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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



**Today:** Mostly to partly sunny, with an isolated shower or storm in the afternoon.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms after midnight.  
**HIGH:** 86 **LOW:** 69



# Jackson Township residents don't want county's trash

By **ADAM PINSKER**  
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Residents in and around a northern Hamilton County town are worried about a proposal to build a solid-waste transfer station on U.S. 31 between 226th and 236th streets.

The site is 4.5 miles west of Cicero, a town of about 5,000 on Morse Reservoir. The **Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals** is scheduled to take the proposal up again at 7 p.m. July 18. Due to the large crowd expected, the meeting has been moved from Town Hall to the Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St.

Local resident Mike Scherer is worried about the smell and traffic the trash station would create. "When you have a tourist community, right – we have a beautiful reservoir, amazing recreation, boats, all these things – and they're planning on putting a waste transfer station with all these trucks coming from Noblesville and Westfield."

**Ace Paving**, a Westfield company, is asking for a zoning variance to convert what is now a metal scrap yard into the trash



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**A Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting involving the proposed solid waste transfer station has garnered so much public interest that the BZA has moved the meeting to a larger venue. Details are below.**

transfer station.

Brian Moench of **Moench Engineering**, of Plainfield, is representing ACE Paving. He says workers would sort through trash at the facility, picking through the recyclables and sending the rest to landfills.

"IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) has very strict requirements about what is being handled in these facilities. Liquid waste,

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The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals public hearing set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., will convene as scheduled.

Due to the anticipated number of attendees, the BZA will then conduct a vote to relocate the hearing to the Red Bridge Park Community Building, 50 Red Bridge Park (697 W. Jackson St.), Cicero. The hearing will reconvene at approximately 7:20 p.m. at the Red Bridge Community Building.

None of the petitions on the BZA's agenda or any other business will be considered until after the hearing is relocated to the Red Bridge Community Building. This step is being taken due to public safety concerns given that the anticipated crowd will exceed Town Hall's capacity under the Fire Code. It will also allow the BZA to ensure all are afforded their due process rights to attend the hearing and be heard.

# "How I Broke This," episode 8: Westfield Wingless Chicken Ranch

**INTRODUCTION**  
 V.O.: Ineptitude ... Failure ... Inanity ... Stupidity ... **MURDER!** ... **MURDER!!!** ... **MURDER!!!** This is *How I Broke This*.

**SFX:** (cartoonish broken spring) **BO-INGGGGGGGG.**

**GUY RAZZ:** I'm Guy Razz, host of *How I Broke This*. Not to be confused with that other podcast by that other guy, Guy Raz, called *How I Built This*. Welcome to my narrative journey about business ineptitude and the failed leaders who failed to learn from their failures. Listen as my guests reveal what led to their crushed entrepreneurial spirits – and hopefully, they'll reference a murder or two to boost my dismal ratings.

**V.O.:** **MURDER!** ... **MURDER!** ... **MURDER!!!**

**GUY:** Our guest today is Lagina Bleeding-Heart, founder of the former Westfield Wingless Chicken Ranch.

**LAGINA:** I'm a huge Razz Head, so it's a thrill to be here (here) (here) (here). I had no idea your podcast studio was in your backyard (yard) (yard) (yard). I didn't expect so much echo (echo) (echo) (echo).

**GUY:** Well ... we are inside an aluminum shed (shed) (shed) (shed). It landed here two tornado seasons ago (ago) (ago) (ago). When the storm cleared, I saw it standing here right-side up and immediately thought, **PODCAST STUDIO** (studio) (studio) (studio). I always wanted to have my own podcast. It's not exactly Marc Maron's garage, I know, but clearly the shed was a sign from God (god) (god) (god). Pardon me while slide open the rusty door some. That usually eases the echo.

**SFX:** God-awful fingernails on chalkboard sound.

**GUY:** There. Perfect. So, for starters, what in the world is a wingless chicken ranch?

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SCOTT SAALMAN  
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# Family Promise invites you to become part of the family



Photo provided

On Sunday, July 21 from 1 to 3 p.m., Family Promise of Hamilton County will hold a "family reunion" at Shelter No. 5 at Noblesville's Forest Park. This event will be a great opportunity for fellowship and to learn about the mission of Family Promise of Hamilton County. Please plan to attend and enjoy games, hot dogs, and lots of fun. Family Promise of Hamilton County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity in Hamilton County. You can learn more about the organization and its mission at [familypromisehamiltoncountyin.org](http://familypromisehamiltoncountyin.org).

# Westfield moves historic "Green Building," making room for State Road 32 project

By **REYNA REVELLE**  
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"The Green Building" in Westfield is on the move ... very ... slowly.

The historic structure at 102 S. Union St. isn't going far. It's going right next door.

Linda Naas, a board member of Westfield Preservation Alliance, said Wednesday, "The last thing it was a dance studio. There's always been a business going on in there ... While all the buildings around it were burnt down at some point in history, this building, never. It stood all the time."

From a drugstore to a popular eatery, the building has

a legacy spanning from the mid-1800s to the early 1990s. "The Green Building" played a significant role in Westfield's community life and was a focal point of commerce.

"If you go upstairs, upstairs was the living quarters, and the pharmacist lived up there," Naas said. "But, you can see the original wallpaper from the 1800s. Different floral patterns; so, that's quite neat."

The current plan for the building is to undergo restoration to the time period in which it originated.

Naas said, "It was updated overtime. Like this greensiding,



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

See *Move* . . . Page 2 The Green Building is all jacked up and ready to roll.



# Bed Race detours past construction

*Donors ensured local kids can participate in summer programs*

**The REPORTER**

For more than a decade, the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's (BGCN) annual Bed Race has taken place on the downtown Noblesville square to "put school to bed and race into summer."

Sadly, the decision was made to postpone this year's race due to construction congestion and uncertainties that would affect the race that takes place along North 9th Street in front of the Courthouse.

However, that did not change the fact that critical funds were still needed to provide summer programs to youth in the community. Many of which require scholarship assistance to attend Club Daybreak or Camp Crosser – support which the Bed Race has helped provide for the past 10 years.

While there were not hundreds of on-lookers lining the street to cheer on their favorite team of bed racers, the Club was able to raise \$18,000 thanks to the generosity of many donors who made the decision to invest in our local youth.

"Detouring the Bed Race this year was not only a hard decision to make but was also a risky one," BGCN Director of Club Operations Abigail Stutesman said. "The Bed Race and other initiatives like it, drive our ability to support families in need of financial assistance. We have been overwhelmed with the support the community provided to push us well past our fundraising finish line!"

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# WINGLESS

LAGINA: A refuge. Did you know that 1.45 billion chicken wings were devoured in the U.S. during the last Super Bowl? It's quite diabolical, really, this conspiracy involving an under-the-table pact between the NFL and the FFN.

GUY: FFN?  
LAGINA: Factory Farm Nation. Think about it, Guy. 1.45 billion chicken wings equates to 72,500,000 innocent wingless chickens being robbed of their God-given right to fly.

GUY: I didn't even know chickens could fly.

LAGINA: The longest recorded flight of a modern chicken lasted 13 seconds for a distance of just over 300 feet.

GUY: 300 feet? Wow, Boeing can't even build an aircraft to stay up that long.

LAGINA: The plight of these poor wingless chickens plumb broke my vegan heart. I had to do something to fight these Tyson tycoon types and help put the spotlight on these maimed creatures. So, we bought a ranch.

GUY: Your husband was OK with this?

LAGINA: I'm 45 years younger than Virgil. He lets me get away with murder.

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

GUY: Funny that you mention murder. Per chance, Mrs. Bleeding-Heart, have you ever committed a murder? People love murder podcasts. I sure could use a ratings bump.

LAGINA: Sorry, Guy, but no. When I first met Virgil, he was a meat eater. It only took one date to turn him vegan - this at a German restaurant even!!! I Wiener schnitzel-shamed him.

GUY: Your organization was the world's first non-profit 501(c)(3) to provide food, adoptions, and technical training to wingless chickens. Training? Really?

LAGINA: Chickens are intelligent. We taught them to use their beaks to play tic-tac-toe, thus providing employment opportunities with the traveling carnival circuit. Some learned to play checkers and were promoted to the popular Pecker Checkers carny booth.

GUY: How popular was your Adopt A Wingless Chicken program?

LAGINA: The first



Photo provided

Thanks to bone-in wing fans like Scott, there is probably a waiting list for the wingless chicken ranch.

month, we adopted out 10,000 wingless chickens. It doubled the second month. Tripled the third! I thought we were going to surpass the pandemic puppy craze. Unfortunately, to my horror, I learned that our chickens were actually being adopted by a buyer for a McDonald's franchise.

GUY: Don't tell me ...

LAGINA: Yes, although a wingless chicken might not have wings, it still has its precious nuggets! I realized I had become an unwitting cog in the grinder wheel of our Meat Eating Nation. Now, because I meddled with the fast food chain,

somewhere out there, there are thousands of homeless chickens that not only are wingless but they also suffer the indignity of not even having their nuggets. PETA picketed us.

GUY: So, the Chicken Nugget was your downfall?

LAGINA: Not totally, Guy. I was so busy rescuing wingless chickens that I neglected Virgil. He left the house a lot. I accidentally found him hiding in our bedroom closet. He looked surprised. I pulled him out. I hugged him. Broken-spirited, I needed his comfort. I kissed his old man lips despite him trying to pull away. He looked guilty about something. That's when I had my first taste of lemon pepper sauce! Virgil had been sneaking carry-out bags of chicken wings into our house like contraband. One taste of his lemon peppered lips and I was hooked! There are so many tasty sauces: buffalo, barbecue, honey mustard, teriyaki, garlic parmesan ... NASVILLE HOT WINGS! After that, I couldn't get enough chicken wings! Veganism is for the birds! Due to my conflicting emotions, I couldn't in good conscience provide refuge for wingless chickens whose wings I was eating.

GUY: Lagina, the interview isn't over. Why are you leaving?

LAGINA: Sorry, Guy. I'm late for the grand opening of Westfield Hot Wings and Chicken Necks, our new business venture.

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# MOVE

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Photo provided by Teresa Skelton

it's not going to look like that. That was put on probably in the late 1990s, but it will be restored per the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines. It will be restored to what it was ... We hope that the public can see it, can touch it, and can say, 'Oh, that's how they used to build.' There's no nails or screws or things in the building. It's all wood construction, made out of trees that grew over 400 years ago."

Beams were slid under the structure to secure the journey to its new location. The plan is to move the building across the street. That will come later down the road.

The move will make way for the **reconstruction of State Road 32**.

Johnathon Nail, director of Westfield Public Works, said Wednesday, "The State Road 32 reconstruction

project is going to widen 32 through downtown, which impacted our historic district. We worked through a mitigation plan, which included moving this building out of conflict with the project."

Jennifer Beck, a project manager for the Indiana Department of Transportation, said, "We'll have to take the signal out and move all that equipment out of the way to move the building. That will only be a day that's impacted for the move."

Leaders say the move and the road reconstruction will highlight Westfield's commitment to honoring heritage while undergoing urban planning and infrastructure improvements.

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biohazard, biomedical waste, medical waste, hazardous waste are strictly prohibited," Moensch said.

The trash would be coming from homes and businesses in Hamilton County, which had an **estimated population of more than 371,600 in 2023**. Each trash load would be in the transfer station for no longer than 24 hours.

"This facility is fully enclosed, so as the collection trucks come in and want to unload their refuse, it's on an 8- to 10-inch concrete slab with sealed joints," Mo-

ench said. A self-contained plumbing system will prevent waste from leaching into the watershed.

Indiana Department of Transportation is addressing the traffic issues that could arise from more trucks on the road.

Moensch said, "There is a new frontage road being constructed. That frontage road is being constructed to the standards of heavy truck traffic."

Kelei Baker Leak said the Cicero town government invited only a handful

of residents to its last hearing about the proposal. She thinks more time is needed for discussion, especially for a project that could alter the landscape.

"What wants to snuggle up to a waste transfer station? Not many businesses want to build by that, for the noise, for the excess traffic, for the smell," she said.

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# BED RACE

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This summer, the Club will make a difference in the lives of more than 750 kids who will take part in programs that focus on Good Character & Citizenship, Academic Success, and Healthy, Active Lifestyles. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club, visit [BGCNI.org](http://BGCNI.org).

## About BGCN

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for

members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health, and physical development.

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# From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 131

I hope that you are enjoying a wonderful summer! We have been busy in the district preparing for the new school year which starts on Tuesday, Aug. 6 – less than a month away!

Hamilton Heights Elementary School is in the process of preparing to become an Indiana Purple Star School. This designation honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our nation's military. It also lets military parents know, whether they are on Active Duty, in the National Guard, Reserves, or no longer actively serving, that a school is dedicated to helping their child gain the educational skills necessary to be college-, work- and life-ready. It additionally indicates that a school supports the social and emotional wellbeing of military kids adjusting to new schools and the absence of a parent during deployment.

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

as Purple Star Schools, we need input from our military parents. If you are serving in the military and work at Heights or have children attending Heights, [click here](#) to complete the short questionnaire. Thank you for your time and assistance with this endeavor.

I am pleased to share Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 honorees who include Tony Cook ('69), Hamilton Heights' Undeclared Football Team ('70), Tracey (Money) Million ('88), Zack Bardonner ('98), and Austin Etherington ('11). A special luncheon followed by the induction ceremony is set for noon on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Inductees will be given a metal display and their names and pictures proudly displayed in the Athletic Hall of Fame in the Athletic Center. Tickets for the ceremony and lunch are \$10. Contact Mitch Street for more information and/or tickets at [mstreet@hh-schuski.org](mailto:mstreet@hh-schuski.org) or call (317) 984-3551 ext. 1092.

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If your child uses Heights' transportation and you have changes (i.e., address, are attending before or after care, or will no longer be riding the bus) or have questions related to your child's bus route, now is the time to contact our Transportation Department at (317) 984-8404. Bus routes are currently being created to best optimize service, ride time, and efficiency based on bus capacities, stop locations, and the number of students at each stop. Our drivers will be contacting parents of bus riders the first week of August to ensure an accurate count of riders, pick up and drop of points, and approximate times for their riders to help us better serve the families in our district.  
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As a reminder, the Hamilton County Health Department will be hosting a back-to-school vaccination clinic at Hamilton Heights Middle School from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31 as part of the Husky Connect Day. [Click here](#) to register and learn more about what you need to know about your child receiving a vaccination at this event.  
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The community is in-

vited to attend the 11th annual **Prayer Breakfast** on Friday, Aug. 2 at the Middle School Café beginning at 7 a.m. A light breakfast will be served with the program beginning at 7:30 a.m. Music will be provided by the Cicero United Family Wesleyan Church with Pastor Allen Gross. This year's speaker is Chuck Lofton, a well-known and award-winning meteorologist and feature reporter for WTHR-TV in Indianapolis. He has been a part of the 13News Sunrise team since the very first show in September 1985. Kindly bring Capri Sun pouches or individual juice bottles to donate to the Hamilton Heights' Backpack program. The event is hosted by the Heights Area Pastors in conjunction with HHSC.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you in August for the start of another incredible school year!  
**#WeAreHuskies**

# Fishers Century Club invites community guys to July 16 meeting

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club has announced its upcoming meeting set for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16 at the Club Co-Working / Knowledge Services building in the recreation event room, located at 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Fishers.

As the Fishers Century Club continues to grow its presence and impact within the community, its members warmly welcome new attendees to join for an evening of networking, engagement, and community-building. This is an excellent opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and contribute to the positive momentum of the organization.

"Our goal is to increase awareness of worthy local charitable groups, while boosting attendance to ensure our charity crowd-giving funds continue to grow," Club Founder Adam Kallick said. "Whether you are a



long-time resident or new to the area, we encourage you to be a part of our club."

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit [FishersCenturyClub.com](http://FishersCenturyClub.com). To participate in the crowd-giving group online, visit the club's Grapevine site at [this link](#).

### About Fishers Century Club

The Fishers Century Club is a group of individuals committed to making a positive impact on the local community. Through collective giving and active participation, the club aims to support and uplift deserving charities, ultimately contributing to the betterment of Fishers and the local community.



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# Indiana welcomes Veterans: INvets relocates more than 400 Vets & families to the Hoosier State

## Relocation of vets & families brings millions of dollars of economic impact

### The REPORTER

INvets, a leading organization that supports veterans in their transition to civilian careers, has successfully relocated 490 veterans and their families to Indiana.

This initiative, which resulted in a substantial economic impact of \$9 million for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) underscores Indiana's growing appeal as a destination for veterans and their families seeking post-service opportunities. It also highlights the pivotal role of INvets in facilitating these transitions.

"These results not only show how attractive Indiana is to veterans and their families post-service but are also a testament to the amazing work the team at INvets does and will continue to do to help their fellow veterans

find great careers and communities in Indiana," INvets President and CEO Blaine Zimmerman said.

INvets visits military bases nationwide to connect with transitioning veterans, highlighting career and community opportunities in Indiana. In fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023), 404 veterans and their families relocated to Indiana, marking a 21 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. This influx generated a \$6.2 million economic impact statewide, a 45 percent rise from the previous fiscal year.

"Leaving the Marine Corps, INvets introduced me to a network of fellow veterans who made my transition from military life to Indiana feel effortless," said Wyatt Nelson, who



relocated from Kentucky to Westfield in July 2023. "Their unwavering support and extensive resources for veterans and their families post-service are truly unparalleled. It's a big reason why so many of us are choosing to make Indiana our new home."

INvets data shows veterans and their families moved to 46 counties across the state this year, with Marion, Allen, and Hamilton being the top three counties

they moved to. This widespread relocation represents a significant influx of new residents and a robust injection into the state's economy. Each family's relocation contributes approximately \$50,000 to the local economy, encompassing various expenditures such as housing, utilities, groceries, and other essentials.

"I am so proud of INvets' efforts to help veterans and their families once they've served our country," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The fact that these veterans are choosing Indiana as a place to live and work is a testament to the quality-of-life Hoosier communities work hard to create and maintain."

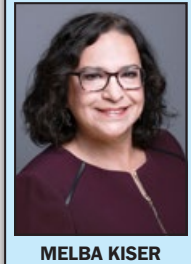
INvets collaborates with more than 630 companies statewide to link veterans with exceptional career opportunities, while also assisting them in selecting the ideal community to support their families. By partnering with businesses and local organizations, INvets has created a robust network that facilitates career placements and ensures veterans and their families thrive in their new homes.

### About INvets

INvets, founded by veterans for veterans, aids in transitioning to civilian life, focusing on job placement and finding the right community for veterans and their families to ensure their success and happiness. For more information about INvets and its initiatives, visit [invets.org](http://invets.org).

# Where are we with civics?

### COLUMNIST



MELBA KISER

While I normally cover the school board or library meetings, this month I want to focus on a specific course that I believe has the potential to have a long-lasting impact on our students and our communities.

In March of this year, I wrote about the return to civics education in our schools. That legislation was authored by former State Representative Tony Cook. It took three attempts to get the bill passed into law.

Based on the discussions at the Statehouse, it is my opinion that some of the goals behind this legislation were to teach our children about the thinking behind how our government was designed, start to overturn some of the negative feelings of what America stands for, and return a sense of duty to our community and our country. The purpose of having that class taught in the sixth grade was to inform our kids earlier and have an alternative to what they may hear elsewhere about our country.

Let me recap some of the standards that were developed by the Indiana Department of Education, as they are extensive.

Students are to learn the key principles and purposes of government as stated in the Preamble to the United States Constitution, identify and explain essential ideas of constitutional government, and explain the concept of separation of powers and how and why these powers are distributed, shared, and limited in the constitutional government of the United States. Standards included the teaching

of the primary and general election process for local, state, and national offices as well as identifying the three branches of the United States government and explaining the functions of each.

Included is a section explaining the major purposes of the Indiana Constitution. Last but not least is a discussion of the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Every school corporation had to internalize these standards and develop a curriculum around them.

Our first set of sixth-grade students just finished the first civics course this year. This would be a great time to ask those students what they learned in this class.

For some of you, it will help to reinforce the behaviors of a good citizen that you are teaching your children, for others it can serve as a reminder of what you learned when you were in class, and for a few, it may help to clarify what you think civics entails. Finally, every parent, grandparent, aunt, and uncle can give feedback to the middle school teachers about the curriculum.

Since this is the first class to go through this civics course this is a great time to make adjustments if they are needed.

For a more detailed look at the entire civics standards, please go to [tinyurl.com/2023CivicsStandards](http://tinyurl.com/2023CivicsStandards).

Melba Kiser is an outspoken advocate for financial responsibility and transparency in government at all levels. Her column appears at least once each month in The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

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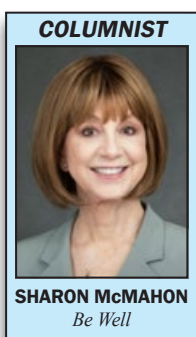


# The more you move, the longer you'll live

"Long may you run, long may you run, although these changes have come." — Young/Stills

Longevity ... a popular word these days. Would that I had a dollar (inflation, you know ...) for every time I hear that word used in talk, news, and print formats. Of course, this focus is due in large part to us baby boomers who have fully realized that we cannot take mental acuity and physical stamina for granted. (For those Neil Young fans out there, yes I know that he wrote this song about his car, so please excuse the use of artistic license here!)

It is a well-known fact that moderate exercise can help prevent slowing processes that come with age, as it enhances blood flow to the brain (which can reduce the risk of stroke). It also improves cognitive processing and slows down the degeneration of the nervous system. The key to a fitness plan is to not think of it as short-term punishment that you have to "put up with" but to make it part of your daily routine. After a few weeks it will become second na-



COLUMNIST

SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

ture to you. Additionally, it is important to remember that you only have to lose a small amount to see large health benefits. Losing just 5 to 10 percent of your body weight can lower blood pressure, cut your risk of diabetes and heart disease, and lower your intake of bad cholesterol. Social interaction and mind-boosting activities are also vital to your longevity.

Let's see ... what is an activity in which most of us participate every day? Could it be ... walking?! This simple act will bring significant benefits to your heart and your weight. If you aim for 10,000 steps per day (or even less) you will feel the difference. And if you feel like skipping — go for it and increase your calorie burning! The key to a plan or program which will keep you focused on activity is to find what you enjoy, vary your activities by biking, dancing, swimming — or whatever keeps you moving.

Don't forget the resistance training which can raise the metabolic rate by about 30 to 50 calories per

day. Over a three-month period, appropriate training will produce about three-pound of muscle which will boost your resting metabolic rate by about 7 percent. Do you have a favorite TV or internet program you watch two to three times each week? Make that your resistance training time as well while you watch or listen to your program!

Many of you who read my column regularly know that I am passionate about the importance of flexibility training for your body. Without it, none of the above suggestions will give you maximum results and can lead to injury. Your joints can tighten and become thicker as you age, but flexibility exercises can help increase mobility. Bending, rotating, and extending your joints prevents injury so choose a good, gentle stretching regimen four or five days a week. The key word is *gentle* with no vigorous forward or side twists.

One of the best books I have read of late which address cognitive decline in particular is Dr. Sanjay Gupta's *Keep Sharp*, which is a comprehensive but very readable explanation on how our brains age and what we can and should do

to make the most of our brain health. Dr. Gupta is a world-renowned surgeon and neurologist who succinctly states the case.

My most important recommendation, before implementing any of the suggestions mentioned above, is that you have a complete physical to determine any contraindications to any of these activities. In particular, if you are over 50 years of age and have had little or no physical activity for some time, please begin with your physician's examination which can address or uncover issues which may help you to plan your fitness program.

The key to your success lies within you; find activities that help you feel better, look better, and increase your energy and longevity. And, dear Readers, although these changes may have come ... *long may you run!*

<sup>1</sup>Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

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

## Hear from Alexander & Heirbrandt at next Westfield GOP meeting

### The REPORTER

The Westfield GOP will welcome County Councilman Ken Alexander and County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt to this month's meeting.



Alexander

Alexander and Heirbrandt will provide updates on various county projects.

The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23 at the Viking Meadows Clubhouse, 15757 Viking Meadows Drive, Westfield. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [westfieldingop@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldingop@gmail.com).



Heirbrandt

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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Welcome to the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation May 2024 Newsletter covering Military, Veteran Community (MVC) activities here in Hamilton County.

Listed below are the Hamilton County American Legion and VFW Posts located in our neighborhoods. Please stop in and see what they are doing not only for our MVC but for your neighborhoods. If you are in the Military, a Veteran or just want to help, come in and let's talk about joining our community

so we may continue assisting and caring for our Military, Veterans, their families and our whole community! Each Post offers not only a Service Officer to assist our Veterans in filing claims or seeking financial help when needed, but they are always searching for ways to reach into their local communities to assist and donate their time and money to events, special groups, non-profits who also care for our neighbors. To continue doing all they do for our communities, they need

our continued support by coming into their Posts and enjoying time there with friends and family. They are our local family-oriented Bar & Grill with food, drinks, games and plenty of space to host personal parties, or you may rent space for meetings or events to support local activities. Some Posts are open to the public every day while others are open on specific days for food, games, fun and they all look forward to serving you.

As of January, 2024, the Posts that are

completely SMOKE FREE, inside, are the Carmel American Legion, Carmel VFW and Noblesville VFW. The Fishers American Legion allows smoking in their enclosed bar area, the rest is non-smoking. The Noblesville American Legion allows smoking in the small game room which is a separate building out front, the Post and meeting rooms are smoke free!! The Sheridan and Cicero American Legions still allow smoking in their Posts.

## Carmel American Legion Post 155

852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032

317-846-0001 Commander Kim Kilburn

Post Hours M-Tu 3-10 W-Th 10-10 F-S 10-11, Su 12-8 - Public is welcome Tu, Thurs & Fri, lunch W-F 11-2, dinner Thur-Fri 5-8 & Breakfast every Sat & Sun 8am-12pm

Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm

Website & Calendar - <https://post155.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679>

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special gaming events like Texas Hold Em, Bingo, their jackpot totals and game day specials

• Euchre is every Tuesday night at 7pm and the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm

• Treasure Hunt drawing every Friday 7pm

• They have a weekly draw on Wednesday at 7pm

• Pull Tabs are available every day at the bar!!

• Post Service Officer may be reached at [postserviceofficer@post155.org](mailto:postserviceofficer@post155.org) if you need assistance

• Room Rentals call 317-846-0001 for the Post Manager. They have 3 rooms large enough for 150 people plus outdoor space.

## Cicero American Legion 341

50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In

317-984-4441 Commander Tye Anderson

M-Th 3-10pm, F-Sa 12-11pm, Sun 12-10pm

Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 730pm

Kitchen hours are 4-8pm Tues Wed Fri Sun eat in or order food to go

Public is welcome Mon, Fri & Sat and for their Treasure Hunt at 7pm Tuesdays

Website and calendar - <https://cicerolegion341.org/events/>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/cicerolegion341>

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & Treasure Hunt results

• Weekly drawings are Sundays 6pm, Wednesdays 7pm, Fridays 8pm

• Euchre tournaments are Mondays at 7pm and Saturdays at 4pm

• Bingo is every Friday, 6pm for Early Bingo and 6:30 for Bingo

• Post Service Officer Mary Ringer may be reached by calling the Post at 317-984-4441 if you need assistance

## Fishers American Legion Post 470

9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In

317-842-5944 Commander Pat Menc

M 12-10, Sa 3-11, Tu, W, Th, Su 12-11, F 12-12 – Open to the public but only members & signed in guests may order alcohol

Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm

Food is served 1-9pm Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri

Website and calendar is <https://legion470fishers.org/index.php?id=1>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FishersLegionPost470>

• Bingo is Sunday at 1:00pm and Tuesday 6:00pm

• Texas Holdem is Every Friday at 5pm

• Treasure Hunt is on Fridays at 8pm (\$26,600)

• Pool Tournaments are at 6pm, 8 ball 2nd Saturdays, 9 ball 4th Saturdays of the month and American Poolplayers Assoc 7pm Wed & Thurs

• Pull Tabs are available at the bar every day

• Every month the Aux schedules a euchre tournament to raise funds for a local non-profit to help our community

• Pay attention to Facebook and their calendar for live music dates, times

• Room rental space is available – email Rhonda.

[Cree78@gmail.com](mailto:Cree78@gmail.com)

• Post Service Officer Greg Cyrus may be reached at 317-698-3745 if you need assistance

## Noblesville American Legion Post 45

273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060

317-773-9985 Commander Gil Soria

M-Th 11-10pm F 11-12 Sa 12-12pm, Su 12-8pm

Meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 7pm

Food is served 4-9pm Tues – Sat

Meeting location of the



Public is welcome for food and games plus every Saturday of the month and some Fridays Website - <https://www.noblesvilleamericanlegionpost45.com/>

Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063496781153>

• Veteran Peer Support Group w/MASH Ministries – Mondays 7pm

• Coffee With A Vet – Wednesdays from 9-11am

• Treasure Hunt drawings are every Friday 6:45pm – Public is welcome (\$7,680)

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for updates and special events like Music Bingo, Shuffleboard, Trivia

• Rental space is available as well as the kitchen – Event Building holds 49 people. Contact [huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com](mailto:huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com) or call 317-773-9985

• Post Service Officer may be reached on their website link above if you need assistance

## Sheridan American Legion Post 67

406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

317-758-5007 Commander Tom DeShon

Hours M-F 3-close, Sat 12-close, Su 1-6p

Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Food service - lunch from 11am-2pm Tu, Wed, Thurs & Fri, after lunch bar food (fries, burgers, etc) is available. Public is welcome for lunch and games

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ALPost67/>

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for everything

• Lunch specials posted weekly

• Treasure Hunt Friday night at 7pm – Public welcome

• Bingo 2nd & 4th Thursdays 630pm early bird, 7pm start

• Events for the community you can help with...

• Post Service Officer may be reached after they find a qualified member to help Veterans

# VFW Information

## Carmel VFW Post 10003

12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032

317-846-0917 Commander Darin Bibeau

Sun - Thurs 11-10pm, F & Sa 11-12am

Meetings the 2nd Monday of the month at 630pm

Kitchen serves lunch specials 11-2pm with food service till 8pm. They have a great breakfast every other Saturday. Public is welcome in for food and anytime when signed in with a member.

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CarmelVFW>

• Check their Facebook page for their weekly updates, lunch specials, music and special events

• Poker is Tues, Fri & Sun noon-midnight, dealers provided, food snacks & drinks available

• Thursdays 7pm is their Treasure Hunt – open to the public

• Post Service Officer Shawn Ransford may be reached at [shawn.ransford@va.gov](mailto:shawn.ransford@va.gov) if you need assistance

• Contact [carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com](mailto:carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com) to rent space for your special events

## Cicero VFW

Meets at the Cicero American Legion Post, 50 Washington Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

## Noblesville VFW Post 6246

Noblesville VFW Post 6246

654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060

317-773-9956 Commander Eric Behrens

M-Th 3-8p, F 2-10p, Sa 12-10p, Su 12-8p

Meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 11am

Food service is available Mon & Fri 6-9pm & public is welcome

No Website/calendar but they have a Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/post6246/>

• Bingo every Friday at 7pm and the public is welcome

• Karaoke is every Saturday 7pm and the public is welcome

• Queen of Hearts is every Wednesday 7pm and the public is welcome

• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & food specials

• Post Service Officer Linda Behrens may be reached at 317-773-9956 if you need assistance

## We are working to eliminate Veteran suicide here in Hamilton County and you can help

The 'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' Coalition on the Prevention of Suicide in Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers has been a collaborative effort since late 2021 to reduce the number of veteran suicides in Hamilton County. Under the umbrella and leadership of A Healthier Hamilton County: Systems of Care, anyone is welcome to join the Coalition who is interested in preventing suicide. Members include veteran-serving organizations, non-profits, local government, and other entities throughout the county including volunteers and veterans and service members themselves.

The coalition has teamed up with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and will be launching the Governor's Challenge to fight suicide in Veterans here in Hamilton County. We are working collaboratively to leverage all resources for our service members, veterans, and their families to bring meaning and value to their lives. We plan to do this through three the Pillars of the Governor's Challenge – 1. Identifying the service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers, 2. connecting them to resources no matter the level of need, and 3. promoting safety for those in a suicidal crisis.

How will we do all this? We need everyone's help!

The Ask The Question Initiative is part of the Governor's Challenge and has become part of our Plan in Hamilton County. Five local entities have partially launched our Pilot Group and we plan to close that gap soon. We will then promote the initiative to the community, asking that any person-serving organization go through the Ask The Question Initiative process.

The key to Ask The Question is changing how we identify Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers in our county. We encourage and will help organizations change their current identification question to the more inclusive "Have you or a family member ever served in the US Military?". If the answer to that broader question is yes, the person will be provided with a QR code that will start the process of linking them to resources.

There are a myriad of resources available for those who are serving, have served, or are related to or caring for someone who was/is in the US Military. The Ask The Question Initiative will help those folks link to helpful resources from the multiple Dimensions of Wellness and

Social Determinants of Health. As we know, mental health is impacted by other aspects, and stressors, of our lives. As we identify those in or adjacent to the military and connect them to resources, the community, and one another, potential suicidal crises decrease.

We have built a team and grown alongside the Governor's Challenge with the IDVA, who we recently requested funding to further our projects in here Hamilton County. We were encouraged to think BIG with our ideas and include those organizations that currently serve our Military Veteran community to incorporate their ideas in our 12-24-month strategic plan. This plan will include our Coalition working hand in hand with many community partners to reach our Military and Veterans who are not connected. We will introduce them to those who will get them their benefits and resources they have earned, helping them be more connected thus building stronger Veterans through stronger communities. The more we all know about where to get the benefits and resources we need to address our issues/needs the stronger more connected we all will be!!

Speaking of resources, our partner, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp (HCVC) is hosting a Hamilton County Community Resource Fair July 20, 2024, from 11am to 3pm at the Noblesville Schools Community Center 1775 Field Drive at the north end of the stadium at Noblesville High School. This resource fair is not just for our Military Veteran Community (MVC), it's for all our Hamilton County neighbors! Sure, maybe 30 resources are specific for our MVC but there will be over 85 resources setup inside and outside the community center to help us all live a more fulfilled life right here in Hamilton County. Bring a Veteran, bring a neighbor!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can work with the 'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' Coalition to prevent suicide in Hamilton County's service members and veterans, email [kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypshc.org](mailto:kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypshc.org).

If you are a Veteran or Active Military and wish to become a member of the Hamilton County Veterans Corp, please send an email to [secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com) so you too may help us help our MVC. Our dues is only \$25/mo and we meet the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the Fishers American Legion 9091 E 126th St in their big American Room. See you there!

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Please call to setup an appointment or walk in as your Hamilton County Veteran

Service Officers are ready to help our Military, Veterans and families in the following areas:

• Obtaining your DD-214 military discharge

• Discharge Review

• Filing claims for service-connected disability or nonservice connected pensions

• Education benefits

• Survivor Benefits

• VA Medical Care

• G.I. Bill Benefits

• Vocational Rehabilitation

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• Motor Vehicle License Plates

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



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# Present your business at Showcase & Taste of Westfield

## The REPORTER

The second annual Showcase & Taste of Westfield will be here before you know it.

On Oct. 3 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Grand Park, exhibitors at the Showcase and Taste of Westfield will have the opportunity to put their businesses on display and connect with businesses and potential customers at one of the Westfield Chamber's largest networking events of the year.

This event is open to the public. Last year saw a successful turn out at the inaugural Showcase & Taste,

and more people are expected to attend this year.

All types of businesses can participate in the event; exhibitors include restaurants, service and healthcare providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, food providers, and more. Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food service establishments are invited to provide menu tastings as well.

Click here to register for the event and to find more information on exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities.



# Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's June Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to County Council public, personnel committee, and Regional Development Commission meetings, June work included a joint meeting with the Commissioners, a county benefits and insurance update meeting, participating in a Council Commissioner Joint working session, watching a Board of Commissioners public meeting, participating in the quarterly County and Cicero departments project update meeting, attending a Noblesville City Council meeting, participating in a Sheriff's department 2025 compensation planning review meeting and attending a Cicero Town council meeting.



\*\*\* This month, along with other RDC members, we approved how the Police & Fire Training Center project would be paid for. My expectation is that the completed project build will be within budget. I also expect future requests for water rescue training capability and a driving course to come before the RDC or full County Council. For now, we are building a nice facility that will allow public safety departments to train locally, coordinate between agencies, and provide for a safer Hamilton County. \*\*\*

June's personnel committee meeting included a handful of reclassifications and compensation adjustments for staff. Positions were reviewed from both the Sheriff's department and the 911 Communications Department. These changes were based on a review internally and an outside review by the county's independent benefits and compensation vendor.

A substantial portion of the personnel committee meeting was dedicated to 2025 compensation budget reviews for Corrections and Sheriff staff. At issue is salary parity with competing agencies and ensuring competitive starting compensation. I am extremely impressed with the detail work and analysis performed by our Human Resources team, the Sheriff and his leadership team, as well as the counties compensation and benefits consultant.

The in-depth analysis included competitive government agencies and com-

parable-sized county governments in state and out of state. Subsequently, I've checked third party sources and thoroughly reviewed the requests independently myself. The level of complexity and detail required a special follow-up personnel meeting just to address the 2025 compensation budget for our public safety professionals. It has been a big investment of time this past month.

Personnel requests are voted on as they occur, first, in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee. Departments 2025 compensation will be part of the annual budget process taken up by the council in September. Department budget requests are in process and due to the Auditors office soon. The Finance committee did not meet in June. \*\*\*

This month there were several taxpayer requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer.

June's first two requests were asking about safety and police patrols at Morse Beach Park. The constituents had observed large "rowdy" parties at the park on the weekends. Further, one witnessed vandalism of park property. I alerted our parks department officials as well as law enforcement asking for repairs and increased patrols on the weekends.

I received two questions about property taxes and the appeals process. After walking both through their property tax calculations, both have been referred to the

assessor's office to appeal their assessments.

Lastly, folks from Sheridan contacted me regarding their water bills increasing dramatically over the past two years. After much discussion, I connected these neighbors with the State office that oversees utilities. \*\*\*

This month, it was an honor to represent you on WIBC radio and at the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis meeting. \*\*\*

Tragically, in June, we unexpectedly lost a talented public safety team member. Stefanie Pickett, a dedicated and beloved dispatcher passed away unexpectedly. Please join me in offering condolences to her family, friends, and coworkers. \*\*\*

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 18. There are many projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.



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# Noblesville Lions Club elects new officers



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At their meeting on Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions inducted the new 2024-25 officers. The new Lion year began July 1 and runs to June 30 each year. New officers include: President – Jeff Kozicki, 1st VP – Hayden Parsons, 2nd VP – Julie Davis, Secretary – Steve Shaw, Treasurer – Cheryl Helton, Membership – Walt Scheid, Marketing/Communications – Jake Doll, Tail Twister – Josh Kozicki, Lion Tamer – Jen Carr, Chaplain – John Grimes, Service Chairperson – Kim Luckey, Fund Raising Chair – Jeff Kozicki, LCIF Coordinator – Julia Kozicki, and Board of Directors – Joe Arrowood, Joe Connerley, Krys Keller, and Mark Bachar.

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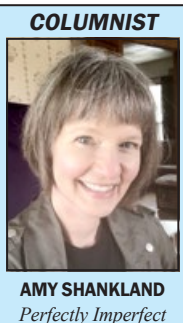
Joyful workplaces perform better than others. They're more productive, less stressful, energetic, and downright fun. They attract fresh talent. People who work in a positive company or organization look forward to their jobs and usually want to stick around.

These companies stand out, grow, and often beat the competition. Joyful workplaces don't just keep the positivity on the inside – they spread it to their customers and to everyone they encounter.

After reading this series and learning from the research, stories, and examples of how to bring joy to the workplace, I must leave you with an important final point. Once you have that positivity at work, you and hopefully the others you've spread that joy to must make a commitment to ensure it continues and grows for years – no, hopefully decades – to come.

Don't forget what you've learned in these columns, toss your notes, and ignore everything. Start your plan tomorrow, even if it's just a small step, and don't let up.

Mark your calendar to remind yourself to bring joy to your surroundings, a coworker, a customer, and/



AMY SHANKLAND  
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or a networking event at least once a week. Set up weekly, monthly, or yearly reminders until bringing joy becomes a habit.

As I said in the beginning, you don't have to do everything in this series to make a difference both in and outside of your workplace. Pick what's right for you and what's appropriate for where you work. But don't forget to sneak outside your comfort zone once in a while! That's how we all stretch and grow in life.

I firmly believe the more joy we can spread to our workplaces, the happier we'll all be. I wish you much joy and love on this journey of positivity and would also like to hear your stories. Let me know if you try something from this series and how things turn out! I thank you for reading it and making a commitment to spreading happiness while on the job.

Next week I'll return to my (almost) empty nest adventures, including a not-so-happy update on my adoption and reunion story. Stay tuned.

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Photo provided by Meijer

# Meijer cuts the ribbon on new Noblesville grocery store

## The REPORTER

Meijer opened a new 90,000 square-foot Meijer Grocery store in Noblesville on Thursday, bringing fresh, convenient grocery shopping to the Promenade of Noblesville, 5956 Promenade Shops Blvd.

Located at the intersection of Little Chicago and State Road 32, the store's condensed footprint offers a food-focused shopping experience, as well as all the essential categories a customer might need for a quick trip or weekly restock, including produce, dry grocery, fresh meat cut daily, bakery equipped with in-store cake decorators, full-service deli, pharmacy, health and beauty, baby, pets, consumables, cards, party, and floral.

"As we celebrate our 90th year as a family-owned retailer, we're excited to bring our shopping experience to customers in Hamilton County for added convenience near home," Executive Chairman Hank Meijer said. "Our longevity as a company wouldn't be possible without team members like the ones here in Noblesville, who have worked so hard to prepare this store for opening."

The new store features convenient digital shopping solutions, including Shop & Scan, which allows shoppers to scan barcodes via a mobile app and bag their items as they shop to make checkout convenient. The store also offers deep discounts on surplus food via the Flashfood app, an expanded area for Meijer Home Delivery and Pickup services, and mPerks rewards to help customers earn on every dollar spent.

The new Noblesville Grocery store is the third Meijer Grocery format store and the 43rd Meijer store in Indiana. The retailer has invested heavily to serve Indiana since opening its first store in the Hoosier state in 1994, and now em-

loys more than 10,000 team members statewide, in stores and in its manufacturing facility in Middlebury.

Noblesville Grocery Store Director Travis Bernath and his team welcomed customers this morning with a round of applause, later followed by a ribbon-cutting event, featuring remarks from Meijer President & CEO Rick Keyes and Hank Meijer. Bernath demonstrated the store's support of the community by presenting a \$10,000 donation to Noblesville Youth Baseball to install a new water station at the organization's facilities and provide fresh fruit to athletes on game days. Last week, the store team donated \$15,000 to Fueled for School, an organization working to eliminate hunger and provide access to nutritious food for students in Hamilton County.

"Investing in the communities we serve is a top priority, and we begin that process long before the doors of a new store open," Keyes said. "We look forward to seeing this store further our purpose of enriching lives in the communities we serve, not just by offering conve-

nient shopping solutions and positive economic impact, but also as a strong and active community partner."

Meijer donates at least 6 percent of its net profit to charitable organizations annually, and each of its stores works with local food banks and pantries to help fight hunger. Since 2008, the retailer's Simply Give program has generated more than \$90 million for its food pantry partners throughout the Midwest. The Noblesville Grocery store is partnering with Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank for the fall campaign, which runs through Sept. 28.

Continuing the retailer's ongoing efforts to ensure accessibility for all customers, the store features new larger, height-adjustable changing tables in the family restrooms for the added convenience and dignity of customers with disabilities and their caregivers. As in all Meijer stores, the Noblesville Grocery store also offers free access to Aira, an app-based service that provides live navigation assistance to blind and low-vision customers using the camera

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# AAA Hoosier Motor Club to host AAA Day at the Indiana State Fair

## The REPORTER

AAA Hoosier Motor Club has announced its participation in the upcoming 167th Indiana State Fair, taking place Aug. 2 through Aug. 18 (closed Mondays).

Throughout the duration of the fair, AAA Hoosier Motor Club will host booths each weekend (Fri-

day, Saturday and Sunday), offering valuable resources and exciting opportunities for fairgoers. Starting Aug. 2, attendees can visit the AAA booth located on State Fair Boulevard near the Grand stand.

Thursday, Aug. 15 is designated as AAA Day. AAA members can enjoy complimentary admission to the Indiana State Fair by presenting a valid membership card at the gate. Throughout the day, multiple AAA booths will line Main Street, offering:

- Informational resources on AAA memberships and services
- Special State Fair membership discounts for sign-ups and renewals

- Engaging games and activities with exciting prizes

"The Indiana State Fair is a beloved Hoosier tradition, and AAA Hoosier Motor Club is proud to be a part of it," said Matt Goins, President & CEO of AAA Hoosier Motor Club. "We look forward to interacting with the community, providing valuable information, and offering exclusive benefits to our members."

For more information about AAA Hoosier Motor Club at the Indiana State Fair, visit [AAA.com/StateFair](http://AAA.com/StateFair).



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# Fishers hospital nominated for 'Most Beautiful'

By **DAJA STOWE**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Do you consider Ascension St. Vincent Fishers Hospital in Fishers to be one of the most aesthetically pleasing hospitals in the United States?

St. Vincent Fishers Hospital has advanced to the final voting stage in the Soliant Health's "2024 Most Beautiful Hospitals in the USA" competition and now relies on community support to secure a spot in the final top 20.

According to a release, "the "20 Most Beautiful Hospitals" contest sponsored by top national healthcare staffing firm Soliant recognizes hospitals for their commitment to developing and improving their campuses, facilities and staff, thereby creating holistic and healing environments."

The winning hospital's



Photo provided by Ascension St. Vincent Fishers

## Exterior of Ascension St. Vincent Fishers Hospital.

foundation will receive a \$5,000 donation from Soliant.

Participants can vote multiple times until the polls close on July 25.

The winner of this year's contest, along with the top 20 hospitals, will be announced July 31.

"Hospital beauty is

more than just its physical design and appearance – it is the healthcare staff who create the heart and soul of the hospital through genuine connections with patients," Soliant CEO David Alexander said in a release. "This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase hospitals for their

nurturing staff, comforting aesthetics and innovative designs which contribute to the overall well-being of patients."

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/fishers-hospital-nominated-for-most-beautiful](http://wishtv.com/news/local-news/fishers-hospital-nominated-for-most-beautiful).*

# Latest Fishers road construction updates

## The REPORTER State Road 37 & 141st Street

Preliminary construction work is underway at SR 37 and 141st Street. During this time pavement markings and concrete barriers will be placed. There will be no closures during this phase, only intermittent lane restrictions during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please note the continued lane restrictions on SR 37 North and South, approaching the 141st Street Interchange.

### Striping & Movement of Barrier Wall

- July 12 & 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- July 15 to 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On or after July 22, the westside of 141st Street at SR 37 will close for this phase of construction. Traffic will transition to the eastside, with SR 37 north and southbound lanes remaining open. This closure will remain in place throughout 2024.

Please review detour routes to plan ahead during this time (**141st Street, SR 37 West, and SR 37 East**). Thank you for your continued patience and remember to drive cautiously and safely through construction areas.

Find construction updates at [37thrives.com](http://37thrives.com).

### Miller Pipeline Utility Work

On July 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Miller Pipeline will be working on gas line maintenance along the south side of 116th Street and 250 feet west of The Legends Boulevard. Eastbound 116th Street will be restricted to one lane from just west of The Legends Boulevard. See an aerial view [here](#).

### 106th Street & Cumberland Road

Later in July there will be lane restrictions at 106th Street and Cumberland Road while Verizon contractors install underground facilities. Lane restrictions

will be in place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### 96th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 3A of the project has begun, during which there will be a slight shift in traffic to allow the contractor to build the future driveway for the Circle K gas station.

On or after July 22, the contractor will move into Phase 3B and traffic will shift from the east side of Allisonville Road to the west side and will continue to flow north and south. At this time, the driveway for Circle K constructed in Phase 3A will be accessible. [Click here](#) to see a map.

### Road resurfacing projects

The contractor is continuing work in the Fox Run and Hillsborough neighborhoods and will work on road resurfacing at the following locations the week of July 15:

- Walnut Creek on Fortune Drive between Andrews Place and Cumberland Road

Residents should refrain from parking their vehicles on the street during active construction operations.

Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

View the Road Resurface Overview Map [here](#).

Roadways and neighborhoods are prioritized based on the PASER rating condition of their pavement. You can see a map [here](#).

# Anderson Museum of Art's "Figures of Speech" exhibit to open in August

## The REPORTER

The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) is seeking submissions for its annual Figures of Speech exhibition. For the 13th year in a row, AMOA will play host to this exhibition, which utilizes all the classic "Figures of Speech" to develop works of art.

An Artist's Reception will be held Wednesday, July 17, and the exhibition will open Aug. 22 and remain open through Sept. 29.

This exhibit is focused on utilizing all the classic "Figures of Speech" to develop works of art. Examples include "Birds of a



Graphic provided by Anderson Museum of Art

Feather Flock Together" or "When Pigs Fly."

Additional information found at [andersonart.org/figures-of-speech](http://andersonart.org/figures-of-speech).

# Carmel man sentenced to 14 months for threatening Michigan election worker

By **GREGG MONTGOMERY**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A Carmel man was sentenced Tuesday to 14 months in prison for threatening an election worker in Michigan in the days following the 2020 presidential election, the U.S. Department of Justice reports.

Andrew Nickels, 38, called a clerk in Michigan on Nov. 10, 2020, and left a voicemail that included

death threats against the worker and the worker's family.

Nickels **pleaded guilty** on Feb. 27 to one count of making a threatening interstate communication.

The FBI Detroit Field Office investigated the case.

Below is a quote from a profanity-laden voicemail at the center of an investigation by the FBI is included in the indictment made public.

"We're watching your ...

mouth talk about how you think that there's no irregularities... (Y)ou frauded out America of a real election... Guess what, you're gonna pay for it, you will pay for it... (T)en million plus patriots will surround you when you least expect it, and your little infantile Deep State security agency has no time to protect you because they'll be bought out and we'll (expletive) kill you... (Y)ou will (expletive) pay for your (ex-

pletive) lying ass remarks... We will (expletive) take you out. (Expletive) your family, (expletive) your life, and you deserve a (expletive) throat to the knife... Watch your (expletive) back... watch your (expletive) back."

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/carmel-man-sentenced-to-14-months-for-threatening-michigan-election-worker](http://wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/carmel-man-sentenced-to-14-months-for-threatening-michigan-election-worker).*

## MEIJER

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of their smartphones.

A Meijer Express gas station adjacent to the store opened on June 14, featuring a unique addition not found in other Meijer Express stations, serving hot, ready-to-eat prepared food all day long. Breakfast selections include breakfast sandwiches, burritos, and pizza, and lunch and dinner options fea-

ture a menu of quesadillas, burritos, and burrito bowls, along with a variety of sandwich offerings, Meijer Crafted meals and multiple ready-to-eat or made-to-order pizza options. The gas station also offers a wide variety of convenient drinks and snacks including fresh, hot coffee, cold drinks, healthy snacks, candy and chips.

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

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# Sen. Young & bipartisan group of colleagues call for protections for Hawaii under North Atlantic Treaty

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, joined Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.) in urging Secretary of State Antony Blinken to take steps to rectify Hawaii's exclusion from the North Atlantic Treaty as military threats in the Indo-Pacific grow.

In a letter to Secretary Blinken, the senators raised concerns about the omission of Hawaii under Article 6 of the Treaty, meaning an armed attack on Hawaii would not be seen as an attack on all NATO countries and therefore not necessitate collec-



Young

tive self-defense.

"When the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommended the Senate ratify the North Atlantic Treaty in 1949, it was with the understanding that overseas territories would not be covered by Article 6," the senators wrote. "At the time, Hawaii was a U.S. territory and the drafters of the Treaty were reluctant to include all territories under the NATO security umbrella. However, the world has changed significantly since 1949. Not only did Hawaii become a U.S. state, the importance of the Indo-Pacific to U.S. security has increased tremendously. Although since 1949, NATO's footprint has expanded from 12 founding members to 32, the alliance has not accounted for the inclusion of Hawaii as the 50th state of the union. The alliance also has not accounted for the strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific – and the need to deter destabilizing regional conflict – or the need to be more responsive and respectful toward Hawaii residents."

In order to deter potential future conflict in the Indo-Pacific and protect

Hawaii's residents, as well as U.S. and allied interests, the senators called on the State Department to pursue a range of diplomatic measures to address the issue, including ultimately formally amending the North Atlantic Treaty. Potential short-term measures include clarifying statements from the North Atlantic Council regarding the Treaty language, for which there is precedent.

"Allies and adversaries alike must understand now, before potential hostilities erupt, that an attack against Hawaii will be seen as an attack on NATO," the senators continued. "Silence on whether NATO allies would come to the defense of Hawaii undermines our strategy of deterring conflict in the Indo-Pacific. Formally amending the North Atlantic Treaty would be the clearest and most just course of action to rectify this shortcoming."

In addition to Senators Young, Schatz, and Schmitt, the letter was signed by U.S. Senators Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), and Krysten Sinema (I-Ariz.).

[Click here](#) to read the full letter.

# Sen. Mike Braun leads five solutions to U.S. national debt disaster

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Committee on the Budget, introduced five bills on Wednesday to increase transparency on the enormous spending levels in the federal government and to address the unsustainable national debt.

United States Government in order to provide an analysis of the nation's fiscal state.



Braun

The **Improper Payments Transparency Act** increases reporting requirements by requiring clear and comprehensive data on improper payments in the President's annual budget request each year.

"We're on the path to financial destruction because the federal government keeps spending money we don't have," Sen. Braun said. "Congress needs firm guardrails because they won't stop spending more than we take in. These budget bills I am introducing today will help restore fiscal sanity."

Senator Braun introduced the following bills:

The **Fiscal State of Nation Act** is a bipartisan bill that provides lawmakers with the most current, nonpartisan data on the nation's fiscal health so they can make fiscally responsible and economically sound decisions.

Specifically, it requires the Comptroller General to address a joint hearing on the House and Senate Budget Committees each year and present the Financial Report of the

In FY 2023, federal agencies reported \$236 billion in improper payments, but the true scale remains unknown due to insufficient reporting requirements.

The **Debt-to-GDP Transparency and Stabilization Act** requires the President's annual budget to include the debt-to-GDP ratio, which provides context for the size of the debt to our nation's total economic output and our ability to pay it back.

The **Strengthening Administrative PAYGO Act** restores oversight of costly executive actions by reasserting Congress' constitutional authority of reigning in the out-of-control and unchecked administrative spending.

The **No Bias in the Baseline Act** would restore the baseline to reflect current law.

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# Hamilton County GOP Chairman calls for serious examination of President Biden's fitness for office

**Submitted by Hamilton County Republican Party**

In light of Thursday's verbal missteps by President Joe Biden, Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman Mario Massillamany is calling for a serious examination of the President's cognitive fitness for office.

"The American people deserve a leader who can represent our nation with clarity and precision on the world stage," Massillamany said. "President Biden's recent gaffes, confusing

Ukrainian President Zelensky with Russian President Putin at a NATO conference, and referring to Vice President Harris as 'Vice President Trump,' raise alarming questions about his mental acuity and ability to lead effectively."

"These are not mere slips of the tongue," Massillamany continued. "Mistaking our ally for our adversary



**Massillamany**

in a high-stakes diplomatic setting and confusing his own Vice President's identity are deeply troubling errors that could have serious consequences for our national security and international relations."

The Chairman emphasized that the presidency demands unwavering focus and mental sharpness, especially in times of global tension.

"We cannot afford to have a Commander-in-Chief who struggles to differentiate between world leaders or remember key members of his own administration," Massillamany said.

"I urge both Democratic and Republican leaders to put partisanship aside and seriously consider whether President Biden is fit to continue serving in this crucial role. The stakes are simply too high to ignore these red flags," Massillamany concluded.

# AG Todd Rokita is heating things up by raising awareness for consumers of harmful household products recalled in June

**The REPORTER**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in June. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

"Summer is a time to relax and for your kids to have fun playing outdoors. This month's list has several items you might find in your own backyard," AG Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your children's toys are defective or could cause them any harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in June:

- Daikin Comfort Technologies Manufacturing Recalls Daikin FIT, Amana Brand S-series, and Goodman SD Heat Pumps Due to Risk of Excessive Heat Exposure
- Baseus Magnetic Wireless Charging Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Imported by Shenzhen Baseus Technology
- Southern Telecom Recalls Brookstone TurboVac Handheld Rechargeable Vacuums Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Belk
- At Home Procurement Recalls Toy Trunk Storage Chests Due to Entrapment and Suffocation Hazards
- REI Recalls Co-op Cycles REV Children's Bicycles with Training Wheels Due to Fall and Injury Hazards
- Dania Furniture Recalls Hayden Bookcase Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; 4-Year-Old Child Died from Tip-Over (Recall Alert)
- MGA Entertainment Recalls Miniverse Make It Mini Sets with Unused Liq-

uid Resins Due to Risk of Skin, Eye and Respiratory Irritation and Sensitization; Violation of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

• Thousand-shores Recalled Theefun Kids Gardening Tools Sets Due to Violation of the Federal Phthalates Ban; Sold Exclusively on Amazon

• Cimmar Recalls Frontgate Chaise Lounge Chairs Due to Finger Crushing and Amputation Hazards

• Cargo Bicycles Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Manufactured by Babboe B.V.

• MM Products Recalls JoyJolt™ Declan Glass Coffee Mugs Due to Burn and Laceration Hazards

• myCharge Recalls POWER HUB All-In-One Portable Chargers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Costco

• Vitamix Reannounces and Expands Recall of Ascend Series and Venturist Series 8-ounce and 20-ounce Blending Containers and Blade Bases Due to Laceration Hazard; Offers New Repair Kit Due to Additional Injuries

• Goal Zero Recalls Yeti Link Modules with EC8 Cables Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

• StyleCraft Recalls Instinct Cordless Hair Clippers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

• Head Rush Technologies Recalls TRUBLUE iQ Auto Belay Devices Due to Fall Hazard

• Orly Recalls Lavender Scented Candles in a Round Wooden Bread Bowl Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

• Six-Drawer Dressers Sold Exclusively at Rooms To Go Recalled Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulation for Clothing Storage Units; Imported by Global Home USA



**Rokita**

3D Printers Due to Electric Shock and Fire Hazards

• Adven Group Recalls Nap Queen Sleep Victoria Hybrid Mattresses Due to Fire Hazard; Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability Regulations

• Magnetic Chess Games Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Toy Magnets; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com through Out-ad Good Life

• Southern Telecom Recalls Lomi Roll-On Waxing Kits Due to Fire, Burn and Shock Hazards

• Black Diamond Equipment Recalls Neve Strap Crampons and Accessory Kits Due to Fall Hazard

• Retrospec Recalls Beaumont Plus ST Bikes with Disc Brakes Due to Crash and Injury Hazards

• Daikin Comfort Technologies Manufacturing Recalls Amana, Daikin, Goodman-Branded Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Packaged Units Due to Fire Hazard

• Kawasaki Motors USA Recalls Engines Used in Bad Boy Mowers, BigDog, Bobcat, Cub Cadet, Hus-tler, John Deere and Kubota Brand Lawn and Garden Equipment Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

• Salewa USA Recalls Wild Country Ropeman 1 Ascenders Due to a Failure to Ascend

• SA Consumer Products Recalls Sanctuary Quick Access and Sports Afield Biometric Gun Safes Due to Serious Injury Hazard and Risk of Death

• Good Earth Lighting Recalls More than 1.2 Million Rechargeable Integrated Lights to Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; One Death Reported

• Sling Carriers Recalled Due to Infant Suffocation and Fall Hazards; Violation of the Federal Safety Regulation for Sling Carriers; Sold on Walmart.com

# New this week at Sheridan Public Library

**The REPORTER**

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

**Fiction**

1. All Our Tomorrows – Catherine Bybee
2. All the Colors of the Dark – Chris Whitaker
3. Glassmaker – Tracy Chevalier
4. Happier Life – Kristy Woodson Harvey
5. Inn on Amelia Island – Hope Holloway
6. Light We Lost – Jill Santopolo
7. Midnight Feast – Lucy Score
8. Next Mrs. Parrish – Liv Constantine
9. Robert Ludlum's The Borne Shadow – Brian Freeman
10. Shelterwood – Lisa Wingate
11. Swift River – Essie Chambers
12. Unwedding – Ally Condie

**Non-Fiction**

1. Buzzfeed Unsolved Supernatural – Ryan Ber-

gara

2. Miracles in American History – Susie Federer

**Children's**

1. Adventures of Invisible Boy – Doogie Horner
2. Katt Loves Dogg – James Patterson
3. Maxine Gets a Job – Alexandra Garyn
4. Perla the Mighty Dog – Isabel Allende
5. Pete the Cat Screams for Ice Cream – Kimberly Deen
6. You Can Be a Good Friend (No Matter What) – Taraji Henson

**Inspirational Fiction**

1. Amish Midwife's Bargain – Patrice Lewis
2. Cowgirl's Last Rodeo – Tabitha Bouldin
3. Family for the Orphans – Heidi Main
4. Seventh Spell – Davis Bunn
5. Shadow of Doubt – Susan Sleeman
6. What We Hide – Colleen Coble

**Young Adult**

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**Meeting Notices**

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Board Room of the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in Conference Room 1A of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet for a work session from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.

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The Carmel Police Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Training Room at the Carmel Police Department, 1000 S. Range Line Road, Carmel, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. A regular meeting will follow at 10:05 a.m. (or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later) in the same location.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield.

A non-public executive session will immediately follow the regular meeting. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9).

The Carmel Board of Appeals will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square. A regular meeting of the board will follow at 6 p.m. in the same location.

**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH**  
*Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."  
The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."  
But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."  
Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."  
Exodus 4:10-17 (NIV)*

**The Reporter's policy on obituaries**

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**Israel Menchaca Jr.**  
October 13, 1947 – July 11, 2024

Israel Menchaca Jr., 76, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. He was born on October 13, 1947, to Israel, Sr. and Socorro (Huerta) Menchaca in Eagle Pass, Texas.



Israel proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. For 41 years, he worked for Public Service Indiana/Duke Energy. Israel was a member of the Noblesville Moose, American Legion, VFW, and the Elks. He played men's softball for years and enjoyed golfing (making a hole-in-one at Plum Creek).

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mollie Menchaca; son, Israel James (Teri) Menchaca; daughter, Michelle Menchaca (Barry) Dixon; sisters, Magdalena Guerra Menchaca, Socorro Aida Flores Huerta, and Patricia Huerta; grandchildren, Micaela Catherine Menchaca and Alexa Nikole Menchaca; and great-grandchild, Vincent Menchaca.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Micaela Rodriguez Menchaca and Rosa Maria Martinez Menchaca; and grandchild, Adam Neal Dixon.

A celebration of life with military honors will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Noblesville VFW, 654 S. 9th St. Inurnment will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Angel Fund, c/o Noblesville Masonic Lodge #57, P.O. Box 176, Noblesville, IN 46061-0176; or Wreaths Across America, c/o American Veteran Riders Association, 654 S. 9th St., Ste 1/A, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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**Donald Sheetz**  
August 19, 1953 – July 5, 2024

Donald Sheetz, 70, Cicero, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024, at his home in Cicero. He was born on August 19, 1953, to Don and Barbara (Davis) Sheetz in Noblesville.



Donald was a CAD engineer for Bridges and was Free Mason. He enjoyed shooting sports and going to car shows with his Mustang. Donald liked watching Colts, Pacers, and Indians games with his boys.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Sheetz; sons, David Sheetz and Daniel (Kyla) Sheetz; sister, Yvonne (Rick) King; niece, Cheyanna (Paul) Ferguson; and nephews, Ricky (Ashley) King, Nicholas King, and Chris (Caitlyn) Rodgers.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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# REPORTER SPORTS WEEKEND

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Reporter photos by Richie Hall

National Hall of Fame wrestling coach James Tanniehill conducted two practices for the Carmel USA Wrestling Club this past week. Tanniehill has been involved in wrestling for over 60 years; he was a two-time All American at Winona State College and has coached multiple state high school champions in Indiana. Tanniehill is pictured with Carmel assistant coach Henry "Pete" Peterson (left) and Carmel High School wrestler Jordan Jay (right).

## Wrestling Hall of Famer James Tanniehill shares wisdom with Carmel wrestlers

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – Even while taking a break to chat, James Tanniehill will go back to coaching mode in an instant.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame member conducted two practices for the Carmel Wrestling Club this past week, leading wrestlers with his wisdom and knowledge of techniques that he had accumulated from 60 years of being involved with the sport. While talking with the Reporter on Thursday after practice, Tanniehill was watching CWC coach Henry "Pete" Peterson and Carmel wrestler Jordan Jay as Peterson was helping Jay run through a technique.

After finishing a

thought, Tanniehill looked up. "Ah, ah," he said. "Stay on the side, pick the leg up and then go for the pin." Jay did just that, practicing that move several times.

Tanniehill was introduced to wrestling as a teenager, after he, his mother and sisters moved to Minnesota from Alabama. He picked up wrestling right away, soon becoming a top high school wrestler and placing third in the state. Tanniehill continued his wrestling career at Winona State College, where he won over 100 matches and became a two-time Division I All American. Tanniehill was the first African American Northern Intercollegiate Conference champion for all four years. (You can read

Tanniehill's Hall of Fame biography here.

Tanniehill soon moved on to coaching, becoming the first African American to coach wrestling at Terre Haute South, where he mentored two state champions and took the team to a runner-up finish in the team tournament. He was involved with the Pike High School wrestling program for several years, which is where he crossed paths with Peterson, who graduated from Pike in 1997.

"He started off as my trainer, as a team trainer," said Peterson. "He got on the coaching staff for my junior and senior year." During his senior year, the 152-pound Peterson won sectional, regional and semi-state cham-

pionships and finished as state runner-up.

"He's the reason that I fell in love with the technique of wrestling," said Peterson. "The process of training, the skill and everything that it takes to become a champion wrestler. He instilled in me a love and appreciation for the process of becoming a great wrestler."

"The fun for it is in trying. You may not become a champion, but you'll become a better person and a better version of yourself in the attempt to become a champion wrestler. And so, I enjoy doing that with these young people. They may not be a champion, but the goal is, we're going to set that as a goal, and then as close as

you get to it will make you a better person."

Tanniehill shared his coaching expertise with the young wrestlers at the practices. He also mentioned several intangibles, saying that the belief that wrestlers have in their wanting to become a champion is just as important.

"You've got to believe it," said Tanniehill. "You've got to want it so bad you believe that you will. Do what's necessary. Get the proper sleep. Get the right food."

He also believes that any athlete, not just wrestlers, need to have a love of competition. Tanniehill encouraged athletes to play multiple sports, not just wrestle in the winter. Doing so will make them more

valuable to coaches.

"Coaches want to see, can you compete?" said Tanniehill. "Do you want to compete? Because they're going to teach you their techniques."

In addition to coaching, Tanniehill has given back to the community, forming a youth program called "Take Down Crime" to help at-risk young people in the inner city of Indianapolis.

"We had some good kids," said Tanniehill.

Even after over 60 years, Tanniehill is still enjoying wrestling. That is another one of his beliefs: wrestlers need to be having fun on the mat.

"You got to allow these kids to go out there and have fun," said Tanniehill.

## Noblesville native Conor Daly to race at IMS during Brickyard 400 weekend

By **ANDREW CHERNOFF**  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Conor Daly raced on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval in late May, competing in the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500.

And on Wednesday it was announced that he will be competing again on the famed 2.5-mile oval during Brickyard 400 weekend.

Daly, a Noblesville, Ind. native, will drive the No. 26 Polkadot GR Spura for Sam Hunt Racing in the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at IMS on July 20.

The Pennzoil 250 presented by Advance Auto Parts will be Daly's third career NASCAR Xfinity Series start. He previously competed in NASCAR Xfinity races in 2018 at Road America and in 2023 on the Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval.

"I am extremely thankful for the chance to bring Polkadot back to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, this time with Sam Hunt Racing in the NASCAR Xfinity Series," Daly said

in a news release. "When I heard the NASCAR Xfinity Series was returning to the oval at Indianapolis, I knew I had to be part of it. Driving for Polkadot at my hometown fans is an incredible honor and an opportunity I could not let pass. I know an opportunity to drive for Toyota and SHR is extremely special, and I look forward to taking on this learning experience and delivering for this group as best I can. I am proud and lucky to represent Polkadot at IMS in both the Indy 500 and the NASCAR Brickyard weekend in the same year."

Daly finished in 10th at this year's Indy 500.

"It's always extremely exciting for me to have drivers cross over into NASCAR from other professional genres of motorsports," Sam Hunt, owner of Sam Hunt Racing, said in the news release. "Conor is a journeyman racer, a hometown favorite at Indianapolis, and a guy who understands how the sport works from top to bottom. For us

to be able to provide him with a competitive opportunity in the NASCAR Xfinity Series is a pleasure, and one I know everyone is excited about. The challenge will be tall, and there is so much to learn in such a short amount of time – but Conor and the team at Sam Hunt Racing are excited to tackle it with open minds at full speed. We're all grateful to have Polkadot on board for a special weekend and look forward to introducing another great brand to the Sam Hunt Racing family."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/motorsports/noblesville-native-conor-daly-to-race-at-ims-during-brickyard-400-weekend.



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Noblesville's Conor Daly will race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Brickyard 400 weekend. Daly will drive the No. 26 Polkadot GR Spura for Sam Hunt Racing in the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at IMS on July 20.

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# Colts announce new flag football league across Indiana

By **ANDREW CHERNOFF**  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

The Indianapolis Colts are creating a new flag football league to grow the sport across the state of Indiana.

The team announced on Wednesday that it is launching the official Colts Flag Football League. It will “help connect parents and young athletes to NFL FLAG-sanctioned programs in their area,” according to a [news release](#).

“Football brings people from all walks of life together for a common goal and teaches skills like teamwork, discipline and confidence that are important to success in life,” Kalen Jackson, Colts vice chair and owner, said in the news release. “The Colts Flag Football League will provide kids a safe and fun way to learn the fundamentals of the game and help bring the sport to even more young people across our state.”

Eight established leagues and one developing league will be included in

the new Colts Flag Football League. Those leagues are:

- Elkhart Flag Football – Elkhart, Ind.
- Fort Wayne East Flag Football – New Haven, Ind.
- Fort Wayne West Flag Football – Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Indy South Flag Football – Indianapolis
- Pike / Indy West Flag Football – Indianapolis
- Noblesville Flag Football – Noblesville, Ind.
- Louisville Flag Football – Louisville, Ky.
- First Baptist Athletics – Indianapolis
- YMCA of Greater Indianapolis – Indianapolis

The Colts have previously created opportunities to play flag football in Indiana even prior to this announcement. For instance, the organization created a high school girls flag football Fall Pilot League in 2023. That league features eight teams from South Bend, Ind. to Indianapolis.

“We’re especially excited about the new opportunities flag football offers for girls to learn and play the



Photo by NFL Flag Football

All ticket proceeds from five primetime Colts Training Camp practices at Grand Park in Westfield will go toward the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis’ new flag football program.

sport, which only will help grow the game in Indiana and beyond,” Jackson said.

Just last month, the Colts helped host a flag football clinic for girls ages 6-12.

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**The REPORTER**

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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## Delta Dental to distribute 20K mouthguards to local high school athletic teams

**The REPORTER**

Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana has announced the Winning Smiles Mouthguard Program, an initiative to promote oral health and safety among young athletes.

Delta Dental will distribute 20,000 high-quality mouthguards at no cost to high school athletic programs across Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

Athletic directors, coaches, and administrators are invited to take advantage of this opportunity by completing the form at [this link](#) to order free mouthguards while supplies last. There is no cost or obligation involved, and Delta Dental will deliver the mouthguards directly to schools or facilities free of charge. Mouthguards will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the supply is depleted.

**About the mouthguards**

The Delta Dental Athletic Mouth Guard offers twice the impact absorption of traditional mouthguards and is accepted by the American Dental Association.

The mouthguards are designed for optimal performance and comfort, featuring:

- Breathable and comfortable design
- Hydrophobic material to prevent saliva absorption, ensuring longevity
- Patented fitting material for a custom fit, compatible with braces
- Thin design for ease of breathing, speaking, and drinking
- Dentist-designed for superior protection
- Microwaveable for easy fitting and remolding
- Adult-sized, suitable for ages 11 and up, but can be trimmed to fit smaller mouths.

**Eligibility & submission**

The program is open to high school sports teams in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Entries must be submitted by an official school representative, including coaches, athletic directors, and administrators. Each school can submit one entry per sport. Entries are being accepted now while supplies last.

Complete the [online entry form](#) with the following information:



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lowing information:

- School name
- Address
- Sport requested
- Representative’s name and position
- Contact email and phone number
- Shipping address (if different from school address)

Each school can claim up to 100 mouthguards per sport. There is a minimum order of 10. Each school can enter once per sport. (For example, “football” is a single sport and can

include freshman, JV, and varsity teams; “volleyball” is a single sport and can consist of freshman, JV, and varsity teams, etc.). Separate order forms are required for each sport.

Entries will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility. Duplicate entries from the same team will be disqualified. Organizers reserve the right to modify or cancel the giveaway at any time. By entering, participants agree to abide by the rules and decisions of the organizers.

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