garage – serving the entire state of Indiana and one of the very first food banks in the nation.

When Gleaners marked its 40th year in service, Pam was quoted, "Poverty and

the symptoms of poverty are life-robbing and community destroying. If we don't do what we do as well as we can, then Hoosiers in need can't do as well as they could. That's a huge responsibility for Gleaners and all of us."

James T. Morris, Vice Chairman, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, former Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, and Chairman of Gleaners' 2010 capital campaign to acquire their current headquarters, shared, "Pam Altmeyer Alvey was an incredible lady. No one worked harder or cared more for the hungry, lonely, vulnerable people of Indiana. Her excellent work fed hundreds of thousands of folks during her remarkable life. She was my good friend. I admired her so much. A great loss for our community."

In July 2021, Gleaners dedicated a mural, painted by local artist Alicia Zanon Lawrence, in Gleaners' Volunteer Central room as an honor to Pam and the fact that she championed the thousands of volunteers who dedicate their time and talent. On that day Pam said, "What we can do together is so much greater than what we can do alone."

In September 2023, Pam and her husband Dan visited with members of Gleaners' Board, Board alumni, and staff. Pam shared that the thing she was most grateful for in all her time at Gleaners was the support of the Board and the community for the successful acquisition of Gleaners' current facility. Pam's vision was that we were only on the margins of capturing food that was going to waste – from growers, processors, and others. She knew there were opportunities if we had proper space.

Pam shared, "I'm even more amazed at the innovation and intentional work to alleviate poverty. I mean it when I say to Gleaners team members and volunteers that they are making my dreams come true and I am so very, very grateful."

During her tenure, Pam worked closely with United States Senator Richard Lugar and they became great friends. Pam often touted that Senator Lugar's dedication to nutrition programs and his visionary realization of the connection between nutrition and educational

achievement left a lasting legacy on our community and our country. She helped inform his policy work on the Lugar-sponsored Good Samaritan Act, which was the legal impetus for retail food store donations of nutritious, perishable food that, at the time, quickly became the greatest source of corporate food donations to the national hunger relief network.

In 2006, Senator Lugar paid tribute to Pam on the floor of the U.S. Senate sharing, in part, "I have had the joy of working closely with Pam Altmeyer and Gleaners Food Bank in procuring resources for Hoosiers in need. I believe that, both as a nation and as individuals, we can do more to improve the lives of those in need. I am deeply grateful for Pam's important service and leadership as well as for the remarkable work done by her colleagues at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana."

### About Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc.

Gleaners was founded in 1980 and is a respected leader within Feeding America, the nation's food bank network. Since that time, Gleaners has distributed nearly one trillion pounds of food and critical grocery products through a network of 300 hunger relief agencies, schools, and community partners serving Hoosiers facing food insecurity.

In addition to food distribution to agencies, Gleaners serves the most vulnerable populations – seniors and children – through specialty programs such as Gleaners2Go, Home Delivery, School-Based Pantries, and Mobile Pantries. Comprehensive outreach services (SNAP, Medicaid, utility assistance, and more) and wrap-around services from collaborative partners are offered to help reduce the line.

Gleaners is certified as a Good Wages Initiative Employer by EmployIndy. Charity Navigator has recognized Gleaners as a 4-Star organization, the highest rating for charity demonstrating fiscal management and accountability. In addition, Gleaners is an accredited charity with the Better Business Bureau and has earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar.

To learn more or contribute, visit [gleaners.org](http://gleaners.org).

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**JACOB BLESSES HIS SONS**

*“Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall. With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, because of your father’s God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb. Your father’s blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.*

*Genesis 49:22-26 (NIV)*

**Trevor Bard**

**October 19, 2004 – June 9, 2024**

Trevor Bard, 19, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024. He was born on October 19, 2004, to Joshua and Regina (Damiani) Bard in North Ridgeville, Ohio.



Trevor was a student at Ball State University majoring in Business Administration, achieving the Dean’s List this past spring. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Trevor loved snow skiing, waterskiing, snowboarding, wakeboarding, fishing, and skateboarding. He played football, travel baseball, and earned a Black Belt in Taekwondo. Trevor always made sure everyone else was taken care of and comfortable without thinking of himself. He had a heart for service and was beloved by the residents and staff of Lake Meadows Assisted Living where he worked. He always protected his brother Connor and took care of his younger cousins. Trevor was charismatic, loving, and warm-hearted. He had an electrifying smile that would light up an entire room. To know him was to love him.

He is survived by his parents, Joshua & Regina Bard; brother, Connor Bard; grandmother Patrica (Glenn) Hanna; uncles, Ben (Karla) Bard, Luke (Melissa) Hanna, and Ryan (Heather) Bard; aunt, Caitlin (Domenic) Branduzzi; and his cousins, Brody & Lyla Bard; Philomena, Luke Jr., Xavier, Evangeline, Rowan & Bol Hanna; Bryce & Beckham Bard; Isabella & Massimo Branduzzi, and Cassidy and Isabella Damiani.

Trevor was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carmen & Carol Damiani, and Ralph Bard.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Private funeral services will be held after visitation hours.

Memorial contributions may be made at [gofund.me/f2b41f60](https://gofund.me/f2b41f60).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://www.randallroberts.com)

**Susan Carol “Susie” Barnes-Bryan**

**January 6, 1949 – June 4, 2024**

Susan Carol “Susie” Barnes-Bryan, 75, Tipton (formerly of Sheridan), passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday morning, June 4, 2024, at The Waters of Tipton. Born January 6, 1949, in Lebanon, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Charles Edward “Chink” Wagner and Billie Jean (Penrose) Wagner.

She was a 1967 graduate of Sheridan High School. Later in life, she returned to school and earned her BS in Accounting at Indiana Wesleyan University. Finishing her degree meant the world to her.

Susie was the very definition of an entrepreneurial spirit. Her creative expertise, organizational skills, and amazing personality served her well throughout the years. For most people, creating a business and watching it grow and become sustainable is an uphill battle. Susie thrived on the challenge. Establishing and operating businesses around the Sheridan area was what she did best. Some knew her as Susie the Realtor, while others may have visited her antique shop. Susie also spent 20 years as the proprietor of Village Pizza, which started in Whitestown, before expanding to Sheridan and Westfield. She was also a self-employed accountant for several businesses in Sheridan and the surrounding communities. If all of this wasn’t enough, Susie was also instrumental in the formation of Sheridan’s Harvest Moon Festival.

It wasn’t all work for Susie; there were many sides to her amazing life. She enjoyed traveling and creative writing, especially poetry. Her annual Christmas letter was usually written as a poem.

Susie was a woman of strong faith. Her servant’s heart and mindful spirit gave her strength as both a prayer warrior and caregiver. Susie was always lending a hand to those in need, doing whatever was needed, whenever it was needed, without giving it a second thought. She was a member of Rock Prairie Church in Tipton, where she loved organizing and attending prayer meetings.

Of all her accomplishments and endeavors, there was nothing she was prouder of than her family. They were her everything.

Susie is survived by her husband, Charles W. “Chuck” Bryan of Tipton. Chuck and Susie were married on July 25, 2021. Also surviving are two sons, Douglas L. Barnes (Stefani) of Oroville, Calif., and Matthew E. Barnes (Misti) of Gosport, Ind.; three grandchildren, Austin J. Barnes (Briana), Maxwell D. Barnes, and Audrey A. Barnes; great-grandchild, Katriel Barnes; and her sister, Jenny Monroe (Buddy) of Lebanon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Edward “Chink” Wagner and Billie Jean (Penrose) Wagner; brother, Charles E. “Chink” Wagner II; sister, Judy Peters; stepchildren, Angela Wills and Michael Bryan; and by her first husband, Charles Douglas “Chuck” Barnes on January 17, 2001. She and Chuck were married on October 9, 1965.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Rock Prairie Church, 421 N. Ash St. (State Road 19), Tipton. Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Mike Nafziger will be officiating. Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Rock Prairie Church in Tipton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Rock Prairie Church.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](https://www.kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

**Jon H Cox**

**March 25, 1942 – June 6, 2024**

Jon H Cox, Yogi to his friends, 82, Arcadia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 6, 2024, with his family by his side.

Jon was born in Noblesville on March 25, 1942, to the late Cedric “Tommy” and Martha (Morgan) Cox.

On October 31, 1964, he married Lesley Warner, and they shared almost 60 years of marriage.

Jon is survived by his wife, Lesley Cox of Arcadia; son, Jon A. (Melissa) Cox; daughter, Jamie (Tim) Cox Mitchell; grandchildren, Jacob (Morgan) Mitchell, Caleb Mitchell, and Kayanna Cox; and great-grandson, Forrest Mitchell.

Jon graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1960. He served four years in the Air Force in Plattsburgh, N.Y. He retired from Guide Lamp in Anderson, Ind., where he was very active in UAW Local Union 663, most recently serving as Chairman of Retirees. He was also an active member of American Legion Post 212 in Lapel where he served as Sergeant at Arms.

A casual Celebration of Life took place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A military service followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Legion Post 212, 1600 Main St., Lapel, IN 46051, in memory of Jon “Yogi” Cox would be welcome.

Jon’s family has entrusted his cremation to Hartley Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be given at [hartleyfuneral-homes.com](https://www.hartleyfuneral-homes.com).

**Ruth Anne Nunamaker**

**November 2, 1938 – June 5, 2024**

Ruth Anne Nunamaker, 85, Noblesville, passed away as the result of a traffic accident on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on November 2, 1938, to Carl and Dora (Blinn) Hinshaw in Star City, Ind.

Ruth Anne was the publisher at the *Noblesville Daily Ledger* and at *Topics Suburban Newspapers*, as well as being Director of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce for many years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville.

Ruth Anne is survived by her daughter, Jill Nunamaker (Brent Pettijohn); and her son, Scott (Jill) Nunamaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Thomas Richard Nunamaker; and her sister, Elizabeth Jane Hinshaw.

Ruth Anne will be laid to rest next to her husband at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

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## Boys Golf

# Top teams tight after Day 1 of state finals

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – After the first day of the IHSAA boys golf state finals, there isn't much separating the top teams.

The tournament began Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel with perfect weather and rolled through the day with teams moving all around the leaderboard in what has become a very close competition. At the end of the first day, Zionsville was in front with a score of 304.

Two-time defending state champion Guerin Catholic was tied with Westfield, the runner-up the past two years, for second place with 319, three strokes back from the leading Eagles. Noblesville and Evansville North are tied for fourth at 320, four back from the top spot.

Leo is five strokes back from the lead with 309, then Hamilton Southeastern and Center Grove are tied for seventh with 310 – six back from the lead. In other words, it will be a scramble to the finish when the second round begins this morning.

"Day one of the state finals is always tough," said Shamrocks coach Josh Bryant. "The greens were a hair faster than we are all used to playing Prairie View. They are perfect. It takes a little bit of adjusting. You just have to drive the ball well at Prairie View with the heather grown up."

The Golden Eagles are going for an unprecedented third consecutive state championship. Leo Wessel led Guerin Catholic with 74, followed by Owen Nielsen's score of 75. Nielsen made two birdies in his round. Will Parenteau drained three bird-



**(ABOVE LEFT)** Westfield's Jake Cesare was tied for second place individually after the first day of the IHSAA state golf finals Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club. Cesare carded a two under par 70. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Guerin Catholic's Leo Wessel led the Golden Eagles with 74.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

ies during his round of 77 and Eli Wessel had one birdie.

"It was a tough day," said GC coach Mark Mathews. While the temperature was pleasant and the sky full of sunshine, the wind picked up during the day, which affected the golfers during their last nine holes.

"My guys are disappointed in themselves, but any time you don't play the way you want to play, you're going to be disappointed in yourself. We just need to have a good dinner, get a good attitude this evening and try to do it again."

Westfield's Jake Cesare finished the day in a three-way tie for second place, carding a two under par 70.

"Jake had a great round," said Bryant. "His ball striking on the front nine was



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

**See Day 1 . . . Page 13** Brady Mangin (above left) and Tyler Marucci (above right) both scored 75s for Noblesville.



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**(ABOVE LEFT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Nate Benson totaled 75. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Carmel's Ethan Hoagland scored 78.

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# Colts & Westfield to announce 2024 Training Camp schedule

**The REPORTER**

The Indianapolis Colts and the City of Westfield will host a Training Camp Announcement Party from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., where the 2024 schedule for **Colts Training Camp**, presented by Koorsen Fire & Security, will be released.

Team officials will be joined by team mascot "Blue," Colts Cheerleaders, Westfield representatives, including Mayor Scott Wil-

lis, and Colts fans for live music with The 1985 Band on the main stage, food trucks, drink specials, photo opportunities, Colts giveaways and other activities for the whole family.

There also will be opportunities to sign up with Westfield Welcome to volunteer at Colts Training Camp.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Colts on making the



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schedule release a more community focused event," Mayor Willis said. "This is exactly what the vision was for Grand Junction Plaza - to be a gathering space for our community."

The event is open to the public, and tickets are not required.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and

Park streets, and in designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets.

A free courtesy shuttle will be available for pickup at Westfield Intermediate School, 17710 Shamrock Blvd., during the event.

The Colts' preseason opener is set for Aug. 11 when they will play the Denver Broncos. Kickoff will be 1 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium. The regular season begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8 against the Houston Texans.

# Huskies Summer Basketball Camp set for June 24-27

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger is hosting his annual Summer Camp this month.

The camp is for boys who are entering grades 5 through 8 this school year. The camp takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 24 to 27 at the Hamilton Heights High School gym. Enter through Door H, on the north side of the gym.

The cost is \$35, with a family discount of \$5 for each additional child. If any boy cannot afford to pay the

camp fee at this time, call Ballenger at (765) 438-2016.

"The basic requirement in developing a strong basketball program is to instill in all our boys a desire to improve themselves so that some day they can become part of the Husky Basketball team," said Ballenger. "This can be best accomplished by developing the proper fundamentals and pride in themselves and their school at an early age."

For more information, contact Ballenger at [cbal-lenger@hhschuskies.org](mailto:cbal-lenger@hhschuskies.org).

# How to help out at US Olympic Team Trials for swimming in Indy

By REYNA REVELLE  
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The U.S. Olympic swim team trials this month are a wonderful way to get involved in the Circle City.

Enough helping hands will ensure a successful and smooth event.

"That is really the special sauce of what makes Indianapolis so special when events come to town; it's really our volunteers," said Dan Gliot, senior director of **Indiana Sports Corp**, a nonprofit that works to host world-class sporting events in the state.

Indianapolis will be host to 1,000 athletes from

across the nation and more than 250,000 fans for the 2024 U.S. Olympic swim team trials, which will require significant community support.

"We're going to have volunteers out at the USA Swimming Live, inside the Convention Center for Toyota Aqua Zone. We have greeters out at the airport so when fames come flying in, they will be welcomed," Gliot said.

Indiana Sports Corp projects about 7,000 volunteer shifts from Sunday through June 23, and, on Tuesday, was **urgently looking for more assistance**.

"Right now, we are still looking for some help here for USA Swimming Live and also inside the Convention Center. Some retail shop opportunities to help sell all the gear."

In addition, city organizations are working to beautify Indianapolis by planting seasonal flowers and greenery on streets that will be impacted by heavy foot traffic.

Taylor Schaffer is president and chief executive officer of **Downtown Indy Inc.**, a nonprofit that promotes the downtown area. Schaffer said about the beautification efforts, "As soon as someone steps into downtown Indianapolis,

that they know this is the place to see the Olympic swim trials and a place that's connecting world-class athletes to the Olympic Games in Paris."

The Hoosier State is ready to make a big splash as Olympians are named for the 2024 journey to Paris. "If you sign yourself up to volunteer, you win yourself an 'All Lanes lead to Indy' gold medal. To get involved in volunteerism, registration is still open online.

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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, June 13**  
**GOLF**  
State finals second round, 8 a.m. at Prairie View  
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## DAY 1

great. Had nine pars on the front. He had four birdies on the back and he was able to attack a couple pins, both par fives. He did his job."

Will Harvey had one birdie during his round of 77, while Ryan Cesare drained two birdies before finishing with a 79. Brayden Worthington made two birdies and Hudson Kutchma had one.

The Millers had two players score 75: Brady Mangin and Tyler Marucci. Mangin made four birdies and Marucci had two. Lance Decker and Drew Werkley both finished with 79s; Decker put in three birdies and Werkley drained one.

"Our kids played really well today," said Noblesville coach Gary Deakyne. He said one of the good things about the Millers is "we've got a lot of depth, and the other guys picked it up. And man, that's the important thing.

"We didn't finish as well as we'd like to, but that's why it's a two-day tournament. We'll come back tomorrow and see what we can do. I think we should be within striking distance."

Nate Benson led the Royals with a 75, making two birdies. Kai Warner's 77 also included two birdies, while Mattingly Upchurch put in three birdies while scoring a 78. Dane Starnes had two birdies and Jordan Huxford had one.

"Of all the state finals that I've been in, it was hon-

estly a very weird round," said Southeastern coach David Young. "Not only for us. The course played a little bit differently than what we were expecting it to.

"We're not too far out of it, but everybody's clumped up there, so we're just going to have to really show up pretty well tomorrow and do the best job that we can."

Carmel's Ethan Hoagland finished with a 78, making one birdie.

The second round of the state finals begins at 8 a.m. today. All Hamilton County players will start off the first tee: Hamilton Southeastern goes off between 8:10 and 8:50 a.m., Noblesville starts between 9 and 9:40 a.m. and Westfield and Guerin Catholic tee off between 9:40 and 10:20 a.m. Hoagland will start at 9 a.m.

**Team scores:** Zionville 304, Guerin Catholic 307, Westfield 307, Evansville North 308, Noblesville 308, Leo 309, Center Grove 310, Hamilton Southeastern 310, Homestead 315, Bloomington South 317, Chesterton 324, Trinity School at Greenlawn 325, Warsaw 325, Floyd Central 331, Cathedral 332, Valparaiso 332, Castle 342, Madison 352.

**Leader:** Brayden Miller (Fairfield) 68.

**Guerin Catholic scores:** Leo Wessel 74, Owen Nielsen 75, Will Parenteau 77, Eli Wessel 81, Gabe Berglund 95.

**Westfield scores:** Jake Cesare 70, Will Harvey 77, Ryan Cesare 79, Hudson Kutchma 81, Brayden Worth-

ington 83.

**Noblesville scores:** Brady Mangin 75, Tyler Marucci 75, Lance Decker 79, Drew Werkley 79, Alex Peck 84.

**Southeastern scores:**

Nate Benson 75, Kai Warner 77, Mattingly Upchurch 78, Dane Starnes 80, Jordan Huxford 89.

**Carmel score:** Ethan Hoagland 78.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard (center) was one of the attendees of the golf outing. He is pictured with Tyler Trent's parents, Tony and Kelly Trent. (ABOVE RIGHT) Former Vice President Mike Pence (second from right) talks with Ethan Trent (left), Tyler Trent's brother, during the "Tee Off For Tyler" golf outing that took place Monday at the Sagamore Club in Noblesville. The fourth annual outing raised more than \$150,000 for the Tyler Trent Foundation, which supports cancer research. Also pictured are Tyler's father Tony Trent (second from left) and former Indiana senator Dan Coats.

# Tyler Trent's legacy, strong as ever

## Annual golf outing raises more than \$150,000 for cancer research

### The REPORTER

The legacy of Tyler Trent continued on Monday, as the fourth annual "Tee off for Tyler" charity golf outing took place Monday at the Sagamore Club in Noblesville.

This year's outing raised more than \$150,000 for the Tyler Trent Foundation, which supports cancer research. Trent was a Purdue University student and passionate Boilermakers fan whose fight with the rare bone cancer osteosarcoma produced an outpouring of inspiration and support from across the country. Tyler passed away on Jan. 1, 2019, and his foundation honors his memory by improving the lives of others who are challenged by the disease.

Elevance Health was the title sponsor of this year's event, while other sponsors include Lucas Oil, Republic Airways, Wood Mizer, Trueblood Real Estate, Ryan Fire Protection, and the Purdue Institute for Cancer.

Tony Trent, Tyler's father, said it's "humbling to see some of the same sponsors" that have been involved with the tournament from day one, and come back every year to "help Tyler's dream come true of trying to eradicate pediatric cancer."

"Most people don't know this, but childhood cancer is just as prevalent as adult cancer," said Tony Trent. But he pointed out that there are less drugs for childhood cancer, saying that there's a lack of childhood cancer research because it's considered rarer and there's a smaller population.

"This tournament helps with awareness, helps people know who Tyler was, continues to bring awareness to the need to fund this," said Tony Trent. "Only five cents of every dollar from the National Institute of Cancer goes to research for kids, and the rest goes for adult cancer. We're just trying to do what we can do to help."

This year's event featured a helicopter ball drop, as well as opening remarks from Tony Trent and Kelly Trent, Tyler's mother. Former Vice President Mike Pence also was in attendance, sharing some thoughts about Tyler and



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

A total of 144 golfers participated in the sold-out "Tee Off for Tyler" golf outing. Pictured from left: Ben Dennett, Carmel; Curtis Rector, Indianapolis; Dylan Lee, Carmel and Steve Hatchel, Fishers.

offering the opening prayer. Tyler's younger brother Ethan Trent was there, he is a wide receiver on the Purdue football team.

Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard attended the outing. Among the golfers participating were Colts wide receiver Ethan Fernea, Purdue head football coach Ryan Walters, along with Boilers quarterback Hudson Card and offensive lineman Gus Hartwig. Trey Kaufman-Renn, a forward on Purdue's national runner-up men's basketball team, was also there.

"A lot of people remember Tyler as a football fan, but what they may not know is that his first love was basketball," said Kelly Trent. "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."

The outing also featured a silent auction, with VIP sports experiences, autographed experiences gear and more up. Some of those items include memorabilia connected with the Boilers' men's basketball team; a Final Four basketball autographed by the players sold for \$1,500. Purdue coach



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Participants in the golf outing came from across the country. Pictured are Rob Underhill from Appleton, Wis. and Keith Woodhouse from Bentonville, Ark.

Matt Painter also offered a signed basketball, and a Drew Brees autographed helmet was among the items. Brees played football for Purdue before winning a Super Bowl with the New Orleans Saints.

"It's just been super encouraging to build relationships with people and

they come back year after year, which is special, and to know that Tyler's remembered, and that people are thinking about it and wanting to come out to support his passion to raise money for pediatric cancer," said Kelly Trent.

During his life, Tyler donated several of his tu-

mors 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."