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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Partly sunny. Hot and humid, with scattered showers and storms in the afternoon. Storms could produce damaging wind gusts.  
 Tonight: Scattered showers and storms. Storms could produce damaging wind gusts.  
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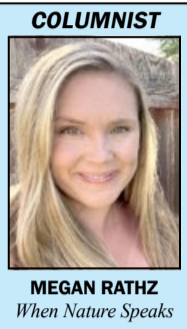
# Queens reign to serve the people, especially in Cicero



Photo provided by Lisa Everling  
 As part of their participation in the Lights Over Morse Lake Queen Pageant, contestants gather donations for the Feeding Team's little yellow pantries. This year, on a surprisingly rainy Saturday, these young ladies donated over 8,000 items, filling three trucks and at least one car. (From left) Leslie Jaramillo-Acosta, Mark Hall, Mary Bowman, Lizzy Smith, Mariyah Sexton, Faith Hittle, Hailey Hall, Ellie Miller, Tatym Green, and Lisa Hall. See more photos on Page 3 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

## Poof's lilies

There was a day about 10 years ago that my husband and I were driving on Allisonville Road and saw a wheelbarrow filled with orange ditch lilies with a sign inviting folks to take.



I told my husband to turn the car around and that we were going to put in a new flower bed in at our old house.

This became one of our favorite spots in our old house, but nobody loved this spot more than Stella. You see, her name was Stella, but we only called her Poof. Poof would wait until the sea of orange was in all its glory and walk through with the foliage of the lilies brushing her face. If you have a dog, you know that anything new in your yard is an immediate source of curiosity. From the moment we planted them, they became her domain. I know she must've felt like a lion walking through the Sahara. She was such a big dog that I think part of her liked this wild patch of lilies because they became so big that it offered her some privacy. Of course, we could still see her, but she didn't know that, and we never told her.

When it came time to move, one of my biggest priorities when transplanting my flowers from the old house to our current one were my ditch lilies. They were not just sentimental; they were absolutely beautiful. Fortunately, we were able to have Stella in our new house, but she passed away about a year after we moved. After we lost her, my sister gave us windchimes with her name and we placed them in the yard where we planted the ditch lilies.

Every time I see an orange daylily, I think of Poof wading through them and how much she loved them. I used to get so mad at her when she would decide to run through them and knock the stalks to the ground. Looking back on it, those are some of my favorite memories of her.

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# Let Cicero Kiwanis help you get fueled up for fun this Saturday

**The REPORTER**

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero will welcome hungry guests to its annual Pancake Breakfast this weekend, held in conjunction with Lights Over Morse Lake. This community-favorite breakfast will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 6 at the Red Bridge Community Center in Cicero.

For a free-will donation, patrons can enjoy a delicious breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage links, fruit, coffee, orange juice, or milk. It's a perfect opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy a hearty meal, and support a great cause.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Pancake



Breakfast will be reinvested into the surrounding communities to support various Kiwanis Club initiatives. These initiatives aim to enhance the quality of life for children throughout Cicero, Arcadia, and Atlanta by focusing on youth programs, community services, and educational projects.

"We are excited to host our annual Pancake Breakfast during Lights Over Morse, an event that brings our community together in celebration," Kiwanis Club of Cicero President Todd Clevenger said. "The support we receive from



Photo provided  
 We don't know about you, but here at The Reporter our mouths are watering just looking at these pancakes.

this event allows us to continue our mission of making a positive impact in the lives of children. I've been a member for five years and have seen where

the proceeds go. Donations go to support our club's literacy initiatives which include

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# Navy Club Ship 29 to serve as this year's Noblesville's July 4 Parade Grand Marshal

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen has chosen Hamilton County Navy Ship 29 as the grand marshal of this year's Fourth of July Stars & Stripes Forever Parade sponsored by Gaylor Electric. The Hamilton County chapter of the national service organization is comprised of members who have served or are serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

"Our military has been

defending our nation and democracy for 248 years, and I'm proud to have the Hamilton County Navy Ship 29 serve as our grand marshal," Mayor Jensen said. "Independence Day is a time to gather and celebrate the values and freedoms our nation holds dear."

"We're honored and very proud to represent the City of Noblesville," Ship 29 Commander Dave Holloway said. "It's very special to me. I never

thought I'd be doing this. Noblesville is our home and I'm very proud of the city."

The Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29 meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$25. The Navy Club provides scholarships, assists in hosting patriotic events, and helps veterans get benefits.

"We are open to all veter-

ans," said Holloway, a 1975 graduate of Noblesville High School and U.S. Navy veteran. "We currently have over 50 members but are always looking for more. Being grand marshal helps provides us exposure. We're excited to get our faces and name out in front of the community. Hopefully someone might see us and want to learn more about our organization or join."

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## Choose from three fireworks shows #AroundFishers

**Submitted by Fishers Parks**

Fishers Parks is bringing three fireworks shows to the community on July 4, presented by Star Heating & Cooling. Celebrate Independence Day and pick your viewing area from the following spots around the city at dusk, approximately 10 p.m. Thursday.

**NPD AMP & Toy Factory Concert**

The annual, free July 4th concert returns to the NPD AMP stage featuring Toy Factory. The concert begins at 8 p.m. with fireworks following at approximately 10 p.m. No RSVP or tickets are required. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome, but food trucks also will be on site. Seating is not provided; lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. View fireworks from your spot on the lawn. Fireworks will be launched from Holland Park, which will be closed for safety.

**Cyntheanne Park**

View this fireworks show from the Cyntheanne Park or HSE Intermediate/Jr. High parking lots. Fireworks will be launched from Cyntheanne Park. Geist Waterfront Park will not be open for fireworks viewing.

**Geist Reservoir**

View this fireworks show on the water. While no viewing will be permitted from Fall Creek Bridge or Geist Marina, find a great spot on the water in a boat or from your residence. Fireworks will be launched near the south end of the Fall Creek Bridge, from a barge at Geist Marina. The bridge will not be closed to traffic, but the pedestrian walkway on the bridge will be closed for safety.

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# PARADE

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This year's free festivities will take place on Thursday, July 4, with the theme of "Stars and Stripes Forever in Noblesville." The fun begins at 4 p.m. in downtown. Due to the construction work taking place on State Road 32, this year's parade route will use Clinton Street so Logan Street can remain open to east-west traffic through downtown.

The parade will begin at the corner of 16th and Harrison streets and will travel

south on 16th to Clinton Street; west on Clinton to 9th Street; north on 9th to Monument Street; and east on Monument to 16th Street where it will end.

The free Fireworks Festival sponsored by IDI Composites follows the parade from 6 to 10 p.m. at Forest Park with activities for kids, teens, and adults, food vendors, and more. Kids of America will perform on the Pacers Sports and Entertainment Main Stage from 7:30

to 9:30 p.m. Free trolley rides will be available from Noblesville High School's parking lot to Forest Park throughout and after the festival. At 10 p.m., the annual fireworks display will begin from the Forest Park Golf Course, sponsored by Midwest Paving, East Bank Apartments, Meijer, and Promenade Trails.

A fireworks viewing area with nearby parking will be available at Federal Hill Commons.

# PANCAKES

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scholarships for graduating seniors and free books to every student at Hamilton Heights Elementary School. They also support our King's Treasurer program where children who otherwise would not get to experience the joys of waking presents under the tree, receive free presents, and so much more."

What better way to support the community than by coming together for a deli-

cious breakfast?

"We are honored to hold our breakfast during Lights Over Morse, an event that brings members of our communities together to celebrate with a stunning display of fireworks, entertainment, and family-friendly activities," said Sue Clevenger, who serves as the Chair of the Pancake Breakfast as well as Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero. "It is a tradition that highlights the warmth and

spirit of our community. Our club event is the community coming together as volunteers, patrons, and sponsors to raise money to put right back into helping our communities. This IS the community helping the community."

If you would like to make a direct contribution, you can go to [CiceroKiwanis.org](http://CiceroKiwanis.org) or send your donation to Kiwanis Club of Cicero, P.O. Box 272, Cicero, IN 46034.

# POOF

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Photo provided by Megan Rathz

## Poof really loved her lily patch!

My poof lilies make me think about my mom and her Mema's peonies. Every time the peonies bloom, it's not just a beautiful flower; it is a reminder of her grandmother that she loved so much. She isn't just trimming a bloom; she is tending to something that her grandmother used to and it's a reminder of how much of a role she played in my mom's life.

The beautiful thing about nature is the continuity. Nature's cyclical beauty is

comforting for me because I know that even though I do not get to see Poof, I get to take care of her lilies and remember some of the things that made her the happiest. I also know that when the season is over that they will bloom again next year. I also know that as they continue to grow, they will be split and placed in various places in my yard and make me feel Stella's presence.

My first bloom of the season makes me happy because it reminds me of Poof

in all her glory. Of course they make me a little sad, but when I see how beautiful they are and am reminded of her romping through them, I can't help but smile.

Now, I have two dogs that run through the same orange lilies and cause the same mayhem that Stella always did, though they will always be Poof's lilies.

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

# Thanks for reading!

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# Long live Cicero's new queen



Photos provided by Lisa Everling

The Lights Over Morse Lake Queen and her court we named Monday in Cicero. (ABOVE) Miss Lights Over Morse 2024 Tatym Green (seated), 2nd Runner-up Lizzie Smith (standing, left), 1st Runner-up Hailey Hall (standing, center), and Miss Community Spirit 2024 Ellie Miller (standing, right). These ladies and the other contestants gathered over 8,000 non-perishable food items for the Feeding Team. According to Feeding Team co-founder Mark Hall, your 2024 queen, Tatym Green, was responsible for 1,700 of those items. Weather permitting, you can thank these ladies for their community spirit at Light Over Morse Lake today through Sunday.

# Small hands & giant hearts for service



Photos provided by Lisa Everling

The queen contestants were not the only ones giving back to their community in big ways Monday. At the Little Miss Showcase, these young ladies brought in another 200 food items. Mark Hall told The Reporter it warmed his heart to see these young girls who already know the value of community service. (TOP RIGHT) Raeleigh Scott was named Little Miss Lights Over Morse Lake, but with hearts that big, you are all winners and every one of you deserves to have your name and photo in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper. Little Miss Showcase contestants included: Whitley Meese, Charlie Whetsel, Mackenize Whetsel, Winnie Huddleston, Della Smith, Isla Logan, Raeleigh Jo Wade Scott, Brynlee Beck, Hadlee Ciara Prater, Jade Meacham, Meredith Ousley, Kelaya James, Quynlyn Johnson, Avery Applegate, Jacqueline Collett, Layla Rutland, Annistyn Wildermuth, Teylie Wildermuth, Emmarose Brommeland, Jolie Mae Gibson, Alayna Sheller, Avery Lewis, Madison Lewis, Adeline Wyatt, Cadence Sandberg, Kayleigh Bentley, Chloe Maciel, Norah Scott, Shevelle Harris, and Lucy Fenelon.

# Don't just ride the rails ... Bike them!

## Forest Park Rail Adventure

An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

## White River Family Cruise

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# Carmel Mayor's Housing Task Force to hold public input meeting on July 25

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Mayor's Housing Task Force will hold a public meeting from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, exclusively for resident input. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The task force is nearing the end of its fact-finding phase, which has occurred over the past five months during public meetings. So far, the task force has received and reviewed relevant reports, studies and data presented by subject matter experts who have shared their expertise and insights. Although each meeting has included time for public input, the upcoming July meeting will be dedicated to hearing residents' feedback on the housing issues facing the Carmel community.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

**The Carmel Mayor's Housing Task Force wants to hear your thoughts on the city's housing needs moving into the future. Attend the July 25 meeting!**

"We believe the input from our residents is an important part of this process," Task Force Chair Christine Zoccola said. "Community feedback is incredibly valuable, and this feedback will ultimately help shape the recommendations made to Mayor Finkam. We look

forward to the July 25 meeting and hope to hear from many of our Carmel residents."

An agenda outlining the issues and topics for discussion will be available for review and comment before the July 25 meeting. The task force maintains

a [website](#) where videos and presentation materials from previous meetings can be viewed. Additionally, study materials, public correspondence, and supporting information are available for review on the [Housing Task Force website](#), as well.



Photo provided by OISC

Pesticides of many varieties will be accepted during the Clean Sweep disposal program.

## State Chemist to sponsor pesticide disposal program

### The REPORTER

The 2024 Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program sponsored by the Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC) will offer a pesticide collection site in Tipton County next month.

The drop-off time will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 15 at the Beck's Hybrids Seed Facility, 6085 W. County Road 550 North, Sharpsville.

This is a great way for farmers, public and private schools, ag dealers, nurseries, golf courses, cit-



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# Putt-putt taking over Downtown Noblesville for “NMS Open” event



Graphic provided by Noblesville Main Street

Inspired by similar community led events in other cities, Noblesville Main Street will soon turn downtown into a putt-putt golf course. From 4 to 8 p.m. this Friday, July 5, come see “NMS Open,” the first of what is sure to be an annual event where families will walk around the historic downtown to enjoy some mini golf and prizes. Before, during, and after, expect there to be more activity downtown. The hope with event is the visibility into downtown and local businesses get people to shop, dine, and be aware of the destination Noblesville can be. Please note there will be no street closures for this event.

# Indiana ag department submits state’s inventory of lost farmland, with increases in crops yield

**The REPORTER**

On Monday, the **Indiana State Department of Agriculture** (ISDA) submitted an inventory of lost farmland report to the Legislative Council. In 2023, the Indiana General Assembly passed **House Enrolled Act 1557**, which tasked ISDA to complete an inventory of lost farmland in Indiana from 2010 to 2022.

ISDA determined through the inventory of lost farmland that there has been an overall reduction of farmland acres of approximately 1.5 to 2 percent from 2010 to 2022. This represents a loss of approximately 350,000 acres. The results show that agricultural land was most likely to be lost in areas around the edges of cities and suburban areas. The primary cause of ISDA's reduction in farmland was due to residential use.

“Agriculture is, and always has been, the lifeblood of the Hoosier state,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “Data is critical for all levels of government when making decisions that may affect our rural communities and food security.”

ISDA used two sources of data: (1) parcel data from the **Indiana Department of Local Government Finance** (DLGF) and (2) the **United States Department of Agriculture** (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Crop Data Layer (CDL). Both datasets have different qualities that make them desirable for attempting to discern both the quantity of land use change and the causes of land use change.

“The inventory of lost farmland was an opportunity for ISDA and legislators to gain access to reliable data, where up until now, we could only make assumptions,” ISDA Director Don Lamb said. “This information is important to have for policy development as we work to balance economic growth, food security and the preservation of agricultural land, because we know when agriculture is strong, Indiana is too.”

Despite the loss in acreage, yield data from USDA NASS shows that Indiana’s production of its cash crops has increased. In 2012, Indiana produced over 597 million bushels of corn for grain, and in 2022 yielded over 1 billion bushels. Indiana produced nearly 219 million bushels of soybeans in 2012 and saw that number increase to over 326 million in 2022.

ISDA outlined several recommendations within the report to the Legislative Council, including that legislation be passed directing ISDA to update the inventory of lost farmland every five years, starting in 2029 for a report to be published in 2030.

[Click here](#) to view the full 2010 to 2022 report.

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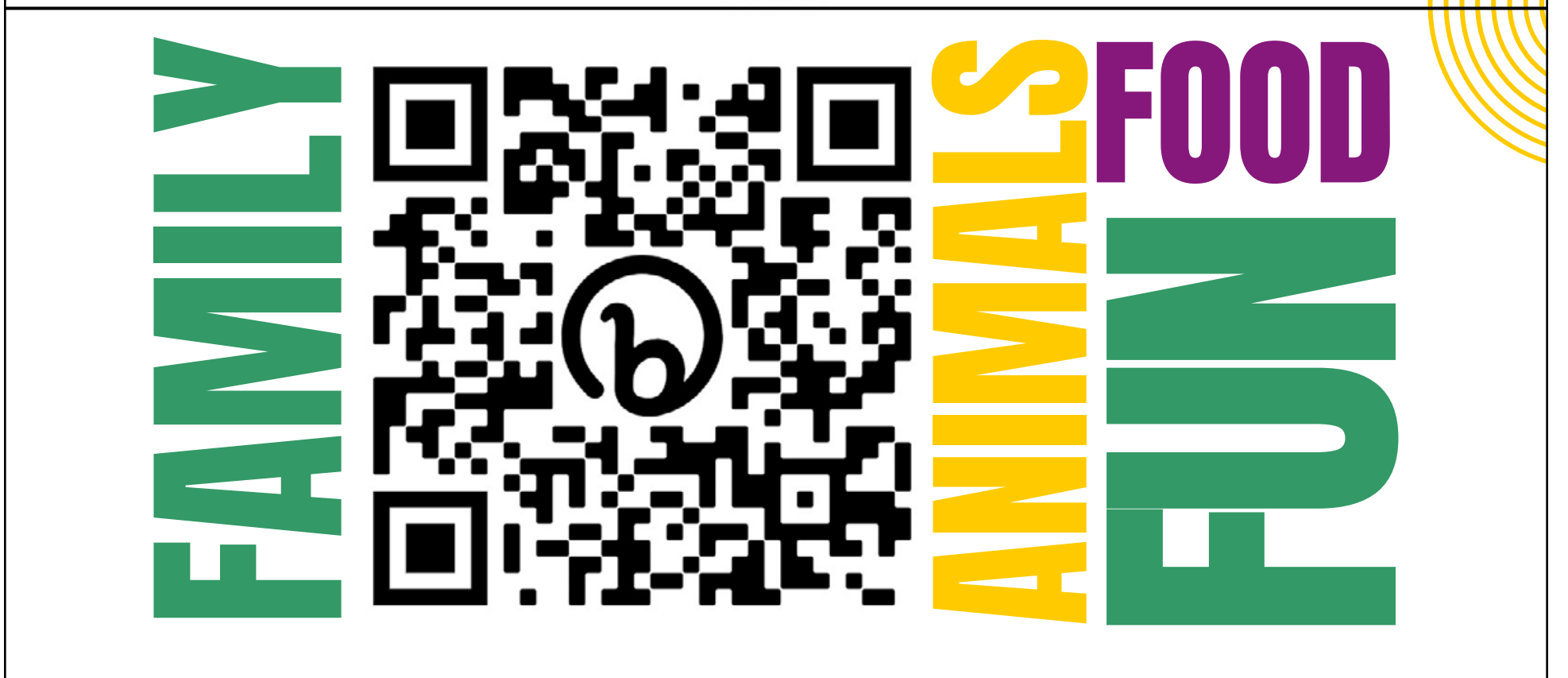
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for free (up to 250 pounds per participant). Visit the Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC) website at [oisc.purdue.edu](http://oisc.purdue.edu) to download the participant form. You can also

contact Nathan Davis at [cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu](mailto:cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu) or (765) 494-7108 to have a participant form emailed. Those wanting to participate are required to complete and submit the

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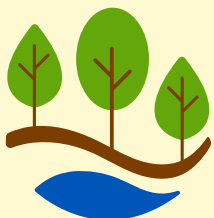
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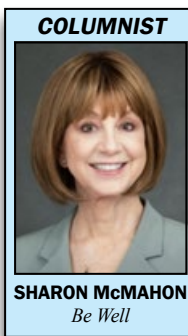
# Pay attention to the source, not all protein is created equal

*"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." – Hippocrates*

Does anyone remember high school "health" class? My summer school health class was taught by a football

coach and all-around great guy, Dale Snelling. Many of my readers will recall Mr. Snelling's easygoing way and great sense of humor. He was also a local realtor after retiring from the school system. Most of us NHS students who took the easy credit summer class were busy daydreaming about summer fun, the pool, parties, and time spent with friends ... not so much the tenets of good nutrition and health!

All that being said, unless you were a young person who planned to go into a health care field of work, you probably did not focus on the health aspects of good/bad nutrition. As adults we have a passing knowledge of protein in that we know that it is important



SHARON McMAHON  
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for good health and that meat and dairy products can be a good source of that protein. So, today's column will focus more on the why and the how we need to know to get adequate protein in our bodies.

Let's review the importance of good protein sources and how they help our bodies:

**1. Build.** Protein is an important building block of bones, muscles, cartilage and skin. In fact, your hair and nails are comprised mostly of protein.

**2. Repair.** Your body uses it to build and repair tissue.

**3. Oxygenate.** Red blood cells contain a protein compound that carries oxygen throughout the body. This helps supply your entire body with the nutrients it needs.

**4. Digest.** About half the dietary protein that you consume each day goes into making enzymes, which aids in digesting food, and making new cells

and body chemicals.

**5. Regulate.** Protein plays an important role in hormone regulation, especially during the transformation and development of cells during puberty.

As noted above in this column, both meat and dairy products are known as good sources of protein. While that may be the usual case, there are often issues associated with this type of protein consumption. The digestion of protein, particularly from meat products, can cause stress on the kidneys, and in the colon excess undigested protein can putrefy into toxic substances, some of which are absorbed into the bloodstream.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, varying your protein sources is quite important.

Vegetarians and vegans must pay close attention to eating adequate protein. Some of those protein sources may include avocado, spinach, sweet potato, peanuts, soybeans, lentils, cashews, almonds, nut butters, non-dairy milk, and grains such as quinoa, oatmeal, and supplements. Protein bars, shakes, smoothies, etc. can be a good source oc-

asionally but not as a regular source of your protein.

A general guideline for adequate protein intake is approximately 30 grams per day, although please note that I am not giving you, dear readers, a specific guideline for your personal consumption. This should be discussed with your professional health care provider.

Protein is an essential nutrient that plays a key role in how our bodies function. The key is to consume a diet focusing on proteins along with your complex carbohydrates and healthy fats. (Yes, there are healthy fats!)

Enjoy our local farmers' markets and abundance of fresh vegetables and fruits along with your favorite protein sources – balance is the key!

<sup>1</sup> *New England Journal of Medicine*

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

# Allisonville Meadows recognized as No. 1 top independent living provider nationwide

## The REPORTER

Allisonville Meadows, located at 10410 Allisonville Road, Fishers, a member of American Senior Communities (ASC), was recently recognized by national senior industry knowledge leader, ElderCare Review.

ElderCare Review chose ASC as its front cover and feature article in print for the July 2024 issue, as well as showcasing the provider throughout the online platform and other outlets.

ASC was the industry expert's No. 1 Top Provider for Independent Living nationwide. ElderCare Review cites the reasons it acknowledged ASC with this distinction, including the multiple measures the company takes using specific programs and personal guidance to transition seniors into community-based independent living. Criteria also included excellent customer feedback, as well as an extensive list of other awards and distinctions.

ASC serves seniors with over 100 locations statewide, with 17 of those locations serving independent living residents, including

Allisonville Meadows.

"Community is at the heart of everything we do at ASC," said Chris Kelley, VP of Senior Living. "It is in our name, and it is the essence of what we strive to foster within our independent living communities. Recognizing the profound importance of connection and companionship for seniors' health and well-being, we prioritize this at each location."

The company puts a strong emphasis on being part of the local community and making important connections that benefit residents.

Click here to read the full story at [ElderCareReview.com](http://ElderCareReview.com).

## About Allisonville Meadows

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# Franciscan Health receives CIMS-Green Building certification with honors

## The REPORTER

The Environmental Services department at Franciscan Health Indianapolis, Mooresville, and Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel have been recognized for passing the Cleaning Industry Management Standard-Green Building (CIMS-GB) assessment and reaccredited with CIMS-Green Building Certification with Honors.

CIMS-GB certification demonstrates that Franciscan Health Indianapolis,

Mooresville, and Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel have all undergone a comprehensive assessment by an independent, accredited CIMS-GB assessor and have successfully demonstrated a commitment to the delivery of environmentally preferable services that are designed to meet customer needs and expectations.

The Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS-GB) is the first national management standard for the cleaning industry.

CIMS supports operational excellence in cleaning and outlines the primary characteristics of a successful, quality, and green building organization.

"We are very proud of and grateful for our environmental services staff in central Indiana, who operate professionally and as a team to provide a clean and safe environment for our patients, visitors and their fellow employees," said Sister Martha Ann Reich, education coordinator, envi-

ronmental services for Franciscan Health. "As Franciscans, we strive each day to be stewards of our resources and achieving this certification reaffirms our commitment to that mission. Thank you to every team member who helped achieve this."

This year marks the fourth CIMS-GB Certification reaccreditation for the Franciscan Environmental Services team in Central Indiana.

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## Supreme Court decision on immunity for U.S. presidents

Statement from Attorney General Todd Rokita

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued the following statement on Monday

after the Supreme Court ruled that presidents cannot be prosecuted for official actions taken while serving.

"As Indiana's attorney general, I was proud to advocate in an 18-state brief for the result we saw today – the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that former presidents such as Donald Trump have immunity for official acts

taken while in office.

"The Left has made an art form out of weaponizing our judicial institutions against their political adversaries, but no matter which side does it, that kind of manipulation is wrong and dangerous to our republic.

"With this ruling, the court took strong and necessary action to protect ALL American presidents from partisan political prosecutions pertaining to conduct involving their official actions."



Rokita

## Statement from Congressman Jim Banks

Submitted

On Monday, Congressman Jim Banks (R-Ind.-03) released the following statement

after the Supreme Court ruled that presidents cannot be prosecuted for official actions taken while serving.

"Today's decision is a massive win for the Constitution and a massive blow to Joe Biden, who would've rather prosecuted President Trump than run against him in a fair and honest campaign," Banks said. "Cor-

rupt Democrats tried to take American voters out of the 2024 election by twisting the rule of law and weapon-

izing our justice system. But the Democrats failed. In November, voters will get to decide between four more years of disaster under Joe Biden or returning to the Trump policies that gave us peace abroad and

prosperity at home." Congressman Banks is the Republican nominee for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat.



Banks

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## From franchisee to founder

Woman entrepreneur leads bold transition to independent auto shop brand

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Woman business leader Pallavi Gorrepati has announced the launch of her family-owned and operated automotive service and retail company, Xpress Pro Tire & Auto. After 44 years of successfully operating over 30 locations under the parent company Car-X, Gorrepati said she is proud to announce the transformation of these locations into her own brand.

This strategic decision marks a pivotal moment for Gorrepati and her family – the network of immigrant-owned auto shop fran-

chises has been in operation for over 40 years, and now, the Gorrepati family is taking full ownership of their business. Following in the footsteps of her father, Ranga, Pallavi said this business decision will enable her to elevate and expand her family's business for many years to come.

"With Xpress Pro, we are reaffirming our commitment to delivering outstanding automotive services while proudly embracing our identity as a locally owned and operated business," Gorrepati said. "This transition allows us to main-



tain the high standards our patrons have come to expect while fostering a stronger sense of community and pride in our brand."

Xpress Pro locations, primarily based in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, and Northern Kentucky, will continue to offer the same trusted services and expertise customers have come to expect, all under a new brand that reflects

today's automotive patron, as well as the values of the Gorrepati family.

"Our transition to Xpress Pro isn't just about a name change – it's a complete transformation of identity, look, and feel," Xpress Pro Marketing Manager Mark Petticord said. "With great attention to detail, we've crafted a brand that not only

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## Better Indiana endorses State Rep. Garcia Wilburn as voice of "balance & moderation"

Submitted by Better Indiana PAC

Better Indiana, an independent, grassroots political action committee, has endorsed State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn, the Democratic incumbent, for Indiana House District 32.

This is Garcia Wilburn's first defense of the seat she won in 2022. Better Indiana was a major supporter in her race and once again believes that it is a critical race to win.

Better Indiana says State Rep. Garcia Wilburn has shown to be a capable leader who deserves to return to the Statehouse.

"My work in the Statehouse reflects the values of our district, supporting public safety, ensuring every child has the tools to thrive, and promoting economic prosperity by building healthy communities," Garcia Wilburn said.

Two years ago, running against Republican Fred Glynn, Wilburn earned 12,508 votes – or 50.5 percent – winning by fewer than 300 votes in one of the state's most competitive districts. Garcia Wilburn's

win was seen as a victory for centrist legislation and an affirmation that Indianapolis suburbs are interested in legislators who will represent the middle class, the middle of America, and the middle of the political spectrum.

Garcia Wilburn has demonstrated that she can work across the aisle with her Republican counterparts, but she has said she feels bipartisan legislation is hindered by the supermajority. Better Indiana agrees, saying many in the Republican supermajority in the Indiana House are out of touch with the challenges Hoosiers face.

"We must continue to remain committed to the constituents we serve," Garcia Wilburn said. "Many of you have heard me say, the will of the people is greater than partisan politics and now I have a record in the Statehouse that proves my words. I am committed to the prosperity of the people while ensur-



Garcia Wilburn

ing the most vulnerable among us are not left behind and yet there is more work to do. I remain steadfast to the work that is inspired by the issues you present to me."

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn grew up in a working class neighborhood in the Chicago suburbs, where her father instilled in her union values and she was inspired by her mother's small business innovation. She earned a degree in occupational therapy as a first-generation college student and started her path as a clinician and public health advocate. In 2005, she and her husband, Christopher, a lawyer and former police officer, chose to make Indiana home. Her awareness of public safety issues and the need for healthy, accessible communities deepened during this time of her husband's police service. They grew their family, welcoming three children while she completed both her master's and doctoral degree

in health science from the University of Indianapolis. Garcia Wilburn has dedicated her career to improving the well-being of Hoosiers and advocating for accessible healthcare. Her work has been instrumental in increasing central Indiana resources for children and families affected by substance use disorders and in training future health care professionals in trauma informed care.

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"Better Indiana believes that Victoria Wilburn has brought balance and moderation to the legislative body," Better Indiana Chair David Anderson said. "She will work across the aisle, she will represent all Hoosiers, and she will fight to improve the quality of life in Indiana."

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# Man arrested after robbing Taco Bell, stealing vehicle, fleeing from police, and firing weapon

By JAY ADKINS  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Fishers police arrested an Indianapolis man on Sunday after he robbed a Taco Bell, stole a vehicle, fled from police, and fired his weapon, according to a Facebook post by the Fishers Police Department.

Just after 1:30 a.m. Sunday, the Fishers Police Department was called about a robbery and carjacking at a Taco Bell on Allisonville Road. Preliminary information from Fishers dispatch revealed that several males entered the drive-through window with guns drawn and began demanding money. One of the suspects had left in a Dodge Challenger that belonged to one of the victims. Fishers officers responded to the Taco Bell, located the employees, and began investigating.

Officers located the stolen Dodge Challenger southbound on Allisonville Road and initiated a traffic stop. A pursuit ensued south on Allisonville Road into Marion County. The driv-



er and sole occupant of the vehicle, Fredrick Nance, 24, of Indianapolis, quickly exited the car and fled on foot. Several officers, including a K-9 team, chased the suspect. The K-9 was released by its handler for apprehension.



Nance

During the foot pursuit, officers heard a gunshot. The K-9 was ahead of the pursuing officers when the shot was fired. No officers or the K-9 were injured. Officers took Nance into custody with a K-9 apprehension. Nance was medically evaluated before being taken to the Hamilton County Jail.

Nance had several pieces of evidence belonging to the victims. A handgun used in



Photos provided by Fishers Police Department

the crime was located near where Nance was taken into custody. The handgun was a Glock and had a machine gun conversion device attached to it. The victims all positively identified Nance as the suspect in this case.

During an interview with officers, Nance confessed to robbery, auto theft, and firing a shot. Nance was arrested and preliminarily charged with robbery, intimidation, pointing a firearm at another, criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weap-

on, resisting law enforcement, resisting law enforcement with a deadly weapon, criminal recklessness using a deadly weapon, kidnapping while armed with a deadly weapon, and possession of a machine gun.

Investigators ask that anyone with information regarding the other suspects call (317) 595-3300.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/man-arrested-after-robbing-taco-bell-stealing-vehicle-fleeing-from-police-and-firing-weapon.

## XPRESS

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reflects our commitment to excellence, quality, and value but also resonates with the younger generation of customers. The Xpress Pro team feels that this new identity will set the stage for a new chapter of customer-forward service."

The Xpress Pro team looks forward to making a positive impact in the greater automotive industry and local community by expanding its footprint across the tri-state area. With the competitive pricing, expert-level technicians, and transparent

service that loyal customers know and love, the newly crafted brand identity serves to reflect these attributes more distinctively. Offering repair and maintenance services, tires, brakes, and accessories, Xpress Pro boasts full-service capabilities at reasonable prices.

As Xpress Pro enters a new chapter as an independently owned brand, the Gorrepati family is excited to continue their legacy of excellence, integrity, and customer-centric service in Indianapolis and beyond.

## AAA Hoosier Motor Club offers valuable travel information for July 4<sup>th</sup> week

### The REPORTER

AAA Hoosier Motor Club has shared its insights and forecasts for the upcoming Independence Day travel period for individuals or families traveling now through July 6.

### Record-breaking travel numbers

AAA and S&P Global Market Intelligence (SPGMI) looked at the entire July 4th week, including the Saturday before and the Sunday after the holiday, projecting that 70.9 million people will travel for the 2024 Independence Day holiday. This marks an increase of 5.7 million travelers compared to 2019 and 3.5 million more than last year, representing a 5.2 percent rise.

"With a record-breaking number of travelers this holiday season, we are thrilled to provide valuable tips to ensure the smoothest travel experience possible," AAA Hoosier Motor Club President & CEO Matt Goins said. "We understand how stressful traveling can be, and AAA Hoosier Motor Club is committed to making our members' journeys as seamless as possible."

### AAA Independence Day Holiday Travel Forecast 2024

60.6 million will drive (new record)

- An additional 2.8 million travelers compared to last year
- This year's number surpasses 2019, when 55.3 million people traveled by car
- Check tires, oil, battery / Pack emergency kit / Slow Down, Move Over

### Gas prices (subject to change)

- Gas prices are lower than last year when the national average was \$3.53
- Pump prices will likely continue to go down leading up to Independence Day
- Hurricane season could affect gas prices should a storm negatively impact the Gulf Coast

### 5.74 million will fly (new record)

- Increase of nearly 7 percent compared to last year and a 12 percent increase over 2019
- AAA booking data shows domestic airfare is 2 percent cheaper this Independence Day week versus last
- Average price for a domestic roundtrip ticket is

\$800

- Arrive at airport two hours early; avoid checking bags to save time and money

### 4.62 million will travel by bus, train, cruise

- 9 percent increase compared to last year
- Cruising continues its remarkable post-pandemic comeback – and there are summer deals

- With new ships coming onto the market, some cruise lines are offering targeted discounts to fill older inventory for remaining cabins

### Best/worst times to drive

- Drivers should hit the road in the morning to avoid congestion
- Worst times to travel by car are between 2 and 7 p.m.

- Wednesday before July 4th and the Sunday and Monday after will be extra busy on roads

### Top destinations

- Top destinations include Pacific Northwest and Alaska because of cruises

- Florida, Hawaii, New York, Las Vegas, Denver, Southern California

- Canada (Vancouver, Calgary)

- London, Rome, Dublin, Paris, Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona

### July 4th week travel costs

#### Flights

- Domestic airfare is 2 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average price for a domestic roundtrip flight is \$800
- International flights are 7 percent more expensive this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average price for an international roundtrip ticket is \$1,440

#### Hotels

- Domestic hotels are 17 percent more expensive this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average booking cost for a hotel stay (which is typically a few nights) is \$660. That's the average price of domestic hotel bookings through AAA – not a nightly rate.
- International hotels are 14 percent more expensive this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average booking cost for a hotel stay (which is typically a few nights) is \$725. That's the average

price of international hotel bookings through AAA – not a nightly rate.

#### Rental Cars

- Domestic car rentals are 16 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average booking cost for a rental car (which is typically several days) is \$670 total – not the daily rate
- International car rentals are 6 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average booking cost for a rental (which is typically several days) is \$940 total – not the daily rate

#### Cruises

- Cruises departing from domestic cities are 24 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average cost for cruises departing from domestic cities is \$1,420
- Cruises departing from international cities are 6 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average cost for cruises departing from international cities is \$2,430

#### Tours

- Tours in domestic cities are 21 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average cost for a domestic tour is \$1,100
- Tours in international cities are 8 percent cheaper this July 4th week compared to last year
- Average cost for an international tour is \$1,620

#### Services & savings

AAA Hoosier Motor Club offers a range of services to enhance travel experiences, including:

- Travel Booking:** Save on travel and road trips by booking through AAA Hoosier Motor Club.
- Car Rental Discounts:** Enjoy extraordinary savings and benefits when renting from Hertz, Dollar, and Thrifty.
- Save on Gas:** Members save \$0.30 per gallon on first fill, then \$0.05 gallon after.
- International Driving Permits:** Obtain peace of mind for international travel with AAA-issued permits.
- Travel Resources:** Access maps, TripTik routings, travel resources, and more to plan the perfect vacation.

To learn more about AAA Hoosier Motor Club services, visit [hoosier.aaa.com](http://hoosier.aaa.com).

# Enjoy breakfast with the mayors at Eggs & Issues

**The REPORTER**

The partnership of OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, and Westfield Chamber of Commerce invite you to July Eggs & Issues, set for 8 a.m. on Friday, July 19 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

You'll have the unique opportunity to hear from the esteemed mayors of Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, and Westfield – Sue Finkam, Scott Fadness, Chris Jensen, and Scott Willis, respectively.

This month, each mayor will provide the latest updates from their respective cities and discuss their visionary strategies for mak-



Finkam



Fadness



Jensen



Willis

ing a regional impact beyond municipal boundaries. With such a distinguished panel, this event promises to be highly informative and popular, offering invaluable insights into the future of these communities.

Don't miss out on this chance to engage with local

leaders.

All chamber members and non-members are invited to attend. Breakfast and coffee will be provided.

**Agenda**

- 8 a.m. – Registration, Breakfast, and Light Networking
- 8:30 a.m. – Program

- 9:15 a.m. – Q&A
- 9:30 a.m. – Event Concludes

Click here to register. Northern Hamilton County Chamber members and Hamilton County Leadership Academy alumni are invited to join at member rate.

## Bruce Arthur Boje d. June 25, 2024



Bruce Arthur Boje, 72, passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Bruce was a beloved figure in his community, known for his generous spirit and humorous nature.

Bruce graduated from North Central High School before furthering his education at Purdue University and later at IU McKinney School of Law, which paved the way for his successful career as an attorney. In January, Bruce celebrated his 47th year as a partner with Boje, Benner, Becker, Markovich & Hixson.

Throughout his life, Bruce remained active and engaged in various sports and hobbies, including boating, golfing, water skiing, and snow skiing. He was also an avid traveler and cherished his vast network of friends and colleagues.

Described by those who knew him as thoughtful, kind, and caring, Bruce was a loving husband to Linda Wittmer Boje; a devoted father to Leigh Boje and her partner Amber, and Matthew Boje; and a loyal brother to Brian Boje (Rita) and Barb Watson (Dan). He also held a special place in the hearts of his sisters-in-law, Dorothy Ellis (Tim) and Sharon Mallatt (Pete); and brother-in-law, Darrell Wittmer (Karen). Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Margaret Boje.

A man who loved dogs, nature, and the outdoors, Bruce's laughter and sense of humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He had a particular fondness for chocolate, especially M&Ms (plain only) and chocolate chip cookies.

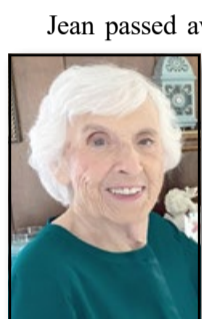
A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The arrangements for Bruce are being handled by Randall & Roberts Funeral Home. Bruce's life and legacy will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him, as a beacon of light and love in the lives of his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 ([pancan.org](http://pancan.org)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

## Norma Jean Robey

April 18, 1933 – June 29, 2024



Jean passed away peacefully at her home, where she had lived for 66 years, on June 29, 2024, surrounded by her family.

She was born in a farmhouse at 151st Street and Gray Road near Westfield, the third of five children born to G.C. and Kathern Clark. She was a proud graduate of Westfield High School and married the love of her life, Robert Robey, Sr., on July 6, 1951, to whom she had been introduced on a blind date. They were the proud parents of Robert, Jr., Roy, Victoria, and Karen.

In 1968, Jean embarked on a highly successful real estate career in the booming market of Hamilton County by joining Kaiser Real Estate Company. In 1984, Jean and Robert Sr. decided to open Robey Real Estate, Inc. which grew into Century 21 Robey Real Estate. After Robert's death in 1994, Jean continued her successful business eventually merging with Realty Group Companies and enjoyed continued success until her retirement in 2013 after more than 45 years, helping hundreds of families buy and sell homes and farms. During her entire career, the families she worked with were more than clients – they were friends.

Despite working many, many hours, Jean found time to be the hostess for huge extended family gatherings at Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas, and would perfectly prepare traditional "Hoosier" meals. She was an excellent cook and carried on an amazing legacy from her mother in preparing everyone's favorite dishes, especially matching and even exceeding her combread!

Jean loved Westfield and Westfield Schools and was an avid supporter at all her children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's events. Her favorite saying was "I bleed green." One of her favorite songs was "Glory to Old Westfield" and she loved belting it out at the many games she attended while supporting her family members. Jean was a long-time member of Little Eagle Creek Christian Church.

Jean was preceded in death by many loved ones – her husband, Robert Robey, Sr.; daughter, Victoria Robey Coffey; her parents, G.C. and Kathern Clark; her in-laws, Roy and Dorothy Robey; son-in-law, Joseph Stephens; sister, Ruth Beauchamp; and brother, Ballard Clark; along with many other dear family members and friends.

She is survived by sons, Robert Robey, Jr. (Connie) and Roy Robey (Tona); daughter, Karen Robey Stephens; sister, Betty Casey; brother, Cowan Clark; sister-in-law, Helen Robey Carter; and grandchildren, Staci Robey Partlow, Wade Robey (Abby), Robert Robey III (Christi), Chris Simpson (Jessica), Amber Robey Schwartz (Pete), Dennis Coffey (Nicole), Peter Robey, Cortney Coffey Hall (Craig), Britni Stephens Fleming (Robert), and Sean Stephens (Kayla); grand dog, Bella Dog Robey; great-grandchildren, Bailey Partlow, Addison Robey Partlow, Evan Partlow, Olivia Robey, Vivian Robey, Owen Robey, Easton Robey, Conner Place, Emmalee Schwartz, Makenna Coffey, Natalie Hall, Jacob Hall, Cydni Daniel (Lucas), Dillon Simpson, Logan Simpson, Lucy Fleming, Dean Fleming, Isabella Stephens, and Sophia Stephens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Jean will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024, at Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters), 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield, with a funeral service immediately following at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations to the Athletic Booster Club at Westfield High School be made in memory of Jean Robey.

Condolences: [flannerbuchanan.com](http://flannerbuchanan.com)

# Indiana Education Scholarship Account participation increases 200 percent

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Education Scholarship Account (INESA) is gaining significant ground with parents throughout Indiana with children who navigate life with disabilities. In fact, state Treasurer officials report that more than 50 percent of the \$10 million in program dollars for the 2024-2025 school year are already committed to eligible students – with nearly two full months remaining until the Sept. 1 application deadline.

INESA scholarship funding provides eligible K-12 students access to the educational environment that best meets their learning needs, such as private education, at-home learning, and other non-public educational settings that

qualify.

The program launched in 2022, and between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, the number of K-12 students with disabilities who applied for and received INESA dollars increased by more than 200 percent.

In addition, provider participation increased by more than 130 percent for that same time period – and more joining each week. Likewise, nonpublic schools educating INESA scholarship students increased by more than 350 percent between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 scholarship terms.

"These numbers are proof positive that this program is hitting the mark with parents and nonpublic schools, and our provider

pool is growing across the state," said Tina Kaetzel, executive director of the INESA and Career Scholarship Account with the Indiana Treasurer of State's Office.

"That provider data point is crucial, because providers are significantly instrumental to both parents and non-public schools in providing support and services to our special-needs kids."

The INESA program is also on track to continue growing as it heads into the 2024-2025 school year, with 20 percent more providers registered with the program (compared to 2023-2024). Additionally, the non-public schools participating in the program has grown by 50 percent (to date), compared to the 2023-2024 school year.

Parents still have time to apply before the Sept. 1 deadline, but INESA officials are telling parents not to wait.

"We're seeing strong activity, with more applications coming each day – so parents will have their best chance of funding availability if they apply now," Kaetzel said.

To apply for the INESA program, visit [in.gov/tos/inesa/home](http://in.gov/tos/inesa/home).

Parents can use INESA dollars for a variety of qualified expenses for educational support, such as tuition and fees, transportation costs, occupational therapy, tutoring, vocational and life-skills courses, extra-curriculum programs and more.

The INESA application deadline is 11:59 p.m., Sept. 1, 2024.

**Meeting Notices**

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in a special session at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals has canceled the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2024. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024.

The Noblesville Council Utilities Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, has been changed to Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024. The meeting will still begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Utilities Department, 197 Washington St.

The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the Training Room at Carmel Police Headquarters, 3 Civic Square. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees and to receive information about and interview prospective new employees, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)(5).

The Board will hold a regular meeting at 4:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later, in the same location.



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**Mariann Ann Plautz**  
July 18, 1940 – June 29, 2024



In loving memory of Mariann A. Plautz, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the age of 83. She lived a rich life and loved her family dearly.

Mariann was born in Shelby County, Iowa, on July 18, 1940. Mariann was born on her grandparents' farm. She was the daughter of Ivan and Vera (Scott) Woltmann. Mariann was the second oldest of four children. After her father passed away suddenly from meningitis, Mariann took on the responsibility for cooking and caring for her two younger siblings. She graduated from Walnut High School in Walnut, Iowa. Soon after, she met and fell in love with Roy Plautz. They were married at the Trinity Lutheran Church on June 24, 1962, in Avoca, Iowa. Mariann was an incredible mom to Denise and Mike.

She worked as the school secretary and bookkeeper for Hamilton Southeastern Schools for 25 years where she enjoyed working with the amazing administrators, teachers, and students. She loved singing in the church choir, musicals, especially South Pacific and dancing the Polka and Waltz with Roy. Mariann enjoyed joining on "Buick Backpacking" trips, traveling with her family, and making her famous potato salad and strawberry pie for all to enjoy. Her smile lit up the room and she had a way of making you feel special.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 62 years, Roy Carl Plautz; sister, JoAnn Audrey Schuemann; brother, Kenneth Woltmann; daughter, Denise; son-in-law, Miles Hercamp; son, Mike; daughter-in-law, Sandy Squillace; eight grandchildren, Joseph Hercamp, Lindsey Hercamp, Tyler Hercamp, Stephanie Ellis, Madison Blank-Plautz, Berit Blank-Plautz, Jackson Bailey, and Cooper Bailey; and four great-grandchildren, Tucker, Lucy, Jeremy, and Aubrey Hercamp. She was preceded in death by her sister, Phyllis Krohn.

Family, friends, and others are invited to celebrate Mariann's life on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, 3519 S. 600 West, New Palestine, Ind. There will be a visitation from 2 to 4 p.m., a memorial service from 4 to 5 p.m., and then a light dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for contributions to the Miles and Denise Hercamp Scholarship Fund. Gifts can be mailed to the Community Foundation of Hancock County, 971 W. U.S. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140; or made online at [hancock.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1435](http://hancock.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1435). Donations may also be made to the Cross of Grace Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund.

Online condolences at [bellmortuary.com](http://bellmortuary.com)

**Marie Elizabeth "Betsy" Prickett North**  
March 3, 1938 – June 28, 2024



Marie Elizabeth "Betsy" Prickett North, 86, Tipton, died on June 28, 2024, at The Waters of Tipton (formerly Miller's Merry Manor).

She was born on March 3, 1938, east of Arcadia to Marie E. Grim Prickett Overdorf and Kenneth Leroy Prickett. Betsy was baptized at Bethel Lutheran Church on April 9, 1939, by Rev. Mullendore and confirmed also at Bethel Lutheran Church on June 1, 1952, by Rev. Ivan H. Miller. She married Paul G. North on July 26, 1963, at Bethel Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Cicero. The couple enjoyed 55 years of marriage together before Paul's death on April 18, 2018.

Betsy graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1956 and after high school she worked at Pioneer H-Bred International from 1956 to 1990. At the time of her retirement, she was the General Accounts Payable Manager responsible for all payables for all Pioneer Company locations east of the Mississippi River. She also worked at the Sign Shop in Tipton as bookkeeper from 1990 to 1991. Betsy worked at Emanuel Lutheran Church as special projects secretary from 1991 to 2007.

She was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church LCMS in Tipton, where she served as secretary to the Board of Directors at the church; both she and Paul were active members. In her spare time Betsy also volunteered her time at Miller's Merry Manor and at the Tipton Library. Betsy was a previous member of the Women's Business and Professional Club in Tipton. She also served as secretary for the Tipton Community Fund.

Betsy is survived by her daughter, Paula Irene North Ceplecha and son-in-law Steve Ceplecha and grandson, Elijah Joseph Ceplecha. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul George North and grandson, Levi Thomas Ceplecha.

Funeral services for Betsy will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 8 at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tipton with Rev. Robb Roloff presiding. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 7 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home and on Monday from noon until service time at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne, Indiana – Student Aid, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46825, or online at [ctsfw.edu](http://ctsfw.edu).

Condolences: [young-nichols.com](http://young-nichols.com)

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*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

*And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."*

Exodus 3:7-12 (NIV)

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## Swimming

# Several local swimmers become champions at Enchanted Forest

### The REPORTER

Noblesville Swim Club's Enchanted Forest Swim Meet finished last Sunday at the Forest Park Aquatic Center with several Hamilton County champions in the 13-14 and Open age divisions.

Alex Nguyen, Avery Stein and Logan Senior were both multiple winners for Fishers Area Swimming Tigers. Nguyen was first in the Girls 13-14 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke, with Stein winning the Girls Open 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Senior placed first in the Boys 13-14 100 butterfly and 200 backstroke.

Noblesville's Allie Amsden claimed the Girls 13-14 200 backstroke. Will Chambley was first in the Boys Open 100 breaststroke and Kendall Dieckman won the Girls 13-14 100 freestyle.

The top 20 Hamilton County finishers in each 13-14 and Open event now follow. Results for the other age groups will run throughout the week.

#### Boys Open 200 freestyle (timed final)

1. Luke Parsons (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 1:59.42, 3. Eduardo Sanchez (FAST), 5. AJ Adams (FAST) 2:03.02, 6. Will Chambley (Westfield Aquatics) 2:04.44, 9. Garreth Thomas (WA) 2:08.61, 10. Caden Askren (FAST) 2:08.82, 12. Anthony Mathis (FAST) 2:11.92, 13. Liam Murray (FAST) 2:12.32, 17. Hudson Lee (FAST) 2:13.25, 19. Joshua Naas (Noblesville Swim Club) 2:14.42, 20. Oliver Mark (NOB) 2:14.77.

#### Girls 13-14 200 individual medley

- "A" Final: 1. Alex Nguyen



(TOP LEFT) Noblesville Swim Club swimmers Mia Field (left) and Ellie Hayward (center) talk with head coach Aleks Fansler during the meet. (TOP RIGHT) Southeastern Swim Club's Kendall Dieckmann won the Girls 13-14 100 freestyle during Day 3 of the Enchanted Forest Swim Meet. (ABOVE LEFT) Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' Tommy Johanneman swam in the Boys Open 100 freestyle. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield Aquatics' Griffin Barents Froman swam in the Boys Open 100 breaststroke.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

- (FAST) 2:32.89, 2. Kinsey Bogaards (Southeastern Swim Club) 2:33.99, 3. Gracie Alley (WA) 2:34.09, 6. Kendall Dieckman (SSC) 2:40.31, 7. Lexi Adams (FAST) 2:40.63, 9. Delaney Miller (SSC) 2:43.79, 10. Addie Goettler (NOB) 2:48.68.

- "B" Final: 11. Kaavya Patel (SSC) 2:44.39, 12. Hayley Blackwell (NOB) 2:44.70, 13. Sakhari Shaw (FAST) 2:45.42, 14. Lily Cain (FAST) 2:47.10, 15. Abby Jane Avritt (FAST) 2:47.53, 16. London Gustin (FAST) 2:49.64, 20. Dylan McIntosh (SSC) 2:59.42.

#### Boys 13-14 200 individual medley

- "A" Final: 5. Gavin Gannon (FAST) 2:26.53, 6. Josh Lawrence (SSC) 2:27.10, 8. Brayden Wright (NOB) 2:28.25.

- "B" Final: 13. Jackson Teske (NOB) 2:35.95, 16. Sawyer Green-Whitehead (SSC) 2:42.77, 18. Carter Nelsen (SSC) 2:44.19, 20. Jayden Paull (FAST) 2:47.41.

#### Girls Open 200 individual medley

- "A" Final: 1. Avery Stein (FAST) 2:24.79, 3. Kiarra Thomas (WA) 2:30.67, 4. Ayla

- Madara (FAST) 2:30.74, 6. Mia Wilson (FAST) 2:34.08, 7. Emma Schwertfeger (FAST) 2:34.89, 8. Ellason Miller (SSC) 2:35.73, 10. Nora Sperry (WA) 2:42.55.

- "B" Final: 11. Ella Hare (FAST) 2:35.51, 12. Jocelyn Graham (SSC) 2:38.91, 13. Katie Sutton (NOB) 2:39.18, 16. Olivia Motz (NOB) 2:42.02, 19. Amira Leer (FAST) 2:43.73, 20. Bella McNally (WA) 2:45.01.

#### Boys Open 200 individual medley

- "A" Final: 2. Parsons (FAST) 2:12.90, 6. Chamb-

- ley (WA) 2:18.18, 7. Sanchez (FAST) 2:18.30, 8. Adams (FAST) 2:19.20.

- "B" Final: 15. Tommy Johanneman (FAST) 2:23.22, 18. Caden Askren (FAST) 2:25.03.

#### Girls 13-14 100 butterfly

- "A" Final: 1. Nguyen (FAST) 1:07.62, 4. G. Alley (WA) 1:10.38, 5. Adams (FAST) 1:11.63, 6. Allie Amsden (NOB) 1:11.76, 7. Elise Eubank (FAST) 1:12.22, 8. Payton Walker (SSC) 1:12.56, 10. Cain (FAST) 1:15.56.

- "B" Final: 11. Olive Cunningham (SSC) 1:13.01,

12. Brooklyn Penn (SSC) 1:16.19, 16. Scarlett Fanger (SSC) 1:21.73, 17. Meredith Nickloy (NOB) 1:22.57, 18. CJ Piotrowski (FAST) 1:22.66, 20. Christie Stuart (WA) 1:26.44.

#### Boys 13-14 100 butterfly

- "A" Final: 1. Logan Senior (FAST) 1:02.24, 2. Zach Marchisin (SSC) 1:02.76, 5. Isaiah Vohs (NOB) 1:06.24, 8. Gannon (FAST) 1:08.33, 9. Wright (NOB) 1:09.42, 10. Teske (NOB) 1:09.65.

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## Olympic Tennis

# Carmel's own Rajeev Ram winding up for Paris

By RICHIE HALL  
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When Rajeev Ram left Tokyo three years ago, he thought it could be the last time participating for the United States in the Olympics.

But it turns out, the Carmel tennis star will get one more chance. Ram is one of 11 players that made the United States Olympic team. Ram and his fellow Americans will be playing in the 2024 Paris Olympics when they begin later this month.

Not only is it a chance to compete for another medal – Ram teamed with Venus Williams to take the silver medal in mixed doubles at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games – but it means he will get to have a proper Olympic experience. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics were delayed one year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and were conducted without fans – “not quite the Olympic experience that you hoped for,” said Ram. He said he is

“pretty excited” and grateful to be able to enjoy a normal Olympic situation.

The six-time Grand Slam doubles champion will be partnered with Austin Krajicek in the men's doubles division. Like Ram, Krajicek has been ranked No. 1 in the ATP Tour world doubles rankings, and has also won a Grand Slam title, taking the 2023 French Open with Croatian Ivan Dodig.

“We played Davis Cup doubles together, so we played quite a few times,” said Ram. They played together at an event in Houston earlier in the spring as a prep event and will play at an event in Germany right before the Olympics.

Ram spoke to the Reporter from the United Kingdom, where he was playing another tournament to prepare for Wimbledon, which begins this week. That is the third of four big events taking place in a short span of time not just for Ram, but also for the entire tennis community.



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Carmel's Rajeev Ram is in the midst of a busy part of the tennis calendar, with the addition of the Olympic games to the regular summer Grand Slam events. Ram is part of this year's U.S. Olympic team, and will return to the U.S. Open in August, where he and his partner Joe Salisbury have won the last three men's doubles titles.

Ram and his regular partner, the United Kingdom's Joe Salisbury, reached the quarterfinals of the French Open, and are presently competing in Wimbledon.

Then there's the Olympics, where the tennis event takes place from July 27 to Aug. 4, after which there's a slight break before the U.S. Open begins at the end of August.

“That's something we looked at the very beginning of the year,” said Ram. “We knew this was going to be the meat of our season.” Ram said he and Salisbury are trying their best to make sure they are physically healthy and mentally prepared for the challenge.

Ram won't be the only Carmel resident at the Olym-

pics, of course. The city will have three swimmers, Drew Kibler, Aaron Shackell and Alex Shackell competing in swimming. Their success after the U.S. Olympic trials has gotten attention from all over the world.

“I think it's great,” said Ram. “The more Carmel people that we can have in such a prideful event is awesome. I think it's really cool. I hope to get to meet them. I hope I can make that connection.”

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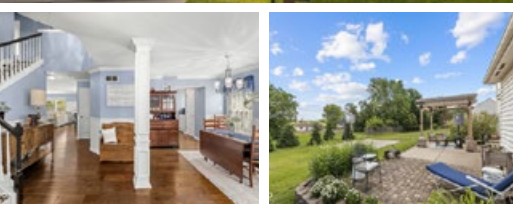


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## The Reporter names Mischa Briggs as Girls Tennis Player of the Year

### The REPORTER

The Reporter has named Fishers junior Mischa Briggs as its 2024 Girls Tennis Player of the Year.

Briggs led the Tigers

to an appearance in the IHSAA state championship match, where No. 2-ranked Fishers dropped a close dual to No. 1-ranked South Bend St. Joseph, the Tigers' only loss of the

year in a dual meet.

Individually, Briggs finished with a 24-2 record and among other honors, won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference tournament at No. 1 singles.

## SWIM

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**"B" Final:** 13. Nelsen (SSC) 1:09.82, 18. Green-Whitehead (SSC) 1:15.50.

### Girls Open 100 butterfly

**"A" Final:** 2. Polina Sopova (FAST) 1:05.60, 5. Schwertfeger (FAST) 1:07.81, 7. Madara (FAST) 1:08.77, 9. Grace Gannon (FAST) 1:10.32.

**"B" Final:** 12. Hare (FAST) 1:09.71, 14. Claire Francis (FAST) 1:11.47, 15. Sutton (NOB) 1:12.60, 18. Sperry (WA) 1:15.08, 19. Motz (NOB) 1:15.29, 20. A. Leer (FAST) 1:16.38.

### Boys Open 100 butterfly

**"A" Final:** 8. Johanneman (FAST) 1:03.79.

**"B" Final:** 13. Victor Herbert (FAST) 1:05.37, 17. Caden Askren (FAST) 1:07.43, 20. KJ Gordon III (NOB) 1:12.24.

### Girls 13-14 200 backstroke

**"A" Final:** 1. Amsden (NOB) 2:36.24, 2. Piotrowski (FAST) 2:42.21, 5. Avritt (FAST) 2:45.85, 6. Cain (FAST) 2:46.00, 7. Eubank (FAST) 2:47.24, 10. Penn (SSC) 2:57.07.

**"B" Final:** 11. Eva Willency (SSC) 2:45.84, 12. Blackwell (NOB) 2:48.06, 14. Blakeley Stoltz (FAST) 2:55.70, 15. Celia Ayres (FAST) 2:55.95, 16. Nickloy (NOB) 2:56.50, 17. Norah Mathes (NOB) 3:02.80.

### Boys 13-14 200 backstroke

**"A" Final:** 1. Senior (FAST) 2:24.87, 3. Marchisin (SSC) 2:28.95, 8. Vohs (NOB) 2:40.15.

**"B" Final:** 13. Tyler Tisch (SSC) 3:10.40, 14. Caden Ellis (NOB) 3:20.14.

### Girls Open 200 backstroke

**"A" Final:** 5. Stein (FAST) 2:33.23, 9. Gannon (FAST) 2:37.41.

**"B" Final:** 11. Kelsey Graham (SSC) 2:35.94, 12. Frankie Ramey (FAST) 2:36.25, 14. Francis (FAST) 2:39.13, 15.

Greta Smith (WA) 2:39.58, 17. Bogaards (SSC) 2:42.24, 20. Rose Parsons (FAST) 2:45.04.

### Boys Open 200 backstroke

**"A" Final:** 6. James Gropp (FAST) 2:25.02, 7. Adams (FAST) 2:25.69, 8. Sanchez (FAST) 2:25.90, 9. Santiago Castro (FAST) 2:27.68.

**"B" Final:** 13. Brody Chop (FAST) 2:30.73, 15. Ivan Semko (SSC) 2:31.99, 16. Hu. Lee (FAST) 2:33.27, 17. Mark Berger (FAST) 2:34.58, 18. Hagen Lee (FAST) 2:34.83, 20. Caleb McCoy (FAST) 2:45.81.

### Girls 13-14 100 breaststroke

**"A" Final:** 1. Nguyen (FAST) 1:22.64, 2. Dieckmann (SSC) 1:23.24, 3. Miller (SSC) 1:24.00, 4. Sarah Cooper (SSC) 1:24.65, 6. Gustin (FAST) 1:26.21, 8. Kaavya Patel (SSC) 1:28.96, 9. Audrey Diehl (FAST) 1:29.02, 10. Shaw (FAST) 1:30.67.

**"B" Final:** 11. Dylan McIntosh (SSC) 1:31.89, 12. Cunningham (SSC) 1:32.49, 16. Abby Collins (SSC) 1:35.58.

### Boys 13-14 100 breaststroke

**"A" Final:** 3. Lawrance (SSC) 1:16.12.

**"B" Final:** 11. Gannon (FAST) 1:21.32, 20. Jacoby DeFoe (NOB) 1:36.42.

### Girls Open 100 breaststroke

**"A" Final:** 1. Stein (FAST) 1:16.97, 3. Francis (FAST) 1:22.47, 4. Wilson (FAST) 1:22.72, 6. Gannon (FAST) 1:23.42, 8. Bogaards (SSC) 1:24.35, 9. Natalie Vinton (FAST) 1:25.37, 10. Sperry (WA) 1:28.36.

**"B" Final:** 11. Madara (FAST) 1:23.03, 12. Talia Leer (WA) 1:26.02, 13. Hare (FAST) 1:27.20, 14. Mia Field (NOB) 1:27.40, 16. Ava Middleton (NOB) 1:29.05, 17. Ellie Hill (WA) 1:29.50.

**Boys Open 100 breaststroke**  
**"A" Final:** 1. Chambley

(WA) 1:10.59, 5. Qwinton Upshaw (FAST) 1:13.58, 8. Naas (NOB) 1:15.18.

**"B" Final:** 13. Adams (FAST) 1:17.54, 14. Luke Cochran (SSC) 1:17.98, 15. Bryce Salvadori (SSC) 1:18.27, 7. Askren (FAST) 1:21.41, 19. Grayer Belaire (SSC) 1:21.71.

### Girls 13-14 100 freestyle

**"A" Final:** 1. Dieckman (SSC) 1:03.54, 5. Alley (WA) 1:05.23, 16. Larkin Lee (FAST) 1:05.68, 7. Amsden (NOB) 1:05.93, 9. Penn (SSC) 1:06.47, 10. Stuart (WA) 1:07.39.

**"B" Final:** 12. Blackwell (NOB) 1:06.92, 13. Eubank (FAST) 1:06.99, 14. Goettler (NOB) 1:08.16, 15. Miller (SSC) 1:09.08, 16. Piotrowski (FAST) 1:09.10, 17. Cunningham (SSC) 1:09.22, 18. Adams (FAST) 1:09.59, 20. Ayres (FAST) 1:13.06.

### Boys 13-14 100 freestyle

**"A" Final:** 3. Senior (FAST) 58.83, 5. Marchisin (SSC) 1:00.48, 8. Wright (NOB) 1:01.23, 10. Vohs (NOB) 1:02.33.

**"B" Final:** 11. Lawrance (SSC) 1:01.87, 12. DeFoe (NOB) 1:01.92, 15. Teske (NOB) 1:02.96.

### Girls Open 100 freestyle

**"A" Final:** 2. Schwertfeger (FAST) 1:00.48, 5. Ash Sapple (SSC) 1:01.59, 7. Thomas (WA) 1:01.68, 8. Miller (SSC) 1:02.00.

**"B" Final:** 12. Wilson (FAST) 1:03.24, 13. Arabelle Johnson (FAST) 1:04.13, 18. A. Leer (FAST) 1:05.93, 19. Ella Chesterfield (SSC) 1:06.44, 20. Motz (NOB) 1:07.11.

### Boys Open 100 freestyle

**"A" Final:** 3. Parsons (FAST) 55.70, 6. Johanneman (FAST) 56.91.

**"B" Final:** 11. Chambley (WA) 58.16, 18. Naas (NOB) 1:00.08.

## RAM

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Once the Olympics are done, Ram and Salisbury will be together again and trying for a fourth consecutive U.S. Open men's doubles title. The duo won their first Open crown in 2021, coming back to win in three sets. After a tough straight-set victory in 2022, Ram and Salisbury were triumphant again in 2023, getting another comeback win over Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden.

Ram and Salisbury became the first team to win

three consecutive U.S. men's doubles titles since Americans Maurice McLaughlin and Tom Bundy did so from 1912 to 1914, well before tennis' Open Era began.

Ram called the feat "incredible," saying the Open is where he's played his best tennis. "It's been amazing," he said. "That's my home Grand Slam. Even one Grand Slam, you'll take that."

After the U.S. Open is done, Ram said that it will be time for "a little bit of rest afterwards," but he is hope-

ful that he and Salisbury can return to the year-end ATP Finals tournament in Turin, Italy.

Ram turned 40 this year, but he is still ranked in the top 10 in the world doubles rankings. He said he isn't "going to put a time limit" on how much longer he will be playing, but said he's still capable of working on his tennis and improving.

"It's a balance," said Ram. "As long as the fun parts override the not-fun parts, I'll still do this."

### The Reporter's 2024 All-County Girls Tennis Teams

#### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Grade
Mischa Briggs	Fishers	Junior
Anna Kolb	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore
Katie Kolb	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore
Cassie Maurer	Fishers	Senior
Caroline Ober	Fishers	Senior
Manogna Pagadala	Carmel	Freshman
Nora Perkins	Carmel	Senior

#### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Grade
Emma Beehler	Fishers	Senior
Laurel Buttrick	University	Sophomore
Bella Duncan	Noblesville	Junior
Juliette Grilliot	Westfield	Sophomore
Gabby Hall	Carmel	Sophomore
Addison Joyce	Carmel	Senior
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# Fowler gets home run during North-South All-Star games



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Noblesville's Gabby Fowler represented the South team during the Softball Coaches Association's North-South All-Star games, which took place June 22 at Indiana University. Fowler was chosen from District 3 and hit a home run during the first game of the doubleheader.



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