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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly sunny.
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 Showers and storm chances begin after midnight.



HIGH: 83 LOW: 66



These new Medical Mutt grads have proven they are ready to help humans who stand to benefit from their expertise.



Photo provided by Tim Rathz
Family Man Tim Rathz has mastered the delicate art of chaos mitigation, a valuable skill to have as a parent of two toddlers!

Diamonds in the ruff

Turning shelter dogs into Medical Mutts

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Medical Mutts Service Dogs turns dogs in animal shelters across the country into furry little life savers by training them to be medical service alert dogs. The people they have paired with just the right mutt hale not only from Hamilton County, but from

across the U.S. and Canada. The Reporter spoke to Medical Mutts Director of Development Liz Boskovich about what makes a good medical mutt and what these dogs can do. "We go around the country rescuing shelter dogs and train them to become medically alert service dogs for people with seizures, epilepsy, PTSD, anxiety,

and autism," Boskovich said. "We also have some mobility dogs for people with MS and we're now moving into alert dogs for migraines and allergies." For a dog to become a Medical Mutts candidate, it must look friendly, be the right age for training, and be what Boskovich calls a "Velcro dog." "They have to have what

we call Velcro-like qualities," Boskovich said. "A dog that's going to stick by you. A dog that's going to follow you to the bathroom. A dog that's really going not to leave your side. We want them to be Velcro dogs and we want them to be happy service dogs – working

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Say Hey SoHa!

Another summer's almost gone, and a lifetime of memories have been taken from it. Barbecues, pools, popsicles, and outdoor parties. So much fun to be had. And, of course, there is the big question everyone is inevitably asked: Did you go anywhere for vacation this summer? The answer for my family happens to be yes.



COLUMNIST
TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

My wife, Megan, my two kids, Mary and Pat, and I try to go to beautiful South Haven, Mich., at least once for a week each summer. To keep them excited during the three-hour drive up, I'll randomly shout out, "Say hey SoHa!" The kids will then joyfully respond, "Hey SoHa!" This might get old after the 87th time, but you do what you gotta do to keep things reasonably non-chaotic during a car ride.

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Noblesville Lions help at Woofstock



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
 This past Saturday, Aug. 10 at Woofstock, Noblesville Lions were course marshals, directing traffic and participants and cheering everyone on. (From left) Lions Steve Shaw, Vicki Neddenriep, Tomas Lopez-Pumarejo, Jen Carr, and Tim Baker.

Community First Bank & Hedges partner for nonprofit leadership training program

The REPORTER
 Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) recently partnered with Hedges, a local nonprofit consulting firm, to offer free training to nonprofit leaders serving Hamilton County throughout 2024.

The third session wrapped up on Creating Competitive Grant Proposals on Tuesday at the Delaware Township Community Center in Fishers. All sessions are a blend of teaching and attendee engagement.

This training series is the result of a \$12,000 investment from CFB after hearing firsthand how much high-caliber training meant to local nonprofit leaders and after surveying the group to identify the most impactful topics. Hedges' expertise matched up perfectly to the requested topics.

"These funds will be used to put on meaningful, requested programming for this group of dedicated nonprofit leaders," CFB President & CEO Robb Blume said. "They work tirelessly each day to advance their organizations' missions and we're thrilled to come alongside them with these resources. Topics will include building



Photo provided by Community First Bank of Indiana
The Delaware Township Community Center was the site of the leadership training.

corporate partnerships, building and evaluating programs, creating competitive grant proposals, activating board committees, protecting organizations from fraud, and more." Hedges President Erin Hedges said CFB's partnership will help local nonprofits expand their capacities. "Hedges has been a trusted partner since 2002 to more than 150 leading nonprofits, foundations, corporations, and public entities in Indiana and beyond,"

Hedges said. "We deeply appreciate Community First Bank's commitment to building the capacity of local nonprofit organizations by sponsoring these training courses and strengthening the community for years to come." Programming will continue through November. You can email communication@cfbindiana.com if you'd like to be notified when registration is open for future sessions. To learn more visit

CFBindiana.com/nonprofit-learning-series. **About CFB**
 Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Bank mission: We partner with you to build a better future. Additional information can be found at CFBindiana.com. MEMBER FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Man rams into Carmel police SUV, gets shot

The REPORTER & WISH-TV
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A police shooting happened Sunday night on the third floor at Avant residential parking in Carmel.

The person shot, later identified as Daniel Castillo, 23, New Mexico, received injuries not believed to be life-threatening. He was taken to a hospital and then arrested by Indiana State Police Detectives upon his release Monday afternoon.

The officer who fired a gun, who has not been identified, was placed on administrative leave.

Avant resident Hunter Bagwell lives on the third floor and he described that night.

"About 8 o'clock, a car alarm went off for a good 5 to 10 minutes, and we couldn't figure out why, and then, shortly after,

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Inaugural "Cheers For Hope" craft fair in Arcadia to help local families

The REPORTER

On Saturday, Sept. 21, dozens of artisans will take over Main Street in Downtown Arcadia for the inaugural Cheers For Hope Fall Festival and Craft Fair, set for noon to 4 p.m.



The event is being organized by Secret Families of Hamilton County in partnership with Northbrook Brewing Company as a fundraiser to help families across the community in need this holiday season. The festival, which will be held along West Street and in front of Northbrook on Main Street in downtown Arcadia, will feature over 70 craft

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dogs – who will be happy in their profession.”

While they do tend to train larger dogs, some of the Medical Mutts dogs are smaller than you might think.

“We do have some smaller dogs for psychiatric patients for people with PTSD, anxiety, or autism,” Boskovich said. “But the larger the dog then the more

they can do, particularly if someone has mobility issues. If someone has a seizure or someone has epilepsy, they can get to them faster and do more things like call for help. If somebody has a button that is attached to 911, any size dog could do that.”

For people who might need emergency medication, only the larger dogs

will do, though.

“It would be hard for a smaller dog to get into the refrigerator and get the insulin that someone would need because they probably can't reach the door,” Boskovich said. “There's a rag on the handle that we use and train them to go open the door when somebody's in distress, having an episode, or about to have an episode,

to get their insulin or other medicines. It doesn't have to be just for diabetics. It could be for any medicine that's in the fridge.”

Perhaps the most surprising thing Medical Mutts does is train dogs to alert their humans before an episode begins.

“We actually have a dog here now that can sense a seizure up to an hour before the person has it,” Boskovich said. “It's all scent-based work. President, Founder and CEO Dr. Jennifer Catet was able to work with a group in Europe to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that before somebody has a seizure, they let off a scent. Just like somebody lets off a scent when their glucose drops or it gets too high or someone's about to have a panic attack. It's a universal scent that someone lets off.”

According to Boskovich, shelter dogs are in no way inferior to an expensive pure-bred animal when it comes to this kind of work.

“We've gotten a lot of pushback saying, ‘You know these shelter dogs;



Photo provided

Nancy with her dog Valentine, the Medical Mutt she says changed her life.

Barks & Booze

Next month you can have a fun evening out and learn more about Medical Mutts at their fundraiser, “Barks & Booze,” at 6 p.m. on Sept. 19 at Daniel's Vineyard, 9061 N. 700 County Road West, McCordsville.

Guests will get to enjoy live music, a behind-the-scenes tour of the winery, and a tasting event. There will be a silent auction and an opportunity to hear from someone whose quality of life has been improved by the presence of a service dog.

Get tickets or donate online at medicalmutts.goodworldnow.com/e/barks-n-booze.

they can't do that. You have to have a purebred from a breeder to be able to do that,” Boskovich said.

“And we've proven that is just not true. These dogs are

worthy of this chance, and they are just as smart and just as purebred dog.”

You can learn more about Medical Mutts online at medicalmutts.org.

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we saw multiple police officers arrive,” Bagwell said.

Bagwell says he didn't hear the gunshots or the suspect's vehicle ramming into a police car.

Indiana State Police said Carmel officers went to the garage on Old Meridian Street after getting a call about a stalker. They quickly found the suspect, who refused to get out of his car. He instead drove his blue Dodge Charger car into a police SUV. That's when one officer fired shots through the windshield of the man's car.

No officers were inside the SUV.

Police says the man continued to spin his tires while hitting the police car. Officers

later broke out a window of the Charger to pull the man out.

“No officer wants to discharge their firearm in the line of duty or get in that situation,” said Sgt. John Perrine of Indiana State Police.

Police says officers administered medical aid to Castillo. No police officers were seriously injured.

The parking garage is for residents, but, Bagwell says, it was reported broken last week and allowed anyone to have access to the parking lot. Despite the police shooting, he says, he still feels safe in the neighborhood and is happy that police responded quickly.

“Early reports kept say-

ing police shooting, and I think one of the things missed is this is not situation where police went out and shot someone,” Bagwell said. “It was literally an individual who rammed the car and put an officer at risk. There's a lot of action to avoid this and deescalate that, and, unfortunately, put the officer's life at risk and the officer's response is appropriate.”

Castillo is incarcerated in the Hamilton County Jail and faces these preliminary charges:

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- Resisting Law Enforcement
- Criminal Recklessness with a Deadly Weapon

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HEY SoHa!

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My wife and I were also lucky enough to be able to go there for a long weekend for our anniversary as well, which got me thinking ... vacations are different without the kids. Very, very different.

So, please indulge me while I share all the differences I noticed.

Packing

I am a self-admitted over-packer. I always bring way more stuff than any human could ever possibly need, because one never knows when a winter coat and extra lightbulbs might come in handy while sunbathing.

But even so, packing is completely different when a three- and five-year-old are hitching a ride. There are clothes, pull-ups, wipes, tablets, snacks and oh, so many beach toys. By the time we pack the minivan, I'm holding my own bags on my lap while I drive. Possibly not the safest of situations, but we get there.

Since the car is so full, I can't really see anyone else along for the ride, so I pray the whole trip that we didn't forget anything ... like the kids.

Shopping

I don't mind poking around all the shops with Megan. We find some cool shirts, trinkets, and bobbles. Shopping with the kids is a whole different animal. We allotted both Mary and Pat a certain amount that they could spend each day on toys and candy. Naturally, if we didn't go to the toy store first, we were responsible for ruining two young lives.

It's such a joy to watch them touch every single toy in the entire store, one thing at a time, only to finally land on a final decision to buy a 40-cent sticker. Six hours well spent.

Dining

Eating is my favorite thing to do on any vacation, and there is no shortage of good food in South Haven.

Since becoming a parent, I learned eating out takes preparation. Always look up the menu beforehand so you can find something your kids will actually eat and then order for them the second the server steps within a 10-yard perimeter. Be ready to explain that gummy bears are not on the menu. And if your kids are tired and starting to show signs of crankiness, for the love of God have tablets on hand with pre-downloaded shows, just in case the internet isn't working.

I just saved your life. You're welcome.

Beach

What beach town vacation is complete without making several trips to ... well you know ... the beach? The days of just bringing a beach chair, a radio, and a cooler are long gone, my friends. And since the local authorities won't let me park a 6-by-8-foot U-Haul cargo trailer on the sand (prudes), a wagon is a must.

Well, actually two wagons are a must, because when kids see a wagon, they sit in it. Please listen to me when I tell you, if you don't want to look like a weatherman broadcasting during a



Photo provided by Tim Rathz

hurricane while pulling the wagon on the beach, buy one with big treaded wheels that are made for just such an occasion. You will need the extra traction while hauling four beach chairs, two umbrellas, towels, sunscreen, a cooler, a radio, 14 buckets of sand toys, several bags of snacks and eight tons of lake rocks that your daughter put in the wagon so she can take them home.

When you finally collapse at your chosen spot, three miles from your parked car, you'll most likely be told by one of the children that they forgot a toy in the car, and if you don't go back to get it, you will suffer toddler wrath.

Since you'd probably rather contract SARS than deal with a beach tantrum, you will make the trek. When you return and your knees buckle, you finally black

out face down in the sand and get that sweet rest and relaxation you've been longing for. The best part of it all is waking up with the best vacation souvenir of all ... a water blister sunburn. Hooray!

Sure, vacations can be a lot of work when kids are involved, but would you have it any other way? I have many memories of the trips I took with my family as a kid, and I want the same for my children. Through all the disorder, remember to smile at the chaos. They won't be little forever, but they'll always remember these times. And so will I.

The moral of the story is ... Even if your yearly respite seems a bit disorderly ... Say Hey SoHa!

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CHEERS

vendors showcasing items such as handmade leather goods, clothing, jewelry, woodcrafts and artwork. Northbrook will be serving food and drinks at the event and there will be live music from the Aura Ray & Sean Noel Singing Duo. There will also be facepainting and other activities for children. Street parking will be available.

"We have been wanting to launch a signature fundraising event for a couple of years, but hadn't found the right place," according to Leachia Kern, co-executive director of Secret Families. "Northbrook saw one of our social media posts and in-

ited us up to talk. We were so impressed with the space and their willingness to partner with us - we knew it was the right place to launch our event."

For more information, visit secretfamilieshc.org. About Secret Families of Hamilton County

Over 14,000 people fall below the poverty line in Hamilton County. This is larger than the entire populations of 11 Indiana counties. Since 2014, Secret Families of Hamilton County has worked with local elementary schools and Hamilton County Youth Assistance to identify and support these families in need. This may

be due to the illness or death of a parent, loss of a job, natural disaster, or any other number of circumstances.

On the second Saturday of December, months of planning and fundraising culminate in a highly orchestrated, single-day event with hundreds of Hamilton County volunteers shopping, wrapping and delivering presents to their neighbors in need, along with a fully decorated tree, a Bible, toiletries/personal care items and a gift card for Christmas dinner. In 2023, Secret Families served over 60 families and almost 300 individuals, and the goal is to

serve 100 families and 600 individuals in 2024.

Secret Families spends approximately \$550 on each family supported by the organization, which would not be possible without generous donations from the community. Learn how to get involved at secretfamilieshc.org.

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Community First Bank 17661 Village Center Drive
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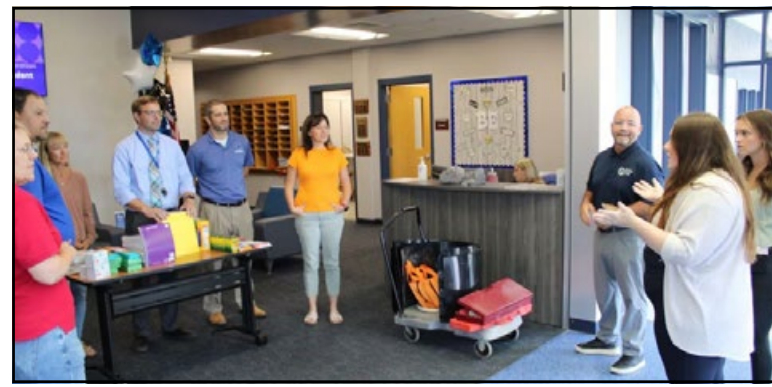
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Academy drives home importance of education



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Indiana homeland security leader to serve as Carmel fire chief

The REPORTER
 One of the state's leading authorities on public safety is joining the City of Carmel as fire chief, Mayor Sue Finkam announced Monday.

Joel Thacker will assume the role Sept. 3, providing the leadership and direction necessary to enable members of the Carmel Fire Department to deliver the highest level of fire pre-

vention, EMS and response services to the community.

Currently executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Thacker was appointed to the position by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb in 2022, having previously served as state fire marshal and director of the state's fire and building safety division.

"Joel has been repeatedly called upon at both local

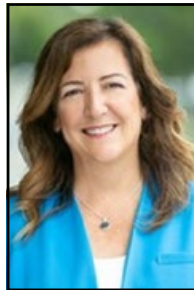
and state levels for his leadership and knowledge in public safety," Finkam said. "I am thrilled to have his expertise focused on our community, leading an impressive team that is committed to the safety of our residents, businesses and visitors."

With more than 30 years of public service experience, Thacker served as fire chief of the Plainfield



Thacker

of Indiana, I want to thank Joel for his years of service to Hoosier taxpayers," Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. "I am personally grateful for his commitment to public safety and constant collaboration with the Cabinet. The City of Carmel and Mayor Finkam are fortunate to have him."



Finkam

A public swearing-in ceremony will be held for Chief Thacker

with details announced at a later date.

"It is an honor to serve the firefighters and people of Carmel and to support Mayor Finkam's vision," Thacker said. "Preparedness is crucial for the success of Hoosier families, communities and the state, and I look forward to advancing training, while supporting all partners in ensuring the safety of the Carmel community."

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The REPORTER
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The Solar United Neighbors (SUN) invite you to an informational event at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

During the Solar 101, you'll get answers to these questions and more:

- How can solar energy save me money?
- Is my roof good for solar?
- How does solar tech-

nology even work?

- What are the benefits of going solar?
- What's unique about solar in Indiana?

SUN will also share details about the "Indiana Ready, Set, Solar!" program. It provides free step-by-step guidance and personalized advice on going solar.

SUN is a national non-profit advocacy/education organization that does NOT sell or install any equipment.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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Noblesville, in 46060
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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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Noblesville, in 46061
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Noblesville, In
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Resources You Might Need

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

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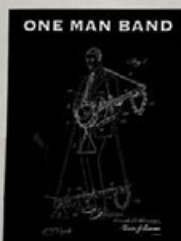
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<https://www.mfri.purdue.edu/battlemind/>

Network With Your Community

Joining Community Forces Indiana (JCFI)

Marion and it's donut counties have formed a JCFI through Easterseals Crossroads which is chaired by Buzz Smith and they meet online the third Thursday monthly at 10am. It is one of the best networking meetings for our Military Veteran community (MVC) which usually has up to 40 resources online each month discussing activities and what each resource does for our community. Buzz has a distribution list of over 500 resources and if you are interested in helping our MVC, reach out to Buzz at btsmith@eastersealscrossroads.org.

Good Samaritan Network

Resources and non-profits who help our Hamilton County families and our Military Veteran community, we'd love for you to join us as we connect and discuss some critical topics that can help Hamilton County families including our Veteran community. Your input is valuable to us, and we believe that together we can come up with some meaningful ways to make a difference here in Hamilton County. We meet online the second Tuesday monthly at 3:45pm and if you are interested in helping your community, please click here to register.

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Soil & Water adds native flowers to tree & shrub sale fundraiser

The REPORTER

Spring blooms, shade on a sunny summer day, crisp fall colors – trees are the essence of our seasons and their growth is the benchmark of passing time.

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) recognizes the value of trees in the community and is making quality native tree and shrub stock available via the annual native tree and shrub fundraiser. New this year, a selection of native flowers and vines are also available.

Over 40 species of trees and shrubs are available in three-gallon containers for just \$30 each. One-gallon flowers are \$12.50. Pre-orders are required before Sept. 19. Orders can be picked up Friday, Sept. 27

in Noblesville. Details on species and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at hamiltonswcd.org.

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These trees are uniquely suited to Hoosier soil and weather, but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support native wildlife – especially birds, insects, and other pollinators. Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical, and will grow quickly. In addition to native trees, 15-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale.

The tree sale is the district's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation and education in Hamilton County.



Photos provided

Examples of native flora you can purchase include the Butterfly milkweed (top) and the Shumard oak (above).

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Omnibus takes a deep dive into life and times of Rep. Jerry Torr

The REPORTER

This week's episode of *The Omnibus Show* featured Indiana State Representative Jerry Torr from House District 39 in Hamilton County.

Torr has been a member of the Indiana House of Representatives since 1996. He spoke about his experiences in the House as he served on the committees of Employment, Labor, and Pensions; Rules and Legislative Procedures; Vice Chair of Joint Rules; and Vice Chair of the Judiciary.

Torr, a sixth-generation Hoosier, grew up in Putnam County and moved to Carmel in 1987. He is a graduate of Hanover College and attended the Musicians Institute in Hollywood, Calif.

Torr discussed issues important to him over his years in public service, including: creating jobs in the Hoosier state, the Health Insurance Waiver Act, the Daylight Saving Time Bill, and finding ways to halt gerrymandering in Indiana.

Torr also spoke about his musical journey. In October 2017, he conducted his original composition, "Fanfare for a New Era," which was performed by the Carmel Symphony Orchestra at the Palladium in Carmel.

Before joining Near North Title Group, formerly known as Hamilton National Title, in 2014, Torr was a Client Executive at the Hylant Group, and prior to that a Commercial Casualty General Adjuster with FCCI Insurance Company in Carmel. He was previously a member of the Central Indiana Claims Association and the National Society of Professional Insurance Investors.

He also previously served on the board of the Indiana Forum for Fair Liability Laws. In addition, he formerly served as the Director of the President of the State Adjuster's Association.

He served on the board of the Indiana Forum for Fair Liability Laws, as well as the boards of the National MS Society Indiana Chapter, Indiana Humanities, and Carmel Symphony Orchestra.

Torr has been honored twice as Government Leader of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards dinner, first in 2005 and again in 2012.



Torr



Simic

The only other two-time winners are House Speaker Brian Bosma and Senator Richard Lugar.

Next week, *The Omnibus Show* will welcome Curt Simic, Indiana University Foundation President Emeritus. Simic is a national leader in fundraising for higher education. In his over 40-year career, he worked for Yale University and

the universities of Tennessee, Alabama, Oregon, and California-Berkeley, before returning to IU as president of its foundation in 1988.

About The Omnibus Show

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

Visit TheOmnibusShow.com for the audio podcasts and YouTube channel for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

Noblesville adult baby store forced to close again

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Hamilton County judge ruled that the adult baby store **My Inner Baby** must close its new retail store immediately.

The judge ruled the store is violating the city's zoning ordinance.

In 2022, My Inner Baby opened its original location at 15480 Herriman Blvd. The city sent the store a letter saying it was violating the Unified Development Ordinance because it was operating as a sex shop in an area zoned as industrial. The Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA) rejected My Inner Baby's appeal, and owner Ryan Polokoff closed the store.

The shop sells adult diapers for people with incontinence, along with onezees and baby accessories people can use for role-play. Polokoff told News 8 military veterans and others suffering from trauma use role-play as a form of stress relief.

My Inner Baby appealed the BZA's decision in Hamilton County Court, but the case was dismissed after My Inner Baby did not file a copy of the hearing record in time.

On June 3, My Inner Baby opened a new location at 15529 Stony Creek Way, a mile from its old location. Polokoff told News 8 the city considered his business a sex shop because it used the hashtag "ABDL," or Adult Baby Diaper Lovers. Polokoff dropped the moniker when he opened at his new location.

In his ruling, Judge Michael Casati said My Inner Baby's second store is also located in an industrial area, and Polokoff should have asked the city for a zoning variance before opening.

Polokoff told News 8 via text he will appeal Judge Casati's ruling.

"The City of Noblesville appreciates the prompt ruling by the court that affirms the position regarding zoning violations that the city has maintained in three separate legal proceedings," Noblesville City Attorney Jonathan Hughes said. "To our knowledge, the company is complying with the decision. We will continue to monitor for on-going compliance."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/noblesville-adult-baby-store-forced-to-close-again.



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Fore weeks left until Westfield Young Professionals golf outing

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Get ready to tee off at the Westfield Young Professional Board's second annual golf outing. Swing your way to success from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Wood Wind Golf Club, 2302 W. 161st St., Westfield. The shotgun start will be at 10 a.m.

Whether you're an experienced pro or a newbie on the greens, this event is your chance to network with other young professionals, take in the scenic views, compete for amazing prizes and, of course,

the ultimate bragging rights. The outing is exclusively for young professionals aged 40 and under across Hamilton County.

[Click here](#) to register.

Golfer information

Your ticket includes a round of golf on the 18-hole championship golf course. Additionally, golfers have access to the



practice range before the golf outing begins, two golf carts per foursome, a free Bloody Mary Bar, a box lunch to take with you on the course, and entry to the 19th Hole Reception, featuring an awards ceremony and hors d'oeuvres. Prizes will be given for first, second, and third place. Hole sponsors are also giv-

ing away prizes at the reception.

Here are the 2024 golf packages available:

1. Foursome Team: \$400 Member / \$500 Non-Member; four players included; two golf carts
2. Two Player Team: \$200 Member / \$250 Non-Member; two players included, plus two golfers assigned to the team; one golf cart
3. Individual Golfer: \$100 Member / \$150 Non-Member; one player

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Rising Above
By: Bethany Hudspeth

Photo provided

"Rising Above" by Bethany Hudspeth from McCordsville.

2024 Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest winners announced

The REPORTER

Last week, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced the winners of the 2024 Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest. The winning photographs will be displayed in the lieutenant governor's Family of Business offices in Indianapolis throughout the next year.

"Indiana has so many gifted photographers that truly know how to showcase Indiana agriculture through their talents," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The winning photos were chosen from hundreds of entries in the following four categories: Agritourism, Conservation, Faces of Agriculture and On the Farm. Two winners were selected from each category, along with two winners overall.

To be considered, the photo had to be taken in the state by an Indiana resident. The photos were evaluated by a panel of independent judges based on creativity, composition and category representation.

"This year we received nearly 400 photo submis-

sions in the Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest," ISDA Director Don Lamb said.

The following list includes the photo contest winners for 2024:

Agritourism

- "Rising Above" by Bethany Hudspeth from McCordsville

- "Sunset Fair Fun" by Andrew Forrester from Madison

Conservation

- "Mallard Missile" by Sara Day from Muncie

- "The Proud Mother" by Richard Bennett from Indianapolis

Faces of Agriculture

- "An Evening Walk" by Linsie Middlesworth from Marion

- "Mini ... Faces of Ag" by Jadin Wolf from Marengo

On the Farm

- "Buddy Seat Rider" by Marie Kohlhaugen from Rensselaer

- "Focusing on Warmer Weather" by Zakery Helms-Judkins from Pendleton

Overall

- "Electric Pivot" by Tom Jones from Star City

- "Like Father, Like Daughter" by Jadin Wolf from Marengo

To view the winning photos, [click here](#).

Register for seminar on semitruck wrecks

The REPORTER

Attorneys, paralegals and members of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association will convene Monday, Aug. 19 in Noblesville for the "Winning Truck Wreck Cases" seminar. The seminar is chaired by David W. Craig and Scott A. Faultless of the Indianapolis-based personal injury law firm, Craig, Kelley & Faultless.

Attendees must register for the event ahead of time. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Embassy Suites Noblesville. David Craig and Scott Faultless, two of the founding partners at Craig, Kelley & Faultless, look forward to hosting legal professionals from across the state.

Craig and Faultless are both on the Board of Regents of the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, which requires board certification in Truck Accident Law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. They

have been honored in the past several editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and named as Indiana Super Lawyer honorees, an achievement awarded to only 5 percent of the state's attorneys, for the past several years.

For over 25 years, their firm has represented victims of personal injury and wrongful death caused by large-truck and commercial motor vehicle wrecks. With this seminar, Craig and Faultless hope to further their peers' understanding of truck accident law and truck wrecks.

They will be joined by seven other speakers:

- Bryan Bradley, Allen Law Group
- Andy Young, The Law Firm for Truck Safety
- Daniel Buba, Doehrmann Buba Ring
- Eric Oliver, National Trial Consultant, Metasystems Consulting
- Kevin Johnson, Crash Consulting Services, LLC

- Ben Phelps, Crash Consulting Services, LLC

- Harry Adler, Institute for Safer Trucking

These speakers will discuss truck safety, the steps taken in truck-wreck cases, air brakes, depositions, insurance coverage, data collection, trial strategy, and more. Guests will have the opportunity to get an up-close look at two semi-trucks. The seminar will close with an "ask-a-lawyer" panel, where the speakers will answer attendees' specific truck-accident questions.

Beyond this seminar, managing partner David Craig seeks to educate the public with his podcast, *After the Crash*, and in his book *Semitruck Wreck: A Guide for Victims* and their Families, published in 2020.

Indiana truck wrecks are deadlier and more frequent than ever. Data from NHTSA collected over the past 10 years follows the increase of fatalities from

heavy-truck wrecks. In 2013, 99 people in Indiana died in truck wrecks. In 2022, the most recent year with available data, 157 died.

Distracted, impaired, and drowsy driving; inadequate training; and lack of supervision are all issues plaguing the trucking industry and contributing to the growing number of fatalities. This seminar and the lawyers involved are pushing for change to save lives.

About Craig, Kelley & Faultless

Craig, Kelley & Faultless is headquartered in Indianapolis and has offices in Indiana and an office in St. Louis, Mo. The firm handles cases throughout the country and has attorneys licensed in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and Iowa. Craig, Kelley & Faultless can be contacted at 1-800-746-0226, and additional information can be found at [ckflaw.com](#), on [Facebook](#), or on [LinkedIn](#).



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IU Health finally takes necessary steps to protect patients' privacy

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office secured another win for medical privacy, ensuring through court-directed discovery that IU Health has proper privacy controls and training in place to protect Hoosier patients' private health information.

IU Health management initially denied allegations that Dr. Caitlin Bernard violated a patient's privacy at a political rally.

IU Health officials even continued those denials after that same doctor's peers serving on the Indiana Medical Licensing Board found that she did, in fact, violate privacy laws. This repeated refusal by IU Health to even acknowledge a violation of patient privacy prompted the Office of Attorney General to probe whether and how IU Health was conducting patient privacy training in light of its mishandling of the Bernard matter.

When IU Health officials refused to answer questions, the Office of the Attorney General had no

choice but to file a lawsuit to require their cooperation and answers.

"This is a win for patients, but also for the group's 36,000 health care providers who can now trust they've received accurate training that is consistent with HIPAA privacy laws and Indiana patient confidentiality rules," AG Rokita said. "One of my office's main priorities is to protect patient privacy because when it's not, we no longer have reliable, honest healthcare."

The Sept. 15, 2023, lawsuit was filed on behalf of the people of Indiana against IU Health and IU Healthcare Associates for their failure to properly report, review and enforce HIPAA and Indiana law violations. Attorney General Rokita and his team verified through discovery in this case that IU Health has now taken necessary actions to better train employees to help protect the medical privacy of Indiana residents.



Rokita

Through this lawsuit, Attorney General Rokita's office confirmed IU Health has undertaken the following actions:

- Trained employees to specifically avoid talking about patients in public areas;
- Informed its employees they are required to notify public relations staff prior to any communication so that management can verify patient authorization; and
- Conducted employee training on what constitutes Protected Health Information.

On June 30, 2022, Dr. Caitlin Bernard spoke with an *IndyStar* reporter at a political rally about her 10-year-old patient. IU Health later issued a media statement on July 13, 2022, that said Dr. Bernard had not violated privacy laws. After hearing over a dozen hours of testimony, the Indiana Medical Licensing Board, which is comprised of doctors, voted 5-1 that Dr. Bernard violated HIPAA.

IU Health issued another statement on May 26, 2023, claiming it disagreed with the board's decision and believed Dr. Bernard had not violated any privacy laws.

"IU Health rejected the best interest of patients and taxpayers alike when they set the tone by initially refusing to cooperate with our office," AG Rokita said. "We are pleased the information this office sought over two years ago has finally been provided and the necessary steps have been taken to accurately and consistently train their workforce to protect patients and their health care workers."

Though **voluntarily dismissing it without prejudice**, Attorney General Rokita said they could always refile at a later date if necessary. As a government regulator responsible for HIPAA compliance, the State anticipates and expects hospitals and covered entities to continue significant and continual training to physicians and staff that addresses the importance of patient and data privacy.

Nora Lee Kerry

February 23, 1938 – July 30, 2024

Nora Lee Kerry, 86, went home to be with her Lord on July 30, 2024, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. This loving, creative, and spunky woman loved her family and friends, ice cream, and the color purple.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cyril and Roma (Rubright) Pflugh, and siblings Mary Blanche Kind, LaVerne Pflugh, and Reese Pflugh, and she is survived by Roy, her husband of almost 64 years; children Patti Ordower, Cheryl Kerry, Roger (Lora) Kerry, and Ryan (Erin) Kerry; grandchildren Rachel (Scott) Heck, Joe Ordower, Brennen (Nicole) Kerry, Brontë Giardina, Joshua Kerry, Sierra Kerry, Leah Kerry, and Madeline Kerry; great-granddaughter Evelyn Kerry; as well as adopted kids Seth Beloff and Jean Leather and many other family members and friends.

Born on February 23, 1938, in Harmony, Pa., Nora Lee grew up on her parents' farm, learning to work hard with her family and have fun doing it – playing practical jokes on each other and doing flips down the staircase. Along with her parents, she and her siblings milked the cows, fed the chickens, tended the garden, and baled hay. They also cooked meals – but when she and Blanche dyed the mashed potatoes bright green for St. Patrick's Day, the hired hands were very suspicious and refused to eat them. In the evenings, Nora Lee developed a serious competitive streak by playing games such as Crokinole (a.k.a. Carroms) with her family. One Easter, she and her siblings were given three bunnies that were supposed to be the same sex. They ended up with 158 rabbits that they raised in an empty chicken coop as a business.

Her family attended First Church of God in Ellwood City at the time of her birth, and that's where she met Roy Kerry, her husband-to-be, and they began dating at age 16. After graduating from Zelenople High School, Nora Lee took nurses training at Butler County Memorial Hospital and became a registered nurse in 1959, first working at John Kane Memorial Hospital and then at Children's Hospital, both in Pittsburgh. She and Roy married in August 1960 at Ellwood City Church of God and lived first in Pittsburgh and then in Washington, Pa., and they attended the Greenfield Avenue Church of God in Pittsburgh. In 1964, she left nursing to create an amazing childhood for their four children, with many pets and adventures. She also started and ran a preschool at the church for a number of years.

The family moved to Sharon, Pa., in 1970 and began attending the Valley Church in Hermitage, where she played the piano and organ and taught Sunday School. Nora Lee was a Girl Scout Leader, and she was active in the Parent-Teacher Association for her children's schools. With Roy, she was a member of The Gideons International for several decades, and Nora Lee specialized in distributing Bibles to the offices of doctors and attorneys. They also went on mission trips to Kenya, Tanzania, and Honduras with church groups.

Nora Lee enjoyed many activities at home, from tending her flower and vegetable gardens to supporting and facilitating all kinds of crazy escapades with her kids. They made ice cream every summer in their cabin at Whitehall Camp, and she created wonderful Halloween costumes – from basic cardboard contraptions to a full-on upright piano (Cheryl) and colonial belle dresses complete with shawls and bonnets (Patti and Cheryl). She passed on her love of games to her family, teaching them to play Crokinole, Pit, Buttons, and Spoons. (Ask us why it's not called "Forks"!)

When her children grew more independent, Nora Lee ran a health food store called Harmony Whole Foods in Sharon, Pa. Following that, she returned to nursing and worked with Roy at his medical practice until their retirement.

Together with Roger, Lora, Patti and several grandchildren, Roy and Nora Lee moved to Noblesville in 2019, and they all managed to live successfully in the same house with three generations! For the past four years Nora Lee has been a member of Bethel Lutheran Church of Noblesville. When her dementia became too much to care for at home in 2021, she moved to Prairie Lakes Health Campus where she received excellent and loving care, and the family is grateful to her wonderful caregivers there.

Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m., with a memorial service at 3 p.m., on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. Pastor Doug Gast will officiate.

Following the service, the family is hosting a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel where we can share stories of Nora Lee.

The service will be livestreamed on Bethel's Facebook page for those who cannot attend, ([facebook.com/Bethel-LutheranChurchNoblesville](https://www.facebook.com/Bethel-LutheranChurchNoblesville)), and will be available sometime after the service on Vimeo.

If you wish to remember Nora Lee with a donation, she suggested giving in her memory to The Gideons International ([gideons.org/donate](https://www.gideons.org/donate)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://www.randallroberts.com)

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Plan Commission has canceled the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024.

— CICERO —

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the Town of Cicero, Indiana Ordinance 04-16-2024-01, An Ordinance Annexing Territory by Voluntary Petition to the Town of Cicero, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Cicero Town Council on July 2, 2024. The annexation area consists of approximately 1 acre +/- generally located at 23333 Tollgate Rd, Cicero, Indiana 46034. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana law, upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 04-16-2024-01 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Cicero Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034. Dated this 10th day of July, 2024.

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included, who will be assigned to a team to create a foursome; shared golf cart

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berindy.com.

Volunteer at the Outing

Here is an opportunity for non-golfers in your office to participate. To pull off a successful golf outing, the Westfield Young Professionals need go-getter volunteers the

day of the event. Help will be needed with checking people in, marshaling the sponsors to their holes, driving volunteers on the course, ground support across the course, 19th Hole Reception setup, and more. [Click here](#) to volunteer.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE PLAGUE OF FLIES

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land." But Moses said, "That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the Lord our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us? We must take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, as he commands us."

Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God in the wilderness, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me."

Moses answered, "As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the Lord, and tomorrow the flies will leave Pharaoh and his officials and his people. Only let Pharaoh be sure that he does not act deceitfully again by not letting the people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord."

Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord, and the Lord did what Moses asked. The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained. But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

Exodus 8:25-32 (NIV)

Patricia Ann Hammer

July 2, 1937 – August 6, 2024



Patricia Ann Hammer, 87, Indianapolis, passed away August 6, 2024. She was born July 2, 1937, in Bald Hill, Okla., to the late David Franklin and Blanche (Hicks) Crumrine.

Patricia received her bachelor's degree in graphic design from Oklahoma State University and married Charles Edward Hammer, who preceded her in death in 2017. After raising her family, Patricia was employed in the bookstore at Oklahoma State University. Patricia was a beautiful, humorous, and loving woman who never met a stranger she couldn't charm. She always treated friends like family and loved hosting celebrations at her home. Patricia loved to dance and had her own ceramic business for many years.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis.

Patricia is survived by her children, Mary Beth Hughes (Clint), Keith Allen Baldwin (Suk), Ronald Lynn Baldwin (Esther), Brenda Ann (Paul) Howard, Alice Rebecca Whalen (Joseph), and Lela Kay Fredrick (Darren); sisters, Mary Lee Roomsburg and Nina Faye Hyde; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Williams; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to East Central College, Whalen Family Scholarship, 1964 Prairie Road, Union, MO 63084.

Condolences: shirleybrothers.com

Jerry Lee Betzold
February 12, 1998 – July 28, 2024

Staff Sergeant Jerry Lee Betzold, 26, Avon, Ind., passed away on July 28, 2024, surrounded by family, friends, and fellow Marines. He was born in Indianapolis on February 12, 1998, to Jim and Melinda "Missy" (Broyles) Betzold.

Jerry graduated from Avon High School in 2016. Shortly after he joined the United States Marine Corps on August 15, 2016. Jerry proudly served his country for seven years and 11 months. He began as an infantry Marine and worked diligently to become an Infantry Unit Leader and was promoted to Staff Sergeant on March 1, 2024. His decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Medal. Most recently, he was stationed with Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. Jerry's call sign was 31W, better known as 31 Whiskey.

He was best known for his sense of humor, genuineness, and contagious smile. He never met a stranger and could always make you laugh. At the age of 16, Jerry decided to become an organ donor. Jerry has continued to help others in need by his selfless act and the giving of his gifts to others upon his passing. Jerry's unwavering dedication and vibrant spirit touched the lives of many. Though he is no longer with us, his legacy of bravery, humor, and kindness will forever be remembered. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to extended family, friends, and fellow Marines who have offered their support during this difficult time. Rest in peace, Jerry. Your sacrifice and love will never be forgotten.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Melinda "Missy" (John Mark) Groover; father, Jim (Amy) Betzold; brothers, John Michael (Kate) and James Betzold; stepsiblings, John Mark Groover II, Jordan (Shawn) Sattler, Caleb Banks, and Ali (Scott) Schaffer; grandparents, Jerry and Sandy Broyles, Melinda A. Betzold, Nancy Groover, and David Martin; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by grandparents, John N. Betzold, Mary and Gene Herndon, and Lloyd Groover.

Family, friends, and fellow service members will gather for visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. on August 16, 2024, at First Baptist Church Plainfield, 1012 Stafford Road, Plainfield. Jerry's life will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on August 17, 2024, at First Baptist Church Plainfield, 1012 Stafford Road, Plainfield. Interment will follow with Military Honors at Maple Hill Cemetery, 709 Harding St., Plainfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Honoring Our Fallen (honoringourfallen.org) or the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org).

Memories of Jerry and condolences may be shared with the family at thefuneralchapel.net.

Stephen James Costlow
November 9, 1947 – August 12, 2024

Stephen James Costlow, known affectionately as Steve, passed away on August 12, 2024, at the age of 76 in Indianapolis. Born on November 9, 1947, in Frankfort, Ind., to James and Lillian (Reeder) Costlow. Steve spent his formative years in Sheridan before settling in Noblesville, where he became a pillar of the community.

Steve had over 50 years of service with Indiana Bell, AT&T, and Frontier Communications. His devotion extended beyond his professional life into his community involvement. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Noblesville Moose, and the American Legion. Steve was particularly passionate about the Noblesville Babe Ruth baseball league, where he served as President for many years, contributing countless volunteer hours.

A 1966 graduate of Sheridan High School, Steve carried the spirit of his hometown throughout his life. He was Blackhawk Football fan through and through. His personal hobbies included playing cards, attending car shows, and enjoying time with friends, all activities that reflected his outgoing and engaging personality.

Steve was a member of the Refuge Christian Church in Noblesville.

He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Dale Ann Costlow; his son, Mark (Heather) Costlow; his daughter, Jody Costlow (Mark) Brillhart; his siblings, Cathy Burris, Chris Barrick, and Mike Costlow; and his cherished grandchildren, Tatem, Bella, Carlie, Catey, and Holden. His life was also touched by the loss of his granddaughter, Logan Alynn Costlow; and his parents, James and Lillian Costlow.

Steve was an exceptional Papaw to his grandchildren.

Services to celebrate Steve's life will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by funeral services promptly at 1 p.m. Friends from the Car Club are encouraged to drive their cars to the church, where a memorial car show will be held at the picnic shelter during visitation and after the services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Noblesville Babe Ruth at noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.sportsengine-prelive.com and then clicking on the NBRB Paypal Link.

Randall and Robert's Funeral Home in Noblesville is assisting the family during this time.

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Football

Royals aim to build on playoff success

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

The Hamilton Southeastern football team has itself in a pretty good spot with fifth-year head coach Michael Kelly (35-10). He was also 14-16 in from 2017-2019 at Seymour.

Last season, the Royals were 9-3, winning five of their last seven before losing their regional battle with Westfield, 24-21. HSE is back to their winning ways the last four seasons, including two consecutive sectional crowns and a trip to the semi-state in 2022.

Senior quarterback Chandler Weston returns from a productive junior season. Weston threw for 1,415 yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior and ran for 295 yards and four TDs.

Southeastern graduated two of the more talented skilled players in the area in Jalen Alexander (1,444

rushing yards, 17 TDs) and 2022-23 Hamilton County Reporter Player of the Year Donovan Hamilton (934 receiving yards, 11 TDs).

Senior AZ Wallace is back from a junior year when he gained 595 yards for a 5.7 average and nine TDs on the ground. Fellow senior Brennan Baker (121 yards, TD) will be another important piece to HSE's offense this year.

Seniors Dylan James (110 yards, two TDs) and Liam Boyd (105) return at wide receiver for HSE. Along with juniors Kendrick Pennybaker and Graham Toner, the Royals WR corps looks to make a name for themselves.

On the defensive side, the Royals graduated many players that contributed to their 2023 success, but still have a lot coming back. Senior Michael Hoog brings his 64 tackles (2.5 for a loss, 1.5 sacks) back and fellow

senior Mason Alexander leads the secondary with three interceptions, eight pass deflections and added 39 tackles.

HSE continues its series with Fort Wayne Carroll to begin the season on Aug. 23. They began a series with the Chargers following their 2022 semi-state playoff matchup.

The Royals' home opener is in Week 2 against North Central on Aug. 30. Hoosier Crossroads Conference play starts on Sept. 6 at Avon. The Battle for the Mudsock continues at home on Sept. 13 versus Fishers. On Sept. 20, Southeastern heads to Westfield and hosts Zionsville to end the month on Sept. 27.

A road trip to Noblesville starts October off on Oct. 4, with the final two regular season games being at Franklin Central on Oct. 11 and at home against Brownsburg on Oct. 18.



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Hamilton Southeastern's AZ Wallace averaged 5.7 yards per game and scored nine touchdowns for the Royals during his junior year last season. Wallace is back for his senior season at Southeastern.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Aug. 14

GOLF

County meet, 2:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees

Thursday, Aug. 15

GOLF

Fishers vs. North Central, 4:30 p.m. at Purgatory Golf Club
Hamilton Heights vs. Tipton, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide
University vs. Crawfordsville, 5 p.m. at Wood Wind

Saturday, Aug. 17

BOYS SOCCER

Hamilton Southeastern at Mount Vernon, 10:30 a.m.
Franklin Central at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.
Zionsville at Carmel, 11:30 a.m.
Noblesville at Columbus North, 12:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Carmel girls, Westfield girls at Valley Cross Kickoff, 9 a.m. at LaVern Gibson Course
University at Hamilton Southeastern Hokum Karem, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 10 a.m.
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:45 a.m.
Cathedral at Noblesville, 11:30 a.m.
Fishers at McCutcheon, 11:30 a.m.

GOLF

Fishers, Westfield at Western Invitational, 8 a.m. at Chippendale Golf Club
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield JV at Lapel Invitational, 9 a.m. at Edgewood
Guerin Catholic at Ben Davis Invitational, noon
Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 1:30 p.m.
University at Shenandoah Invitational, 2 p.m.

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights Husky Invitational, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Fishers, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hamilton Heights at Peru Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern Round Robin, 10 a.m.
Westfield at Lawrence North, 10 a.m.
Fishers at Lebanon, 11:30 a.m.

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Hamilton Heights senior Michael Cain is one of several key defensive players that return to the Huskies football team this season. In his junior season, Cain made 43 tackles (13 for a loss), 12 sacks and a fumble recovery.

Hamilton Heights has sights set high after historic '23

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

Hamilton Heights head football coach Jon Kirschner enters his seventh season (33-30) leading the Huskies this year and his teams keep getting better.

Last season, Heights started off 11-0, including five straight shutouts and ended the regular season winning the outright Hoosier Conference title at West Lafayette. The 2023 campaign was a dream season

for the Huskies that unfortunately came to an end in the sectional championship game at home to eventual Class 3A state champion Bishop Chatard, 28-8.

Heights will have a new quarterback this year, with Bodie Derrer (1,911 yards and 16 TDs), Owen VanHaaren (865 yards) and Eric Balcom (490) all graduating, leaving a hole in the rushing game. The trio also combined to score 24 touchdowns.

The Huskies have two

quarterbacks that are in competition for the starting nod to replace the graduated Derrer, who's now a Ball State Cardinal.

"Right now, there looks to be a competition between sophomore Drew Woodruff and senior Joey Sigler," said head coach Jon Kirschner.

Senior Logan Hickman (74 yards and a TD) and junior Nathan Flanders (37 yards and a TD) both saw time as backups and are the lone running backs returning with experience.

"Running back will be a by-committee approach with no true starter named at this point. Players in the mix at RB will be junior Dre Chandler, senior Logan Hickman and junior Nathan Flanders," continued Kirschner.

Senior Tyler Champion (645 yards and seven TDs) leads four receivers returning with significant contributions. Senior Cam Fleming (356 yards, two TDs), senior Keaton Weaver (258 yards, three TDs) and junior Dre Chandler (102 yards) will all be major contributors in Heights' offensive attack.

Senior Kendall Flanders returns as the leading tackler with 63 (10 for a loss, three sacks), along with three fumble recoveries from last season. Michael Cain is back up front for his senior

season after 12 sacks, 43 tackles (13 for a loss) and a fumble recovery. Nick Hulien comes back as a senior from a junior season with 37 tackles (five for a loss) and a pass deflection.

"Overall, our team's success will be dependent on the leadership and play of guys like seniors Tyler Champion, Keaton Weaver, Michael Cain, two-way lineman Drew Laitas and Kendall Flanders. We feel we have a strong nucleus of newcomers and younger players who will do a phenomenal job filling the voids left by last year's graduating seniors," added Kirschner.

Starting this season off on the road at Lapel on Aug. 23, Hamilton Heights hosts Triton Central on Aug. 30 for its home opener. Sept. 6 puts Heights on the road at 4A McCutcheon and they'll stay on the road at Danville on Sept. 13.

The Western Panthers come to town from Russiaville for a Hoosier Conference Big School division opener on Sept. 20 and then face league newcomer Logansport on the road on Sept. 27. Twin Lakes comes to Arcadia on Oct. 4, then the Huskies head just north to face the Tipton Blue Devils on Oct. 11 and conclude the regular season at home on Oct. 18 against West Lafayette.

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Ultimate Club's Elite-Select Challenge returns to Grand Park

The REPORTER

The Indiana Ultimate Foundation will host the 2024 USA Ultimate Club's Elite-Select Challenge at Grand Park Sports Campus beginning this weekend.

The Elite-Select Challenge takes place from Aug. 17 to 28 at the Grand Park Sports Campus and will feature North America's top Ultimate athletes and teams. The competi-

tion structure equally highlights men's, women's and mixed-gender Ultimate. This is the third year the event has been hosted at Grand Park.

The event is family-friendly and open to spectators at no cost.

Ultimate is a team sport with players using a flying disc to score points. All matches are self-officiated, with three games each

round using observers, under Ultimate's "Spirit of the Game" ethos. The Elite-Select Challenge is part of the Triple Crown Tour, a high-profile, invitation-only showcase of five tournaments.

The Elite-Select Challenge tournament gives 48 teams across three divisions an opportunity to improve national rankings. Premier teams are invited

from the bottom half of the previous year's national championship participants (Elite Flight - eight teams in each division) and those that narrowly missed out on qualifying for the National Championships (Select Flight - 16 teams in each division). This tournament often leads to a shakeup in the national power rankings as teams vie to earn bids for their respective regions.

Pre-season Indiana high school girls golf rankings

Rank	Team	Points
1	Westfield (9)	217
2	Zionsville (1)	209
3	Noblesville (1)	201
4	Floyd Central	186
5	Northridge	171
6	Franklin Community	156
7	Fort Wayne Carroll	144
8	Carmel	139
9	Hamilton Southeastern	130
10	Brownsburg	100
11	Center Grove	97
12	Batesville	94
13	Penn	86
14	South Bend St. Joseph	85
15	Homestead	82
16	Lake Central	44
17	Rochester	37
18	Bedford North Lawrence	33
19	New Albany	27
20	Castle	23

First place votes are in parentheses.

Honorable Mention

New Palestine, Plainfield, Evansville Memorial, DeKalb, Concordia Lutheran.

Running

Multi-event Indiana Women's Running Festival will explore Carmel on Aug. 31

The REPORTER

CRRG Events will host the 14th annual Indiana Women's Running Festival, the largest women's running event in the state, on Saturday, Aug. 31 in Carmel.

The event includes the Women's Half Marathon, Women's 10K and Get a MOVE on Cancer 5K. All races begin at 7:30 a.m. and will start and finish at Carmel's Gazebo at Civic Square. Runners will explore popular Carm-

el attractions such as the Monon Trail, Carmel City Center, Midtown Plaza, the Carmel Arts & Design District, Meadowlark Park and Central Park.

Half-Marathon participants must be 10 years and older. The 10K and 5K are open to participants of all ages, including children in strollers.

Each race in the festival offers cash awards to the top finishers and all race finishers can enjoy music and a cookout at the post-

race festival. According to the 2023 post-race survey, participants most enjoy the feeling of camaraderie at this event.

Formerly known as the Indy Women's Half Marathon, the Indiana Women's Running Festival began in August 2010 as the first women-only half marathon in Indiana. Today, it is one of the largest women-only half marathons in the United States. Currently there are 24 states and three countries represented among the

participants.

"Carmel offered everything we'd need to create a positive experience for our participants - a beautiful green space for our post-race festival within walking distance to shops and restaurants, trails that showcase the beauty of Carmel, and free and easy parking. We love that those perks coupled with our extensive awards program make our event unique." - Todd Oliver, race director and president of CRRG Events.

Football

Colts coaching staff excited for joint practice with the Cardinals

By JOSH BODE

WISH-TV | wish.com

WESTFIELD — The Colts welcome the Arizona Cardinals to Grand Park on Wednesday and Thursday for two joint practices.

With starters playing less in preseason games now, joint practices have become more important.

Colts head coach Shane Steichen said after the pre-season game against the Broncos on Sunday that the joint practices will be big for their starters.

"Just like we practice against our guys, you get to go do it against somebody else and see different looks," Steichen said. "So, I think it's a tremendous opportunity for us this week."

Steichen also said that in joint practices, the coaching staff can work on specific situations, like a red zone period or third down period, that they would not be able to focus on during an actual preseason game.

Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson said the main focus for the joint practices is going to be execution.

"Be able to manage whatever their defense throws at us, and just execute," Richardson said. "That's the main thing we're looking forward to, because we know we've got to play them this upcoming

Saturday. So just execute and be prepared."

Colts offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter is excited to "compete against some different color jerseys."

He also said that joint practices require more game planning than a preseason game. They're reluctant to spend much time game planning for the opponent for a preseason game when they instead could be focusing on internal improvement with their players.

Jim Irsay tweeted that Colts legends Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison will be there for practice. Harrison's son, Marvin Harrison Jr., is a rookie wide receiver for the Cardinals.

These will be the first two joint practices for the Colts this season. They'll also have a joint practice with the Bengals in Cincinnati on August 20 before their preseason game on August 22.

Wednesday's practice will be the longest practice of training camp for the Colts, and the only one that will last two hours. Practice starts at 6 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m.

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