



Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be dedicated on July 10

The REPORTER

After 16 years of work from many committed individuals, the Hamilton County Fallen Firefighters Memorial is nearly ready for the public to enjoy.

Following approximately one year of construction, the memorial will be dedicated during an official ceremony at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10. The memorial is located along the White River west of the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Local government and fire department officials will speak at the event.

During the ceremony, the centerpiece bronze statue will be revealed, as well as memorial columns listing the names of the five fallen firefighters: Bryon J. Galbreath, d. Aug. 15, 1951; Cyrus "Skip" Clark, d. Dec. 3, 1960; Raymond E. Moulder, d. Oct. 13, 1967; Mark Glenn "Robo" Robin-



Photos provided by Mike Cook

This installation memorializes not only Hamilton County's five fallen firefighters, but the many first responders who perished during the attacks on September 11, 2001.

son, d. June 19, 2017; and Gary Southerland, d. Jan. 12, 2020.

The event will also feature the raising of the colors by the combined Hamilton County Fire Departments color guard,

a back drop of the large garrison flag, and traditional drum and bagpipes.

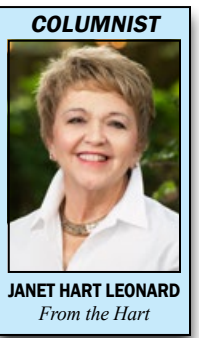
Join the fire service community for the unveiling of this important memorial. It's the

culmination of years of work to remember five firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty and a permanent memorial for the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001.



Degrees of love

As Chuck, my perpetual thermostat adversary, walked through the living room, I could see he realized that I had tampered with the thermostat setting. He quickly glanced at the Honeywell unit on the wall.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

"Chuck, I lowered the temperature to 74 on the thermostat," I confessed.

"I know, and I raised it a degree to 75." "What??? Now I know why I'm practically melting in here," I exclaimed, wiping my brow with a bit of drama.

The truth is, I wasn't sweating, but it was our usual back-and-forth banter about who controls the thermostat.

Chuck says that as you get older, you get colder. My reply is that women have unique internal thermostats. Menopause breaks them, and they cannot be controlled or replaced.

Chuck cannot understand why I like a light blanket covering me. I want to be cool enough to need a blanket. He says that's an oxymoron. I say it is my being comfortable. And then we laugh.

Once in a while, I tend to make a sound that lets Chuck know that he got too close to the car in front of us. He also might see me using the invisible brake on my side of the car.

"Janet, would you rather drive?" "No, Chuck, I'm trying to save you from feeling guilty if we have an accident, and I would get hurt."

"Janet, thank you. You are so thoughtful." And then we laugh.

If anything has strengthened our marriage, it is that we have learned to laugh *with* each other, never *at* each other.

Love is patient and kind. 1 Corinthians 13:4 NLT

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Westfield Washington Historical Society & Main Street Productions revive voices from the past

By AMY ADAMS
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For their monthly meeting, the Westfield Washington Historical Society (WWHS) invited members of Main Street Productions (MSP) at Basile Westfield Playhouse to step into character as some of Westfield's founders.

A crowd filled the City Hall Assembly Room on Tuesday, June 18 to hear a dramatic presentation of the history of the founding of Westfield.

"We want to try to educate people and answer questions," WWHS Program Coordinator Barbara Day said. "These are our neighbors. We share a parking lot, so it just makes sense that we would work together."

As with all Main Street Productions, the work is done by volunteers. MSP Vice President of Engagement Thom Johnson said the production company has had the vignettes for years since working with Westfield Parks and Recreation in the years prior to COVID-19 on a walking tour called "Voices of the Past" where actors por-



Reporter photo by Amy Adams



Photo provided by John Sampson

(ABOVE LEFT) Jennifer Arthur and Kevin Shadle acted as Elizabeth and Ambrose Osborne. (ABOVE RIGHT) Karen Webster-Cones and Steven Marsh and appeared as Susanna and Asa Bales. See more photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.

trayed local characters from days gone by.

Teresa Otis Skelton, current board member, portrayed Anna Stout Moon, wife of city founder Simon Moon. Skelton recounted that Simon was descended from Patrick Henry and Dolly Madison and was the first inspector for elections held in Westfield. The Moons' son Riley Moon and his wife Hannah Hyatt were particularly active in the Underground Railroad, hiding escaped

slaves during the day and moving them on to the next stop at night. Simon passed away in 1835, just a year after Westfield was incorporated.

Steven Marsh and Karen Webster-Cones, Main Street Productions costume manager and Basile Westfield Playhouse box office manager, appeared as Asa and Susanna Bales and talked about the difficult decision of leaving behind all they knew in North Carolina. In fact, Web-

ster-Cones shared a poem Asa wrote and gave to his parents Jacob and Mary Bales upon moving, "A Farewell."

"To Indiana State I'm bound, Out to the western plain," Bales wrote. "No more to see my native ground, nor be with you again."

However, the Bales and others found that the land in Indiana was cheap and fertile. They spoke of baking currant berry pies and of

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A look back at our Civil War past

Hurrah for the Hamilton Continentals!

Have you heard of the Hamilton Continentals? They were not some traveling baseball team, a barbershop quartet, or a defunct Indiana automaker from yesteryear. They were a militia group made up of young men from Hamilton County who volunteered to join the army on the eve of the American Civil War.

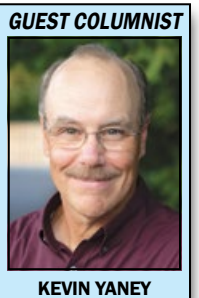
There were 2.1 million Union soldiers and 1.1 million Confederates who fought in the Civil War. The veterans of this war were overwhelmingly made up of volunteers. Most of them had not been trained in the tactics of war before April 12, 1861, when Fort Sumter fell and four years of conflict commenced.

Just before the war began, the Hamilton Continentals were formed. This group gathered in and around Noblesville to ready themselves for a fight.

Why did they do so? They were reading the signs of the times they were living in.

For instance, 11 years prior to the start of the war, the highly controversial federal law known as the Fugitive Slave Act was put in force. It allowed bounty hunters from

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KEVIN YANEY

Red-headed orphan set to take over The Cat

By STU CLAMPITT
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Carmel Community Players (CCP) is taking you back to the late 19th century with the beloved classic *Anne of Green Gables*, staging from June 28 through July 7 at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

Before we get into the reasons you should go see this show, just take a look at the green box at right for ticket information because opening night is already sold out and others are filling up fast.

Anne is a high-spirited, red-headed orphan girl who is sent to live with the Cuthberts at Green Gables. The

Get Your Tickets for "Anne of Green Gables"
When: June 28 to July 7. Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.
Where: The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel
Cost: \$10 for ages 14 & under, \$18 for ages 15 & older
Where to buy: Go to CarmelPlayers.org or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

Cuthberts say that was a mistake because they had asked for a boy. But before Marilla and her quiet brother Matthew can send her back to the orphanage, Anne's winsome ways capture their hearts, and her winning personality and funny antics captivate all who come to know her.

The Reporter spoke to CCP Board Member and Di-

rector Amber K. Roth about what it has taken to bring this story to stage.

Right up front, finding costumes for a play set over 120 years ago presented a challenge.

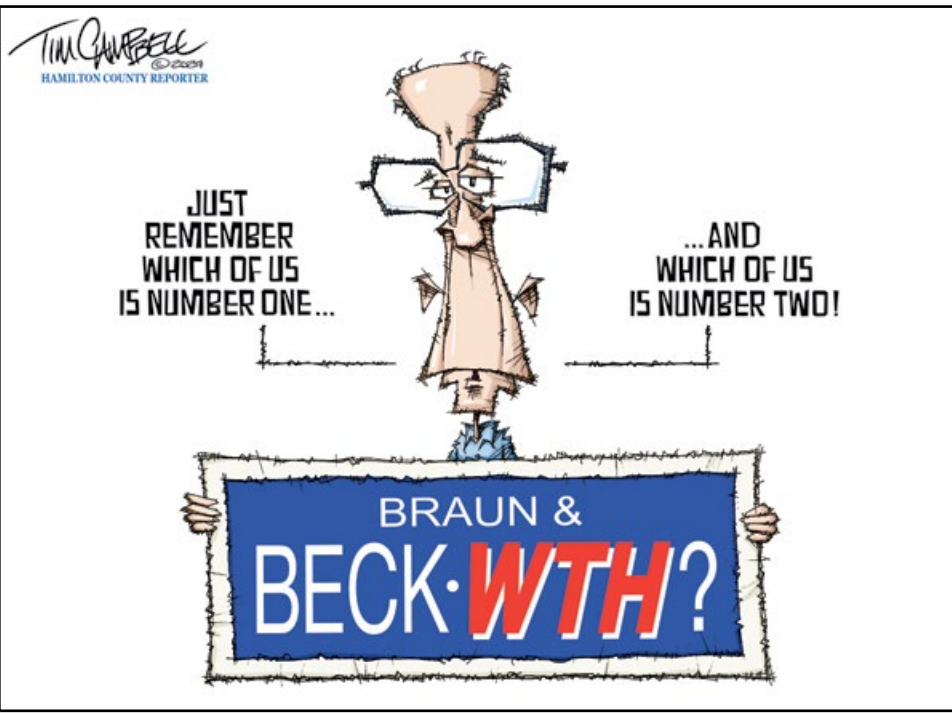
"The term that we have decided to go with kind of to encapsulate all of this is

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Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

(From left) Carolyn Noneman as Anne Shirley, Lilah Cross as Diana Barry, and Jack Levine as Gilbert Blythe star in the CCP Rising Stars Production of *Anne of Green Gables*, which hits the stage June 28 at The Cat in Carmel.



With deputy mayors like this, who needs Finkam?



Photo provided
 Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam had a fantastic Deputy Mayor on June 17. David Bukovac was dressed to the nines and delivered a report to the council about recent city activities, including creating a new Chief Infrastructure Officer position over streets, engineering, water, and sewer. According to Finkam, the new position, filled by Jeremy Cashman, will help the city better manage its long-term capital asset plan and also improve communication and efficiency between departments. Thank you, Deputy Mayor David. Good luck in middle school!

Northern GOP helping kids have Christmas they deserve

The REPORTER

Every kid deserves a good Christmas, so Hamilton County North Republicans presented a check on June 17 to Shop For Kids Inc. President Dustin Dixon to make sure Christmas wishes come true again this year.

The program provided Christmas to kids in need in Hamilton County through generous donations like this one, as well as time donated from local law enforcement officers. You can help by emailing shopforkidshc@gmail.com or calling (317) 678-7248.



Reporter photo
 (From left) Vice President Connie Pearson, President Emily Pearson, Treasurer Adrienne Rogers, and Dustin Dixon.

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Image courtesy Library of Congress

The Hamilton Continentals were involved in some of the bloodiest battlefields in American history, such as the Battle of Chickamauga shown here.

slave-holding states to cross into free states, like Indiana, to recapture runaway slaves and return them to their masters without interference from either the state authorities or individual citizens. In response to this, Indiana passed a law that banned any black or half-black person from entering, passing through or settling in the state, whether they be free or slave. These laws sharply divided people. Hamilton County residents, especially those of the Quaker faith, had been active in helping runaway slaves attain freedom. Now they were in violation of the law.

In response to the Fugitive Slave Act, militias for and against slavery were formed in places across the nation. Seven years before the Civil War, when the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 allowed residents of the Kansas Territory to vote to allow or ban slavery in their state, these militia groups clashed with each other. In a prelude to things to come, Bleeding Kansas saw radical abolitionist Jayhawks go to war with proslavery Missouri Border Ruffians. Towns were terrorized, businesses were set ablaze, and people were killed over the issue.

As unrest over the issue of slavery spread, the Republican Party was formed as an anti-slavery political party. They were formed in 1854 and put up their first presidential candidate in 1856. John C. Fremont was a radical abolitionist who campaigned for the end of slavery. Leaders of southern states insisted that if Fremont won the presidency, they would leave the Union. Fremont lost to Democrat James Buchanan. Buchanan was a hapless president.

That set up the next presidential election in 1860, when Republican Abraham Lincoln defeated three Democrats to become the 16th U.S. president. Lincoln received death threats before he ever stepped foot in Washington. Before he was inaugurated, seven states had already left the Union to form the Confederate States of America.

A little more than a month after his presidency began, on April 12, 1861, a South Carolina militia fired upon Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. Three days later, Lincoln issued a call to arms for 75,000 volunteers. That is when the Hamilton Continentals left Noblesville and volunteered to become part

of the first regiment of volunteers in Indiana.

As you make your way through the older cemeteries of Hamilton County, you will see the headstones of the Hamilton Continentals, although they are not marked with that name. They were part of the Indiana 6th Volunteer Regiment. Many of them re-enlisted with other units as their initial service time ended. They are listed among the Indiana 39th Infantry, the Indiana 8th Cavalry, the Indiana 75th Infantry, among others. Their service took them to places that are etched in the historical register as some of the bloodiest battlefields in American history – Shiloh, Stone’s River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta and others.

As Independence Day is approaching, take a moment to stroll through an old cemetery and stop to honor the men of Hamilton County who volunteered to join a war that changed our world.

If you are interested in more information, Kevin Yaney is leading a Civil War Veterans Walking Tour at Riverside Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 6. The event is free, but you need to register at CivilWarVeteransWalkingTour.com.

Anne of Green Gables

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Democrats welcome Dr. Valerie McCray to Juneteenth meeting



Reporter photo

The Noblesville Democratic Committee held their June meeting last Wednesday at the Noblesville Community Center, 336 S. 8th St. The featured speaker was Dr. Valerie McCray, who is the first African American woman in Indiana to be nominated as a candidate for the United States Senate. In addition, attendees heard from representatives from SERVE Noblesville and the Noblesville Diversity Coalition. The clearly well-attended event was MC'd by Indiana House District 29 Candidate Dr. Chris Hartig. Noblesville Democrats asked this newspaper to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. McCray for choosing to spend part of her Juneteenth right here in Hamilton County.



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(From left) WYAP Early Intervention Advocate Amy Prater, HCCF Senior Community Leadership Officer Jeena Siela, and WYAP Early Intervention Advocate Megan Contreras.

Westfield YAP receives \$15K grant from Hamilton County Community Foundation

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) recently received a \$15,000 grant from Hamilton County Community Foundation, a CICF affiliate, to support WYAP's youth-centered services.

Since 2009, WYAP has worked with youth and their families who are facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP's Early Intervention Advocates work with the youth and their families to create a tailored action plan with services that fit that youth's specific needs. This grant will allow WYAP to continue to connect Westfield youth with services such as mentoring, tutoring, mental health supports, camps, and other enrichment activities.

Thank you so much for all that you've done!"

WYAP continues to see an increase in the number of youth in the program, coinciding with the rapid growth of the Westfield community. Thanks to grants like the one from Hamilton County Community Foundation and the generous donations of community members, WYAP will be able to continue to work to meet this ever-growing need and continue to provide life-changing services like those provided to Martha's son.

2024 marks WYAP's 15th anniversary. Visit youthassistance.org/westfield for more information.

About Hamilton County Community Foundation

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), an affiliate of Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), is a \$69 million public foundation that serves Hamilton County by administering charitable funds, foundations and organizational endowments for individuals, families and not-for-profit entities. Learn more at HamiltonCountyCommunityFoundation.org.

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ground that was "high in grass and thistle." They talked of the wealth of maples, hickories, and walnuts they chopped to build cabins and fires.

Asa and Susanna Bales both died in 1845 when cholera swept through the town.

MSP Treasurer Kevin Shadle and Jennifer Arthur acted as Ambrose and Elizabeth Osborne. Devout Quakers, as many Westfield settlers were, the Osbornes are said to have hosted the first church services in Westfield in their cabin. Arthur explained that they moved on from their time in Westfield to help found the Underground Railroad in Iowa.

"Every generation has its own dreams and visions," Shadle concluded as Osborne. "Each generation builds and settles to become its own part of the American way of life."

The legacy of these founders who helped plat the streets of Westfield lives on through Simon Moon Park at



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

WWHS Treasurer Jim Peyton presented Main Street Productions with a check for their help with the recent field trips of third and fifth graders from Westfield Washington Schools.

3044 E. 171st St., Asa Bales Park at 205 W. Hoover St., and Osborne Park at 17001 Ditch Road.

In addition to partnering for the meeting's production, the WWHS Museum and Basile Westfield Playhouse recently hosted field trips for third graders from Carey Ridge Elementary School and fifth graders from Westfield Intermediate School. Westfield Washington Schools

sent the WWHS a generous check, and the WWHS graciously split the check with the playhouse.

Following the performance, cast members and WWHS members answered questions from the audience. The WWHS Museum located upstairs and the Barker Cabin situated next door to City Hall were open for tours.

WWHS Membership Coordinator Diana Peyton ex-

pressed her appreciation for the presentation and added that she would like to work with Main Street Productions to see Nicholas and Fanny Barker included in the historical vignettes in the future.

For more information about the Westfield Washington Historical Society & Museum, visit wwhs.us, and for information about Basile Westfield Playhouse, go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org.

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Roshani Guragain and her father. She plans to study Pre-Med at IU Bloomington.

Carmel graduate Roshani Guragain among winners of 2024 Portee Leadership Connection Scholarships

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel has announced the 2024 Portee Leadership Connection Scholarship recipients who attended the 2023 Leadership Connection, a branded program of the Rotary Club of Carmel.

Recipients included Maritza Hernandez, Manuel Gomez, and Cristian Gonzalez, each of whom attended Christel House Watanabe High School in Indianapolis; Kamia Price of Simon Youth Academy at Circle Centre Mall, Indianapolis; and Roshani Guragain, who attended Carmel High School.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Danny Portee and the Rotary Club of Carmel, scholarships for the Portee Leadership Connection Scholarship grew from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for five worthy recipients. In addition, each awardee was presented with a laptop computer.

Their \$2,000 can be used

for tuition at a college, university, community college, or trade school.

Selections, based upon equal emphasis on merit and need, are made by a committee at Professional Management Enterprises, a nationally recognized, Indianapolis-based staffing company led by Danny Portee.

Winners received their awards at the June meeting of the Rotary Club of Carmel and were accompanied by family members.

During the Rotary Club meeting, Rotarian Sharleen Miller and Danny Portee shared two copies of the book *13 Things Strong Kids Do*, which will be donated to the libraries of two Carmel elementary schools sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carmel.

For more information about the Leadership Connection and upcoming events, visit RotaryLeadershipConnection.com.

HHEF Golf Outing rakes in the green to enrich student learning

The REPORTER

Members of the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF) extend their sincere appreciation to all individuals who helped make this year's golf outing a resounding success. Money generated through the annual event, now in its 35th year, gives students and teachers a chance to grow and explore beyond traditional boundaries through grant money.

"We were extremely pleased with the outcome," HHEF President Melissa Martin said. Martin, along with the help of the entire HHEF board, has organized the annual event during her more than 11-year tenure (ninth year as president) with the Foundation. "We are so grateful to Mark Wiseman and the dedicated staff at Bear Slide and the opportunity to play on one of the state's most impressive courses that is right in our back yard. They are an incredible community partner for the support they give us on this day along with all the other things they do throughout the year for our students and staff."

The team consisting of Mark Sullivan, Dean Mason, Cyrus Mason, and Caleb Sullivan took first place at this year's scramble. The team



Photo by Gary Perkins

The team consisting of (from left) Mark Sullivan, Dean Mason, Cyrus Mason, and Caleb Sullivan took first place at the 2024 HHEF Golf Scramble at Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero.

of Michael Bechert, Trent Caldwell, Ken Dilger, and Brain Doak placed second. Justin Bowman had the longest drive for men, Ellie Arrowood had the longest drive for women. Matt Sullivan won the closest to the pin for men, and Amanda Sylvester won closest to the pin for women. Brett Tipton won the putting contest.

"We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our sponsors, players, and volunteers who helped make this another successful event that will provide benefit to teachers and students well into the future," Martin said.

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Educational Foundation Board includes officers: Melissa Martin (President), Jack Russell (Vice President), Melissa Bernero (Secretary), and Caryn Provence (Treasurer); Directors: Steve Becker, Julie Day, Brian Doak, Tim Johnson, Gary Perkins, Amy Prater; Student Directors: Katelynn Bishop, Jackson Cantlon, Sam Dawson, Will Duncan, Sam Harpham, Karson Herrell, Taylor Morrison, and Lily Schuler; and Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

"This fundraiser helps raise money to support the additional needs of the school district to elevate the educa-

tional experience for our students and provide opportunities and extras they wouldn't have otherwise," Dr. Arrowood said. "It's a coordinated group effort of volunteers, community members, and business partners who come together to invest in Heights' kids. These opportunities and extras can make the overall learning experience more impactful, meaningful, and richer for our students — and that's what it's all about."

To stay up to date with the latest happenings and projects funded through the Foundation go to hhschus-kies.org/hhef. Follow on [X @hhedfoundation](https://twitter.com/hhedfoundation).

DEGREES

Patience and kindness are critical to a strong marriage and, yes, a happy marriage. In the fifth verse, it says, *love is not rude*.

Clever but harsh words are heard by the heart. A careless remark that puts down a spouse is never funny. NEVER.

Constant ridicule in a relationship will destroy the love a couple once knew. Comments like, "I was just kidding," do not lessen the hurt. The hurt can be hidden for only so long. "You can't take a joke" is a gaslighting attempt to blame the other person.

I'm not therapist or counselor, but I've lived long enough to see the harm that hurtful words can do.

Critical words are like a hatchet that slowly chops down a loving relationship. If a young person ever notices that the person they are falling in love with uses a hatchet (harsh words), I plead for them to run away. They may hide the hatchet for a while, but it will show up again and do even more harm because the one holding the hatchet thinks they can get away with using it.

I've never heard harsh words come from Chuck Leonard. I'm not saying he never has thought of them ... and he might have reason to do so.

One Sunday morning, as I was leaving the house, I pushed the garage door opener inside the garage at the same time I pushed the liftgate button on my key fob instead of the unlock button. Yes, I did it. The liftgate jammed into the garage door, and the motor kept trying to lift the big garage door.

I ran inside the house and was babbling hysterically.

"Chuck, I did something stupid." I ran back outside.

My ever-so-kind husband took my keys, got in my car, and moved it forward. The garage door motor died a quick death. Wrapping his arms around his frantic wife, he whispered, "Honey, it can be fixed." I didn't think I could love that man more than I already did. I was wrong. At that moment, I loved him more.

Chuck Leonard is patient and kind. He could have said what I was thinking: "Janet, how could you have done such a stupid thing?" He



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

You've heard of the six degrees of separation Kevin Bacon hypothesis ... now we bring you the one degree of Leonards!

knew what my heart needed to hear, "Janet, I will always love you even if you do what you just did."

Now, about that thermostat: I just raised it to where he likes it. I don't need the blanket; I've got Chuck's love to keep me warm.

He can point to the new garage door motor if he ever

needs to remind me how much he loves me. "There, Janet, is how much I love you."

And then we will laugh. Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at janethartleonard@gmail.com or followed on Facebook or Instagram (@janethartleonard). Visit janethartleonard.com.

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

ANNE

like Easter Sunday pastels," Right said. "We the pastel look and the whimsical look of the early 1900s. We have had the pleasure really of working alongside various other community theaters throughout central Indiana who have been very generous in letting us borrow some of their items and kind of matching what they have to what we have to tell this beautiful story."

This show is billed as a CCP Rising Stars Production, meaning the cast is made up entirely of young actors.

"We have a lovely cast," Roth said. "There are 19 individuals in this that are

what I like to call 'the next generation of performers.' Our youngest is 10 years old. She is the character Minnie Mae, and she does not look her age by any stretch of the imagination. She definitely fits the bill of stage age of six years old, but she is 10. She's our youngest and our oldest is 18 years old."

Given that the show had fewer than 20 roles available and over 40 kids auditioned, Roth and her team had some difficult choices to make in this production.

"This was actually one of the one of the best turnouts that CCP has had in a very, very long time," Roth

said. "This has definitely been a wonderful experience to say the least. Talent wise, for these kids, I would say that they can hold their own in a professional audition. It was definitely one of those situations where we wish that we could have casted everybody. It was definitely a pleasure being able to have all these kids come out and share their talents with us."

Because this show is staging at The Cat, CCP has had to audition elsewhere and has reached all the way back to ancient Greece for a few tricks to give a small stage a more robust set than one might expect.

"We love to be able to have the opportunity for our audience to use their imagination," Roth told The Reporter. "We'll be using what are called periakti. It's a wonderful tool that the Greeks made. It is a triangle essentially on wheels. And whenever you turn it to a different side of the triangle, that gives you a whole new set. We can do ultimately three different major scene set points with those periak-

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toi. We have those three there, along with the three slats in the back."

Because of the set design and the way she is incorporating parts of the actual text of the original novel into the set, Roth likens it to the stage version of a pop-up book.

"We've taken excerpts from the actual text — the book by L. M. Montgomery — and been able to encapsulate that around Anne and her friends, so they are able to be surrounded by their own story. During intermission, the audience can go up to the edge of the stage and read those excerpts."

Thanks to partnerships with both Conner Prairie and Indy Ghost Light photography, there are some wonderful cast photos that almost take you back to Anne's time. You can see some of those on our website, ReadTheReporter.com.

Tickets for *Anne of Green Gables* are \$10 for ages 14 and under, and \$18 for ages 15 and older. You can get your tickets online at CarmelPlayers.org or by calling (317) 815-9387.

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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 Col-

lege High Schools went on to college, compared to 53 percent of Indiana students.

Sheridan High School was newly recognized as an endorsed 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



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

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 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.



Hear “Sounds of America” with White River Wind Symphony

The REPORTER

The White River Wind Symphony will present its eighth annual “Sounds of America” concert at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 30 at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers.

This year’s theme is By Land, Sea, and Air. The concert will feature pieces representing each of those three modes of transportation: during war and peace, in fiction and reality, from slow to fast and everything in between.

Guest soloists are Mindy Root, voice (“The Star-Spangled Banner”) and Madison Weiss, piano (“Rhapsody in Blue,” which was composed 100 years ago). Other music includes music from

film, Broadway, television, 1960s pop, and other genres. In addition to the music of the theme, the concert will feature a tribute to active, reserve, and retired military. This will be the first year the concert will include the Space Force song in that tribute.

The White River Wind Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Keith Kunda, is the professional concert band in Fishers. Tickets to the concert are available at FishersMusicWorks.org. Adult tickets are \$12. Students under age 18 are free.

For more information about the White River Wind Symphony and its sister ensemble, White River Chamber Orchestra, visit WhiteRiverSymphony.org.

Sheridan teacher Jill Cali recognized by Ivy Tech for dual credit instruction

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

In a night celebrating educational innovation and dedication, Sheridan High School teacher Jill Cali was honored with the Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction President’s Award for Hamilton County by Ivy Tech Community College for her work as a dual credit instructor in Education Professions.

The accolade was bestowed during Ivy Tech’s third annual President’s Award for Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction ceremony dinner and awards ceremony, held in Franklin, Ind.

The event honored 19 educators from across Ivy Tech’s campuses, each recognized for their exceptional contributions to dual credit instruction. Dual credit programs allow high school students to earn college credits, bridging the gap between secondary and higher education and providing a head start on college coursework.

Jill Cali was selected as the Hamilton County Ivy Tech honoree, standing out among her peers for her remarkable teaching methods and her commitment to fostering an engaging and inclusive learning environment. The implementation of innovative instructional techniques was an important criterion for selection.

“Ms. Cali’s approach



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Celebrating Jill Cali’s (center) accomplishment are Rick Davis and Dave Mundy (behind her), surrounded by a host of Ivy Tech Community College leaders.

not only captivates students but also encourages them to take an active role in their education,” Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis said. “We are so pleased that Ivy Tech also recognizes her dedication to excellence.”

Cali’s dedication to respecting student diversity and her attentiveness to student perspectives have also been pivotal in her success. She has consistently shown a deep understanding of the varied backgrounds and experiences her students bring to the classroom, creating an inclusive atmosphere where every student feels valued and heard.

Cali said of the recognition, “This award is truly an honor. As part of the smallest school district in Hamilton County, I am proud of our growing Education Professions program and am excited to continue my work in preparing students to become effective, passionate educators.”

The President’s Award for Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction is one of Ivy Tech’s most prestigious honors, recognizing educators who not only excel in teaching but also profoundly impact their students’ educational journeys. Each campus of Ivy Tech Community College selects a dual credit in-

structor of the year, who is then celebrated at this annual event.

During the ceremony, Ivy Tech President Dr. Sue Ellspermann praised the awardees for their invaluable contributions to education. Attending the dinner with Cali were Davis, as well as Superintendent Dave Mundy.

Jill Cali’s recognition at the ceremony underscores the significant role dual credit instructors play in shaping the future of education. Her passion for teaching and her innovative approach continue to make a lasting impact on her students and the broader educational community.

Carmel student Jihoon Kwon selected as Bank of America Student Leader

Paid summer internships at Conner Prairie will connect local students to leadership training & work experience

The REPORTER

Bank of America recently announced four Indianapolis-area high school juniors and seniors were selected as Student Leaders (#BofAStudentLeaders), an eight-week paid summer internship connecting students to employment, skills development and service.

Locally, Carmel High School student Jihoon Kwon has been selected as one of this year’s Student Leaders.

Kwon says he is passionate about serving the community and has spent more than 200 hours volunteering at the Crooked Creek Food Pantry, where he earned the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

Through his volunteer experience, he has seen firsthand the impact issues like food insecurity and chronic disease have on community members and strives to use his leadership skills and innovative ideas to create positive change.

These community-minded students will gain practical work and leadership experience and receive financial education coaching from Bank of America’s Better Money Habits Curriculum, while working with local nonprofit Conner Prairie, all while earning competi-

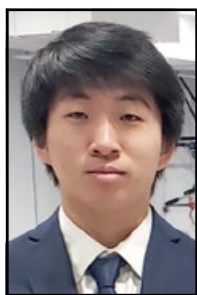
tive wages.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary year, the Student Leaders program recognizes 300 community-focused juniors and seniors from across the U.S. annually. Since 2004, Students Leaders has engaged more than 4,500 students and invested \$42 million in more than 500 local nonprofits as a critical part of the bank’s long-standing effort to build pathways to economic mobility across nearly 100 markets.

“Preparing a diverse pipeline of community-minded young stu-

dents to find success in the workforce is critical to Indianapolis’ long-term economic growth,” Bank of America Indianapolis President Andy Crask said. “These exceptional teens selected for the Student Leaders program will obtain practical work and life experience and the community in return will benefit from a diverse and vibrant pool of talent as these young adults enter the local workforce.”

Later this summer, Kwon will travel to Washington, D.C., for a week-long, all-expenses-paid national leadership summit to learn how nonprofits, governments, and businesses collaborate to meet local needs.



Kwon

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.

Sheridan Kiwanis donate \$500 for literacy program



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The Sheridan Kiwanis Club held a pancake breakfast in April at the Sheridan Public Library to raise funds that were donated to the library to help improve literacy in the community of Sheridan. Kiwanis Club President Brian Bragg presented SPL Board of Trustees President Loretta Moore-Sutherland a check for \$500 from the pancake breakfast fundraiser. Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy, and offering guidance.



NOBLESVILLE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE
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Actors needed for NPART's live radio play in August

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance is at again!

In August, the NPA Radio Theater (NPART) will present a live reenactment of the 1937 radio broadcast of *Alice in Wonderland* and actors are needed. You won't need to

memorize lines as you'll be reading from a script.

The live radio show will place Aug. 15 to 18 at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville.

For more information email to npatheateris@gmail.com.

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. "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 Hamilton 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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(TOP) 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. (ABOVE) 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.

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Dillinger to give annual State of the County address Wednesday, June 26

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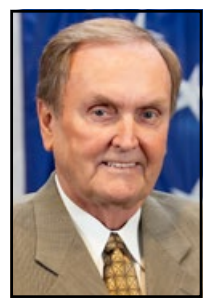
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Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger will give his annual State of the County address on Wednesday, June

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.



Dillinger

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.

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

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

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Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ

“Behold, I have played the fool” – 1 Sam. 26:21

In 1 Samuel 15:17-23, we read of Saul, king of Israel, but whom God had rejected as king because of his disobedience. Saul was very foolish on many occasions, which is one reason God rejected him as king. But Saul had one redeeming quality: he knew and admitted his foolishness.



JOHN A. SMITH
Think on These Things

Many today refuse to recognize their foolish course and they continue to pursue it. Others recognize how foolish their actions are but persist in them. If the truth were told by all today, I am convinced that there are many who would have to make the admission: “I have played the fool!”

The atheist is playing the fool when he rejects God and his word.

It is beyond me how anyone, with any intelligence at all, can think the universe “just happened.” The order and the system that is evident in all fields of science surely speak of a designer. Whether in dealing with an atom or the solar system, similar design and functions give evidence of God.

Consider these words of the Psalmist: Psa. 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psa. 14:1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

The disobedient is playing the fool when he rejects the commands of God.

When king Saul disobeyed God, He was told: And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrific-

es, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams (1 Sam. 15:22). God has always demanded obedience from man. Beginning in Eden until the present God expects and deserves obedience.

Consider these words of Solomon: information in no uncertain terms: “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecc. 12:13). Jesus asked: “Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?” (Luke 6:46). When one tries to claim the blessings of God before doing His will, such can truly say: “I have played the fool.”

He who trusts in the material things of this world is playing the fool.

Have we learned the truth of what Jesus is teaching in the “Parable of the Rich Fool” (Luke 12:15-21)? We work and we struggle to save and hoard a little of this world’s goods, then it is gone, and/or we are gone. Really, what have we accomplished? Solomon says that it is just “striving after the wind” (Eccl. 1:14,17).

What if we do gain much of this world’s goods, what then? Jesus asks the question: “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” Mt. 16:26.

How foolish it is to spend a lifetime in pursuit of THINGS which must then be left behind when we depart this life.

But, Paul shows the wis-

dom of living a true life of Christianity. Note what he says in 2 Cor. 4:16-18: 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Only fools trust in those things that soon perish. It is said that he that works only for the things of this life is smart for a little while but is a fool forever. The Christian puts his trust in the spiritual, the eternal.

To blame others for our own mistakes is to play the fool.

This type of thing started with Adam and even in the Garden. Gen. 3:12.

- Man has been “passing the buck” ever since.
- Mr. Truman had a sign on his desk that said: “The buck stops here.”
- Aaron tried to excuse himself for making an idol, a golden calf, by trying to place the blame on the people. Exo. 32:22-24.
- Saul tried to place the blame for not completing his job of fully destroying the Amalekites on the people. Even though he was the king responsible for such.

Some complain, “No one likes me.” If it is true, one should read Prov. 18:24: A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

• In other words, if you don’t have any friends, you should take a long look at yourself for the reason.

• Thomas Edison is reported to have said that his many inventions were the

result of “ninety-nine percent perspiration and one percent inspiration.”

- Success, or if you want to call it “luck,” will usually follow the one who prepares the best and works the hardest.
- And those who do not prepare themselves and refuse to put forth real effort are often the ones who cry loudest about the cruel lot in life which is theirs.

Jesus has said, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” Mt. 28:20.

• But that doesn’t mean He will do for us what He tells us to do for ourselves.

• One day, each one of us will stand before the judgment bar of God give

an account. Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10.

• If we fail that test, we cannot blame God, or Christ or our fellowmen.

Yes, it is very foolish to blame someone else for our failures.

• If we are lost eternally, we can blame no one but ourselves.

• We need to now accept the responsibility for what we do or fail to do. For, in that final day, we will have to.

Conclusion

Yes, Saul said, “I have played the fool.” But I am sure that the majority of us, if we are honest with ourselves, have at one time or another been guilty of the same thing ourselves.

So, let us determine to study and learn God’s will:

- After learning it, obey it.
- Serve God, and our fellowman.
- And be ready to accept all the blame that is ours.

To follow any other course than this will be “playing the fool.”

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Community spirit shines bright

Beck's Hybrids 5K raises funds for two vital causes

By HANNAH FUSSNER
Beck's Hybrids

Beck's, the largest family-owned retail seed company in the United States, hosted its fifth annual 5K on June 8 at their headquarters in Atlanta, Ind. Beck's 5K promotes health and wellness among Beck's employees and their families, customers, seed dealers, and the community.

"Through the continued growth, the success of Beck's 5K has allowed us to expand our reach and increase our impact," said Laura McKee, benefits specialist and chairman of the Beck's 5K committee. "We are happy to support two organizations focused on a similar mission of helping children and building families."

Through a combination of in-person and virtual participants, 442 people registered for the race. Through registrations, sponsorships, and generous donations, Beck's 5K generated \$52,629.83 in proceeds to benefit We Care for Orphans (wecarefororphans-fund.org) and Safe Haven Baby Boxes (shbb.org).

Selected as one of the 2024 charities, We Care for Orphans was started in 2011 to assist families with the large financial requirements that the adoption process entails.

"We Care for Orphans is extremely grateful to the Beck's family of employees not only for their hard work in putting this event together, but for allowing our organization to be part of it," said Jordyn Beck, chairman of We Care for Orphans. "Seeing the community rally for a specific mission and unite for this cause was truly remarkable. Through the contributions raised from Beck's 5K, we will be able to support at least five future families this year in their adoption process."

The mission of Safe Ha-

ven Baby Boxes, the second selected 2024 charity, is to prevent the illegal abandonment of newborns by raising awareness, offering a 24-hour hotline for mothers in crisis, and offering the Safe Haven Baby Boxes as a last resort option for women who want to maintain complete anonymity.

"We are so grateful for the organizers and participants prioritizing our mission to end infant abandonment," said Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Each year the number of women in crisis we serve increases, along with surrenders. Our generous supporters make it possible to continue to meet the level of demand we experience and expand our outreach."

The event was open to all ages. In addition to the 5K run/walk, children ages 3 to 11 had the chance to participate in a Kids Fun Run. James Goddard, 37, Fishers, was the overall winner with a time of 17:45. Behind him was Noah Walker, 16, Tipton, with a time of 18:07, and Isaac Lust, 16, Marion, Ohio, with a final time of 18:44.

See a full list of finishers at tinyurl.com/Becks5K2024results.

Over the last five years, Beck's 5K Run/Walk has generated more than \$196,000 in proceeds that have directly benefited six different charities.

Beck's thanks these generous sponsors who made this year's event a success:

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(ABOVE) This year, Beck's 5K generated \$52,629.83 in proceeds to benefit We Care for Orphans and Safe Haven Baby Boxes, which was split evenly between the two organizations.



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(ABOVE LEFT) The top three female finishers were Lexi VanAlstine of Noblesville (center), Allie Bushey of Carmel (right), and Gabby Behr of Carmel (left). (ABOVE RIGHT) The top three male finishers were James Goddard of Fishers (center), Noah Walker of Tipton (right), and Isaac Lust of Marion, Ohio (left).

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Hannah Fussner serves as the Media and Industry Relations Coordinator for Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta, Ind.

Spark!Fishers celebration underway

Weeklong festival features golf tournament, free concerts, 5K race, car & art show, family fun through Saturday

The REPORTER

The Spark!Fishers festival presented by Meijer has returned to Fishers' Nickel Plate Cultural District.

Running all this week through Saturday, June 29, the festival offers ways for the community to celebrate Independence Day traditions while showcasing what it means to be uniquely Fishers.

This year, attendees will enjoy a new schedule of events, including the popular drone show now scheduled to close out the Tuesday concert, and a fireworks display to conclude the concert on Friday night at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Also new this year, a 1-Mile Walk/Run welcomes participants of all ages and abilities alongside the Spark!Fishers 5K.

This year's Spark!Fishers parade grand marshal is Indy Ignite, Indiana's first professional volleyball team, which will be based at the new Fishers Event Cen-

ter set to open in fall 2024. Indy Ignite's debut season is scheduled to begin in January 2025.

With the opening of the new Fishers Municipal Center, which includes City Hall and the Fishers Art Center, visitors can enjoy free programming from the Fishers Arts Council, Fishers Arts & Cultural Commission, and Fishers Art Center during Saturday's events. This includes art galleries featuring works by the celebrated Hoosier artist, writer, and cultural icon, Kurt Vonnegut Jr., alongside high-quality demonstrations, interactive activities, and performances by local performing arts groups.

For Saturday's festivities, Spark!Fishers attendees are encouraged to park at the FORUM Conference Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., and take the free shuttle running from 2 to 10 p.m. Shuttles will stop between 5 and 7 p.m. due to the parade at 6 p.m. Shuttles will resume



at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Learn more about the festival at SparkFishers.com.

Festival Schedule

• Monday, June 24: Start the Spark! Charity Golf Outing in partnership with Fishers Rotary Club

• Tuesday, June 25 at 7 p.m.: Free Concert featuring Uptown Funk: A Bruno Mars Tribute at the NPD AMP, followed by the drone show

• Wednesday, June 26 at 6:15 & 7 p.m.: 1-Mile Walk/Run and 5K Race presented by IU Health Fishers (registration required at tinyurl.com/mttw52yy; onsite registration available until 6:30 p.m.)

• Thursday, June 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.: Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show along the Central Green at the Fishers Municipal Complex

• Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m.: Free Concert featuring Red: A Taylor Swift Tribute at the NPD AMP, followed by a fireworks show

• Saturday, June 29 from 2 to 9 p.m.: Street Fair, parade at 6 p.m.

Please be aware of road closures for the event throughout the week. Full list of closures are available at tinyurl.com/yynmr469. Parking information is available at tinyurl.com/yc4dewm5.

Cicero United Family Wesleyan Church offers free Fourth of July Fair

Submitted

The Cicero United Family Wesleyan Church, 210 Washington Ave., will hold a Free Fair from 4 to 8 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

The dunk tank will be back, along with a

sports zone and an activity bounce house for the younger children. There will also be things like the cake walk, face painting, and free hot dogs, bottled water, and soda. Everything is free thanks to the

community's help.

Last year was one of the biggest years in attendance the Fair has ever seen, and the church is planning for more people this year.

The church appreci-

ates financial support of everyone who donated, allowing the church to spread love to everyone in the community, especially those who cannot afford 4th of July activities for their families.



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

June 18, 2024 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

• The board conducted a second hearing for a \$17.3 million bond that will fund (1) the replacement of 30-year-old air handling units at Noblesville High School, (2) paving needs throughout the district, (3) an updated girls softball locker room similar to upgrades that were made recently for boys baseball, and (4) an athletic restroom/storage building at Noblesville East Middle School. The bond will not increase the tax rate or use referendum or classroom dollars. It was approved by a vote of 4-1, with Laura Alerding voting against the funding.

• The board recognized Hazel Dell building supervisor Fred Farley for the prestigious school support staff award he won from the State of Indiana.

• Noblesville East Middle School students were recognized for their national placements in the Great History Challenge.

• Elementary and secondary media specialists provided an update on school library circulations and programming.

• A memorandum of understanding with Indiana University Kokomo was approved to significantly expand dual high school/college credit options for NHS students through Indiana College Core.

• A food service cooperative purchasing agreement was approved to leverage competitive buying power for school breakfast and lunch items.

Next month's board meeting will be Monday, July 15. Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Pressing flowers into memories

Cloak of shame

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.



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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 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 alstroemeria 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 wilt-



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

ing 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.

For much of my life, I wore a heavy cloak of shame. I couldn't shake it. Even if I was successful in ridding myself of it for a short period of time, I would encounter someone in public who would give me a condescending stare or rude comment, and there it was enveloping me again.



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

I was ashamed of my disability. Embarrassed by it. Loathed it. Tried my best to separate myself from, well ... myself. I felt like if I could fix this one thing then everything would suddenly be perfect. In my mind, it was THE cause of everything that went wrong in my life.

I prayed nightly to wake up healed the next day. I really believed that would happen. It didn't.

What did happen is that as I got older, I started to realize there were other parts of myself that I could use to make others more comfortable around me. One thing about me is that I LOVE to laugh. I love to make others laugh and I love to laugh at stupid, silly things. I quickly realized that humor was a great tool to help those who were hesitant to befriend the disabled girl, to feel more comfortable. They realized I wasn't so different from them, and in turn, I realized that, too. Win, win.

Another way that I connected with others outside of my disability was that I was a good listener and a friend to all the different groups of people. I had the ability to connect with so many different kinds of people. I discovered that my disability made me approachable and relatable, in the sense that those who were having troubles felt comfortable sharing with me because it was outwardly obvious that I had struggles too. I always really liked that part about myself. It made me feel a little less alone and served as a spark of passion for my career in social services.

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Mother was a drop-out, part 1

Here's another one of Mom's yarns.

School days began at Sterling Elementary School. It was about two blocks from home if I went out the back way. (Be sure to fasten the chicken yard gate.) If I went the long way, I could add a couple of blocks. It was the fall of 1923.



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

A neighbor across the street was my first teacher. She was Helen Gookins; her nickname was Billy. I had a hard time learning to say "Ms. Gookins" for I had always called her Helen. She taught only first grade. I remember being jealous of Beulah Mae Manning because she memorized "The House That Jack Built." So I learned it, too. Our room was on the northeast corner of the first floor. Mr. Houts was janitor. He had a peg leg and was minus parts of several fingers. Everyone liked him - at least I thought they did.

Other teachers were Lenora Smith second grade (northwest corner first floor), third grade (second and third grade had one teacher), Anna Mallett (fourth and fifth grades upstairs). That calls for an oops as I omitted my third-grade teacher, Wilma Parkinson, who replaced Lenora. Fifth and sixth-grade teacher was Mary Youngblood. Lois Bugs taught eighth grade. She was also principal and had a rather small room which served as an office. Her pupils met there to recite, but studied in the other two rooms on second floor.

My grades were A's and B's. One time in sixth grade I got C in arithmetic. I had probably been goofing off. (Probably??) Mr. Houtz died and Dean Bogan took over janitor duties. Dean was much younger and liked to clown around. In eighth grade girls all took Home Ec. We had to do a sewing project. There were no sewing machines at school so this was all homework. I made a lavender chemise and a pair of pajamas.

There were 13 who graduated with my group. Most of us went on to high school at Veedersburg. Uncle Joe Boord drove a school hack. It was a closed wagon pulled by a team of horses. He had a small stove in the middle and on cold days, he would build a corncob fire. We sat on benches along each side of the hack. Behind the benches were some windows. The hack was painted red.

I was supposed to walk to school and usually I did. In rainy or bad weather, if I went out the front way, Uncle Joe always let me ride. Also he always let me ride the day he had his birthday cake and when he gave me Christmas treats. Uncle Joe probably never drove the car. Other children rode in yellow buses, but Uncle Joe was never forced to give up his "red school hack" as long as he was able to drive.

John Boord drove a leaky yellow bus when I was going to high school. Ruth and I rode in it. Owen walked most of the time. They were both seniors when I was a freshman.

Be sure to read *The Reporter* next week for Part 2 of this series.

Free Mom hugs – and free Dad hugs, too

Here on All American Road, LGBTQIA+ Street seemingly intersects with, and runs straight through, our home.

We embrace the queer lives that are part of the open fabric of our blended family.

We are proud Pride parents.

My stepson, Cameron, is trans male.

When I was warmly welcomed into my new family in 2017, Cameron had reached the most personal of turning points; he publicly – and bravely – announced his transitioning from female to male.

It's sad, really, to feel the need to rely on the word "brave," or derivatives of it, when describing someone who is simply being the person they were born to be.

Fortunately, most members of our collective extended families welcomed Cameron's transition with open minds and open hearts.

Just as importantly, he was welcomed with open arms, also. A sincere hug is a powerful thing. It doesn't just end when an embrace ends. It remains a positive memento of total recall.

Open hearts; open minds; open arms: the trifecta of acceptance. Who feels wholly loved if not loved for who they truly are?

My stepson has evolved into a much happier person. His mental well-being has spiked. His journey continues.

Recently, I was honored to moderate a Q&A with Sara Cun-



SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

ningham, founder of Free Mom Hugs, a nonprofit organization that celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community through visibility, education, and conversation.

"When our first son was born, we were plugged into a mainstream evangelical conservative church," said Sara, who lives in Oklahoma City. Later, as an adolescent, her son announced having "same-sex attraction."

"I thought it was just a phase," she recalled. "I really thought that something bad had to happen to him to make him gay, and I didn't understand. I didn't know any other moms with gay kids. We didn't have gay people in our congregation or in our fellowship."

She added, "I shamed him." Sara eventually joined a private Facebook support group for moms with gay children. Since then, its membership has increased from 200 to 40,000. She credits the Facebook group for enlightening her on the history and science of human sexuality and showing her that faith and homosexuality don't have to be mutually exclusive of each other.

"We all had the same story of feeling alienated from our families, from our church homes," she said. "When Parker came out of his closet, I went into mine, and I had to reexamine everything that I believed. I deconstructed and reconstructed and eventually found faith-based resources that I need-

ed. I needed to hear from someone who shared my faith that it's OK to search this matter out, because when you do, you get educated. I know the power of fear and ignorance, and I know the power of love and education. I've lived in both worlds. I really put my family through a very difficult time in that place of fear and ignorance."

Attending the 2014 Oklahoma City Pride Festival proved life-changing.

"I'm standing at the end of the parade. People are mingling in the street. I see a crowd of diversity, color, and vibrancy. It was beautiful. I looked to the heavens, and I really did feel God's favor there. And I thought, 'God, thank you that I am the one changed. I fell in love with this beautiful, spirit-filled community.'"

In 2015, Sara returned to the Pride event wearing a button she made that stated, "Free Mom Hugs."

"If anyone made eye contact with me, I offered them a free hug. The first hug I gave went to a beautiful young woman who said it had been four years since she got a hug from her mother because she's a lesbian. I pulled her in tight and said, 'Well, I'm a mom. Here's a hug. I'm not letting go until you do.' That night I went home covered from head to toe with glitter from the Pride Festival."

That first hug was the impetus of Free Mom Hugs.

To date, the organization has chapters in all U.S. states, with more than 14,000 volunteers. It recently developed a global

foothold.

According to Sara, a hug is "an acknowledgement from one person to another. It's magic. It's life-giving. It's empowering. It's the essence of humanity."

Now then, a bit more about my stepson.

In the past year, Cameron's father died. He took the loss very hard. Recently, on Father's Day, I sent a text to show that I was thinking of him – what with it being his first Father's Day without his father. True, a text pales to a hug, but ... we do live in different cities.

The next day, I found a Father's Day card in our mailbox – to me, from Cameron, mailed a couple of days earlier.

He could've written "Happy Stepfather's Day" (if there's such a thing), but instead, he wrote "Happy Father's Day!"

Today, I'm working hard to not refer to Cameron as my stepson. I have always felt an awkwardness when reserving this descriptor for him, as if bound to a borderline defined by unshared bloodline – perhaps out of respect for his "real" father. Strangely, now, "stepson" has been easier to *not* say due to Cameron's recent loss. Still, it requires discipline and thoughtfulness, similar to how I had learned to naturally address Cameron by his new pronoun.

Cameron sent me a Father's Day card.

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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 Christian 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 was held Friday, June 21, 2024, at Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196 St., Noblesville. Arrangements entrusted to Indiana Funeral Care, Indianapolis.
 Condolences: indianafuneralcare.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, Karl (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.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating.

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

Hartley Funeral Homes is entrusted with Steffanie’s care, and you may send condolences or flowers to the Church through their website hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Thanks for reading!

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 were held Friday, June 21, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Pastor John Smith officiating. Condolences: randallroberts.com

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 and services were held Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Bruce officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

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

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Nathan Gober
 November 17, 1964 – June 20, 2024

Nathan Gober, 59, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on November 17, 1964, in Harrison Township, Mich.

Nathan proudly served in the United States Army and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Infantry that served in Germany. He worked as a handyman and was known as a “Jack of all trades.” Nathan was a rock star, a great guitarist, and a super talented musician. He loved Civil War reenactments and acting on the theater stage.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Dorwin; son, Sean (Rocky) Gober; daughter, Brook-Glen Gober; brothers, Cris (Alys) Gober, Warren Gober, and Arron (Lisa) Gober; and grandchildren, Treydan Gober and Clover-Rose Barrantes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Warren Robert Gober; and son, Jason Gober.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.
 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 Cammis, 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 Winkenhofer Funeral Home, Kennesaw, Ga., for their care and kindness.

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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 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.



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. Photo courtesy Kris Julius Photography



(ABOVE LEFT) 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. (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. Photos courtesy Kris Julius Photography

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Gatorade Indiana Soccer Players of the Year announced



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Noblesville's Cole Thompson was announced as the 2023-24 Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year on June 14. An integral part of the Millers' Class 3A state championship team last fall, Thompson is the third straight Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Noblesville High School.

Cole Thompson of Noblesville named Boys Player of the Year

The REPORTER

Noblesville's Cole Thompson was announced as the 2023-24 Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year on June 14. Thompson is the third straight Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Noblesville High School.

The 6-foot-1, 165-pound senior goalkeeper led the Millers to an 18-0-5 record and a third straight Class

3A state championship this past season. Thompson conceded 12 goals and recorded 10 shutouts, including a 2-0 blanking of Cathedral High in the state title game. The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, "Mr. Soccer," he saved 8 of 18 penalty shots on the season and was the winning goalie in three consecutive postseason shootouts

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Julie Brown / File photo

Noblesville's Meredith Tippner was announced as the 2023-24 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year last Thursday. Tippner helped the Millers to a second consecutive Class 3A state championship last fall.

Meredith Tippner of Noblesville named Girls Player of the Year

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Noblesville's Meredith Tippner was announced as the 2023-24 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year last Thursday. Tippner is the third Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Noblesville High School.

The 5-foot-10 junior forward led the Millers to a 17-1-3 record and a second straight Class 3A state championship this past season. Tippner scored 23 goals and passed for seven assists,

netting a goal and recording two assists in Noblesville's 3-1 win over Bloomington South High in the state final. A United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection, she was an Indiana Soccer Coaches Association First Team All-State honoree.

Tippner has volunteered locally with the Humane Society for Hamilton County and she has donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her

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Olympic Swim Trials

SwimCity, USA on the map!

Drew Kibler, Alex Shackell & Aaron Shackell will represent Carmel at this summer's Paris Olympics

By RICHIE HALL

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The nation got a chance to see last week what everyone else in Central Indiana already knew: Carmel is indeed SwimCity USA.

Three swimmers from Carmel are among the qualifiers for the 2024 Paris Olympics after their performances at the Olympic Trials, which took place in front of record crowds last week at Lucas Oil Stadium. Aaron Shackell had already booked a place in the Olympics as the week began, winning the Men's 400 medley on Saturday, June 15.

Two more Carmel swimmers joined him as last week progressed. The first was Drew Kibler, a 2018 Carmel graduate who had a stellar career for the University of Texas. Kibler is headed to the Olympics for the second time, as he qualified for the Paris games last 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.

"Kieran suggested that we hold hands in the usual, traditional American way," said Kibler. "I was thinking, man, this is going to be fun to be able to do this with an Olympic Medal and in a few -- I guess in five or six weeks, I don't know exactly how far it is. It was a momentous moment. And also holding hands, a reminder, on a podium, what our next mission is. This is just a start and there's a lot more to go."

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 finals last Monday, 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



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) Carmel's Alex Shackell, shown here during the 100 butterfly, placed second in the Women's 200 butterfly last Thursday evening to make the Olympic team. Alex joins her older brother Aaron Shackell on the 2024 Paris team. (BOTTOM) Luke Whitlock of Fishers Area Swimming Tigers finished second in the Men's 800 freestyle race, qualifying him for the Olympic team.



relay at the Olympics, but Shackell's sixth-place finish gave her a spot on the team.

No doubt

Last Thursday, Alex Shackell left no doubt that she would be on the Olympic team. Shackell earned

her place by finishing second in the Women's 200 butterfly finals in front of another large and enthusiastic crowd.

Shackell clocked in with a time of 2:06.69. Regan Smith of Longhorn Aquat-

ics won the race in a time of 2:05.70 and she had plenty of nice things to say about the 17-year-old Shackell during the medals ceremony after the race.

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University graduate Kelsey DuBois (left) had a perfect start to her college basketball career this past season. DuBois was part of the New York University women's basketball team's perfect 31-0 season, which culminated in a NCAA Division III national championship. Also pictured is Jordan Patterson, a teammate of DuBois at University High School.

University's Kelsey DuBois experiences perfect start to her college career at NYU

By RICHIE HALL

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Kelsey DuBois can honestly say that her first season of college basketball was perfect.

After four successful years at University High School, DuBois went to the Big Apple to continue her basketball and academic career, committing to New York University. The Violets had a young team, but it turned out to be a winning team: NYU completed a 31-0 season, culminating with the NCAA Division III championship.

"We never expected anything to actually happen, but we always had it in the back of our minds, there's a chance this group could go all the way," said DuBois. "We didn't want to waste any opportunities."

The 2023-24 Violets could be called a youth-movement team: eight of the women on the roster were freshmen, including DuBois. But there was solid experience on the NYU squad as well. Two players tied for leading-scorer honors: Senior Natalie Bruns and graduate transfer Morgan Morrison both averaged 14.3 points per game.

"I think going into the season, we had great people coming back, we had fantastic upperclassmen coming back," said DuBois. She also said those players "had experience on winning teams."

That's something DuBois also has. She was a four-year player for the Trailblazers, with the team compiling a 77-16 record over that time. University won regional championships in 2021 and 2022, DuBois' sophomore and junior years.

After graduating from UHS in 2023, DuBois and her fellow freshmen moved into the NYU campus a week before school started, giving them time to get adjusted. They began activities a couple weeks later such as lifting and pickup games.

DuBois said that because the game was quicker and the court is longer "you've got to be at a different level of conditioning," calling it "definitely something that took me a while to get adjusted to."

The Violets began their season Nov. 10, 2023 by hosting Massachusetts Institute of Technology – the world-famous MIT – as part of the Scholars Classic. New York won that game 88-55, with DuBois coming off the bench to play eight minutes.

"Something I've been dreaming about since I was super little was actually happening, it was crazy," said DuBois. She admitted that she was "very, very nervous going into" the game.

"I didn't know what to expect," said DuBois. "Even just putting on the jersey for the first time, it was like, 'Oh shoot, this is for real.' But she credited the upperclassmen with doing a "great job of calming my nerves," helping her to remember that she has playing for a while.

New York rolled through its regular season, winning all

25 of their games. Only two teams were able to get within 10 points of the Violets during that stretch. Because of that, NYU was the overall top seed in the D-III tournament.

And the Violets played like a top seed, cruising through six more games to win the championship. New York played its final two games of the year in Columbus, Ohio, beating Transylvania 57-42 in the semifinals on March 14, then taking care of Smith College 51-41 in the March 16 championship.

The 10-point victory was the closest of the tournament for the Violets. DuBois didn't play, but said the atmosphere was "super exciting that whole game."

"It felt a lot closer than what I feel like it actually was," said DuBois. "It was fun to see the team in that manner, that fashion. It was a really loud game. We tried to make it feel like it was a home environment, yelling, calling out plays. It was so fun to watch."

DuBois played in 26 of the Violets' 31 games, averaging 2.3 points and 2.2 rebounds per contest. She got to start in one game, NYU's Dec. 3 date with Connecticut College. DuBois collected eight rebounds in that game and scored four points, all from the free throw in a 4-for-4 effort.

"We had meetings with our coach scheduled that week, and during that meeting, our coach told me that our starting center went down with an ankle injury," said DuBois. She was told she would be starting that game; DuBois was told ahead of time since her coaches were aware she might nervous.

But DuBois said her teammates did a good job of helping her stay calm. The team chemistry was important, as the eight freshmen were joined by three graduate students who transferred on to the team.

"We outnumbered the returners," said DuBois. So, the returners had to teach several new people about being a student-athlete and living in New York. As a result, DuBois said "there was a good adjustment period with everyone" as they figured out how to become a team.

"Within the first week, they had us on the subway, teaching us how to live in New York," said DuBois.

Living in New York is obviously different from living in Noblesville or Carmel, the places in which DuBois grew up. She called the adjustment "a little bit abrupt. But I think I adjusted fairly well."

DuBois now loves New York and doesn't want to leave.

"Other girls came from big cities, so they helped me adjust as they were adjusting, which was very helpful," said DuBois.

With her sophomore year soon to start, DuBois said she is considering a major in "public policy, a pre-law track." Her plan as of right now is to go to law school and is thinking about "something in the realm of working with non-profits or things like that."

Blackhawks win Hamilton County 12U tournament



Photo by Ashley Kenton-Bush Photography

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.

Tennis

Rajeev Ram will represent Carmel at this summer's Paris Olympics

The REPORTER

Carmel tennis star Rajeev Ram is heading back to the Olympics.

The six-time Grand Slam champion is one of 11 players that will represent the United States on the U.S. Olympic Tennis Team for the Paris 2024 games. Ram will pair with Austin Krajicek to form one of the two men's doubles teams for the U.S. at the Olympics.

Ram is currently ranked No. 6 in the world in doubles, while Krajicek is ranked 15th. The men's team also includes world singles No. 12 Taylor Fritz, No. 13 Tommy Paul, No. 44 Chris Eubanks and No. 53 Marcos Giron. Coached by 2012 Olympic doubles gold medalist and Davis Cup captain Bob Bryan, the U.S. men's team will also feature four singles players (Fritz, Paul, Eubanks and Giron), while Fritz and Paul will play doubles together.

The women's team includes singles world No.

2 Coco Gauff, No. 5 Jessica Pegula, No. 11 Danielle Collins, No. 17 Emma Navarro, and doubles No. 11 Desirae Krawczyk. Coached by USTA Head of Women's Tennis Kathy Rinaldi, the U.S. women's team will feature four singles players in Paris (Gauff, Pegula, Collins and Navarro) and two doubles teams: Gauff and Pegula, Collins and Krawczyk.

The U.S. will also announce its one mixed doubles team that will compete in Paris, taken from the above-named players, at a later date.

Team nominations are subject to approval by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and the International Tennis Federation. The United States Paralympic tennis team will be announced in late July.

The 2024 Olympic Games will be held from July 26 to Aug. 11 in Paris, with the tennis competition staged from July 27 to Aug. 4 at Roland Garros. The U.S.

has won 24 Olympic medals (14 gold) in men's and women's tennis since it returned as a full medal sport in 1988, more than any other nation.

Ram, a mixed doubles silver medalist in 2016 in Rio, will compete in his third consecutive Olympics. Competing in their second Games are 2021 Tokyo Olympians Pegula, Paul, Giron and Krajicek, while Gauff – who was named to compete in 2021 in Tokyo but did not compete after testing positive for COVID-19 – Collins, Navarro, Krawczyk, Fritz and Eubanks will make their Olympic debuts.

Ram, 40, will be competing in his third consecutive Olympics, having competed in Tokyo 2021 and earning the mixed doubles silver medal with Venus Williams in Rio 2016. A former doubles world No. 1, Ram has won four major men's doubles titles – the Australian Open in 2020 and the US Open in each of

the last three years.

In addition, Ram won two Australian Open mixed doubles titles, in 2019 and 2021. He's won 31 overall career ATP doubles titles, including the year-end ATP Tour Finals each of the last two years. He led the University of Illinois to a 32-0 season and NCAA team title in 2003 in his one season of college tennis, also winning the NCAA doubles title.

Eligible singles players have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination to the 2024 Olympic tennis team. If a tennis player declines, the next highest-ranked American singles tennis player has the nomination extended to them.

Tennis was part of the Olympic program from the first modern Olympiad in 1896 until 1924. After a 64-year hiatus, tennis returned to the official Olympic program in 1988, becoming the first sport to feature professional athletes.

Golf

Harvey & Wessel take part in 106th Western Junior tourney

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County golfers were part of a six-way tie for 26th place at the 106th Western Junior, which took place last week at Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale, Ill.

Will Harvey, a senior-to-be at Westfield and Leo Wessel, a recent Guerin Catholic graduate, both finished the

tournament with a four-round score of 285, five over par for the event. The event began Tuesday with the first round, continued with second-round play on Wednesday, then golfers played 36 holes on Thursday, which featured third- and fourth-round competition.

Harvey carded a 75 in the first round, but put him-

self into the mix in the second round with a four under 66. He made five birdies in both rounds. Harvey went under par again in the third round with a one under 69, then finished with a 75 in the fourth round. He drained four birdies in the third round and one more in the fourth.

Wessel began with a 74

in the first round, making one birdie. He got going in the second round with a one under 69, then repeated that score in the third round, again carding a one under 69. Wessel put in four birdies in the second round, then made two each in the third and fourth rounds; Wessel scored 73 in the fourth round.

Westfield grad Jocelyn Bruch competes in Southwestern Amateur

The REPORTER

Westfield graduate Jocelyn Bruch competed in the Southwestern Women's Amateur tournament last week at Desert Mountain Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Bruch, an incoming senior at Purdue University, finished tied for 13th place

in the four-day event with a score of 286, two under par. Bruch's first round last Tuesday consisted of a two under par 70, she then went even par in last Wednesday's second round with 72.

In the third round last Thursday, Bruch went under par again, carding a one un-

der 71. In last Friday's final round, Bruch finished with 73. She totaled 14 birdies for the tournament, making five in the first round, then drained three in each of the next three rounds.

Bruch had a solid junior season at Purdue, participating in all 13 of the Boil-

ermakers' tournaments. She led the team in pars with 441, and got two top-ten finishes, including a tied-for-sixth result at the Boilermaker Classic. Bruch made a hole in one during the final round of the NCAA Las Vegas regional; she finished tied for 24th in that event with a 222.

SWIM

"Alex is so important to me," said Smith. The two met last summer at another meet, and Smith said "she is everything that I wanted to be when I was her age. She is such a class act. She's so unbelievably talented and I had so much fun with her. I'm so, so proud of her."

Smith and Shackell were involved in a battle with two other Longhorn Aquatics swimmers, Lindsay Looney and Emma Sticklen. Smith led after the first 50 meters, with Sticklen second and Shackell third. Sticklen moved up to

first at the 100-meter mark, with Smith second and Shackell still in third.

Shackell moved into the lead after 150 meters, but Smith came back in the final 50 meters to take first place. Shackell held on for second place, finishing ahead of Looney by 0.33 seconds.

"It's a dream come true," said Shackell, who became the second Paris Olympian in her family after older brother Aaron's triumph in the Men's 400 freestyle. Alex Shackell was happy to make the team "at home, too, in front of all the Car-

mel fans," who were among the large crowd there Thursday night.

The siblings will be second-generation Olympians. Alex and Aaron's father Nick Shackell represented the United Kingdom at the 1996 Atlanta games.

Noblesville's Luke Whitlock, swimming for the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, placed second in the Men's 800 freestyle last Tuesday, qualifying him for 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 swam again in the Men's 1500 freestyle prelims last Saturday. He finished fourth in that race with a time of 15:07.36, qualifying him for the finals, which took place last Sunday. (The finals finish read after press time, check ReadTheReporter.com for an update.)

Another FAST swimmer competed in the Women's 50 freestyle prelims last Saturday. Julie Mishler took 25th with a time of 25.34 seconds.

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COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2311-AD-1535
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
JAYLEN AMALY ROSALES, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Jaylen Amaly Rosales, born on March 25, 2013, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-5407
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
Aarav Chadha)
Minor)
Palvinder Kaur)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Palvinder Kaur as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name of Aarav Chadha to Aarav Singh Bhinder.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2898
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
ERICK MATTHEW HARTZELL)
Name of Minor)
MAGDALENA RIOS)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, MAGDALENA RIOS as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name of ERICK MATTHEW HARTZELL to ERICK MONROE RIOS.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2899
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
ELLIOTT JOHN COLLINS)
Name of Minor)
CHRISTINE CAPRI RIOS)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, CHRISTINE CAPRI RIOS as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name of ELLIOTT JOHN COLLINS to Raymond Valor Rios.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2406-MI-006230
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Raechel Erin Serrano)
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Raechel Erin Serrano, whose mailing address is 3180 Warnings Lane, Carmel, IN 46074 and whose residence address is 3180 Warnings Lane, Carmel, IN 46074, Hamilton County, Indiana hereby gives notice that she has filed a Petition in the Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Raechel Erin Beaman.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-005427
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR.)
ATHENA CHRISTINE TURK,)
BRIAN JEFFREY TURK,)
Petitioner-Father.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Brian Jeffrey Turk, with counsel, Christine Douglas, has filed an Uncontested Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor on May 16, 2022 to change the name of his minor daughter "Athena Christine Turk" to "Athena Christine Trovato Turk."

29D02-2406-EU-000244
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
Cause Number 29D02-2406-EU-000244
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE)
OF DECEDENT, RICHARD)
STEPHEN ANDREW SR.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Mary G. Siefert was on the 18th day of June 2024, appointed as the unsupervised Administrator of the Estate of Richard Stephen Andrew Sr., deceased.

STATE OF INDIANA)
HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2
Cause # 29D02-2404-MI-3914
IN RE: NAME CHANGE)
DOROTHY BOTT)
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Dorothy Bott, whose address is 2614 Hadley Grove Drive Carmel IN, 46074 hereby gives notice that she has filed a petition in Hamilton COUNTY Superior COURT 2 requesting that her name be changed to Dorothy Morgan.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2402-MI-001554
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
SUSAN MEYERS BRADY,)
Petitioner.)
AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
Comes now the Petitioner Susan Meyers Brady, by counsel Kimberly S. Lytle, and in support of this Notice states as follows:
Petitioner Susan Meyers Brady, whose residential and mailing address is 5757 Marco Pt., Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that a petition has been filed in the Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Susan Brady Striebel.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-005941
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Kaitlyn Nicole Emmerson)
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Kaitlyn Nicole Emmerson, whose mailing address is: 1716 creekside Ln, Carmel, Indiana 46032 in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kaitlyn Nicole Emmerson has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Lucas James Emmerson.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-5718
INRE:NAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:)
AMELIA HANLEY SIMMONS)
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioners CHRISTOPHER J. SIMMONS and JOYCE H. SIMMONS, through counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change her name from AMELIA HANLEY SIMMONS to ELLIOTT HANLEY SIMMONS.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-5718
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COUNTY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, Hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the following Surface Milling, Patching, and Asphalt Resurfacing of the following project:
1) Various Roads in Washington and Fall Creek Townships totaling approximately 3.72 miles and referred to as "Contract 24-02"
all in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Sealed bids can be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office until 12:30 p.m. on July 8, 2024 at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ANCHORAGE DRAIN, BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT 152 FEET, MORE OR LESS IN LENGTH IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP WILL BE OPENED AND READ ON THE 22nd DAY OF JULY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING, ONE HAMILTON COUNTY SQUARE, NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA 46060-2230.

General Notice
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF ARCADIA ARCADIA, INDIANA
2024 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT ROUND 1 - STREET IMPROVEMENTS
Town of Arcadia (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project
2024 Community Crossings Matching Grant Round 1 - Street Improvements Project #H24090

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2306-MF-004984, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Ashley A. Janssen and Kingsley Homeowners Association, Inc., were the Defendants, and Kingsley Homeowners Association, Inc., was Cross-Plaintiff/Counter-Plaintiff, and Freedom Mortgage Corporation, was Counter-Defendant, and Ashley A. Janssen, Unknown Heirs and Devises of Barbara J. Davidson and City of Noblesville, were Cross-Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 25th day of July, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

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SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-1812-MF-011693 wherein U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee For Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EQ1 was Plaintiff, and Willie M. Brown, AKA Willie M. Brown, Jr. AKA Willie Mitchell Brown, AKA Willie Mitchell Brown, Jr. and Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost. I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the July 25, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

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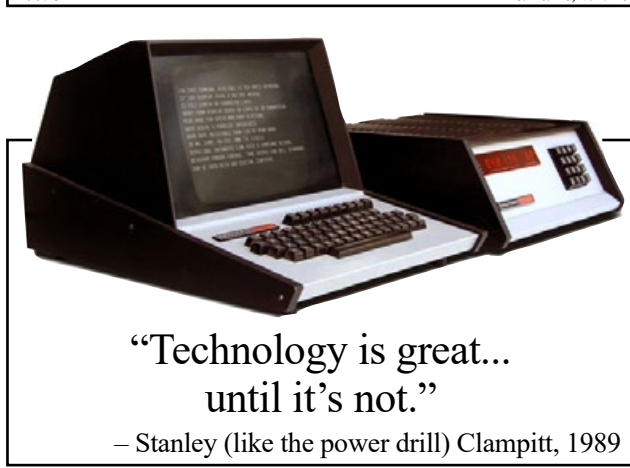
General Notice
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF ARCADIA ARCADIA, INDIANA
2024 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT ROUND 1 - STREET IMPROVEMENTS
Town of Arcadia (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project
2024 Community Crossings Matching Grant Round 1 - Street Improvements Project #H24090

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Plan Commission on the 15th day of July 2024. This hearing, to discuss applications LEGP-000187-2023 and LEGP-000188-2023, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. Property owners Wayne R and Shirley L Holland, Charles L and Linda J Holland, and Susan E Sheridan request approval of a change of zoning of approximately 42.89 acres from R1 residential to R3 residential and adoption of a preliminary development plan ordinance including waivers for the construction of 110 units of courtyard homes to be known as "The Courtyards of Hazel Dell" located at approximately 17000-17400 block of Hazel Dell Road.



Two days, two states, two events

Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb excels in both tennis & track

By **RICHIE HALL**
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From Bloomington to Niles and back home again, Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb got to see quite a bit of Indiana – and a little bit of Michigan – three weekends ago.

Kolb finished her sophomore year at Guerin Catholic by qualifying for IHSAA state meets in two sports. First, Kolb was part of the Golden Eagles' 4x800 relay team that made it to the state track and field meet at Indiana University. A week later, Kolb joined her twin sister Anna Kolb to play in the individual doubles tennis tournament at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center.

"It's definitely challenging at times," said Kolb. "But I just felt like I'm so lucky that the school supported me so much, that I was able to do both. I played tennis every day after school and then ran on my own." Kolb also did one track workout a week with her coaches.

All the work began to pay off during the month of May, starting at the Carmel tennis sectional on May 18. While the Golden Eagles lost in the team semifinals to Zionsville that day, Katie and Anna Kolb won the No. 1 doubles match, sending them to the individual tournament.

But immediately after the match, the Kolbs had to rush to Hamilton Southeastern so Katie could run in the girls track and field sectional. This would normally not be an issue, but the track sectional was postponed one day be-

cause of weather.

"I actually felt it was beneficial in some cases that I got to play tennis beforehand," said Katie Kolb. "It warmed up my muscles before my race. I never performed worse due to the tennis match."

Kolb competed in three track events, taking fifth in the 800 run. She also was part of the fifth-place 4x800 relay and the sixth-place 4x400 relay. Kolb advanced to the regional in both the open 800 and the 4x800 relay, along with freshman Brinna Wolf and seniors Bailey Freese and Claire Milam.

"I'm proud of Katie and she is a hard worker, and she knows she owes a lot to Guerin and her coaches for letting her compete in both," said Jason Kolb, Katie's father. "I also think the fact they gambled and let her play both the sectional tennis and then race to Fishers to run in the open 800 before the meet ended says a lot about the school's flexibility."

The 4x800 relay placed fifth at the Lafayette Jefferson regional and earned a callback to the state meet. The Golden Eagles had just missed advancing to state the previous year, but got it done in 2024.

"Bailey ran in it last year and it was just devastating not making it by less than half of a second," said Kolb.

The track meet took place on May 21, so Katie had plenty of time to get ready for the individual tennis sectional on May 22 and 23. She and Anna won their



Photos provided

(ABOVE) Katie Kolb (320) joined Bailey Freese (319), Claire Milam (321) and Brinna Wolf (324) to run for the Golden Eagles in the 4x800 relay at state. The Guerin Catholic team placed 13th in a new personal record time. (RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb (right) and her twin sister Anna made their way to the semifinals of the IHSAA individual doubles state tournament earlier this month. It was the second state tournament for Katie Kolb, after competing in the IHSAA state track meet on May 31.

first-round match 6-0, 6-0, then beat Park Tudor in the championship 6-4 to qualify for the regional.

Road trips

The weekend of Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 wasn't stressful for Katie Kolb, but it did involve miles of driving. First up was the May 31 state track and finals. The 4x800 relay began at 4:15 p.m.

"We didn't have to get there until a little bit later," said Kolb. "We had pretty much the day to relax and sleep in."

The Golden Eagles relay placed 13th in the race, clocking in with a new personal record of 9 minutes, 33.26 seconds.

"It was an amazing feeling," said Kolb. "We've been working so hard for it all sea-

son. Our seniors especially, it was special for us to be able to do it together. We worked really hard to do this."

Kolb headed home early from Bloomington. She and her family got up at 6 a.m. the next morning to make the trip to Niles, Mich., which is where the La Porte (Indiana) regional was played. Weather forced the change in venue to an indoor facility in Niles.

Nothing stopped the Kolb sisters from winning the regional, though. The Kolbs won their semifinal 6-0, 6-0 and took the championship match 6-1, 6-0 to advance to state.

"I think we played the best we've probably played this season," said Katie. "I think we really worked well together, we kept our composure. Even with the adver-



sity of having to play inside, we really took advantage of it and used it play the best we could."

Katie and Anna played their quarterfinal state match June 7 and won 6-4, 6-4. The Kolbs then took on the Jasper team of Paige Giesler and Reese Mundy in the June 8 semifinals, but lost 6-3, 6-1.

"Anna and I played the best we could have on that occasion," said Katie Kolb. "We may have been a little tight due to nerves. I think

for that day, that's the best we could have played. And the other team is just unbelievably talented."

Katie Kolb proved herself to be talented as well. And she's already thinking about next year.

"It's definitely going to be a lot of hard work next year if we want to accomplish the same thing, but knowing what it's like going into it will definitely be helpful for both of us as a team," said Kolb.



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