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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and muggy in the morning. Becoming sunny and less humid in the afternoon.
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Westfield Washington Schools opens applications for Shamrock Academy

Ambassador program gives community members behind-the-scenes look at education

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools has opened the application process for Shamrock Academy, its community ambassador program available to district parents, non-school community members, and anyone interested in getting a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to run a high-performing school district.

[Click here](#) to see a short video featuring past participants and the value of getting involved in the program.

"This program is important to our school district and community because it increases transparency between the district and the community," Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser said.



Kaiser



Photo courtesy Rocks Media House

Learn what it takes to keep Indiana's fastest-growing school district running smoothly.

"It is valuable to the district because, oftentimes, we give this group advanced information to get their feedback on how to improve our messaging and communication to the community."

One Thursday morning per month, participants in the Shamrock Academy will be immersed in Westfield's schools to take

part in personalized and engaging dialogue with district leadership and hands-on experiences

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Photo provided by Forest Park Aquatic Center
 Each light pole banner features a QR code that takes you to an online biography of who is on the banner.

Forest Park Aquatic Center honors its 78 Olympic Trial swimmers

The REPORTER

The Forest Park Aquatic Center is planning a formal dedication ceremony for 40 new 60-by-24-inch banners.

The banners honor the 78 competitive swimmers, divers, coaches and volunteers who have come through the facility and gone on to participate in the Olympic Trials over the years. The list of 78 also includes 23 individuals who competed in the Olympic Games, collectively earning 13 medals.

All 78 individuals are represented on one banner, while all individuals from the State of Indiana as well as those who have competed at the Olympics are represented on their own banners which hang from the facility's 20 light poles. Each light pole banner also has a QR code that links to the biography of the individual.

See *Swimmers* . . . Page 2

Noblesville Lions Club's weekend of Grillin' on the Square proves big success



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 were successes for the Noblesville Lions' grillin' activity. The club estimates 458 meals were served over the two days, earning \$8,344 in profits to use in community service endeavors. This year's increase of financial sponsors was a plus to the club's success. Although the construction in downtown hampered some attendance, the club is very thankful to those who attended the events.

Local company brings Autism Training Crew to U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Indianapolis

Submitted

BeeFree's flagship product, a plant-based, grainless snack mix, will be given to the hundreds of volunteers assisting the Olympic Swim Trials in Indianapolis June 15 to 23.

The BeeFree food truck will be featured on Georgia Street under the Eiffel Tower, staffed with the Autism Training Crew during the Olympic Trial vendor events from 1 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 22.

This Women-Owned business boasts a small but mighty list of whole-food ingredients in its products. Each Warrior Snack Mix is gluten-free with no soy, refined sugar, or trans fat.

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First 'Late Night on Main' set for Saturday in Carmel

Streets will heat up with free music & family fun to kick off summer in the city

The REPORTER

Are you ready for a late-night street party in the Carmel Arts & Design District? From 7 p.m. to midnight this Saturday, June 15, come out for the first of three "Late Night on Main" events on Main Street.

Late Night on Main returns to Main Street on the third Saturday of each summer month. Two city blocks are used for these events. The street party begins at 7 p.m. with food and beverage vendors opening for business.

You won't want to miss this, so come early for dinner and bring your bag chairs.

- Saturday, June 15 – **Stella Luna and the Satellites** will make their debut at Late Night on Main. The band has a diverse arsenal of tunes: pop, rock, country, dance, R&B, and more.

- Saturday, July 20 – **Country Summer** returns to Late Night on Main. Country Summer is a modern country/pop party band built for fun and here for the party.

- Saturday, Aug. 17 – Local band, **Midnight Red Eye** will perform at 9 p.m. Midnight Red Eye is a cover band playing your favorite country, classic rock, and 90s alternative.

Carmel PorchFest Inc. will hold two more events this year in addition to the three Late Night on Main events.

- **Carmel PorchFest** is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15. PorchFest is a free, family-friendly community event where a variety of musical acts perform live on neighborhood porches in the Arts & Design District. Plenty of food and beverage vendors will be available. Close to 60 bands are expected to perform on approximately 20 porches.

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Photo provided by Carmel PorchFest, Inc.

The streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District will once again fill with music lovers this Saturday for the first 'Late Night on Main' of the season.



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BEEFREE

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“The quality of ingredients we use is absolutely essential,” BeeFree Founder & CEO Jennifer Wiese said. “We want people to see our nutritional label and know exactly what they’re getting.”

Wiese identifies as a “mom on a mission,” working to help support her son with autism and deeply committed to fostering an inclusive workplace at BeeFree. Their staff includes paid and intern positions set aside specifically for adults with autism looking for job experience. Wiese is working with the city of Noblesville and other local organizations to create a curriculum to make inclusive hiring easier for other community businesses.

About BeeFree

Jennifer Wiese began BeeFree in 2010 with a desire to make delicious, gluten-free snacks her whole family could enjoy. Her small, farmer’s market business has since grown to a brand that provides high quality products to hundreds of chains, airports, and specialty stores nationwide.

BeeFree is committed to creating delicious food with powerful, whole ingredients



Photos provided

The BeeFree team will out in full force during the Olympic Swim Trials in Indianapolis.

to fuel the warrior within. As the company grows, so does its dedication to making a difference in the community, providing jobs and

resources for adults with autism and other forms of disability, and tools for other businesses to follow the same path of inclusivity.

ACADEMY

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to help understand and explore the ins and outs of the district.

Some of the topics participants will learn about include:

- How the district spends money
- Curriculum and instruction
- Data and its uses
- School safety
- How we hire
- Sports and clubs
- What our kids eat
- Technology use

Transportation logistics
Click here to apply for Shamrock Academy.

For more information, click here. For the tentative meeting schedule and program expectations, click here.

About Westfield Washington Schools
Westfield Washington Schools is the fastest-growing school district in Indiana. With an “A” rating from the Indiana Department of Education, WWS enrolled nearly 9,800 students in 2023-24 across six elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school, and one high school. The district employs roughly 1,600 staff members. Westfield High School is ranked in the top three percent nationally by U.S. News and World Report and has a graduation rate of 98.3 percent with 86 percent of its graduates continuing onto higher education.

SWIMMERS

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The dedication ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25 at the Forest Park Aquatic Center, 1077 Cicero Road, Noblesville. Representatives from USA Swimming, Indiana Swimming, USA Diving, AAU Diving, and the City of Noblesville are just a few of the many dignitaries who will be in attendance.

“When we started working on this project we figured there might be a couple dozen individuals who had come through the facility and gone on to participate at Trials,” said Greg Conner, President of The Friends of Central Pool, the not-for-profit entity that has operated the facility since 1997. “However, we had no idea the list would be so large. To think that the Forest Park Aquatic Center has been part of the journeys of so many accomplished athletes is extremely humbling and a huge source of pride for this community!”

The new banners were 100-percent financed through private contributions.

“I can’t say enough about the support we have received from the community to make this project happen,” Conner said. “We’ve received many extremely generous gifts from both corporations as well as individuals and families.”

The list of 78 is led by

Noblesville native David Boudia, whose diving career started at the Forest Park Aquatic Center when he was 11 years old. He would go on to have one of the most storied diving careers in the history of the sport, which includes winning a gold medal in the 10-meter platform competition at the 2012 Olympics.

“The Forest Park Aquatic Center is where it all started for me,” Boudia said. “It’s where I overcame my fear of the 10-meter platform and gained the confidence to truly believe I could compete at the highest level within the sport of diving. I’m honored to be recognized alongside all these other accomplished athletes at a facility that means so much to me.”

Those being honored include:

Olympians

Alison Gibson, Amy Cozad Magana, Ariel Rittenhouse, Becky Ruehl, Bruce Kimball, Charlie Casuto, David Boudia, Haley Ishimatsu, Jessica Parratto, John Wingfield, Justin Wilcock, Kelci Bryant, Krysta Palmer, Mai Nakagawa, Mark Lenzi, Mary Beth Dunnichay, Patrick Jeffery, Scott Donie, Steele Johnson, Thomas Finchum, Tyler Downs, and Wendy Wyland.

Olympic Trial Qualifiers

Aaron Kirkpatrick,

Aidan Wang, Amanda Burke, Andrew Cramer, Andy Kendrick, Angie Trostel, Bailee Sturgill, Brooke Taffinger Garcia, Brooke Schultz, Casey Johnson, Chen Ni, Cole VanDevender, Dan Croaston, Daniel Kanorr, Dashiell Enos, Dean Panaro, Drew Wolfred, Ellie Clarke, Eric Warrick, Gabby Fizen, George Callanan, Gregg Enoch, Holden Higbie, Jake Butler, Jason Lancaster, Kate Hillman-Bramlett, Kim Powers, Kristen Hayden, Lacey Boutwell Schnell, Lacey Houser, Lily Castanon, Lisa Dolansky Conner, Lisa Faulkner, Lisa Trefzger, Lori Rizzuto, Luke Foster, Luke Whitlock, Madison Huit, Many Vazquez, Margo O’Meara, Mark Murdock, Matt McDonald, McKenzie Murphy, Meme Sharp, Mickey Smythe, Mike Mosca, Mike Wantuck, Pat Evans, Rylan Ridenour, Sarah Bacon, Sarah McCrady, Sophie Verzyl, Sydney Couch, Toby Stanley and Zach Cooper.

“Our City is extremely fortunate to have such an incredible amenity in the Forest Park Aquatic Center,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This is a fitting way to honor so many individuals that have represented Noblesville at the pinnacle of success within swimming and diving.”

LATE NIGHT

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Holiday PorchFest will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 in Midtown Carmel. Holiday PorchFest is a free holiday event with performers singing favorite Christmas and holiday songs. Vendors will be onsite offering warm beverages and snacks. Performers will perform every half hour from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Carmel PorchFest Grant Program has been created to provide financial aid to students interested in the musical arts. The grants

cover such items as new instruments, lessons, schooling, musical opportunities, etc. in exchange for volunteer hours.

Want to get involved? Consider donating to the Carmel PorchFest Grant Program to keep music at the forefront of children’s lives. \$500 Donors will receive four tickets to Feinstein’s VIP Lounge, held at each Carmel PorchFest and Late Night on Main event.

Carmel PorchFest and the Carmel PorchFest Grant Program is a 501(c)

(3) non-profit organization. Email carmelporchfestinc@gmail.com to get involved.

Feinstein’s VIP Lounge offers signature cocktails, beer, wine, and appetizers, along with exclusive door prizes only VIP members can receive. You will also be able to purchase tickets to events at Feinstein’s Cabaret Club. The VIP Lounge is for those 21 and older only.

For more information, please visit CarmelPorchFest.org or [Facebook.com/carmelporchfest](https://www.facebook.com/carmelporchfest).

Supporting the Arts

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

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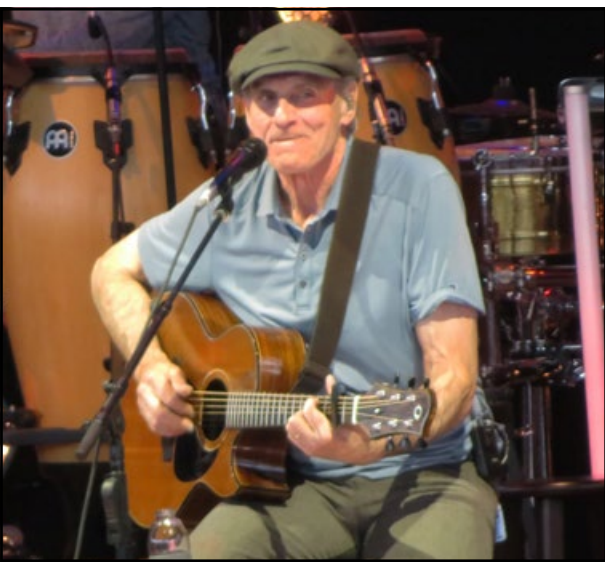
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James Taylor & son shower the people with great music



Photos provided by Bill Miller

Singer-songwriter and folk-rock legend James Taylor performed Tuesday evening at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville. Dierks Bentley will perform tonight at 7 p.m. [Click here](#) to view a full schedule of upcoming concerts at Ruoff, and [click here](#) to purchase tickets to these concerts.

IU Health to drop noncompete clauses for primary care physicians

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

2.7 percent per year, with more than 8,500 new businesses created each year.

Indiana University Health on Dec. 15 will drop noncompete clauses in all contracts for primary care physicians, the health care provider said Thursday.

The FTC rule, assuming it isn't stopped in the courts, would take effect as soon as Sept. 4.

Indiana lawmakers in 2003 passed a law to ban noncompete clauses in new contracts for physicians practicing primary care. However, IU Health says its change will go beyond the state law.

According to the FTC, 30 million people – roughly one in five workers – are subject to noncompetes. A 2021 study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found that more than one in 10 workers who earn \$20 or less an hour are covered by noncompete agreements.

In a news release, IU Health said, "While the focus of this policy change is on physicians practicing primary care, IU Health acknowledges the ongoing discussions regarding noncompete clauses for other medical specialties. The organization will continue to monitor and evaluate this topic to understand its impact on IU Health's mission to make Indiana one of the nation's healthiest states."

"This decision underscores our commitment to our physicians practicing primary care and the patients they serve," Kevin Gebke, senior vice president of community medicine at IU Health. "We believe removing noncompete clauses for this group of physicians will be a benefit and help foster an environment where our physicians can continue to provide exceptional care without barriers, ultimately improving health outcomes in our shared communities."

IU Health's decision comes after the **Federal Trade Commission voted in April to ban noncompete agreements**, which bar workers from jumping to or starting competing companies for a prescribed period of time. The FTC estimates the noncompete ban will lead to new business formation growing by

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North GOP invites you to June 17 dinner

The REPORTER

The Northern Hamilton County GOP Club invite you to a chicken and pulled pork dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 17.

Come meet your elected officials and Republican candidates running for office while enjoying a delicious meal.

Featured speakers will be Dustin Dixon from Shop for Kids and the Youth Assistance Program and Jackson Township Trust-

ee Robyn Cook. Attendees will also learn more about what Cook does as township trustee.

There will also be opportunities to sign up for some of the upcoming parades and a booth for the Lights Over Morse Festival in July.

The cost of dinner is \$10 for non-members and free for members and sponsors.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to emily.pearson317@gmail.com by Sunday, June 16.

Maggie's List endorses Spartz for Congress

Submitted by Spartz for Congress

Maggie's List, a federal political action committee (PAC) dedicated to electing fiscally conservative women to office, this week announced its endorsement of Congress-

woman Victoria Spartz for Indiana's 5th Congressional District. "We are pleased to endorse Victoria Spartz for Congress in Indiana's 5th Congressional District," Maggie's List Founder and Chair Sandra Mortham said. "Victoria is a true champion for the Maggie's List values of strong national security, fiscal responsibility, and limited government. A natural leader, we are proud to support her re-election effort and are grateful for her willingness to serve."



Spartz

Rep. Spartz was pleased to accept the endorsement.

"I am honored to be endorsed by Maggie's list," Spartz said. "Being a woman in politics is not easy, but being a conservative woman is really hard. I'll always stand with and fight for the people of Indiana against the Washington insiders."

About Maggie's List
Maggie's List was created to raise awareness and funds to increase the number of conservative women elected to federal public office. Since 2010, this group of dedicated women have had an outstanding record for endorsing successful candidates for United States Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. For more information about the organization's candidate training or endorsement process, please visit MaggiesList.org.

Sen. Young introduces legislation to support agricultural youth programs

The REPORTER

This week, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.) introduced the Youth Lead Act to support agricultural youth programs in rural communities and small towns.

"Our bipartisan bill will help ensure young leaders in Indiana and across the country can continue to participate in the educational opportunities and hands-on experiences provided by agricultural youth programs," Sen. Young said.

The bipartisan bill would reauthorize grants for Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the Boy Scouts of America, the National 4-H Council, and the National FFA

Organization to help expand the programs carried about by these organizations to rural communities and small towns.

In addition to Senators Young and Coons, Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.), Angus King (I-Maine), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) also cosponsored the legislation.

The Youth Lead Act is also endorsed by the National FFA Organization and the National 4-H



Young

Council. "On behalf of the membership of the National FFA Organization, I express our thanks to Senators Todd Young and Chris Coons for their support of FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts through the Youth Lead Act of 2024," National FFA Advisor Dr. Travis Park said. "Their commitment, along with the commitment of their colleagues who have signed onto the bill, shows the value that the U.S. Senate puts toward youth development. We hope this legislation will be included in the final versions of the farm bill conversations and that

the grant program receives consideration through the appropriations process."

"The Youth Lead Act of 2024 represents an investment in the future of our nation's youth," National 4-H Council President and CEO Jill Bramble said. "This legislation would enable Cooperative Extension's 4-H program to expand experiences for all youth to develop the skills they need to succeed in work and in life."

U.S. Representatives Don Bacon (R-Neb.), Tracy Mann (R-Kan.), and Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) introduced companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Full text of the Senate legislation can be found [here](#).

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Westfield's Joey Chestnut reacts to Hot Dog Eating Contest 'beef'

By HERNAN GUTIERREZ
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The 16-time champion of Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest took to social media on Tuesday about **being banned from this year's event**.

Westfield resident Joey Chestnut says he is "gutted" to learn he won't be competing in the 4th of July tradition.

In a **statement** on Tuesday, Major League Eating said Chestnut's new deal with a rival hot dog brand won't cut the mustard.

Meanwhile in his post, Chestnut claims the league changed the rules about what brands he can partner with.

Neither Chestnut nor the MLE confirmed what company the deal is within their statements. However,

The New York Times reports a representative for the league tells them the deal is with Impossible Foods, a vegan meat-substitute brand.

Impossible Foods did not immediately respond to News 8's request for a comment on the situation.

Chestnut goes on to suggest he was not directly informed of the decision. Instead, he says he found

out through media reports.

"This is the decision Nathan's and Major League Eating are making," Chestnut wrote. "It will deprive the great fans of the holiday's usual joy and entertainment."

Tweets from Joey Chestnut appear below.

(1/3) I was gutted to learn from the media that after 19 years Im banned from the Nathan's July 4th Hot Dog Eating Contest. I love competing in that event, I love celebrating America with my fans all over this great country on the 4th and I have been training to defend my title.

(2/3) To set the record straight, I do not have a contract with MLE or Nathans and they are looking to change the rules from past years as it relates to

other partners I can work with. This is apparently the basis on which I'm being banned, and it doesn't impact the July 4th event.

(3/3) Sadly, this is the decision Nathan's and Major League Eating are making, and it will deprive the great fans of the holiday's usual joy and entertainment. To my fans, I love you and appreciate you. Rest assured that you'll see me eat again soon!! STAY HUNGRY!

- Joey Chestnut (@joeyjaws) June 11, 2024

In its news-breaking statement, MLE says they tried to accommodate Chestnut by giving him an appearance fee and letting him compete in an unbranded hotdog eating contest on Labor Day.

"Joey Chestnut is an

American hero," a representative for the league wrote. "We hope that he returns when he is not representing a rival brand."

Besides Chestnut living in Indiana, the decision has further implications for the state.

The MLE also organizes the St. Elmo's Shrimp Cocktail Eating Championship. Since 2013, it's held the competition every fall in Downtown Indianapolis in tandem with the Big Ten Football Championship.

League officials have not said how this impacts Chestnut's eligibility in that contest.

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Mental health challenges facing Hoosier youth emphasized during 2024 IMHR Mental Health Summit

The REPORTER

With a focus on the mental health challenges facing young Hoosiers, the 2024 **Indiana Mental Health Roundtable Summit**, in collaboration with **Riley Children's Health**, took place Wednesday at the downtown Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. More than 400 Indiana community leaders, mental health professionals, youth leaders and state officials participated in this year's Summit.

Organized by the **Sagamore Institute**, the Summit is part of the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable's (IMHR) mission to serve as a catalyst for change to improve the mental health status of all Indiana citizens. The inaugural Summit in 2023 focused on three tracks: faith, youth and adolescence, and workforce bringing together thought leaders within each intersection of mental health matters.

Hosts for this year's summit were IMHR co-chairs Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Eli Lilly Chairman Emeritus Dr. John Lechleiter, along with Riley Children's Health Chief Strategy Officer Tyler Leishman.

"Mental health challenges don't discriminate, they touch us all, especially our most vulnerable - Hoosier youth," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "By bringing

together community leaders, mental health professionals, youth leaders and other groups, we can all work together and create a path towards collective well-being for young Hoosiers."

In addition to more than 16 breakout sessions throughout the Summit, featured speakers included former U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy and former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams and Dr. Antonia Novello.

"It has been my good fortune for the past several years to work alongside our Lieutenant Governor and dozens of other leaders from across the state as a member of the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable," Lechleiter said. "Together, we've called attention to many of the most pressing challenges our state faces in the area of mental health; pushed for needed changes; and encouraged the formation of partnerships and a collective effort to address the problems in an effective manner."

Summit sponsors included the Hamilton County Community Foundation,



Crouch



Lechleiter



Leishman

Riley Children's Health, the Bowen Center, the Valinhos Foundation, Anthem, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, and Women's Fund of Central Indiana, Kicking the Stigma (Indianapolis Colts), Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, CareSource, Pacers Sports and Entertainment Group, Ball State University College of Health, Purdue University's College of Health and Human Services and College of Pharmacy, and Purdue's Student Life.

"Riley Children's Health is committed to fostering mental health and wellness for every child in Indiana," Leishman said. "Working with the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable further fortifies this commitment by providing a platform for collaboration, advocacy and innovation. Together we aim to develop comprehensive strategies to enact meaningful and lasting change, breaking down barriers to ensure that every child receives the care and support they need to reach their fullest potential physically and mentally."

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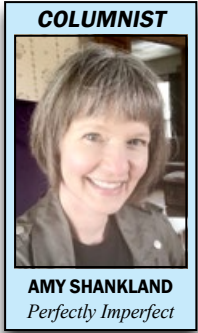
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Hopefully by now you're on the path to being a more joyful person/employee and you're gaining confidence about how you can spread that joy to those around you at work.

Maybe you've already tried a few steps and are seeing some good results – things are more fun around the office in general and productivity is rising here and there. And, finally, perhaps you're taking some deep breaths and stepping back before exploding in front of that challenging coworker. If any of this applies to you, bravo!

Now it's time to focus on bringing joy to our customers. Whether you realize it or not, we all have customers – no matter what job we have. For example, for government workers, it's

citizens. Teachers have students. Factory workers have the people who use or consume the products they help bring to fruition. You get the point.

You may be rolling your eyes at this point and thinking, “I already work hard each day to serve my clients/customers. I provide this product/service to them every day. It's good and meets their needs. Why do more?”

First, now that you're becoming a more joyful person and spreading that joy around your workplace, you're already off to a great start to making your customers truly happy. According to a May 2017 article in *forbes.com*, happy employees make happy customers. What happens on the inside of an organization is often felt on the outside by its customers. So, yay, you!

Second, Murray Goldstein of *Cox Business* wrote in *ForbesVoice* in October of

2015 that without satisfied customers, you're simply out of business. Happy customers are loyal customers. He wrote that if you go above and beyond for them, you'll see real results with increased revenue. Retaining current customers is efficient and more profitable than seeking new ones. Loyal customers are also easier to sell to.

Goldstein continues by saying happy customers are more likely to recommend your company or product to others. With the Internet and social media driving so much business these days, this is crucial. Most business owners will tell you that word-of-mouth is the absolute best form of advertising since it doesn't require any time, effort, or money.

Finally, Goldstein talks about how happy customers can give you valuable feedback about your product or services. They can also tell you what you're doing right for customers and how you can do even better.

Entrepreneur.com sums up in March of 2013 why it's so important to bring joy to

your customers in one sentence: Customer loyalty is hard to win and easy to lose. That sentence says so much I practically want to plaster it on my forehead.

Folks, to be competitive, keep improving, and well, make more money (which is most always our goal) we absolutely cannot ignore bringing joy to our customers. We must not just deliver what they expect but surprise them with the unexpected – in good ways.

If we consistently make our customers happy, we'll feel the rewards for years to come. And just like what we talked about with spreading joy your coworkers, most ways to bring this joy are not hard. In fact, they can often be fun for all parties!

Next week we'll dive into the simple things we can do starting ASAP to make our customers joyful.

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Indiana State Fair announces second wave of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage concerts

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the second wave of its 2024 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, Aug. 2 to 18. (The Fair is closed on Mondays.)

The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts, and this year is no exception. All shows

at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

Discount tickets can be purchased for the 2024 Indiana State Fair today at IndianaStateFair.com.

The 2024 lineup, so far, for the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair includes:

- Three Dog Night – Friday, Aug. 2 (opening day)
- Gladys Knight – Sunday, Aug. 4

- Dogstar (guitarist/vocalist Bret Domrose, drummer Robert Mailhouse and bassist Keanu Reeves) – Thursday, Aug. 8
- Bell Biv DeVoe – Friday, Aug. 9
- Fearless: The Taylor Swift Tribute – Saturday, Aug. 10
- Newsboys (evening) and Blessing Ofor (afternoon) – Sunday, Aug. 11
- Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues, and

The Cowsills – Wednesday, Aug. 14

- Sublime with Rome – Thursday, Aug. 15
- Gary Allan – Friday, Aug. 16
- Gospel Music Festival featuring Yolanda Adams – Sunday, Aug. 18

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets available for these concerts made available in July. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2024 theme *The Art & Nature of Fun* presented by Newfields.

INDOT commits \$50M for local safety projects

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced on Monday a commitment of \$50 million in **Highway Safety Improvement Program** (HSIP) funds to support safety improvement projects on local road networks across Indiana.

The commitment solidifies the agency's renewed focus on safety and related goal of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes on Indiana roadways by 25 percent over the next 10 years.

“This is a goal that we can't reach on our own,” INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith said. “It's going to take all of us, at both the state and local levels, working together, to truly enhance roadway safety.”

A **Notice of Funding Availability** (NOFA) is now available, providing an opportunity for local agencies to implement specific safety countermeasures on local roads. Eligible countermea-

sures are systemic, low-cost improvements that do not require additional right-of-way. Examples include new or updated warning devices, signs or pavement markings, raised medians, curb extensions, pedestrian/crosswalk improvements, guardrail additions or improvements, traffic signal enhancements or adjustments and improvements at rail crossings, among others.

Additional information regarding the NOFA and eligible countermeasures can be found [here](#).

Local cities, towns and counties that receive proposed funding will be required to use funds within two years of award. The call for projects will open on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11.

Focus on safety
Commissioner Smith shared the agency's new safety-focused goal in late 2023 and identified a number of strategies INDOT

will execute this year, in addition to local safety funding, including:

- **Buckle Up Phone Down:** A large-scale initiative aiming to change driver behavior and tackles two of the most impactful actions people can take each time they get into a vehicle – buckling up and putting the phone down.
- **Identifying Solutions:** Determining long-, medium- and short-term improvement plans for problematic corridors and intersections on the state road network.
- **Regional Safety Summits:** All six INDOT districts held regional safety summits, bringing together state and local agencies, first responders and community partners to collaborate on safety-related issues and potential solutions.
- **Worksite Speed Control Pilot Program:** Deployment of camera technology in up to four INDOT

work zones, citations will be issued to drivers traveling more than 11 mph over the posted speed limit. The pilot is expected to begin in early fall of 2024.

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State of Westfield's public safety

Hear from police & fire chiefs at Chamber luncheon

The REPORTER

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

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

Police Chief Shawn Keen

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

Keen is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and served as

a military policeman and later as a member of the Hawaii Armed Services Police on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.

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

Fire Chief Rob Gaylor

Gaylor has been in the Fire and EMS service since 1995 and part of the Westfield Fire Department since 2004. Through this time he has had the opportunity to participate in many different functions ranging from incident scene management, NFL training camp, presidential rallies, and long-term projects such as



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Computer Aided Dispatch and implementation of a radio system. He has progressively taken on more responsibilities and positions within the department: Deputy Chief of Business Operations, Deputy Chief of Operations and the Division Chief of Training, Lieutenant, Driver, Firefighter/EMT.

At levels outside of the organization, Gaylor is a member of multiple organizations, including the District 5 Incident Management Team, Indiana Task Force One, Indiana Fire Instructors Association, and the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is a past or present member of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Training Council for Districts 4



Keen



Gaylor

and 5, and an adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech College, State Instructor for the Executive Leadership Development course, and State Instructor, Live fire 1403 instructor.

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

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

Senate Republicans challenge proposed federal overtime rule

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), and Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) led 31 Republican Senators in challenging President Biden's new Overtime Rule published by the Department of Labor.

This Overtime Rule increases the minimum salary threshold for overtime pay from the current \$35,568 to \$58,656 in January 2025, and then increase every three years.

According to the senators, small businesses have been negatively impacted in general by the economy. **Inflation has increased 20 percent** since President Biden took office, which they argue is a direct result of his federal "tax-and-spending binge," forcing small businesses to make hard choices like raising prices just to stay above water.

Now, the president's **approval rating is under 30 percent among small business owners**, dropping consistently since he took office.

The U.S. Department of Labor now wants to apply the same approach to wages, which have been outpaced by inflation for the past 26 months, with this new Overtime Rule.

This rule replaces a Trump rule from 2019 that set the salary threshold at \$35,568. It is notable that Biden's new proposed salary threshold (\$58,656) is significantly higher than the one proposed by the Obama administration (\$47,476) which was declared to be an invalid extension of executive authority in federal court.

The senators say this follows President Biden's precedent of ignoring judicial rulings, as he did when transferring of billions in student loan debt from borrowers to taxpayers.

The senators are challenging the rule under the Congressional Review Act, introducing their disapproval resolution on Thursday.

"When the free market

sets the price of labor, opportunity and prosperity are the result," Sen. Braun said. "When the federal government sets the price of labor by one-size-fits-all mandates, small businesses are forced to fire employees and close shop to make ends meet. We're leading a challenge to this new Biden rule because this White House's out-of-touch economic policies have been an unparalleled disaster for American wages."

Indiana Senator Todd Young agrees with the resolution.

"After years of rising prices, small businesses need real relief, not more bureaucratic regulation and mandates," Sen. Young said. "I strongly oppose this rule from the Biden Administration and will continue to support our Hoosier small businesses."

National Restaurant Association Executive Vice President Sean Kennedy says the Department of Labor did not take stock of the concerns restaurant owners presented regarding the new overtime rule.

"The National Restaurant Association has serious concerns with the impact the overtime rule will have on restaurant operators, especially the significant cost increases that come with it so soon after an increase just four years ago," Kennedy said. "Input costs for operators have increased significantly since then, with a 30 percent increase in labor costs alone in the last four years. On top of that, the Department of Labor did not heed our concerns, especially as it relates to regional discrepancies and the burden of automatic increases every three years. We appreciate Sen. Braun showing his support of the industry by introducing this legislation to draw attention to problems with the DOL's approach on this issue."

This challenge resolution is also endorsed by Heritage Action and the International Franchise Association.

[Click here](#) to read the resolution.



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Cicero woman dies in vehicle/motorcycle crash

The REPORTER

At 3:39 p.m. Wednesday, Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of 234th Street and Cumberland Road regarding a serious accident.

Upon arrival, deputies determined two vehicles were involved: a black Dodge Journey and a black Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The Dodge was northbound on Cumberland Road and stopped at the sign at 234th Street. The Harley Davidson was traveling east on 234th Street heading towards Cumberland Road. Eastbound and westbound traffic have the right-of-way at that intersection.

As the motorcycle was approaching the intersection, the Dodge proceeded to turn left with the intent to travel west on 234th Street. The Dodge entered the path of the eastbound motorcycle, resulting in the motorcycle beginning to brake; however, it was unable to avoid the collision. The motorcycle began to slide on its side and struck the Dodge as

it turned left. At some point, both the driver and passenger on the motorcycle separated from the motorcycle. The Dodge then rolled over until coming to rest on its driver side in the embankment on the north side of 234th Street.

The motorcycle passenger was declared deceased at the scene, and the motorcycle driver sustained multiple serious injuries from the crash and was transported by Air Ambulance to Methodist Hospital. The driver of the Dodge was transported by ground ambulance to Methodist Hospital with pain and internal injuries.

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office was dispatched to assist Sheriff's deputies. Coroner Jeff Jellison identified the deceased as Steffanie Pickett, 31, Cicero. The cause of the accident is under investigation and the official cause and manner of death is pending autopsy and toxicology results.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Crash Team is handling the investigation.

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“Summer of Savings”: Duke Energy offers ways to lower your energy use

The REPORTER

Warmer-than-average temperatures are expected this summer, according to the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration seasonal temperature outlook](#). As summer temperatures soar, Duke Energy is offering ways customers can take control of their energy use.



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“Hotter days mean increased energy use as customers rely on air conditioning to stay cool,” Duke Energy President Stan Pinegar said. “As summer arrives, we are sharing programs, tips, tools and assistance to help our customers manage their energy use.”

Take advantage of Usage Alerts to help save

Better predict what you’ll spend on electricity each month by reviewing the [Usage Alerts](#) that arrive midway through a billing cycle. The Usage Alert notification shows how much electricity you’re using and how much it may cost in time to adjust before the end of your billing cycle.

Use [Duke Energy’s website](#) or the [Duke Energy app](#) to track your energy usage down to the hour, day or week. The goal is to see when energy use is spiking and adjust habits that may be driving it up. Simply sign-in to your online account or create one [here](#).

Savings programs & incentives

Duke Energy offers a variety of programs and incentives to help customers navigate seasonal energy use. Learn more about available options below:

- **Power Manager:** Get rewarded by helping shift energy use away from peak periods. Plus, receive bill credits for making a difference in your community. [Find out if you qualify.](#)

- **Home Energy House Call:** Consider a free home energy assessment, which can help lower your energy use. Valued at \$180, this service helps you learn how your home uses energy and how you can save. An energy specialist will check your home for air leaks, examine your insulation levels, check your appliances and more. Sign up [online](#) or call (844) 346-4366.

- **Weatherization Program:** Some customers can take advantage of the [income-qualified Weatherization Program](#) for single-family and multifamily units to help save money and reduce expenses through the installation of energy conservation measures in their home. The program is open to owners and renters with owner approval, and eligibility is determined by the Indiana Housing and

Community Development Authority and an in-home assessment.

Payment assistance

Some customers may be eligible for further assistance. Interest-free [Installation Plans](#) can help customers who need flexibility with paying their energy bills. Duke Energy also works with local and state agencies to connect qualified customers with access to resources, including [Share the Light Fund](#) and the [Energy Assistance Program](#).

Visit Duke Energy’s [Special Assistance page](#) for more information.

Low- to no-cost energy-saving tips & projects

Summer weather can contribute to higher energy use as your HVAC system works harder to keep you comfortable. The greater the temperature difference between the outside and the inside, the harder your AC unit must work.

Below are tips to help manage your energy use when temperatures rise.

- Inspect and service your HVAC. Have your HVAC system checked by a qualified heating and air conditioning contractor to make sure it is operating efficiently. [ENERGY STAR certified heating and cooling equipment](#), when properly installed, can yield annual energy bill savings of 10 to 30 percent.

- Make sure cool air isn’t escaping by checking windows, doors and vents for air leaks. [Caulk, seal and use weatherstripping to block leaks](#), which can help save 10 to 20 percent in cooling costs.

- Change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes a cooling system work harder, which uses more energy. [Replacing a dirty filter with a clean one](#) can lower your air conditioner’s energy consumption by 5 to 15 percent.

- Set your thermostat to the highest comfortable setting or install a smart thermostat. Cooling costs are usually the biggest part of an electricity bill. Keep in mind: your system will run longer the hotter it is outside – even if your thermostat setting never changes. And, run heat-producing appliances during cooler morning hours for additional savings.

- Operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction in the summer, which pushes cooler air back down into the room.

- Close curtains and blinds during warm, sunny days to help prevent the sun from heating your home.

For more information visit [duke-energy.com/SummerSavings](#).

Several road closures related to Reimagine Pleasant Street project will begin soon

The REPORTER

Road closures will soon begin as part of Noblesville’s Reimagine Pleasant Street project.

The closure schedule was recently updated to help improve traffic flow with other active construction projects nearby. The Reimagine Pleasant Street closure schedules will be adjusted in coordination with INDOT’s State Road 32 Project at 8th, 9th, and 10th streets.

Beginning on or after Saturday, June 15, Pleasant Street between 8th and 10th streets will be closed. The 8th Street and 10th Street intersections with Pleasant Street will remain open.

After SR 32 and 8th Street is open to traffic, anticipated to be mid-July, Pleasant Street will be closed between 8th and 12th streets. The 8th Street and 12th Street intersections



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with Pleasant Street will remain open. 10th Street will also be closed between Vine Street and Washington Street.

Residents will have access to their properties throughout construction. You can also follow the project on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Ford’s Garage offers steak & bourbon for Father’s Day weekend

The REPORTER

Ford’s Garage is revving up for Father’s Day weekend. The go-to neighborhood burger and brew joint inspired by the heritage of the Ford Motor Company and designed to look and feel like a classic 1920s service station is offering a limited-edition menu crafted specially for Dad.

Available at participating restaurants through June 16, Ford’s Garage is giving dads a break from the grill and treating them to the perfect pair:

- **12-Ounce Grilled Ribeye Steak** – Seasoned with Ford’s Seasoning, seared to perfection and served with

Peppercorn Gravy and a choice of two sides

- **Bacon Old Fashioned** – Bacon fat washed WhistlePig PiggyBack Bourbon, maple syrup, and orange bitters

From the restaurant’s famous Black Angus burgers and craft beers, to the one-of-a-kind, service station-inspired dining room featuring classic Ford vehicles and memorabilia, Ford’s Garage has everything a dad could want to celebrate Father’s Day this year.

Ford’s Garage is located at 13193 Levinson Lane #100 in the Hamilton Town Center.

For more information and to view the full menu, visit [FordsGarageUSA.com](#).



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Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him. Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh's court, "If I have found favor in your eyes, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, 'My father made me swear an oath and said, "I am about to die; bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.'"

Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do."

So Joseph went up to bury his father. All Pharaoh's officials accompanied him—the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt—besides all the members of Joseph's household and his brothers and those belonging to his father's household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen. Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large company.

When they reached the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly; and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of mourning for his father. When the Canaanites who lived there saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "The Egyptians are holding a solemn ceremony of mourning." That is why that place near the Jordan is called Abel Mizraim.

So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them: They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite. After burying his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others who had gone with him to bury his father.

Genesis 50:1-14 (NIV)

Doris Jean (Curry) Parish
November 22, 1942 – June 1, 2024

Doris Jean (Curry) Parish, 81, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Indianapolis. She was born on November 22, 1942, to the late Chester and Esther (Bloebaum) Curry in Sullivan, Ind. Doris graduated from Dugger High School, Class of 1960. Doris knew the value of an education and in 1970 she decided to attend Indiana Business College in Vincennes. After completing business college, she worked at St. Mary's Hospital, and after several years of working with the patients and their families, she decided to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Doris loved to garden, and she took a lot of pride growing various flowers and vegetables, especially concentrating on her roses. Her family and friends would come over just to see her garden of flowers. The last few years, Doris lived at Spicewood Garden Apartments where she had had a beautiful flower garden. They asked Doris if they could use her flower garden on the front of their brochure.

When she wasn't tending to her garden, Doris looked forward to her shopping trips and taking care of her cats.

Doris will be greatly missed by her family: daughter, Angie (Jason) Walters; grandson, Daniel Ryan Walters, and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Nicole. She also leaves behind three siblings, Betty (Ed) Doll, Wayne "Butch" Curry, and Ed Curry; along with her four cats, Blackie, Tommy, Zany, and Sandy.

Doris is preceded in death by her brother, Chester, and her sisters, Mary, Emma, and Carol.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com.

Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Parish and Walters family.



Sherry L. Swanson
January 2, 1949 – June 10, 2024

Sherry L. Swanson, 75, Fishers, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2024, at Carmel Health & Living. She was born on January 2, 1949, to Vernon and Marion (Deusser) Strawn in Indianapolis.

Sherry was a graduate of Arlington High School in Indianapolis. For 17 years she worked as a military pay specialist at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Sherry lived in Venice, Fla., for four years working as a caregiver. She belonged to the Noblesville Moose Lodge and loved music and dancing. Sherry was a great cook who also enjoyed gardening and growing flowers. Most of all, Sherry was a loving wife and mother.

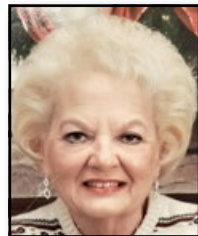
She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ronald Swanson; daughter, Mindy Swanson; and her beloved dog, Toby.

In addition to her parents, Sherry was preceded in death by her son, Brian Swanson.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, 1250 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org).

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in the Department of Community Services Conference Room on the third floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the same location.

The Mt. Vernon School Board of Trustees will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the Mt. Vernon High School Auditorium, 8112 N. County Road 200 West, Fortville.

The Westfield Board of Public Works & Safety meeting, originally scheduled for 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, will now be held beginning at 1:15 p.m. The time change is due to scheduling conflicts in order to have a quorum present at the meeting.

The Carmel Audit Committee will meet in an executive session at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, in the DOCS Conference Room on the third floor of the Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state and federal statute.

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Boys Golf



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Southeastern's Nate Benson was one of five Indiana boys golfers to receive the IHSGA's Indiana Boys All-State Academic Golf Team. Benson received the award during the ceremonies after Wednesday's IHSAA boys golf state finals.

One of 5 in Indiana Southeastern's Nathan Benson earns spot on Indiana Boys All-State Academic Golf Team

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL – Minutes after Nathan Benson and the Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team received their third-place ribbons from the IHSAA state meet, Benson was back on the podium.

The Royals senior was one of five Indiana high school golfers to earn a place on the Indiana High School Golf Association's Indiana Boys All-State Academic Golf Team.

Benson and the other golfers all received plaques for their achievement; they were recognized during the awards ceremonies at the state finals at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. Benson said making the All-State Academic team was "something I wasn't exactly prepared to get," he said. But Benson was pleased to receive the recognition.

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Conference Teams

5 UHS baseball players make All-PAAC team

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The University baseball team received quite a bit of recognition from the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference, which announced its All-PAAC team earlier this week.

Ryan Castetter was named Conference Player of the Year, and was joined on the First Team by Jasper Owens and Cooper Burnett. In addition, Mark Hamby and Owen Schellhase were both named to the Second Team.

One dozen Golden Eagles make all-conference teams

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Guerin Catholic is well-represented in the Circle City Conference All-Conference teams.

The Golden Eagles' baseball team had four players named to the First Team All-Conference: Davis Wagner, Bryson Dorsey, Tate Troxell and Ian Taylor. In addition, Wagner

and twelve lacrosse team. They are Ruth Abdalla, Katherine Constantino, Gabby Deer, Grayson Navarro, Alex Soucie and Avery Wilson.

In tennis, Guerin Catholic's doubles team of Anna Kolb and Katie Kolb were named to the All-Conference team. The Kolb sisters finished as semifinalists in the IHSAA individual doubles tournament.

Basketball

Superiority reigns: Hamilton Heights' own Camryn Runner wins Wooden/MCL Award

By RICHIE HALL
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Superior athletes. Strong students. Outstanding citizens.

In a phrase, those labels accurately describe Indiana All-Star basketball players and recent high school graduates Camryn Runner of Hamilton Heights and Isaac Andrews of Wapahani. Thus, each athlete has been named a winner of a Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for 2024 as presented by the *IndyStar* Indiana All-Stars.

Runner, a 5-9 guard, averaged 26.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 4.0 steals in leading Hamilton Heights to a 24-3 season as a senior that included Class 3A regional title. For her career, she set school records for points in a game (64), season (727) and career (1,962) while also totaling 570 rebounds, 195 assists and 288 steals.

The University of Evansville signee was a two-time IBCA Supreme 15 honoree and a 2024 AP third-team All-State selection. She also was a 2024 *IndyStar* first-team Super Team pick, a four-time all-Hoosier Conference honoree, a four-time all-Hamilton County selection by the Hamilton County Reporter and the 2023 Hamilton County Player of the Year. In addition to four letters in basketball, she also had two letters in track & field and one letter in golf.

Scholastically, Runner ranked fifth in her class of 189 students, was IBCA first-team Academic All-State and was named a Rising Star of Indiana by the Indiana Association of School Principals. She also served as her school's student-body president, was selected to National Honor Society and participated in Business Professionals of American and the Hamilton Heights student athletic council.

Runner plans to major in business management at the University of Evansville.

Andrews, a 6-1 guard, averaged 24.3 points, 6.6 rebounds and 3.3 assists in leading Wapahani to a 26-3 season and a Class 2A state runner-up finish. For his career, he totaled a school and



Bob Cross / File photo

Hamilton Heights graduate Camryn Runner was presented the Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for the girls 2023-24 basketball season. Runner, the all-time leading girls scorer in Hamilton County, led the Huskies to a regional championship, ranks fifth in her class of 189 students and will play basketball at the University of Evansville.

Delaware County record 2,151 points plus 652 rebounds and 419 assists. He also posted school records for points in a game (45), points in a season (706), career 3-pointers (294) and career 3-point accuracy (42.1 percent on 294 of 699).

The Indiana Wesleyan University recruit was a two-time IBCA Supreme 15 selection, a 2024 AP second-team All-State honoree and the 2024 *Ball State Daily News* Player of the Year. He also was a four-time all Delaware County pick by the *Muncie Star-Press* and a four-time all-Mid-Eastern

Conference choice. In addition to four years of basketball, he also lettered twice in baseball and once in golf.

Academically, Andrews was an IBCA first-team Academic All-State selection, was named a Rising Star of Indiana by the Indiana Association of School Principals, earned an IBCA Marion Crawley Scholarship and was 2024 Class 2A winner of the IHSAA Trester Award for Mental Attitude. He also was part of National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and RADD – Raiders Against Destructive Decisions.

Andrews is undecided on what he will major in at Indiana Wesleyan.

"Isaac and Camryn are great representatives for the Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for the 2024 Indiana All-Stars," Indiana All-Star games director Mike Broughton said. "Both Isaac and Camryn had strong high school careers on and off the court. We wish them well as they take their talents to the college level."

The Wooden/MCL Citizenship Awards have been presented to one

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"I take a lot of pride in the effort that I put in," said Benson. "Just the balance between academics and golf. It was a surprise to get it, but I'm still really, really proud of what I've done both athletically and academically regardless of the expectation."

In order to be nominated for the Academic All-State team, a golfer must be a high school senior with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. He also must have combined SAT score of 1100, participate in at least 50 percent of his team's varsity golf matches and play in the sectional tournament.

"For me, it's just a lot of time management," said Benson. While he is able to find time for a little bit of a social life – "girlfriend, family, friends, golf, all that stuff," he said – Benson also understands there are times when he must take care of his academics.

"It's just prioritization, being able to know when to be able to go out and practice, when to come home and get things done," said Benson. "It's a lot of nights that aren't exactly considered fun, just being able to stay up and study here and

do whatever it is I need to do to keep my grades up."

Benson has committed to both play golf and study at Rose-Hulman, where he will study mechanical engineering. There is a family reason behind his choice of academic topic.

"My grandfather, he built cars for a living, and as he got older, he realized that he wanted to try it with a grandchild of his," said Benson. "And I'm the oldest by eight years, so I was the only person that he really had the opportunity to do that with."

The two of them built a 1966 Mustang together, which Benson called his "pride and joy," something to which he put "so much emotional value to it, I just fell in love with the way things work and mechanics in general. I figured I want to dive a little bit deeper into that educationally. Obviously, I just don't want to quit golf."

Benson was one of five players to make the All-State Academic Team. The others were Jacob Palmer (Trinity School at Greenlawn), Connor Byon (Bloomington South), Aidan Gutierrez (Valparaiso) and Liam Utesch (Valparaiso).

INDYCAR, Fox Sports announce historic media rights deal for 2025

All NTT INDYCAR Series races to air on Fox next year

Submitted by INDYCAR

INDYCAR and FOX Sports announced June 13 the new exclusive home of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and the iconic Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge beginning in 2025. The new media rights deal provides a massive and unprecedented increase in exposure for North America's premier open-wheel racing series, with every 2025 race airing on FOX and available on the FOX Sports app. FOX Deportes will carry exclusive Spanish-language television coverage, with a schedule to be announced at a later date.

FOX will also provide coverage of Indy 500 qualifications on both Saturday and Sunday, bringing the total number of broadcast network windows to 19, a record for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. INDYCAR will become the only premier motorsport in the United States with exclusive major broadcast network coverage for all its races.

"This represents unri-



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valued exposure and provides an unparalleled growth opportunity for the most competitive and entertaining motorsport on the planet," INDYCAR CEO Mark Miles said. "FOX Sports is a fully committed partner, ready to bring engaging and technically innovative coverage to millions of fans across the country while also promoting INDYCAR thoroughly across all its platforms."

"Adding the iconic Indianapolis 500 and delivering the entire NTT INDYCAR

SERIES to the FOX Sports roster fits perfectly within our model of teaming with sports' largest events and best-in-class brands," FOX Sports CEO and Executive Producer Eric Shanks said. "We're honored to be the new broadcast home to 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,' an incredibly special event to everyone at FOX Sports."

The 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season kicks off with the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on Sunday, March 2 and concludes with the Big Machine Music City Grand Prix on Sunday, Aug. 31. The 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge takes place on Sunday, May 25. The full schedule for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES was released Thursday and can be viewed here.

Indianapolis 500 Race Day coverage will be extensive for fans across the country, with a five-hour

window on FOX set aside for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The Indy 500 is annually the world's largest single-day spectator sporting event, attracting a crowd of more than 300,000 people to the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The immersive collaboration will see all practice and qualifying sessions for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES telecast on cable on FS1 and FS2. The majority of INDY NXT by Firestone races will also air on FS1, with FS2 providing supplemental coverage of additional races.

This news comes on the heels of continued growth and momentum for INDYCAR, which has seen rising attendance across its schedule, significant growth in commercial partnerships and record metrics across its digital platforms.

Additional announcements, including on-air talent, will be announced at a later date.

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All-Star boy and one All-Star girl annually since 1992. The awards are named for the late John Wooden, an outstanding player at Martinsville High School and Purdue University and later a 10-time NCAA championship coach at UCLA.

"Since I am a strong believer in academic and citizenship awards, I am honored that MCL desires to use my name for this honor," Wooden said when the award established in 1992.

MCL Restaurant & Bakery, based in Indianapolis, has sponsored the

Wooden Citizenship Award for all 33 years that it has been presented. MCL also has supported the Indiana All-Star program for more than 35 years. The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, organizers of the Indiana All-Stars, thanks MCL for its continued support.

Runner joins three other Hamilton County girls basketball players in winning the award. They are Lisa Williams, Carmel 1995, Courtney Osborn, Hamilton Southeastern 2009 and Emily Kiser, Noblesville 2018.

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