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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny morning. Partly sunny, with an isolated shower or storm in the afternoon or early evening.
 Tonight: Mostly clear.
HIGH: 82 LOW: 64



Westfield Washington Public Library spreads the sudsy fun

By **AMY ADAMS**
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Although some other area events were canceled due to questionable weather on Wednesday, the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) didn't let a little wind and rain spoil their foam-filled fun.

"It's probably our most popular event," said WWPL Assistant Director for Public Services Nancy Haggard. "Everybody asks for it."

With the support of Apex Benefits, WWPL offered four sessions of foamy fun and games with Foam Happy of Indiana. Haggard said all four sessions were booked with 75 kids each and 10 to 12 kids on the waiting list, and children of all ages seemed to be having a blast on the new building's large north patio.

The Foam Happy cannon can cover an approximately 30-foot by 30-foot area in five feet of dye-free, hypoallergenic, pet-friendly foam in a matter of minutes. The biodegradable bubbly foam is also safe for grass and designed to dissipate in the sun.



Kids jumped right into the feet of foam on the north patio at WWPL, and the wind just added to the fun with foam bubbles blowing everywhere.

Check out WWPL's upcoming children's events like Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure on July 18, Funtime Ad-

venture Magic Show with Daniel Lusk on July 22, and Library Mini Golf on July 30 and 31.

For more information and registration for these and other events, visit secure.recl.com/IN/washington-township-in/catalog.

More to come . . .

Last week The Reporter covered more 4th of July festivals and events than any one person could ever attend. Next week we will be in the midst of full-time 4-H Fair fun. Someone at this newspaper decided our people needed a break, so we will have no Friday edition this week. With Saturday's edition we will return to our regularly scheduled broadcast service, already in progress . . . Oh - wrong industry. Either way, see you Saturday, Hamilton County!

Humbly courageous

When you are forced to be courageous in an everyday battle, humility is inevitable.

This is the thought that came to mind when I was trying to think of what to name my blog. I wanted it to be a couple of words that I felt best summed me up, so that's how I came up with Humbly Courageous. The reason I call it humble courage is because it's not the kind of puff-up-your-chest courage people often talk about, but more of a quiet, inner courage.

The birth of my courage was unassuming. Courage for me started when I was very young. My first vivid memory of being forced to be courageous is from nursery school. The teacher had us play duck, duck, goose. The first time I truly felt different was when a little boy who was the one going around the circle saying "duck, duck, duck, duck," and then he tapped my head and said "goose!" My classmates quickly caught on that I was never going to be able to catch them, that they could easily catch me, and that they would always win against me. I was goose many, many times. If I'm being honest, that memory still stings. I felt alone, and remember thinking, "Oh, I'm really different from everyone and this isn't going to be easy."

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Mother was a drop-out, part 4

A few years later . . .

By this time teachers' salaries were going up. The amount depended on years of training and years of experience. A Masters' Degree would be very helpful to our income. Dad decided to go to St. Francis in Fort Wayne. He wanted me to go along. I really was not interested in all that study and had no desire to go back to full-time teaching at that time. However, if I wanted to see Dad, I knew I'd have to go. He was teaching full-time and farming. Either of those is a full-time job. I don't know how he found time for anything else. So of course I went along. This was in the late 60s when our two older children would have been in college.

Many times during his final years of schooling, Dad didn't have time to crack a book. Whenever he could find a few minutes, he read ahead in the textbook. Unless it was written work, he knew only what I told him as we rode along and we talked about the lessons for the day. His grades were usually the same as mine or better. Once as we walked into our classroom, the prof was handing back test papers. To the whole class he said, "It's always a toss-up as to whether Mr. or Mrs. Adler gets a higher grade." We attracted a good deal of attention because we were the only married couple in our classes. There were plenty of sisters and even a priest or two. After a while the sisters began calling me "Mother Adler."

Statistics was a time-consuming difficult course. One day a sister asked, "Do you have an adding machine?" We didn't so she gave us a page of really long addition problems and the answers. "This isn't cheating," she said, "because you both know how to add." It did save us a lot of time and sister guaranteed the answers were correct. All of the answers were needed in order to solve a

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Carmel Dems hear from McCormick's pick for Lt. Governor, Terry Goodin

The REPORTER

Tuesday night's special meeting of the Carmel Democratic Committee included guest speaker Terry Goodin, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Jennifer McCormick's pick for Lieutenant Governor. Carmel Democrats met at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Road, Zionsville at 6 p.m. for a short presentation and a Q&A session with Goodin.

Approximately 60 Hamilton County Democrats, as well as State Senator JD Ford and State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn were in attendance.

Goodin began by telling the audience he was appointed by President Joe Biden to head the United States Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the state of Indiana for the last two and a half years.

"Before that, I spent 24 years as a public school superintendent,



(From left) Q&A Moderator Sarah Draper, State Senator JD Ford, Lt. Governor candidate Terry Goodin, State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn, State Rep. District 29 candidate Chris Hartig, and Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Jocelyn Vare.

and several of those years worked with Dr. McCormick trying to make things better in the great state of Indiana on the education side," Goodin said. "I also spent 20 years in the state-

house representing Scott, Clark, and Jefferson counties."

With former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction McCormick and former Superintendent Goodin, is it clear the

Democrats are basing their platform on education reform. Goodin's remarks and his answers during the Q&A bear that out.

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Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford announces retirement & succession plan

Submitted by **Carmel Clay Schools**

Dr. Michael Beresford has announced his retirement as Superintendent of Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Dr. Beresford has served the CCS community with dedication and distinction for the past six years, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of countless students, families, and staff members.

Entering his 43rd year of education, Dr. Beresford has been instrumental in advancing academic excellence, fostering a safe and inclusive school environment, implementing innovative educational programs, updating facilities, and adding supports to enrich the learning experience for students and families across the district.

"I will always cherish the



Beresford

time I have had here in CCS working alongside the talented educators, dedicated staff, supportive families, and the incredible students of Carmel Clay Schools," Dr. Beresford said. "It's been an honor to be a part of this amazing team."

Seamless leadership for continued success

Following the notice of Dr. Beresford's planned retirement, the CCS Board of Trustees exemplified a forward-thinking approach to executing one of its most significant responsibilities - selecting the next Superintendent of Schools. Board members developed a plan to ensure continuity in leadership and maintain the exceptional standards expected in the Carmel community.

Like a CEO managing a team of 2,400 employees across

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Photo provided by Carmel Clay Schools

Dr. Thomas Oestreich will serve as the next superintendent of Carmel Clay Schools. From his beginnings in education as a student teacher at CCS, he brings 25 of experience to the role.

COURAGEOUS

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So many moments in each day of my life demand courage. Putting my feet on the ground each day knowing what I face physically, first comes to mind. If you could feel the weakness I feel, I think it would terrify you. It takes extreme physical discipline, being mindful of each and every step I take, because if I don't, I trip and fall.

It also takes a level of mental toughness that I have to purposefully tap into many times throughout the day. It's as mentally exhausting as it is physically in my opinion. I must be courageous enough to face my day knowing the mountain I must climb. I've been doing this for 50 years.

I can't think of a single time when I chose not to rise and not get out of my bed. Even after my surgeries, sometimes having both legs in casts for months. I got up. Forced courage. I didn't want to depend on others. I wanted to do things myself. My mom tells me that as they were deciding where to go with my journey, they had to choose to let me go and fail or protect and hold me back. She said I just took off and there was no stopping me. God instilled that in me, knowing what a long physical and mental journey was ahead for me. He made me humbly courageous.

Some other things that have forced courage in my life ... school, being the

only person who walked like I do, walking into a crowded room, walking anywhere really. People stare. It's intimidating. People aren't always kind. People say things like "What's wrong with her?" and "Why does she walk funny?"

I could go on and on about negativity and downright cruelty I've faced as a person with a disability. For all the negativity, there have been far more positive experiences regarding my disability.

We all have mountains to climb. Some of ours look steeper than others at times, but we all have them. For me, as I said in the beginning, I am forced to face an everyday battle, like it or not. Courage is not an option, but more an already punched ticket for me to live my life the best way I can. Not by fighting what is meant to be but living out the plan and purpose designed for my life. Being forced to fight an everyday battle produces humble courage.

I bet many of you reading this are humbly courageous, too.

Until next time ...

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MOTHER

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problem in our lesson for the next day. Bless that sister! (I believe two sisters helped).

Past days of school came in June 1970. With Masters' Degree in hand Mother Adler gladly dropped out again! Yes, mother dropped out of school, that is organized school. She is still amazed at the lessons to be learned in the School of Life. And every day she discovers how paltry is her small store of knowledge.

Your Grandpa Howard set an excellent example. He said, "I intend to keep on learning as long as I live." And he did — right up to almost age 89.

Grandpa knew many Bible passages by heart. When he preached, he usually "read" the Scripture from memory. He kept studying his well-worn Bible, too, for he knew it contains most important of all knowledge.

By Dorothy Howard Adler

DEMS

Goodin spoke about the necessity for world-class technology in the classroom, and he called teachers the "most important tool in that classroom."

"What I found out as an educator over 20-some years is the fact that without human interaction, our schools simply produce students who are robots, and then basically they depend on the network to make decisions for themselves," Goodin said.

Goodin went on to talk about establishing educational opportunities for kids in school.

"You create hope by creating a pathway to college for first-generation college students," Goodin said. "And you create hope with vocational opportunities for kids that when they graduate from high school, they can find a great union job."

There were multiple rounds of applause when Goodin spoke about educa-



Reporter photo

Thanks to Carmel Democrats, Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Mortuary in Zionsville was packed Tuesday night.

tion reform, women's rights, and LGBTQ+ issues.

The Q&A was moderated by Sarah Draper, who ran for Carmel City Council in 2023. People in attendance told The Reporter they believed Goodin did a fine job answering audience questions and providing more clarity when there were follow up inquiries.

At one point, Goodin

said, "Twenty-five percent of the seniors that graduated from a school corporation where I was a superintendent earned their college degree before they earned their high school diploma."

Graduating from college before high school is not unprecedented. Earlier this year two northern Indiana students did in fact graduate from college before high

school by participating in programs offered through GEO Academies. Another Indiana student is confirmed to have done so in 2017.

The Indiana Democratic Party State Convention will be held Saturday, July 13. There are four candidates for Lt. Governor. Goodin will face off against Clif Marsigliio, Bob Kern, and Tamie Dixon-Tatum on Saturday.

CCS

18 buildings, the board recognized the importance of implementing a succession plan to allow for a prepared, purposeful handoff to the next leader of CCS.

Dr. Thomas Oestreich, the current Assistant Superintendent of Staff and Student Services, has been selected for this role, continuing his dedicated service to CCS students and staff. Dr. Oestreich will maintain his current duties while working closely with Dr. Beresford over the next year before assuming the role of Superintendent in July 2025.

Following multiple interviews with Dr. Oestreich, the board is proud to promote the perfect internal candidate. Dr. Oestreich is eager to build upon the success of the district. With an established track record of excellence and a strong vision for the future, Dr. Oestreich is poised to take CCS to new heights.

"Dr. Oestreich's proven leadership and enthusiasm for this district is indisputable," Board President Kristin Kouka said. "We are confident his institutional understanding and established relationships with staff make Dr. Oestreich the perfect next leader to uphold our tradition of excellence."

"With Dr. Beresford's announcement, we are able to plan for the upcoming change in leadership, rather than having to fill a vacancy," remarked board member Katie Browning, who helped lead the selection process. "We saw the opportunity to prepare rather than respond, ensuring a smooth transition over the next year."

Expertise in education & school administration

Dr. Oestreich brings 25 years of experience in education, starting with his first position as a student teacher in CCS. His commitment to academic excellence,

student well-being, staff development, and collaborative leadership makes him uniquely qualified to be the next superintendent.

"The CTA (Carmel Teachers' Association) is excited to hear the announcement that Dr. Oestreich will be our next superintendent," CTA President Mark Wien said. "Dr. Oestreich has always been open and honest in his communication with the CTA, and we have worked together on hundreds of occasions to benefit teachers. CCS is in great hands moving forward!"

Dr. Oestreich earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Butler University, followed by a master's degree in Education and School Administration and a Doctorate in Education from Indiana University. A passionate and professional cello player, Dr. Oestreich began his career as a middle school orchestra teacher in Washington Township (Marion County). His leadership skills quickly propelled him into administration, where he first served as assistant principal before moving to North Central High School in the same capacity.

He led as principal at Lawrence Central before his career growth led him back to Washington Township, most recently as Assistant Superintendent, before joining Carmel Clay Schools in January 2020. He currently oversees staff and student services, collaborating extensively with every department and building. He co-leads the implementation of new teacher evaluations and facilitates all aspects of staff recruiting and training. In his role, Dr. Oestreich works closely with the teams in curriculum, safety, business,

and transportation.

Additionally, Dr. Oestreich has served as acting superintendent as needed. In this capacity, he has worked directly with school board members to conduct district business.

2024-2025: Love Where You Lead

This year's theme, "Love Where You Lead," embodies Dr. Beresford's philosophy of cherishing your team.

"I believe the most important part of leadership is to genuinely care for the people on your team and believe wholeheartedly in our collective mission," he said. "When you lead with love and conviction, the path forward becomes clear and success takes care of itself in many ways."

Dr. Beresford, a former track and cross country athlete, approaches this year with the same determination as the final laps of a distance race.

"It's been an amazing marathon of a career," he reflects.

Dr. Beresford's passion and dedication to the community have been unwavering, and he is committed to making this year as significant as all others in his illustrious career.

"There are always hurdles to clear and hills to climb, but other times it's downhill and you have time to rest, recover, and enjoy the ride," he said. "I am proud of this team and the things we have accomplished in the past six years for the students and families we love and serve. It's now time to finish my last mile and hand off the baton. I look forward to an amazing 2024-2025 school year."

[Click here to watch Dr. Beresford's video message.](#)

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Enjoy CSO & friends at Carmel Jazz Festival

The REPORTER

On Aug. 9, the Carmel Jazz Festival kicks off with a spectacular opening night at the Palladium, featuring the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under the direction of Principal Guest Conductor Joel Smirnoff.

This two-day musical extravaganza, held annually in Carmel, brings together local and national music enthusiasts to enjoy performances on five stages, including all three venues within The Center for the Performing Arts. To enhance the experience, beer, wine, and food vendors will be on site to keep attendees stay energized and hydrated.

“The CSO is thrilled to partner with the Carmel Jazz Festival to welcome so many talented musicians and vocalists,” CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said. “To combine the talents of our world-class orchestra with leading jazz vocalist Antonia Bennett, we can showcase a spirit of innovation and style for a one-of-a-kind musical experience.”

The CSO, accompanied by vocalist Antonia Bennett, will pay tribute to jazz legends with a special performance honoring Duke Ellington’s 125th birthday and the 100th anniversary of “Rhapsody in Blue.” As the daughter of American jazz icon Tony Bennett,

Antonia’s passion for music was nurtured from a young age, with early performances alongside her father and exposure to greats like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Grace Kelly. Her impressive background includes training at the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute in New York and the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Following the release of her EP *Natural* in 2010 and a digital-only album in 2012, Bennett’s debut album *Embrace Me* (2014) showcases her exceptional vocal talent.

The evening’s festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an opening performance by pop R&B instrumental recording artist B. Thompson, known for his viral covers of popular songs, which have garnered over 100 million views. Currently touring with national recording artist Babyface, Thompson has earned recognition from celebrities like Chris Brown, Cardi B, and Mariah Carey, and has shared the stage with legendary musicians and singers such as Najee, Kirk Whalum, Kenny Lattimore, Faith Evans, Toni Braxton, and H.E.R. Despite overcoming hearing loss in his right ear, Thompson’s prodigious talent has enabled him to master multiple instruments. He was featured on this season

of *America’s Got Talent* on Tuesday, July 9.

Opening for the CSO and Bennett at 8 p.m. is special guest Carmel Jazz Festival Founder and Artistic Director, Blair Clark. Also accompanying the CSO and Bennett is Mackenzie Melemed, 2022 Avery Fisher Award recipient and American Pianist Association Laureate, whose career continues to gain international recognition.

The CSO and these legendary performers come together to further the goals of showcasing national and international jazz, R&B, and blues musicians while also introducing up-and-coming artists. This collaboration serves to highlight Carmel’s world-class performance venues and public spaces, and enhances the community by providing creative and excellent artistic performances accessible to all. Through these joint efforts, the organizations spotlight musical talents from diverse backgrounds and educate audiences, all within Carmel’s premier indoor venues and outdoor settings.

Ticketing options

Tickets are on sale as one package for the entire Palladium evening [here](#).

VIP passes are available [here](#) to all Friday events on the Jazz Festival’s schedule, including the CSO’s con-



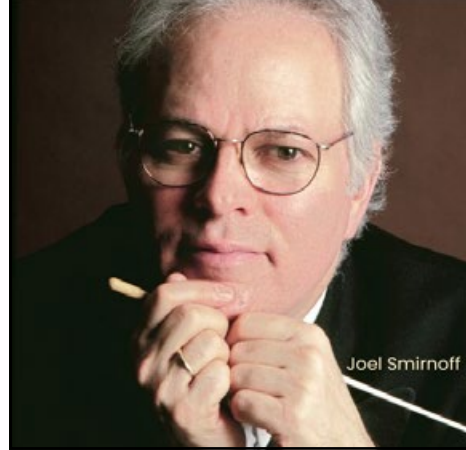
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About the Carmel Symphony Orchestra

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is a Resident Company of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The 70-member orchestra of professional musicians performs at the Palladium, a 1,600-seat concert hall at the Center. Founded

in 1975, the CSO performs concerts featuring an eclectic repertoire of some of the world’s greatest symphonic music. The CSO is committed to enhancing the community’s quality of life through creative, artistically excellent performances and educational experiences for diverse audiences of all ages. Visit CarmelSymphony.org to learn more.

Community First Bank chooses Autobooks to elevate small business banking

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) announced Monday that it has elected to embed the Autobooks solution for small businesses and nonprofit organizations into its existing digital banking platform.

This partnership will enable CFB customers to get paid online or in-app, directly inside their online and mobile banking.

Autobooks is an emerging leader in digital invoicing and payment acceptance and is a leading integrated-payments pro-

vider for small business banking. The integration of the Autobooks invoicing and payment acceptance modules into the CFB digital banking platform will help small business owners and nonprofits better manage cash flow and keep track of their customers’ and donors’ payment status. With just a few clicks, this much-needed tool helps users create and send invoices, schedule recurring invoices, and receive card and ACH payments directly into their CFB checking account.

In addition to invoicing and online payment acceptance, Autobooks offers cash flow management, accounting, and financial reporting tools as part of its full product suite. With Autobooks, CFB can deliver workflow-related services that serve their customers’ immediate needs while increasing engagement, loyalty and profitability.

“This is a tool that’s unique for a bank to offer; we’re always working to stay ahead of the curve with innovative, helpful solutions and are excited



about Autobooks for many reasons,” said Jonathon Malin, Director of Commercial Banking. “Entrepreneurs often express that other accounting software can be expensive and overwhelming. Micro-business owners are searching for an easy way to transition out of using personal accounts within peer-to-peer apps to receive payment. Local nonprofits are asking for

more efficient ways to collect donations. Autobooks is the solution to this all.”

Autobooks partners with the industry’s leading core processing, digital banking, and merchant processing providers so that CFB can reliably deploy this tool to its customers. To learn more, visit CFBIndiana.com/autobooks or call the local Customer Care Team at (765) 236-0600.

About CFB
Community First Bank of Indiana was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Bank mission: We partner with you to build a better future. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. Member FDIC.

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Get ready for inaugural Accessibility & Inclusion Day at Fishers Farmers Market

The REPORTER

Join Fishers Parks and the Fishers Farmers Market this Saturday, July 13 for the first-ever Accessibility & Inclusion Day at the market.

Accessibility & Inclusion Day aims to raise awareness about disabilities and provide an opportunity for those who have different abilities to display and sell their handmade or home-grown items. Additionally, several new performers will be welcomed to the NPD AMP stage from 10 a.m. to noon during the market.

The Fishers Farmers Market, presented by IU Health Fishers, runs every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, through September. This month, mark your calendar to check out special events and kids activities.

July 13

- Accessibility & Inclusion Day (8 a.m. to noon)
- Free yoga on the NPD AMP stage (8 to 9 a.m.)
- Free live music and performances on the NPD AMP stage (10 a.m. to noon)



noon)
• Free kids activity at the Fishers Parks tent in front of stage (8 a.m. to noon)

July 20

- Biz Kidz Festival (8 a.m. to noon)
- Free yoga on the NPD AMP stage (8 to 9 a.m.)
- Free live music and performances on the NPD AMP stage (10 a.m. to noon)
- Free kids activity at the Fishers Parks tent in front of stage (8 a.m. to noon)

July 27

- Day of Service (8 a.m. to noon)
- Free yoga on the NPD AMP stage (8 to 9 a.m.)
- Free live music and performances on the NPD AMP stage (10 a.m. to noon)
- Free kids activity at the Fishers Parks tent in front of stage (8 a.m. to noon)

Carmel native serves where future Navy warfighters train

By RICK BURKE
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

GREAT LAKES, Ill. – Sailors are some of the most highly trained people on the planet, and this training begins at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes, otherwise known as boot camp. Every enlisted sailor starts their Navy journey at boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes (NSGL), Illinois.

Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Conners, a native of Carmel, is currently stationed at NSGL as an instructor with Naval Education and Training Command (NETC).

Conners, a 2018 graduate of Carmel High School, joined the Navy six years ago.

“I joined the Navy to gain real-world experience in the medical community and to serve my country,” said Conners. “I didn’t know what I wanted to learn going to

college after high school, so I joined the military for the numerous benefits and opportunities it has. I chose the Navy because hospital corpsmen are the pinnacle of military medics and have a wide range of responsibilities and platforms to serve on.”

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Carmel.

“Growing up, I learned that you must put in the hard work to succeed,” said Conners. “Nothing is going to be given to you, it has to be earned. While hard work is important for succeeding, humility and selfless service are what make you well-rounded and allow you to grow as a better sailor, mentor and leader.”

During the 10 weeks at RTC Great Lakes, sailors learn five warfighting competencies – firefighting, damage control, seamanship, watchstanding, and small arms marksmanship.

NSGL is the Navy’s largest training installation and the home of the Navy’s only boot camp. Located on over 1,600 acres overlooking Lake Michigan, the installation includes 1,153 buildings with 39 on the National Register of Historic Places. NSGL supports more than 50 tenant commands and elements as well as more than 20,000 sailors, Marines, soldiers and DoD civilians who live and work on the installation.

Two commands at NETC are Surface Warfare Engineering School Command Great Lakes (SWESC GL) and Surface Combat Systems Training Command Great Lakes (SCSTC GL). Every surface Navy engineer, quartermaster, boatswain’s mate and deck seaman attends SWESC GL for technical training. These sailors leave SWESC GL as surface warriors, ready to perform aboard ships operating around the globe. Instructors at SCSTC GL provide a culture of excellence and warrior toughness by building a surface warrior mindset to complement the technical and tactical skillsets.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class James Green

“I enjoy being able to

make a difference in the lives of these sailors who are brand new in their naval careers,” said Conners. “I remember what it was like to be in their shoes, and being able to be that mentor to guide them and give them a head start for when they get to the fleet is rewarding. I also enjoy seeing some of these who may have just graduated high school a couple of months ago, transform into competent technicians and warfighters that ultimately make our Navy stronger.”

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

“We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American people every day,” said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of naval operations. “Together we will deliver the Navy the

nation needs.”

Conners serves a Navy that operates forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation’s prosperity and security.

“Serving in the Navy comes with a lot of pride in the sense that I’m getting the opportunity to give back to my country and be a part of a team whose purpose is to defend the land and our freedoms,” said Conners. “It also means I get to stand on the shoulders of giants and be a part of, what I would describe, as a fraternity of the greatest men and women of our generations who went before me to defend this country.”

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

“I would like to thank my mom, Priscilla Spicer, and my dad, Steven Conners, who have always been supportive of my decision to join the Navy and who continue to support me throughout my career,” added Conners. “They encourage me to be a better man and leader every day, and are always there to offer guidance.”

Community 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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(From left) See such works as “Luna” by Amanda Rosso, “Sun on the Monument” by Margot Bogue, and “Perfect Poppy” by Joanne Roeder in the *All Our Best* exhibit at the Art Gallery at Fishers City Hall.

HCAA’s “All Our Best” exhibit now on display at Art Gallery at Fishers City Hall

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) welcomes its annual partner exhibit in the Art Gallery at City Hall in July, along with a free all-ages public Second Friday reception to meet the artists of the Hamilton County Artists’ Association (HCAA).

The exhibit opened on Monday, July 8 and runs through Aug. 2, with the Second Friday reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 12. The gallery is located inside the brand-new Fishers Art & Municipal Center at One Municipal Drive, Fishers.

The City of Fishers held its ribbon cutting to officially open the Art Center and City Hall on June 17. This building represents a partnership between the city and the Indianapolis Art Center by the creation of the Fishers Art Center.

During FAC’s Second Friday reception, the Fishers Art Center will hold the opening of “Balderdash”, featuring artwork by Kurt Vonnegut. The public is welcome to visit both gallery spaces on July 12 to en-



joy all the work on display.

There are 60 paintings on display in HCAA’s “All Our Best” exhibit in the Art Gallery at City Hall gallery, and, as always, a majority of the art is for sale. The gallery is free and open 8:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the Second Friday reception on July 12, there will be live music by Naomi Gray, along with snacks, drinks, and a cash bar featuring Sun King beer and Daniel’s Vineyard wines.

Additionally, FAC board member Pat Grabill will lead the Focus on the Artist programming at 6:45 p.m. inside the Theater, introducing attendees to five juried artist members of HCAA.

“Fishers Arts Council is so elated to be back home inside Fishers City Hall,” FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. “After a decade of curating

exhibits in the Town Hall turned City Hall, it was bittersweet to move out in 2022 in preparation for construction. The city has made this homecoming a wonderful experience; the gallery and theater spaces will truly make guests to our monthly receptions feel welcome. We are still curating work at the FAC Hub Gallery, located at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, and are looking forward to providing more opportunities for our residents to showcase their artistic talents in our community.”

About Hamilton County Artists’ Association

HCAA operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit run by volunteers and stands as the original and only juried fine arts organization in Hamilton County. The membership consists of

over 50 Hamilton County artists who have been juried into the HCAA, as well as Supporting Members from across Indiana.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the brand-new gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers. FAC also maintains the FAC Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out FAC online at FishersArtsCouncil.org or call (317) 537-1670 for more information.

Get tickets now for Civic Theatre’s youth production of *Cats*

The REPORTER

The production of *Cats* by Civic Theatre’s Young Artists Program (YAP) will run Thursday, July 25 to Sunday, July 28.

Synopsis

Cats is set amongst a larger-than-life junkyard playground and is alive with purr-fect felines including Rum Tum Tugger, Mr. Mistoffelees, Macavity, Jennyanydots, Old Deuteronomy, Skimbleshanks, and Grizabella.

The Jellicle Cats come out to play on one special night of the year – the night of the Jellicle Ball. One by one they tell their stories for the amusement of Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, who must choose one of the Cats to ascend to The Heaviside Layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life.

Originally directed by Trevor Nunn and featuring musical staging by Gillian Lynne, the all-singing, all-dancing Tony-winning musical spectacular has been translated into 16 languages. With universal appeal and an expandable cast of different age groups, the show has not only been presented in theatres, but also in tents in Japan and Korea,

an engine shed in Switzerland, and school gymnasiums across the U.S.A.

Cats Cast

- Alonzo – Eli Sloan
- Asparagus (Gus) – Nolan Daugherty
- Bill Bailey – Cole Weesner
- Bustopher Jones/Plato – Zion Robinson
- Bombalurina – Jilayne Kistner
- Carbucketty – Jackson Coleman
- Cassandra – Anne Nooning
- Coricopat – Izzy Ellis
- Demeter – Nya Beck
- Electra – Carly Benner
- Etcetera – Camille Twitchell
- Exotica – Myah Yost
- Grizabella – Emma Hornbecker
- Jellylorum – Amelia Schoeff
- Jennyanydots – Bridget Bingham
- Macavity/Admetus – Tanner McCormick-Messer
- Mistoffelees – Maddux Morrison**
- Mongojerrie – Noah Greer
- Munkustrap – Austin Lizama
- Old Deuteronomy – Taylor Smith
- Pouncival – Cohen Geesaman
- Quaxo – Micah Hundley
- Rumpleteaser – Kate Boice
- Rum Tum Tugger – Andrew Horras
- Sillabub – Addie Clark
- Skimbleshanks – Josiah Smith
- Tantomile – Juliet Potts
- Tumblebrutus – Keira Himes
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Hamilton County Leadership Academy announces Class of 2025

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) has selected 35 individuals who reside or work in Hamilton County to participate in its 10-month community leadership program.

“There is such excitement each year as the buzz begins on who will be a part of the next cohort,” HCLA Executive Director Diana Coyle said. “HCLA leadership is thrilled to welcome this phenomenal group into our legacy. We can’t wait to see their competency and connections grow as they interact with one another, Dean Megan Wiles, class speakers, and community partners.”

HCLA welcomes the Class of 2025 into the fold of HCLA’s more than 30-year legacy in Hamilton County:

• Gabe Amick | Hamilton County Sports Authority

• McKenzie Barbknecht | Duke Energy

• Kari Berger | Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

• Renee Butts | Carmel Fire Department

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Each year, HCLA selects participants through a highly competitive application process. Class members are selected based on their community engagement, desire to learn and grow through the HCLA program, passion for making an impact through leading and serving in Hamilton County, and unique perspectives and knowledge they will bring to the learning environment.

Earlier this year, HCLA announced that Megan



Wiles would serve HCLA as the Class of 2025 Dean. HCLA will kick off its Class of 2025 cohort experience in mid-August with a two-day opening retreat.

About HCLA

Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) unites, inspires, and empowers confident leaders from varied industries to support Hamilton County. The 10-month program provides those who work

or live in Hamilton County with unique access to knowledge, community leaders, and local organizations. HCLA graduates gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the county; create meaningful, lifelong connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders; and are inspired and empowered to drive and amplify community impact. Learn more at hcla.net.

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Buckle up for a brand-new show at Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael

The REPORTER

If you’re from central Indiana, then you’re likely familiar with Ryan Ahlwardt.

Ahlwardt is an Emmy-nominated host of central Indiana’s most-watched lifestyle show *Indy Now* on FOX 59, an alumnus of the world-renowned vocal group Straight No Chaser, and a Hoosier singer-songwriter who has shared the stage and studio with such artists as The Beach Boys, Barry Manilow, Shania Twain, Sara Bareilles, Jon McLaughlin, Take 6, and more.

Ahlwardt has appeared several times on the Fein-

stein’s stage – but this month he brings along a special guest – his wife Lauren. On Friday, July 26, the Ahlwardts present *Human Jukebox*. This will be an unforgettable night of music where you control the playlist.

Throughout the evening, the Ahlwardts will take song requests from the audience and transform Feinstein’s intimate space into a living jukebox filled with your favorite tunes. This promises to be an evening of musical surprises, delightful sing-alongs and lots of laughs – all while enjoying Feinstein’s renowned upscale dining



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and craft cocktails.

This interactive show is perfect for a date night, a night out with friends, or simply a chance to rediscover your favorite songs in a whole new way.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show begins at 7:30.

Come enjoy a fantastic dinner and beverages before the show.

Click here for tickets. Feinstein’s is located in Hotel Carmichael at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Learn more at feinstein-shc.com.

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Carmel's Sister City of Seiffen, Germany, celebrates 700th anniversary

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In a heartfelt gesture of international friendship, Carmel marked the 700th anniversary of its sister city, Seiffen, Germany, by presenting a special gift from Mayor Sue Finkam to Mayor Martin Wittig of Seiffen. The presentation, held in the mayor's office in Seiffen, included a letter from Mayor Finkam and a painting by renowned Carmel artist Deb Slack.

In her letter, Mayor Finkam expressed the deep bond and enduring partnership between the two cities:

On behalf of the residents of Carmel, Indiana, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the people of Seiffen, Germany on the auspicious occasion of your 700th anniversary. This significant milestone is a testament to the rich history, vibrant culture, and enduring spirit of your community.

As Seiffen embarks on its next chapter, may this anniversary serve as a reminder of the resilience, unity, and shared values that define our partnership. Together, let us continue to build bridges of understanding

and cooperation, fostering a brighter future for generations to come.

Slack's painting, titled "Carmel Christkindlmarkt VII," was also presented as a gift to the people of Seiffen. Slack expressed her joy in contributing to the celebration:

"It is an honor and privilege to have my painting 'Carmel Christkindlmarkt VII' in your beautiful city. I hope it reflects the joy that our Christkindlmarkt has brought to so many Carmel, Indiana residents. Congratulations on your 700-year anniversary!"

The visit celebrated Seiffen's 700-year milestone and underscored the strong ties between the two communities. The Carmel Seiffen Sister City relationship began in 2017, during the first visit of Seiffen's Werner Reifentiere woodworkers. The official Sister City documents were signed in Seiffen in November 2023 by Seiffen Mayor Martin Wittig and former Carmel Mayor James Brainard.

The event was attended by key figures from both



Photo courtesy Sandra Richardson

Carmel Seiffen Sister City representatives presenting a special gift from Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam to Seiffen Mayor Martin Wittig. (ABOVE) Michael Labuske (Seiffen CFO), Mandy Partzsch-Stephani (Erzgebirge Engel and Volunteer Guide), Ben Richardson, Sandra Richardson (President, Carmel Seiffen Sister City Partnership), Helena Richardson, Otis Richardson, Maria Adele Rosenfeld (President & CEO, Carmel Christkindlmarkt), Martin Wittig (Mayor of Seiffen), and Sophie Wittig.

cities, including Michael Labuske (Seiffen CFO), Mandy Partzsch-Stephani (Erzgebirge Engel and Volunteer Guide), Ben Richardson and Sandra Richardson (President, Carmel Seiffen Sister City Partnership), Maria Adele Rosenfeld (President & CEO, Carmel Christkindlmarkt), and Mayor Martin Wittig and

Sophie Wittig of Seiffen.

About the Carmel Christkindlmarkt

Founded in 2017, the Carmel Christkindlmarkt (pronounced Chris-t-Kindle-Mark-t) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and the premier holiday offering in Indiana, attracting nearly half a million visitors annually. Its mission is to engage and

educate the community in German culture and Christmas traditions though an authentic, magical holiday experience. Every year, the Market boasts demonstrations by artisans from Germany, traditional foods, beverages and gifts sold from dozens of charming wooden huts, a gorgeous outdoor ice rink, and a tra-

ditional Glühwein Pyramid – the first of its kind in the United States. The Carmel Christkindlmarkt has also been ranked Best Holiday Market by *USA TODAY* 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contests for Best Holiday Market for the last four years. For more information, visit Carmel-Christkindlmarkt.com.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel artist Deb Slack's painting, "Carmel Christkindlmarkt VII," was presented as a gift to commemorate Seiffen's 700-year anniversary. [Click here](#) to learn more about the artist. (ABOVE RIGHT) Ringo Müller (Müller Kleinkunst) and Michale Labuske (Seiffen CFO) join Carmel Christkindlmarkt representatives at CarmelFest 2024. [Wilkinson Brothers](#) edited Carmel's famous midtown mural for the parade.

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Hamilton County announces \$133K in opioid settlement awards

Second round of funding now open through Aug. 23

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners have announced the first round of funding awards from the newly established Opioid Settlement fund, now known as HOPE for Hamilton County.

This initiative, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAOD), aims to address the opioid crisis through strategic investments in local organizations dedicated to prevention, treatment, re-

covery, and harm reduction services.

The following organizations were approved for funding in the first round:

- The Recovery Café of Hamilton County was awarded \$25,000. The café offers a drug and alcohol-free space for people in recovery. It will use the funds to offset rent, provide meals, and offer peer recovery specialist certifications.

- Delta Mental Health Services in Noblesville will receive \$25,000 for certification trainings and the hir-

ing of a program navigator.

- Hamilton County Parks & Recreation was approved for \$11,240. It will use the funds to facilitate a 12-step recovery yoga class as well as programming at Ben's Ranch, a non-profit that helps central Indiana teens struggling with mental health challenges.

- Suburban North Club was awarded \$10,000 to be used for recovery materials, recovery tokens, and social gatherings for those in recovery from substance use disorders.

- JRNY Counseling, along with the Hamilton County Public School Systems, will receive \$40,800 to implement substance use disorder prevention and intervention services in all public-school systems.

- Life House Recovery for Women was approved for \$21,100 to help with transportation costs, scholarships for services, and cleaning supplies.

The HCCOAOD and its nine-member Board of Directors oversaw the community grant award

process, awarding a total of \$133,140 for critical services and initiatives to help mitigate the impact of opioid use disorders.

The next round of funding is now available, with applications due by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Awards will be announced Friday, Sept. 20. Projects must run from Tuesday, Oct. 1 through Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025.

The HCCOAOD Board will evaluate proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFF, with final funding decisions made by

the Board of Commissioners. Award recipients do not need to be located in Hamilton County, but all services funded by the grants must be provided in Hamilton County. Funding is distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Interested organizations should submit proposals to Monica Greer via email at monica.greer@hamilton-county.in.gov. The subject line of the email should read "Hamilton County Opioid Settlement RFF." The application can be found at [this link](#).

Look under the hood at Fishers government

The REPORTER

The city of Fishers offers two separate academies for citizens to get to know their local government.

City Government Academy

There's still time to register for the fall session of the City Government Academy.

Go behind the scenes of local government and hear from staff, tour city facilities, and engage in the collaborative city governing process in Fishers' City Government Academy (CGA).

Registration for the Fall 2024 session is **still open**. Deadline to apply is Friday, July 12.

Curious about the program? [Watch this video](#) from previous participants as they share their experience.

The academy is free and open to Fishers residents who are ages 18 and older. At the end of the three-month course, participants will have a greater understanding of how the Fishers government works. The fall session of CGA will meet twice a month from 6 to 8 p.m. and run from Thursday, Aug. 15 through Wednesday, Dec. 11, ending with a graduation luncheon with Mayor Fadness.

Visit FishersIN.gov/CGA to view the full Fall 2024 schedule.

Mayor's Youth Academy 2024-2025 Session

The free Mayor's Youth Academy program invites local high school students to work alongside Mayor Scott Fadness and other city leaders to address important issues facing the community.

Students will experience behind-the-scenes tours, discuss thought-provoking policy questions, and explore career opportunities within the public sector.

In coordination with local schools, students meet monthly on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at various locations around Fishers. The Mayor's

Youth Academy will conclude in the spring of 2025, offering some participants the opportunity to present to the Fishers City Council.

Curious the program? [Watch this video](#) from previous participants as they share their experience.

Registration for the 2024-2025 Mayor's Youth Academy is open through Friday, July 26. Applicants must be a Fishers resident and a junior or senior in high school with a minimum grade-point average of 3.0. Students with an interest in public service are encouraged to apply.

The deadline to apply is July 26. Register at FishersIN.gov/MYA.



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Fishers awards 18 neighborhoods with \$337K

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers awarded 18 local neighborhoods with \$337,086.59 in grants as part of its Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program. This follows nearly \$400,000 in grant funding to 28 neighborhoods disbursed earlier this spring. With nearly \$750,000 distributed this year, applications are now closed for the remainder of 2024.

"I am blown away by the response to our revamped Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "With a record high number of applicants in 2024, it's evident that our residents and HOAs are dedicated to improving

vibrancy and building community within their neighborhoods. Our additional \$650,000 of investment in this program this year has supported 46 Fishers neighborhoods, increasing livability and quality of life in our community."

In 2024, Fadness increased the Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program from \$100,000 annually to \$750,000. The program provides funding for creative and innovative infrastructure projects that boost the vibrancy of the city's neighborhoods. In addition to the increased funding, Fadness also lowered the financial requirements for the applicants from a 50-50

match to 20-80 of the total cost to encourage more participation and larger-scale projects.

This round of grant recipients include:

- Cottingham Estates (\$8,061.34) for park and playground improvements.
- Delaware Pointe (\$15,000) to replace the existing wooden playground structure, refresh landscaping, and repair neighborhood fence.
- Fawnsbrook Woods (\$22,830.31) to renovate neighborhood entrance signs and install new land-



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- scaping.
- Northfield Estates (\$4,575) to install landscaping at the entrance.
- Oak Hall (\$24,250) to install a new fountain aeration system for the neighborhood pond and repair entrance columns.
- Sand Creek Farms (\$21,670) to renovate neighborhood entrance signs and for sidewalk repairs.
- Sandstone (\$25,000) to remove and replace 33 trees.
- Seven Oaks (\$4,240) to relocate the path and install a bench near pond.

- Spyglass Falls (\$25,000) to restore the waterfall at the entrance along E. 116th Street.
- Steeplechase (\$23,117) to renovate five neighborhood entrance signs and install electrical and landscaping improvements.
- Sterling Green (\$25,000) to purchase and install 93 street trees.
- Sweet Briar (\$20,164.54) to install an inclusive playground.
- Thorpe Creek (\$25,000) to install lighting along the entrance parkway and make improvements to the trail system.
- Townhomes at Avalon (\$25,000) to install landscaping to screen utility

- boxes throughout neighborhood.
 - Townhomes at Fishers Pointe (\$10,000) to make improvements to the existing tree buffers.
 - Waterford Gardens (\$19,178.40) to install a new fountain aeration system for the neighborhood pond.
 - Whispering Woods (\$25,000) to remove and replace 31 pear trees, remove overgrown areas, and install low maintenance plantings.
 - Windermere (\$14,000) to renovate neighborhood entrance signs and lighting and install native plants.
- Learn more about the program at [FishersIN.gov/grants](https://fishersIN.gov/grants).

Historic Paramount Theatre adds three shows to entertainment lineup

The REPORTER

The historic Paramount Theatre, alongside Season Sponsor Community Hospital Anderson, announced on Monday the addition of three new shows to its entertainment lineup: Tracy Byrd on Wednesday, Oct. 16, WARRANT with Special Guest FireHouse on Thursday, Nov. 21, and Celtic Angels Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 1. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday, July 12 at AndersonParamount.org.

Tracy Byrd
Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.
Country legend Tracy Byrd became a household name in 1993 when his

single "Holdin' Heaven" hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Country Charts. Byrd is known for hits like "Watermelon Crawl," "I'm from the Country," "The Truth About Men," and more. In 2016, he recorded his newest album in over 10 years, *All American Texan*, featuring eight tracks written by Byrd himself. Most seats are \$29, \$39, and \$49, with limited seating available for \$69.

WARRANT with Special Guest FireHouse
Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Get ready to "Let The Good Times ROCK" with



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(From left) Tracy Byrd, WARRANT, and Celtic Angels Christmas have been added to the lineup.

an electrifying rock experience. WARRANT has unleashed hits like "Cherry Pie," "Heaven," "Sometimes She Cries," and "Uncle Tom's Cabin." FireHouse has ignited count-


less stages with classics like "Love of a Lifetime," "Don't Treat Me Bad," "When I Look into Your Eyes," and "Reach for the Sky." Don't miss a night of chart-topping anthems and high-energy performances from these bands that will have you singing along and rocking out, bringing the best of rock to the forefront. Most seats are \$45, \$55, and \$65, with limited seating available for \$85 and \$95.

Celtic Angels Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.
Celtic Angels Christmas captivates audiences of all ages with the magic of the

season. The show is a joyous celebration from start to finish, encompassing vocal and instrumental favorites paired with world-class champion Irish dancing. Most seats are \$29 and \$39, with limited seating available for \$69.

- Current Paramount Theatre Lineup:
- Sawyer Brown – Thursday, July 11
 - TUSK – The World's #1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute – Thursday, Aug. 1
 - Little River Band – Saturday, Aug. 17
 - The Robert Cray Band – Saturday, Aug. 24
 - Terry Fator: On the

- Road Again – Friday, Sept. 6
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 - Stryper – 40th Anniversary Tour – Sept. 19
 - Tracy Byrd – Wednesday, Oct. 16
 - The RUSH Tribute Project – Friday, Oct. 18
 - Tom Papa – Friday, Nov. 8
 - WARRANT with Special Guest FireHouse – Thursday, Nov. 21
 - Celtic Angels Christmas – Sunday, Dec. 1
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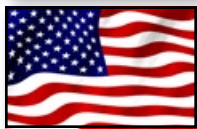
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At six foot four inches tall, Wayne McGill Collins was often the tallest person in the room, soaring above the crowd with his blond hair and blue eyes. His imposing frame held an even bigger heart which will be sorely missed. On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Wayne passed away.



Born September 15, 1936, Wayne was the middle child of Harry and Hattie Collins in Mayodan, N.C. He never forgot his southern roots or that spot of tar on his heel. He served in the Army National Guard and graduated from Virginia Polytechnical Institute. In 1965, he drove in his convertible with the top down and a TV in the back seat to Dallas, Texas, where he met and married the love of his life, Mary Faye Richwine in 1969. They welcomed three children and then moved to Noblesville in 1979.

Wayne was a born salesman and spent many years working for R.O. Whitesell before opening his own sales company, WACO Sales. He was a loving and wise father who taught his children to work hard and have high integrity. He coached soccer teams and even won father of the year from the Noblesville Kiwanis Club. He loved to golf, fish, work crossword puzzles, and enjoy a cold beverage. His favorite role was that of grandfather and watching his five grandchildren grow as strong and beautiful as the flowers in his backyard.

Wayne was a great man with an even greater passion for life. He is survived by his beautiful wife, Mary Faye; daughter, Jenny Sage (Justin); and daughter, Marcie Richardson (Dave); as well as his five grandchildren, Katie (Sage), Lloyd (Sage), Justin (Sage), Collin (Matthews), and Ben (Sage); and sister, Barbara Leech, all of whom will deeply miss his southern drawl, wonderful sense of humor, and penchant for Culver's milkshakes.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his son, Mike; and brother, Frank.

Wayne's family remains grateful for the 87 years of incredible memories and wonderful experiences with this patriarch.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Elwood.

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Register before July 31 to receive an early-bird discount on your registration fee. [Click here](#) to register now.

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The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission will meet in executive session on Wednesday, July 17, 2024; Wednesday, July 24, 2024; and Monday, Aug. 5, 2024.

All three executive sessions will take place at 4 p.m. in the courtroom of the Public Safety Building, 135 S. 9th St., Noblesville. The executive sessions will all be held pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9), with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction, to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

There will be public meetings of the Firefighter Merit Commission in the same location at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024; Wednesday, July 24, 2024; and Monday, Aug. 5, 2024.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

SIGNS FOR MOSES

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"

Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

"A staff," he replied.

The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground."

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

"This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

"Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

Exodus 4:1-9 (NIV)

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Fund Name	Township General
Major Budget Classification	Capital Outlays
Proposed Additional Appropriation Amount	\$40,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.
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Golf Hamilton County grows great golfers HSE's Mattingly Upchurch wins Central Masters boys event

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Mattingly Upchurch was the leader of the pack at The Sagamore early this week.

The incoming Hamilton Southeastern junior won the Indiana Golf Foundation's Central Junior Masters boys tournament, which took place Sunday and Monday at The Sagamore Club in Noblesville. Upchurch won the 36-hole event with a score of 142, going two under par.

"I played pretty well," said Upchurch. "I hit the ball well. I feel like I managed the golf course pretty decent and I was pretty happy with my performance."

Upchurch carded a score of three under 69 for his first round on Sunday, making five birdies along the way. In the second round, Upchurch added a 73, draining four birdies.

There were several Hamilton County boys that finished in the top 10 at the Central Junior Masters. Three of them tied for sixth place: HSE's Kai Warner, Noblesville's Tyler Marucci and Fishers' Thomas Klinker. All of them finished the tournament with 149s; Klinker eagled the second hole during the first round in addition to making six birdies. Warner made seven birdies while Marucci had six.

Westfield's Mitchell Keene and Noblesville's Lance Decker tied for 10th place with 150s. Both drained six birdies.

In the girls tournament, Noblesville's Josie Kelley finished second with a score of 151, making four birdies during the event. Kelley was one of four county girls to reach the top 10: Southeastern's Janelle Garcia placed fifth with 159, also draining four birdies. Noblesville's Jordan Adam took sixth

by scoring 160, including three birdies and Westfield's Kelsey Haverluck placed ninth with 164, totaling three birdies.

MASTERS BOYS

1. Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers 69-73=142, T6. Kai Warner, Fishers 75-74=149; Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 74-75=149; Thomas Klinker, Fishers 72-77=149, 10. Mitchell Keene, Westfield 76-74=150; Lance Decker, Noblesville 75-75=150, 14. Ryan Cesare, Westfield 76-75=151, T18. Jack Harris, Westfield 79-74=153, T25. Gabe Berglund, Carmel 81-75=156, T27. Lucas Brown, Fishers 78-79=157; Ethan Hoagland, Carmel 80-77=157; Drew Werkley, Noblesville 80-77=157, T31. Owen Schuitema, Carmel 79-80=159, T34. Alex Gardner, Carmel 78-82=160; Mason Price, Carmel 86-74=160, T38. Jackson Umthum, Noblesville 86-76=152, T42. Brayden Worthington, Westfield 82-82=164, 46. Brody Eureste, Westfield 89-78=167, 48. Alex Dunham, Noblesville 85-86=171, 50. Jaxon Henegar, Noblesville 90-90=180, 51. Luke Decker, Noblesville 92-89=181.

MASTERS GIRLS

2. Josie Kelley, Noblesville 77-73=150, 5. Janelle Garcia, Fishers 79-80=159, T6. Jordan Adam, Noblesville 79-81=160, 9. Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield 83-81=164, T13. Sophie Roberts, Fishers 87-80=167, T20. Karis Shields, Noblesville 90-82=172, T23. Myra Sealey, Noblesville 84-90=174, 25. Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 95-82=177, 26. Ali Scott, Carmel 90-91=181, T27. Presley White, Noblesville 88-96=184; Brooke Wilard, Fishers 98-86=184.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Photo provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' Mattingly Upchurch won the Central Junior Masters tournament, which took place Sunday and Monday at The Sagamore Club in Noblesville. The incoming Hamilton Southeastern junior won the event with a two-day score of two under par 144. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Josie Kelley won the Girls 16 division at the Age Group State Championship, which took place last week at the French Lick Resort. Kelley won her division in a playoff after posting a two-day score of 153.

Josie Kelley made news last week by winning the Girls 16 division at the Buffy & Alice Mayerstein Age Group Championship. That tournament took place July 1 and 2 at the French Lick Resort.

Kelley scored a two-day total of 153, finishing the 36 holes in a tie for first place with Middlebury's Alex Reschly. The two went to a

playoff, which Kelley won on the second hole.

"I played fine last week," said Kelley. She said the courses at French Lick played difficult, but she was able to overcome that, making seven birdies for the tournament.

"Getting up and down when you missed a green was pretty hard, but I think I hit the ball pretty well," said Kelley. "And I think

that ultimately put me out in front."

Carmel's Michaela Headlee won the Girls 18 division, carding a two-day 146 and finishing 10 strokes ahead of second place. Headlee totaled eight birdies during the tournament.

Westfield's Brayden Worthington won the Boys 15 division at Age Group State. Worthington totaled 146 over the two days, mak-

ing eight birdies.

Fishers' Gavin Davis was the Boys 12 division winner with a score of 147, totaling five birdies. Carmel's Luke Moore won the Boys 11 division by scoring 170; he had one birdie. Noblesville's Taylor Ross was the Girls 11 division winner; she scored 148 and made eight birdies.

Complete age group state results appear below.

Complete Hamilton County Age Group State Results

BOYS 18

9. Noah Husk, Carmel 82-75=157, 15. Carson Peters, Fishers 83-79=162, 20. Brady Mangin, Noblesville 82-84=166, 23. Dylan Mahan, Noblesville 92-82=174, 27. Schaefer Doane, Noblesville 98-87=185, T28. Griffin Havelly, Noblesville 98-88-186.

BOYS 17

T3. Kai Warner, Fishers 76-72=148, T7. Drew Werkley, Noblesville 76-76=152, T10. Ethan Hoagland, Carmel 83-71=154, T12. Jack Harris, Westfield 76-79=155; Lance Decker, Noblesville 80-75=155, 15. Will Parenteau, Carmel 79-77=156, T16. Jackson Umthum, Noblesville 80-78=158, T20. Soren Baker, Westfield 82-78=160, 24. Lucas Brown, Fishers 80-82=162, 25. Braden Hill, Carmel 81-82=163, T26. Trey Kremer, Westfield 82-82=164; Brandon Burt, Noblesville 81-83=164, 32. Owen Medley, Noblesville 86-81=167, T36. Cooper

Bohn, Westfield 91-79=170, 39. Max O'Neil, Carmel 88-85=173, 42. Nathan Daugherty, Carmel 88-93=181.

BOYS 16

2. Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers 73-68=141, T3. Thomas Klinker, Fishers 75-72=147; Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 75-72=147, 10. Hudson Kutchna, Westfield 81-74=155, T11. Lorenzo Browning, Carmel 77-79=156, T13. Brody Eureste, Westfield 81-76=157, 19. Brigham Horal, Carmel 82-78=160, T21. Dustin Turpin, Noblesville 78-84=162, 23. Liam Mullins, Carmel 81-82=163, T24. Dillon Walworth, Carmel 82-83=165; Ocean Permana, Carmel 81-84=165, T26. Alex Dunham, Noblesville 80-86=166; Chandler Witt, Noblesville 84-82=166; Jaxon Henegar, Noblesville 81-85=166, 29. Preston Roberts, Carmel 88-79=167, 31. Jackson Mahan, Noblesville 83-86=169, 38. Benjamin Meece, Car-

mel 90-95=185, 40. A.J. Cooney, Westfield 102-92=194, 41. Ari Engle, Carmel 97-98=195.

BOYS 15

1. Brayden Worthington 75-71=146, 11. Jack Armstrong, Carmel 81-80=161; Patrick Wolf, Carmel 79-82=161, 14. Carson McCulloch, Carmel 80-83=163, T16. Ben Wilson 82-83=165, T24. Brody Motz, Noblesville 87-84=171, T27. Zane Corley, Noblesville 94-79=173; Chase Buente, Fishers 88-85=173, T29. Mason Umthum, Noblesville 90-86=176; Alex Gardner, Carmel 93-83=176, Dylan Bleich, Carmel 87-89=176.

BOYS 14

13. Luke Decker, Noblesville 96-86=182, T15. Cord Kremer, Westfield 93-101=194.

BOYS 13

5. Zach Kinzer, Fishers 81-84=165, 6. J.T. Kelley, Noblesville 81-86=167, T8. Porter Bell, Noblesville 87-88=175, 11. Sam Oliver, Fishers 93-88=181, T12. Austin White, Noblesville 97-88=185.

BOYS 12

1. Gavin Davis, Fishers 73-74=147, 2. Max Huffman, Carmel 80-76=156.

BOYS 11

1. Luke Moore, Carmel 83-87=170, 2. Aus-

tin Carter, Carmel 94-85=179.

GIRLS 18

1. Michael Headlee, Carmel 74-72=146, 9. Samantha Lemieux, Westfield 88-93=181.

GIRLS 17

T9. Olivia Anderson, Noblesville 89-86=175, 19. Karolina Franssen, Fishers 91-100=191, 25. Boise Moore, Sheridan 117-102=219.

GIRLS 16

1. Josie Kelley, Noblesville 75-78=153, won in playoff, T3. Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield 81-76=157, 6. Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 88-72=160, 10. Sydney Delagrance, Carmel 89-89=178, 17.

Samantha Hanavan, Westfield 92-102=194, 18. Bevin Turner, Fishers 95-103=198.

GIRLS 15

2. Presley White, Noblesville 81-77=158, 3. Madelynn Headlee, Carmel 83-80=163, T4. Sophie Roberts, Fishers 78-87=165, T11. Maya Cieply, Fishers 97-83=180, 17. Allie Thompson, Carmel 95-97=192.

GIRLS 14

7. Kendall Manion, Fishers 100-107=207.

GIRLS 13

5. Laila Abriani, Westfield 86-81=167.

GIRLS 11

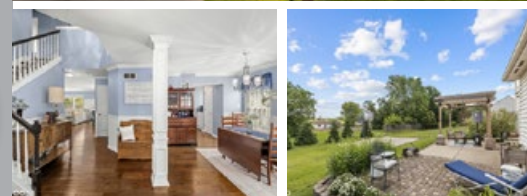
1. Taylor Ross, Noblesville 75-73=148.

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Pacers rookies give their impressions on the Pacers style of play

By **ANTHONY CALHOUN**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

With the Pacers Summer League action quickly approaching, practices are underway. All three of the Pacers second round draft picks were in Indianapolis to prepare for their first games in a Pacers uniform.

They talked about their impressions on the Pacers style of play and how they can fit into it.

"I think the Pacers run a super exciting playstyle," Johnny Furphy said. "The team dynamic is something I can envision myself fitting in really well, just how fast they play and just kind of how different players impact the games. I can envision myself doing that."

Tristen Newton noted

the unselfish playstyle the Pacers have, saying they have star guys and key guys, but they still move the ball to get the open shot. He also said some teams have guys that just pound the ball for 20 seconds, but that's not the style of play the Pacers have.

For Enrique Freeman, the emphasis on playing out in transition stood out.

"I love it," Freeman said. "They go out and run. I'm a good runner, I run the floor pretty hard."

"I love the way they play, and they hone in on defense and rebounding, and that's what I'm here to add, too."

Both of the Pacers first round picks last year, Jarace Walker and Ben Sheppard, are playing in the Summer League again this year.

Since he has some NBA experience under his belt this time around, Walker is taking on more of a leadership role and giving advice to the rookies on the team.

"Mistakes are going to happen," Walker said. "We're rookies. We're young. We're learning. This is all new. So, when you make a mistake, don't put your head down. Just move to the next play as quick as possible, because that's what's going to translate."

The Pacers Summer League schedule starts on Friday, July 12 against the Brooklyn Nets at 8 p.m.

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Carmel swimming's Chris Plumb on coaching at the Olympics: 'It's what you live for'

By **JOSH BODE**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

USA Swimming head coach Anthony Nesty called over Chris Plumb on the second Saturday morning during the Team USA Swimming Trials in Indianapolis.

Plumb, the Carmel High School and Carmel Swim Club head coach, had gotten his second swimmer to qualify for the Olympics just two days before.

He thought he knew what the conversation was going to be about. Once he got a second Olympian to qualify, he thought he had a good shot at being named an assistant coach. Nesty said that they would love to have Plumb on staff for the Olympic team this year. Nesty also told Plumb to talk to his wife and get back to him.

Plumb's response was pretty simple.

"Anthony, I don't need to ask my wife," Plumb said. "I'm going."

Plumb will travel to Paris this month, with his wife as well, to be an assistant coach for the USA Swimming team. He will also get to coach three swimmers from Carmel in the Olympics: Aaron Shackell, Alex Shackell, and Drew Kibler.

Becoming an Olympic coach is something Plumb has worked for his entire life.

"It's what you live for," Plumb said. "It's what you coach for. It's something you dream about."

Plumb was introduced as an assistant coach with the rest of the USA Swimming team at the end of the trials.

"When I was able to walk out with the team and recognized as a coach, it was surreal," Plumb said. "I'm like, 'What am I doing here? This doesn't feel normal.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel Swim Club head coach Chris Plumb shares a laugh with Maggie Mestrich, CSC's Director of Business Development, during a practice after Plumb and Carmel Olympic swimmers Alex and Aaron Shackell conducted a press conference on June 28. Plumb was named as an assistant coach to the Paris Olympics after the Shackells and Drew Kibler qualified at the Olympic Trials in June.

This doesn't feel right." The feeling is now starting to sink in. It especially did when he got his Olympic gear to wear. He's been with Team USA for other events, but the Olympics are special.

And even though the Olympics are special, he's trying to keep the swimmers' mindsets off the grandiose stage. He said it's like the movie *Hoosiers*. The dimensions of the pool are still the exact same, whether it's in Carmel High School or the pool they will swim for a gold medal at in Paris.

Plumb was named the head coach of Carmel Swim Club in 2006. Carmel's girls' swimming team has won the state title every year he has been the head coach. The boys' team has won 10 consecutive state titles.

"To be able to go represent Carmel, it's great because we're representing everybody in our community, which is special," Plumb said. Swimming events in the Olympics start on Saturday, July 27 and run through Sunday, Aug. 4.

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