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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 93 LOW: 73



Noblesville Scouts & Elks commemorate Flag Day

Submitted by Kris Julius

Scouting America (BSA) Noblesville Girls Troop 222 joined Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 for their annual Flag Day tradition of retiring the previous year's flag and raising a new flag.

Elks lodges across the United States commemorate the Birthday of the American Flag, Flag Day, each year by holding the ceremony at 6 p.m. on June 14. Members of Troop 222 have assisted in this celebration each year since the troop was founded in 2022.

"We love connecting with the community and getting involved in this," Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill said. "Seeing the Scouts take charge and lead the ceremony is so encouraging."

Scouts from Troop 222, which comprises female scouts ages 11 to 17, retired the previous year's flag, carefully folded

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Photo courtesy Kris Julius Photography
 Troop 222's newest Scout, Evelyn, salutes the flag, while Elks members provide a thoughtful reading on the significance of the American flag. Elks lodges across the country observe the birthday of the American flag at 6 p.m. on June 14, Flag Day.

Pressing flowers

Have you ever received a gift and been so enamored with it that you wonder how you've gone your entire life without it? For me, it happened on my birthday this year. My mom handed me a present and inside was what looked like a wooden book with screws on the four corners. I quickly realized that this was a flower press.

My mind started swirling with all the endless possibilities I could do with this. I did not have a lot of experience in pressing flowers. In fact, beyond just pressing flowers in an old book, I really did not know the process. I immediately began researching the best method and figuring out how I wanted to start.

I've always thought it would be so cool to preserve flowers from memorable events such as a wedding, or perhaps from the funeral of a loved one. Flowers are so emotional for me, so the idea of preserving them in a memorable way is so appealing.

Fast forward a couple of weeks after receiving my new flower press and my husband and I hosted a baby shower for my sister and brother-in-law for their adopted baby boy. I was so excited to decorate and

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MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

Sheridan High School honored at Early College Celebration

The REPORTER

Sheridan High School was recognized during an Early College Endorsement Celebration held June 4 by the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis.

"These programs change lives," Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said during the event. University of Indianapolis president Dr. Tanuja Singh also spoke about the importance of higher education.

Early College High Schools are designed to increase college-going success, especially for students who have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education. For the 2021 cohort, 76 percent of Early College graduates from endorsed Early College High Schools went on to college, compared to 53 percent of Indiana students.

Sheridan High School was newly recognized as an en-

dorsed Early College High School for being endorsed as an Early College High School – the first in Hamilton County.

Representing Sheridan at the celebration were Principal Rick Davis and Director of Curriculum Valerie Love.

Love commented on the endorsement saying, "This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Principal Davis and the SHS teachers. Becoming an Early College High School is an arduous process, involving strenuous credentialing for teachers, as well as creating a college-going culture."

To be designated as an endorsed Early College High School, schools must offer students the opportunity to graduate from high school with a high school diploma and the Indiana College Core, an associate degree, a technical credential, or 15 or more dual credits.

The Center of Excellence



Photo provided
 (From left) Sandy Hillman, Senior Coordinator at CELL Early College; Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis; and Steve Combs, CELL Director of Early College.

in Leadership of Learning

(CELL) at the University of Indianapolis is the only organization in Indiana that can authorize schools as endorsed Early College High Schools. Currently, 59 high schools are

endorsed by CELL.

To learn more about the Early College program at Sheridan High School, please call Sheridan Community Schools Director of Curriculum Valerie Love at (317) 758-4431.

Court text message program designed to improve attendance

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Courts have joined a pilot program spearheaded by the Indiana Supreme Court's Office of Court Technology, aimed at enhancing communication and reducing failures to appear in court. The program sends text message reminders to petitioners and respondents in divorce, paternity, and other family cases.

"We believe this initiative will help people stay informed about their court dates and understand what is happening at the courthouse," Circuit Court Judge Andrew Bloch said. "We've already seen a drop in failures to appear for eviction hearings due to a similar text reminder program, and we're hopeful this will have a positive impact on family cases as well."

Participants receive text reminders about upcoming court hearings if they provide a cell phone number in their party record with the Court. Reminders are dispatched in the evenings, five days and one day before the scheduled hearing. Additionally, if a hearing is canceled or rescheduled within five days of the hearing date, a text notification is sent to update the involved parties.

"It's similar to the reminders we get for dental appointments or prescription refills," Judge Bloch said. "People move frequently, and email notifications can often be overlooked, but cell phone numbers often stay the same. This program ensures that critical information about court dates reaches folks directly."

Hamilton County began implementing this text reminder system a month ago and is currently assessing its effectiveness. Residents interested in participating are encouraged to update their cell phone numbers with the Clerk's office. The service is voluntary, and parties can opt out at any time.



Bloch

Hamilton Heights YAP/SRO Summer Camp combines fun & community

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (HHYAP) and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers (SRO) from Hamilton Heights partnered for the third annual minicamp held at Hamilton Heights Middle School in Arcadia.

Nearly 30 students in grades 4 through 8 kicked off their summer fun at this three-day interactive camp. The camp featured demonstrations from the Jackson Township Fire Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, and the Hamilton County Emergency Management Association (EMA), obstacle course, and a variety of daily games.

"The camp offered an opportunity for Heights' SROs and YAP staff to get to know each other better, have fun with their peers and staff while learning more about emergency and law enforcement services serving their school district and community," Mary Ann Haymaker said.

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Photo provided
 Officer Neal Hoard with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office explains the role and function of Maudie the bloodhound, a vital member of the office, before conducting a tracking exercise. Bloodhounds are trained to use human scent to track suspects and missing persons.

Correction

The June 17 Hamilton County Reporter article "Doing the math" contains the line, "Chief Deputy John Lowes said his department's attempts to communicate with the reorganization committee have been unsuccessful."

What Lowes told The Reporter was that no one from the new Sheridan side had contacted his office. His direct quote is: "We're not opposed to some kind of contractual situation, but that's something we'd have to discuss. And unfortunately, they haven't reached out to us about that."

Lowes later said, "I do know that no one has officially reached out to the Sheriff or myself and said, 'How are we going to do this? What does this look like?'"

The Reporter regrets the error.

CSO Orchestra celebrates Summer Solstice with special community partners at Coxhall Gardens

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The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) invites you to celebrate the Summer Solstice on June 21 as the orchestra launches its first ever Summer Concert Series at Coxhall Gardens. The Summer Solstice marks the longest day and shortest night of the year and officially welcomes the summer.

"We wanted to add a local celebration of this seasonal milestone and felt a collaboration of a wide and colorful group of artists would create the perfect solstice event," CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said. "Around the world, many cultures host festivals focused on the solstice, some lasting a week, so even though this event does not fall on the exact day we still want to celebrate the season."

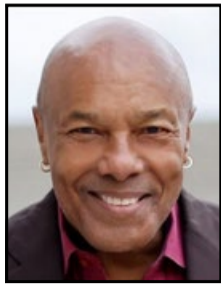
There will be pre-concert performances, activities, and food and drink options starting at 5 p.m., prior to the CSO taking the stage at 8:30 p.m. as the sun sets revealing the Strawberry



Tamura



Olsen



Clark



Smirnov

Moon. The June full moon was given this name as it is the time when wild strawberries are ripe and ready for harvest.

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

The pre-concert performances will provide both musical and dance experiences. Mr. Daniel will share his joy of music and creativity with kids followed by a variety of dance styles and rich cultural expressions performed by Central Indiana Dance Ensemble,

Indiana Ballet Conservatory, Kathak (North Indian) Dance Academy, Dhol Indian Drumming, and the Indiana Association of Chinese Americans Lion Dance Team. There will also be a sampling of classic cars on display courtesy of Artomobilia. Food and beverage options will be onsite as well with additional options for special VIP experiences.

The main concert of the evening will begin at sunset. The CSO will perform solar-related favorites from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m., led by Principal Guest Conductor Joel Smirnov.

"The orchestra and I are excited to welcome our three guest artists for this concert, each of whom promises to

enhance the evening and to captivate and move our Carmel audience," Conductor Smirnov said.

He and the orchestra will be joined by Soloists Asako Tamura, former CSO Concerto Competition Winner Cooper Olsen and Carmel Jazz Festival Artistic Director Blair Clark. The trio of artists will perform works by Mendelssohn, Puccini, Barber, Gershwin, Vivaldi, and Carmichael as well as an original arrangement of Japanese folk songs by Conductor Smirnov. The evening will end with jazz vocalist Clark performing Stevie Wonder's "You are the Sunshine of My Life."

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.



Photos provided by Megan Rathz
Megan's new flower press (top) enabled her to create this beautiful work of art (above).

make this a special event for them after such a long time of waiting. I knew I wanted to incorporate yellow because it's such a happy color and one that isn't feminine when planning a shower for a baby boy. I had blue and yellow everywhere. The theme was Noah's Ark, and at every turn, my house had been transformed into a flood of yellow and blue with animals trying to find their way to the Ark.

I love to host big events, and one of the most important aspects in terms of aesthetics when planning an event for me are the flowers. The flowers dictate the tablescape and that, in turn, sets the mood of your event. I am a firm believer that you don't go into flower buying with a specific variety in mind, but more so with an open mind. Sometimes what you have in mind is not the best looking when you go to buy at the store. I like to have an idea of the colors I'm looking for and go from there.

As luck would have it, when I went into the store to purchase, the yellow flowers were beautiful. I got huge bunches of yellow astroemeria and mums. They were accented with the sweetest baby's breath and purple statice.

The event went exactly as I had hoped; we were blessed with beautiful weather, and it was a day filled with many loved ones excited to give my sister and brother-in-law gifts for their sweet boy and a big hug after such a long period of waiting.

As I began the cleanup process from our party, I noticed how truly beautiful the flowers were and how much they added to the party. I decided what better time than

now to try out my flower press and truly try to preserve something from such a joyous event.

I knew the first step in preserving flowers was ensuring that as much moisture is removed from the flower to prevent wilting and browning. I clipped the flowers at the stem and put them in my press. I made sure the flowers were arranged on cardstock paper and placed another piece of cardstock on top, followed by a piece of cardboard. Once the paper was placed into the press, I tightened the bolts on the four corners and left it alone for approximately two weeks, monitoring the process every few days.

When you go to remove the flowers from the press, it is very important to be gentle. I used large tweezers provided with the press when removing and placed them on wax paper. Once the flowers were arranged on the paper, I sprayed with clear spray paint to try and preserve the flower's color. Once dried, I arranged it in a pressed flower frame and used a small paintbrush to put a little dab of clear glue on the back of the flowers, so they stayed in place.

Pressing flowers is more than just preserving a beautiful flower; it is a way to preserve a memory. For me, the memory of my nephew's baby shower is one that I wanted to capture from that special day, just as you would take a photo.

Pressing flowers is a timeless pastime. It is one that people have done for many years and one that I know I will use forever.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

CAMP

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Photo provided

A three-day minicamp returned for its third year to offer students in grades 4 through 8, the opportunity to have fun while connecting with local professionals who serve the school district and community with law enforcement and emergency services.

"We look forward to this week every year." Hamilton Heights SROs Josh Ireland and Jon Tindal

and YAP's Mary Ann Haymaker and Summer Bailey participated in the camp. Special thanks to Hamil-

ton County Sheriff's Office, Nicole Prater, and Rachel Baldwin for helping this year.

The camp is traditionally held the first or second week of June. Camp sign ups take place in May.

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JUNE 21 - SUMMER SOLSTICE CONCERT

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JULY 4 - CSO WITH ACTORS THEATRE OF INDIANA

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AUGUST 23 - MOTOWN & DISCO CONCERT

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FLAG DAY

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it, and presented it to Elks Exalted Ruler for presentation at a later time. They then raised the new flag, which had previously flown over the U.S. Capitol. Brothers of troop members who belong to Troop 183 and Cub Scout Pack 315 also attended the event in uniform.

“We appreciate that the Elks continue to invite us to partner with them,” Sherrill said. “They were the first community organization to invite us to join them for a patriotic activity. We appreciate their partnership.”

Troop 222 for Girls is chartered by Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

Photo courtesy Kris Julius Photography
Life Scout Evelyn, on ladder, secures the halyard flying the new flag to the cleat on the Elks building on Ninth Street, while scouts Hannah, Evelyn, and Ginny steady the ladder.



Photos courtesy Kris Julius Photography
(TOP) Troop 222 Scouts Arwyn, Ellador, and Kendall salute the flag. Elks and community members gathered in Ninth Steet for the event. Fourteen members of Troop 222 were joined by brothers in Troop 183 and Cub Scout Pack 315 for the event. (ABOVE) Senior Patrol Leader Ellador (center) gives instructions to scouts as they unfold the new flag. The flag, previously flown over the U.S. Capitol, will adorn the Elks lodge on Ninth Street for the next year. (LEFT) Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill stands back and watches Troop 222 Scouts in the Elks Flag Day celebration. The Scouts BSA troop's scouts have participated in the ceremony since they were founded in 2022.



Photos courtesy Kris Julius Photography
(ABOVE LEFT) Life Scout Evelyn, on ladder, lowers last year's flag to fellow troop members for folding and presentation. Evelyn and members of Troop 222 have attended the Elks Flag Day ceremony since 2022, the year the troop was founded. (ABOVE RIGHT) Scouts from Noblesville's Troop 222 are joined by brothers in Noblesville's Troop 183 and Pack 315, scout leaders, and Elks at the Noblesville Elks #576 Flag Day celebration. Partnering with the Elks each year for the ceremony and pizza after is an annual tradition for Troop 222. Fourteen Troop 222 scouts joined this year.

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Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader says emotional, misguided minority fighting to keep obscene books in school libraries

Editor's note: Due to this newspaper having many young readers, the Hamilton County Reporter has, with permission of the author of this letter, removed a portion of her letter describing some of the content of the books in question.

Dear Editor:
I never thought I would see the residents of Carmel make an emotional appeal to include obscene books in Carmel Schools, but that is exactly what happened on June 11 at the Carmel School Board Meeting.

As the Board called for public comment to address the requested removal of a book that included graphic scenes of various kinds of sex and abuse, an overwhelming majority of speakers voiced empathy for the

minority of students that experience sexual abuse in our community and a need for our students to hear these graphic stories.

That empathy did not extend to the parents who oppose the presence of pornographic content in our schools or to the majority of Carmel children that are not developmentally ready to carry the heavy burdens such exposure brings.

Several speakers, including one board member, revealed that they were victims of sexual abuse and felt that this book offered a much-needed mirror for victims of abuse. While I sympathize with all victims of sexual abuse, I do not believe that handing students a book that graphically describes that abuse is the right re-

sponse. The children in our community who suffer abuse deserve better. And the overwhelming majority of students that grow up in caring homes without abuse should not be exposed to the ugliness portrayed in this book without parental consent.

Unfortunately, the board voted to keep this book on school shelves, satisfying the majority in attendance, leaving me to wonder if this truly reflects the heart of Carmel.

If there is a silent majority out there, they need to find their voice or they will be drowned out by the emotional pleas of a misguided minority that are fighting for a social agenda that will do more harm than good.

Cindy Black
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Arcadia reader questions what will happen to county dollars budgeted for Adams Township

Dear Editor:
Regarding the potential "New Sheridan" budget shortfall: the County Commissioners are quick to point out the monies they will not be spending and the town will need to raise. What happens to the county dollars budgeted for Adams Township? It would appear they have no place to go...

If the County Commissioners plan to hoard county dollars, it may be time to eliminate the Commission.

By the way, if Westfield had kept their hands off Adams Township, none of this would have been necessary. One more thing: Jackson Township is next.

Mike Hutson
Arcadia

Letter to the Editor

Adams Township reader: Commissioners have their own agenda with Sheridan/Adams Twp. reorganization

Dear Editor:
I am responding to an article in the Hamilton County Reporter on June 17, 2024, titled "The cost of a new Sheridan."

I do not hold any office in either Adams Township or the Town of Sheridan. I am a citizen of Adams Township trying to understand the complexity of our government in the process of reorganization. It really just comes down to professional politicians serving the powerful against nonpolitical officials and volunteers serving their neighbors.

The Adams Township and Sheridan Reorg. has been in its planning stages for some time now. I know that the estimates and numbers to increase tax for servicing roads, in case it comes to that, were provided by the county. If they balked on giving legitimate numbers to the Reorg. Committee, then they are being negligent in their service to the taxpayers of Adams Township.

The Fire Department already is budgeted to service Adams Township and Marion Township in Boone County. I am sure some police coverage will need to be expanded.

As for the Commissioners, I feel they have been disingenuous and flat out evasive on the whole subject and are now turning to affect public opinion through the media instead of seriously scheduling a face-to-face conversation with the Township and Town.

I know of four email attempts to schedule a face-to-face dialog with county officials that went unanswered for many weeks.

The fact is that when the plan is approved Tuesday, June 18 and then voted into action by the citizens of Adams Township in November, the Commissioners will no longer have control of the Township come Jan. 1, 2025. This fact coupled with the fact that they cannot control Jackson Township or Washington Townships leaves them no access to the revenue along the U.S. 31 corridor through its length in Hamilton County.

Heirbrandt is our elected representative on the Commissioners board and has not been an active participant in the Reorg. Committee's work.

The Commissioners 11th-hour criticism is feeble and disrespectful to the voters of Adams Township. They obviously have their own agenda for THEIR obtainable revenue along 31 and no appreciation for the patriots of Adams Township or the Town of Sheridan.

Greg Bray
Adams Township

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Giving the gift of sound

Songs for Sound's Hearoes Tour rolls through Fishers

The REPORTER

Songs for Sound, a dedicated nonprofit organization focused on improving hearing health awareness and accessibility, has announced its upcoming Hearoes Tour.

Thanks to the generous support of **Cochlear Americas** and **Revolution Hearing** clinics, this

special event series offers hearing screenings and comprehensive Care Team guidance to encourage guests to take action if hearing loss is detected.

The Hearoes Tour will stop at the Fishers YMCA, 9012 E. 126th St., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, June 24.

The event is open to

the public, encouraging all (ages 5 and up) to take advantage of the opportunity for annual hearing screenings. The state-of-the-art DIY kiosks featured in Songs for Sound's mobile hearing health unit are designed to make hearing screenings accessible and efficient for everyone. The Songs for Sound Care

Team, led by experienced audiologist, Dr. Carla Facer, ensures follow up "after the event" is provided to continue supporting the journey to healthy hearing.

For more information about the hearing health tour, or to make a donation to support this life-changing work, please visit **SongsForSound.org**.

Ascension St. Vincent: access to health records returns after cyberattack

By **DAKARAI TURNER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

pointments are proceeding as planned.

Ascension St. Vincent last Friday announced the successful restoration of access to electronic health records for Hoosier patients after a May ransomware attack.

An Ascension spokesperson said in a website post that the restoration marked an improvement in electronic patient documentation across care settings. Steve Cooke, senior director of external communications for Ascension St. Vincent, said on the website, "All Ascension St. Vincent hospitals, provider offices, and care sites in Indiana remain open and operational."

Patients with scheduled appointments were reassured that Ascension Medical Group St. Vincent provider offices and care sites are operating with normal business hours, and ap-

Ascension St. Vincent also announced the restoration of access to patient portals, so patients can again engage with their health care information online.

Cooke said the organization's team continues to work to restore other ancillary technology systems affected by the ransomware attack. However, medical records and other information collected between May 8 and Friday may be temporarily inaccessible as updates are made to the portal. Patients were encouraged to contact their clinician's offices for updates during that time frame.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/health-spotlight/ascension-st-vincent-access-to-health-records-returns-after-cyberattack.

Seven Carmel High School students earn recognition at National History Day contest

The REPORTER

The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) has announced that several Indiana students received special awards and honors at the National Contest for the National History Day (NHD) program held June 9 to 13 at University of Maryland, College Park.

Locally several Hamilton County students earned recognition.

Josiah Hoffeditz of Carmel High School won 10th place in the Senior Individual Exhibit for "Invention of the Piano: A Key to Music."

The 2024 National Contest hosted a total of 2,849 students across the United States and territories, and 51 students participated from Indiana. The students completed projects in one of five categories – documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website – and

then competed in a series of contests beginning at the local level. Less than 1 percent of projects advance to the National Contest.

Hamilton County had five projects receive honorable mentions, a recognition for projects that did not advance to finals but did place in the top 20 in the nation, including:

- **Grace Nie of Carmel High School**, Senior Individual Performance for "The POP Heard 'Round the World: How Popcorn Was A Turning Point In Movie Theater History And American Society"

- **Valerie Fu of Carmel High School**, Senior Individual Website for "The Spindletop Oil Discovery: Fueling America's Petroleum Revolution"

- **Katie Zhao and Stephanie Tan of Carmel High School**, Senior Group Website for

"Mokusatsu: The Deadliest Mistake." They also received recognition for Outstanding Affiliate Entry in the Senior Division.

In addition, "Bromine Therapy: From Battlefield Hospitals to the Public" by **Emma An and Olivia Lim of Carmel High School** will be the Exhibit Showcase at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

"Indiana had an amazing year at the NHD National Contest," said Lexi Gribble, Manager of Education and National History Day in Indiana (NHDI) at IHS. "We are so proud of our students who worked so hard and brought their best to this year's contest. It was an honor to celebrate our student's work at the awards ceremony, and see their work recognized on this national scale. Their achievements today shows the research

ability and creativity of Indiana students. Congratulations!"

NHDI is a yearlong program dedicated to enhancing history education in Indiana's schools. Students in grades 4 through 12 explore a historical subject that fits under the annual theme. This year's theme was "Turning Points in History," inviting students to research and select turning points in U.S. history that interest them the most.

NHDI is presented by Indiana Constructors, Inc., with support from Rooker Family Foundation and Vigran Family Foundation and made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, visit indianahistory.org/historyday.

Ava Aguilar of Fishers makes Bucknell dean's list

The REPORTER

Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year.

Ava Aguilar of Fishers, Class of 2025, has been named to the dean's list. She is studying political science.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.



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Turn To Stone captivates audience at Cool Creek Park

Submitted by HCPR

Cool Creek Park was transported back to the golden era of rock and roll on Friday night when **Turn To Stone**, a '70s Electric Light Orchestra tribute band, delivered a captivating performance. With a setlist packed with classic hits and a stage presence that captured the essence of ELO, the band rocked the park.

The lead vocalist channeled Jeff Lynne's signature style, while the band's orchestral arrangements brought ELO's intricate compositions to life. Highlights included energetic performances of "Evil Woman" and "Livin' Thing."

Cool Creek Park's scenic backdrop added to the magic of the evening as families and friends enjoyed the nostalgic musical journey. Turn

To Stone's performance was more than just a tribute; it was a celebration of ELO's enduring legacy and a testament to the power of live music. For those few hours, the park was alive with the spirit of the '70s, and the spectators left with smiles on their faces and a song in their hearts.

Hamilton County Parks thanks these sponsors for the Cool Creek Summer Concert series: Title Sponsor Napleton Automotive Group, IU Health, Ashlin Hadden Insurance, The National Bank of Indianapolis, Renewal By Andersen, Compass Realty, Sobczak Construction Services, Community First Bank of Indiana, Keeler-Webb, Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc., Coxhall Guild, and Helium SEO.




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Spay puts face on complexities of addiction

By LARRY ADAMS
A Seat on the Aisle

"There ARE no solutions, okay?" — Aubrey, from "Spay"

American Lives Theatre (ALT) prides itself on "presenting a mirror to this country, reflecting the lives and history of all Americans with new work and neglected classics."

As it closes its fourth season this month, ALT delivers on its mission with its production of *Spay*, a thoughtful and challenging snapshot of life in crisis. Opening night at the Phoenix Cultural Centre in downtown Indy saw an audience rewarded for their attendance with a simultaneously entertaining and disturbing glimpse of the "raw, real" struggle of everyday people caught in the crosshairs of the present-day American opioid epidemic.

The cast, as I've come to expect from ALT, is well-chosen and uniformly stellar. Lead actresses Jaddy Ciucci and Shawnté Gaston stand out as Noah and Harper, respectively, half-sisters in Williamson, West Virginia, a small town beset by economic hard times and the scourge of drugs. As the play opens, Noah is trying to put the pieces of her life back together after a spectacularly public overdose, flailing about in the grips of heroin withdrawal, embarrassment, and the false promise of her unrealistic dreams for the future. Meanwhile, the more responsible and level-headed Harper stoically grapples with the increasingly imposing burden of caring not

only for Noah, but for Noah's developmentally challenged son.

Ciucci and Gaston deliver powerful and remarkably nuanced performances in their portrayals of these multifaceted characters, fleshing them and their relationship out with a chemistry that exudes the complex concoction of familiarity, disappointment, gentle humor, and resentment — yet underlying love — that binds them together even in the midst of poor choices and personal calamity.

Connecticut native Julie Dixon portrays Aubrey, the wildcard thrown into the mix of this terrible situation. Although not quite rising to the theatrical heights of our leads, she does yeoman's work with a borderline unlikable character offering a morally dubious proposition. Saddled with the most ham-fisted of the play's dialogue, her early scenes come off sounding rather like factoid-heavy, late-night PSAs, but she shines brightly in the passionate delivery of her later scenes.

In the other supporting role, Matt Kraft gives us Jackson, an unemployed auto parts store worker making ends meet by sling-ing dope to locals, including his girlfriend, Noah. Somehow, Kraft transforms this utterly low-life premise into a surprisingly sympathetic, if somewhat pathetic, character, a man who clearly cares about Noah, her son, and even his drug addicted customers. "I'm not an idiot," he protests to the understandably disapproving and skeptical Harper at

one point. "I'm not a bad person. I'm good! At least, I'm trying to be." And we believe him.

The crew of *Spay* also deserve high praise. Jen Johansen makes her directorial debut with ALT in this production, and she serves the story well, with good pacing throughout and wonderfully overlapping dialogue that draws the viewer into the emotion and reality of the scene. The one puzzling choice, if indeed it is her choice at all, is the vastly different accents of Noah and Harper, two sisters supposedly brought up in the same home and living their lives in the same community. I get that this is supposed to further differentiate the two characters, but for one to evoke a woman from deep Appalachia and the other to sound as if she were pulled straight out of an Indy suburb was a bit of a head scratcher. Further, having Harper lean into that West Virginian dialect would have better underscored the outsider status of the questionably helpful Aubrey. That aside, ALT is clearly in good hands with directors such as Ms. Johansen in the bullpen.

Kudos also go out to the rest of those working behind the scenes. Lighting, set design and decoration, costumes and even music all serve to set the tone without drawing undue attention from the actors and the story — just as it should be.

My gripes with the production are few and, for the most part, directed at the playwright. The script is at times frustratingly uneven,



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Jaddy Ciucci as Noah confronts Julie Dixon as Aubrey in a scene from *Spay*.

with long, beautiful passages of natural and genuine-sounding dialogue jarringly offset by some clunky information dumps and stilted, preachy schmaltz. And the large number of scene changes, surprisingly high for a play that clocks in at less than 90 minutes, often serves to stifle any emotional momentum being generated.

The play's end, however, is sheer genius: abrupt, poignant, unexpected, and subtly brutal — hitting the audience like a dagger to the heart and putting an ironically unseen human face on a societal problem so broad in scope and devastation as to become

almost faceless for most of us. That one's gonna stay with me for a while.

The opioid crisis in America has been termed an "epidemic," and while I suppose this is in some ways accurate, I find the term somewhat misleading, as it implies it is an infection, contagion, something outside of ourselves. It is not. The drug crisis that has blossomed, at least since the early '90s, is rather the result of a perfect storm of medical ignorance, corporate greed, poor public policy, personal irresponsibility, and yes, even moral failure on a societal level. It is equal parts physiologic, economic, po-

litical, and spiritual. We are the cause. We are responsible. There will be no pill, no vaccination that solves it all. There will be no single solution.

I'm not sure that *Spay* brings us any closer to resolution, but it can at least help foster the conversation.

American Lives Theatre's production of *Spay* continues at Phoenix Theatre Cultural Centre through June 30. Ticket information can be found at phoenixtheatre.org.vbotickets.com/event/Spayby_Madison_Fiedler/100226.

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Can't Dodge the truth

Durango fails State Police en masse

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police began the transition from the Dodge Charger, a vehicle which it has used for its police fleet since 2010, to the Dodge Durango police package vehicle in May 2023. ISP has ordered a total of 516 Durangos (approximate value of \$25.8 million). Over the last year, a total of 219 of these have been issued into the field for patrol duties.

During this timeframe, 39 Durangos (18 percent) have experienced a mechanical failure due to a defective oil cooler. Using this same ratio, ISP would anticipate having an additional 40 Durangos experience this same mechanical failure for a total of 79 anticipated failures. That means approximately \$3.9 million of equipment may not be available for their intended use by ISP personnel.

ISP Superintendent Doug Carter has spoken with a Chrysler representative but was not given a timeline to resolve the matter.



Photos provided by Indiana State Police

Some of ISP's Dodge Durangos have oil getting into the coolant reservoir.

A fully equipped ISP Dodge Durango costs approximately \$50,000. During the month of May 2024, ISP had 15 Dodge Durangos experience this oil cooler failure.

The average downtime for an engine replacement/repair is four to eight weeks. This downtime creates a huge burden on fleet operations, a significant loss of confidence in the

vehicle by ISP personnel, and an ineffective loss of public service while the Trooper cycles in and out of a pool car to perform their daily duties.

"ISP has used Dodge as our primary police vehicle provider for the last decade-and-a-half; it is unfortunate that

we have found ourselves in this precarious position," Carter said. "We're having to sideline brand new vehicles, losing out on their value and functionality ... the citizens and taxpayers of Indiana are being shortchanged and deserve better."



Carter

Kashman promoted to Carmel's Chief Infrastructure Officer

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has announced the promotion of Jeremy Kashman to the newly created role of Chief Infrastructure Officer, effective immediately.

In this critical leadership position, Kashman will be responsible for overseeing the planning, development, maintenance, and improvement of all city infrastructure including engineering, utilities, and street departments. He will work closely with city leadership, department heads, private contractors, and the community to identify infrastructure needs and prioritize projects.

Kashman brings more than 10 years of experience with the city as director of engineering to this new role. His deep expertise and proven track record of successfully delivering award-winning projects and major initiatives will be invaluable as the city continues to invest in modernizing its infrastructure. Among his top priorities will be creating long-term capital asset plans, strengthening business continuity practices and driving innovation to support the city's ambitious infrastructure plans.

"The creation of this position demonstrates our

commitment to proactively planning and managing our infrastructure for the long term," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "As our city looks to the future, we need a centralized leader coordinating all aspects of our infrastructure development and maintenance. Jeremy has proven himself time and again, and I have full confidence he will excel in this new role protecting and enhancing the vital and essential functions of our city."

Kashman holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, along with a Consulting Engineering Certificate and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

"I am honored to take on this new role as Chief Infrastructure Officer for the City of Carmel," Kashman said. "Our infrastructure is the backbone that supports our residents, businesses and vibrant community. I look forward to collaborating with our talented city team, external partners and community members to develop innovative solutions that will modernize our essential networks and provide a high quality of life for all our citizens now and in the future."



Kashman

State of the County address set for Wednesday, June 26

Event sold out, but you can watch on Hamilton County TV!

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger will give his annual State of the County address on Wednesday, June 26 at the

Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

Commissioner Dillinger will address several critical infrastructure projects, including the rebidding of the

141st Street intersection on State Road 37, progress at the 146th Street and Allisonville Road intersection, and construction of the new Pleasant Street Bridge. Additionally, he will discuss the remodeling of the former Humane Society, an expansion of the Judicial Center, and extension of sewer and water utilities to Bakers Corner.

Commissioner Dillinger will also highlight several new projects, namely the development of a new Public Safety Training Center, a new 911 center, and a county-owned childcare center.

"Attendees can expect a comprehensive overview of the progress and future

plans for Hamilton County," Dillinger said. "From critical infrastructure improvements to new public safety initiatives, this address will highlight how we are working

to enhance the quality of life for all residents. I look forward to sharing our vision for the county's future."

The State of the County is hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. On Monday, it was announced that the event is sold out, but the Chamber has activated its waitlist system.

The entire presentation can be viewed online, same day, via Hamilton County Television at hctv1.com.



Dillinger

Hamilton County man accused of murdering ex-wife in Georgia, arrested in Carmel

By GREGG MONTGOMERY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A 49-year-old man was arrested Monday in Carmel after his ex-wife was found dead during the weekend in an apartment in Marietta, Ga., according to police in the city northwest of Atlanta.

Dr. Samantha Woolery, 42, was found dead in her apartment in northern Marietta on Sunday morning. Concerned coworkers had called police after going to check on Woolery, a medical doctor who did not show up for work, and finding her stabbed to death. She was believed to have been murdered overnight from Saturday into Sunday, police say.

Marietta police tell News 8 that Carmel Police Department "did an amazing job" catching Mickey Anthony Woolery. He was booked into the Hamilton County jail in Noblesville on Monday afternoon. Jail records say Mickey Woolery is from Fishers.

A news release from Marietta police says, "Evidence led detectives to believe that Mickey had fled Georgia and returned to his primary residence in Carmel Indiana. Detectives from both agencies coordinated efforts including the use of the Carmel SWAT team, to search multiple addresses and ultimately arrange for Mickey's capture. During

their search, it is reported that Mickey attempted to flee on foot before being apprehended."

Marietta police say an arrest warrant for Mickey

Woolery was issued Sunday, and he was preliminarily charged with felony murder, felony aggravated assault, felony aggravated battery, felony possession of a weapon during the commission of a crime, and felony malice murder.

Authorities were working to extradite Mickey Woolery to Georgia.

Anyone with information in the case was asked to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Atlanta.

News reports from Atlanta say Samantha Woolery recently graduated from Western Michigan University's medical school and was completing her residency at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

The school posted on social media, "We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Dr. Samantha Woolery, a beloved First-Year Surgery Resident. Dr. Woolery was formerly named MSM's 2023 Intern of the Year."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/hamilton-county-man-accused-of-murdering-ex-wife-in-georgia-arrested-in-carmel.



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Four Hamilton County students graduate from Indiana Connections Career Academy

The REPORTER

More than 185 students recently graduated from Indiana Connections Career Academy, a **tuition-free full-time public virtual school**, as part of the Class of 2024.

Four Hamilton County students were among those graduates. They are:

- Tyler Crawford of Noblesville
- Logan Johnston of Noblesville
- Madelyn Macallister of Westfield
- Nova Cooper of Carmel

Among the graduating class, 52 percent plan to attend two- or four-year colleges or universities, including Ball State University, Ivy Tech Community College, Purdue University, University of Saint Francis and the Universal Technical Institute. Additionally, 25 percent plan to enter the workforce, 15 percent plan to receive vocational training and others plan to serve in the military.

Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students with a safe, engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and career-focused courses for specific skill development and career exposure. The school combines traditional courses with industry-leading, career-focused options through its

expanded college and career course offering designed to help students develop the right skills, gain real-world experiences, and make industry connections.

In its seventh year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy students use the nationally recognized Connections Academy online curriculum and technology. Indiana Connections Career Academy students pursue graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma while also completing a career-focused program that prepares them for joining the workforce in one of Indiana's high-growth fields. By engaging in career education Live Lessons, completing career-facing activities and demonstrating employability skills, students earn badges, gain elective credit and are better prepared for life after high school.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Career Academy's 2024-2025 school year is now underway for students in grades 6 through 12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming **online information sessions** to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students.

For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy, visit IndianaConnectionsCareerAcademy.com or call (833) 591-0251.

Carlos Herrera d. June 14, 2024

Carlos Herrera of Fishers passed away on Friday, June 14, 2024, at his home. He was born to Guillermo and Aida (Cruz) Herrera in Cali, Colombia.

Upon arrival in the USA, Carlos' first job was at Deb's Art Gallery in Noblesville. He then worked at Janus Developmental Services for 15 years. Carlos was a box folder for Papa John's Pizza for 16 years. He loved music, dancing, and going to the Colts and Pacers games. Carlos was very social and loved people! He was a member of Hawthorns Country Club. He attended Bible studies at Northview Church. He enjoyed traveling with Janeth & Greg, boating on Geist, jokes and pranks. He enjoyed going out for cafe. Carlos was a kind, sweet angel and will be missed.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Janeth Herrera Clancy & Greg Clancy, and his brother, Mauricio Herrera from Colombia.

Carlos was preceded in death by his mother, Aida Herrera, and his father, Guillermo Herrera.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Pastor John Smith officiating.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Sophie Marie Phillips May 15, 1934 – June 15, 2024

Sophie Marie (nee Thoma) Phillips, 90, formerly of Newport and Morristown, Tenn., and Noblesville, Ind., answered God's call and passed away peacefully in Kennesaw, Ga., surrounded by her family on Saturday, June 15, 2024. She was born on May 15, 1934, to Ludwig and Anna (nee Loeschauer) Thoma in Augsburg, Germany.

Sophie graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She was employed as Office Manager by Nightingale Home Health Care of Indianapolis. In her retirement, Sophie enjoyed gardening and home remodeling. Her idea of a great weekend was landscaping her yard, planting flowers and shrubs, and making improvements such as adding a sun deck and pergola to her Noblesville home.

In addition to her parents, Sophie was preceded in death by her husband, SFC Francis Phillips, U.S. Army (Ret), Cosby, Tenn.; and her sister, Anneliese Thoma, Augsburg, Germany.

She is survived by her son, Gary (Karla) Phillips, Kennesaw, Ga.; her daughters, Karen Sigman, Carmel, and Sabrina (Jeffery) Freeman, Lowell, Ark.; and her four grandchildren, Kate Phillips, Acworth, Ga., Matthew Phillips, Dublin, Ga., Phillip (Jamie) Freeman, Rapid City, S.D., and Jack Sigman, Denver, Colo.; and Tennessee brothers-in-law, Joseph Cammissa, Newport, and Dayton Phillips, Cosby; and sisters-in-law, Reda (Phillips) O'Neil and Arletha (Phillips) (Grady) Sutton; many nieces and nephews, all of Cosby; and her beloved dog Suzie.

A graveside memorial service for interment of ashes will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Jefferson Memorial Gardens, in Jefferson City, Tenn.

The family would like to thank Wellstar Tranquility Hospice, Marietta, Ga., and Winkenhof Funeral Home, Kennesaw, Ga., for their care and kindness.

Condolences: dignitymemorial.com

Elliott Russell Ogle March 20, 2006 – June 16, 2024

Elliott Russell Ogle, 18, Westfield, passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024. He was born on March 20, 2006, to Jason and Rebecca (Rude) Ogle in Carmel. Elliott was a 2024 graduate of Westfield High School and J. Everett Light career center to fulfill his dream of being a mechanic like his dad Jason.

Elliott was a kind soul with a heart of gold and was loved by many. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to others who needed it. He liked hanging out with his big brother Owen and his friends. Elliott was learning how to do his own taxes from his mom, and he was also teaching his mom about gun safety and target shooting. All his teachers at Carey Ridge Elementary describe Elliott as a sweet boy.

Elliott was working at O'Reilly Auto Parts and looking forward to starting at Ivy Tech this fall to pursue his career as a mechanic and help his dad Jason work on the family vehicles.

Elliott was a true outdoorsman. He loved fishing and hunting deer and turkey. He enjoyed annual hunting trips to Gold City, Kentucky, with his dad, brother, his uncle, and his late grandfather. Elliott was especially proud of the nine-point buck he got last year and was waiting on his mount to come back from the taxidermy.

Elliott's passion was working on and driving his Ford F150 truck. Oh, the miles he put on that truck! Driving to the family farm on Mule Barn Road was where he felt most at peace. Always protecting his favorite place, this is where he became known as the groundhog eradicator.

Elliott loved animals, especially his dogs Maya Jane and Marshall. He loved spending holidays at his Aunt Kate and Uncle Steve's house with his family. It was a big deal for him to have everyone together.

Elliott was also a great cook – he loved grilling out. His specialty was his hamburgers that everyone looked forward to. He also loved playing Xbox and he loved shooting, cleaning guns, and gun safety. He was a true patriot and loved his country.

Elliott was taken away too soon from us. We find comfort in the fact that he is with his Papaw Dan in heaven, and they are together again. He will be deeply missed by his family; he leaves behind his parents, Jason and Rebecca; his brother, Owen Ogle; his grandmother, Jackie Ogle; and his grandparents, Russell (Lynn) Rude; his aunt, Kate (Steve) Fisher; ad his uncle, Steve (Julie) Harrison. Elliot also leaves behind his cousins, Katie, Zoey, Nolan, Connor, Evan, and Taylor. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dan Ogle, in 2023; and his dogs, Jake and Maya.

A celebration of Elliott's life will be held at noon on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at The Bible Church, 1478 State Road 38, Sheridan, where family and friends are invited to gather from 10 a.m. till time of services. Pastor George Davis will be officiating his services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elliott's memory to Indy Humane, 7929 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or Pheasants Forever, 1783 Buerkle Circle, St. Paul, MN 55110.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, send a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com.

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Township Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future Plat Committee meeting.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

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Genesis 50:18-21 (NIV)

Delphine Joyce Lennon

March 3, 1932 – June 13, 2024

Delphine Joyce (Dick) Lennon, known affectionately as "Del," peacefully passed away on June 13, 2024, in Noblesville, at the age of 92. She was born on March 3, 1932, in St. Joseph, Mich.



Del was preceded in death by her mother and father, George and Elise (Schmidt) Dick; brother, Arno Dick; and her loving husband of 59 years, James "Jim" Lennon.

She was a beloved mother to Sharon (Lemuel) Calvert and a cherished grandmother to Christiaan and Case Calvert. She adored her great-granddaughter, Cadence Calvert, who brought immense joy into her life. Delphine is also survived by her devoted friend and partner of six years, James "Jim" Cox, and many nieces and nephews whom she adored.

Del went to St. Joseph High School and attended Anderson College before her marriage to James Lennon. She worked in retail for more than 50 years. Del was a member of Refuge Christian Church in Noblesville and was involved in the Ladies Bible Study Group. In addition, she was a member of Noblesville Senior Citizen Center. Del enjoyed traveling and going out to eat.

Del's warm and caring nature endeared her to all who knew her. She had a passion for life and lived it to the fullest. Delphine enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and her presence always brought happiness to those around her. Del will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, but her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Del will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024, at Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196 St., Noblesville. Arrangements entrusted to Indiana Funeral Care, Indianapolis.

Condolences: indianafuneralcare.com

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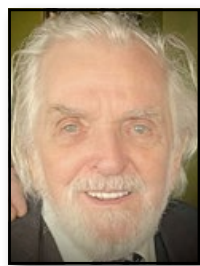
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William (Bill) Lewis McClure

June 14, 1932 – June 11, 2024

William (Bill) Lewis McClure, 91, Cicero, entered into Eternal Life with Jesus Christ on June 11, 2024, peacefully at home with his family by his side.



Bill was born in Milan, Ind., to the late Fletcher and Lillian (Harris) McClure on June 14, 1932. They moved to Indianapolis in 1942 where he attended and graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1950.

He met the love of his life Sally Jo Cring at Woodruff Place Baptist Church, where they were later married on Dec. 8, 1952.

Bill enlisted in the Army of the United States where he was trained as a 500-yard sharpshooter and served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954.

Upon his return from the war, Bill started his career in the marble and tile business where he would spend the next 40 years in management and as an estimator for large commercial developments. In addition, he was the owner/operator of Lakeview Mobile Home Park when the family moved to Cicero in 1979.

After their retirement in 1995, Bill and Sally spent the winter months at their Florida home in Citrus Springs for the next 20 years.

Bill was a devoted father of five, husband, son, brother, grandfather, and veteran. Bill and Sally loved welcoming relatives, friends, and neighbors into their home and organizing and entertaining special events, holidays, and celebrations.

Bill was an avid sports fan of basketball, football, golf, and racing. He also enjoyed attending his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

Bill was a man of faith, a respected patriarch, and the backbone of his family and he will be deeply missed.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Kathy Jarrett of Cicero, Renee (Dan) O'Laughlin of Noblesville, and Jody McClure of Cicero; his son, Scott (Danielle) McClure of Exeter, N.H.; grandchildren Carolyn (Richard), Lindsay (Craig), Ian, Connor (Allison), Rory, Logan (Caitlen), Avery, and Cole; his great-grandchildren, Cameron, Lilly, Chandler, Carter, Riley, Aria, and Loren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sally; his sisters, Joann (Jack) Perry and Janet McClure; his son, Michael McClure; and sons-in-law, Bill Jarrett and Terry Crowell.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero, with Pastor Bruce officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

If you are unable to attend Bill's services in person and would like to attend virtually, please use the link on Bill's obituary page at hartleyfuneralhomes.com at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or Tunnel to Towers.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Steffanie Elizabeth Pickett

February 2, 1993 – June 12, 2024



On June 12, 2024, Steffanie Elizabeth Pickett, 31, Cicero, unexpectedly passed away due to a motorcycle accident near Cicero.

She was born February 2, 1993, in Noblesville to Ralph Kenneth and Angela Mae (James) Pickett. She grew up in the Jackson Township area and attended Hamilton Heights Schools and graduated with the Class of 2011. During her school years, she was a Girl Scout of Troop 1691 in Cicero. Also while attending high school, she was a member of Hamilton Heights Amber Guard and was Captain during her senior year. Steffanie managed women's basketball for Hamilton Heights and earned a full scholarship to Division I college Indiana State University, where she managed their women's basketball team.

Steffanie's passion for helping others and serving her community led to her becoming a 911 Dispatcher for Hamilton County Public Safety Communications in 2019. Within a year she had received a Lifesaver Award.

Steffanie enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and especially loved hunting with her dad. She soon realized she needed to share her knowledge and passion for the outdoors with others. She became a certified Indiana Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor in the spring of 2013 where she certified many hunters across the state of Indiana. As an instructor, she impacted many hunters and youth students as well as supported many Indiana outdoor-related educational programs. Among those were the Indiana National Archery School Program, Hunter Education booth at the Indiana State Fair, Hoosier Outdoor Experience, Becoming An Outdoors Woman, and Karl E. Kelly Youth Camp. Steffanie was a counselor at the Karl E. Kelly Youth Camp for three years and received the honor of being named Counselor of the Year in 2015. In 2023, she, along with her Hunter Education teaching team, won District 4 Hunter Education Instructor Team of the Year.

Steffanie was incredibly intelligent, creative, selfless, caring, and supportive of her family through every journey, good or bad. She was a devoted caregiver to her grandmother, Martha Pickett, until she passed away. She continued to love and support her mother and two sisters through all life's challenges.

Steffanie was to be married to her fiancé, Zachary Wentworth, in September, and they were looking forward to starting a family.

Steffanie is survived by her mother, Angela Mae (James) Pickett; her sisters, Olivia Pickett, Kari (Pickett) Cowan and her husband Taylor Cowan; her grandmother, Lois Mae James; and several cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Preceding her in death are her father, Ralph Kenneth Pickett; grandmother, Martha Elizabeth Pickett; and grandfathers, Ralph (Hap) Steffi Pickett and John Robin James Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. The time of visitation will be from noon until the time of the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Hunter Education Association, P.O. Box 239, Arcadia, IN 40630.

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Olympic Swim Trials

Kibler headed to Olympics

Whitlock, Alex Shackell likely to make team as well

By **RICHIE HALL**
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A second Carmel swimmer has made the 2024 Olympic swim team, and other Hamilton County swimmers are likely on the team as well.

Drew Kibler, a 2018 Carmel graduate, qualified for the Paris games on Monday with a third-place finish in the Men's 200 freestyle. Kibler was part of the 4x200 relay team in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, so he will head to the Olympics for the second time, again on the relay, as the top four finishers in the 200 free get first priority to swim on the Olympic relay.

Kibler finished in a time of 1 minute, 45.60 seconds, behind winner Luke Hobson (1:44.89) and runner-up Chris Guiliano (1:45.38). Kieran Smith was fourth in 1:45.61, taking the final relay spot.

Two other Carmel men swam in the 200 free event. Jake Mitchell placed seventh in 1:46.48, while Aaron Shackell, the Men's 400 freestyle winner and Olympic qualifier in that race, placed eighth in 1:47.37.

The three Carmel men reached the finals by placing in the top eight overall in last Sunday's semifinals. Kibler took third with a time of 1:45.82, while Mitchell was fourth in 1:46.43. Shackell tied for eighth with a time of 1:47.00; he won a swimoff against Daniel Diehl to reach the final heat. Shackell touched the wall in 1:46.95, with Diehl finishing in 1:47.16.

On Tuesday, Kibler swam in the semifinals of the Men's 100 freestyle. He finished 15th in a time of 48.90 seconds.

Meanwhile, Carmel senior-to-be Alex Shackell took sixth in the semifinals of the Women's 200 freestyle last Sunday, advancing her to the finals. Shackell's time was 1:57.42. In the Monday finals, Shackell held on to sixth place, clocking in at 1:57.05, a time drop of 0.37 seconds. The top four automatically qualify for the 4x200 free relay at the Olympics, but Shackell's sixth-place is likely to give her a spot on the team if there are still places to fill at the end of the trials.

Whitlock in 800 free finals

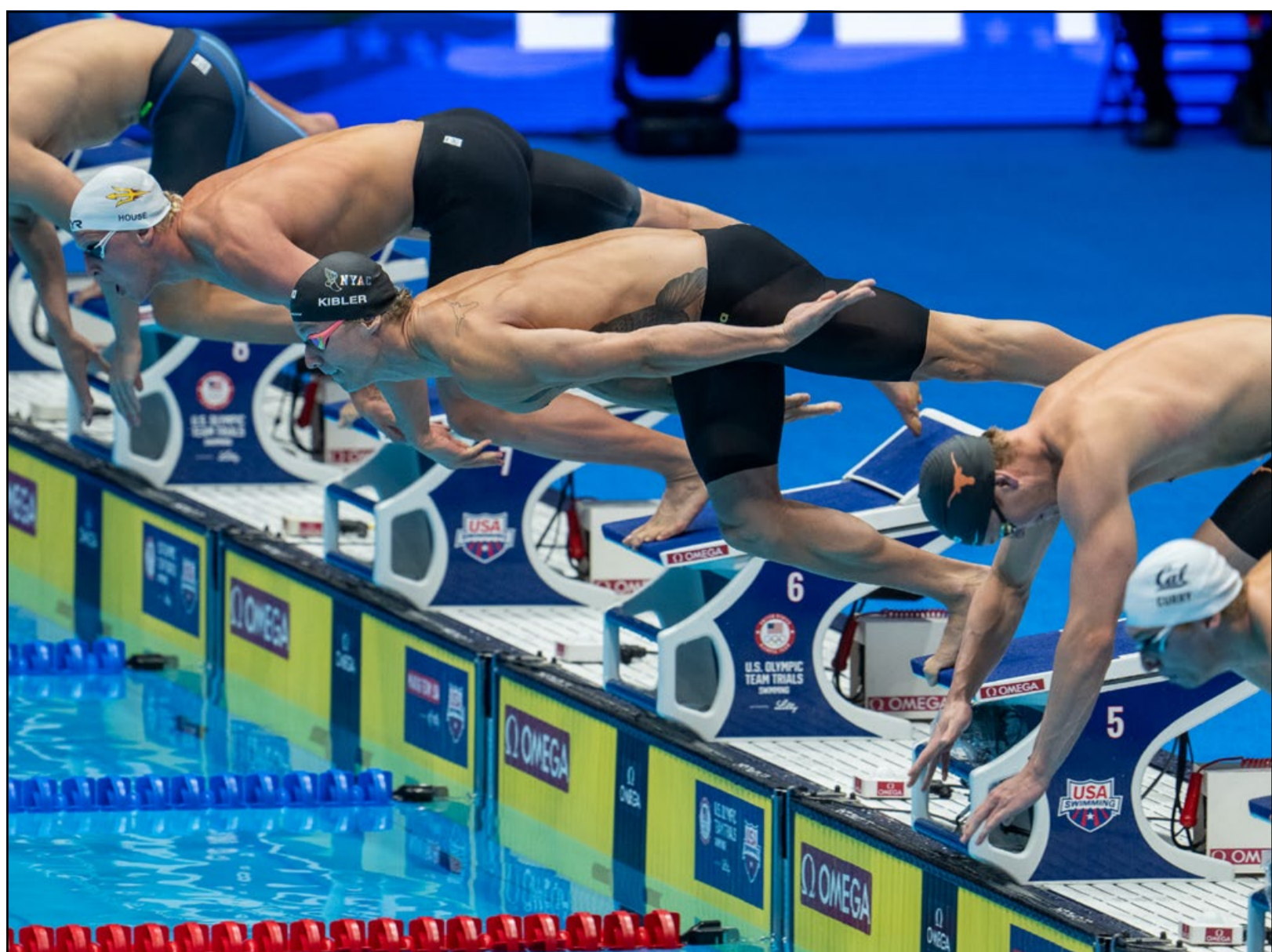
Noblesville's Luke Whitlock, swimming for the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, placed second in the Men's 800 freestyle on Tuesday, making it likely he will be on the Olympic team.

Whitlock finished in a time of 7:45.19. Robert Finke, the reigning gold medalist in the Men's 800 free, placed first, clocking in at 7:44.22. Whitlock's second-place result makes it almost certain he will have a place on the team when the trials finish.

Whitlock earned the top seed in the Men's 800 free Monday, finishing first in the prelims with a time of 7:51.22.

In other events last Sunday, two Hamilton County swimmers competed in the finals of the Men's 400 individual medley.

Fishers grad Kyle Ponsler placed sixth in that event,



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE) Drew Kibler became the second swimmer from Carmel to qualify for the Paris Olympics, as he finished third in the Men's 200 freestyle to earn a place on the 4x200 relay team. This will be Kibler's second Olympics; he also swam in the 2020 Tokyo games. (BELOW) Luke Whitlock of Fishers Area Swimming Tigers finished second in the Men's 800 freestyle race. (BOTTOM) Carmel's Alex Shackell swam in the Women's 200 freestyle finals, placing sixth.

clocking in at 4:16.53. Ponsler qualified eighth for the event in that morning's prelims, dropping 0.82 seconds and moving up two spots in the finals.

Carmel's Gregg Enoch finished seventh in the finals of the Men's 400 individual medley. Enoch clocked in at 4:17.54. He qualified seventh in the prelims with a time of 4:17.64.

Carmel grad Kelly Pash finished fifth in the finals of the Women's 100 butterfly race. She swam that event in 57.72 seconds.

Several other county swimmers competed in the prelims of events during the past three days. Here is a complete list of results.

Sunday, June 16
Men's 200 freestyle: 40. Andrew Shackell (Carmel) 1:50.10.

Women's 100 breaststroke: 56. Molly Sweeney (Carmel) 1:11.02.

Women's 200 freestyle: 37. Kelly Pash (Carmel) 2:00.92, 42. Lynsey Bowen (Carmel) 2:01.43.

Monday, June 17
Women's 400 individual medley: 10. Kayla Han (Carmel) 4:47.71, 33. Ellie Clarke (Carmel) 4:54.40, 40. Kate Mouser (Fishers) 5:00.65.

Women's 100 backstroke: 33. Julie Mishler (Fishers) 1:02.02, T36. Berit Berglund (Carmel) 1:02.04.

Men's 800 freestyle: 19. Isaac Fleig (Fishers) 8:01.97.

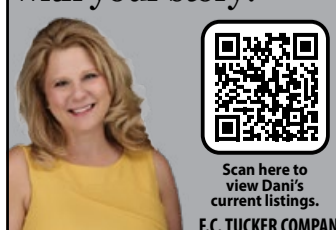
Tuesday, June 18
Men's 200 butterfly: 23. Gregg Enoch (Carmel) 1:59.56, 14. Aaron Shackell (Carmel) 2:00.97.

Women's 1500 freestyle: 27. Kayla Han (Carmel) 16:47.50.

Women's 100 freestyle: 49. Julie Mishler (Fishers) 56.27.



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Blackhawks win Hamilton County 12U tournament



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The Sheridan 12U softball team recently won the Hamilton County 12U tournament. Sheridan beat Hamilton Heights 4-2 in the final game of the tournament, which took place at Lapel. (Front row, from left) Casey Newby, Kyndal Smith, Caroline Bolyard, Nola Mylet, Natali Taxilaga, Simone Baker, and Addyson Schultz. (Standing, from left) Joe Bolyard (coach), Kala Morris (coach), Gertie Bush, Sophia Gellert, Jenna Laney, Dee Baker (coach), Mya Neese, Brooklyn Haughey, Cat Priddy, and Erika Greider (coach). Not pictured: Hazel Linville.

AC Golf Classic sets record with \$525,000 raised for Teacher's Treasures

By ANTHONY CALHOUN
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

It was another incredible year for the AC Golf Classic and raised a record-setting \$525,000 for Teachers' Treasures.

It was a beautiful day for golf as well at Carmel's Woodland Country Club. It was hot, but the sun was shining the whole day. Stars from around the Indianapolis area and beyond hit the course for the AC Golf Classic, raising money for Teachers' Treasures.

Stars from the Indiana sports landscape and throughout the country came to participate in the event, and had excellent things to say about the outing and raising money for Teachers' Treasures.

In the 10 years that the AC Golf Classic has raised money for Teachers' Treasures, over \$3 million has been raised.

"\$3 million, I mean that's a lot of money," Tami-ka Catchings said. "And to raise it, not for yourself and not for your own organization, but for another great organization in the city, AC and what he's passionate about, what he's willing to give his time and his efforts and his treasures, I mean, this is amazing to be out here."

"What he (Anthony Calhoun) does for Teachers' Treasures is phenomenal,"

Indiana men's basketball head coach Mike Woodson said. "I mean, listen, we turn our kids over to teachers. They need to be paid tremendous amounts of money. I'll say that all day, every day because they educate our kids. What better people to reward and AC does a tremendous job."

"He's all about servanthood, leadership, and giving back, and what he does for these teachers and what he does for inner-city kids here in Central Indiana, it's just amazing," former Colts head coach and WISH-TV Countdown to Kickoff Analyst Chuck Pagano said.

"I'm honored to be here," Sage Steele said. "What he has done here is insane."

Teachers' Treasures is a non-profit that supplies school supplies for teachers' classrooms. Their mission statement is "Teachers' Treasures works to ensure teachers, educators, and students have access to free, vital resources for classroom success."

Team Bright Sheet Metal Co. Inc. won the event, shooting a 57 (15 under par). Ryan Cline, former Purdue and Carmel basketball player, was the celebrity paired with the group.

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Men's Golf

HSE graduate Cole Starnes tied for first place in Indiana Amateur Championship

The REPORTER

Cole Starnes is not alone, but he is on top of the leaderboard.

The Hamilton Southeastern graduate who just finished his freshman year at Indiana University is tied for the lead in the 124th Indiana Amateur Championship, which is taking place at Rock Hollow Golf Club in Peru. Starnes shares the 36-hole lead with Indianapolis' Matt Vogt; both are five under par for the tournament with two-day scores of 139.

The 54-hole tournament finishes up today. Starnes went under par in both of his first two rounds, carding a three-under 69 on Monday with five birdies, then scored a two under 70 on Tuesday, draining four birdies.

Starnes is one of three Hamilton County golfers presently in the top 10. Carmel's Ty Gingerich, a Guerin Catholic and University of Cincinnati graduate, is tied for third with a four under 140. Gingerich made par in his first round with a 72, including four birdies, then moved into third overall by going four under on Tuesday, finishing with a 68. Gingerich put in five birdies in the second round.

Westfield's Jake Cesare, a senior-to-be for the state runner-up Shamrocks, is tied for eighth place with 143. Cesare scored a two under 70 in the first round, making five birdies, and scored 73 on Tuesday, draining two birdies.

Here are complete re-

sults from the first two rounds.

T1. Cole Starnes, Fishers 69-70=139, **T3.** Ty Gingerich, Carmel 72-68=140, **T8.** Jake Cesare Westfield 70-73=143, **T12.** Owen Sander, Carmel 73-71=144; **Drew Shafer,** Carmel 67-77=144, **Matt** tingly Upchurch, Fishers 71-73=144, **T19.** Connor McNeely, Noblesville 75-71=146, **T21.** Luke Prall, Carmel 75-72=147, **T27.** Lane Zedrick, Fishers 73-76=149, **T31.** Patrick Michael, Carmel 73-77=150; **Will Barnes,** Noblesville 77-73=150; **Connor McMillan,** Fishers 78-72=150; **Alec Cesare,** Westfield 76-74=150, **T40.** Sam Booth, Car-

mel 74-77=151, **T52.** Joe Armfield, Carmel 80-72=152; **Kai Warner,** Fishers 75-77=152, **T60.** Garrett Compliment, Carmel 79-75=154.

Missed cut: Matthew Shull, Westfield 79-79-158, Sam Firebaugh, Carmel 74-85=159, Ben Resler 77-82=159, Brady Klotz 80-79=159, Jonathan Enfield, Westfield 81-80=161, Zachary Miller, Noblesville 78-84=162, Stephen Shupert, Carmel 86-76=162, Cliff Harris, Noblesville 80-83=163, Lukas Stittle, Carmel 82-85=167, Christian Mathew, Carmel 82-85=167, Tony Rogers, Fishers 83-85=168, John Finke, Fishers 90-87=177.

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