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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
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Magistrate Aaron "A.J." Johnson honored with robing ceremony

Veteran employee of Indiana Supreme Court tapped for open position

The REPORTER

Magistrate Aaron "A.J." Johnson was honored with a robing ceremony on Aug. 1 at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville.

Johnson was recently hired by the county's eight elected judges. He fills the seat of Valorie Hahn who recently became the county's new juvenile magistrate.

"Becoming a judge has been a life-long dream of mine," Magistrate Johnson said. "I'm completely elated. I'm raising my family in Hamilton County, so I'm honored to also now be serving my community."

Magistrate Johnson grew up in Gary, Ind., with a family of 12 children.

"I grew up helping my parents resolve disputes," Magistrate Johnson said. "It's a skill set I've been working on my whole life. So, I like to think I'm open-minded and open to hearing different opinions."

Prior to this, Magistrate Johnson worked as General Counsel at the Indiana Supreme Court where he provided legal services to the Supreme Court



Photo provided by Megan Rathz
Magistrate Johnson (front row, fourth from left) with Hamilton County magistrates and Justice Goff (third from left) and (back row, from left) Superior Court No. 2 Judge Jonathan M. Brown, Superior Court No. 5 Judge David K. Najjar, Superior Court No. 4 Judge J. Richard Campbell, Circuit Court Judge Andrew R. Bloch, Superior Court No. 1 Judge Michael A. Casati.

staff. He also spent six years as trial counsel for the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission where he evaluated and investigated complaints for attorney misconduct. Magistrate Johnson received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Indiana University Bloomington.

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Photo provided by Megan Rathz
 My children at the South Haven lighthouse.

SoHa Summer

When I think of summer, I think of spending time in South Haven, Mich. There are certain places in the world where you just feel happy.



My love of South Haven began when I was a little girl and has grown and evolved over the years. I went from being a little girl with my parents and sister to a mom with my own two children. The memories I see my children making together remind me of my sister and me when we were kids. Hearing my children's excitement about a place that I love so much feeds my soul.

You see, I don't need an extravagant trip. I'm happy to go to the beach, get an ice cream cone, read a book, shop around downtown, and get a pizza and some wings. Give me a glass of wine with the view of the harbor while watching the bridge go up and down to let the sailboats cross and I'm happy.

South Haven is a place where you come as you are. It has always reminded me of the fictional town of Mayberry in *The Andy Griffith Show*. I love getting ready for our trip and talking about it with my kids. I love everyone saying what they are most excited about. I love the drive up to South Haven and the palpable excitement in the car. I love it when we get into town and our first drive down Phoenix Street and down to South Beach. That first glimpse of the lighthouse never gets old. I love it when we arrive at our rental and the excitement of the kids running all over and checking out our home for the week.

I love waking up in the morning and seeing what treats my husband will decide to bring back to us from the Golden Brown Bakery. I love walking around the downtown shops and taking a stroll to the pier with ice cream in hand. I love taking my kids to the same ice cream shop that was there since I was a little girl. The name has changed, but it will always be Captain Nemo's to me. It is like Deer Creek.

I love sitting at the Idler Riverboat with a view of the wide expanse of Lake Michigan and that majestic red lighthouse in the distance. I love feeding the ducks. I love taking my kids to the beach. I love watching my daughter and son collect rocks and shells along the waterline and run back to show me.

I love going to the farmer's market and the Thursday evening summer concerts. I love sitting on a bench and looking at the

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This block can rock, inside or out

Westfield community turns out in droves for back-to-school

By AMY ADAMS

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Despite moving Rock the Block into the Westfield High School gymnasium Friday, Aug. 2, due to possible inclement weather, the community turned out in droves sporting their green and looking to have a good time before school is back in session.

"It's a wonderful event bringing the whole community together to get ready for a fantastic school year," said Oak Trace Principal Jane Hitch.

Each of the schools in the Westfield Washington district hosted a tent with games for kids to earn prizes and candy. Probably the most original game was Maple Glen Elementary School's poop toss. Yep. One equation is clear even before class starts: two toilets plus a handful of stuffed "poop" emojis equals lots of laughter and loads of fun.

Along with the schools, local restaurants, community organizations, churches, clubs, teams and more set up tables and tents and everything from Riverview

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Reporter photos by Amy Adams
(TOP LEFT, from left) Juniors Shar'de Gray and Kylie Young and sophomores Nailah Fox and Flower Apayomi work the Black Student Union table and basketball game. (TOP RIGHT) The Pride of Westfield marching band performed part of their fall show, Tabula Rasa. (ABOVE LEFT) Sixth-grader Aundria Grunst got a kick out of trying her skills on Sydney Shimp of Master Yoo's World Class Tae Kwon Do. (ABOVE RIGHT) An incoming second grader at Monon Trail Elementary School, Folahanmi Abayomi tried his hand at Oak Trace Elementary School's Plinko game.

This is the cafeteria aide your children deserve



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Shout out to Hazel Dell Elementary School cafe aide Jennifer Sargent, whose quick action giving the Heimlich Maneuver saved a student who was choking at lunch. Noblesville Schools' staff members are safety trained and everyone is thankful for the outstanding care they give to students. To learn more about what to do when someone is choking, visit tinyurl.com/HeimlichHowTo.

Health Department inspects over 400 pools this summer

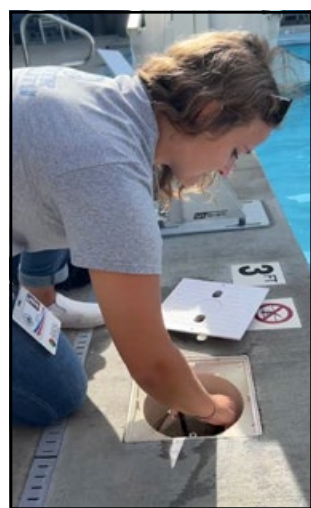
Public health interns hired as water quality technicians to help manage workload

The REPORTER

The end of summer often signals the end of pool season and that's no different for the Hamilton County Health Department. The Department hires two public health interns as water quality technicians to help it manage the more than 400 public swimming pools it monitors during the peak season.

"We're responsible for inspecting any and all public pools," says Morgan Bennett, the department's Senior Environmental Health Specialist. "That includes neighborhood and apartment complexes, splash pads, and water parks. As you can imagine, it's a tall task - especially between Memorial and Labor Day weekends."

The Health Department hires two interns each summer to help with the extra



Photos provided
Ellie Karst (left) and Lauren Pike (right) were hired to assist with this summer's pool inspections.

workload. Technicians visit each pool at least twice during the season, checking for the presence and condition of first aid equipment, assessing the operation of pump rooms, and monitoring the levels of various chemicals in the water to ensure they fall within the safe ranges set by state and county regulations.

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“The inspections are critical for maintaining safe swimming environments,” says intern Ellie Karst, an Environmental Science and Public Health major at Taylor University. “We want to make sure the water is free from harmful bacteria and contaminants, while also preventing an imbalance of

chemicals, which can lead to allergic reactions or skin irritation.”
 In addition to inspecting the pools, water quality technicians also sample and test recreational water sites like rivers, lakes, creeks and reservoirs. “It’s been a busy summer for sure,” added intern Lauren Pike,

a Chemistry major at Butler University. “Not only are we testing pools, but we’re also testing 19 recreational water sites including the White River, Geist and Morse Reservoirs for E. coli. So, no matter how residents choose to spend their summer, we can ensure they enjoy it safely.”

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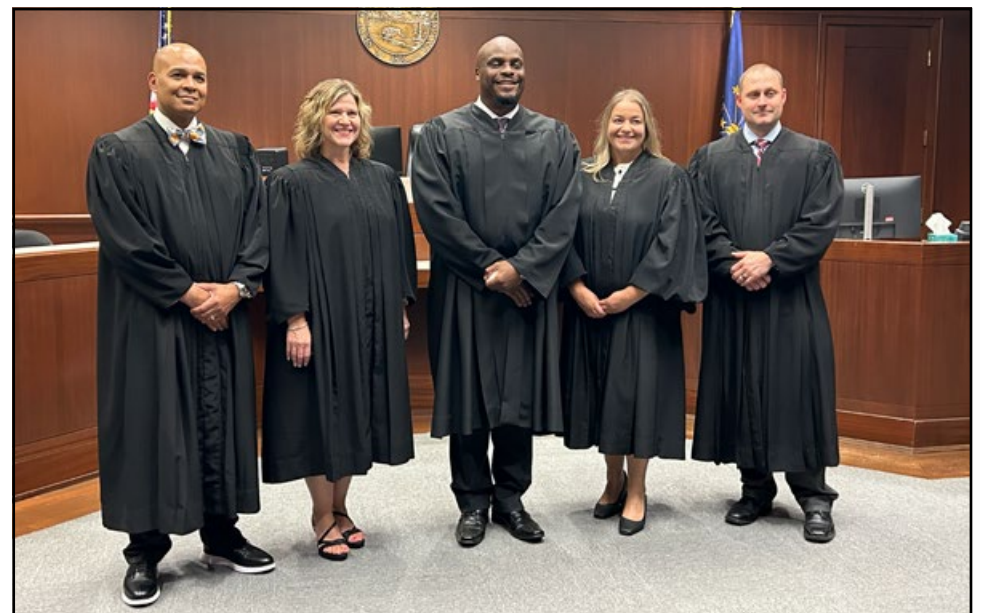
Justice Christopher M. Goff of the Indiana Supreme Court swears in Magistrate Johnson with his family standing by.

“Aaron will be a spectacular addition to the judiciary of Hamilton County,” Superior Court Judge Jonathan Brown said. “He has a unique background with a wide array of experience, from employment law, landlord-tenant matters, contract law, and criminal law. That will enable him to hit the ground running and serve the citizens well. I’m looking forward to working alongside him.”

Magistrate Johnson began work on Monday. Hamilton County now has five magistrate judges that work alongside its eight elected Judges.



Magistrate Johnson being robed by Circuit Court Judge Andrew Bloch and Superior Court No. 2 Judge Jonathan Brown.



Magistrate Johnson with his fellow magistrates.

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 Rep. Spartz's Office 5540 Pebble Village Lane
- SHERIDAN**
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 Town Hall 506 S Main St.
- STRAWTOWN**
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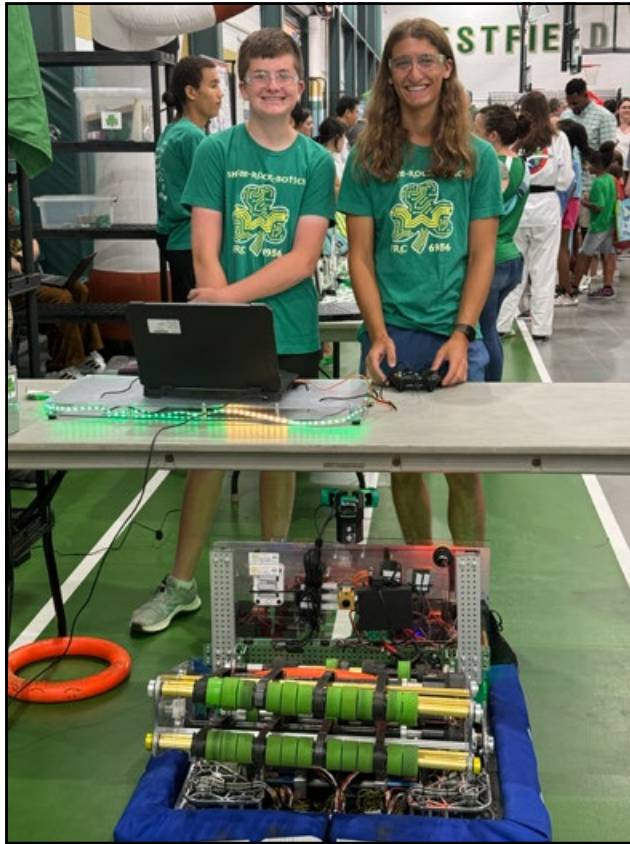
In addition to live music from students, the WHS and WMS cheerleaders got the crowd fired up, and the Pride of Westfield marching band performed part of their fall 2024 show, Tabula Rasa.

School starts Thursday, Aug. 8 for Westfield Washington Schools.



Reporter photos by Amy Adams

(TOP LEFT) WHS Cheerleaders Malia Schnurpel and Lexi Davis show their school spirit. (ABOVE) Olivia and Wes Dirks create their own affirmation stickers at The Cabin Counseling and Resources table. (BELOW LEFT) Fourth-grader Andjelo tosses a "poop" emoji into a toilet target at Maple Glen Elementary School's table. (BELOW RIGHT) Shamrockbotics team members Matthew Quirke, a sophomore (left) and Nathan McDaniel, a senior, run the team's 2024 robot, demonstrating how it can collect large rings.



Emergency blood shortage: Red Cross supply drops 25%

Donors urged to give as extreme heat, travel plans threaten low blood levels

The REPORTER

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces dangerous levels of heat and people head out for final summer travel plans.

Since July 1, the Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by more than 25 percent, and blood donors of all types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to give as soon as possible to help patients receive lifesaving medical care.

Heat impacted almost 100 blood drives in July in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood – compounding other seasonal obstacles to blood donation, such as travel and summer activities. Together these factors contributed to a shortfall of more than 19,000 blood donations in July. At the same time, hospital demand for blood products remains strong. Blood products are being sent to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Right now, type O inventory is so low that distributions of this vital blood type are reduced below what hospitals count on.

"It's critical hospitals have both type O positive and O negative blood ready to go for patients in the most life-threatening situations," said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for

Where you can donate blood

- Fishers**
- Aug. 8, 1 to 6 p.m.: IU Health Saxony Hospital, 13100 E. 136th St.
 - Aug. 22, 1 to 6 p.m.: Billerica Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road
 - Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun King Brewing, 9713 District N. Drive, Suite 1220
- Carmel**
- Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: IU Health North Hospital, 11700 N. Meridian St.
 - Aug. 28, 1 to 6 p.m.: Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St.
 - Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St.

the Red Cross. "Type O is especially important for victims of accidents and other trauma who are receiving emergency treatment. Now is the time for donors of all blood types to give and ensure hospital shelves can be restocked before any impact to patient care."

The Red Cross is working with hospitals around-the-clock to meet the blood needs of patients – but can't do it alone. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you, those who come give blood, platelets or plasma through Aug. 31 will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Help](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/Help).

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names of all the yachts and deciding which one we like best and what our hypothetical name would be for it if it was ours.

I love a beach day and grabbing lunch at the North Beach shack. I love the clamor and drama of trying to find a parking space at the beach and watching my husband drag a ridiculously

overstuffed wagon on the beach until we find the exact right spot to set up camp. I love watching my children load their buckets of water from the shore and make the perfect sandcastles. I love after an eventful day at the beach to stay in and grill out. Somehow a burger in South Haven just tastes better. I love sitting and hearing the

waves of Lake Michigan roll in and slam the shore. I love watching a storm roll in over the lake.

I love that my family has the same space that I do in their hearts for South Haven. I love thinking about taking my adult children and their spouses and my grandchildren there someday.

There is nothing quite

like a South Haven sunset, and I know that each year as the week winds down and the sun sets on our family trip, the memories will carry me through to the next time we return.

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

Thank you to these supporters of 4-H & "Meating the Need"

The Hamilton County Reporter thanks these advertisers, supporters, and friends for their help in bringing our readers comprehensive 4-H results this year. With their generous support, The Reporter once again set the record with the largest ever donation to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank's "Meating the Need" program, which purchases meat processed from local 4-H'ers livestock after the conclusion of the fair.

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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's July Timesheet

Congresswoman Spartz earns top ratings & more endorsements

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.



MARK HALL
The Timesheet

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, finance committee, and personnel committee meetings, July work included, a public safety 2025 compensation meeting, a Board of Commissioners public meeting, two Cicero Town Council meetings, a Noblesville City Council meeting, a Waste-water Utility meeting with Cicero officials, a Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, a Human Resources review meeting, a 911 Communications Bond payment meeting, a Water Utility meeting with Cicero officials, and a meeting with Noblesville Mayor Jensen.

July's in-person personnel committee meeting

was replaced by a poll of members. We approved a request from the Sheriff's Department to reclassify an existing position. 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.

July's Finance Committee meeting included a review of internal policies and formalizing a minimum cash-on-hand policy as a control mechanism. This policy is one of many things that the county does to maintain our AAA bond rating. We were briefed on expected 2025 property tax revenue, 2024 earned interest to date as well as projected full year interest earnings. Big hat tip to our County Treasurer Susan Byer and her team for earning solid returns on taxpayer funds again this year. I continue to support using these earnings to enhance the county rainy-day fund as we did in the 2024 budget.

Other finance committee discussion topics included funding if needed, beyond the bonds already issued, for the police and fire training center, the impact on county finances of the potential Sheridan and Adams township reorganization, funding for a potential new parks office building, earnings rates versus debt service costs, anticipated 2025 payroll increases for county employees, and the correct mix of debt and cash spending on county projects.

I continue to struggle with the details of compen-

sation for Corrections and Sheriff staff. Public safety is the primary job of local government. Finding the correct balance of compensation, benefits, and working conditions is challenging. The healthy tension and balance between stewardship of taxpayer dollars and impeccable public safety is on full display with every conversation on this topic. Getting this right requires such in-depth analysis, counsel and, in my case, prayer and reflection on decades of experience.

This month there were three taxpayer requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. July's requests were all regarding zoning.

The first request was regarding a Jackson Township matter where a property owner had requested permission to locate a recycling transfer station within Jackson Township. Hamilton County planning and zoning had nothing to do with the request or any approval for this request. I referred the constituent to the correct local authority.

The other two requests were asking about the impact of the potential reorganization of Sheridan and Adams Township into a new legal entity. My position, which I explained to both taxpayers, is agnostic. However, I encouraged both to research the issue from three perspectives; Westfield and any desire that they might have to grow to the north, what does the Department of Local Government and Finance at the State write about the impact of reorganization, and what will be the impact on their local tax

rates in the next five years. Both were encouraged to get facts, do their own independent research, and make an informed decision about what is best for them in their part of Hamilton County.

This month, it was an honor to represent you in the dunk tank at the Lights Over Morse Lake festival, at the dedication ceremony for the Hamilton County Firefighters memorial, at the Purdue Extension County fair opening day breakfast & Wagon tour, at the Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant, at the Lights Over Morse Queen pageant, and on an American Family Association interview.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during July 2024. This was an especially busy month, and we are headed into 2025 budget review. The Council budget book for 2025 is roughly 950 pages and weighs over five pounds. 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 with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

Submitted
Congresswoman Victoria Spartz recently received two additional endorsements for her campaign for re-election to represent Indiana's 5th District.

Indiana Farm Bureau's PAC has endorsed Spartz.

"The goal of our PACs is to back candidates who are willing to listen and engage in issues impacting agriculture," INFB President Randy Kron said. "We rely on public officials who will advocate on behalf of Hoosier agriculture and serve as our voice at the Statehouse and in Washington, D.C."

Spartz said she welcomes the endorsement.

"As a family farmer I am extremely proud to have the endorsement of the Farm Bureau," Spartz said. "As always, I will stand up for Hoosier farmers and their families who feed America while navigating the endless bureaucracy that Washington keeps building."

Spartz is the only Indiana House Member to be given an "A" rating by the National Taxpayers Union.

The National Taxpayers Union (NTU) released its 2023 Congressional ratings and gave Victoria Spartz

an "A" rating and the "Taxpayers Friend Award." She was the only member of the Indiana House delegation to receive the award for last year.

"The Biden-Harris Administration has been a disaster for taxpayers in America and the reckless spending is sending us toward a fiscal cliff and looming recession," Spartz said. "I will continue fighting for lower taxes, and serious and meaningful reforms in the federal spending. We must get the deficit under control and the establishment of both parties keeps failing us."

Spartz has also been endorsed by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

"NFIB is the voice of small and independent business owners who are the backbone of the American economy and I am honored to get their endorsement," Spartz said.

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Barrett Eye Care of Carmel alerts patients of cyber security incident

Submitted by **Dr. Erik Barrett**
Owner, Barrett Eye Care

We value and respect the privacy of our patients' information, which is why, as a precautionary measure, we are writing this notice to let you know about a cyber security incident that occurred at our offices. Barrett Eye Care ("Barrett"), recently discovered that it had been the victim of a cyber security incident that may affect the security of our patients' personal information. This notice is intended to provide you with information about the incident, steps we are taking in response, and steps our patients may take to guard against identity theft and fraud, should they feel it is appropriate to do so.

What happened?
On June 2, 2024, Barrett experienced a cyber security incident where a threat actor gained unauthorized access to Barrett's systems, including the data stored on those systems. On June 13, 2024, after a forensic investigation, Barrett determined that the incident allowed the threat actor to view and access certain personal information, while locking Barrett out of their own system. The vast majority of patient information was encrypted, and although the threat actor did have access to a limited set of personal information, there is no evidence, at the time of this letter, that the threat actor had actually taken steps to view, access, exfiltrate, or otherwise acquire the information. The incident was discovered expeditiously, cyber security experts were retained, and proper security measures were conducted to contain the incident.

What information was involved?
The information subject to the incident may have included personal information such as patients' first name, last name, driver's license number and address along with health insurance information. Please note that we are providing this notice because our patients' personal information may have been exposed.

What are we doing?
We take the protection of our patients' personal information seriously and are taking steps to prevent a similar occurrence. Upon learning of the incident, Barrett took immediate measures to contain and neutralize the vulnerability, secure the IT environment, notify law enforcement, and initiate a forensic investigation to determine the extent of the incident. Barrett has also deployed, and will continue to deploy, additional security procedures to prevent future incidents. Addition-

ally, Barrett has engaged cyber security experts to guide us through the incident, ensuring that we fully comply with our legal obligations and properly mitigate the potential impact of the incident.

Barrett will continue to work with cyber security experts and law enforcement to ensure that this incident is properly addressed, ensure that we remain vigilant in the security of our own operations, and continue to strengthen our internal controls and safeguards to ensure this type of incident does not occur again. Barrett will notify our patients of any significant developments that may further impact the security of their personal information.

What actions our patients can take?
As always, we recommend our patients be on the alert for suspicious activity related to their financial accounts and credit reports. We encourage our patients to regularly monitor their statements and records to ensure there are no transactions or other activities that they did not initiate or authorize. Patients should report any suspicious activity to the appropriate service provider.

We recommend that our patients obtain, and monitor, their credit reports to ensure that fraudulent activity has not occurred. In line with rights pursuant to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, patients may obtain a free copy of their credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll free 1 (877) 322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348.

Additionally, our patients can report incidents of suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Indiana Attorney General. To file a complaint with the FTC, go to IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1 (877) 438-4338). Complaints filed with the FTC will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, which is a database made available to law enforcement agencies. Information on how to contact you're the Indiana Attorney General can be found below:

Attorney General Todd Rokita
Indiana Government Center
South - 5th Floor
302 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 232-6201
in.gov/attorneygeneral/contact-us

We encourage our patients to take advantage of additional free resources on identity theft. We recommend that patients review the tips provided by the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information website, a valuable resource with some helpful tips on how to protect personal information. Additional information is available at consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity-online-security.

For more information, our patients can visit IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). A copy of Identity Theft - A Recovery Plan, a comprehensive guide from the FTC to help patients guard against and deal with identity theft, can be found on the FTC's website at consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0009_identitytheft_recovery_plan.pdf.

Placing a security freeze
Indiana law allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, patients should be aware that placing a security freeze on their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests made for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services. We recommend that our patients work collaboratively with potential lenders, employers and service providers to ensure that a patient is protecting both their information and the approval status of their applicable request.

In order to place a security freeze on credit reports, a patient must contact all three bureaus. The request can be made to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (equifax.com); Experian (experian.com); and TransUnion (transunion.com) via secure email connection provided by each consumer reporting agency. Additionally, the request to place a security freeze may be in the form of a written request, and sent by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below:

- Equifax Security Freeze**
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
(888) 298-0045
- Experian Security Freeze**
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
(888) 397-3742
- Trans Union Security Freeze**
Fraud Victim Assistance Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022-2000
(888) 909-8872

The credit reporting agencies have five business days after receiving the request to place a security freeze on the patient's credit report, so we recommend placing the freeze as soon as the patient possibly can. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation of the security freeze within 10 business days and provide the patient with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both, that can be used to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

Lifting or suspending a security freeze

To temporarily lift or suspend the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to a credit report, the patient must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agency's secure email connection) and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided when the security freeze was placed as well as the identities of those entities or individuals that may receive the credit report, or the specific period of time the credit report is made available. The credit reporting agencies have three business days (or 15 minutes if the request is made via secure email connection) after receiving the request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities, or for the specified period of time.

Removing a security freeze

To remove the security freeze, the patient must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail (or through each credit reporting agency's secure email connection) and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided when the security freeze was placed. The credit bureaus have three business days (or 15 minutes if the request is made via secure email connection) to remove the security after receiving the request.

For more information
We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident. If patients have further questions or concerns, they can call 1(866) 810-3352 toll-free Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Our cyber security, as well as the safety and stability of our patients, employees, and vendors, is of the utmost importance to us and we remain committed to protecting personal information. We will continue to monitor the incident and advise our patients of any updates as may be necessary.

Church News

Take part in revival services at Bible Baptist Church

Bible Baptist Church, 1190 N. 9th St. Noblesville, will hold revival services Aug. 4 to 7. Sunday night service will be held at 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services will be held at 7 p.m. Evangelist Matthew Barber from Valparaiso and his family will preach and sing nightly. Come and receive a blessing. Visitors welcome.

Family fun & ice cream at Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church of Noblesville invites the community to an Ice Cream Social from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24. Come enjoy ice cream, hot dogs, a bounce house, and fun and silly games. You can even throw a pie at the pastor for only \$1! Money received for the pie throwing will toward the Hamilton County Chaplain fund. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville. For more information, visit the church's [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/clc-in.org) or go to clc-in.org.

Indiana State Parks launch summer s'mores contest

The REPORTER

To celebrate summer, camping, and memories made naturally, Indiana State Parks invite you to create your best s'more at any state park property, snap a photo, and share it by emailing SPcontests@dnr.IN.gov by Aug. 31.

S'more entries can be of the traditional delicious roasted variety or a unique work of s'more art. Winners will be selected by a panel of DNR staff and shared in an album on Indiana State Parks' Facebook page after the contest. Winning prizes include a 2025 annual entrance pass, a \$50 camping gift card, a

\$50 inns gift card, and an *Outdoor Indiana* magazine subscription.

To enter, please include the following information in the email:

- Photo of the s'more
- S'more creator's name
- Phone number and address
- Date the s'more was created (and likely eaten)
- The Indiana State Park property where the s'more was made

Please read all the contest rules at events.IN.gov/event/the-2024-great-smore-contest.

To find a state park property near you visit state-parks.IN.gov.



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Humane Society for Hamilton County & Westfield Tractor Supply want to help you find your next pet

Submitted

Tractor Supply of Westfield, 17500 Austrian Pine Way, invites customers to a pet adoption event from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25, in partnership with the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

"As an active advocate and supporter of pet rescue and adoption, Tractor Supply strives to inform our customers of the pet adoption process by providing a safe and comfortable space for

A version of this story originally ran on Saturday, Aug. 3 with the incorrect time & date. The Reporter thanks the Humane Society for sending us the correct information.

placing adorable animals in welcoming homes," Burks said. "Through this and other year-round adoption events, our goal at Westfield store is to connect adoptable pets with interested owners."



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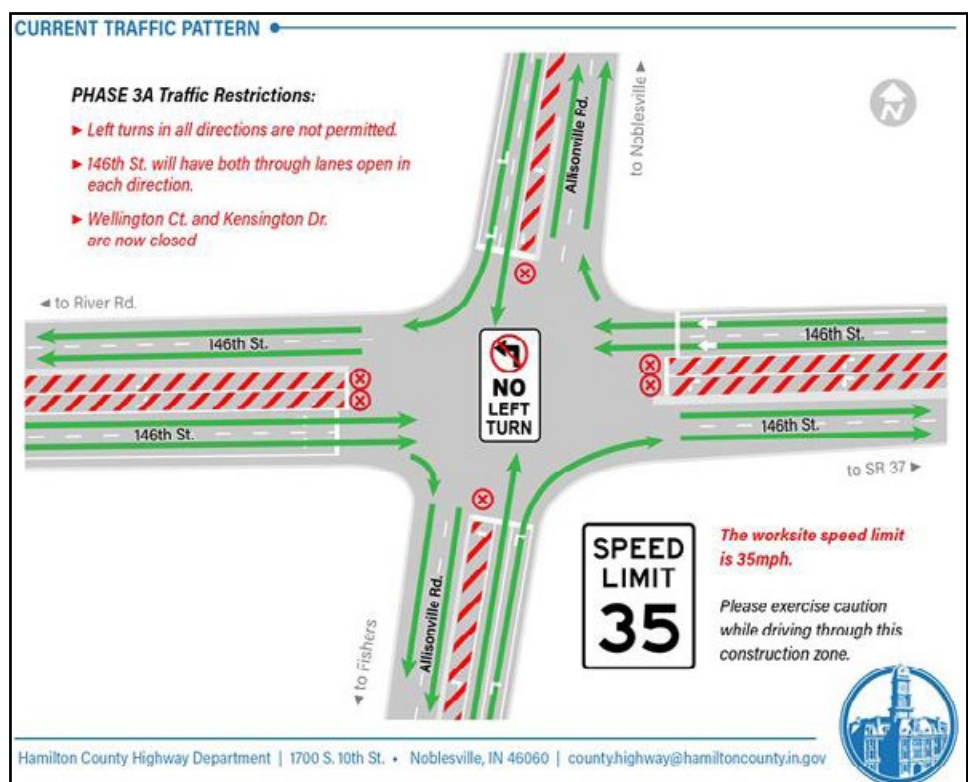
Latest updates on 146th & Allisonville project

The REPORTER

Please use extreme caution and follow the 35 mph posted speed limit when traveling through the work zone. Left turns are prohibited in all directions at the intersection.

Periodic lane closures and intermittent stoppages may be necessary to complete certain work items. Please watch for flaggers and workers in an around the construction zone.

Bridge crews are continuing work on the widening of the eastbound bridge over the White River. The contractor is continuing to work on storm sewer installation, subgrade preparation, and paving operations. Bridge and MSE wall construction at the intersection is ongoing between the eastbound and westbound travel lanes. The contractor is preparing for the upcoming bridge deck pour for the



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

bridge carrying 146th Street over Allisonville Road. Construction vehicles

will be entering and exiting from this work area, so please be vigilant and follow

the 35 mph posted speed limit when driving through the construction zone.

Thanks for reading **The Reporter!**



Der Polkatz closes out 30th concert season at Cool Creek Park

Submitted by HCPR

Der Polkatz, Indy's polka band, delivered a delightful performance last Friday at Cool Creek Park, marking the final concert for the 30th season of Cool Creek Concerts. It rained slightly at the beginning of the concert, but that did not dampen the spirits of the audience, who were invigorated by the band's energetic blend of polka, rock, and folk music from a variety of decades.

Der Polkatz played a variety of songs including crowd favorites like "Polka Never Dies" by the Dreadnoughts, "That's Amore" by Dean Martin, and "25 or 6 to 4" by Chicago. The 13-person group vigorously sang while accompanied by an array of instruments including guitars, accordions, trumpets, trombones, and more, making for an upbeat and lively musical experience. Each

song was met with enthusiastic cheers and dancing.

Der Polkatz's performance was a triumphant conclusion to the 30th season of Cool Creek Concerts, proving that not even rain in the forecast could stop the music or the fun. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this season unforgettable. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Hamilton County Parks thanks the sponsors of the Cool Creek Summer Concert series: Title Sponsor Napleton Automotive Group, IU Health, Ashlin Hadden Insurance, The National Bank of Indianapolis, Renewal By Andersen, Compass Realty, Sobczak Construction Services, Community First Bank of Indiana, Keeler-Webb, Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc., Coxhall Guild, and Helium SEO.



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Jazz & blues are on the menu at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael

The REPORTER

Like jazz? Then Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel is where you need to be the weekend of Aug. 9 to 11. Feinstein's will be one featured venues for the two-day Carmel Jazz Fest. Then they wrap up the weekend with a New Orleans Feast at the monthly Jazz Brunch.

As part of Carmel Jazz Fest 2024 weekend, Zach Day takes the Feinstein's stage on Friday, Aug. 9 with his one-of-a-kind voice for a great night of jazz music. Day is an Americana guitarist, singer and songwriter from Anderson, Ind. He began to excel on guitar at age 15, influenced by the great 80s rock guitarists like Randy Rhoads and Eddie Van Halen. Years later, Day discovered the blues through musicians like Stevie Ray Vaughan, B.B. King, and Walter Trout.

At the age of 16, Day shared the stage with blues icon Walter Trout. By the age of 18, he was performing at some of the most nostalgic clubs such as The Slippery Noodle in Indianapolis and Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago. At the age of 22, he got the chance to share the stage with the last living legend of blues, Buddy Guy.

Carmel Jazz Festival is a two-day festival featuring international, national, and regional jazz, R&B, and blues acts across five stages. The festival includes beer, wine, and food vendors. As part of the festival on Aug. 9 and 10, you can experience live music inside

all three venues within The Center for the Performing Arts – The Studio Theatre, The Tarkington, and the world-renowned Palladium, as well as outside at Carter Green and, of course, at Feinstein's.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m., Feinstein's welcomes The Cohen-Rutkowski Project featuring Sandy Lomax. This will be an evening of high-energy swinging music. Lomax, affectionately known as Indy's Queen of Scat, joins saxophonist Rich Cohen and pianist Chris Rutkowski to lend her unique voice to a number of the project's original compositions – reworked to include lyrics – as well as to select jazz standards.

Pianist and composer Chris Rutkowski's life in jazz has its unlikely beginnings in London, but it flourished in the artistic hot house of Detroit. Quickly connecting with the legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, he wrote for and performed with his big and small bands. A lengthy turn toward the world of classical composition involved graduate study at Indiana University, which in turn led back to jazz with study and performance with the great David Baker. Both worlds flowed concurrently, while he performed with luminaries such as Motown's Temptations, Darmon Meader (New York Voices), saxophonist Eric Alexander and trumpeter Alan Vizzuti.

Saxophonist Rich Cohen was bitten by the jazz bug at an early age. Since

relocating to the Midwest from the East Coast, Cohen has continued to hone his musical craft, working with a number of established jazz artists such as Rob Dixon, Everett Greene, and Clifford Ratliff. In addition to regular performances with different configurations of the Cohen-Rutkowski Project, Cohen performs regularly with the Latin jazz group Pavel & Direct Contact and is an in-demand sax player on the Indy scene.

Vocalist and recording artist Sandy Lomax has graced stages in the U.S. and Europe. Known for her vocal improvisations in the style of Ella Fitzgerald, Lomax has earned the title "Indy's Queen of Scat." Sandy has been featured on several recordings that have included such world-renowned jazz artists as Cyrus Chestnut and Vincent Herring, and she has received a Living Legend Honor award from the Indy Arts Council. As one of Indy's premier vocalists, she maintains a busy performance schedule and has been a featured performer with the Cohen-Rutkowski Project since 2022, adding her improvisational voice to the group's original compositions.

This "jazzy" weekend wraps up on Sunday, Aug. 11, with Feinstein's monthly Jazz Brunch hosted by Blair Clark and featuring Tad Robinson. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with show starting at noon.

Experience Clark's captivating vocals that have thrilled audiences world-

wide. Clark has also collaborated with Grammy winners and legends like Evelyn "Champagne" King, Grammy award-winner/producer Narada Michael Walden, BMI award-winner Preston Glass and New Orleans jazz legend Henry Butler.

Joining Clark for this month's brunch is Tad Robinson. From his NYC roots and his Indiana and Chicago musical upbringing, Severn Records recording artist Tad Robinson has caught the attention of the scene with his 10 Blues Music Award nominations (the Grammys of blues music), his recordings for the Severn label, his earlier work on Delmark Records and on Rounder Records as a member of the roots rock band, Big Shoulders.

He tours widely in the U.S. and has played in over 20 countries worldwide with performances at some of the most important international blues festivals. With harmonica chops influenced by Sonny Boy Williamson and Junior Parker and a vocal style inspired by Otis Redding, Syl Johnson, and Al Green, Robinson ranks as one of the most unique and talented bandleaders in the international blues and soul communities.

Enjoy these musical flavors while you enjoy a delicious brunch. Indulge in a New Orleans-inspired breakfast menu featuring items like a pancake board, biscuits and gravy, Cajun Eggs Benedict, and other mouthwatering dishes.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets.

Commemorating 60 years since The Beatles performed at State Fair

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Fair has a big Fab Four celebration planned for September.

Announced last Saturday, the State Fairgrounds will host a 60 Year Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. The 1964 "Seems Like Yesterday" event will feature a live listening session of the original audio from the 1964 performance, followed by a performance by the band 1964 performing the Beatles original set list.

General admission tickets are \$5, the same price from the 1964 show, with \$25 floor tickets available as well. All tickets are on sale now at indianastatefair.com. The special \$5 general admission tickets are available while supplies last.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3 the below Fab Four activities will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds:

- On the same date, 60 years to the day the Indiana State Fairgrounds will commemorate the band's appearance.
- The Same Venue (Indiana Farmers Coliseum) will be used that The Beatles performed in.
- A special Beatles-themed art installation will be unveiled. The piece created by Indiana artist Cory Heimann is a large-scale Beatles themed permanent installation made

out of Rubick's cubes. Heimann is the creative director at Likable Art. A desire to stir up beauty drives his love for collaborating and creating. His favorite creations are his five boys in collaboration with his wife.

• An Audio Playback of the actual show that took place in 1964: Fans will want to come early and participate in a pre-concert listening party in the venue where The Beatles performed. This will feature a playback of the actual show from 1964 that was broadcast over the airwaves at the time. Super high quality and not to be missed!

Followed by . . .

The same setlist and hits will be performed by 1964 The Tribute Live in Concert: Experience a Beatles concert the way it was performed over 60 years ago. "1964" focuses on the quintessential moment in history, when The Beatles actually played before a live audience. The Beatles toured the world in the early 1960s, but now only a precious few remain who actually saw them live – who actually felt the "mania" that brought them to world acclaim. Today, all that remains are a few scant memories and some captured images in pictures and on poor quality film and video. "1964" meticulously re-creates the "MAGIC" of those live Beatles' performances with artful precision and unerring accuracy.

Indiana State Police offer tips for your visit to the State Fair

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Fair runs through Sunday, Aug. 18. The Indiana State Police offer these tips to make your trip to the fair more enjoyable.

- **Plan Ahead:** Visit indianastatefair.com to see the day's hours, events, and activities.
- **Parking:** You can access the Indiana State Fairgrounds from several gates on each side of the property. Take time to research your best option for parking by visiting indianastatefairparking.com. Once you park take a photograph of your parking area with your cell phone so you can remember where you parked or download an app on your phone such as Find My Car. Each year Troopers spend a lot of time helping people find their cars because people had forgotten where they parked.
- **Your vehicle:** Be sure to lock your doors. If you have valuables inside the vehicle that you are not carrying with you, it is best to leave them at home. If you must leave them in the car be sure they are out of sight. Locking them in the trunk is the best option.
- **Weather:** Stay current on inclement weather by visiting indianastatefair.com/alerts and sign up to receive emergency notifications from

the Indiana State Fair Operations Center. The weather is expected to be hot during the fair, and Troopers respond to many calls where individuals suffer from overexertion. We want to remind visitors to drink plenty of water, take breaks, and visit the air-conditioned commercial buildings.

- **Lost children:** One common occurrence for Troopers at the fair is locating lost children. A few things that will help expedite finding a lost child is a detailed description of their clothing. One option is to take a photo of your child when you arrive at the fairgrounds, in the event you become separated that photo can be quickly shared with dozens of public safety personnel at the fairgrounds. If your child does not know your phone number, you can pick up a child ID bracelet from any Indiana State Police Booth. Sometimes adults or elderly visitors can become separated from their caregivers, some of the same options above can be used in these situations as well.
- **"See Something, Say Something":** Report suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

With appropriate planning and patience, your Indiana State Fair visit will be a great experience.

Letter to the Editor

Fishers reader: support our educators

Dear Editor:
As the 2024-2025 school year approaches (or has already begun, in some places), I want to remind the public in Hamilton County how valuable our educators are. We are so incredibly lucky in this community to have some of the best educators and staff. These world-class humans serve our students each and every day, helping to pave the path to a better future for each student they encounter.

However, especially in Hamilton Southeastern Schools, some educators are beginning the year with less joy and excitement than they have had in years past due to an Unfair Labor Dispute with district administration.

When the decision was made to fill vacant Special Education positions with teachers with appropriate credentials but who were currently teaching elsewhere in the district, clarity was asked for in the process. This process is outlined in the teacher handbook. However, from what I've seen pouring through the ULP, those requests were met with rudeness and lack of cooperation. A union and the district are at their best when

they work together. It's clear from the ULP and comments at the board meeting that members of this administration are not acting as though they are concerned with teachers, their working conditions, or their respect.

HSEA teachers have been showing up to school board meetings all summer long in large numbers. As a parent of current students, that is a clear indication to me that this situation matters to them, and they need our support. Asking teachers to disregard something that matters to them sure doesn't impress our understanding of their worth. Teachers deserve supportive working environments and administrations who have their back.

They deserve a community who stands with them when they're threatened, and who aren't afraid to say, "this is unacceptable." After all, that's what unions have been doing for us in our nation's history, and we all benefit by the results of those fights (if you like weekends and 40-hour work weeks, raise your hand!).

I was proud last year when HSEA and the district negotiated the return of a masters column. However, this meant that, understandably, we spent

much more in salary last year, as we moved everybody with a masters to a new pay column. That is the main reason for the increase in salary expenditure this last year which has been cited in recent board meetings. That same increase will not be necessary in the future. It feels to me incredibly shameful that this "win" for our staff is now being blamed for funding issues.

Despite its attempts to be used in other ways, I stand by the phrase coined by Sharon McMahon, a well-known teacher on Instagram: "Educator Working Conditions are Student Learning Conditions." We send our precious children to school for eight hours a day, and it is as much in our best interest as theirs to support a district that holds educators in the high esteem they deserve. I can only hope that the HSE administration, and the community at large, come together to do right by our educators.

Welcome back, educators in Hamilton County! We are so, SO grateful to have you, and we appreciate all you do every single day.

Alyssa Roberts
Fishers resident & HSE parent

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United Way of Central Indiana names new chief brand officer

Ayaz Malik began in role Aug. 5 & will oversee marketing & communications department

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana has announced that Ayaz Malik will serve as its new chief brand officer.

Malik began in his new role Monday and brings with him more than 30 years of experience in marketing and communications.

Malik comes to United Way from Sanofi Pharmaceuticals, where he spent two years as head of specialty care communica-

tions. Before that, he worked for Roche Diagnostics for 12 years and Zimmer Biomet for six years in a variety of digital strategy, marketing and communications leadership roles.

"We are excited about the experience and perspective Ayaz brings," said Fred Payne, United Way's president and CEO. "We look



Malik

forward to working with him to further our goal of helping people live the lives they are capable of living."

Malik has a bachelor's degree in visual communications from Indiana University-Purdue University and an MBA from the University of Arizona Eller College of Management.

AG Rokita makes a splash by raising awareness for consumers of harmful household products recalled in July

The REPORTER

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

"The summer is coming to an end and kids are spending their final days outside before returning to school," Attorney General Rokita said. "Don't let the beautiful weather be ruined by an outdoor item breaking down. If you have 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 July:

- DGL Group Recalls Hover-1 Dynamo E-Scooters Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Crash Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Walmart.com

- Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls 2024 Arctic Cat Mountain 600 Snowmobiles Due to Crash Hazard

- Stiger Recalls Besrey Twins Strollers Due to Entrapment, Fall and Choking Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulation for Strollers; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com

- Ophanie Area Rugs Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Ophanie

- Grand Rapids Chair Company Recalls Wood Dining Chairs Due to Fall Hazard

- Razor Recalls Icon Electric Scooters Due to Fall Hazard

- Torquay eTrading Recalls Essential Values Golf Grip Solvent and Golf Grip Kits Due to Risk of Poisoning; Violation of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

- Kawasaki USA Recalls Mule PRO 1000 Off-Highway Utility Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard

- Clark Associates Recalls Lancaster Table & Seating Plastic Restaurant High Chairs Due to Fall Hazard

- iFIT Recalls ProForm 50 LB Adjustable Dumbbells Due to Impact Injury Hazard

- Toy Guns Recalled Due to Eye Injury Hazard; Failure to Meet Federal Safety Regulations for Projectile Toys; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com by Youjiu

- BISSELL Recalls More Than 3 Million Steam Shot Handheld Steam Cleaners Due to Burn Hazard

- Sassy Baby Recalls Manhattan Toy Brilliant Bee Rattles Due to Choking Hazard



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- CFMOTO Recalls ZFORCE 950 Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs) Due to Crash and Tip-Over Hazards

- TonGass Pool Drain Covers Recalled Due to Violation of the

- Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act and Entrapment Hazard; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by TonGass

- Best Lighting Products Recalls High Bay LED Light Fixtures Due to Fire Hazard

- Children's Pajama Sets Recalled Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com by JUVENNO KIDS

- Children's Nightgowns Recalled Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com by Lovely Angel

- Claire's and Icing Stores Recalls Halloween Witch Hats Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Requirement

- Atomi Recalls Smart Heaters Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

- Ross Stores Recalls Armchairs Due to Fall and Injury Hazards

- Children's Pajama Sets Recalled Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com by Fashion Online

- SWOMOG Children's Pajamas Recalled Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by SWOMOG

- American Honda Motor Recalls Off-Road Motorcycles Due to Crash and Injury Hazards

- Hatch Baby Recalls Power Adapters Sold with Rest 1st Generation Sound Machines Due to Shock Hazard

- Focusee Recalls Tide-way Hair Dryers Due to Electrocutation or Shock Hazard

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

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Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

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



- Aug. 8 vendor lineup**
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 - Almost Paradise Farms
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 - Joy Through Dawn
 - Kernel King
 - Lazy Labs Pet Bakery
 - Lexi Lu's Boutique
 - Local Stems Farm
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 - Mr. T's Ice Cream
 - My Dad's Sweet Corn
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 - Paper Pie
 - Pastry Sweet Salty
 - Peace Water Winery
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 - Schooley's Hots & Brats
 - Stephan Orchard
 - Taco Loco M&C
 - The Barn at Helm
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- Three Shepherds Dog Accessories
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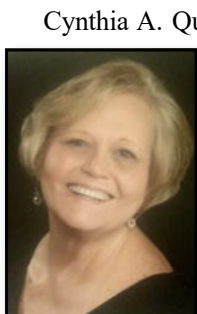
Kid's Activity Booth

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

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

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

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



Cynthia A. Quimby
April 22, 1958 – August 2, 2024

Cynthia A. Quimby, 66, Carmel, passed away on Friday, August 2, 2024, at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel. Born on April 22, 1958, to the late Byron and Carol (Lowry) Harris in Logansport, Ind., Cynthia was an extraordinary woman, deeply loved and respected by all who knew her.

Cynthia dedicated her life to connecting with others, always equipped by God to build relationships and serve those around her. As a dental hygienist, she transformed her profession into a ministry platform, investing in her patients' lives and becoming their trusted confidant. Known for her special ability to serve children, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly, Cynthia was a favorite among her patients who cherished her gentle care and genuine interest in their well-being.

Her passion for service extended beyond her profession. Cynthia was actively involved in Women of Worth International, an organization dedicated to building connections, encouraging, and equipping women in their faith. Her heart for ministry was evident in her commitment to sharing God's love and the message of Jesus Christ. One of her most cherished memories was a mission trip to Africa with Women of Worth, an experience that encapsulated her dedication to living out her faith every day. Whether it was neighbors, strangers at the grocery store, or friends, Cynthia's mission was to make everyone feel valued and loved.

Cynthia's love for cooking was another way she expressed her affection and care for others. She delighted in baking breads, preparing meals, and creating treats that brought joy to those around her. Her culinary creations were always a testament to her love, and she never missed an opportunity to remind people how much she cared for them through her delicious offerings.

Above all, Cynthia's greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren. As a devoted Mimi, she adored Ryan, Noelle, Vivienne, Caroline, and Gabriel, whom she affectionately called the "Fab Five." Cynthia's life revolved around her grandchildren; she always had a surprise, a favorite treat, or a special activity planned for them. Her presence at their sporting events and shows was a testament to her unwavering support and love. She was incredibly proud of each one of them and never missed a chance to share their pictures and stories.

Her legacy continues through her loving husband, Chris Quimby; her son, Matthew (Stephanie) Quimby; her daughter, Christa (David) Snyder; her sister, Elizabeth Harris (Garry) Danz; and her cherished grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Venture Christian Church, 14501 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, August 8, followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

In honor of Cynthia's legacy of love and service, memorial contributions may be made to Women of Worth International (womenofworthinternational.org).
Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE PLAGUE OF BLOOD

Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said. Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart. And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

THE PLAGUE OF FROGS

Seven days passed after the Lord struck the Nile.

Exodus 7:20-25 (NIV)

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Common Council will hold meetings concerning the 2025 Civil City budget at 4 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Aug 13, 20, and 27. These meetings will take place in Rooms A213 and A214 at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

The Westfield Washington Township Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future Plat Committee meeting.

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Olympics



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Carmel's own Alex Shackell will bring home two Olympics medals from the City of Light.

Hometown proud

Alex Shackell adds 'Olympic Gold Medalist' to her list of achievements

The REPORTER

Another relay, another Olympics medal for Alex Shackell.

The Carmel swimming superstar earned a gold medal as part of the U.S. Women's 4x100 medley relay, the prelims of which took place last Saturday at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Shackell was one of those prelims swimmers, which made her eligible for a medal.

Shackell was the third swimmer in the relay, swimming the breaststroke portion. She finished her split in 57.32 seconds. The Americans placed second in their semifinal with a time of 3 minutes, 56.40 seconds and qualified fourth overall.

The finals of the relay took place last Sunday and was the closing event to the swimming competition. The U.S. team of Regan Smith, Lilly King, Gretchen Walsh and Torri Huske blasted to victory in a new world record time of 3:49.63, well ahead of silver medalist Australia's 3:53.11. It was the 11th gold medal for the Americans in this event; the U.S. has won either gold or silver in the 4x100 medley since it started in 1960.

Shackell will return to Carmel as a two-time Olympics medalist. She was also part of the U.S. 4x200 freestyle relay, which won a silver medal earlier in the week.

Girls Golf

Season starts with a bang

Greyhounds, Millers & Golden Eagles claim victories at first tournaments of the year

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The Carmel girls golf team began the 2024 season just like it finished the 2023 season: with a win.

The two-time defending state champion Greyhounds won the Hamilton Southeastern Invitational Tuesday at Stony Creek Golf Club. Carmel's Blue team scored 308 for the team victory, with the Royals' Blue team totaling 312 for runner-up honors.

The Greyhounds swept the top three individual positions. Sophomore Maddie Headlee scored a personal-best 73 for the medalist award, senior Sophie Mock placed second with 74 and senior Reese Roudebush carded a personal-best 75 for third place.

"They all have worked so hard on their games all summer long and it's just great to see it pay off for them in the first tournament," said Carmel coach Kelly Kluesner.

"I felt like all the wheels were turning," said Headlee. "My short game was good, my long game was good. I had a few putts I could have done better on, but overall, I had five birdies. I kept playing and keeping it up throughout the round and shot my personal record."

The Hounds graduated three seniors from last year's state title team but have experience with Headlee and Mock returning.

"This whole week is just about course management, letting them see what this is all about," said Kluesner.

Sophie Roberts led the way for the HSE Blue team by scoring 76. Janelle Garcia was next with 77 and Laci Hart scored 78. In addition, Brooke Willard on the HSE White team also scored 76.

"I'm excited for the season," said first-year Royals coach Peter Salvadori. "I have a really strong cast of three seniors complimented by some up and coming juniors and sophomores. So, I think we got a lot of promise and potential, and then I think today was just a really nice first competition to see what it looks like against



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Photo provided

(TOP) The Carmel girls golf team won its season opener Tuesday at the Hamilton Southeastern Invitational at Stony Creek Golf Club. The two-time defending state champion Greyhounds scored 308, with sophomore Maddie Headlee earning medalist honors with 73. (ABOVE) Noblesville claimed a season-opening victory by winning the Bloomington South Invitational Monday at Bloomington Country Club. The No. 1-ranked Millers scored 313.

other teams."

Team scores: Carmel Blue 308, Hamilton Southeastern Blue 312, Westfield Green 341, Hamilton Southeastern Red 344, Westfield White 366, Mount Vernon 368, Fishers Red 374, Carmel Gold 380, Hamilton Southeastern Red 384, Guerin Catholic 406, Fishers White 433.

Medalist: Maddie Headlee (Carmel Blue) 35-38=73.

Other Carmel Blue scores: Sophie Mock 38-36=74, Reese Roudebush 36-39=75, Allie Thompson 43-

43=86, Georgia Murnan 44-44=88.

Southeastern Blue scores: Sophie Roberts 38-38=76, Janelle Garcia 40-37=77, Laci Hart 39-39=78, Paige O'Hara 44-37=81, Karolina Franssen 43-41=84.

Westfield Green scores: Lilley Ku 42-40=82, Sami Hanavan 41-42=83, Ellison Daggy 44-42=86, Taylor Nokes 42-48=90, Emory Schroeder 51-55=106.

Southeastern White scores: Brooke Willard 37-39=76, Maya Cieply 42-41=83,

Bella Stanley 44-45=89, Taylor Wetzel 47-49=96, Anna McNairy 47-50=97.

Westfield White scores: Kate Brown 44-42=86, Addison Ross 44-45=89, Ava DeCraene 47-48=95, Harper Bryant 46-50=96, Maggie Thompson 51-48=99.

Fishers Red scores: Kendall Manion 47-45=92, Ellie Webster 47-46=93, Lola Kivett 46-48=94, Aleah Miller 46-49=95, Sophia Rush 53-53=106.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Aug. 7

GOLF

Guerin Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m. at Pebble Brook Carmel, Hamilton Heights, Westfield at Tipton Invitational, 1:30 p.m. at Tipton Municipal Golf Club

Saturday, Aug. 10

GOLF

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at State Preview, 10 a.m. at Prairie View Westfield JV at Kokomo Invitational, 1:30 p.m. at Chippendale Golf Club

Tuesday, Aug. 13

GOLF

Carmel vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m. at Prairie View

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IndyCar driver excited for Anthony Richardson this season

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

WESTFIELD — Chip Ganassi Racing's Marcus Armstrong went to Colts training camp on Monday to check out practice and

for a jersey swap with second-year Colts cornerback JuJu Brents after practice.

Even though Armstrong is from New Zealand, he was already a football fan before he got to the United States for IndyCar.

In New Zealand, the Super Bowl is on Monday morning. The first one that Armstrong watched was the Patriots comeback against the Falcons in Super Bowl LI. After seeing Tom Brady and his heroics, he was hooked.

Since he lives in Indianapolis, he said that he pulls for the Colts the most. He's excited for the team this year with **Anthony Richardson** and Jonathan Taylor.

He dapped up Colts **cornerback** Kenny Moore II after practice and swapped jerseys with Brents. Armstrong gave Brents a signed racing mini helmet a jersey, and Brents gave Armstrong a signed Colts mini helmet and jersey.

He also said that he thought Joe Flacco looked really good at practice on Monday.

Armstrong leans towards cheering for offensive talent, but he does enjoy the defensive side of the game as well. But, he's still learning the game. He said he listens to sports talk radio for an hour each day, for better

or for worse.

This is Armstrong's rookie season in IndyCar. He currently ranks 14th in the **IndyCar Series Championship standings**.

Four of the last five races of the year are on ovals, which Armstrong said is new for him coming from New Zealand. But, he said he tries to make steps forward every day on his improvement with ovals. He finished in the top ten for his first time on an oval at the Hy-Vee Homefront 250.

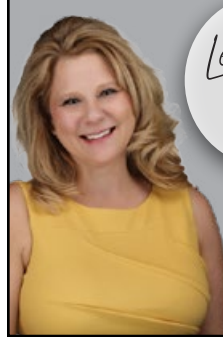
As for his first full season in IndyCar, Armstrong had great things to say.

"It's been amazing," he said. "I'm not just saying that because I have to. I enjoy the fact that you get to continuously race."

IndyCar returns from its break on Aug. 17 with the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 in Madison, Illinois.

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GOLF

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Guerin Catholic won the Pendleton Preview Monday to open its season. The Golden Eagles scored 336 and swept the top three individual positions.

Carmel Gold scores: Mal-lorie Monico 47-46=93, Sophia Landrigan 48-45=93, Kate Harding 51-44=95, Ananya Yemme 49-50=99, Moki Neothalapati 49-50=99.

Fishers Red scores: Emerson Johnson 43-50=93, Keira Bassett 44-49=93, Sydney Gregory 50-46=96, Riley Redmond 48-54=102, Addison Phillips 53-56=109.

Guerin Catholic scores: London Payne 48-47=95, Mallory Knott 52-50=102, Erin McNeely 51-52=103, Annie Murphy 52-54=106, Ava Klinker 56-57=113.

Fishers White scores: Grace Pedersen 57-46=103, Scarlet Wolf-Rodriguez 52-53=105, Fiona Doyle 56-50=106, Jillian MacLaughlin 62-57=119, Jazlin Guerrero 60-61=121.

Individuals: Meredith Walters (Southeastern) 51-50=101, Olivia Manning (Westfield) 51-51=102, Natalie Vinton (Fishers) 57-51=108.

Millers win at Bloomington

Noblesville and Westfield, the pre-season Nos. 1 and 2 ranked teams, got right down to business Monday at the Bloomington South Invitational at Bloomington Country Club.

The Millers won the tournament, carding 313. Noblesville had a consistent day, with Josie Kelley placing third individually by scoring 73. Olivia Anderson added 79, while Presley White scored 80. Olivia Fowler's 83 and Karis Shields' 89 rounded out the Millers scoring.

The Shamrocks were the tournament runners-up with a score of 321. Senior Addi Kooi went under par to take individual medalist honors, scoring a two under 70. Kelsey Haverluck totaled 77, followed by Sophie Raines 86, Sadie Edwards 88 and Anna McKeown 93. Ellison Daggy played as an individual and scored 88.

Guerin Catholic also claimed victory in its first tournament of the year.

The Golden Eagles



Photos by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Ali Scott (above) and Sydney Delagrang (below) finished 1-2 at the Pendleton Preview on Monday.



won the Pendleton Preview, which took place Monday at Fall Creek Golf Club in Pendleton. Fourteenth-ranked Guerin Catholic scored 336 to get the win and also swept the top three individual positions.

Ali Scott led the field with 78, followed by Sydney Delagrang's score of 79. Sarah Rigg placed third overall with 82. Also scoring for the Golden Eagles were Gracie Navarro 97 and Avery Wall 98.

Hamilton Heights also opened its season at Pendleton, placing fifth with 402. Taylor Morrison was the Huskies' leader with 88, followed by Presley Cherry 91, Tanner Penwell 106, Sammie Powers 117 and Alayna Kauffman 127.

*** Westfield and Guerin Catholic went right back to work on Tuesday, playing at the Lafayette Jefferson Booster Club Invitational at Battle Ground Golf Club.

The Shamrocks placed second with a 306; Zionsville edged out Westfield for first place with a 304. Kooi tied for second individually, repeating her Monday score by carding a one under par 70. Haverluck carded 75 for sixth place. Rained scored 78, McKeown added 83 and Edwards had 85.

The Golden Eagles finished sixth as a team with 351. Scott scored 76 to lead GC, followed by Delagrang 81, Rigg 94, Navarro 100 and Wall 100.



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Mike and Debbie Laird love serving the police and fire communities.

“Greatest spectacle in charitable golf outings”

Jake Laird memorial outing brings 404 golfers from across Indiana to Pebble Brook in Noblesville

Submitted

Mike and Debbie Laird recently welcomed 404 golfers, from all over Indiana, to the 21st annual Jake Laird Memorial Golf Outing. The weather was perfect and both 18-hole courses at the Pebble Brook Golf Club were in pristine condition.

This year's event was the most successful outing since its inception in 2004 after their son, Jake Laird, an IPD officer, was shot and killed in the line of duty.

The money that is raised benefits police and fire agencies in Indiana with the purchase of new equipment, the costs of instructional programs, and financial assistance to officers injured in the line of duty. To date, the Lairds have donated over \$1

million to police and firefighter agencies.

Among others, the opening ceremonies included Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, who welcomed the golfers to Noblesville, remarks from Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, Bryan Wolfe, who sang “God Bless America” and the National Anthem, and the IMPD Honor Guard, who did a presentation of the Colors.

Gary Carroll, who has participated in every golf outing, said, “I'd say the Laird outing is the greatest spectacle in charitable golf outings. But for me, this is about supporting my friend, Mike, and his family's sacrifice. It is about supporting our public servants, who put their lives on the line every single day. I am thankful,

that in some way, I can give back to our law enforcement officers through this outing.”

One of the returning Corporate Sponsors at this year's outing, Angie Turley with Fairway Mortgage Company, said, “We love sponsoring the Jake Laird Memorial Outing each year because of all the people who come together to celebrate Jake's life and the impact the foundation makes to our police and fire service communities.”

Mike and Debbie say they look forward to new opportunities to continue to serve the police and fire communities and thank everyone for their participation in this year's outing. For additional information please refer to TheJakeLairdMemorialTourney.org.

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