

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Morning showers. Some sun in the afternoon. Wind gusting to 40 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly clear. Wind gusting to 30 mph.



HIGH: 77 LOW: 62

Sheridan Rotary salutes 2024 Educators of the Year



Photo provided by Sheridan Rotary Club / Steve Martin

Sheridan Rotarians recently celebrated the 2024 Educators of the Year for the Sheridan Community School Corporation. (From left) High School Principal Rick Davis, Secondary Educator of the Year Megan Bontrager, Elementary School Principal Valerie Roberts, and Primary Educator of the Year Alyson Kiser. Thank you, Mrs. Bontrager and Mrs. Kiser, for caring so much for the children of the Sheridan community.



Photo provided

What the duck?

I have always loved the look of a Jeep. They are fun vehicles that I picture myself driving around in a beach town. I know Jeep drivers have an understanding that they must wave to each other, but over the last few weeks I began to notice a strange new phenomenon. It seems there are many Jeeps that have ducks on their dashboards. And after doing a little research (very little ... like one quick Google search for 10 seconds), I found that this is a thing. I'm sure it's been around a while, but I just now noticed because I'm not in the Jeep fraternity. It's called "Duck, Duck, Jeep" or "Jeep Ducking."

COLUMNIST



TIM RATHZ
 Forty-something in Fishers

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Westfield YAP receives \$15K grant from Arthur Dean Family Foundation

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Arthur Dean Family Foundation.

The Arthur Dean Family Foundation supports organizations that provide opportunities for youth and their families in Marion County, Hamilton County, and Whitley County. Its mission coincides perfectly with WYAP, which, since its establishment in 2009, has worked with youth and their families facing challenging life circumstances. The core services that WYAP connects Westfield youth with are mentoring, tutoring, mental health supports, camps, and enrichment activities. This grant will significantly enhance WYAP's tutoring program, which in 2023 supported 45 youth in the Westfield Washington School district, and will continue to make a profound difference in the lives of young individuals.

"It has been an honor and a



pleasure tutoring for the Westfield Youth Assistance Program. Personally, it is so inspiring to see a child learn the educational tools to thrive and feel successful," Andrea, a WYAP tutor, said about her experience with the service. "The sessions are an opportunity to enrich a child's life through individual sessions where it is possible to hone in on the child's needs and skills in a very comfortable and personal environment."

WYAP youth meet with their tutors weekly for one-hour sessions at the Westfield Washington Public Library throughout the school year. WYAP has seen a steady increase in the number of youth it serves, and WYAP strives to continue connecting as many youth as possible with this service. Grants from organiza-

tions like the Arthur Dean Family Foundation allow WYAP to continue meeting this need and to fulfill its mission to serve youth.

WYAP is actively looking for licensed K-6 elementary educators for the 2024-2025 school year for the tutoring program. Applications are due Aug. 1. Information and applications can be found at [this link](#).

About Arthur Dean Family Foundation

The Arthur Dean Family Foundation was established in 2016 and has awarded more than \$15 million to youth-serving organizations in Indiana. Their mission is to support grantee partners that provide highly relational support services that lead to stability, expanded possibilities, and lifelong success of

youth. The Foundation operates in Marion County, Hamilton County, and Whitley County. Visit [harthurdeanfoundation.org](#) for more information.

About Westfield Youth Assistance Program

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 2728 E. 171st St., Westfield. WYAP serves youth ages 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. 2024 marks the organization's 15th anniversary. Visit [youthassistance.org/westfield](#) for more information.

Get your head out of the cloud

Never trust any storage device you do not own.

Going into the cloud opens you up to an abundance of risks that you really don't need if you just spend a little time maintaining your own set of data backups. If you own a business, this is more crucial than ever given the number of ransomware attacks in the post-COVID era.

To give you examples of why the cloud is only good as - at best - a tertiary backup would take more space than we have in this news section. How many stories have you heard about a business or an entire industry suffering a data breach? Just this year it has happened to large sections of both the automotive and medical industries.

Give the 3-2-1-1-0 rule some serious thought. 3 copies of your data (including the production data you use daily). 2 different backups. 1 copy needs to be offsite. At least 1 copy needs to be in cold storage (i.e. not connected to any device that has an internet connection). 0 errors can be allowed to exist on the backup copies.

PUBLISHER



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 Chasing Wisdom

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Noblesville Lions enjoy July 4th parade



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

Last Thursday the 4th, the Noblesville Lions enjoyed paying tribute to the USA in the city's parade. It was a fun event with quite a few Lions participating. (From left) Lions Gene Beck, Gary Hipes, Walt Scheid, Donna Scheid, Steve Craig, John Grimes, Julia Kozicki, Vicki Neddenriep, Steve Shaw, and Stanley the Lion a.k.a. Jeff Kozicki.

Construction timeline may get tanked

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has told The Reporter that resurfacing State Road 32 (Conner Street) in downtown Noblesville may be a longer project than planned due to the discovery of seven underground tanks.

These tanks may have been used for gasoline storage nearly a century ago. INDOT told The Reporter soil testing is currently underway. The results of that testing will determine what, if any, remediation needs to be done before resurfacing can move forward. At least one of the tanks is buried under an existing sidewalk.

Keep reading The Reporter for our upcoming interview with INDOT officials after the soil testing is complete and next steps are known.



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DUCK

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Jeep owners spot other Jeeps and place a duck on their windshield. That owner, in turn, puts it on his or her dash. Why? Because nothing says I've made it to adulthood like rubber duckies all over my car for the world to see. I liken it to getting "likes" on Facebook.

So, then I started wondering, does every Jeep owner have ducks on their dash? I needed an answer because I would love to be a Jeep owner someday, but without looking like a four-year-old. I need to know if it's kosher to buy a Jeep, but not display ducks. But how would I find out? Do I administer a survey? Do I hire a private investigator? It was time for me to pull out my lab coat and start doing some science!

I decided to go with the most scientific method I could think of: drive around and look. Brilliant! So, over the course of seven days, I took note of every Jeep I saw and recorded whether or not there were visible ducks. I only recorded Jeeps

that look like the typical depiction of a Jeep, not just the Jeep brand. So, no SUVs or weird truck-Jeep hybrid looking vehicles. Just the all-American "Jeep." And if I couldn't tell for certain if there were any ducks, that one got skipped.

The first thing that surprised me was how many Jeeps I found just by driving to work and around town. They are all over the place! Seriously. The next time you're out, pay attention. You won't believe how many you see. They're possibly secretly trying to take over the world, but that's a different column for another day.

Over the seven-day period, I spotted 112 Jeeps. 62 were ducked. 50 were un-ducked. This was an average of 16 sightings per day, with 8.86 of them being ducked and 7.14 un-ducked. Whew! This was too much science for me. Time to quit being a scientist now. I'm a bit of a quack anyway.

So, this tells me, while more than 55 percent of the Jeep population are ducked,

there are still almost 45 percent that remain completely duckless. That gives me hope for my Jeep future.

Now I've never seen a ducking in person, so a question remains: does the ducker duck and run, or does the ducker duck and cover, so as not to be seen? I may never know. The one time I asked someone why I never get ducked in my Mazda minivan, they told me I could always go duck myself. At least I think that's what they said, it was pretty noisy in that parking lot.

So, while I might never be a Duck, Duck, Jeep kinda guy, I do still hope on a wing and prayer that I can pay that bill and be a Jeep owner one day. I'm just going to have to get motivated and waddle myself into the dealership.

The moral of the story is ... If it looks like a Jeep and quacks like a Jeep, then we're probably all ducked.

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CLOUD

from Page 1

You can get a two-terabyte external hard drive for under \$100. Or you can spend roughly the same amount of money on one

year's worth of cloud storage and be at the mercy of your cloud provider and every hacker on the planet. If you want to spend that \$100 or more every year, let me suggest three subscriptions to this newspaper: one for yourself and two as gifts.

Up in the cloud, your data is entirely in someone else's hands. If you don't own a business and all your digital data is personal, why would you use the cloud? Would you hand a box of photos of your family to some random person and say "Here's \$10 a month to put these on YOUR shelf until I want to see them again. Please don't look at any of them. And don't let anyone else look either."

Never trust any storage device you do not own. Yes, it does bear repeating. Over and over.

Going online to Amazon or down the road to Best Buy or even - gasp - Walmart to buy a pair of

external hard drives will not take much time, money, or effort. You can do it on a lunch hour and still have time for the lunch.

To trust the cloud is to trust your data and every piece of information your customers give you to a faceless, non-human device that you cannot look at, touch, or hold to account if a hacker, a fire in a server farm, or even a big enough sunspot wipes out everything.

Let me say it one more time for emphasis: Never trust any storage device you do not own.

You have nothing to lose by maintaining your own backups ... except every single bit of data you need.

Down with the cloud!

Thanks to his father, Stanley (like the power drill), Stu Clampitt has been dealing with computers since 1978. He is the publisher of The Hamilton County Reporter and he adores a good Rickroll.

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Donations welcome! All proceeds will go directly to Student Impact of Westfield.

Cicero dunks on Mark Hall!



Reporter photos
 On the final day of Lights Over Morse Lake, The Reporter found County Councilman Mark Hall sitting in a dunk tank for charity. Most of the dunkees were from the Cicero Police Department, and all the money went to Lights Over Morse Lake for next year's festivities. When ball wrangler and unofficial barker Dustin Dixon pointed out that Hall was partially responsible for things like local property taxes, the line to throw softballs grew strangely longer. Even Mark's wife, Lisa, had to get in on the action. Some notable quotes from Councilman Hall included, "You know the property tax rate is primarily set by the state of Indi—" SPLASH! And, "Hey, [name redacted], you know I've never done anything to you perso—" SPLASH! Clearly a good time was had by all.

15th Anniversary

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Big attraction thanks to Carmel Rotarians



Photos provided by Meg & Associates

If you didn't get the chance to ride the Ferris wheel at this year's CarmelFest, you missed out! Thanks to the Carmel Rotarians, festivalgoers could see the city from above, even the fireworks.

HAMILTON COUNTY Veterans Resource Fair

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

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

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| County/City Health | Dental Health | Financial Help | HVAF |
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Tell all your friends and neighbors about this great Resource Fair that is for all of us here in Hamilton County, Indiana.

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



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Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

The REPORTER

The Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., each Thursday through Sept. 26.

July 11 vendor lineup

- Alcomy
- Almost Paradise Farms
- AMAZAZN Food Truck
- Atchley Farm
- Baked
- Bier Brewery
- Bricks Made Better
- Circle City Smoke
- Coconut Rose Designs
- Country Fun Freeze
- Donut NV
- Downs Farm
- D's Biscuit Co.
- Dune Collection
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Epic Coffee
- Gomez BBQ
- Gracie's Little Ladies
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- Polska Chata Polish Cottage
- Preservation
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- The Lemon Bar
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- Urban Vines
- Victoria In Design
- Willowood Apothecary
- Winegard Workshop
- With Wonder Cake House
- Without Borders Boutique
- Wrightway Crafts

change without notice.

Kid's Activity Booth

A kid's activity area sponsored by Centier Bank is new to the market. It will include a kid's activity booklet, sticker sheets and kid-sized canvas bags to decorate with custom stamps.

The Westfield Farmers Market thanks additional sponsors, including Renewal by Andersen, Leaf Home LLC, and Market District.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets, and a courtesy shuttle will run throughout the market. There are also designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets. Please note that Jersey Street will be closed each market day at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and weekly vendor updates, visit facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets.

This list is subject to

FAMILY



ANIMALS FOOD FUN

Ma Bell is "Never Too Old to Dream"

Submitted

Sheridan's own Kathy Bell (a.k.a. Ma Bell) has once again released another hit single.

"American Redneck," written by Barb Brockhoff and performed by Ma Bell, has gone platinum on Airplay Express, making this her ninth platinum release. She also boasts six gold singles as well as The Patriotic Award.

Ma Bell recently signed with Grace Records in Nashville, Tenn.



Ma Bell

She also performed on stage at the Grand Ole Opry House for the *Sunday Mornin' Country* show, backing for the Music City Christian Fellowship Choir, Larry Gatlin, John Berry, The Goldens, The Oak Ridge Boys, Tennessee River Boys, Barbara Fairchild, and more.

You can find a full list of Ma Bell's Artist Awards at AirplayExpress.com/artistawardsmabell.

Learn more about Grace Records at GraceRecordsNashville.com/home.

Keep up to date with everything Ma Bell at Facebook.com/MaBellFishingBlues. You can also book her for an event by calling (317) 565-3482 or emailing mabell931@yahoo.com.



Photo provided
Kathy Bell had the opportunity to perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Indiana's only Wahlburgers closes

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wisthv.com

Indiana's only Wahlburgers location has closed.

A note on the door of the hamburger restaurant said its last day was June 30. The restaurant was located at 1200 S. Range Line Road in Carmel. That's off the West Carmel Drive roundabout in The Proscenium development.

The restaurant is listed as permanently closed on

social media.

The general manager on April 26, 2021, talked with News 8 when the restaurant opened. Fans waited in line for the restaurant opening.

Wahlburgers is run by celebrity brothers Mark, Donnie and Chef Paul Wahlberg.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wisthv.com/news/business/indianas-only-wahlburgers-closes.

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Aspire Indiana Health names new executives

The REPORTER

As part of a major restructuring of the Aspire Indiana Health leadership, the healthcare nonprofit has elevated seven individuals to new executive roles. It was the culmination of a process that began more than six months ago in consultation with AlignOrg.com, guided by the company's mission and values.

"The process focused on a number of key themes, including ensuring we are clear how decisions are made and priorities established, how we report on our achievements and challenges, communication across Aspire and with partners, and most importantly, how we best support our colleagues in the critical work everyone does, every day," President and CEO Antony Sheehan said.

The seven new executive roles are:

Dr. Jonathan Butler, who takes on the role of Chief Medical Officer after serving as Medical Director. He is responsible for medical and clinical leadership, patient care and medical quality and safety through the administration of Aspire medical teams.

Demetrius Dillard, who has been named Vice President of Information Systems and Technology after serving as Senior Director. He delivers transformation through technology innovation and oversees the infrastructure of all technical, communications and information systems.



(Top row, from left) Dr. Jon Butler, Demetrius Dillard, and Kelly Howe. (Bottom row, from left) Dianna Huddleston, Christopher Lloyd, Vanessa Pataky, and Jim Skeel.

Photos provided

Kelly Howe, who serves as Vice President of Home and Community Based Services, an elevation from Senior Director. She is responsible for the clinical oversight and coordination of specialty behavioral health programs through the management of residential and community-based programs, as well as advancing the CCBHC model.

Dianna Huddleston, who is now Vice President of Community Partnerships after serving as Senior Director of Outpatient Services. Her focus is the identification, nurturing, formalizing and maximization of community partnerships necessary to achieve Aspire's mission and strategic goals.

Christopher Lloyd, who has been named Vice President of Marketing and Communications after

serving as Senior Director. He safeguards and enhances the Aspire brand value while fostering dynamic communication channels with employees, patients and partners.

Vanessa Pataky, who has been promoted from Senior Director to Vice President of Service Access, overseeing all clinical oversight and coordination of access to services and Aspire's Crisis continuum. This includes primary medical care assessments, behavioral health intakes and crisis services, as well as advancing the CCBHC model.

Jim Skeel, who, after previously serving as Chief Information Officer, has been elevated to Executive Vice President and Chief Transformation Officer. In this new role sitting just below Sheehan on the Aspire

organizational chart, Skeel is responsible for the internal senior leadership alignment, external board communication and Aspire's Quality and Technology infrastructures.

About Aspire

Serving central Indiana since 1966, Aspire Indiana Health is a nonprofit provider of comprehensive health-care services addressing behavioral health, primary care medicine, substance use disorder, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran services, recovery housing, abused/neglected children and programs addressing the social drivers of health, including housing, and employment assistance. Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities, and generous benefactors. Learn more at AspireIndiana.org.

'Park After Dark' this Saturday in Fishers

The REPORTER

Looking for a night of hanging at the beach with your spouse or friends? Fishers Parks will hold its first Park After Dark event this Saturday, July 13, at Geist Waterfront Park.

This free, evening beach hangout welcomes everyone

aged 21 and older for adult beverages, fire pits, and yard games. This event will run from 8 to 11 p.m. No registration is required, but IDs will be checked on site, and you should bring your own beach chair, blanket, or towel for seating.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Carmel's Will Rizzuto makes Chancellor's List at UW-Platteville

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the

spring 2024 semester.

Will Rizzuto of Carmel made the list. He is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in Health & Human Performance.



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Marquis Who's Who selects Jeff Dossett for expertise in financial services consulting

Submitted

Jeff Dossett has been included in **Marquis Who's Who**. As in all **Marquis Who's Who** biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process.



Dossett

Dossett is the owner and founder of Dossett Consulting LLC in Indianapolis, a firm he established in 2010. In this capacity, he serves as a financial services consultant for local county government on budgeting and revenue enhancements. He also prepares Title IV-D child support reimbursement claims for county clerks, courts, and prosecutors. Moreover, he is involved in preparing county cost allocation plans to assist with government reimbursement for administering grants. Instrumental in his role, he strives to help local government units become more effective in their daily operations.

Looking toward future success as a business owner, Dossett said he envisions continued growth and the ability to expand into other states.

Before becoming a consultant, Dossett was a regional director for 39 DEGREES NORTH in Bloomington, Ind., marketing geographic information systems to local and state government agencies from 2011 to 2013. He also served as the Indiana state director of financial services at Maximus in Indianapolis between

2007 and 2010. Among other roles, he found success as an auditor for Montgomery County in Crawfordsville from 2005 to 2007. He has been in the financial industry since 1990.

Lending his professional expertise to his community, Dossett has served as an ombudsman for the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve, a U.S. Department of Defense office responsible for developing and promoting supportive work environments for service members in the reserves. In his role, he worked with employers and service members to help them understand the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. He was also called up when conflicts arose to mitigate and correct situations instead of having to pursue legal means.

Among other contributions, Dossett has been active as a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In light of his success, Dossett was named as the Ombudsman of the Year for 2013-2014. He also received a President's Volunteer Service Award in 2013, was recognized as the Marleen Sutton Clerk of the Year and as the National Republican County Official of the Year by the National Conference of Republican County Officials in 2005, and he received an Outstanding Service in Election Administration Award in 2004.

Dossett's people and leadership skills have been critical to his success.

Shoot Like A Girl to visit Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Shoot Like A Girl, the outdoor industry's leading experiential marketing company, will make a stop at Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's in Noblesville, bringing an interactive event that aims to introduce women and their families to the exciting world of shooting sports in a fun, safe, and comfortable atmosphere.

The momentum of the Shoot Like A Girl experience continued in Grand Prairie, Texas, for the Bass Pro Shops Grand Opening last week with 435 guests signing in to participate. The instructor team also saw many more guests stop by the gun bar and demo area to check out all the amazing products available for them to interact with.

"It is always amazing to witness the transformation of guests who are new to shooting sports, as they gain confidence at each station," SLG2, Inc. President Karen Butler said. "One of my favorite discussions is with



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parents and their children on firearm safety. Sharing this safety message is so very important."

The event will feature Shoot Like A Girl's state-of-the-art mobile FATS by InVeris range, providing guests with the opportunity to experience the thrill of shooting under the guidance of certified female instructors. These knowledgeable instructors will not only provide expert instruction on firearms and archery but also share valuable insights on outdoor accessories and safety. The event aims to create a fun, safe, and comfortable atmosphere, promoting confidence within

shooting sports and encouraging people to participate in various outdoor activities.

The Shoot Like A Girl experience will be stationed in front of Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's in Noblesville from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 14. Both new and experienced shooters, along with their families, are invited to attend this event.

Inside the mobile range, guests aged 18 and above can handle and shoot handguns and long guns using the military-grade firearm simulator. The simulator provides immediate recoil, impact, and sound feedback, creat-

ing an immersive experience that builds confidence. Additionally, archery instructors will be on hand to provide live archery demonstrations and hands-on instruction, allowing attendees to experience the sport firsthand. No prior experience is necessary to participate in this free event, and all equipment will be provided to guests upon arrival.

For more information on tour dates and the mission of SLG2, Inc, visit shootlikeagirl.com and follow along on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

To purchase a 2024 Elevate Tour T-shirt, visit shootlikeagirl.com/product.

Fishers-based Braden Business Systems earns global recognition

Submitted

Fishers-based Braden Business Systems has been named as one of the world's top-performing managed service providers (MSP) in the prestigious 2024 Channel Futures MSP 501 rankings.

This marks the second consecutive year that Braden has been on the list, ranking No. 172 globally and earning the distinction of being the No. 1 MSP headquartered in Indiana. The Channel Futures MSP 501 list, a technology industry benchmark, ranks companies based on their

growth, profitability, and innovation.

For the past 17 years, managed service providers around the globe have submitted applications for inclusion on this prestigious and definitive listing. It is a milestone achievement for any managed services organization to be included on the list. The Channel Futures MSP 501 survey uses a quantitative methodology to rank companies based on their annual revenue, profitability measured by EBITDA, and recurring revenue. The methodology has been developed by a Who's-Who

in the managed services industry.

MSPs that qualify for the list must also pass a rigorous review conducted by the Channel Futures research team and editors. Channel Futures ranks applicants using a unique methodology that weighs financial performance according to long-term health and viability, commitment to recurring revenue, and operational efficiency.

"Being ranked the #1 Managed IT Service Provider in Indiana and #172 globally out of over a million+ providers is simply

outstanding," Braden Business Systems Managing Partner Erik Braden said. "I'm so proud of our team for their hard work in consistently exceeding our clients' and community's expectations."

This year's list is one of the most competitive in the survey's history. Winners will be recognized on the Channel Futures website and honored during a special ceremony at MSP Summit, Sept 16 to 19, in Atlanta, Ga.

Learn more about Braden Business Systems at bradenonline.com.

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Rep. Victoria Spartz receives Taxpayers' Friend Award

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On Tuesday, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) was honored by National Taxpayers Union (NTU) for having one of the strongest voting records in Washington, D.C., for supporting limited government, economic freedom, and low taxes.

Rep. Spartz is one of only 38 House members to have earned the "Taxpayers' Friend Award" and an "A" rating.

"Our unsustainable fiscal path is a national security crisis with the serious implications of inflation

and uncontrolled debt for many Americans," Spartz said. "I am honored to receive the "Taxpayers' Friend Award" and will continue my work to get our fiscal situation, and neglected for decades, under control."

Since 1979, NTU has annually recognized Representatives and Senators who earn high voting scores to qualify them for the "Taxpayers' Friend Award."

"Our nation is facing



Spartz

unprecedented fiscal challenges and Congress must act in a more fiscally responsible manner," NTU President Pete Sepp said. "Casting votes to reduce spending and

limit the growth of government is not always easy, but taxpayers should know that Representative Spartz has been one of the most consistent advocates for fiscal discipline. On behalf of the people who pay government's bills, National Tax-

payers Union thanks Representative Spartz for her strong voting record." NTU included 51 Senate votes and 223 House votes in the 2023 scorecard. NTU's rating program is designed to calculate a Member's voting record on fiscal responsibility by evaluating every vote that has an impact on tax, spending, trade, and regulatory policy utilizing a methodical weighting system. No other fiscal policy scorecard is as comprehensive as NTU's.

Click here to see NTU's full 2023 congressional scorecard.

Heat up the weekend with Disco Fever at Kroger Symphony on the Prairie

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The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) will take a groovy trip down memory lane with non-stop disco hits this weekend, July 12 and 13, at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Featuring vocalists Maiya Sykes and Ty Taylor, Disco Fever was personally curated, created, and produced by Maestro Lopez-Yañez to show off the best of the disco era. Dance the night away to hits including "That's the Way (I Like It)," "It's Raining Men," "We Are Family," "I Will Survive," "Stayin' Alive," "The Hustle," "Hot Stuff," and more. Gates open at 6 p.m. and shows start at 8 p.m.

"I am thrilled to be back at Conner Prairie with the ISO," Maestro Lopez-Yañez said. "This show is packed full of the greatest hits of the 70s with music by The Bee Gees, Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, KC and the Sunshine Band, Kool & the Gang and many more! With everything from platform shoes to an on-stage dance competition, Disco Fever will have you on your feet dancing and grooving the night away!"

Concerts for the 2024 season will be offered through Labor Day weekend at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre in Fishers. See the complete 2024 schedule and purchase tickets at IndianapolisSymphony.org.

National Troopers Coalition endorses Jim Banks for Senate

Submitted

The National Troopers Coalition endorsed Jim Banks for Senate in Indiana on Tuesday.

"I am extremely grateful for all the hard work our troopers do to keep us safe here in Indiana and across the country," Congressman Jim Banks said. "In Congress, I have worked to provide our Law Enforcement with the resources and protection they need to do their jobs effectively, and I will continue to fight for them at every opportunity as I head to the Senate. I am honored to have the

National Troopers Coalition's endorsement."

The National Troopers Coalition articulated its reasons for supporting Banks.

"Our legislative committee had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Banks the past two years and his commitment to law and order was clear," National Troopers Coalition Chairman Nate Johnson said. "Our troopers are on the front lines everyday helping to protect our com-



Banks

munities, and his understanding of the vital role that law enforcement performs in Indiana is needed and valued. While in Congress he sought to protect decades of jurisprudence by

codifying qualified immunity. He has tried to help our members in retirement

by co-sponsoring a bill to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision. Plus, he authored and co-sponsored a variety of bills which help troopers combat illicit drugs like fentanyl. The National Troopers Coalition is proud to offer support for his election as the next United States Senator from Indiana."

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Omnibus Show pays homage to Godfather

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This week's episode of *The Omnibus Show* featured Dr. Toby Malichi, known as "The Global Godfather for All Things Trade" as he is the Founding Executive Chairman and Global Head of Development, Investment, and Diplomacy of Malichi Group Worldwide, LLC, and a chaplain, and a former district and regional manager for GM. He is also

the Global Business Columnist for the *Indianapolis Recorder*.

Malichi is an internationally recognized, charismatic SME global trade leader, advisor, global business diplomat, and international speaker with an extensive background advising world trade leaders, presidents, and thousands of small-and-medium-sized-enterprises.

He discusses how he

overcame obstacles in the automotive industry and developed into an international trade leader and advisor to six presidential administrations. He walks through the importance of global trade, Indiana's future in this new world, and stories from his



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Next week, *The Omnibus Show* will welcome Jim Merritt, former Indiana State Senator and President of JWM Consulting. JWM Consulting specializes in employee benefit consulting, alternative funding solutions such as HSAs, Compliance Guidance, and much more. He has a lot to say about this election year.

About The Omnibus Show

The Omnibus Show is Carmel's No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

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Lea A. Tolley

November 3, 1957 – June 16, 2024

Lea Ann Tolley, Atlanta, went home to the Lord on June 16, 2024. Born November 3, 1957, in Ft. Wayne, Lea's life was a wild ride. She started off in Lutheran school, sowing a seed in her that would grow her whole life as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Lea also lived through the 70s and truly embraced that hippie mindset.



Lea was a proud graduate of Fort Wayne's North Side High, class of 1976. After high school she attended Oolitic Construction Training Center where her career as a heavy equipment operator began, showcasing not only her formidable capacity to excel in a challenging field, but also her tenacity to succeed as a woman in a man's world.

It was while working on Eli Lily in Indianapolis that Lea was introduced to the love her life, Mike Tolley. Lea and Mike were wed on June 23, 1984. She lost Mike in February of 2022.

Lea loved to read and learn. She immersed herself into learning about religion and biblical times. She was most fascinated in Judaism and Christianity and studied her Bible daily when she could.

Lea enjoyed her house plants, of which there is a multitude, some older than her kids. In her younger years her gardens were magnificent, rows of food and flowers, carefully weeded and watered each day. In more recent years, Lea got especially excited about native plants and all the pollinators they brought to her yard. She also loved watching her doves, cardinals, and hummingbirds.

Lea has been a traveler since she was a child. Her favorite place to go was Arizona, where the red skies and mountains and wild horses captured her heart and spirit. She had stories about traveling all over the United States, from New York, to the southernmost tip in Florida, all the way out west to her beloved Arizona. Mark Twain said it best: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts." As you can imagine, Lea never met a stranger.

Family was the cornerstone of Lea's world. She was a loving mother to James (Natalie) Tolley, Crystal (Jose Urrutia) Tolley, Frances (Johnny) Moore, and Annabel (Derrick) Wolfe. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren: Laney, Lucas, Logan, Embyr, Wrylee, Michael (Riley), Chloe, Beth (Ben), Cylys, Cayla, Mason, Alexis, Robert, Denver, and four great-grandchildren.

Lea's grandchildren will deeply miss her presence; she was a constant source of wisdom, encouragement, and unconditional love. Her cat, Dale, will miss her companionship as she so enjoyed his.

She is also survived by her beloved brother, Rick (Diana) Waters, a few wonderful cousins, and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was the family babysitter and EVERYONE'S favorite aunt.

Lea was preceded in death by her husband Michael Tolley, grandson Peyton Jones, sisters Ronda Woods and Carol Reiter, and her brother Dennis Waters. Lea's parents, John and Agnes Ilene Waters, also preceded her in passing, leaving Lea to carry on their memory through her actions and love.

Friends and family will remember Lea as a spiritual, outspoken individual, who was always hyping up the people she loved most and was never afraid to stand up for what she considered right. Lea loved Jesus and would want you to know that Jesus loves you.

Psalm 73:26, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

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Edgar Earl Irion

April 7, 1926 – June 26, 2024

Edgar Earl Irion, 98, Strawtown, passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.



Edgar was born in Strawtown on April 7, 1926, to the late John and Loretta (Hughes) Irion.

Edgar attended Walnut Grove High School and graduated with the class of 1944. Edgar entered the United States Army as



a Paratrooper and proudly served our country during the end of World War II. Edgar returned home to work on the family farm, which he ran until retirement. Edgar was a proud member of the Free Masons for over 50 years and was inducted into Noblesville Lodge #57 in 1955. He was a member of the Cicero American Legion and the A.S.C.S. (Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Services). Edgar served as the President of the School Board and was a vital part of consolidating the surrounding schools into Hamilton Heights High School in 1965. In his free time, he enjoyed flying his plane, fishing, hunting, being outdoors, and traveling. Edgar enjoyed traveling so much that he took the time to travel around the world and visited over 20 countries on his journeys. He was an avid Colts and ABA Pacers fan and loved a good card game of Euchre.

Edgar is survived by his son, Kevin Irion and (Shelly Lyons) of Cicero; daughter, Lyndia Irion of Kapaa, Hawaii; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Edgar was preceded in death by his parents, John & Loretta Irion; sons, Rex Irion & Stanley Irion; sisters, Eva Lawson, Ella Sutch, Ethel Molina, Ina McKinney, and Iona Meeke.

Visitation for Edgar will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, 2024, at Arcadia Christian Church, 26901 State Road 19, Arcadia. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Arcadia Christian Church, with Andrew Marshall officiating. Burial will follow in Carey Cemetery, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Free Masons Noblesville Lodge #57 or Cicero American Legion #341.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-homes.com.

Mary Kaye (Pryor) Sautbine

October 16, 1944 – July 5, 2024

Mary Kaye (Pryor) Sautbine, 79, Fishers, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024. She was born in Linton, Ind., on October 16, 1944, to the late Robert and Helen (Stahl) Pryor. Mary Kaye married Ernie Sautbine in 1966.



Mary Kaye graduated as the valedictorian from Central High School in 1962 and from Indiana Central College (University of Indianapolis) with a B.S. in business education in 1966. After beginning her career at Eli Lilly and Company as a departmental administrative assistant, Mary Kaye became a computer programmer and retired as a systems analyst after 27 years. Following her retirement at Eli Lilly she worked 10 years as a contract programmer for Daniels Associates before working part-time for several years at Fishers United Methodist Church where Mary Kaye was a member for over 40 years.

Mary Kaye was a loving wife, mom, and grandma. She was always actively involved in the lives and activities of her sons, Ryan and Kevin, and later her grandchildren. She spent many hours fundraising for the Fishers United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Troop 109, and the Hamilton Southeastern High School Band.

Mary Kaye was loved by all who knew her. Mary Kaye loved her family, church, music, and the Indiana Pacers. She was very active at Fishers United Methodist Church, spending many years in the choir, handbell choir, Sunday School, and women's Joy Circle. Mary Kaye was an avid Indiana Pacers fan being a season ticket holder for over 35 years.

Mary Kaye was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Helen Pryor, and brother, Philip Pryor. Surviving Mary Kaye are her husband, Ernie; son, Ryan (Jennifer) Sautbine; son, Kevin (Hilari) Sautbine; grandchildren, Madeline, Samuel, Lillian, and Lincoln; brother, Alan (Montica) Pryor; sister-in-law, Diann Pryor; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for visitation on Monday, July 15, 2024, from 4 p.m. until the time of her celebration of life service at 6 p.m. at Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name can be made to Fishers United Methodist Church Come to Me Food Pantry.

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"And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

Exodus 3:18-22 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Health Board will hold its quarterly meeting to discuss department issues at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom / Council Chamber on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. The agenda includes consideration of the donation agreement related to participation in White River pedestrian bridge with Clay Township.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Bruce and Mary Timberman of Fishers were among the guests at the 2024 Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic, which took place Monday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. Bruce Timberman has been an ALS patient since 1983. (He is wearing an eyepatch due to recent cataract surgery; it is not ALS-related.) Pictured at right is Scott Sander of WISH-TV, who served as emcee of the event. (ABOVE RIGHT) Bob Kravitz (center) has been the host of the ALS Golf Classic since it began in 2012. He is pictured with his group (from left), Ryan Newman, Greg Phillips, Gary Phillips, Kravitz and Robert Schwartz.

“We’re making progress”: Kravitz ALS Golf Classic raises over \$70K

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – There is progress and there is always hope.

Those are two messages from Monday’s 2024 Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic, which took place at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. The event featured golf, dinner and a silent auction, and ultimately raised over \$70,000 for the Indiana Chapter of the ALS Association.

“It’s been incredible,” said Kravitz. “I’ve been so gratified and humbled by the fact that all of these celebrities and all of these golfers are willing to play and happy to play and give money to this great, great cause.”

Kravitz, a long-time Indianapolis sports journalist, began the tournament in 2012. The tournament is in memory of Kravitz’s mother Edith, who passed away due to ALS in 2007.

“It’s in memory of her, it’s in memory of my father Richard, who was a wonderful caretaker to my mother through the five or six years that she dealt with it,” said Kravitz.

ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) is a progressive motor neuron disease for which there is no cure. While progression of the disease varies among each individual, it causes them to lose their ability to walk, talk, swallow and eventually breathe. The tournament brings together golf lovers, local celebrities, community leaders and philanthropists, who united to raise awareness and raise money to help Indiana ALS patients and their families.

Kravitz said that in 2012, “ALS reached out to me and asked me if I’d like to be involved in doing something. I told them that I’ve always wanted to have a golf tournament because I love golf. I’m addicted. It just seemed like a good way to raise money. You get the local community involved.”

In addition to those par-

ticipating in the golf tournament, ALS patients were also at Prairie View. One of them was Bruce Timberman and his wife Mary. Bruce was diagnosed with ALS in 1983 at the age of 36.

“The type that I have is very slow progressing,” said Bruce Timberman. “It’s just the last year where it’s attacked me a little more and I’m starting to lose the strength in my legs and I got a lot of tremors in my hand.”

“You can’t compare an ALS patient to another,” said Mary Timberman. “And that’s the hard part because, you can’t find a cause, so you can’t find a cure. With so many different things going on with different people, it’s really hard. But they’re working really hard at trying to find a cause, so they can find a cure.”

The Timbermans are originally from the Chicagoland area; Bruce Timberman was working at U.S. Steel in Gary when he was diagnosed. He worked three more years, then retired on disability in 1986.

“Since ‘86, I’ve not been doing a lot of stressful stuff,” said Bruce Timberman. “I’ve been able to get out and enjoy myself. Because of this, I have witnessed so much. My three grandkids, I was there when they were born.”

Bruce was able to see his grandchildren graduate high school and has seen the oldest two graduate college. Bruce’s youngest grandchild is a junior at Indiana University. “I hopefully get to see him graduate in two years,” he said.

When Bruce Timberman was first diagnosed, he received help from the Les Turner ALS Foundation, which is based in the Chicago area. The Timbermans moved to the Indianapolis area in 1997 – they live in Fishers – and became involved with the ALS Association.

“They’ve done a lot of stuff for me, helped me get things that I need,” said



Mona Euler (left, Chair of ALS Leadership Council) and Olivia Smith (development coordinator) stand next to some of the silent auction items that were up for bid at the Golf Classic. Items included tickets to a Purdue football game, and events at Cooper’s Hawk Winery and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Bruce. He and Mary give back to the organization by coming to events like the Bob Kravitz Golf Classic to volunteer. The Timbermans will also attend the Walk to Defeat ALS Indiana, which takes place Sept. 21 at the State Fairgrounds.

“We just like to be a part of this, because they’ve been

so good to us,” said Bruce.

Bruce Timberman believes there has been progress in finding a cure for ALS. He has been asked to participate in drug studies, but although he said yes, he would be told his condition wasn’t bad enough to be a part of the tests.

“But I keep an eye on

it and see what’s going on with it,” said Bruce Timberman. “They’re coming up with a lot of stuff.”

“We are getting closer,” said Kravitz. “I would be lying to you if I said I follow it super close, but we’re making progress. At this point, what we’re trying to do is make life for those afflicted

more palatable, more pleasant, such as it is. We’re making progress, but we’re not quite there. You see what’s going on with Alzheimer’s. They’re starting to find ways to reverse that. We hope that impacts ALS.”

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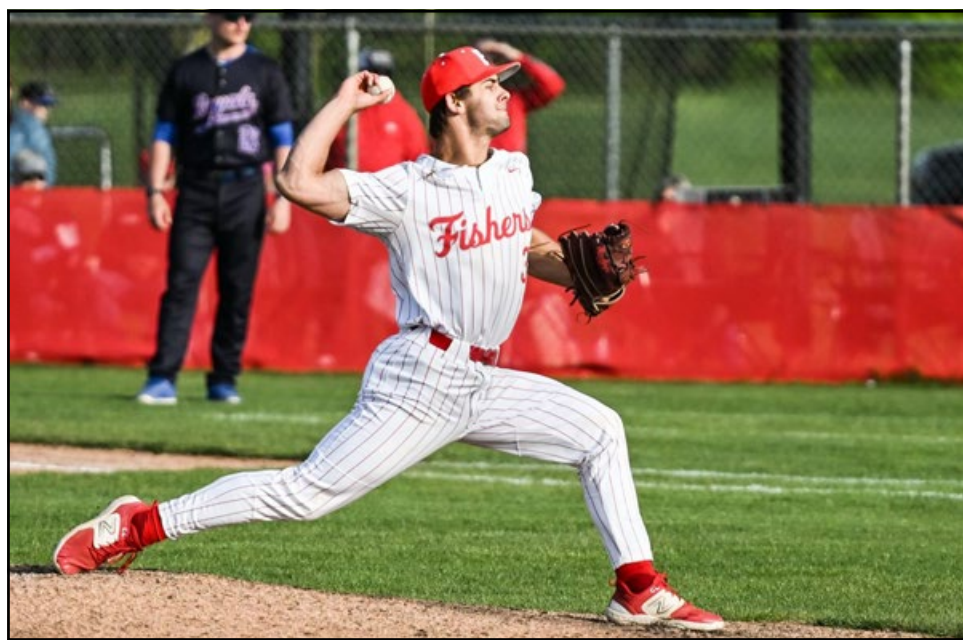
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Jack Brown has made history for Fishers Tigers baseball.

The recent Fishers High School graduate was named to the Second Team All Americans by the National High School Baseball Coaches Association. Brown is the first Tigers player in school history to receive All-American honors.

Brown was recently named the Hamilton County Reporter's Player of the Year. A utility player, Brown hit .419 for his senior year with two home runs. He was just as formidable as a pitcher, striking out 51 while compiling a 7-1 record and a 2.06 earned-run average.

Brown played for the South team at the Indiana



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Baseball Coaches Association's North-South All Star game and is committed to the University of Louisville. Brown is one of two players to earn honors by the NHS-BCA, Mooresville's Hogan Denny was named to the First Team.



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Pascal Siakam poses with a welcome home graphic at his press conference for re-signing with the Pacers.

Siakam's 'easy decision' to stay with Pacers long-term

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Indiana Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle summed up Pascal Siakam's long-term deal in one phrase Monday.

"This is easily the biggest free agent signing in the history of this franchise."

The Pacers locked in the 6-foot-8 forward for the next four years with the second-largest contract in Pacers history **reportedly worth \$189.5 million.**

Staying with the Blue and Gold was always the goal for the former NBA champ.

"They made this super easy for me to know that this is the place that I want to be," Siakam said. "I think being on the court playing, the fans, how can you not like this? We have ambitions. We want to continue to win. We have an exciting growing team. Everything about it says, stay, stay, stay."

The decision to bring Siakam from Toronto to Indiana in January was just as easy for the Pacers front office.

"There was only one person for us," Pacers president Kevin Pritchard said. "I remember specifically in the first two weeks telling everybody, 'I thought this player was going to be a really good player for us, but he is an incredible talent, and I didn't know how good he was and how good he is. Organically, his voice became louder and louder and more present,'" Carlisle

said. "He was a big reason why we had the success that we did. He's a very, very special person. He's a very, very unique player." 1 / 10

Siakam's celebration comes one day after his late father's birthday – a moment not lost on the All Star.

"It means everything to me," Siakam said. "This was something that he dreamed about. I don't even think that he ever dreamed that he would accomplish the things that I've accomplished. He just had this little silly dream for a lot of people but he stuck to it, and I think for me to be able to live his legacy and keep it forward it's a blessing."

But there's still more to be done.

"I think we've accomplished some great things this season, but I know that there's more, and I'm here for that. I'm here for more," Siakam said. "I want to push for everything. I want to win a championship again. I want to continue to be a winning organization, and again, I think we have the group to do it, and I'm excited to work for it."

Now that the ink is dry, Siakam says he's ready to build deep roots here in the Indianapolis. That starts with getting his charity, **the PS43 Foundation**, filling the needs of the Circle City's community.

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NASCAR Fan Fest, Hauler Parade count down to Brickyard return to oval

Submitted by IMS

As NASCAR prepares to commemorate 30 years at the Racing Capital of the World, fans have two opportunities to celebrate Brickyard Weekend early with free community events – Brickyard Fan Fest on Thursday, July 11 and Hauler Parade on Thursday, July 18.

"We've been counting down to Brickyard Weekend since the return to the oval was announced," Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said. "Fan Fest and Hauler Parade are opportunities to share the anticipation and excitement with fans before the green flag waves on the 30th anniversary of one of the crown jewels in the NASCAR calendar."

Brickyard Fan Fest Event Details
Bottleworks District
850 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis
5 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 11

Brickyard Fan Fest is a family-friendly, free event at Bottleworks District. Fans can expect attractions like race car displays, driver and special guest appearances and a variety of other activities and giveaways. The Garage Food Hall will be open, and fans are encouraged to grab dinner from their favorite vendor.

Fans are encouraged to arrive early to watch as



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Boles makes a special arrival, weather permitting. Joey Logano, driver of the Team Penske No. 22 Ford Mustang and two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion, will sign autographs and meet with fans from 6-7 p.m. Trivia with The Quizler will follow the autograph session.

NASCAR Hauler Parade Event Details
Main Street, Speedway, Ind.
5 to 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 18

The NASCAR Hauler Parade returns to kick off Brickyard Weekend on Thursday, July 18. Haulers will drive down Main Street in Speedway in an epic display of color and excitement. Following the parade, the haulers will be displayed on Main Street, where fans can get an up-close look at their favorite driver's hauler while en-

joying free entertainment, special guest appearances, race-themed activities, photo opportunities and more. The family-friendly event is free for fans of all ages. In addition, Main Street establishments will be open for business and ready to welcome fans.

The Brickyard Weekend race lineup includes the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts on Saturday, July 20 and the NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400 presented by PPG on Sunday, July 21. Both series will practice Friday, July 19.

Tickets for Friday start at \$25. Tickets for Saturday start at \$40, with Sunday tickets for the Brickyard 400 presented by PPG starting at \$45. Kids 15 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a General Admission adult ticketholder. Fans

who purchase either a Saturday or Sunday ticket also receive a complimentary Friday ticket.

NASCAR celebrates 30 years at the Racing Capital of the World in 2024 with the return to the oval at IMS.

The inaugural Brickyard 400 took place Aug. 6, 1994, with racing legend and Hoosier icon Jeff Gordon capturing the first of his five Brickyard 400 victories. The inaugural event was the first race other than the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge to be held at IMS since 1916. From 1994 to 2020, the race was held on the 2.5-mile oval before shifting to the 14-turn, 2,439-mile road course over the last three years as part of a tripleheader weekend with the NTT INDYCAR SERIES.

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