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Today: Mostly to partly sunny.
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Reporter photos by Amy Adams
 (ABOVE LEFT) Friends with Annie through Girl Scout Troop 599, Claire Ehlers, pointing, Kinley Pizzo, back, and Mila Horniacek, front, examine a STEM poster. (ABOVE RIGHT) Annie's cousins, from left, Lillian and Claire Loftus, work with their dad Drew to construct a paper rocket.

Annie Gotwald leaves legacy with STEM space in Westfield

By AMY ADAMS
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A large crowd of family, friends, and community members gathered in the atrium at the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) on Saturday, Aug. 3, for the dedication of the Annie Gotwald Makerspace and STEM Lab.

Annie, a student at Maple Glen Elementary School, passed away unexpectedly last February from a rare bacterial

infection that had no recognizable symptoms.

Through tears, Annie's mom, Lindsay, described how doctors told them that even if they had known about the infection, the outcome would most likely have been the same.

"The only solution is better and faster and smarter science," Lindsay said.

Annie's dad, Greg, told how the family started a GoFundMe page thinking they would do something small for Maple Glen.

"Within 10 minutes, we had more money than we thought we could raise," Greg said. "It just started growing exponentially, and we kind of panicked thinking, 'What are we going to do with all this money?'"

Westfield City Councilmember Noah Herron, whose daughter played on Annie's soccer team, connected the Gotwalds with WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars and Westfield Library Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey.

"We gave them a tour of the entire library before it was finished," Downey said.

After walking through the library, Greg said they felt that the planned STEM space was checking all the boxes for what they were looking to do in honor of Annie.

"Annie loved STEM," Lindsay said. "She was curious. She was kind. She was not afraid to ask questions."

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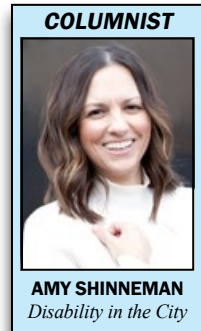
Live unedited

Many of us have things we look back on as we analyze our younger years that we wish we could get a "do-over" for. That is just part of living and growing in age and hopefully a little wisdom along the way. Sadly, there are not any true "do-overs" but if we are alive, there is room for growth and change.

Living with a disability, something that I really look back on and wish I could do differently is the amount of time that I spent "editing" myself to make myself more appealing to others, or to fit in when I felt I did not because of my disability. If you have been around, you know I have touched on this before. It bears repeating – especially so for my younger readers who are also making their way through life with a disability that makes them feel different from everyone around them a lot of the time.

I have had the opportunity to form some relationships with those younger than me in the disabled community. Let me tell you, I have often been in awe of them and how much further they are on their self-acceptance journey than I was at their age. Maybe it is partly the times. It feels more acceptable and even desirable to stand out and be unique these days. I am certainly no expert, but from my observation that is what I see. I love it. I wish we could all feel free to be our complete and total selves instead of an edited version created for whoever we are with.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

From classroom to workplace, learning continues for Heights summer interns

The REPORTER

When the opportunity to apply for a paid summer internship at E & B Paving came his way, Blake Dill, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, jumped on it. Dill, who has family members working in the construction industry, started to think about careers in construction trades while he was in middle school.

Like Dill, Hamilton Heights senior Ethan Halverson, said when he learned about the opportunity to have an immersive experience in the asphalt industry through a paid summer internship at E & B Paving, he applied. Most of Halverson's family work in the trades and he said that has been a big influence in his career interest.

"I wanted to get my foot in the door for bigger opportunities down the road," said Halverson, who has always wanted a job in the construction industry."

E & B opened that door for Halverson.

When Dill started high school, he began to hone his



Heights CTE teacher Kevin Sheets (center) is shown here with Ethan Halverson (left) and Blake Dill (right) after observing the students work in the E & B lab in Noblesville.

focus on the construction trades education pathway. Dill credits Nate Press, Talent Acquisition Specialist for E & B Paving, who was a guest speaker in one of his classes.

"Mr. Press talked about the company, who they are, what they do, its history, and what opportunities they offer to both high school and college graduates," recalled Dill. "Before

he left, he gave all students his business card and encouraged us to call or email for additional questions or to learn more."

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Porch & room

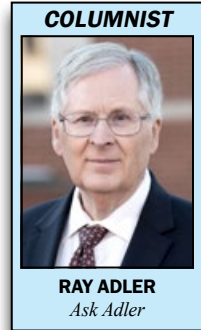
Here's another story from my mom.

The trip had been long and tiring; we needed a place to rest for a while and stretch our legs. We seemed to have passed any likely place to stop when we saw a sign that caught our fancy. In large letters the sign said PORCH and ROOM SALE. We had seen signs for garage sales, basement sales, porch sales, barn sales, and yard sales, but this was the first porch and room sale. We decided to investigate.

The porch was small but well-stocked with primitives. We scarcely had time to look at them when the proprietor urged us to come on in. He was of medium height, not exactly fat but built from a square pattern, rather dark, wavy hair receding a little from the forehead. He was probably retired, looked to be 65 or maybe 70.

After his prompting we stepped into the room. At one time it had been a parlor or living room. Now the center was dominated by a table which served as a wrapping-counter. One wall bore a sign announcing that each item was 50 cents. Below the sign a long table filled the space from corner to door. It was loaded with sugar bowls that had lost their mates, odd creamers, jelly bowls – there must've been at least 200 pieces of glass and china waiting for a new home.

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RAY ADLER
 Ask Adler

Woofstock Survivor 5K & Dog Walk returns to Fishers to raise funds for animals in need

Sponsored by Canine Cloud Nine & Smitten Kitten Cat Café

The REPORTER

The annual **Woofstock Survivor 5K & Dog Walk** is the event pet lovers and running enthusiasts won't want to miss. Join the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) at **Four Day Ray** in Fishers this Saturday, Aug. 10, for this **Survive 5K** supporting HSHC's **Survivor Program**.

The Woofstock Survivor 5K & Dog Walk welcomes two-

and four-legged participants to run, walk, or jog through downtown Fishers to help sick and injured animals in need. Race participants will receive a groovy T-shirt, flower power finisher medal, and post-run refreshments. Participants are invited to stick around after the 5K to visit with vendors, grab an event selfie, and meet adoptable dogs.

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Reconstructing SR 32 project enters final phase

The REPORTER

The Reconstructing State Road 32 project in Noblesville is now in its final phase of construction as crews recently finished Phase 3 of 4.

Phase 4 of the project will include resurfacing SR 32 from Lakeview Drive to 6th Street and 16th Street to 19th Street. There will be no road closures for this phase.

"It's exciting to begin the final phase of construction, which only has temporary lane restrictions and no full closures," INDOT Project Manager Jennifer Beck said. "We hope residents and visitors enjoy this improved stretch of critical infrastructure."

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STEM

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Knowing that the space at WWPL would reach girls as well as boys and would provide access to everyone solidified their decision.

“Based on Annie’s love of STEM, this was just a natural for them,” Downey said.

The contribution from the Ann K. Gotwald Fund for STEM Education has allowed WWPL to purchase MakerBot 3D printers, Cricut machines, equipment for the recording studio and more.

“We have a STEM curriculum in place so we’ll be able to offer classes for the public, but people can also drop in,” Downey says. “We have sewing machines and jewelry-making supplies. It’s a multifaceted space.”

Saturday’s dedication marked not only the naming but the grand opening of the STEM center, as WWPL has been busy receiving equipment, getting it set up and

getting staff trained on it.

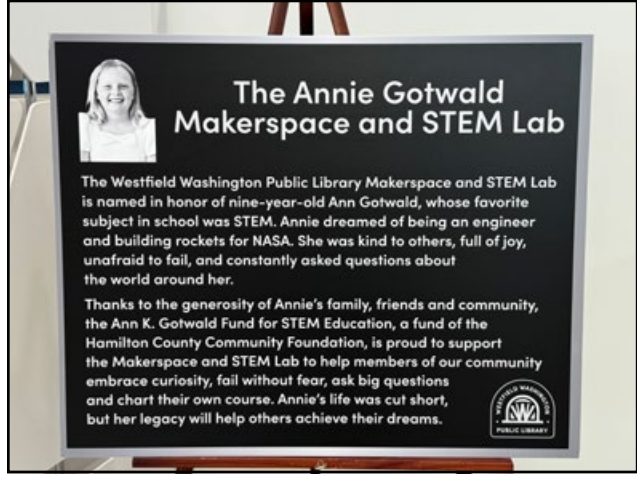
Following the dedication ceremony, Annie’s sister, Samantha, cut the ribbon for the STEM center that welcomed everyone to begin exploring and creating. The rooms filled quickly with people of all ages wearing Ann K. Gotwald Fund T-shirts and buttons with the number 55 for her soccer jersey. Fellow Girl Scout Troop 599 members wore their sashes and vests.

As guests built paper rockets, printed 3D dinosaurs, and learned about coding through Dobots, they couldn’t help but think of Annie.

“Annie is the star today,” Greg said, “literally and figuratively.”

Sunday, Aug. 4, would have marked Annie’s 10th birthday.

For more information on the library, visit wwpl.lib.in.us.



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(TOP LEFT) Lindsay Gotwald speaks to a crowd gathered in the Westfield Washington Public Library atrium. (TOP RIGHT) Samantha Gotwald cuts the ribbon to the Annie Gotwald Makerspace and STEM Lab. (ABOVE) The STEM rooms were filled with people honoring Annie’s memory by sharing, learning, and exploring. (LEFT) The WWPL STEM area is officially named the Annie Gotwald Library Makerspace and STEM Lab.

SURVIVOR

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As an open-admission, truly no-kill shelter, HSHC’s Survivor Program takes in abused, neglected, and abandoned animals and helps them through care and recovery until they are healthy enough to find their forever homes. In addition to healing some of the most severe cases, the program funds the costs associated with rescuing animals at risk of euthanasia in surrounding shelters.

“Animal welfare is difficult and heart-wrenching. Every day we see some of the worst medical cases in Hamilton County and the state,” Community Engagement Manager Lily Darling said. “As an open-admission, truly no-kill shelter, our Survivor Program and the

support of our community, allows us to provide second chances to animals who otherwise wouldn’t have them.”

You can help by donating, registering for the race, or fundraising at [this link](#). Fundraise at least \$55 and receive a free race entry, T-shirt, and finisher medal. Top youth, individual, corporate, and team fundraisers will be awarded different prizes as well as overall 5K winners and age group winners.

The Woofstock Survivor 5K & Dog Walk is graciously sponsored by Curran Architecture, Four Day Ray, Current Publishing, Fetch Pet, Centier Bank, Hill’s Pet Nutrition Inc., and Tito’s Handmade Vodka.

Too cute to take just one; they come as a set

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The Survivor Program funds all lifesaving and emergency care for about 70 percent of the animals who come through HSHC’s doors each year. With roughly 4,000 animals coming in, over half of those animals directly benefit from the Survivor Program. Because of HSHC’s no-kill mission, they believe every life is precious and worth saving.

That being said, HSHC’s Survivor Fund, which is needed to pay for this medical care, has been completely depleted. Without the Survivor Fund, animals like Caroline and Fetty wouldn’t be here today.

Caroline (left) and Fetty (right) are not from the same litter. Caroline was brought in as an owner surrender

and Fetty came in as a stray.

Both lived alone in separate cages, and both had to undergo surgery to remove infected eyes. While Caroline had both her eyes removed, Fetty was able to keep one. At some point during their recovery, Caroline snuck out of her cage and into Fetty’s cage. She didn’t know him from Adam, yet she sought his comfort. Fetty has since become her eye and her comfort. The two have become inseparable and will go to a forever home together. Without the Survivor Program, these two wouldn’t have found each other.

Should people wish to help fund the lifesaving care for animals like Caroline and Fetty, they can register for the race, fundraise, or donate at [this link](#).



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INTERNS

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Dill wanted to learn more. That interest and enthusiasm helped Dill secure a summer internship with E & B.

Halverson said he has learned a lot about asphalt and aggregates at E & B, how it's made, its composition, and all the ropes of testing quality control of the asphalt. Dill, who wants to work in the construction field as a dump truck driver, agrees. "Each day it get to learn something new about this industry," he said. "This experience has shown me there's a lot more to making a quality asphalt and more variety in careers within the asphalt industry."

During his last year in high school, Halverson said will be focused on narrowing down what area of the trades he wants to focus his career.

"Although being a heavy machine operator is my dream, this internship has swayed my eyes to more opportunities such as operating in a quarry, starting my own construction company, or working in the mines," Halverson said. "After I graduate, I plan to go straight into the workforce in my chosen profession and work my butt off to achieve my dreams."

These opportunities allow students to get into the workforce and earn a living faster than ever.

"Now more than ever, it's important that construction trades educators at the high-school level advocate to create work-based learning opportunities for their students," explained Eric "Fish" Fisher, Director of Talent Development for Indiana Constructors, Inc. (ICI) and former Construction Trades Education teacher at Hamilton Heights High School. ICI has been the voice of Indiana's highway, heavy and utility construction industry for a century. It supports federal and state agencies, national and statewide industry associations, and owners groups.

Kevin Sheets, CTE teacher at Hamilton Heights, who continues to build upon Heights' premier construction trades education program initially spearheaded by Fisher, agrees.

"The construction industry is experiencing a surge in retirements, leaving the industry without the equal amount of incoming talent that is greatly needed across the board in Indiana's construction trades industry," Sheets said. "There continues to be a high demand for skilled tradesmen and women in Indiana and across the country. The opportunities, diversity of jobs, high wages and benefits continue to make careers in the construction trades a highly desirable career path."

Fisher said paid internships in the trades mean a wide variety of opportunities earlier for students.

"Working together with high school CTE teachers across the state like Sheets is opening new doors to



Photos provided (TOP) Blake Dill, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, conducts a gradation analysis (or sieve analysis) to assess the particle size distribution as part of his internship experience this summer at E & B Paving. (ABOVE) Hamilton Heights senior Ethan Halverson smashes an asphalt pill. One of the interesting things he learned was that WD-40 can melt asphalt.

opportunities for students in the civil construction industry – from skilled trades to professional services," said Fisher, whose primary role at ICI is to build civil construction programs in Indiana high schools, which supports the construction trades educators with professional development and equipment as well as help build pathways for students to find meaningful careers in the horizontal construction industry. "Paid internships offer students the opportunity to be a laborer, work in Quality Control Quality Assurance labs, survey, inspection, estimating, and construction technology. All these experiences enable students to get a sense of their fit, what they can see themselves doing and where to jumpstart a great career in the construction industry once they

graduate. These internships are wins for students and employers alike."

Sheets said Heights' program will continue to grow in collaboration with industry partners.

"Each year, our CTE students have the chance to earn industry certifications, hands-on experience in the Sandbox, Heights outdoor classroom, knowledge, and essential career-ready skills that can help them to secure jobs right after graduation or continue their education," added Sheets, who has helped grow the program in size and scope during his three-year tenure. "We remain committed to growing our Career and Technical Education program in collaboration with our industry partners to develop the next generation of skilled workers, entrepreneurs, and community leaders."

STATE ROAD 32

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Since construction began in April, SR 32 has been reconstructed from 6th Street to 16th Street. Drivers will notice an improved roadway, better drainage, and enhancements that complement the character of Noblesville's historic downtown.

Crews will also be making intersection enhancements along SR 37 in con-

junction with Phase 4. These improvements will take place at SR 37 and 206th Street, SR 37 and 191st Street, and SR 37 and 186th Street. Detour routes are listed on the project website ReconstructingSR32.com.

INDOT reminds drivers to help keep construction workers safe by slowing down, using caution, and

avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change. If there are changes to the schedule, they will be announced on the project's social media channels and website.

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UNEDITED

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One of the ways I edited myself was by pretending that my disability did not cause the level of struggles that it did. Very often I downplayed the amount of stress it caused me. I got quite good at it, I guess you could say. My close friends knew more of my struggles, but not completely. To be honest, I am still guilty of doing this, but I have learned that does not serve me well.

Another way that I edited myself was to laugh at all the "jokes" about my disability or assistive devices. I even made some jokes on my behalf a lot of the time. I did that because I wanted to help others around me feel more comfortable. Do you ever do that? Make yourself uncomfortable to help others feel more comfortable? It never feels good and is not authentic. On the outside I would laugh, but inside felt

like a completely different story. Perhaps, I should not be so sensitive or take myself so seriously, but that is just who I am. I love humor and I love to laugh, but humor surrounding my disability can be a slippery slope.

The truth is, most people who are meeting me for the first time, likely haven't spent a lot of time around someone who is disabled. So, it is like a blank slate. Just being my true authentic self is a fantastic way to show them what being disabled truly means for me and my life. The more I open up, the more I learn that others genuinely want to learn more. They just do not always know how to ask. Maybe I am the very first disabled person they have ever met. Why not show them the real me and help educate them on disabilities?

It makes everything better when we can live as we

were created and can bring our own unique qualities and perspectives to a relationship. After all, we are all different and have unique gifts and talents to contribute.

For me, it is a good start in helping to change some of the negative or incorrect beliefs that exist surrounding disabilities. It takes humble courage to let our true colors shine. The world would be a better and probably much less stressed-out place if we could live unedited. With practice, it will become your norm, and you will find that you feel a refreshing sense of freedom.

Until next time ...
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PORCH

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Another corner held a shelving arrangement. This extended from floor to ceiling and floor to corner, corner to window. How proud he was of this! The boards were salvaged from an old barn. He had put them up with only one nail so that a later tenant could remove them without damaging the walls. I am still puzzled about the construction but can vouch that it was sturdy; he shook it and closely spaced dishes didn't even rattle.

Another shorter wall had shelves from floor to ceiling. Even the bay window had two series of shelves. And every shelf was completely filled! Here the sunlight sparkled on his better dishes and cut glass pieces. Before we could begin to see everything, our host urged us into another room and then another. These no doubt had been bedrooms, now like they filled to over-flowing with someone's treasures.

We had taken a hasty look at it all, we thought, and started for the outside door. Our host had another idea. "Let me show you something you've never seen before," he offered and led the way through his living room into a kitchen. Here the table was a treasure trove of Depression glass. He spoke knowingly of this pattern and that. We did, indeed see things we had never seen

before. A few comments and we again moved toward the door. Our host invited us to view yet another space. "Come on out on the porch," he urged. "It has something else you've never seen."

The porch was large and fitting into a corner of the house, it had two walls. The other two sides were boarded up a few feet, then screened. Again he had taken advantage of the available space. From a long bench he picked up a metal gadget. "Bet you never saw one like this," he challenged.

We hadn't and I hadn't the least idea what purpose it had served. My husband just with the first guess: a scouring device. This proprietor seemed a bit crestfallen but cheerfully called us on to his ace in the hole. This proved to be an up ground cellar. I had heard of such rooms but had never seen one before. Our guide was delighted. It was a cemented and plastered little room two steps below ground level. He showed us the shelves lined with food, some of it home-canned. And then he pointed to a square chute. It was near the door which led into the kitchen. "Bet you can't guess what that's for," he said. We have similar chutes in our granary; they feed grain from overhead bins into wagons. We played his game; we couldn't even hazard a guess as to what this

one could be.

Gladly, he explained. Outside the house there was a wooden potato bin. It could be filled out-of-doors so there would be no dirt carried into the house. Then when potatoes were needed, one could hold a pan under the chute, pull out the board which acted as a regulator and there they were: instant potatoes.

We admired the chute and again moved toward the front of the house. The lecture and tour were winding down: he had told us his life history, why and how he collects, about purchasing the old house without ever stepping inside it, about his wife's lengthy illness. He had even thrown in a few of his trade secrets. Asking, in anti-climax, he produced one more surprise. This was an oddly-shaped bottle, unique in pattern. We tried not to let him see that it was more fascinating to him than to us. "A young man like me has to have a job," he said and added with a chuckle, "I won't be 78 until September."

We scanned the shelves in the old parlor again and chose a nicely shaped brown pitcher. The tag said one dollar. The price was cheap. Where else could we have gotten exercise, an informative lecture, and a good pitcher at that price?

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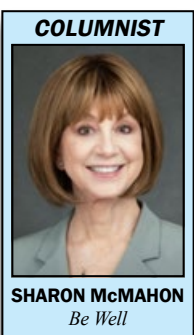
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A good journey is its own reward

"It's all about the journey, not the outcome."
— Carl Lewis, American track and field athlete and nine-time gold medalist



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Do you, as I do, watch the Olympic events in awe at the capability of the human body? The years and years of dedication and practice are nearly unfathomable. The athletes, of course, aspire to winning – all "type A" personalities, I wager! At the same time, they realize that not everyone can bring a medal home. So ... what about the journey for these

young, energetic, focused athletic ambassadors? Obviously, they must love the sport/event in which they excel in order to fully participate in the desired outcome. But, really, isn't that true of all of us ... we who plan our own journeys to reach our goals? After all, what good is it to have your goal firmly in mind without a focused and, hopefully, inspired journey? Most of you I am sure, dear Readers, enjoy a busy if not often hectic life. I know that some days I must

take a look at my calendar more than once! We plan and organize to end each day with as much accomplished as possible. Each of those busy days make up our journey through this life and hopefully we can end the day with satisfaction and maybe even a sense of joy as we go forward to reach those goals. While my primary message in this column relates to physical fitness, these suggestions ring true for any goal to which you seek – writing, music, traveling, or becoming a master gardener! As you work to reach your life's aspirations, look for satisfaction and pleasure in the journey to

optimum health and fitness. Your body will respond and thrive to the best care you can provide. That would, of course, correspond to your own physical limitations, age, and other issues which may be determined by your health care provider. Plot your journey, enjoy the journey, and reach your own personal best as a result. **Sharon McMahon, CNWC**
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Invest Hamilton County expands InvestOnward workforce initiative

The REPORTER
Invest Hamilton County continues to drive local workforce development solutions by expanding career pathway development, training, and resources for people in recovery, with mental health issues, or recently released from incarceration.

"Hamilton County is a place where people dream big. Some people need more help taking the first step forward to accomplish those dreams," Invest Hamilton County President and CEO Mike Thibideau said. "We can't take the step forward for them, but we can pave the road to make it easier to see a path. Our team and board are so grateful for our employer partners, training providers, and community leaders that make these paths possible, and allow us to collectively change lives."

Not only have these initiatives had a huge impact on the community – they have also been life-changing for those involved, including program participant Tiffany Jacobs.

Jacobs participated in a program that works with these groups of people to establish career goals and enter the hospitality industry. Thanks to the program, Jacobs now works at the front desk at Fairfield Inn in

Carmel – and will soon be promoted to sales manager.

Jacobs learned about the program through Aspire Indiana Health, where she participated in their sobriety and therapy programs. Historically, she'd had difficulty finding a job due to her felony background, but through the training program and working with an employment coach, Jacobs was able to find employment and overcome this hurdle.

"The program and the instructors were amazing," Jacobs said. "They really helped me get ready for a hotel career and what to expect. The program helped me get my foot in the door to build a career where the hours and job makes me proud and able to be an independent single mom."

The weeklong course included a training wage and Uber gift cards to ensure participants would find transportation to attend. Participants focused on customer service skills, including handling special guest requests or complaints.

"You get a certificate that looks amazing on your resume and makes you more confident going into the interview," Jacobs said. "It really teaches you how to perfect your customer service skills. It is 100 percent worth the time."



In 2024, Invest Hamilton County hopes to expand these programs across the county. This will include new property maintenance courses to help place participants into high-demand maintenance occupations across the community.

"We are excited for Tiffany and the new opportunities that she has to grow in her career," said Mike Keevin, Vice President of Social Impact at Aspire Indiana Health. "Tiffany's example is one reason that we seek partnerships like the one with Invest Hamilton County and a reason that we provide services to help those who may have some barriers to overcome. We are excited to watch Tiffany's journey and to find the next person to follow in her footsteps."

Along with these initiatives, InvestOnward also supports other courses and events to help underemployed populations. An ongoing employability skills class is available to participants in partnership with Hamilton County Community Corrections. In partnership with Ivy Tech Hamilton County and the Hamilton County Jail, an education empowerment class will launch in August, and participants can also receive credit from Ivy Tech Community College. Jail Job and Resource Fairs, in partnership with the Hamilton



Thibideau



Keevin

County Sheriff's Office and TOWER Re-Entry Program, allow soon-to-be-released individuals to connect with potential employers. The next Jail Job and Resource Fair will take place on Aug. 23.

[Click here](#) to learn more about these initiatives.

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Meet author Cara Putman at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER
Hoosier author Cara Putman will visit the Sheridan Public Library at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21. Putman is an award-winning, best-selling author of more than 35 books, including *The Vanished* and *Art of Deception*.

The author graduated college at 20 and completed her law degree at 27. *FIRST for Women* magazine called *Shadowed by Grace* "captivating" and a "novel with 'the works.'" Putman is active at her church and a full-time Clinical Associate Professor of business and ethics to undergraduate and graduate students at Purdue

University's Krannert School of Management.

Putman also practices law and was a second-generation homeschooling mom for 12 years. She obtained her master's in business administration from Krannert and her J.D. from George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law.

She serves on the executive board of American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW), an organization she has served in various roles since 2007. Putman lives with her husband and four children in Indiana. You can connect with her online at CaraPutman.com.



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Phi Beta Psi Delta Chapter & Cicero American Legion Post 341 Riders join forces for cancer research

The REPORTER

Delta Chapter, Arcadia, of Phi Beta Psi Sorority is teaming up again this summer with Cicero American Legion Post 341 Riders for a motorcycle run to benefit cancer research.

This motorcycle run is set for Saturday, Aug. 17, with registration (\$20 rider) and breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. at Cicero American Legion, 50 Washington Ave.

The Cicero American Legion Riders is a generous group with a heart for veterans and is an arm of Post 341. Their mission as Legion Riders is to raise awareness and support for veterans in need and to assist with non-veteran groups in the community. They are comprised of military vets, their spouses, daughters, and sons

of U.S. military branches. Delta Chapter is most appreciative of their willingness to help in working to benefit cancer research. Phi Beta Psi is a national non-academic, philanthropic organization over 100 years old whose national project is cancer research. In fact, the Sorority just held its annual National Convention in Denver, Colo., and its delegates voted to give \$446,100 to

six cancer research doctors. Among those delegates was Delta's own Suzanne Walton. As the Riders return to the Legion from their run on Aug. 17, there will be tables set up with various bucket displays for participants to buy tickets to place in the buckets of choice. All bucket items will be awarded to the winning ticket holders before the event is declared over that day.

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See you Saturday in Carmel's Arts & Design District

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10 for Allied Solutions' *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Enjoy live music throughout the District, as well as gallery and merchant specials.

Be sure to stop by Anthony's Plaza to join **Indiana Artisan Nancy Keating** as she invites the community to collaborate in a chip-in mosaic.

Live music

- Aura Ray in the breeze-way by Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 111 W. Main St.

- Marrielle Sellars at Anthony's Plaza, Monon Boulevard & Main Street

- Sophia Stephens at Indiana Artisan Gifts and Gallery, 22 N. Range Line Road

Gallery Exhibits

Each month, local galleries and businesses will feature special events to enhance your experience.

- **Art on Main:** Visit "The Art of Life" show featuring paintings by **Donna Carr Roberts** and **Sabrina Zhou**. Multi-faceted artist Donna Carr Roberts blends the whimsical world of illustrated children's literature with the sophisticated realm of rich and vibrant paintings. National and internationally awarded, Sabrina Zhou has a unique style that results in remarkable depth and luminance. (111 W. Main St., Suite 140)

- **CCA Gallery:** Meet artists **Katherine Fehn** and **Emily Ohland** at the gallery. (111 W. Main St., Suite 135)

- **Indiana Artisan Gifts**

& Gallery: Indiana Artisan **Pam Newell** will be in the gallery demonstrating her impressionistic oil and pastel paintings of landscapes and still life. (22 N. Range Line Road)

Special offers

- **Kernels:** Stop by Kernels for a medium-sized bag of gourmet popcorn for only \$1. (254 Veterans Way, Suite F)

Rain on Main

The annual **Rain on Main** event brings 20 decorated rain barrels to the Arts & Design District this weekend before they move to the Carmel Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Don't forget to vote for the "People's Choice" winner and place your bid in the online auction. For details, this [link takes](#) you to the full news release about Rain on Main.

For a complete directory of galleries, restaurants and businesses in the District, visit [CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](#).

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Fishers Arts Council's Gallery Hop: three exhibits, two locations, one night

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will hold its very first Gallery Hop from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 during the usual Second Friday programming. Patrons can either walk or drive the one mile between the two locations with signage along the path to guide them.

Indy Latina Artists (ILA) shares its first exhibit in Fishers at the Art Gallery at City Hall, located at 1 Municipal Drive, featuring 10 member artists with 39 works on display in "Latina: Art & Soul." *FLAVA FRESH 21!*, curated by D. Del Reverda-Jennings, returns to Fishers since the last appearance in 2014. The FAC Hub Gallery, inside the Hamilton County Community Foundation at 11810 Technology Drive, is the host location for the annual juried exhibition presentation series of contemporary fine art.

Art lovers can see the ILA exhibit in City Hall, then walk across the breeze-



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You can see works such as "Chroma Vibes" by Tasha Beckwith (above left) and "El Jaleo" by Mary Mindiola (above right) this Friday during the Gallery Hop.

way to check out Balderdash, artwork by Kurt Vonnegut, on display in the Fishers Art Center gallery spaces. Both the Municipal Drive galleries and the FAC Hub Gallery will feature live music, refreshments, and many of the artists on

display. Scrapper & Skelton bring the best of the blues to the FAC Hub Gallery while Ezequiel Jimenez fills the Art Gallery at City Hall with incredible melody.

Additionally, FAC board member Pat Grabill will lead the Focus on the Artist pro-

gramming at 6:45 p.m. inside the Fishers Municipal Center Theater, introducing the five artist members of Indy Latina Artists. A Spanish/English interpreter will be available during the interviews.

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FISHERS ARTS COUNCIL

ILA was founded in the fall of 2021 by Mirvia Sol Eckert and Mary E. Min-diola to create community through art, to recognize the contribution of Latinas in the arts, and to empower, mentor, encourage, and promote the work, as well as to provide a showcase for Latina artists and their voices.

"There are talented Latina artists out here in Indy, and we want to shine a light on them," Eckert said. "Representation is absolutely key. Our Latina voices matter. I hope our audience understands that Latina artists have our own forms of expression and art styles and that we are serious in our craft."

The annual FLAVA FRESH! Juried Exhibition Presentation Series of Contemporary Fine Art is an award-winning, multi-venue, Indianapolis-based professional artist development program which is part of a mission to bring about greater awareness, appreciation, inspiration, exposure, recognition, and support for visual artists of all levels of expertise, utilizing all manner of discipline, genre, media, and material through a series of consecutive, professional art exhibition experiences and venues which are always free and open to the public of all ages.

The diverse multicultural, intergenerational art platform, created more than 26 years ago was originally called "Celebration of Spirit" changing to the title of "FLAVA FRESH!" over two decades ago.

"I have worked diligently to cultivate and empower art-

ists as a vocal activist/advocate, published journalist, arts editor, author, and poet for nearly three decades committed to ensuring that marginalized artists of all disciplines works are exposed to the public and by offering current information, documentation, instruction, and opportunities to assist in a creative's desire and pursuit to propel their artwork to the forefront of the arts mainstream," says D. Del Reverda-Jennings.

"Having the opportunity to work with both Ms. D and Mirvia, and the artists they have brought together in their respective groups, has been an incredible experience," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. "Both women are leaders in championing representation, accessibility, and empowerment through the arts and I am lucky to be able to assist them by offering welcoming spaces for their artists."

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the brand-new gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive.

FAC also maintains the FAC Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check FAC out online at FishersArtsCouncil.org or call (317) 537-1670 for more information.



Photo provided by Carmel Education Foundation

Get discounted tickets now for Carmel Education Foundation's Ghosts & Goblins 5K/2K

The REPORTER

The 16th annual Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) Ghosts and Goblins 5K/2K will kick off at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Carmel High School, 520 E. Main St.

The event promises a morning of fun and fitness, with costume judging, team pictures, music, and a race warm-up leading up to the start. The 2K race begins at 9 a.m., followed by the 5K at 9:10 a.m.

This family-friendly event is open to all community members. Participants can choose between a 5K or 2K timed course. Both courses start and end at Carmel High School and wind through the neighborhoods near the school. While strollers are welcome, for the safety of all racegoers, pets are asked to stay home. Costumes that are school-friendly and allow for easy movement and visibility are encouraged, with prizes available for individ-

uals, pairs, and teams.

Registration details

- Early Bird (by Sept. 2): \$25 (ages 5 and up), \$15 for Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) students
- Sept. 3 to 30: \$35 (\$20 for CCS students)
- Oct. 1 to 25: \$40 (\$25 for CCS students)
- Race Day Registration: \$55 (\$30 for CCS students)

Register at ghostsandgoblinsrun.com/Race/Register to secure the best prices.

Event leadership

CEF board member Leslie Teskey, a CCS alumna and former cross country runner, is serving her fourth year as event chair. She says she continues to enjoy the sport while balancing a career as a Managing Principal with Cresa Indianapolis, volunteering, and raising a family.

This annual fundraiser benefits CCS students and teachers through educator and student grants, scholarships, and district-wide pro-



Teskey



Photo provided by Carmel Education Foundation

The Ghosts and Goblins run is always a family-friendly event for everyone in Carmel.

grams. Opportunities to support the race are available, with sponsorship packages starting at \$300.

For event information and registration, visit GhostsandGoblinsRun.com or contact Carmel Education Foundation at foundation@ccs.k12.in.us with any questions.

About the Carmel Education Foundation

One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded

over \$2,100,000 in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$1,000,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students.

The Carmel Education Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission by funding grants, awarding more than 80 scholarships annually, and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools.

For more information, go to ccs.k12.in.us/foundation.

Junior League of Indianapolis accepting applications for community grants

The REPORTER

The Junior League of Indianapolis (JLI) will open applications for its 2024 Trust Fund Grant cycle on Thursday, Aug. 15. Financially sound 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for monetary support to address community needs within foster and kinship care. The grant application period will close on Monday, Sept. 16.

The Community Assistance Grants provide essential financial support to nonprofit organizations aligning with JLI's mission of supporting foster and kinship care youth. Applicants must have a postal address and serve a constituency in Marion or one of the surrounding counties: Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, or Hendricks.

Since 2000, the JLI Community Assistance Grants has awarded nearly \$5,000,000 to local nonprofits, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to the community.

"The Junior League of Indianapolis is committed to fostering a community where all children have the opportunity to thrive," JLI Grants VP Sarah Balana Molter said. "Through our grants, our volunteer work and our community

partners, we aim to make a lasting impact on the lives of youth and generations to come."

Established in 1929, the JLI also provides annual Trust Fund Grants that support the legacy of the first Junior League service project at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital. These grants seek to fund financially sound nonprofits with initiatives serving children with mental and/or physical disabilities in Marion County. Applications for the Trust Fund grants will be open from Jan. 27, 2025, through Feb. 24, 2025.

If you are interested in learning more about applying for JLI grants or seeking to gain volunteers for your organization, please plan to attend the upcoming Community Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the JLI Office (located in Industrial at the Stutz Building, 1060 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis). A virtual session will also be available via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. for anyone unable to attend. [Click here](#) to register now.

For more information about the Junior League of Indianapolis, visit jliindy.org. To learn more about JLI grants, please contact Sarah Balana Molter at grants@jliindy.org.



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Primeval Democrats gather



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The Noblesville Democratic Committee held its monthly "Dems on Draft" gathering on Tuesday evening. Democratic supporters and candidates from across the county packed the house at Primeval Brewing, 960 Logan St., Suite 100, Noblesville.

Dear Google: maybe you should look up "monopoly" with your own algorithms

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General
"Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly."

Google accountable for its illegal and unacceptable practices."

The court's decision finds that Google has used

exclusive distribution agreements to limit competition for online search services, depriving users of innovative alternatives and enabling Google to charge supracompetitive prices for general search text ads relied upon by many businesses in Indiana and beyond.



Rokita

Thus declared a U.S. district court this week as it ruled in favor of plaintiffs – Indiana, 51 other states and territories, and the U.S. Department of Justice – who sued the Big Tech giant over its illegal monopolistic misconduct in connection with its search function and search text advertising.

In Indiana, Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team played a leading role in coordinating the efforts of the plaintiff states litigating with the U.S. Justice Department's Antitrust Division against Google in this case. "From day one, I have made clear that my office would not tolerate Big Tech riding roughshod over the rights and interests of everyday Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "Once again, we are making good on this commitment. We are holding

Under AG Rokita's leadership, Indiana – which was one of 11 plaintiff states to join the federal government's initial monopolization case against Google – continued its efforts to litigate this groundbreaking case from start to finish for the benefit of consumers. "These companies are not permitted to preserve their market dominance through exclusionary tactics," AG Rokita said. "Rather, they must compete in the free market to maintain the favor of their customers."

Don't miss Average White Band & Nick Dittmeier & the Sawdusters in Carmel

The REPORTER

There's still time to get your tickets for these two upcoming concerts at The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Keep reading for more information.

Average White Band: A Funk Finale
Saturday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

One of the great soul and funk bands of all time brings its farewell tour to the Center, performing its biggest hits and fan favorites such as the U.S. No. 1 single "Pick Up the Pieces," "Cut The Cake," "Queen of My Soul," "Walk On By" and "Schoolboy Crush."

Formed in London in 1972, the Average White Band took the influences of R&B heroes such as Marvin Gaye, James Brown, and Stevie Wonder, along with jazz greats like Cannonball Adderley and the Crusaders, and developed a sound that connected with audiences worldwide.

Click here for tickets.
Special Guest: Toronto-based electro jazz duo **Four80East** will open the show.

This performance coincides with the second annual Carmel Jazz Festival – purchase Carmel Jazz Festival tickets at [this link](#). Find more information at [CarmelJazzFest.org](#).

Live at the Center: Nick Dittmeier & the Sawdusters
Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m.
The Tarkington

Hailing from southern Indiana, Nick Dittmeier has released several records as a



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There's still time to get your tickets to see Average White Band this Saturday at The Palladium in Carmel . . . with special guest Four80East.

solo artist and with his band, the Sawdusters. Known for their rootsy sound, the group came out of the pandemic lockdown with a different approach, incorporating drum machines, loops and synthesizers on their 2022 album *Heavy Denim*. Their new release is the EP *Fast Fashion* on sonaBLAST! Records.

Click here for tickets.
Luminaries: Visual Arts and Opera with Lyndsay Moy
Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m.
The Palladium

The term Gesamtkunstwerk, popularized by German opera composer Richard Wagner, translates to "total work of art" and refers to the thrilling synergy created by the coming together of design, performance, and a live audience. Opera as an art form exemplifies this idea, merging the worlds of music and art into a feast for the senses. Join professional opera singer and visual artist Lyndsay Moy as she speaks about her work as a painter and performer, sharing stories and lessons from her experience at the intersec-

tion of visual and performing arts.

Click here for tickets.
Beginner Ukulele
Aug. 28 to Sept. 25 | 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Never played the ukulele but want to learn? This five-week class is for you. In this skills-based course, students will learn basic strums and chords by focusing on a new song each week. Recommended for ages 14 and up.

Click here to register.
Child & Adult Music Class: My Brightly Colored World
Aug. 30 to Oct. 4
10:30 a.m.
The Palladium

Numbers, letters, pets, people, toys – your child's world is a colorful and exciting place. Let's sing, dance, and clap about it. Does your child like music? Local musician Ms. Michelle of ShooBeeLoo Music and Movement will introduce you to a colorful, tuneful world of fun. She will bring her guitar, as well as plenty of rhythm instruments and toys to help engage your young explorer. My Brightly Colored World is an ex-

citing class for adult caregivers and their children to be active in learning music together.

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Church News

Family fun & ice cream at
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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](#) or go to [clc-in.org](#).

AAA Hoosier Motor Club launches Ultimate Concert Sweepstakes in partnership with Ruoff Music Center

The REPORTER

AAA Hoosier Motor Club has announced an Ultimate Concert Sweepstakes in partnership with Ruoff Music Center. Enter for a chance to win two tickets to a Live Nation concert of your choice anywhere in the United States. The prize includes airfare, hotel accommodations, and a \$200 prepaid cash card.

"We are excited to offer the opportunity for a chance to win such an incredible travel experience," said Matt Goins, President & CEO of AAA Hoosier Motor Club. "We are grateful to be able to partner with organizations like Ruoff Music Center to give back to our community."

As the Official Travel Partner of Ruoff Music Center, AAA Hoosier Motor Club brings exclusive benefits to AAA members along with the Ultimate Concert Sweepstakes.

Benefits for AAA Members

AAA Hoosier Motor Club members have access to the following benefits at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville:

- AAA Hoosier Motor Club Fast Lane: AAA Members will be able to skip the line and utilize the AAA Hoosier Motor Club Fast Lane with proof of their membership to get early access to the venue prior to gates opening.

• **AAA Hoosier Motor Club Premier Lounge:** AAA Members will get free access to the AAA Hoosier Motor Club Premier Lounge with proof of membership. The lounge features a private bar and concessions, comfortable seating areas, and private restrooms.

• **Concert Ticket Sweepstakes:** AAA Hoosier Motor Club members can enter sweepstakes on AAA Hoosier Motor Club's social media for a chance to win tickets and experiences for upcoming concerts.

To enter for a chance to win the Ultimate Concert Sweepstakes, visit [Inpromos.com/aaahoosiermotorclub](#). The Ultimate Concert Sweepstakes ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 20.

To learn more about AAA member benefits at Ruoff Music Center, visit [hoosier.aaa.com/discounts/ruoff-music-center](#).

Proposals sought for arts commission project

Submission deadline Sept. 13 for fourth annual New Works program; four winning entries to receive \$2,500 awards

The REPORTER

Indiana-based artists and arts organizations are invited to submit proposals for New Works, an annual commission program now in its fourth season at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

New Works is an initiative to promote and sustain local artists and arts communities by supporting the creation of new works in various disciplines. A panel of judges will select one winner in the visual arts and three winners in the performing arts, which can include music, dance, theater, and other fields. The four winning proposals will receive \$2,500 each to create and premiere the works during a livestreamed public event May 31 in the Center's Tarkington theater. The winning visual arts piece, which can be 2D or 3D, will be displayed for one year in the main lobby of the Palladium concert hall.

The theme of any proposed work must align with one or more of the Center's organizational Core Values: excellence, innovation, in-

tegrity, collaboration, and inclusion. The work cannot have been created prior to September 2024 and must not be performed publicly prior to the May 31 premiere. Artists of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. There is no application fee.

The submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. Sept. 13. Further details and application instructions are available at [TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorks](#). Questions can be emailed to [NewWorks@TheCenterPresents.org](#). Awards will be announced in February.

Last season's New Works commissions were awarded to painter Valerie Eickmeier, choreographer Iris Rosa Santiago and composers Hippocrates Cheng and Jared Thompson. Video of the June 1 premiere event at the Tarkington is viewable on the Center's [YouTube channel](#).

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the non-profit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the central In-



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A moment from the June 1 premiere of *Pathways/Caminos*, developed by choreographer Iris Rosa Santiago on commission from the New Works project at the Center for the Performing Arts.

diana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, com-

edy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures and music classes. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](#).

Tickets now on sale for Civic Theatre's 2024-2025 season

Submitted

The 2024-2025 season at Civic Theatre kicks off with *Kinky Boots* this fall.

Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair find that they have more in common than they realized ... and discover that when you change your mind, you can change your whole world.

New to the Knebel Stage this holiday season is *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*.

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge. With a dazzling score featuring well-known

standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

First produced virtually at Civic in 2021, Kate Hamill's adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* will return in February 2025.

This isn't your grandmother's Austen! Bold, surprising, boisterous, and timely, this *Pride & Prejudice* for a new era explores the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match in life. The outspoken Lizzy Bennet is determined to never marry, despite mounting pressure from society. But can she resist love, especially when that vaguely handsome, mildly amusing, and impossibly aggravating Mr. Darcy keeps popping up at every turn?! Literature's greatest tale of latent love has never felt so theatrical, or so full of

life than it does in this effervescent adaptation. Because what turns us into greater fools ... than the high-stakes game of love?

The Studio Theater play will be *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

Fifteen-year-old Christopher has an extraordinary brain: he is exceptional at mathematics but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched, and he distrusts strangers. Now it is seven minutes after midnight, and Christopher stands beside his neighbor's dead dog, Wellington, who has been speared with a garden fork. Finding himself under suspicion, Christopher is determined to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington, and he carefully records each fact of the crime. But his detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a thrilling journey that upturns his world.

The mainstage season will end with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Civic's 10th production of this title since 2000. One of the most enduring shows of all time, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers, and the coat of many colors.

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre is the largest of more than 70 community theaters in Indiana and is one of the 10 largest active community theatres in the United States. Civic has been a vital part of the cultural landscape throughout central Indiana for over 100 years. Civic is a resident company of the Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Purchase your tickets today by visiting [CivicTheatre.org/2024-2025-season](#) or calling the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

Iconic country rock group Alabama & Lee Greenwood coming to Fishers Event Center

The REPORTER

Multi-platinum selling country rock group Alabama has announced their "Roll On 2 North America" tour will include a stop at the new Fishers Event Center at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, featuring special guest Lee Greenwood.

The Fishers Event Center is the largest mid-size event center in the Indianapolis region set to open its doors in November 2024.

Tickets for Alabama go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday, Aug. 9 at [FishersEventCenter.com](#).

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Photos provided

See country greats Alabama (above) and Lee Greenwood (right) this winter at the Fishers Event Center. Tickets go on sale Friday morning.



Bryan. From humble beginnings picking cotton in the fields to international stars, Alabama went on to sell 80 million albums and change the face and sound of country music. While their music continues to stand the test of time, their numbers and stats are beyond compare.

Five decades since starting the band, Alabama has charted 43 No. 1 singles, including 21 No. 1 singles

in a row, and have won dozens of CMA, GRAMMY, and ACM Awards. They are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Musicians Hall of Fame and have their own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In addition, they are world-class philanthropists who have raised millions of dollars for various charities.

About Alabama

Over 50 years ago, Jeff

Cook, Teddy Gentry and Randy Owen left the cotton farms of Fort Payne, Alabama to spend the summer playing music in a Myrtle Beach, S.C., bar called The Bowery. It took them six long years of tip jars and word-of-mouth to earn the major label deal they'd been dreaming of. Then, seemingly no time at all to

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE PLAGUE OF FROGS

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. If you refuse to let them go, I will send a plague of frogs on your whole country. The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs. The frogs will come up on you and your people and all your officials.'"

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the streams and canals and ponds, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.'"

So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land. But the magicians did the same things by their secret arts; they also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Pray to the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord."

Moses said to Pharaoh, "I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile."

"Tomorrow," Pharaoh said.

Exodus 8:1-10 (NIV)

Carolyn Ann Barnhart Woodling
July 3, 1935 – August 3, 2024

Carolyn Ann Barnhart Woodling, 89, Carmel, passed away August 3, 2024. She was born in Indianapolis to Ralph and Martha Barnhart, on July 3, 1935.

Survivors include her husband, Larry; daughters, Amy (Rick) Dossey and Susan Woodling; four grandchildren, Eric Dossey, Ellen Dossey (Antonio Hernandez), Evan Dossey (Aly Caviness), and Emma Dossey Curole (Jonathan); four great-grandchildren; and her niece, Debra (Jerry) Johnson.

Family and friends will gather from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, August 9, 2024, at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 1605 E. 106th St., Carmel.

The funeral service will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, August 10, with visitation one hour prior at 10 a.m. in the church.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Carolyn's complete obituary. Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Margaret "Nanny" Dishoungh
February 16, 1936 – August 6, 2024

Margaret "Nanny" Dishoungh, 88, Tipton, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at River-view Health in Noblesville. She was born on February 16, 1936, to Charles and Lue Etta (Doyle) Bogus in Spring Hill, Ala.

Margaret was a homemaker and member of Green Valley Church of Christ. She loved to sew, garden, and take care of people.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Stan Dishoungh and Steven Dishoungh; grandchildren, Deanna Condry, Michael (Alina) Dishoungh, Alicia (Robert) Dishoungh-Snead, Kennie Dishoungh, Nathan Dishoungh, and Brea Dishoungh; sisters, Janie Coker and Martha Elaine Baird; as well as several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Edward Dishoungh; brothers, Millard Bogus, Howard Bogus, Charles Bogus Jr., Louis Bogus, and John Bogus; and her sister, Ann Tomlinson.

Private services will be held with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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change the face of country music.

Alabama, country music's first band, was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2005. The group is known for hit songs including "Mountain Music," "Roll On," "Dixieland Delight" and "If You're Gonna Play In Texas (You Gotta Have A Fiddle In The Band)."

Alabama went on to become the most successful band in the history of country music.

In November 2022, Alabama co-founder Jeff Cook passed following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. With his prior encouragement and wishes, Alabama continues touring on a limited basis, keeping the iconic music they created alive for the current and future generation of fans.

About Lee Greenwood

Throughout his expansive career, international country music icon Lee

Greenwood has earned multiple CMA and ACM Awards, a Grammy Award for Top Male Vocal Performance on "I.O.U.," in 1985, and a multitude of other prestigious awards nominations.

His discography includes 22 studio albums, seven compilation albums, seven No. 1 hits, and 38 singles including songs like "It Turns Me Inside Out," "Ring On Her Finger Time on Her Hands," "She's Lyin'," "I Don't Mind the Thorns if You're the Rose," "Dixie Road," "Somebody's Gonna Love You," "Going Going Gone," "You Got A Good Love Comin'," among others. His stand-out hit "God Bless the U.S.A." has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001, and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat.



Thanks for reading!

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Carmel Economic Development Commission will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) 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.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a public work session at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.

The public hearing for the 2025 Hamilton East Public Library budget will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at the Noblesville Library.

The public meeting regarding adoption of the 2025 budget will take place at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, at the Fishers Library.

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Girls Golf

Shamrocks tally win at Tipton invite

The REPORTER

After two runner-up finishes to start the season, the Westfield girls golf team broke through for its first tournament win of the year on Wednesday.

The Shamrocks ran away with the Tipton Invitational, which took place at Tipton Municipal Golf Course. Westfield's Gold team scored 300 for the victory, with three Rocks players finishing in the top five.

Addi Kooi led the way, collecting her second medalist award of the season with a score of 67. Sophie Raines tied for third by scoring 73, while Kelsey Haverluck carded 75 to tie for fifth place.

The Carmel "A" team finished as runner-up with a total of 321. Sophie Mock placed second individually with 72, while Maddie Headlee totaled 77. The Westfield Green team was third with 344; Kate Brown scored a personal best of 82.

Team scores: Westfield Gold 300, Carmel "A" 321, Westfield Green 344, Carmel "B" 367, Mount Vernon 370, Hamilton Heights "A" 399, Tipton 404, Lafayette Central Catholic 415, Western 442, Lawrence Central 454, North-



Photo by Mike Navarro



Photo provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Guerin Catholic's Ali Scott won individual medalist honors and helped the Golden Eagles to a team victory at their own invitational Wednesday at Pebble Brook. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Westfield girls golf team won its first tournament of the year by triumphing at the Tipton Invitational on Wednesday. The Shamrocks scored 300, with Addi Kooi winning medalist honors, she scored 67.

western 460, Hamilton Heights "B" 504.

Medalist: Addi Kooi (Westfield Gold) 67.

Other Westfield Gold scores: Sophie Raines 73, Kelsey Haverluck 74, Sadie Edwards 83, Anna McKeown 89.

Carmel "A" scores: Sophie Mock 72, Maddie

Headlee 77, Georgia Murnan 84, Allie Thompson 88, Reese Roudebush 89.

Westfield Green scores: Kate Brown 82, Lilley Ku 87, El-lason Daggy 87, Taylor Nokes 88, Addison Ross 89.

Carmel "B" scores: Mallorie Monico 84, Ananya Yemme 87, Kate Harding 95, Sophia Landrigan 101, Moki

Noothalapati 103.

Heights "A" scores: Taylor Morrison 87, Presley Cherry 88, Fiona McDonald 107, Tanner Penwell 117, Sammie Powers 119.

Heights "B" scores: Emma Trees 117, Alayna Kauffman 126, Brooke Bentley 127, Lila Louther 134, Mackenzie Heinzman 140.

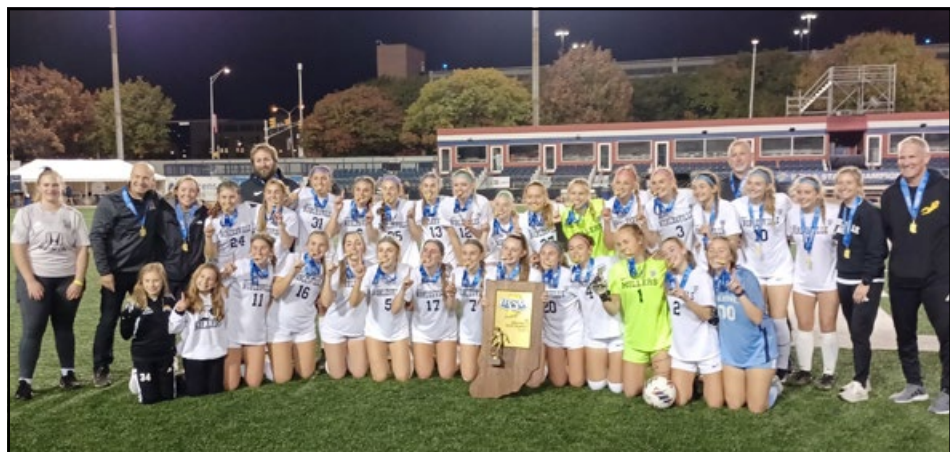
Guerin Catholic hosted its own Invitational Wednesday at Pebble Brook Golf Course.

The Golden Eagles' Purple team won the event with a score of 342. Ali Scott earned medalist honors by carding 76, while Sydney Delagrance placed fourth

with 85. Other Guerin Catholic scores were Sarah Rigg 87, Avery Wall 94 and Gracie Navarro 101.

Guerin Catholic's Gold team finished with a 434. Those Golden Eagles scores were London Payne 1-4, Erin McNeely 107, Annie Murphy 109, Ava Klinker 114 and Mallory Knott 117.

Pre-Season Soccer Polls



Richie Hall / File photos

The Noblesville boys and girls soccer teams both defended their Class 3A state championships last year, so it's no surprise that both Millers teams are ranked No. 1 in the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's 3A pre-season polls.

County girls claim top four 3A spots, all five boys 3A teams rank in top 20

The REPORTER

The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association released its pre-season polls this week, and to no one's surprise, Hamilton County teams were all over the lists.

This year's pre-season rankings are even more impressive than usual, though. In the Girls Class 3A list, local teams have claimed the top four positions. Defending state champion Noblesville is ranked first, while its longtime Sectional 8 and Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival Hamilton Southeastern is rated second.

Carmel, a sectional champion last year, holds the No. 3 ranking. Westfield is fourth; the Shamrocks' program has been steadily on the rise for years. Those two teams both play in Sectional 9 again this season.

In Class 2A, defending state champion Guerin Catholic is correctly ranked No. 1. The Golden Eagles broke through for their first-ever state title last season with a 1-0 win over Leo. Hamilton Heights is rated No. 17 in 2A.

Meanwhile, the Hamilton County Class 3A boys soccer teams hold exactly one quarter of the ranking spots in that pre-season poll: all five teams are ranked in the top 20. Leading the way is Noblesville, the top-rated team and three-time defending state champion. Carmel is ranked No. 2 in the 3A boys pre-season poll. The Millers and the Greyhounds have been grouped in the same sectional (#9) this season.

Fishers is ranked No. 4 in the 3A poll, while its

Mudsock rival Hamilton Southeastern is rated No. 14. Those schools both remain in Sectional 8. Westfield is ranked No. 20; the Rocks play in Sectional 9.

In the smaller classes, Guerin Catholic is ranked No. 2 in boys' Class 2A, while Hamilton Heights is rated No. 16. University's boys are rated No. 15 in Class 1A.

Here is a complete list of pre-season rankings.

GIRLS CLASS 3A

1. Noblesville
2. Hamilton Southeastern
3. Carmel
4. Westfield
5. Castle
6. Crown Point
7. Cathedral
8. Penn
9. Fort Wayne Carroll
10. Evansville Memorial
11. Brownsburg

12. Bloomington South
13. East Central
14. Evansville Reitz
15. Chesterton
16. Northridge
17. Zionsville
18. Homestead
19. Center Grove
20. Munster

BOYS CLASS 3A

1. Noblesville
2. Carmel
3. Zionsville
4. Fishers
5. Center Grove
6. Cathedral
7. Lake Central
8. Bloomington South
9. Pike
10. Columbus North
11. Northridge
12. Fort Wayne Carroll
13. Goshen
14. Hamilton Southeastern
15. Harrison
16. Crown Point
17. Brownsburg
18. Castle

20. Westfield GIRLS CLASS 2A

1. Guerin Catholic
2. Bishop Dwenger
3. Mishawaka Marian
4. Belmont
5. Brebeuf Jesuit
6. Bishop Chatard
7. Lawrenceburg
8. Gibson Southern
9. West Lafayette
10. Tri-West
11. Heritage Hills
12. Bishop Noll
13. Washington
14. NorthWood
15. Hanover Central
16. Park Tudor
17. Hamilton Heights
18. Silver Creek
19. Danville
20. Fort Wayne Canterbury

BOYS CLASS 2A

1. Evansville Memorial
2. Guerin Catholic
3. Illiana Christian
4. Bishop Luers
5. Speedway
6. Concordia Lutheran
7. Heritage Christian
8. Heritage Hills
9. West Lafayette
10. Bishop Dwenger
11. Washington
12. Cascade
13. Bishop Noll
14. Culver Academies
15. Park Tudor
16. Hamilton Heights
17. Leo
18. Southridge
19. West Noble

20. Hanover Central GIRLS CLASS 1A

1. Providence
2. Evansville Mater Dei
3. Heritage Christian
4. Evansville Christian
5. Oldenburg Academy
6. Faith Christian
7. Trinity
8. Andean
9. Bremen
10. Forest Park
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12. Southmont
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15. Greencastle
16. Switzerland County
17. Wheeler
18. Bethany Christian
19. Covenant Christian
20. Bethesda Christian

BOYS CLASS 1A

1. Bethany Christian
2. Providence
3. Covenant Christian
4. Faith Christian
5. Westview
6. Greenwood Christian
7. Fort Wayne Canterbury
8. Forest Park
9. Wheeler
10. Oldenburg Academy
11. Covington
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 Noblesville's Luke Whitlock spoke to a large contingent of swimming fans at Fishers High School on Wednesday, as the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers star discussed his experience competing at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. Whitlock is pictured here with FAST head coach Joe Keller after signing autographs for fans. Read more about Whitlock and the Paris games in Friday's edition of the Reporter.

Colts wide receiver Josh Downs suffers ankle injury

By JOSH BODE
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com



Josh Bode/WISH-TV

WESTFIELD — Colts wide receiver Josh Downs suffered an ankle injury during practice at training camp on Wednesday.

It happened during a 7-on-7 period of practice after he was tackled by safety Nick Cross.

An initial report from **Ian Rapoport** said that Downs has a high ankle sprain and could miss around 4-6 weeks.

"We're playing football and competing," Cross said. "Josh is my guy. I love that boy to death."

Colts head coach Shane Steichen said that they're competing like crazy out at practice, but the bottom line is that players have to stay off the ground and cannot go down.

Downs is heading into

Colts wide receiver Josh Downs runs through tackling dummies during a wide receiver drill at training camp.

his second season with the Colts. He had **68 catches for 771 yards** and two touchdowns last season.

He has been impressing his coaches during training camp so far and **expects a big jump** in his second season.

The Colts will be back to practice at training camp

on Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. They have their first preseason game on Sunday at 1 p.m. against the Denver Broncos.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-colts/colts-wide-receiver-josh-downs-suffers-ankle-injury.

Joe Flacco providing veteran leadership to quarterback room

By JOSH BODE
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

WESTFIELD — Last season, Anthony Richardson was in a quarterback competition with the veteran quarterback, Garner Minshew, that was brought into the room. This year, that is not the case.

Richardson is the **starting quarterback**, with Joe Flacco taking the backup role. But, they have a good relationship in the quarterback room.

"He's not going to give you much in terms of how much he's going to stray from football in the meetings and just kind of shoot the breeze here and there," Flacco said. "He's a good kid and he's an awesome athlete, so it's been a lot of fun."

"Man, Joe (Flacco) is like almost 20 years older than me," Richardson said. "But no, it's great having him in the room. He's a vet, veteran guy that knows a lot of ball."

Flacco comes into the season with **188 games** of experience under his belt, which is a stark contrast to the four games that Richardson has. However, that has been able to help the rest of the quarterback room and the offense.

"He's seen a lot of things and to have that experience

that he can share with those guys in that room, it's invaluable for us," Colts head coach Shane Steichen said.

"I think it's really valuable to have somebody with the experience and the sort of expertise of the position that Joe (Flacco) has," offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter said. "Joe has seen everything in this league."

But, sometimes that experience turns into some joking questions from his teammates.

"All these young guys on the team are always looking up at you and saying 'Man,

what year is this? How old are you?' So you're just constantly reminded and honestly, it's a good thing," Flacco said. "I think you need those reminders every now and then that show you how lucky you are."

The Colts have their first preseason game of the year on Sunday at 1 p.m. against the Denver Broncos at Lucas Oil Stadium.

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