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Today: Mostly sunny.

Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 73 LOW: 50



Noblesville donates \$50K to support school mental health

The REPORTER

Education Foundation (NSEF) announces the expansion of its thanks to \$50,000 in support from the City of Noblesville.

The NSEF Mental Health Support Fund is a vital resource helping students and staff in Noblesville Schools access additional professional counseling services. With increasing rates of stress, anxiety, and depression among students and staff, this initiative directly supports the well-being of the Noblesville Schools community.

'When we ask school leaders where NSEF funding can best support them, mental health resources consistently rank as a top area of need," said Adriann Young of NSEF. "By eliminating financial barriers to accessing professional care, we're ensuring that everyone in our school community can receive counseling initiatives the full mental health support to ultimately support their success in school."

This donation points to the The Noblesville Schools unique partnership between the city and its school system.

"We're thankful to the City Mental Health Support Fund of Noblesville and NSEF for their support of our students and staff," added Julie Thacker, executive director of student services for Noblesville Schools. "Our community is uniquely fortunate to have a partnership like this and this invaluable support allows students and staff members to access the mental health provider of their choice and receive reimbursement for those services."

Mental health support represents one of NSEF's most impactful programs and provides the following benefits:

• Individual reimbursement support to help with the cost of external counseling and transportation to mental health ser-

· Wellness initiatives for staff

Over the years, the demand for this support has increased,



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools (From left) Noblesville Schools Executive Director of Student Services Julie Thacker, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and Noblesville Schools Education Foundation **CEO & President Adriann Young.**

dents and teachers.

and focus of our administrawell-being of our community, and this donation will go toward which includes prioritizing men-teachers, and the community."

sustaining the program for stu- tal health," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "Our community is better "The Mental Health Support and stronger when resources • Support for multilingual Fund aligns with the mission are easily accessible to all who need them. I look forward to the tion to support the health and positive impact this fund will continue to have on our students,

I wasn't ready

I heard a quote recently that really resonated with me. It said, "I asked God for flowers, and He gave me rain."

I was not ready to get what I was asking for. I needed to grow in many ways to be prepared to take on what I needed to, in order to fulfill my purpose. If



COLUMNIST

He had just given me the flowers, I would have missed the growing season. I would not have understood the purpose.

I wasn't ready for my path. I had a lot to learn to understand what I needed to do in my life. To be educated to help the people I need to.

For so long, I prayed and prayed. "please heal me." I felt like I was placed in the wrong body. It just didn't feel right. I felt trapped. The lack of answers was really God telling me to wait. I had to prepare. Forty-four years of preparation is a long time.

As the puzzle pieces finally came together, the last one finally clicked into place, the bigger picture was revealed. In those early days post diagnosis, there would be times where all the incoming realizations were overwhelming, in a good way. Six years post diagnosis, I am still getting those a-ha moments. It is honestly really special to be able to look at all God wanted me to learn, and how learning those things have real-life applications.

It doesn't just happen though. It is putting into practice what I learned all of those years undiagnosed. Making a consistent effort to not waste the years of learning. It taught me much more than I could ever form into words. It was the hardest thing I have lived through. Even harder than the physical struggles my disability brings,

See *Ready* . . . Page 2

Tipton resident Nicole May in need of life-saving transplant with Focal Segmental Glomer-

The REPORTER

With the cost of a life-saving transplant often exceedthat financial burden.

Children's gan Transplant Association (COTA) is a national 501(c) (3) charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses. COTA works with individuals of any age with a single-gene disorder such as Polycystic Kidney Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, or Sickle Cell Disease.

raising funds for COTA in

ulosclerosis, and the transplant team at IU Health University ing \$800,000, most transplant Hospital in Indianapolis recfamilies are unable to shoulder ommends a third life-saving kidney transplant. Tipton volunteers are raising \$100,000 for COTA to assist with transplant-related expenses.

> Volunteers are needed for this COTA community campaign. Individuals and groups interested in more information should contact Community Coordinator Carrie Hagerty at carrie36crawford@gmail. **com** or (463) 272-5793.

COTA helps transplant In Tipton, volunteers are families avoid financial devastation. Transplant procedure honor of transplant patients costs range from \$100,000 to like local resident, Nicole more than \$800,000. Once

May has been diagnosed See Transplant ... Page 2



Nicole May of Tipton is need of a third life-saving kidney transplant. You can donate at COTA.org/

Photo by Dayne Jessup Civil War re-enactor Greg Swank enlightened Sheridan Lions Club members on what it was like to be a Union soldier during the Civil War.

Sheridan Lions get history lesson, finalize pancake

By CHUCK GODBY

For The Reporter

Sheridan Lions Club members ventured back in time, way back in time, at their recent meeting.

breakfast plans

Civil War re-enactor Greg Swank visited the local service organization dressed in full Civil War uniform and displayed various combat gear and weapons used during the bloody war fought on U.S. soil from 1861 to 1865. He also displayed other soldier essentials during the evening presentation. A question-and-answer session followed.

The local Lions also finalized plans for their first fundraising event of the year. Their annual Pancake Breakfast will take place this coming Saturday morning, March 15, at Sheridan Elementary School, located at 24795 Hinesley Road. Serving time is 7

Along with pancakes, the morning breakfast will also include biscuits topped by Jeff Mosbaugh's famous sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, and sausage patties.

The price to enjoy a full breakfast is simply a free-will offering. Pay what you can. Proceeds benefit Lions Club projects inside the Sheridan community.

Horn-toting & mustachioed kids entertain the masses in Sheridan

COTAforNicoleM

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

In the past two weeks, Sheridan's Middle and High School music departments delivered outstanding performances that highlight the talent of the choir and band students.

On Feb. 27, the choir students took the stage for an evening of beautiful harmonies. Under the direction of Libby Doublestein, the students performed a selection of music that captivated the audience. Also during their performances, select students performed their ensembles from the District and State ISSMA contest.

This concert focused on muaddition to English, they sang in four other languages, and had a number of folk songs from various countries and traditions. Both high school and middle school students showcased their hard work and dedication, which left a lasting impression on the families, friends, and community members that attended.

On March 6, it was the attended were treated to a lovely



band's time to shine. The band concert featured an array of pieces that put on display the students' range and skill. The band members performed with such enthusiasm that they were able to bring the music to life. sic from around the world. In This is a testament to their talent and the guidance of their band director, Patrick Cronin.

Both concerts demonstrated the incredible work being done by the students and staff at SMS and SHS. These performances highlight the hard work and dedication of the students. It also shows the strong sense of community and support within the music programs. Those who



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools The choir and band concerts proved to be an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their talents.

evening of exceptional music band for their fantastic achieveand outstanding performances.

A huge congratulations to all the students in the choir and musical growth in the future.

ments. The school looks forward to seeing more of their



Dr. Ryan Hoover named Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction at Westfield schools

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools has announced the appointment of Dr. Ryan

Hoover as the district's new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, effective July 1, 2025.

Dr. Hoover, who has structional served as the district's Director of Curriculum and Instruction since 2022, will step into this expanded leadership role as Dr. John Atha transitions to the role of Superintendent.

Dr. Hoover brings over 27 years of experience in education, instructional leadership, and school administration to his new position. A passionate advocate for student success, innovation in learning, and fostering collaborative environments for educators. Dr. Hoover has been instrumental in shaping Westfield Washington Schools' PreK-12 learning programs.

'We are thrilled to announce Dr. Hoover's promotion," Dr. Atha said. "His dedication to collaboration, innovative practices, and student-centered learning has significantly impacted our district. Dr. Hoover's leadership has already helped elevate the quality of education in Westfield, and we look forward to seeing him continue to shape the future of our schools."

career in education began in Fishers as an In-Assistant before becoming a fifthgrade teacher and special education inclusion teacher Noblesville. He later served as Assistant Principal and Principal at Eagle Elementary in Brownsburg for 16 years,

ademic achievement and building a strong school culture.

Since joining Westfield Washington Schools, Dr. Hoover has led the district's instructional coaching team, providing support, professional development, and resources to teachers district-wide.

"I am honored to step into this new role and continue serving Westfield's students, educators, and families," Dr. Hoover said. "I am committed to fostering an environment where educators can thrive, and our students receive the highest quality education that prepares them for success in life."





BO). He holds a Doctorate in Education from Ball State University and remains dedicated to

In addition to

his work in educa-

tion, Dr. Hoover

is an active mem-

ber of several

professional orga-

nizations, includ-

ing the Indiana

Association of

School Principals

(IASP), ASCD, and the Indiana

School Business

Officials (IAS-

Association

fessional development. Dr. Hoover and his wife, Amy, have been married for 26 years and are proud parents to three sons: Alex, Jake, and Zach. His commitment to education and family serves as a role model for the Westfield Washington Schools community.

lifelong learning and pro-

Congratulations Dr. Ryan Hoover on his well-deserved promotion.

For more information about Westfield Washington Schools and its ongoing commitment to educational excellence, visit wws.k12.in.us.



Dedication Program

A tribute for every chapter of life

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation offers a unique opportunity for you to pay tribute to someone you love, commemorate an event, or celebrate a friend or family member through the gift of a dedication tree, bench, or brick.

By making a donation to the fund, you are not only supporting the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, but you are also taking an active role in preserving and protecting Hamilton County's forests, parks, trails, and public gardens.







Brick

Bench

Contact Hamilton County Parks and Recreation for more information:

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READY-

for so long, was so difficult, confusing and isolating. I knew absolutely zero people who were dealing with what I was.

Many of my childhood friends (who are still my friends today) have said to me, "I'm sorry, I didn't know you were struggling nothing that they could do to be better friends. They were/are amazing. I simply

When you don't have real life examples of things

living in the unknown space you are struggling with, it can be really hard to make sense of those things. When you don't have anyone you know to go before you and illuminate the path, it is like living in total darkness. The feeling of unendingness is dreadful and consuming.

Strangely enough, when so much. You didn't show I was diagnosed, I instantit." I assure them there was ly went from one type of unendingness to another. I was diagnosed with a disease that has no cure, and to voice or express what had been spinning for 44 suddenly stopped. I could steady myself.

It is not that I don't

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struggle with living with Muscular Dystrophy, but not only were those years of the unknown teaching me how to help others, it was also teaching me how to help myself. As things continue to decline, my faith is what keeps me from unraveling.

My faith tells me, sometimes, you must learn to love the rain, so you can really appreciate the beauty of the flowers.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a fordidn't know how to talk has many unknowns of mer National Ambassador about such a rare thing. its own, yet the diagnosis for the Muscular Dystrophy I did not have the words comforted me. I felt like I Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two was going on behind the years, and the spinning boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.



TRANSPLANT.

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families face significant transplant-related expenses, including medication, transportation to and from the transplant center, lodging, and expenses while parents are out of work and often living with the hospitalized child far from home. These out-of-pocket expenses add up to tens of thousands of dollars annually for transplant families with lifetime totals often exceeding \$1,000,000. In cases where a shortfall exists, COTA helps bridge the financial gap.

May's family has asked vy at that link, as well.

the transplant is complete, for assistance from COTA. One hundred percent of all funds raised for COTA in honor of patients assist with transplant-related expenses.

Contributions may be

Children's Organ Transplant Association 2501 W. COTA Drive Bloomington, IN 47403

Checks should be made payable to COTA, with "In Honor of Nicole M." written on the memo line. Secure credit card gifts are accepted online at COTA.org/ COTAforNicoleM. can read more about her sto-

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Spring brings renewal and safety for survivors

then,

As the season changes, I, like many of you, welcome the renewal that spring brings. I am reminded of the importance of growth, healing, and safety - core beliefs that drive our work at Pre-



Many people do not realize that a portion of our funding comes from federal grants (VOCA) Victim of Crimes Act and (FVPSA) Family Violence Prevention Services Act. These funds were instrumental in



played a critical role in ensuring that survivors of crime and abuse receive the immediate long-term

port on their healing journey. From crisis services and court support to safety planning, and case management, these federal funds help to create pathways to safety and stability for those in crisis.

open its doors in 3,200 survivors and their children received support through our services.

> We are actively monitoring the federal funding situation. We are working to strengthen our funding sources, ensuring that survivors have access to comprehensive support beyond government assistance. Your generosity allows us to go beyond the basics offering personalized support, innovative programs, and community outreach that truly change lives. With your help, we can adapt, expand, and ensure prevailinc.org.

Last year alone, nearly that every survivor has access to the comprehensive resources they need to not only find safety but also rebuild and thrive.

> Together, we are creating a future where survivors do more than survive – they thrive.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Spring is not just a season of renewal - it is a season of hope.

Together, we are saving

Tami Wanninger serves as the Executive Director of Prevail, Inc. Learn more at

Affordable housing that is income-based

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Senior one-bedroom apartment waiting list is currently closed

Applications can be picked up Monday through Thursday 8-12 and 1-4

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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's February Timesheet

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

As your employee, it's

important to me that you

know what is being worked

on as transparently as pos-

sible in government. You

hired me as your County

Councilman, and my hope

is that you'll choose to be

informed by regularly read-

ing this column, getting

involved, consider volun-

teering, and by asking ques-

tions. Council meetings are

at 7 p.m. the first Wednes-

day of every month at the

Hamilton County Govern-

ment and Judicial Center

in downtown Noblesville.

Meetings are also available

to watch online for those

Here is where my time

The month of February

unable to attend in person.

this past month has been

I worked remotely from the

Sunshine State. It worked

okay, but admittedly it was

a bit odd. Attending meet-

ings virtually was some-

thing new for me regarding

county business. While

Teams and Zoom virtual

meetings seem to domi-

nate my business meetings

these days, and Facetime

chats with grandkids are a way for us to stay connect-

ed, this is the first time I've

been working on council

and not in town. It worked,

ty Council public meetings,

February work included: a

Central Indiana Water Plan-

In addition to the Coun-

but it felt weird.

spent.



of Commissioners public meetings, and two Noblesville Town Council meetings. The personnel

committee meeting was moved to a poll of

County Council

sion, two Board

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Executive

the members for two position reclassifications. Both were approved and moved on to the full council for final approval.

Although the Finance Committee didn't meet during the month, we have had plenty of communication and study during February preparing for the state legislature to finalize property tax reform. As I wrote last month, the pending legislation has the potential to impact county budgets tremendously. The most recent reports are that we are not close to a final version of the bill, but plan for a reduction in property tax revenue.

two constituent service requests and two very nice notes from neighbors expressing their appreciation for this column and for being transparent in government service.

One request was regarding zoning and forced annexation into the City of Noblesville. This constituent owns property near a newly announced large residential development on the east side of Noblesville. As research revealed, the property in question was in Noblesville's city planning jurisdiction. It was not a part of the announced growth, nor was it listed on any of the development plans. We encouraged him to speak

as they have jurisdiction.

The second request was directly related to property taxes. The constituent wanted to know how his property tax rate was calculated, and how that rate was established by the State of Indiana and Hamilton County. He also wanted to know how much of that went to the city of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Noblesville Schools, and any other taxing authority (Parks, Solid Waste, Libraries). After some research, I provided the taxpayer with the breakdown by percentages as per what is published on the Hamilton County Auditor's webpage.

Noteworthy items from February include an update on the Director of Council Operations position. After several rounds of interviews, screening, background and reference checks, the council has settled on a candidate and made an offer to an individual to fill the position. They are scheduled to begin

The most noteworthy topic from February continues to be property tax reform. To be clear, we need property tax reform, and I am told that some form of property tax and/or local income tax reform is com-

ning meeting, a with the City of Noblesville ing from this legislative session. My time has been spent researching the various bills and their impact on Hamilton County. Potential changes in revenue require purposeful advance planning.

For now, until we understand the final impact to Hamilton County, my position is to pull back on long term spending commitments that have not already been funded.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during February 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpaver dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

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

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

Now Hiring

Carmel Dads' Club

is seeking to fill a

full-time

Grounds Maintenance

position on our Facilities Team. Candidates should contact Facility Superintendent Josh Blackmore at

(317) 846-1663 X 3315 to set up applications and

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Inspiration Session: Creative Panel

Wednesday, March 26 | 6 - 8 p.m. Brown Hound Studios, Carmel

We're bringing together local creatives and visionaries for an intimate, facilitated conversation with live music, local artists, interactive activities, and meaningful connections in a vibrant, creative space.

Featuring a discussion panel of local creatives:

- Scott Osborne, Artist + Owner of Brown Hound Studios + Co-host of No Title Needed Podcast
- Tori Witter, Creative Director at TriAD CTV + Executive Director of Indy Design Week
- Patrick Armstrong, Host of Conversation Piece Podcast
- Moderated by Anne O'Brien, Founder of Create What You Crave

Guests will enjoy activities to reset and fuel their creativity, including:

- Live music featuring Fred Miller
- Light bites + drinks







Letter to the Editor —

Bill Shaffer: Hamilton County becoming state capital of public obligations

The extent of Carmel's public debt keeps growing and growing.

According to the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance tallies, Carmel taxpayers are on

- \$1.6 billion in city and redevelopment authority debt;
- \$307 million in school debt;
- \$104.8 million in township debt; and
- \$25.8 million in library debt.

That totals \$2.1 billion for a city of 103,093 residents, or nearly \$20,000 for every man, woman and child living there.

Fishers, Noblesville, and Westfield are following suit, making Hamilton County the state capital of public obligations.

Bill Shaffer Carmel

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"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12th till May 10th

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a "Christmas in June". Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2nd 2025. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses. Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032 Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032

Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060 Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060

Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men's and Women's (Sizes S - 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you've been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;

Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

Ma Bell needs your votes!

Submitted

Ma Bell (a.k.a. Kathy Bell of Sheridan) has been nominated a Top 10 choice for the Christian Voice Magazine's Gospel Music Fan Awards.

along with big names in gospel comedy. She has been in-

case in Fayetteville, Ala., in May – and she needs everyone's votes.

You can help a local entertainer who has worked Bell is being voted on her motto, "never too old to dream" by going to this link to vote: tinyurl.com/uu-

vited to perform in the Show- vw7hb3. Look for Ma Bell under the Favorite Comedian category, which is about halfway down the page.

You can follow Ma Bell on TikTok, Instagram, and hard and still believes in on Facebook at facebook. com/mabellfishingblues. Book Ma Bell by emailing mabell931@yahoo.com.



Ma Bell

Richard Marx to headline Center's gala

Tables sold out for Center Celebration 2025; sponsorship opportunities still available to support arts & educational programming in Carmel

The REPORTER

Singer-songwriter Richard Marx will deliver an intimate solo performance as headliner for the Center Celebration 2025 presented by Ice Miller, the annual gala fundraiser for Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

The pop/rock and adult contemporary artist has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide, making history as the only male artist to reach the Billboard Top 5 with his first seven singles, including "Hold On to the Nights" and "Don't Mean Nothing." He has scored 14 No. 1 singles as a performer and as a songwriter and producer, with at least one chart-topper in each of the past four decades.

Much earlier than usual,

all publicly available tables are already sold out for the Sept. 20 event at the Palladium, which also celebrates Allied Solutions Center's 15th anniversary in 2026. A limited number of sponsorship packages that include seating and other benefits are still available. More information can be found at TheCenter-Presents.org/Gala.

"This is unprecedented," President and CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott said. "The fact that the event sold out before we even announced our headline performer speaks volumes about the level of community support for our gala and the arts and educational programming we provide at Allied Solutions Center."

Hosted by Artistic Director Michael Feinstein, the Center Celebration 2025 will begin with the First Merchants Bank Cocktail Reception and will include an elegant dinner in the Palladium concert hall, a live auction, Marx's performance, and after-parties in the Brham Founders Club (sponsored by Will and Yasmin Stump) and the Robert Adam Room with live music, food and drink. All proceeds support Allied Solutions Center's arts programming and its growing menu of education and enrichment opportunities for people of all ages.



Highly successful musical artist Richard Marx will headline this year's Center Celebration Gala.

More information is available at TheCenterPresents. org/Gala.

Programs supported by the gala proceeds include the Peanut Butter & Jam performance series for families with young children; the Prism Project, a performing arts summer camp for youth with disabilities; free matinee performances and science presentations for school groups; a donor-funded Transportation Grant Program that reimburses transportation costs for school groups attending events; and arts classes for adults, including vocal music, songwriting, two levels of stand-up comedy instruction and three levels of ukulele instruction.

The gala revenue is generated through table reservations, corporate sponsorships, direct donations, and the auction for prize packages including luxury getaways and VIP professional sports experiences, donated by Allied Solutions Center supporters.

This year's Gala Steering Committee is co-chaired by Carmel residents Caroline and Michael Garvey, now serving their second year as co-chairs, and David and Annette Greene, serving the first of their two years as co-chairs.

Last year's Center Celebration 2024 presented by Ice Miller, with trumpeter Chris Botti as the headliner, generated more than \$588,000 in support of Allied Solutions Center's mission "to inspire and engage the Indiana community with enriching arts experiences."

Latest updates from Civic Theatre

has been speared

The REPORTER

Here is the latest news with a garden from the Civic Theatre, 3 Carter Green, Carmel.

Opening this Friday ...

Fifteen-year-old Christopher has an extraordinary brain. He is exceptional at mathematics but illequipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being But his detective work, touched, and he distrusts strangers.

Now it is seven minutes after midnight, and Christopher stands beside his neighbor's dead dog, Wellington, who fork. Finding himself under suspicion, Christopher is determined solve the to mystery of who murdered Wellington, and he carefully records each fact of the crime. forbidden by his father, takes him on a thrilling

world. Click here to get your tickets to see The Curious Incident of the Dog in the

journey that upturns his

Night-time, staging

March 14 to 29. **Ready for** another Trivia Night?

Civic Theatre's annual Trivia Night is set for Thursday, May 29 at Half Liter

Beer & BBQ Hall, 5301 Winthrop Ave., Suite B., Indianapolis.

Tickets are \$400 per table of six or \$70 per person. Your ticket includes access to the BBO buffet. This is 21-and-over event. Tickets go on sale March 31. Keep a lookout at civictheatre.org.





GUEST CONDUCTOR:

JOEL SMIRNOFF

Sunday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. The Palladium

at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets available at the Fifth Third Bank Box Office thecenterpresents.org/tickets | 317-843-3800

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Irish Tune from County Derry Molly on the Shore Shepherd's Hey

AARON COPLAND

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn 852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12 Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p 317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa 8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.

Restaurant -Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson 50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p,W 7p 317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p. Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F eat in or carry out

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc

9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm 317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty. Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 9-12, Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria

273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt Noblesville, in 46060

317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p

Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon 406 E 10th St Sheridan, In 46069 317-758-5007

M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau 12863 Old Meridian St

Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11 317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm Su-Sa 11a-11p.

Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends 654 S 9th St Noblesville, In 46060 317-773-9956

M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p

Restaurant M-F 6-9p

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp

P.O. Box 503 Noblesville, in 46061

secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29 Meets 4th Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10th St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays CVSO – Tom Logan

Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hamilton County Military Veteran

Mar 22 VA Claims Day 10-2p Brownsburg VA Clinic Please RSVP via the QR Code for the Event

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Fund Raiser for Recovery Café of Hamilton County March 21, Raise Your Paddle and Make a Bid



Friday, March 21, 2025 are Township Community 9094 E 131st St, Fishers Coffee Bar and Appetizers at 6:00PM Paddle begins at 6:30PM





Noblesville American Legion Weekend Breakfast

Fishers American Legion - Post 470 Lowell Beaver - Fishers, IN 9091 East 126th Street, Fishers, IN 46038, (317) 842-5944



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Activities & Events

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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Since August 2015, our mission at Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans has been to FIND, THANK and REPAY Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. WHVV & community partners have held over 250 special "Welcome Home" events in ALL 92 Indiana Counties with the Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Program, A TIME TO HONOR book & DVD set. This extremely successful statewide outreach program honors, remembers and preserves the memories of Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans, A 2021 collaboration with Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution has been a key component to many of these community events taking place ensuring all Indiana public libraries and high schools have a donated copy of A Time To Honor. We connect Veterans to earned benefits and resources. We have impacted over 20,000

Our final "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" appreciation event with this Vietnam Gift Outreach will be on National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Saturday, March 29th, 2025. This is the last year for the Department of Defense 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The event will take place at the Johnson County Indiana National Guard Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin, Indiana,

Highlights include a luncheon, Huey Helicopter Flights provided by Columbus Indiana Huey, a special viewing of The Journey Home documentary. All attendees will receive a copy of A Time To Honor-Stories of Service, Duty and Sacrifice book/DVD. Our Honored Guest is Indiana's own Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy L. Davis. Invited special guests include former Vice President Mike Pence, Governor Braun, The Adjunct General of Indiana Larry Muennich, Senator Aaron Freemen, Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Indiana State Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elaine Sholty, MG Ret. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Director Jake Adams, and officials from the Department of Indiana American Legion, VFW Department of Indiana, Indiana DAV, AMVETS, Civil Air Patrol, DAR Leadership, IMMHG, and others. It is free and open to the public.

We hope you will consider joining us to make this a very special day for Indiana Vietnam Veterans

Christmas In June Care Package Drive





"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12th till May 10th

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a "Christmas in June". Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2nd 2025. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses. Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032 Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032 Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 F 126th St. Fishers. In Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St. Noblesville, In 46060

Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men's and Women's (Sizes S - 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you've been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact; Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

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March 29 and 30

Easter Express

All aboard for a springtime Easter adventure. Enjoy an interactive story with the Easter Bunny and Farmer Brown, a sweet treat and our special Nickel Plate bunny punch.

April 12, 13 and 19

Spring Field Trip Days

Learn about railroad history, safety and more aboard the historic Nickel Plate Express. Take a 45-minute train ride, talk with the Conductor and Engineer and see history in action. Tickets are just \$12 per person.

April 29 and May 13

Railbike Season

Bike the historic line north and south from Forest Park using unique "railbikes" that operate on the existing railroad tracks. The NPX Railbike is the first of its kind in Indiana and one of the few available in the Midwest!

Opens April 4!

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Westfield Youth Assistance Program releases 2024 Annual Impact Report

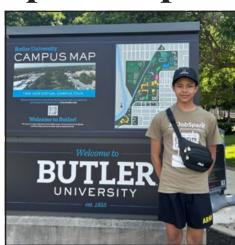
The REPORTER

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) announces the official release of the 2024 Annual Impact Report, which can be found at westfieldyap. org/about-us/by-the-numbers.

The Annual Impact Report highlights the events, successes, and milestone moments experienced in 2024. Some highlighted moments include the 14th annual Youth Recognition Breakfast and inaugural "The Double" Walk/Run event, which WYAP will hold annually. Additionally, the Report is divided into various sections, with each section emphasizing a different aspect of how WYAP operates and connects with the Westfield community.

"I am honored to present the accomplishments of the hard work and dedication that our Early Intervention Advocates, Board of Directors, donors, and community partners continually put into our nonprofit to support our youth and their fami-





Photos provided by WYAP

(ABOVE LEFT) WYAP youth Grace, a passionate baker, was connected with Westfield business owner Becky the Bakester to learn more about baking and running her own business. (ABOVE RIGHT) WYAP youth Marlon, who wants to become a videogame designer, was connected with idTech's videogame design course at Butler.

lies," WYAP Board President Tammy Havard said.

The Report aims to inform the community of WY-AP's impact, highlighting the numbers of youth served different services. These service connections can include mentoring, tutoring, camps, enrichment activities, mental health counseling, and more. The Report serves as a way for

the community to better understand how WYAP works to serve its mission: serving youth ages 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances by taking a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and care-

Lastly, the Report serves

as a way to acknowledge and celebrate WYAP's incredible donors, sponsors, and partners. Without their generous support, WYAP would not be able to provide support and services to over 200 Westfield youth and their families. Each donor, sponsor, and partner are listed so WYAP can show its appreciation for the generosity of the community.

Two local youth caddies earn life-changing \$125K scholarships

Submitted

Two local youth cad-Western Golf Association's Provider of the Year by the

(WGA) Chick Scholar-Evans ship, a full fouryear housing and tuition scholarship for golf caddies, and the nation's largest privately funded scholarship pro-

T h e s e awardees are Marized Eusebio-Perez of George Washington High School and Ayodeji Fawuyi of Arsenal Technical High School, both of Indianapolis.

Eusebio-Perez and Fawuvi,

caddies at Carmel's Crooked Stick Golf Club, earned the scholarship by meeting its four selection criteria: a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need, and outstanding character. The full tuition and housing college scholarship is valued at an estimated \$125,000 over four years.

"The outstanding achievements of these students, both on and off the course, are only the beginning of the incredible things they will achieve as Evans Scholars," said Brian Specht, a WGA Director and Indiana State Chair. "We know these young leaders will continue to inspire caddies across Indiana to pursue the life-changing opportunity of the Evans Scholarship."

The Western Golf Association (WGA), headquartered in Glenview, Ill.,

oversees the Evans Scholars Program. Recently recdies have been awarded the ognized as the Scholarship

> National Scholarship Providers Association, the Evans Scholars Foundation (ESF) is one of golf's favorite charities and the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies.

> Both caddies are part of the 19 students in Indiana to receive the prestigious Evans Scholarship this year. An estimated 360 caddies will be awarded the Evans Scholarship this year. Currently, a re-

cord 1,190 caddies are enrolled at 24 universities nationwide as Evans Scholars, and more than 12,285 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded in 1930.

"Since our founding, our Program has changed the lives of caddies who have proven their dedication in the classroom, on the golf course and in their communities," WGA Chairman Steve Colnitis said. "We are proud to welcome this exceptional group to the Evans Scholars family."

Evans Scholars have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 and a 98 percent grad-

Learn more at wgaesf.org.



uation rate. An estimated 40 percent are first-generation college students, and 95 percent are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduating.



Foster Success empowers Indiana's older foster youth with basic needs support & financial education

The REPORTER

For many of Indiana's 24,000 teens and young adults with lived experience in foster care, the road to self-sufficiency is filled with obstacles. PTSD and other mental health challenges often intersect with economic instability, making it difficult for young adults to find employment, maintain housing or meet their basic needs.

Foster Success is working tirelessly to change this.

Studies show that 30 percent of foster youth will experience PTSD symptoms, which is double the rate among U.S. war veterans. Financial concerns can exacerbate mental health

struggles. The Foster Success Basic Needs program provides immediate assistance for those facing crises such as homelessness, transportation issues, or lack of access to healthcare.

Foster Success also helps young people develop financial literacy, teaching them how to save and manage their money effectively. **Studies** show that having a financial cushion can significantly improve both physical and mental health. Learning to save and take advantage of tools like compound interest can also set these teens and young adults on a path toward long-term financial stability.

The Opportunity Passport program provides extensive financial education and matches participants' savings up to \$3,500 for approved assets like cars, first month's rent and deposit, a down payment on a house or creation of a small business.

"Foster Success also offers a Credit Build pro**gram** that helps participants establish a credit history or improve their credit scores, while helping them save money," Foster Success Senior Director of Impact and Programming Angel Crone said. "In addition, our Online Financial Mod**ules** give young people the chance to earn money while they learn about topics such as the importance of insurance and how to open a bank account, information which many Hoosiers learn from their parents."

Last year, Foster Success supported more than 1,100 young people - 70 percent of whom reported being at or below the federal poverty level. By providing critical resources and assisting in overcoming financial challenges that lead to more stress, Foster Success is empowering the next generation to lead successful, independent lives.

More information about Foster Success can be found at fostersuccess.org.

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Hamilton County Tourism wins three Indiana Tourism awards

Organization recognized for marketing campaigns & eclipse promotion

The REPORTER

The Indiana Tourism Association (ITA) presented Hamilton County Tourism with three Indiana Tourism Awards during its 2025 conference in Fort Wayne. A panel of out-ofstate judges selected winners based on creativity, innovation, and maximization of budget. More than 110 entries were received across 26 categories.

First, Hamilton County Tourism won Best Culinary Focused Marketing Campaign for the 15th anniversary promotion of Tenderloin Tuesday. The digital passport garnered more than 6,400 pass holders and nearly 4,500 redemptions, which were record-breaking numbers for the annual campaign.

The organization also received the Best Overall Marketing Campaign

(DMO) award for its Discover You - Spring Campaign. The campaign ran digitally, in print, radio, streaming, and broadcast in the spring of last year. It influenced 125,000 trips to Hamilton County and generated approximately \$156 million in visitor spending.

Finally, Hamilton County Tourism ceived recognition for Best Eclipse Promotion (Marketing Budgets over \$300,000) for planning and activations around the celestial event. According to data from Pacer.ai, 86,600 visitors came to Hamilton County on April 8, 2024.

"We are honored to have our marketing efforts recognized among such a talented pool of candidates across the state," Hamilton County Tourism Director





Photos courtesy Rachel Von Art

Hamilton County Tourism won awards for its annual Tenderloin Tuesday campaign (above left) and for Best Eclipse Promotion (above right), as well as for Best Overall Marketing Campaign for last year's Discover You - Spring Campaign.

tions Ashley Ledford said. "These accolades are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team and our partners throughout the county, and they inspire us to continue elevating our efforts to market Hamilton County, Indiana, of Marketing and Promo- as a premiere destination."

About Hamilton County Tourism

Hamilton County Tourism. Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organization that promotes tourism Association's mission is growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more its members. Established

Hamilton County each year. About Indiana Tourism Association

The Indiana Tourism advocating the value of tourism in Indiana and supporting the best practices of

than five million visitors to in 1980, the association partners with the Indiana Destination Development Corporation, Association of Indiana Restaurant and Lodging and other statewide associations to support tourism investment and promotion as an economic contributor to the state.

Gov. Braun signs two executive orders on environmental regulation

Submitted by Office of the Governor

On Wednesday, Governor Mike Braun signed two executive orders on environmental policy focused on preserving the state's abundant natural resources while fostering growth in Indiana.

Executive Order 25-38 "Creating Opportunity and Reducing Over-Regulation While Protecting

Our Environment" Clean Air Act, Clean Wa-

ter Act, and Safe Drinking Clean Air Act, Water Act establish baseline Clean Water Act, national standards for envi- and Safe Drinkronmental protection, and ing Water Act Instates implement those standards, diana's standards, dards within their borders.

than the federal standards and create a complex web of regulations for businesses and farmers to navigate, which Gov. Braun says stifles innovation and raises the cost of living.

This executive order Federal laws like the makes the federal environmental standards of the environment and grow our

and ensures that Many states go further the state will not adopt new regulations more stringent than those national standards

> unless required by state law or deemed necessary by the Governor's office to address specific needs.

"We can protect our



hering to the national standards will give Hoosier businesses and communities regulatory certainty and encourage new businesses to invest and grow here in Indiana where

they know the compliance

balance,"

Water Act are an

appropriate base-

line to strike that

Braun said. "Ad-

Gov.

economy, and the framework already — all federal standards while safeguarding Hooof the Clean Air siers' health and preserving Act and Clean our natural resources."

Executive Order 25-37 "Indiana's Environmental Policy Will be Based on Sound Science,

not Politicized 'Environmental Justice'"

Fourteen states have "environmental justice" initiatives, designed to make environmental policy decisions on the basis of race and other factors.

This executive order

makes clear that Indiana will not use the concept of "environmental justice" in the state's permitting or enforcement decisions.

"Indiana's environmental policy will be based solely on sound science not a political agenda like 'environmental justice,'" Gov. Braun said. "My environmental policy is all about preserving our abundant natural resources, fostering economic development, and safeguarding Hoosiers' health."







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My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

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East District Office: (765) 639-0671

Hoosier taxpayers need to act now to claim missed 2021 refunds

Submitted

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced Tuesday that over 1.1 million people across the nation have unclaimed refunds for tax year 2021 but face an April 15 deadline to submit their tax returns.

The IRS estimates that more than \$1 billion in refunds remain unclaimed by taxpayers who have not filed their Form 1040, Federal Income Tax Return, for the 2021 tax year. In Indiana, an estimated 25,000 people could be eligible, with a median return of \$778, totaling \$22,581,300 for Hoosiers. (This estimate does not include the Recovery Rebate Credit or other credits that may be applicable.)

Under the law, taxpayers usually have three years to file and claim their tax refunds. If they don't file within three years, the money becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury.

The state-by-state table below shows the number of people who are potentially eligible for these refunds and the estimated median refund by state.

By missing out on filing a tax return, people stand to lose more than just their refund of taxes withheld

or paid during 2021. Many low- and moderate-income workers may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). For 2021, the EITC was worth as much as \$6,728 for taxpayers with qualifying children. The EITC helps individuals and families whose incomes are below certain thresholds.

The thresholds for 2021

- \$51,464 (\$57,414 if married filing jointly) for those with three or more qualifying children;
- \$47,915 (\$53,865 if married filing jointly) for people with two qualifying children;
- \$42,158 (\$48,108 if married filing jointly) for those with one qualifying child; and
- \$21,430 (\$27,380 if married filing jointly) for people without qualifying children.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2021 tax refund that their refunds may be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2022 and 2023. In addition, any refund amount for 2021 will be applied to amounts still owed to the IRS or a state tax agency and may be used to offset unpaid

due federal debts such as for the years 2021, 2022. student loans.

Current and prior year tax forms (such as the tax year 2021 Forms 1040 and 1040-SR) and instructions are available on the IRS. gov Forms and Instructions page or by calling toll-free 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676)

Need to file a 2021 tax return?

The IRS reminds taxpayers that there are ways they can gather the past information they need to file their 2021 tax return. People should, however, start now to make sure they have enough time to file before the April deadline for 2021 refunds. Here are some options:

· Create or log in to IRS Individual Online Account: The fastest and easiest way for people to view, download or print tax records and transcripts is to create or log in to their Individual Online Account at IRS.gov. There they can find transcripts of past tax returns, tax account information, wage and income statements and verification of non-filing letters.

· Request copies of **key documents:** Taxpayers who are missing Forms child support or other past W-2, 1098, 1099, or 5498

or 2023 can request copies from their employer, bank, or other payers.

Get transcript by mail: Taxpayers who are unable to get those missing forms from their employer or other payers and cannot access their Individual Online Account can get a tax return or tax account transcript mailed to them by using Get Transcript by Mail on IRS.gov. Taxpayers can also request a transcript be mailed to them by calling the automated phone transcript service at (800) 908-9946.

• Request a wage and income transcript: Another option is for people to file Form 4506-T with the IRS to request a wage and income transcript. A wage and income transcript shows data from information returns received by the IRS, such as Forms W-2, 1099, 1098, Form 5498, and IRA contribution information. Taxpayers can use the information from the wage and income transcript to file their tax return. But taxpayers should plan ahead: These written requests can take several weeks. People are encouraged to try the

Sen. Young sponsors two bills to support local law enforcement & first responders

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd cosponsored two pieces of cers. The bill requires that

legislation with the aim of better supporting local law enforcement officers.

"Our police officers are on the front lines every day making sacrifices to protect Hoosiers," Sen. Young said. "I'm

glad to join these efforts to ensure our law enforcement officers have the support necessary to continue keeping our communities safe."

Sen. Young introduced the Invest to Protect Act with Senators Chuck Grasslev (R-Iowa) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) to help local law enforcement agencies invest in training, recruitment and retention, and mental health support. The Invest to Protect Act would also create a special grant program within the Department of Justice to support hiring and resources for agencies with under 175 officers, as the majority of

law enforcement agencies in the U.S. have fewer than Young (R-Ind.) recently 175 full-time sworn offi-

the grant application take no longer than 30 minutes to complete so applicants can spend their time protecting their communities instead of navigating bureaucratic red tape.

Young

Sen. Young also introduced legislation with Sens. Grassley and Chris Coons (D-Del.) to enhance mental health services for first responders nationwide. The Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Act would direct the DOJ to develop treatment programs for police, fire, and emergency medical and 911 personnel who suffer from PTSD or acute stress disorders.

Sen. Young cosponsored the Invest to Protect Act and the Fighting PTSD Act in previous Congresses, and both bills passed the Senate during the 118th Con-

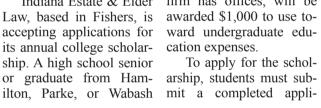
Indiana Estate & Elder Law offers college scholarships for local students

The REPORTER

Indiana Estate & Elder Law, based in Fishers, is accepting applications for its annual college scholarship. A high school senior or graduate from Ham-

counties, where the law cation and one personal firm has offices, will be

To apply for the schol-



See you

recommendation from an instructor, counselor, club advisor, coach, church leader or employer.

Applicants also must submit an essay explaining in 600 to 800 words how they would allocate the assets of a substantial estate if they had no remaining heirs. The deadline for application for the 2025-2026 school year is April 15.

"We have meaningful relationships and connections in these communities and they have supported us over the years," Indiana Jennifer "Jenny" Rozelle said. "This scholarship is one of the ways we can give back to the communities where we have offices.'

For more information and the full scholarship application, visit IndianaEstateElderLaw.com/ scholarship.

About Indiana Estate & Elder Law

Indiana Estate & Elder Law assists clients throughout Indiana with probate, wills, trusts, and general estate planning as well as elder law and long-term care

AG Todd Rokita alleges deceptive practices by Indiana travel company

Submitted by Office of lawsuit through his Homethe Attorney General

A travel company based in Jasper, Ind., engaged in illegal deceptive practices,

including identity theft and fraudtimeshare ulent transactions, Indiana Attorney General **Todd** Rokita has alleged in a law-

GoGo Travel Consulting LLC falsely represent-

tity of an Indiana-licensed real estate broker without his knowledge or consent, the lawsuit alleges, as part of a scheme to hoodwink consumers into believing they were engaging with a legitimate travel consulting service attempting to broker timeshare rental or purchase agreements.

"As we work to protect Hoosiers, we will continue holding accountable those who engage in these kinds of illegal shakedowns," AG Rokita said. "We encourage anyone who believes they have been a victim of timeshare fraud to contact our office immediately."

Older adults are particularly vulnerable to timeshare scams, which often involve high-pressure sales tactics that include bogus claims of having ready buyers for timeshare properties. Victims are typically asked to pay upfront fees for supposed taxes or closing costs, only to find that the promised transactions never occur.

owner Protection Unit (HPU), which is part of the office's Consumer Protection Division.

HPU's inves-



Rokita

ultimately linked to two ed itself by using the iden- Mexican nationals living in Puerto Vallarta who are alleged to be conspirators in the fraudulent scheme.

In conjunction with this legal action, the Attorney General's office is raising awareness about the broader issue of timeshare fraud, which is often linked to organized crime. According to a joint notice by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), timeshare fraud schemes are frequently perpetrated by Mexico-based transnational criminal organizations. These organizations use the proceeds from such fraud to fund other criminal activities, including drug trafficking and human trafficking.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Attorney General about any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers may file a complaint by visiting indianaconsumer.com or AG Rokita filed the calling 1-800-382-5516.



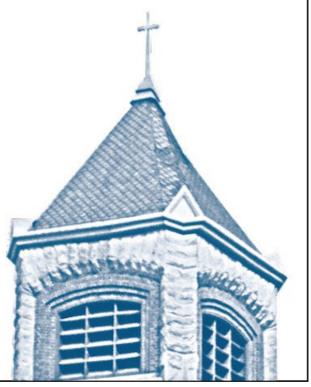
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John "Mike" M. Schmitt April 27, 1939 – March 3, 2025

John Michael Schmitt, 85, Carmel, born on April 27, 1939, made his final journey to the Lord March 3, 2025.





He is preceded in death by his wife, Nannette Toups Schmitt of 54 years; daughter, Lisa; his parents, Richard B. Schmitt and Alice Manning Schmitt; and brother, Lawrence Schmitt.

He is survived by his daughter, Erin (Jack) Beery; grandsons, Britt Beery and Bryce Beery; daughter, Deborah Schmitt; cousins, John (Nancy) Wolf, Fritz (Sharon) Kreutzinger; brothersin-law, Peter (Denise) Toups and Prosper (Beverly) Toups; sister-in-law, Fay

Toups; as well as many nieces and nephews. "Mike" was a true American hero. He grew up in Indianapolis, graduating from Cathedral H.S. 1957. He then

went on to Xavier University (Class of 1961). He was a

member the Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree Knight. After college he joined the Army and was stationed in Huntsville, Ala., as an Army intelligence agent.

In 1962, Mike was instrumental in the desegregation of the University of Mississippi when he went undercover as a student guarding James Meredith at the Ole Miss riot of 1962. With the start of the NASA space program as an Army Intelligence agent, he interviewed Dr. Werner Von Braun.

In 1963, he was honored with a position in President John F. Kennedy's Honor Guard Armed Forces Day in 1963 and again on Veterans Day in Washington, D.C.

The most important event in his Army career was when Mike met Nan at the community center over the pool table. They got married in Houma, La., in 1964.

Mike was a businessman working various executive positions in Tampa, West Palm Beach, Homestead, and Miami, Fla. He took a position with the Michelin Tire company, which brought him to Clermont-Ferrand, France, for three years, then on to Greenville, S.C.

Mike and Nan eventually came back to his hometown, Indianapolis, in 1979 and then settled in Crooked Stick in Carmel.

When he returned to Indy, he worked for Bio Dynamics (now Roche DX). At the request of his father, he then started working with the family Insurance business, eventually taking over the Richard B Schmitt Agency.

Mike had many other hobbies. He started ironworking and forged several pieces that are still located around Indy. One was the Bronzed Lilies on the Eli Lilly Mausoleum in Crown Hill Cemetery and above the Space Quest dome at the children's museum, the sphere of Earth.

After 16 years in Florida, Mike and Nan returned to Carmel to be with family, especially the two grandsons Britt and Bryce. Mike loved going down to Bloomington to watch Britt play football at Indiana University.

In 2018, Mike lost the love of his life Nan. Mike spent time with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Choir and weekly lunches with the guys, that kept him busy.

His faith as a Roman Catholic was the most important thing to him, and he spent his last years as a scholar of

Catholic history. Till we meet again, Captain Papa Mike. Memorial contributions can be made to The Carmel Dads' Club.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel. A Visitation for family and friends will be held at 9 a.m. until time of Mass on March 14, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. A graveside service will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Condolences: flannerbuchanan.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE MATERIALS USED

These are the amounts of the materials used for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the covenant law, which were recorded at Moses' command by the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest. (Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made everything the Lord commanded Moses; with him was Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan—an engraver and designer, and an embroiderer in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen.) The total amount of the gold from the wave offering used for all the work on the sanctuary was 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel.

Exodus 38:21-24 (NIV)

Ferol Dana Rich

November 3, 1945 – March 9, 2025

Ferol Dana Rich, 79, Atlanta, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on November 3, 1945, to Ralph and Esta (Carroll) Wilson in Noblesville.

Dana was a homemaker and also worked in real estate and furniture sales. She enjoyed cross stitching, sewing, decorating, and gardening. Dana was an antique collector and enjoyed going to Conner Prairie. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Dana is survived by her sons, James Tyson Rich and Tobin Andrew Rich; grandchildren, Megan Nicole (Skylar) Johnson, Landon James Rich, and Brooklyn D. Rich; and her great-granddaughter, Kinsley Nicole Johnson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by several siblings.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m., with funeral services at 1 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Boys Lacrosse

Millers hold off GC comeback to win opener

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE – The Noblesville boys lacrosse team was happy to wait until Wednesday to play its season opener at Guerin Catholic.

The Millers were happier to get out of the Eagles Nest with a win. Noblesville held off Guerin Catholic 13-10 in a hard-fought game, surging ahead in the third quarter before holding off a Golden Eagles comeback in the fourth.

The game was supposed to be played last week but was switched to this week. That was a good thing, since the weather has been much nicer this week.

"Last week, it was supposed to be 30 degrees, cold, wet and pretty unpleasant," said Millers coach Mark Milam. "Tonight it was 65, sunny, so I'm glad (Guerin Catholic) Coach (Charlie) Barry and I made the decision to switch it to this week

The teams were tied at 2-2 after the first quarter, with Noblesville senior Zach McMichael scoring just 23 seconds into the game. The Millers went on a tear early in the second quarter, putting in four goals in four minutes. McMichael scored three of those goals.

The Golden Eagles were in control of the second half of the period, getting three goals to cut Noblesville's lead to 7-5 by halftime. Sophomore Gavin Soucie scored twice.

The Millers had a huge third quarter, pouring in four goals during the first twothirds of the period. Max Sala scored 27 seconds into the quarter, then McMichael took over again. He scored at the 7:38 mark, then assisted on both goals that Logan White scored.

Noblesville led 11-5, but 1:29 mark.



Photo by Julie Montgomery

Guerin Catholic's Jack Hubbard (left) keeps control of the ball while being guarded by Noblesville's Carter Montgomery during the Golden Eagles-Millers game Wednesday at the Eagles Nest. Noblesville won 13-10 in a hard-fought game.

a Guerin Catholic goal at the 2:17 mark from Luke Shrift brought the Golden Eagles within 11-6 going into the fourth quarter. GC then came roaring back, putting in four consecutive goals to cut the Millers' lead to 11-10 with 3:54 to go. Soucie game with five goals and scored two goals during Guerin Catholic's run.

by getting two goals during the final three minutes. Brighton Kojetin scored with 2:58 left, then Hayden McCaslin completed the scoring with a goal at the

"We got 14 seniors," said Milam. "This was the way to split the series for them. So more than happy and nothing but up from here. Let's keep on work-

McMichael finished the two assists. Junior Charlie Boe had three goals and But the Millers held on two assists; Boe got his first score with 16 seconds left in the first quarter and added two more in the second period.

On defense, senior Monty Atkins led the ground balls with seven, followed by sophomore Dylan Knaga with five. Junior Gage Bass collected four ground balls.

Soucie totaled four goals for the Golden Eagles, with Shrift scoring twice. Senior Dominic Elliott, junior Vincent Elliott, senior John Stordy and senior J.B. Ford all had one goal. Dominic Elliott and Ford both collected four ground balls.

"We told the boys that this is one big battle, and they got to win the small fights," said Barry. "In the fourth quarter, they fought really well. They won those small fights. But there were some other fights along the rest of the game that they didn't win and that put us in this position. So you got to win the small fights throughout the entire battle, the entire time."

The Golden Eagles are 1-2 for the season. Guerin Catholic began play last weekend with a 15-12 loss to Evansville Memorial, the Class 1A defending state champions. The Golden Eagles then easily beat Evansville North for their first win of the season.

Noblesville plays its first home game of the season Friday, taking on Fishers at 8 p.m. Guerin Catholic hosts South Bend St. Joseph at 1 p.m. Saturday for its next game.

Boys Basketball-



Julie Brown / File photo University senior Max McComb leads the Trailblazers in scoring, with an average of 15.7

Regional preview, 2A at Lebanon

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

points per game.

Triton Central Tigers (16-9) vs. University Trailblazers (17-9)

Lebanon High School will host two separate regional championships on Saturday. The first game at p.m. will feature Triton Central and University. At 4 p.m., Class 3A's Indianapolis Crispus Attucks Tigers (19-6) face off against the Northview Knights (24-2).

This will be the second meeting ever between the Tigers and Trailblazers. University won the 2A regional matchup in 2022,

University won its sixth sectional championship last Saturday night against Cardinal Ritter at Park Tudor, 58-43. The Trailblazers are in just their 20th season as a program.

Heading into this Saturday's regional at Lebanon, they're in search of their second regional title in school history. That first regional crown was in 2013 when it was a two-game format. Wins over Central Christian and Jac-Cen-Del in the Class 1A regional 12 years ago advanced them to semi-state before being edged in the semi-state championship by Borden, 47-44.

Head coach Justin Blanding is in his second season as the University boys coach. He was the University girls coach from 2015-23, leading the team to five sectional and three regional championships.

Last year, the 'Blazers boys finished 12-13. Their first five sectional titles were in 2006, 2012, 2013, 2018 and 2022

University's 2024 portion of the season started off kind of shaky. They began 3-6, including a five-game

off eight wins in a row over with big wins over Scecina, Covenant Christian, Anderson Prep, Lutheran and

Bishop Chatard. The 'Blazers ended the regular season 3-3 but are now on a four-game winning streak. Breezing through the Park Tudor sectional with double-digit wins over Covenant Christian (56-46), Monrovia (62-49) and Cardinal Ritter (58-43), University looks to make its second semi-state appearance.

Senior Max McComb leads in scoring at 15.7 points per game, along with 4.7 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.4 steals. Junior Blake Gray joins him in double figures at 11.1 points, 3.1 boards and 2.5 assists. Fellow junior Faisal Mohamud is at 9.4 per outing and 2.6 assists, while sophomore Joshua Henderson (5.3), junior Cooper Cammack (4.9), sophomore Peter Morales (4.9) and senior Zien Bland (4.7) are all key contributors.

Triton Central head coach Mark James is 32-16 in his second year with the Tigers. James is currently ranked 4th amongst active coaches in victories with an overall record of 631-368 in 42 seasons with previous coaching stints at Franklin Central, Ben Davis and Perry Meridian. He spent 26 seasons coaching the Flashes, seven at Ben Davis (where he won the 2017 4A state title) and seven at Perry Meridian prior to TC.

The Tigers had an upand-down regular season and sandwiched a fivegame winning streak right in the middle to get to 10-5. TC lost four of six heading into sectional play. Triton Central escaped through the Christel House sectional by a total of 11 points

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Italian-based Motorsport School setting up shop in Indianapolis

Hands-on weekend courses available to anyone interested in mechanics & race engineering

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MTS US, an Italmotorsport ian-based school, is set to launch its first U.S. location in Indianapolis in May. The school offers hands-on weekend courses for anyone interested in becoming a racing mechanic or data engineer.

MTS School is womand an-owned an-founded by Eugenia Capanna, a professional driver and racing team manager. The school has successfully placed 80 percent of its graduates into racing teams around the globe like F1, MotoGP, and IndyCar. The curriculum teaches practical skills and technical knowledge with a blend of classroom-instruction and real-world experience, on real race cars, both in the shop and on the track. Courses are led by motorsport industry pros whose experience ranges from engine assembly to machine and team management.



MTS's expertise to the United States, and Indianapolis is the perfect location for our first U.S. facility," Capanna said. "This city has an unmatched passion for motorsport, and a high demand for skilled mechanics and engineers. We have a proven track record of placing our students with teams globally, and are excited to continue this success in the United States."

The first round of MTS courses is set to begin in May, with a second round following in August.

"Indianapolis is the epicenter of American motorsport and having MTS School establish a presence here is a fantastic development for the local racing "We're thrilled to bring community," says Stefano



Eugenia Capanna said Indianapolis is perfect for MTS School's first location in the United States.

DePonti, CEO of Dallara dedication to producing USA, which has a factory in Speedway, just a stone's throw from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "The Dallara Group is committed to helping support the next generation of motorsport professionals, and MTS'

highly skilled mechanics and race technicians in an important piece of that."

For more information on MTS US and to apply for the selection process, please visit mtschool.it/usa-students.

Iconic blue envelopes containing Indy 500 tickets mailed to fans across globe

Submitted by IMS

Indianapolis 500 fans will watch their mailboxes after the highly anticipated blue envelopes featuring Race Day tickets were mailed Wednesday from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Ticket Office.

Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing's Devlin De-Francesco and Louis Foster and Meyer Shank Racing's Felix Rosenqvist were on hand to assist with the initial mailing, which included shipments to all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 38 countries around the world as race fans eagerly await the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 25.

"I just like to do this to kind of amp myself up a bit for the '500,'" Rosenqvist said. "It feels like you're actually kind of starting May when you're here. I love it.

"It's cool to see the manual processes. It gives you a good perspective when you see all the tickets and everything, and the logistics behind everything."

DeFrancesco, Foster and Rosenqvist also took time to write notes and signatures on a few envelopes, with these special messages going to ticket buyers from their native countries. De-Francesco hails from Canada, with Foster from Great Britain and Rosenqvist from Sweden.

"It's hugely rewarding and very grateful to be here, helping loading the tickets for them to get shipped

out," DeFrancesco said. "So many fans from my country in Canada, to be able to see passes already going out today and people's anticipation for this race in May is great."

It takes approximately nine weeks to package all pre-ordered tickets for mailing, from orders the day after the previous year's race up to current orders. Hard work from employees in the Ticket Office and other Penske came to IMS with a large Entertainment Corp. departments ensures the ticketing process runs smoothly and on schedule.

A few facts and figures about this year's initial ticket mailing:

• Number of tickets sent: More than 215,000 items (includes 170,000 Indy 500 Race Day tickets, parking, qualification and practice tickets, concert tickets, etc.)

· Number of blue envelopes sent: More than 32,000

• Number of U.S. Postal Service trays to accommodate envelopes: More than

• Weight of all ticket envelopes and trays in first mailing: More than 6,600 pounds

• Hours needed to fill envelopes by hand: More than 1,000 person-hours

• Number of working days to package envelopes:

• Number of Penske Entertainment employees who

fill envelopes: 56 Number of states distributed: 50

• Number of countries distributed: 38 (including United States)

Photo provided by IMS

Federal postal inspectors truck for the first mailing. DeFrancesco, Foster and Rosenqvist joined several IMS employees in helping to load the trucks.

"It's pretty impressive," NTT INDYCAR SERIES and Indianapolis 500 rookie Foster said. "I didn't know exactly what to expect, but it's super cool to see all the guys and girls here working super hard and getting fans ready who have probably been waiting for this day since Monday after the '500' last year. It's a super-cool event, and I'm super happy that we've been invited to be

Receiving an eagerly awaited blue envelope in the mail is a rite of spring for thousands of fans of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." But why are the enve-

lopes blue? In the 1970s, Indianapolis 500 tickets were mailed in brown envelopes with the IMS return address in the upper left corner. In the 1980s, a heavier-stock, gray-colored envelope was introduced to mail the tickets, with just the IMS Post Office box number in the upper left corner.

A computerized printer also was used for the first time in the 1980s to print ticket customers' name and address on each envelope.

When the NASCAR Cup Series was added to the IMS schedule in 1994, the Ticket Office needed a way to distinguish between the envelopes containing tickets for the Indianapolis 500 and the annual NASCAR race, especially if the Postal Service returned the envelope as non-deliverable.

So, the IMS Ticket Office decided to color-code the ticket envelopes for each event. Indianapolis 500 ticket envelopes became blue, Brickyard Weekend envelopes became purple, Sonsio Grand Prix envelopes became green, and ticket envelopes for other IMS events use a variety of colors, including red, cream, gray and yellow.

Tickets for the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 25, the Sonsio Grand Prix on Saturday, May 10 and all other Month of May events are available at IMS.com/Tickets or via the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700.

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with wins over Heritage Christian (58-55), Christel House (48-47 in overtime) and Scecina (37-30).

Junior Eli Sego is one of two Tigers in double-figures with 16.5 per game. Sego also grabs 4.2 rebounds and has 2.9 assists and 2.3 steals. Senior Silas Blair is at 11.6 points and 5.1 boards. Junior Max Crouse (9.0), sophomore Cael Butler (7.5) and senior Sam Collier (4.0) all help make the Tigers go on offense.

Triton Central has won nine sectionals in program history, including last Saturday. The Tigers' lone regional crown was in 1989. That year, they lost in the semi-state semifinals to the late Eric Montross, Todd Leary and eventual state champion Lawrence North,

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 13

GIRLS LACROSSE Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Zionsville at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD Hamilton Heights at Purdue tournament, 5 p.m.

Friday, March 14

BOYS LACROSSE

South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Crown Point at Carmel, 8 p.m. Fishers at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE Center Grove at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 **BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS**

At Lebanon University vs. Triton Central, 1 p.m. At Greenfield-Central Guerin Catholic vs. New Palestine, 4 p.m. At Frankfort

Fishers vs. Harrison, 7 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE**

Northridge at Westfield, 12:30 p.m. South Bend St. Joseph at Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m. Evansville Memorial at Hamilton Southeastern, 2 p.m. Louisville St. Xavier at Carmel, 4 p.m. **GIRLS LACROSSE**

Fishers at Crown Point, 10:30 a.m.

Kentucky Country Day at Carmel, noon Westfield at Evansville Memorial, 2:30 p.m. Evansville North at Noblesville, 4 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel boys, Guerin Catholic at University of Indianapolis tournament, 10 a.m. Carmel girls, Hamilton Heights, Westfield at Indiana Wesleyan tournament, 10 a.m.

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