

THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER NEWSPAPER JUNE 2024 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE MONTH: ELIZA ALLEN (1ST PLACE)  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



Today: Mostly sunny.  
Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 84 LOW: 62



## Welcome to SwimCity, USA!

### The REPORTER

Starting today, Indianapolis will play host the U.S. Olympic swimming trials through June 23 at Lucas Oil Stadium, and the City of Carmel boasts 14 swimmers participating.

Carmel will temporarily be known as "SwimCity, USA" in honor of these local Olympic hopefuls. Mayor Sue Finkam stopped by the Carmel Swim Academy on Monday to kick off SwimCity, USA and meet future championship youth swimmers.

Congratulates all qualifiers and best wishes at Lucas Oil. You make your community proud.

Carmel's Olympic Trial qualifiers will swim today through June 22. The prelims take place at home today in the morning, then watch the semi-finals starting at 8 p.m.



Photo provided by City of Carmel  
Mayor Sue Finkam stopped by the Carmel Swim Academy on Monday to kick off SwimCity, USA and meet future championship youth swimmers. Keep reading The Reporter's sports section for updates on the swim trials.

## Like father, unlike son

The final sawn limb popped from the poplar tree, untangled from the utility line and crashed down. Middle-aged, I applauded from a safe distance, like a giddy child.

My old man turned off the pole saw. He rubbed his right forearm, surprised to find two bloody gashes from a tangle with an earlier felled limb and a toppled ladder. I offered him gauze, but he would have none of that. NOT. A. SURPRISE.

My old man is too tough for first aid. Not me. My right wrist was wrapped in gauze due to a serious outbreak of poison ivy – for no other reason really than it made me queasy to look at it uncovered. My old man gave me that you-must-be-adopted tone and said something like, "I can eat poison ivy for breakfast and it won't bother me," while he sweated and bled and gazed warily at my gauze – his son a mummy in the making.

Though he had done all the real work and I had stayed well outside the perimeter of "our" tree trimming event, I donned both a bike helmet for my skull and safety glasses – the protective gear necessary in case I had to enter ground zero to deliver him a glass of ice water. Not that he would dare request a glass of water, for that would be like admitting to some kind of weakness.

My old man is of a tougher generation. He's also a tool man, has been all his life, which accentuates his toughness.

The pole saw: his.  
The chain saw at the base of my poplar tree: his.

I, of a softer generation, am a tool-borrowing man. I have been all my life. Any tool in my hands has likely been his; any tool I own has likely been a present from him.

See Father & Son . . . Page 2



## Cicero wins fourth round of "Best Tasting Water in Indiana"

### The REPORTER

Officials at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Association have found the best-tasting water in the first of four regional competitions held throughout Indiana.

On Wednesday, during the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water's one-day Training class in Lebanon, the Town of Cicero won the fourth and final regional competition with the tastiest water. Participating water samples were judged on three categories: clarity, odor, and taste.

Cicero's journey continues as it advances to the highly anticipated state-level competition, "The Best Tasting Water in Indiana Competition," sponsored by Wessler Engineering. This showdown will take place

at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water's Fall Conference in Fort Wayne this October, where they will compete with winners from the three previous regional taste tests held throughout the state.

The competition is part of the Quality On Tap! campaign, emphasizing the high quality, standards, and taste of rural water. The ultimate champion of the Best Tasting Water in Indiana will advance to vie in The Great American Water Taste Test, a national contest held on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., in early February 2025. This prestigious event forms part of the Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative gathering for the 50 state affiliates of the National Rural Water Association.



Photo provided  
Chad Reynolds of Alliance of Indiana Rural Water (left) and DJ Bennett of Town of Cicero.

## Public hearing scheduled Monday for Citizens Water of Westfield rate case

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) will hold a public field hearing at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 17 at Westfield City Services Center in the Main Level Media Room, 2728 E. 171st St.

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)

is inviting written public comments on Citizens Water of Westfield's request through Wednesday, June 19. Consumers who wish to submit written comments for the case record may do so via the OUCC's website at [in.gov/oucc/2361.htm](http://in.gov/oucc/2361.htm), by email at [uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov](mailto:uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov), or by mail at: Public Comments,

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Duke Energy customers are invited to comment on the utility's pending rate request.

The OUCC – the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the IURC

– is using its technical and legal resources to review the utility's proposal. Formal testimony from the OUCC is due Friday, June 21.

This case's scope is limited to water rates and charges in Westfield.

[Click here](#) for more information.

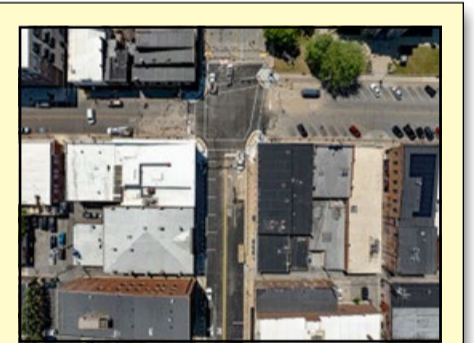


Photo provided by INDOT

## Phase 2 complete on Reconstructing SR 32 Project in Noblesville

### The REPORTER

Construction is now complete on Phase 2 of 4 of the Reconstructing State Road 32 project in Noblesville.

Downtown visitors and businesses will notice an improved roadway, better drainage, and enhancements that complement the character of the historic downtown district. Construction crews have replaced pavement and reconstructed storm sewer lines along SR 32 between 9th and 14th streets.

"Phase 2 is a critical portion of the project, and we're excited to see the progress and improvements made to preserve SR 32 in Noblesville," INDOT Project Manager Jennifer Beck said.

Crews have preserved existing trees and sidewalks to maintain the historic downtown district's aesthetics.

Phase 3 of the project will begin soon as crews will reconstruct SR 32 between 6th and 9th streets. Patrons will still be able to access businesses in the downtown area. Detour routes are listed at [ReconstructingSR32.com](http://ReconstructingSR32.com).

INDOT reminds drivers to help keep construction workers safe 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. If there are changes to the schedule, they will be announced on the project's social media channels and website.

Visit [ReconstructingSR32.com](http://ReconstructingSR32.com) for more information.

## Carmel's own Clay Wright serves with next generation of U.S. Naval Aviation Warfighters

By Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist John Osborne, Navy Office of Community Outreach

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Ensign Clay Wright, a native of Carmel, is serving in the U.S. Navy assigned to Training Squadron (VT) 28 where naval aviators learn the skills they need to fly missions around the world.

Wright, a 2018 graduate of Cathedral High School, joined the Navy two years ago. Wright also earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University in 2022.

"All of the role models in my life have a military background," said Wright. "I saw how it tested their personal growth and I wanted that. I was already interested in avia-

tion because my dad is a civilian pilot and the Navy gave me the chance to make a career of flying."

Skills and values learned in the Navy are similar to those found in Carmel.

"My parents instilled the values of hard work and honesty early in life," said Wright. "They taught me to put my best foot forward in anything I set my mind to accomplish."

Today, Wright serves as a student pilot assigned to VT 28, a U.S. Navy primary flight training squadron located at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

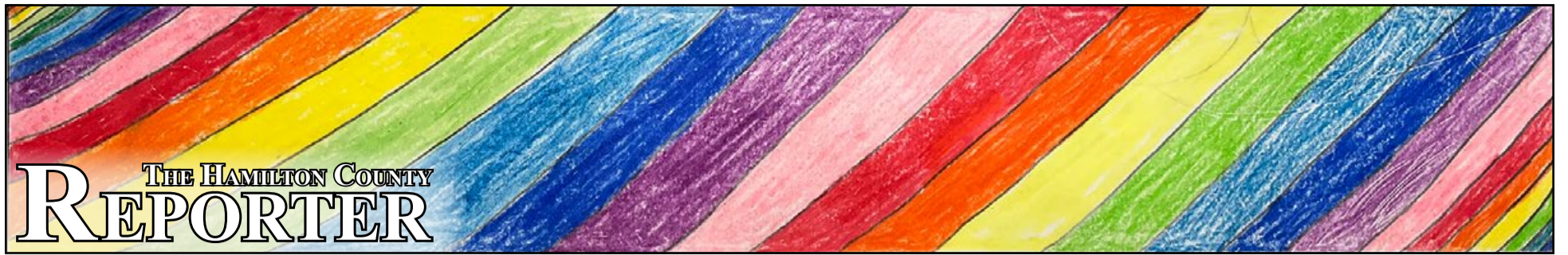
"I like the camaraderie even though we are competing against each other," said Wright. "I also enjoy that it is



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Anna-Lies Hussey  
Wright thanks his parents, Jean & Aaron, and brother Owen for their nonstop support throughout his life.

See Wright . . . Page 2





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## FATHER & SON

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The stepladder near the tree: a Christmas gift to replace a shorter one gifted to me years earlier. He decided I needed a taller ladder to climb on my roof for repairs while I watched from below. In the construction trade, my job title would be LADDER HOLDER. Not that he ever asks me to steady his ladder. He prefers a little wobble during the climb. Still, I hold the ladder, my feeble attempt at father-son bonding (not that he's in the market for that either).

My seldom-used table saw was a gift from him. My neighbor, Jeff, has used it more than me. I wouldn't be surprised if Jeff and I were accidentally exchanged at birth. By default, my home projects become my old man's. The ceiling fans, his doing; the kitchen light, his doing; the kitchen and dining room floors, his marks.

Tough guy image aside, he continues to help me out, an extremely kind act considering my childhood history of destroying nearly everything he owned.

Playing sock basketball, I knocked a picture from the

living-room wall, its corner frame crashing through the side of the TV cabinet. Suddenly, the show airing, *Happy Days*, became *Unhappy Days*. The TV still worked but was never patched, its left-sided wound forever in full view. I spent the rest of my adolescence watching TV in a guilt-ridden state. Not once did he question why I had been playing basketball with a rolled-up sock inside the house instead of shooting real hoops using the wooden basketball goal he built and planted single-handedly in our backyard as a First Communion gift.

With the point of a drawing compass, I etched the entire English alphabet into my parents' wooden framed couch. I would like to tell you that I was only two years old when I did this, a testimonial perhaps to my budding genius – sadly, I think I was 13 (a slow learner).

Forgetting to check the oil level, I blew up the engine of his Massey Ferguson riding mower; with his borrowed truck, I accidentally backed over his borrowed fishing gear, the rods snap-



Photo provided

In some ways (okay, in many ways), Scott and his father are very different people.

ping like twigs. I could go on. He could go on longer.

After freeing the aforementioned tree limbs from the utility line, I helped him

load his tools into the truck bed. I noticed a smear of his blood on the pole saw's plastic engine case. Though from a fresh wound, the stain seemed as permanent there as factory paint.

He drove away, probably en route to help my younger brother with something.

He's my old man; my dad; my father.

I can't begin to repay him for all that he's done

for me.

And though he likely won't hear it, nor expect it, I continue to applaud like a giddy child.

Email Scott at [scottsaa1-man@gmail.com](mailto:scottsaa1-man@gmail.com).

**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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## WRIGHT

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not a monotonous job. Every day is a different challenge and you have to stay flexible."

The aviation squadron's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as instill leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete many phases of flight training to graduate, including aviation preflight indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training. After successfully completing the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted "Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter attack jet, the F-35 Lightning strike fighter jet, or the SH-60 Seahawk helicopter. These aircraft take off from and land on Navy aircraft carriers at sea.

Navy aircraft carriers are designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack fighter

jets, helicopters, and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. With more than 5,000 sailors serving aboard, the aircraft carrier is a self-contained mobile airport.

Aircraft carriers are often the first response to a global crisis because of their ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

With 90 percent of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Wright serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world, and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American peo-

ple every day," said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of naval operations. "Together we will deliver the Navy the nation needs."

Wright has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am most proud of my first solo flight because it built my confidence," said Wright.

Wright can take pride in serving America through military service.

"Serving in the Navy offers a unique lifestyle," said Wright. "There are so many opportunities to have a fulfilling career and no matter which direction you turn, you have an opportunity to touch the lives of others and make them better."

Wright is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my parents, Jean and Aaron, for being loving and supporting me throughout my life," added Wright. "I also want to thank my brother, Owen, for always pushing me to be better."



# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JUNE 21 - SUMMER SOLSTICE CONCERT

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AUGUST 9 - ANTONIA BENNETT

The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts  
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AUGUST 23 - MOTOWN & DISCO CONCERT

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# 500<sup>th</sup> Legacy Brick honors 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for this lady



Photos provided by Carmel Street Department

On Thursday, the Carmel Street Department had the honor of laying the city's 500th Legacy Brick in celebration of Phyllis Horton Rockhill's 100th birthday. Thank you to the Carmel Clay Historical Society for putting this event together and managing the Legacy Brick program.



## WESTFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Westfield Chamber invites you to meet city planner Caleb Ernst

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites you "Pastry with a Planner," featuring Caleb Ernst, where you will have a unique opportunity to connect with Westfield city planners and delve into all things Westfield.

Ernest is an experienced urban planner working for the Westfield Community Development Department. In his role, he manages the city's long-term plans and vision implementation for the future.

With seven years of ex-

perience working for Westfield and an education in Urban Planning, Ernst says he is passionate about listening to what the community wants. He says he truly desires to make Westfield a better place while incorporating urban planning principles.

The event will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 27 in the Legacy Room at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield. That's just off Tomlinson Road near 203rd Street.

[Click here](#) to register.

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**The REPORTER**

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's (SYAP) Board of Directors has announced this year's Denim and Lace fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21 at West Fork Whiskey Co., 10 E. 191st St., Suite A, Westfield.

Guests will be able to mingle indoors or enjoy the great patio space, enjoy music, bar, silent auction items, raffle prizes, dinner catered by City Barbeque, and hear updates on SYAP.

Read the 2023 annual report online at [tinyurl.com/SYAP2023report](http://tinyurl.com/SYAP2023report).

Reservations are now available, and all proceeds will benefit SYAP for youth and families in the Sheridan community. Get your tickets now for the Sheridan event of the year that so many look forward to attending. Just go to [syapdenim.wedoauctions.com](http://syapdenim.wedoauctions.com). With early registration available to golf sponsors, SYAP has sold almost half the limit, so don't delay in reserving a seat.

Noblesville Democrats to  
welcome Dr. Valerie McCray

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Democratic Committee will welcome Dr. Valerie McCray, the party's nominee for U.S. Senate, to the June meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19 at the Noblesville Community Center, 336 S. 8th St.

Dr. McCray is the first African American woman to be nominated as a Senate candidate in Indiana. Please plan to bring your friends and family for an insightful discussion.



McCray

Rep. Jim Banks introduces  
Head Start Improvement Act

**The REPORTER**

Congressman Jim Banks (R-Ind.-03), who is also Indiana's Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, introduced on Thursday the Head Start Improvement Act, to improve the Head Start program by eliminating bureaucracy and giving money directly to states through block grants.



Banks

ment Act:

- Block grants the Head Start funds directly to states, territories, and federally recognized Indian Tribes.
- Eligible grantees receive an allotment of the Head Start funds in proportion to the number of children aged 3 to 5 from families with incomes below 100 percent of the poverty line residing within the state.
- Requires states to provide a 20 percent match to all federal funds granted.
- Allows states to use funding for state school choice programs.
- Requires all funds to be used for prekindergarten education, administration of the programs, and to provide direct technical assistance, oversight, monitoring, research and training.
- Directs the Comptroller General to submit a report to Congress comparing the different approaches used by the grant recipients.

U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced a companion legislation in the Senate on Thursday, and both bills are being supported by Heritage Action. "Washington bureaucrats can't possibly know how to best serve children in Indiana, Utah, or any state beyond the beltway," Rep. Banks said. "My bill with Senator Mike Lee decentralizes Head Start and gives more decision-making power back to the local leaders and parents who are better equipped to serve children in our communities."

The Head Start Improve-

Click here to read the full text of the bill.

**Rocks Mentor Camp proves  
power of positive influences**



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools / Xiu Garcia-Reynoso

Westfield Washington Schools' first-ever Mentor Camp is in the books. Each day, student mentors took 40 to 50 young Rocks (a.k.a. pebbles) to a local park to provide opportunities for students to connect with positive adults and with each other. Special thanks go out to all student mentors for the amazing experience they provided for students and their families last week: Xiu Garcia-Reynoso, Justin Miller, Thomas Coleman, Letty Duarte, Anthony Hoosier, Ronnie Saunders, Miguel Vargas, Deona Smith, Jeff Smith, Ralston Evans.

**Attention Westfield parents: vaccine  
records & exemptions due by Aug. 8**

**Submitted by Westfield  
Washington Schools**

All immunization records or exemptions must be received by your school nurse by Aug. 8, 2024. This is a requirement per state law for every student enrolled in Indiana schools.

If you are new to the district – or returning and received a message from the school nurse about missing immunization information –

please continue reading. (If your student is up to date, and you did not receive a message from the school nurse, no action is required.)

Note: all religious or medical exemptions expired the last day of school on May 30. A new exemption form must be signed and received by the start of each school year to be considered up to date. [Click here](#) to access forms.



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To meet the immunization deadline, plan ahead, as appointments fill up quickly over the summer. Immunizations can be given at:

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- Health Department**
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  - Local minute clinics (i.e., Kroger, CVS, etc.)
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# Noblesville Lions welcome Tom Jacobi to the pride



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll  
On Wednesday, Tom Jacobi was inducted into the Noblesville Lions Club. He was formally inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, current Lion District Governor. Jacobi's Lion Sponsor is his father, Lion Larry Jacobi. (From left) Lion Julia Kozicki, Lion Tom Jacobi, and Sponsor Lion Larry Jacobi.



Photo provided by City of Carmel  
(From left) Carmel Director of Engineering Jeremy Kashman, IMPO Executive Director Anna Gremling, and Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam.

# Carmel receives funds from Metropolitan Planning Organization

**The REPORTER**  
On Wednesday, the City of Carmel was presented with a \$3.5 million check by Anna Gremling, Executive Director of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) for construction of the 116th Street Path from Towne Road to Spring Mill Road.  
Carmel Director of Engineering Jeremy Kashman submitted the project ap-  
plication in late 2023 when the IMPO hosted its call for projects, and the city was formally awarded on April 17 at the IMPO's Policy Committee meeting.  
Award recipients in this highly competitive process are selected based on a list of criteria guided by the goals of federal and regional transportation programs with the ultimate goal of selecting high-quality and  
high-impact projects that help the region meet its objectives. The construction of this portion of multi-use path on the north side of 116th Street will serve as a vital connection on Carmel's west side and includes connectivity to two public parks, a new school, a retail center, and a hospital.  
Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2027.



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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

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

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

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

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

As of January, 2024, the Posts that are

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

## Carmel American Legion Post 155

852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032

317-846-0001 Commander Kim Kilburn

Post Hours M-Tu 3-10 W-Th 10-10 F-S 10-11, Su 12-8 - Public is welcome Tu, Thurs & Fri, lunch W-F 11-2, dinner Thur-Fri 5-8 & Breakfast every Sat & Sun 8am-12pm

Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm

Website & Calendar - <https://post155.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679>

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special gaming events like Texas Hold Em, Bingo, their jackpot totals and game day specials

• Euchre is every Tuesday night at 7pm and the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm

• Treasure Hunt drawing every Friday 7pm

• They have a weekly draw on Wednesday at 7pm

• Pull Tabs are available every day at the bar!!

• Post Service Officer may be reached at [postserviceofficer@post155.org](mailto:postserviceofficer@post155.org) if you need assistance

• Room Rentals call 317-846-0001 for the Post Manager. They have 3 rooms large enough for 150 people plus outdoor space.

## Cicero American Legion 341

50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In

317-984-4441 Commander Tye Anderson

M-Th 3-10pm, F-Sa 12-11pm, Sun 12-10pm

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

Kitchen hours are 4-8pm Tues Wed Fri Sun eat in or order food to go

Public is welcome Mon, Fri & Sat and for their Treasure Hunt at 7pm Tuesdays

Website and calendar - <https://cicerolegion341.org/events/>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/cicerolegion341>

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & Treasure Hunt results

• Weekly drawings are Sundays 6pm, Wednesdays 7pm, Fridays 8pm

• Euchre tournaments are Mondays at 7pm and Saturdays at 4pm

• Bingo is every Friday, 6pm for Early Bingo and 6:30 for Bingo

• Post Service Officer Mary Ringer may be reached by calling the Post at 317-984-4441 if you need assistance

## Fishers American Legion Post 470

9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In

317-842-5944 Commander Pat Menc

M 12-10, Sa 3-11, Tu, W, Th, Su 12-11, F 12-12 - Open to the public but only members & signed in guests may order alcohol

Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm

Food is served 1-9pm Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri

Website and calendar is <https://legion470fishers.org/index.php?id=1>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FishersLegionPost470>

• Bingo is Sunday at 1:00pm and Tuesday 6:00pm

• Texas Holdem is Every Friday at 5pm

• Treasure Hunt is on Fridays at 8pm (\$26,600)

• Pool Tournaments are at 6pm, 8 ball 2nd Saturdays, 9 ball 4th Saturdays of the month and American Poolplayers Assoc 7pm Wed & Thurs

• Pull Tabs are available at the bar every day

• Every month the Aux schedules a euchre tournament to raise funds for a local non-profit to help our community

• Pay attention to Facebook and their calendar for live music dates, times

• Room rental space is available - email Rhonda. Cree78@gmail.com

• Post Service Officer Greg Cyrus may be reached at 317-698-3745 if you need assistance

## Noblesville American Legion Post 45

273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060

317-773-9985 Commander Gil Soria

M-Th 11-10pm F 11-12 Sa 12-12pm, Su 12-8pm

Meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 7pm

Food is served 4-9pm Tues - Sat

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public is welcome for food and games plus every Saturday of the month and some Fridays Website - <https://www.noblesvilleamericanlegionpost45.com/>

Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063496781153>

• Veteran Peer Support Group w/MASH Ministries - Mondays 7pm

• Coffee With A Vet - Wednesdays from 9-11am

• Treasure Hunt drawings are every Friday 6:45pm - Public is welcome (\$7,680)

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for updates and special events like Music Bingo, Shuffleboard, Trivia

• Rental space is available as well as the kitchen - Event Building holds 49 people. Contact [huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com](mailto:huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com) or call 317-773-9985

• Post Service Officer may be reached on their website link above if you need assistance

## Sheridan American Legion Post 67

406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

317-758-5007 Commander Tom DeShon

Hours M-F 3-close, Sat 12-close, Su 1-6p

Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Food service - lunch from 11am-2pm Tu, Wed, Thurs & Fri, after lunch bar food (fries, burgers, etc) is available. Public is welcome for lunch and games

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ALPost67/>

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for everything

• Lunch specials posted weekly

• Treasure Hunt Friday night at 7pm - Public welcome

• Bingo 2nd & 4th Thursdays 630pm early bird, 7pm start

• Events for the community you can help with...

• Post Service Officer may be reached after they find a qualified member to help Veterans

## VFW Information

### Carmel VFW Post 10003

12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032

317-846-0917 Commander Darin Bibeau

Sun - Thurs 11-10pm, F & Sa 11-12am

Meetings the 2nd Monday of the month at 630pm

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

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CarmelVFW>

• Check their Facebook page for their weekly updates, lunch specials, music and special events

• Poker is Tues, Fri & Sun noon-midnight, dealers provided, food snacks & drinks available

• Thursdays 7pm is their Treasure Hunt - open to the public

• Post Service Officer Shawn Ransford may be reached at [shawn.ransford@va.gov](mailto:shawn.ransford@va.gov) if you need assistance

• Contact [carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com](mailto:carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com) to rent space for your special events

### Cicero VFW

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

### Noblesville VFW Post 6246

Noblesville VFW Post 6246

654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060

317-773-9956 Commander Eric Behrends

M-Th 3-8p, F 2-10p, Sa 12-10p, Su 12-8p

Meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 11am

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

No Website/calendar but they have a Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/post6246/>

• Bingo every Friday at 7pm and the public is welcome

• Karaoke is every Saturday 7pm and the public is welcome

• Queen of Hearts is every Wednesday 7pm and the public is welcome

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & food specials

• Post Service Officer Linda Behrends may be reached at 317-773-9956 if you need assistance

## Hamilton County CVSO Office

1 Hamilton County Square Suite 179,

Noblesville, In 46060

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Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

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• Please call to setup an appointment or

walk in as your Hamilton County Veteran

Service Officers are ready to help our Mili-

tary, Veterans and families in the following areas:

• Obtaining your DD-214 military discharge

• Discharge Review

• Filing claims for service-connected disability or nonservice connected pensions

• Education benefits

• Survivor Benefits

• VA Medical Care

• G.I. Bill Benefits

• Vocational Rehabilitation

• Burial Benefits

• Property Tax Abatement

• Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans

• Motor Vehicle License Plates

• Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License

• Golden Hoosier Passport



## Community

## Resource

## Fair

**JULY 20, 2024 From 11am till 3pm**

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The Hamilton County Veterans Corp is hosting a county wide Resource Fair again in 2024! We hope to reach as many of our Military/Veteran population as possible and to encourage our whole community to stop in and see what we are doing in Hamilton County. The more we know about the resources readily available to address all our issues and needs, the more connected and stronger we will be as a community of friends helping friends/Veterans Serving Veterans.

At this fair we will have over 85 resource tables there for you to get the assistance you need for the following topics and so much more from several local, regional and national providers:

VA Benefits

VA Hospital

CVSO's

County/City Health

IDVA

City Health

Mental Health

Housing

Dental Health

Employment

Insurance

Retirement

Legal

Financial Help

Homeless

Education

Suicide Prevention

Family Programs

HVAF

Faith Based

Tell all your friends and neighbors about this great Resource Fair that is for all of us here in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Bring a neighbor, bring a friend, bring a Veteran!!!!



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# Westfield Young Professionals invite you to happy hour

**The REPORTER**

Join the Westfield Young Professionals from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25 at Urban Apples, 18326 Spring Mill Road, for an exciting happy hour event.

Urban Apples is the first and only cidery in Hamilton County. The new facilities span 25 acres of family-friendly property,

including multiple event rooms for small and large gatherings. A perfect place for a friends' night out, family get-togethers, baby showers, graduations, company gatherings, and more. Urban Apples has lots of cider choices as well as beer, wine, and non-alcoholic options plus a food menu.

[Click here](#) to register.

**Live Music June 21 - Riding Roughshod Duo**  
**Open Mic Tuesdays**  
 7-10 p.m.  
**Trivia Wednesdays**  
 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
**Keyboardist**  
 Dave Lowe every Thursday 6-9 p.m.  
  
 17419 Suite C, Carey Rd., Westfield  
 317.867.0397

**Live Music At Pasto Italiano**  
**Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday**  
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## Fehr helps young artists learn to use their imaginations at Kids Summer Art Camp

Submitted by **Walt Thacker**  
 Hamilton County Artists' Association

Every year, member artist Karen Fehr organizes and instructs our Kids Summer

Art Camp, a four-day event open to children in first grade through eighth grade, which ran June 10 to 13.

Students participate in projects that teach creativity and imagination in their interpretations. Fehr is a

long-time artist with the Hamilton County Artists' Association and has taught this summer class for several years.

On the last day of the camp, the students made mountain landscapes in the

form of a collage from different pieces of paper that they had water colored and torn into different shapes and glued together to make an interesting piece of art that can be taken home and displayed.

## AG Rokita sues Anderson apartment owners for allegedly abandoning tenants, forcing families to fend for themselves

Submitted by **Office of the Attorney General**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is suing the owners of two Anderson apartment complexes for allegedly abandoning tenants – allowing Bingham Square Apartments and Madison Square Apartments to fall into such extreme disrepair as to render them entirely unlivable.



Rokita

The defendants allegedly responsible for the abandonment are PR Bingham LLC; PR Madison LLC; Property Resource Associates LLC; and Gary Plichta.

"The way that hard-working Hoosiers are alleged to have been treated by these defendants is disgraceful," Rokita said. "Not every investment in real property can be successful, but it's unconscionable to simply abandon these properties and force stranded families to figure out how to fend for themselves after they paid their rent."

Defendants acquired Bingham Square Apartments in 2019 with a \$2.7 million loan from Landmark Bank and \$900,000 in TIF Bonds from the Anderson Redevelopment Commission.

The lawsuit, filed by the Consumer Protection Division through its Homeowner Protection Unit, alleges that defendants thereafter

walked away from the 129-unit complex and allowed its physical condition to totally deteriorate. As early as February 2021, utilities were shut off due to alleged nonpayment of utility charges to the City of Anderson.

The lawsuit likewise alleges that after being notified of at least 21 units not meeting Section 8 Housing Quality Standards by the Anderson Housing Authority, defendants canceled their Section 8 contract and began evicting HUD-subsidized tenants from the property. Bingham Square Apartments has since been plagued by fires, flooding, utility outages, break-ins, and criminal trespassers.

The lawsuit likewise alleges that Madison Square Apartments experienced a similar fate.

After receiving \$3.4 million for the purchase and rehabilitation of this property, defendants allegedly abandoned tenants by the fall of 2022 – leaving behind an unsecured leasing office full of sensitive tenant information, including dozens of uncashed checks from years prior.

Trespassers are alleged to have taken hold of the property, cutting



Photo provided

This is but one example of the extremely deteriorated apartments at Bingham Square in Anderson.

out electric meters in several buildings, stripping copper wire, and causing unsafe conditions where standing water was in contact with live electrical wires.

By May 2024, the defendants allegedly owed as much as \$925,380 in unpaid utilities to the City of Anderson – a cost that will be borne by other ratepayers. Both properties were alleged to have been in the control of Gary Plichta and Property Resource Associates LLC, a company based in Florida.

The lawsuit demands a jury trial, costs of prosecution, and other damages against the defendants for multiple violations of the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, Home Loan Practices Act, and the Uniform Business Organizations Act.

"Our office intends to hold these defendants to account for the devastation they have caused to the City of Anderson and its constituents," Rokita said.

The mission of the Homeowner Protection Unit is to protect the rights of all individuals involved in the housing market, including tenants, homeowners, and aspiring homeowners, by investigating and redressing deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending and violations of relevant state and federal laws.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General about any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers can file a complaint by visiting [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or calling 1-800-382-5516.

## ISO presents Beethoven's Fifth & Thibaudet plays Gershwin

Featuring conductor Jun Märkl & pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, June 21 & 22

**The REPORTER**

Superstar pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet performs Gershwin's jazzy Piano Concerto in F. The concert also includes Hannah Kendall's *The Spark Catchers*, a new piece composed in 2017. The season ends with Fate knocking on the door one morning when the newly appointed music director of the ISO Jun Märkl conducts Beetho-

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ven's immortal Fifth Symphony.

Arrive 50 minutes prior to the concert start time to hear *Words on Music*, a behind-the-scenes conversation about the music.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets to the concert. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday,

June 21 and at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 22.

For more information regarding the policies of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, please [click here](#).

To read more about Jun Märkl and Jean-Yves Thibaudet, go to [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).



# Latest Carmel road construction updates

**The REPORTER**  
**106th Street & Hazel Dell Parkway**  
 One lane each direction on Hazel Dell Parkway is now closed as the construction of the roundabout at the intersection gets underway.

**103rd Street & College Avenue**  
 A full closure is underway of North College Avenue directly south of East 103rd Street for utility work. East 103rd Street will remain open for east/west connectivity as well as to the north; however, trench excavation across College Avenue will prevent southbound traffic during the 10-day construction period.

Alternate routes include Pennsylvania Parkway, 96th Street, 106th Street, and U.S. 31.  
**News from INDOT**  
 There will be bridge resurfacing work over U.S. 31 in the following locations:  
 • West Carmel Drive, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will be-

gin on or after Friday, June 21 and be completed Monday, July 8. Work will take place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.

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

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

**146th Street & Hazel Dell Parkway intersection improvement**

The Hamilton County Highway Department will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 at Noble Crossing Elementary School, 5670 Noble Crossing Pkwy. East, Noblesville. [Click here](#) for more information.



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

# Nighttime lane restrictions coming to 146th Street

**The REPORTER**  
 Beginning on or after the dates listed below, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., the contractor will use a lane restriction for the delivery of materials in the work area and to set

bridge beams.  
 • **Monday, June 17:** Westbound left lane of 146th Street will be closed.  
 • **Tuesday, June 18:** One westbound lane and one eastbound lane will be closed. A temporary cross-

over will be used on both sides of the intersection to shift traffic into the appropriate lanes.  
 Drivers should expect short duration intermittent stoppages along 146th Street and Allisonville Road

so the contractor can move materials and equipment within the work area. Please watch for flaggers within the construction zone and use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

# Latest Fishers road construction updates

**The REPORTER**  
**State Road 37 & 141st Street**

Preliminary construction work is underway at SR 37 and 141st Street. During this time pavement markings and concrete barriers will be placed. There will be no closures during this phase, only intermittent lane restrictions during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find construction updates at [37thrives.com](#).  
**141st Street & Promise Road roundabout**

The City of Noblesville plans to begin construction on a roundabout at 141st Street and Promise Road on or after Monday, June 17. Once construction begins this closure will last approximately 60 days. The detour route signage will be in place prior to the closure. For your safety, please do not enter the construction zone. There could be open trenches or other obstacles that are unsafe.

[Click here](#) for more project information.

**106th Street & Cumberland Road**

Starting Monday, June 17, there will be lane restrictions at 106th Street and Cumberland Road while Verizon contractors install underground equipment. Lane restrictions will be in place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Fishers Trade Center**

The contractor will work north of 135th Street and south of 141st Street the week of June 17. The construction traffic route is one-way heading north from 135th to 141st.

[Click here](#) to see a map.

**Road resurfacing projects**

The contractor is continuing work in Sunblest neighborhood. The week of June 17, road resurface work will take place on 126th Street between Olio Road and Thorpe Creek Parkway. Traffic will be down to one lane with flaggers on site to direct traffic from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17 and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18.

Additionally, the contractor will begin work mid-week the week of June 17 and has placed door hangers in the Fox Run Neighborhood.

Towards the end of the week of June 17, the contractor will move into the Hillsborough neighborhood.

Residents should refrain from parking their vehicles on the street during active construction operations.

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

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

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

Roadways and neighborhoods are prioritized based on the PASER rating condition of their pavement.

You can see a map [here](#).

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| Meeting Notices   |   |
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| The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing Officer meeting is set for 5:15 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.<br>The regular meeting of the Board has been canceled due to no items to review. | The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia. |
| <p><b>Send Meeting Notices to:</b><br/> <a href="mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com">News@ReadTheReporter.com</a></p>  |   |

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# THE BEST

## LOCAL NEWS & SPORTS COVERAGE IN HAMILTON COUNTY



## Nine local students make Saint Mary's College dean's list

**The REPORTER**

The following Hamilton County students have been named to the Saint Mary's College dean's list for the Spring 2024 semester.

- **Carmel:** Grace Leber, Savannah Paulson, Evelyn Puntillo, Jada Reitmeier, and Eleanor York.
- **Fishers:** Phoenix McLellan and Hollie Williams.

• **Noblesville:** Annalise Weinschrott and Sarah Whitten.

To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

## Carmel's Nathaniel Burgess makes President's List at Minnesota State College SE

**The REPORTER**

Minnesota State College Southeast in Red Wing and Winona, Minn., recently announced the President's List for Spring Semester 2024.

Nathaniel Burgess of Carmel was one of 260 stu-

dents named to the list.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits during an academic term and achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

## Cicero's Hannah Jackson makes dean's list at William & Mary

**The REPORTER**

Hannah Jackson of Cicero was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., for the spring 2024 semester.

To achieve dean's list status, a full-time-degree-

seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality-point average during the semester.

The College of William & Mary is the second-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

# IU Kokomo applauds May 2024 graduates

**The REPORTER**

Indiana University Kokomo congratulates the 320 students who earned degrees in May 2024. The graduates represent 34 Indiana counties and seven states.

Locally, 46 students are now graduates of the Class of 2024.

**Arcadia**

• Celeste Mae Engle, Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences

• Nicole R. Furst, Bachelor of Science in Psychology

• Angelica Marie Montgomery, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Carmel**

• Katherine Quinn Davidson, Bachelor of General Studies

• Haydee Dunn, Bachelor of Science in Spanish

• Maximilian Michael Flynn, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

• Madison Jarrett, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

• Keyla Matthews, Master of Science in Nursing

• Savanna Isabel McGee, Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences

**Fishers**

• Ricardia V. Elie, Bachelor of General Studies

• Matthew Anthony Iacobucci, Bachelor of Science in Business, Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Management

• Martha Araceli Romero, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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## Franklin College celebrates 2024 graduates

**The REPORTER**

Franklin College's 2024 Commencement took place on Saturday, May 18 in Spurlock Center Gymnasium on the Franklin College

campus. The top five majors of the graduating class were business, exercise science, psychology, biology, and elementary education. The college conferred 194 un-

dergraduate degrees and 28 graduate degrees.

Graduates from Hamilton County earning masters degrees include:

• Megana Vimala Bamidi of Westfield earned a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies.

• Madison Anne Clayborn of Fishers earned a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies.

Graduates from Hamilton County earning undergraduate degrees include:

• Kathryn Jane Brown of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art studio (ceramics). She graduated cum laude.

• Amber Marie Dawson of Sheridan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. She graduated cum laude.

• Kaitlyn Faith Hewitt of Westfield earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in accounting and business (management). She graduated cum laude.

• Kayla Ann Nance of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

• Owen Daniel Ogle of Carmel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business (management).

• Dianna Nicole Rollag of Fishers earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology (criminal justice).

• Jillian Faith Schlieper of Carmel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology (biomedical sciences). She graduated summa cum laude.

• Jada Brienne Tooley of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in exercise science. She graduated cum laude.

Callie Crossley, a television and radio broadcast journalist in the Boston area, delivered the commencement address, and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree during the ceremony.

The senior class speaker was Noah Cook, a resident of Fort Wayne, who majored in creative writing and minored in English and Spanish. He was selected by his classmates to address the audience on their behalf.

## Seven local students earn academic distinction at Franklin College

**The REPORTER**

Franklin College has announced the president's and dean's lists for the spring 2024 semester.

Students named to the president's list have achieved academic distinction by earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester. The following from Hamilton County students have been named to the president's list:

- Makenna Mundy, a senior from Noblesville
- Isabella Neiling, a junior from Cicero

• Kaylee Rhoton, a freshman from Cicero

• Jillian Schlieper, a senior from Carmel

Students named to the dean's list have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester, earning a grade-point average of at least 3.5 but less than 4.0. The following Hamilton County students have been named to the dean's list:

- Amber Dawson, a senior from Sheridan
- Jonathan Hicks, a junior from Westfield
- Payton Seay, a freshman from Noblesville

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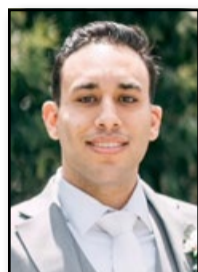
**JOSEPH REASSURES HIS BROTHERS**

*When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.*

*Genesis 50:15-17 (NIV)*

**Randy S. Guirguis**

**May 4, 1996 – June 12, 2024**



Randy S. Guirguis, 28, Noblesville, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Community North Hospital.

Born May 4, 1996, in Luxor, Egypt, he was the son of Samir Milad Guirguis and Mona Saad Guirguis. He married Brittney (Haviland) Guirguis on November 16, 2019, and she survives.

Other survivors include his parents of Carmel; his spouse of Noblesville; a son, Damian Guirguis of Noblesville, a baby daughter coming within the next month; and a sister, Sandra Lowe (Raymond) of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; uncles, Nabil Milad and Ezzat Labib; and aunt, Seham Waner.

Mr. Guirguis had lived in this area for 27 years, after moving from Egypt. He was a project manager for Mosaic Consulting Group, LLC for one year. He graduated from Carmel High School in 2014, graduated from Butler University in 2019 with a bachelor's degree, and was a member of Calvary Apostolic Church in Noblesville.

Randy was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his wife Brittney and son Damien. He was a helper – he loved helping his church and was CAC's project manager.

Randy enjoyed getting together with new people and old friends by hosting them to his house for game nights.

He loved being with his family for the holidays and enjoyed spending time with his extended family overseas in Egypt. During his free time Randy loved playing basketball with his friends. He recently received the honor of being awarded his Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu blue belt, which he was very proud of. He was a loyal servant to all that he encountered. He was a true definition of a Christian.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Bryan Tanton officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Memorial contributions for Brittney and their children can be made at [gofund.me/36606ede](https://gofund.me/36606ede).

Online condolences may be shared at [glennegorge-andson.com](https://glennegorge-andson.com).

**Joe Lee Walden**

**May 21, 1970 – June 3, 2024**



Joe Lee Walden, 54, Sheridan, passed away, surrounded by his family, best friend, and those he loved most in this world, on Monday evening, June 3, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born May 21, 1970, in Lebanon, Ind., he was the son of the late Joe Edward and Shirley Gay (Sims) Walden.

He was a proud graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1991.

Joe was never one to let the grass grow under his feet. He spent 16 years working for Speedway gas station as their resident jack-of-all-trades, doing anything and everything that needed to be done to keep the store running smoothly and efficiently. From 2007 to 2022, he worked as a paper carrier with the *Indianapolis Star*, during which time he ensured each of his customers received excellent service. As his health declined, Joe switched over to the assembly side of the business, and from 2020 until 2023 helped his son assemble the daily deliveries for other carriers. The time spent together, working closely with his son, was a wonderful bonding experience for both of them.

Joe enjoyed doing yard work and gardening, as well as going fishing whenever he could get the chance. He also loved watching the Colts, unless they played on Monday night; Mondays were reserved for watching wrestling. Joe was also a collector; his collections of piggy banks and Camel memorabilia were coming along nicely. He loved to watch movies, or the idea of watching movies – he rarely made it through one without falling asleep, in spite of his Mountain Dew consumption. He enjoyed puzzles and woodworking, and tinkering around with things – taking them apart, cleaning them, putting them back together – to him there was just something oddly satisfying about it.

No matter what Joe had going on in his life, there was never anything more important than his family.

Joe is survived by his girlfriend, Sonya Gibbs-Willem of Sheridan; his son, Joe Lee "Jo-Jo" Walden II of Noblesville; daughter, Gertrude W. Finney (Sean) of Alexandria, Ind.; two grandchildren, Aydan Finney and Andru Finney; sister, Gaynell Walsh-Francia of Sylva, N.C.; and by his "little buddy," Tristan Gibbs-Willem. Uncle Joe will always live in your heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Edward and Shirley Gay (Sims) Walden; and two brothers-in law, David Walsh and Pete Franssica.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, June 14, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

Joe always preferred dressing as comfortably as possible. Attendees were asked to help honor his memory by dressing in the same fashion for his services: casual and comfortable, just like he would have wanted.

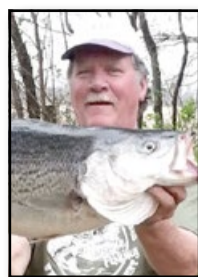
Burial followed at Eagle Creek Cemetery. Pastor Steve Carlock officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the National Kidney Foundation.

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

**Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough**

**July 20, 1953 – May 26, 2024**



Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough, 70, Sheridan, passed away unexpectedly at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle, Ind., on Sunday evening, May 26, 2024. Born July 20, 1953, in Noblesville, he was the son of Neil Meredith and Marcia J. (Evans) McCullough.

He was a 1971 graduate of Sheridan High School.

Rick had unique gifts. He had the mind of an engineer. He knew how things worked (especially the really big things) and how they came apart (and equally as important, how they went back together), and he had the hands of a master mechanic. The first 20 years of his career were spent working on construction equipment with the former Indiana Rental Company. He later hired on with Reynolds Farm Equipment in Fishers, retiring from the company after 26 years of dedicated service.

When it came to working with his hands, Rick was as skilled at woodworking as he was at fixing an excavator or a bulldozer. He loved making furniture and special gifts for family and friends. His greatest special gift (and the one he was the proudest of) was the home he built for his family. His blood, sweat, and tears went into its construction, and his heart and soul helped fill it with love.

Although he was very proud of his gardening achievements, most of his free time was devoted to fishing. Thinking about it, talking about it, and eventually going and doing it (which usually leads to more talking about it). However, what meant the most to Rick was his family, his friends, and of course, his fishing buddies.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen M. "Kathy" (McDonald) McCullough. She and Rick were married on June 15, 1990. Also surviving are his mother, Marcia J. (Evans) McCullough; two sons, Patrick Greenough (Rebekah) of Sheridan and Bradley Greenough of Sheridan; two daughters, Marie Nicole Lane (Derek) of Camden, Ind., and Sarah Jane McCullough of Sheridan; grandchildren, Grace, Madison, Ivan, Neil, and Eleanor; brother, Michael Myron McCullough (Ludi) of Sheridan; two sisters, Karen Sue Thomas (Dan) of Hawaii and Katharine Jane Godbey (Ron) of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews; and by his mother-in-law, Leslie McDonald of Sheridan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil Meredith McCullough; father-in-law, Henry McDonald; and by his canine partner in crime, Duke.

Rick's impact was felt by everyone who knew him, and his passing will leave an unfillable gap in the hearts of his friends, family, and loved ones.

A celebration of Rick's life will take place from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, June 15, 2024 (which would have been Rick and Kathy's 34th anniversary), at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

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

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## First class & fan-friendly

### Indianapolis kicks off Olympic swim trials at Lucas Oil

By **RICHIE HALL**

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**INDIANAPOLIS** – An Olympic-size swimming pool in an NFL stadium.

Welcome to the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming, which is being done the only way Indianapolis knows how to do a big event: first class and fan-friendly. The Trials begin this morning in the beautiful pool inside Lucas Oil Stadium and run every day through Sunday, June 23.

USA Swimming hosted a pre-trials press conference Friday afternoon. The event featured comments from NBC commentators Rowdy Gaines and Elizabeth Beisel, USA Swimming head coaches Anthony Nesty (men's) and Todd DeSorbo (women's). Lindsay Mintenko, the managing director of the national team spoke alongside the coaches, after which Tim Hinchey III, CEO and president of USA Swimming, gave some remarks.

Last, but certainly not least, were two of the competing swimmers: gold medalists Lilly King and Cody Miller. Both swam at Indiana University and were champions at the 2016



Olympic gold-medal swimmers Lilly King and Cody Miller spoke at a pre-competition press conference Friday as the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming are set to begin this morning. Swimmers will compete in a temporary pool that has been set up at Lucas Oil Stadium, making it the first time an Olympic swim trials have taken place at an NFL stadium.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Rio De Janeiro games; King won golds in the women's 100 breaststroke and 4x100 medley relay, while Miller was part of the gold-medal men's 4x100 medley relay.

"I think if you ask any Olympic athlete from the United States why we're so successful when you ultimately get to the games, it's because of this," said Miller. "It's because of this gauntlet. Nobody else has this, or even Omaha, 20,000 fans. Just the trials, the pressure, the gauntlet that is being successful at

this meet. It's magic. And everyone that's standing on deck can feel it, and you can see it."

This will be the first time ever that an NFL stadium hosts an Olympic swimming trials. While the setting is historic and looks amazing, King referenced a line from the iconic basketball movie *Hoosiers* to point out that there is nothing different about this pool than those from previous trials.

"There's a scene where the small-town basketball

team shows up at the state basketball game," said King. "They walk out on to the court and say, 'What does it look like?' And they measure everything, and it's the same measurements as their basketball court at home. That's all it is."

This will be the last Olympic Trials for King, who said at the end of the press conference that she will not be trying out for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

"I will be watching in Los Angeles," said King.

"And I'm good with that decision. I will not be done after the summer, but I will not be going another four years. I'll be cheering on the team."

A total of 1,007 swimmers have qualified for the trials, including several from Hamilton County (see related story). The athletes range in age from 14 – there are three that age competing – to 46-year-old Gabrielle Rose, who competed in the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Olympics.

There will be two ses-

sions for all but the last day of the Trials. The morning sessions begin at 11 a.m. and will consist of all preliminary swims. The top 16 in each event after the prelims advance to the semifinals, which take place during the same day's night session, which start at 8 p.m.

The top eight swimmers in each semifinal move on to the finals. Those also take place during prime time, at 8 p.m. The only exception is June 23, where there will be a night session only.

## County swimmers

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Here is a list of swimmers in the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming that are competing for Hamilton County swim clubs or have ties to the county. Swimmers are listed by event.

**Women's 100 butterfly:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Kelly Pash (Carmel), Emily Wolf (Fishers).

**Women's 400 freestyle:** Kayla Han (Carmel), Lynsey Bowen (Carmel).

**Men's 400 freestyle:** Jake Mitchell (Carmel), Aaron Shackell (Carmel), Drew Kibler (Carmel), Luke Whitlock (Fishers), Gregg Enoch (Carmel).

**Men's 200 freestyle:** Drew Kibler (Carmel), Jake Mitchell (Carmel), Aaron Shackell (Carmel), Andrew Shackell (Carmel).

**Men's 400 individual medley:** Gregg Enoch (Carmel), Kyle Ponsler (Fishers), Isaac Fleig (Fishers).

**Women's 100 breaststroke:** Molly Sweeney (Carmel).

**Women's 200 freestyle:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Kelly Pash (Carmel), Lynsey Bowen (Carmel).

**Women's 400 individual medley:** Ellie Clarke (Carmel), Kate Mouser (Fishers).

**Women's 100 backstroke:** Berit Berglund (Carmel), Julie Mishler (Fishers).

**Men's 800 freestyle:** Luke Whitlock (Fishers), Isaac Fleig (Fishers).

**Men's 200 butterfly:** Aaron Shackell (Carmel), Gregg Enoch (Carmel).

**Women's 100 freestyle:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Julie Mishler (Fishers).

**Women's 200 breaststroke:** Molly Sweeney (Carmel).

**Men's 200 breaststroke:** Kyle Ponsler (Fishers).

**Women's 200 butterfly:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Kelly Pash (Carmel), Emily Wolf (Fishers).

**Women's 200 backstroke:** JoJo Ramey (Fishers), Ellie Clarke (Carmel).

**Men's 50 freestyle:** Drew Kibler (Carmel).

**Men's 200 individual medley:** Gregg Enoch (Carmel).

**Men's 100 butterfly:** Aaron Shackell (Carmel).

**Women's 200 individual medley:** Molly Sweeney (Carmel).

**Women's 800 freestyle:** Kayla Han (Carmel), Lynsey Bowen (Carmel).

**Women's 50 freestyle:** Julie Mishler (Fishers), Alex Shackell (Carmel).

**Men's 1500 freestyle:** Luke Whitlock (Fishers), Isaac Fleig (Fishers)

## Schedule of events for 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming

### The REPORTER

Here is the complete schedule of events for the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming, which takes place through June 23 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

All day sessions consist of heats and begin at 11 a.m. All night sessions begin around 8 p.m. and consist of semifinals and finals.

#### Saturday, June 15

##### Day session

**Order of events:** Women's 100 butterfly, women's 400 freestyle, men's 100 breaststroke, men's 400 freestyle

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Women's 100 butterfly semifinals, men's 400 freestyle final, women's 400 freestyle final, men's 100 breaststroke semifinals.

#### Sunday, June 16

##### Day session

**Order of events:** Men's 200 freestyle, men's 400 individual medley, women's 100 breaststroke, men's 100 backstroke, women's 200 freestyle

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Men's

400 individual medley final, women's 100 butterfly final, men's 200 freestyle semifinals, women's 100 breaststroke semifinals, men's 100 backstroke semifinals, men's 100 breaststroke finals, women's 200 freestyle semifinals.

#### Monday, June 17

##### Day session – heats

**Order of events:** Women's 400 individual medley, women's 100 backstroke, men's 800 freestyle.

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Women's 400 individual medley final, men's 200 freestyle final, women's 100 backstroke semifinals, men's 100 backstroke final, women's 100 breaststroke final, women's 200 freestyle final.

#### Tuesday, June 18

##### Day session – heats

**Order of events:** Men's 200 butterfly, men's 100 freestyle, women's 1500 freestyle, women's 100 freestyle, men's 200 breaststroke.

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Men's 100 freestyle semi-

finals, men's 200 butterfly semifinals, women's 100 backstroke final, men's 800 freestyle final, women's 100 freestyle semifinals, men's 200 breaststroke semifinals.

#### Wednesday, June 19

##### Day session – heats

**Order of events:** Women's 200 breaststroke, men's 200 backstroke, women's 200 butterfly.

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Women's 100 freestyle final, men's 200 butterfly final, women's 200 butterfly semifinals, women's 1500 freestyle final, men's 200 backstroke semifinals, women's 200 breaststroke semifinals, men's 200 breaststroke final, men's 100 freestyle final.

#### Thursday, June 20

##### Day session – heats

**Order of events:** Women's 200 backstroke, men's 50 freestyle, men's 200 individual medley.

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Women's 200 butterfly final, men's 200 backstroke final, men's 50 freestyle semifinals, women's 200

breaststroke final, women's 200 backstroke semifinals, men's 200 individual medley semifinals.

#### Friday, June 21

##### Day session – heats

**Order of events:** Men's 100 butterfly, women's 200 individual medley, women's 800 freestyle.

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Men's 50 freestyle final, women's 200 backstroke final, men's 200 individual medley final, men's 100 butterfly semifinals, women's 200 individual medley semifinals.

#### Saturday, June 22

##### Day session – heats

**Order of events:** Women's 50 freestyle, men's 1500 freestyle.

##### Night session

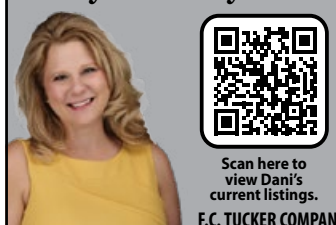
**Order of events:** Men's 100 butterfly semifinals, women's 50 freestyle semifinals, women's 200 individual medley final, women's 800 freestyle final.

#### Sunday, June 23

##### Night session

**Order of events:** Women's 50 freestyle final, men's 1500 freestyle final.

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### Women's Golf

## Brown wins Western Junior

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Westfield's Samantha Brown won the Women's Western Junior on Friday.

The 97th edition of the oldest women's junior golf tournament took place last week at Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill. Brown, who begins her freshman year at Purdue University this fall, made a 16-player cut to advance to

the match play round, which she navigated through with little trouble.

Seeded 13th, Brown beat No. 4 Jenna Madden 2 up in the Sweet 16, then won 3&2 over fifth-seed Suzie Tran in the quarter finals. Brown advanced to the championship with a 2&1 semifinal win over Harper Anne Hinckley, then sailed past Isabel Emanuels

4&3 in the final to win the Icelly Cup.

Brown had played in the Women's Western Junior three previous times. She missed the cut in 2021, then fell in the Sweet 16 the two previous years. This year, Brown tied for 10th in the stroke play event with a two-day total of 72-76=148. She made three birdies while scoring even

par in the first round, then had four birdies in the second round.

Carmel's Claire Swathwood also played in the Women's Western Junior. Her two-day score was 154, carding 79 on her first day and 75 on her second day. Swathwood made two birdies during the first round and four more in the second round.

## Grand Park selected as FIFA World Cup team base camp site

### From Indy Eleven Communications

FIFA has released its initial list of Team Base Camp sites for the FIFA World Cup 26™, with the City of Westfield and Grand Park Sports Campus selected as one of 24 potential team locations.

As part of the 2026 tournament, the 48 participating teams will select a hub that will support the organization with lodging, training facilities and further resources throughout the group stage.

The established relationship between Grand Park Sports Campus and Indiana's Team includes the location serving as Indy Eleven's Official Training Center, as well as gameday home for Indy Eleven's National Champion USL W League team. The relationship between the city and Indy Eleven has grown into Grand Park Sports & Entertainment, a transformative, long-term collaboration with multiple partners including the City of Westfield, Keystone Group, Indy Eleven and Bullpen Ventures.

Indy Eleven has worked closely with FIFA to lead the process, and to get a Team Base Camp site established and worthy of selection in Indiana.

"We are thrilled that the City of Westfield has been chosen by FIFA as one of its initial Team Base Camp locations," said Greg Stremelaw, President & CEO of Indy Eleven. "As part of the Grand Park Sports & Entertainment partnership, we strive to offer an exceptional experience at the Grand Park Sports Campus for soccer players of all ages. With our Indy Eleven Academy, Pro Academy, W League and professional First Team taking advantage of the ex-

ceptional facilities, we are excited to have the opportunity to show a broader audience what Indy Eleven, in partnership with the City of Westfield, has to offer the World's Game on the biggest stage."

Westfield is one of nine cities chosen in addition to the Host Cities, and join Chattanooga, Cincinnati, Green Bay, Irvine, Louisville, St. Louis, Salt Lake City and San Antonio as candidates.

"Westfield and Grand Park are excited about this opportunity to potentially host FIFA World Cup members and provide a world-class training facility for FIFA teams," said Westfield Mayor Scott Willis. "Today's announcement further validates Grand Park's world-renowned reputation as one of the most visited sports venues in the country, hosting Indy Eleven, NFL training camps or youth sports tournaments. It is clear our community is being noticed and recognized around the world, which is a huge economic driver for the city. What an exciting time to be a Westfield resident."

In a release from FIFA, Heimo Schirgi, Chief Operating Officer World Cup, said: "Even if a city is not staging matches, a participating team coming to stay creates a strong personal bond with the competition for people locally. It will see them adopt their guests as a second team during the tournament, thereby connecting even more people to the FIFA World Cup."

Teams will select their ultimate location following the Final Draw for the event in late 2025, which reveals geographic zones for group matches.

## INDYCAR announces massive television partnership with FOX

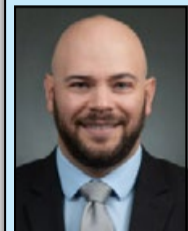
For years, the best kept "secret" in motorsports was the NTT INDYCAR Series.

It's funny to call it a secret because INDYCAR is home to the largest and most prestigious motorsports event in the world, the Indianapolis 500. Yet, I believe calling INDYCAR a secret is appropriate.

Aside from the Indianapolis 500, INDYCAR viewership has been dismal. At one time, INDYCAR was the premiere motorsports series in the United States. The growth of NASCAR throughout the 80s and 90s and the contentious split between INDYCAR's sanctioning bodies, CART and the newly formed IRL, in the mid-90s sent INDYCAR into a popularity tailspin. The split had devastating effects on American open wheel racing as viewership and allegiance was split between CART and IRL.

Additionally, only one series got the privilege of hosting the Indianapolis

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500. That went to the IRL as then President and CEO of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Tony George, was also the founder of the IRL.

Despite some initial success from CART after the split, both series struggled on their own and a unification between CART (which was renamed Champ Car) and the IRL eventually occurred in early 2008. Since the 2008 unification, INDYCAR has struggled for viewers. The Indianapolis 500 remained strong but the other races on the calendar garnered little attention. As I discussed in a previous column, the 2024 Grand Prix of Long Beach, a longstanding INDYCAR tradition, barely eclipsed 300,000 viewers.

Much of the viewership problem associated with INDYCAR appeared to be programing. Many of its races were broadcast on cable networks, including NBC Sports Network and USA.

This week, FOX took a monumental step in chang-

ing that narrative. In a shocking revelation, FOX announced it will be taking over all coverage of INDYCAR in 2025, including coverage of the Indianapolis 500. More important, FOX will air all its INDYCAR races on FOX's flagship channel.

This television partnership has the potential to grow INDYCAR in exponential ways. For one, viewership will raise significantly because it will be readily available to many more potential viewers. Second, FOX is known for its sports coverage and does an excellent job at promoting its programs. If FOX promotes INDYCAR like it has promoted NASCAR in the past, INDYCAR is set for an explosion in popularity.

Just a few interesting notes on the deal and the 2025 schedule.

First, the season is condensed. Although INDYCAR will still run 17 races, the season will conclude on Aug. 31, before the start of College Football and the NFL. If INDYCAR is interested in added races to its calendar, FOX's cable sports channel, FS1 and

FS2, will need to carry the load during football season.

Second, start times have not been listed. The Sunday races will conflict with NASCAR. Does FOX plan on going head-to-head with NASCAR? That brings me to my final point.

This deal with INDYCAR seems to be in reaction to the new television deal with NASCAR. Under the terms of the new NASCAR television deal, FOX, a partner of NASCAR since 2001, is set to lose four races. That is significant. What is interesting is that FOX through its INDYCAR coverage will be in direct competition with NASCAR. Does this create tension? Fox also just ended its very popular weekday show, NASCAR Race Hub, after 13 successful seasons. Hmm?

Regardless of the reasons, INDYCAR is in a wonderful position heading into 2025. The competition is better than Formula 1, and the tracks are diverse. The sky is the limit for INDYCAR.

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