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Tonight: Mostly clear.

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Westfield Fire Division Chief Sutphin awarded for operational readiness

The REPORTER

Congratulations Westfield Fire Division Chief Mark Sutphin for being awarded the inaugural Operational Readiness Achieve-

ment Award from Vector Solutions. Presented this week at the Fire Department Instructors

Conference International in Indianapolis Chief Sutphin was presented the award for his continued dedication to work with the company to help streamline products used in the fire service, making not only Westfield Fire Department more productive and efficient, but

others in the industry using the same products.

"Operational readiness is never a one-person effort-it's the result collabora-

> trust, and a shared commitment to excellence," Chief Sutphin said. "I'm grateful to the Westfield Fire Department, es-

pecially our leadership and crews, for embracing innovation and constantly striving to serve our community better."

Chief Sutphin is yet another example of the caliber of firefighter working daily for the Westfield community.





Put on your patience pants

Does anyone else have trouble with being patient? Yeah. I figured I'm not alone.

What's funny is that a lot of us lose our patience with the smallest things. When the big problems in life strike or hurtle toward us, we somehow find our strength and patience



to deal with them. Well, most of the time. Last week my son Jacob shared something funny - but surprisingly effective that his girlfriend Alyssa often says: "Just put on your patience pants." I instantly loved it and vowed to start using this saying to help me deal with life's struggles.

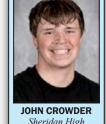
Of course, God loves to check in with us to see just how serious we are on these types of vows.

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Respect the linemen!

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade honors English class, taught by Tanya

Busailah. Since playing one year of varsity football, I have developed a



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great appreciation and love for the offensive line position. I believe that the offensive line is the most important position and the best character-building position in football, and yet they don't get as much recognition for all the things they do.

There is only one person who touches the ball on every play and that's the center. All the blockers up front for the running back and quarterback are all lineman, and yet, they hardly ever get talked about. If the running back makes a mistake and runs into

the wrong gap, they blame the lineman. Take the Philadelphia Eagles for example. Their star running back Saquon Barkley rushed for over 2,000 yards – an incredible achievement – yet no one is talking about the five guys up front that block for him and open up gaps for him to run through.

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The Reporter will not publish a Saturday, April 12 edition.

Our newspaper will return to your inboxes on Monday, April 14. If you need a local information fix, keep your eyes peeled for 'Hello Hamilton County!" with

meteorologist Paul Poteet in your Saturday morning inbox.

Kroger & Carpenter Realtors helping get kids Fueled for School

Kroger invites shoppers to join an annual food drive to serve children in need. Volunteers from Fueled for School will return to Noblesville's Logan Street Kroger for a collection from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 12.

example of our commitment to hunger relief, especially child nutrition," Kroger Central Division President Colleen Juergensen. "We don't want anyone going to bed hungry. Donating a canned good, a box of cereal or a jar of peanut butter is such an easy way for anyone to make a difference in young lives."



Fueled for School is an all-volun- strive "to eliminate

"Hosting such a food drive is another teer non-profit that provides food each childhood hunger weekend during the school year and in our community. over school breaks to local children facing food insecurity. The organization awe of the genersays it "currently provides food every week to approximately 400 children in Noblesville."

for Fueled for School, said the volunteers collect the food donations.

We are always in osity of the cus-

tomers at the Noblesville Kroger!" Carpenter Realtors Noblesville has Audra Shock, Director of Operations partnered with Fueled for School to help

9 to 5 The Musical brings Dolly Parton's music to Actors Theatre of Indiana this month

Submitted

Just reading this headline probably put Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" song in your head:

'Workin' nine to five, what a way to make a livin' / Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin' / They just use your mind and they never give you credit / It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it."

The musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is coming to Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) in April. It is based on the 1980 movie of the same name. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Vi-

olet, Judy, and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy - giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down.

People can expect an amazing show. This show lets people laugh and just have a great time while watching an incredibly talented cast. They will cheer on the main characters and will leave the theater still laughing and smiling.

The show is all about female empowerment. There are so many messages in the show that are important to the world right now - the most important is the power of female

9 to 5 The Musical runs from April 25 to May 11. Get your tickets at atistage.org or by calling the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts' box office at (888) 684-3582.







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Thanks for reading!

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Without an offensive line, you're going nowhere. You have no one to block, no one to snap the ball, and no one to protect your quarterback. They are simply the most important part of the game and the only reason the ball can move up and down the field. They are the reason the offense even scores the ball. I have come to notice that the offensive line is like the air conditioning – only ever noticed when it's not working.

It's also like a brotherhood in there, and that's how it builds character. They all take care of each other no matter what because they have all bonded together to make one big family.

Take the Eagles' offen-

sive line for example. They created a Christmas album together because they had an idea and were all close. They also do everything together and you hardly ever see just one when talking to the media.

From my experience, this year with my team we five lineman really bonded, and we did many things together such as watching film even without coaches, haying together, and visiting Indiana State together. We all treated each other like a family; it was one of the best things I have experienced. We all really cared about each other. We also took care of each other and had fun together on and off the field.

Offensive linemen are also some of the most caring and friendy people. For example, the majority of Walter Payton Man of the Year nominees are offensive lineman. They also have many charities because of the way they or another teammate grew up. They also donate a sizable amount of money to other charities in their hometown to make it a better place for people to grow up. They like to help even if they are not physically affected by what they are donating to.

Lastly, a reason offensive linemen are important is because they bring a level of passion and energy that not every position can bring. The linemen get pumped up when that clock starts because they can be physical with the other team. Not every position gets pumped because they worry about someone else doing their job. The quarterback is hoping his linemen block and his receivers get open, and the running back is hoping

the offensive line can open

gaps. They don't have to

rely on others, so they do not have to worry. From my experience, the offensive line is where the energy comes from on those long 10-minute drives where they slowly march up the field. This is the result

muscle their opponent. I am looking forward to being a lineman for many years to come.

of the fact that they can out

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Two days later, I had to borrow Jacob's car to run to the grocery stores. He was leaving town in less than an hour, so I had to be quick. I was feeling quite victorious after getting in and out of Aldi in 25 minutes and finishing my Walmart pick up in less than 10 minutes.

"I'll be home earlier than expected!" I thought.

But then I approached the intersection of Greenfield Avenue and 16th Street ... and got stuck in a line of cars at the light due to road construction. The men in their neon green vests were holding up the familiar orange signs. I just about let my head smack into my

steering wheel in frustra- other 15 minutes. This frus-

"You have GOT to be kidding me ... I can't believe this ... and what in the heck are they working on over here anyway?" I thought furiously.

Suddenly, I remembered the patience pants. And I felt ashamed of myself.

Those men were working to improve something in my own neighborhood (I still don't know what, but it'll be something.) They were out in the cold just doing their jobs.

And hadn't I just said to myself that I would be home earlier than expected? Jacob didn't have to leave for an-

trating incident was something small in my life. Was it worth getting in a twist? "Amy ... put on your

patience pants," I said aloud. I took a deep breath, turned up the radio to enjoy a good song, and glimpsed at the clock.

"I bet I'll be home in less than 10 minutes," I thought. Sure enough, five minutes later, I was through the intersection and was still home earlier than planned.

I've been working to put on my patience pants more often since this incident. I just close my eyes and imagine putting on my favorite pair of jeans that make me relax and feel good. It's put a smile on

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my face and helped me feel more serene when life takes an unexpected turn ... heck, doesn't it do this to us every day? Multiple times? Thank you, Alyssa, for

yet another tool in my arsenal for how to deal with worry and stress. I hope my readers adopt this saying to make their own lives happier!

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Carmel Police Chief Drake Sterling named to 'Forty Under 40' list

Submitted by **City of Carmel**

Carmel Chief of Police Drake Sterling has been named to the Indianapolis Business Journal's prestigious Forty Under 40 list for 2025, recognizing his outstanding leadership in law enforcement and dedicated community service.

Chief Sterling, who has served as Carmel's Chief of Police since February 2024, was selected for his exemplary professional achievements and significant community impact. Under his leadership, the Carmel Police Department has implemented one of Indiana's pioneering Drone First Responder programs, making it only the second department in the state and among just 25 nationwide to utilize drones as first responders.

Chief Sterling has also developed a comprehensive officer wellness initiative that includes a Critical Incident Unit and Peer Officer Support Team providing immediate support to officers exposed to potentially traumatic situations.

'Chief Sterling exemplifies the kind of leadership we value in Carmel – innovative, community-focused forward-thinking," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "His ability to advance public safety through technology while simultaneously prioritizing officer wellness and community connections has strengthened our police department and our city. This recognition is well-deserved and we're fortunate to have him leading our police force during this time of growth and innovation."

Prior to joining the Car-



Chief Drake Sterling at his March 2024 swearing-in ceremony.

Sterling served with the Zionsville Police Department from 2010 to 2023, rising from police officer to captain while earning both the prestigious Life Saving Award and multiple Chief's Awards of Excellence. As captain, he oversaw critical initiatives including the implementation of the department's mental health response unit and managed aspects of criminal and internal investigations.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Sterling has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community service. He currently serves on multiple executive boards including the Carmel Youth Assistance Program, Carmel Clay Heroes Club, Hamilton County Community Corrections, and the Indiana Crime Gun Task Force. His dedication to youth mentorship is evidenced by his nearly decade-long commitment to vancing this mission. I'm

mel Police Department, coaching high school track and field, which earned him recognition as an Indiana Association of Track and Field Coach of the Year nominee.

"Throughout both my personal and professional journey, I've been fortunate to be surrounded by incredible mentors and supporters," Chief Sterling said. "While I'm truly humbled to receive this recognition, I know that my success is a direct result of those who have guided and supported me along the way. I am immensely proud to work alongside the dedicated men and women of the Carmel Police Department, who represent the absolute best in our profession. Our department continually tries to build strong relationships with the community and deploy innovative technology and techniques, and this award further fuels my commitment to addeeply grateful to Mayor Finkam for granting me the privilege to lead and serve such an outstanding community."

Chief Sterling is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy and holds academic credentials from Vincennes University, Indiana State University and the University of Vir-

The Indianapolis Business Journal's Forty Under 40 program recognizes central Indiana's most promising young professionals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated professional excellence and community impact.

18 Westfield neighborhoods to receive Vibrancy Grants

Submitted by City of Westfield

The City of Westfield has announced 18 Neigh-

borhood Vibrancy Grant awards, totaling \$166,627, to support local neighborhood projects.

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program Committee has recommended these grants to the Board of Public Works and Safety

for approval at the Wednesday, April 23 meeting. These grants will help fund a total of \$460,655 in neighborhood improvements, enhancing the areas of Westfield's diverse communities.

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program is designed to support creative and impactful infrastructure projects that strengthen the character of Westfield's neighborhoods. This year, the city is funding a wide range of initiatives aimed at enhancing community spaces, modernizing local amenities, and promoting environmental sustainability.

The grants being considered include:

- Bent Creek (\$10,000) to convert 12 acres of invasive plants into a native shortgrass prairie with native wildflowers
- Brookside (\$10,000) to enhance community amenities around the clubhouse

• Countryside (\$10,000) to update existing landscaping and lighting throughout

the neighborhood • Crosswind Commons (\$10,000) to con-

> ty butterfly garden Derby Ridge (\$10,000) to remove and replace 10 dead trees and entrance sign en-

struct a communi-

trances Lakes of Westfield (\$9,322) to enhance the

south berm bordering Shady Nook Road • Maple Knoll (\$10,000)

to enhance the Spring Mill Road entrance • Maple Ridge (\$7,000)

to remove invasive species Oak Manor (\$9,704.50)

to enhance common area landscaping • Oaks Preserve (\$10,000) to enhance entrance land-

scaping and installation of a pond aeration system • Setters Run (\$10,000) to install a shade structure at

neighborhood park • Scofield Farms (\$600) to install a neighborhood

rain garden • Sheffield Park (\$10,000) to add lighting and landscape

to entrance median • Springdale Farms (\$10,000) to enhance landscape, remove invasive species and installation of a

pond fountain

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Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel receives 5-Star HCAHPS rating

The REPORTER

Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel has earned a 5-Star Rating from Hospital Consumer co-workers in Carmel who by increasing transparency Assessment of Healthcare work tirelessly every day to of the quality of hospital Providers and Systems (HCAHPS), a program of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The HCAHPS (pronounced "H-caps") survey is the first national, standardized, publicly reported survey of patients' perspectives of hospital care. HCAHPS also known as the CAHPS Hospital Survey, is a survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients' perceptions of their hospital experience.

"We are very proud of our team at Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel for achieving a fivestar HCAHPS rating," said Charlie Randolph, administrative director of operations for Franciscan Health Central Indiana. "With this rating being determined by patient surveys, we take

great pride in knowing all of care. of the different areas at the provide the best care possible to the patients entrusted the public investment.

have collected information Medicaid Services (CMS) on patient satisfaction for their own internal use, until HCAHPS there was no national standard for collecting and publicly reporting information about patient experience of care that allowed valid comparisons to be made across hospitals locally, regionally and nationally.

Three broad goals have shaped HCAHPS:

1. First, the survey is designed to produce data about patients' perspectives of care that allow objective and meaningful comparisons of hospitals on topics that are important to consumers.

2. Second, public reporting of the survey results creates new incentives for hospitals to improve quality

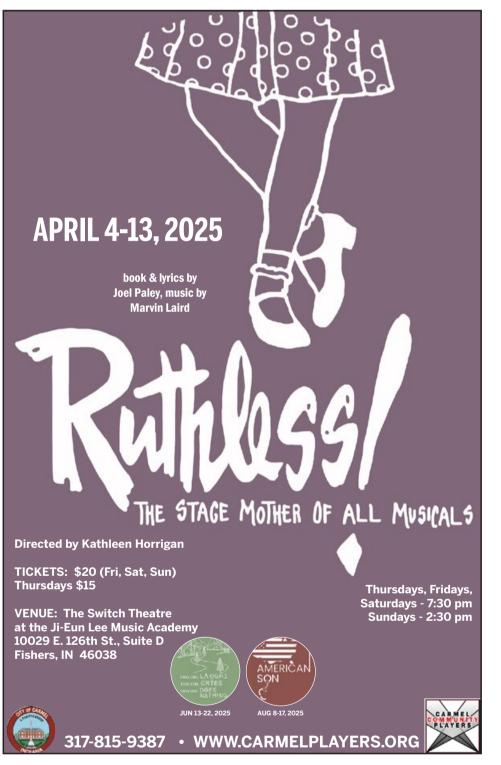
3. Third, public report-Ortho hospital this encoming serves to enhance acpasses. Thank you to all our countability in health care care provided in return for

With these goals in mind, While many hospitals the Centers for Medicare & and the HCAHPS Project Team have taken substantial steps to assure that the survey is credible, useful, and

practical. Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel features an industry-leading model, treating patients with a full spectrum of musculoskeletal conditions, ranging from the most common to the most complex. Superior outcomes and elevated patient experience, combined with a new facility and innovative surgical technology, provides patients with an unmatched level of or-

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Noblesville, Westfield & Carmel Lions assist Gleaners in April



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On April 8, the Noblesville, Westfield, and Carmel Lions assisted Gleaners with the mobile pantry at Westfield's Grand Park. Gleaners hosts the mobile pantry on the second Tuesday of each month and all of the Lions volunteers are eager to assist. (From left) Lions Judy Waldrop, Jeff Kozicki, Bill Ryan, Linda Hallet, Carrie Larrison, Mark Hallet, Linda Williamson, Bill Nesbitt, Tiny Ekes, Lisa Rohe, Don Collins, Steve Shaw, Lori Moss, Ron Williamson, Jack Waldrop, Jerry Baker, Bruce Moss, Jeanne Auffrey, Cheryl Helton, Scott Willis, Josh Kozicki, and Joe Connerley. Not pictured: Julia Kozicki.

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Viking Meadows ments (\$10,000) to replace and ter fencing

• Village Farms (\$10,000) to revitalize a half-acre of common area

Williams Trace

• Willow Creek (\$10.000) paint neighborhood perime- for enhancements to both neighborhood entrances

"I am thrilled to see the first round of Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants awarded to such deserving projects in our

represent our continued commitment to making Westfield a great place to live. I look forward to seeing these projects come to life and the positive impact they will have on our neighborhoods."

from Page 3 Willis said. "These grants borhood Vibrancy Grants will be available beginning

> on May 1. Applications will close July 1 and will be awarded at the beginning of August. For more information can be found at **westfieldin.gov**/ neighborhoodgrant.

Investing in Indiana's future requires sustainable public school funding year, **GUEST COLUMNIST**

90 percent of Indiana's school-aged children - more than one million students – attend our public schools. These students DR. JAKE ALLEN will grow up to be our coworkers,

neighbors, and community leaders. Their success is Indiana's success.

That's why we must ask ourselves: are we giving our schools the resources they need to prepare the next generation? That is a prevailing question being debated by the Indiana General Assembly.

Public K-12 education makes up nearly half of Indiana's state budget, reflecting its importance. Yet few public systems are more complex or less understood than school funding. As lawmakers again consider tax reform, it's essential that taxpayers understand what's at stake - and why sustainable school funding matters.

Indiana's current fiscal approach leaves our public schools in a tightening squeeze. As the state caps property tax revenues, with further constraints pending, local governments - especially schools - are left to absorb the impact. Poten-

force districts to freeze teacher salaries, defer maintenance, increase class sizes, and eliminate programs that enrich student learning.

The financial foundation for every school dis-

trict includes three critical funds, two of which, the Operations Fund and the Debt Service Fund, rely on local property taxes. Operations cover day-to-day costs - support staff, transportation, fuel, utilities, insurance. Debt Service repays bonds for capital projects like renovations and new construction. The third critical fund is known as the Education Fund, and it contains the monies provided by the state, which are primarily used for teacher compensation. Together, these three funds represent the backbone of local school budgets.

In 2024, Indiana's average school property tax rate was roughly \$1.03 per \$100 of assessed property value. But the costs of running a school district – fuel, buses, insurance, utilities - have surged well beyond that. School buses cost 60 percent more than just a few

tial budget shortfalls could See Funding ... Page 5





Photo provided

The CSO hosted 1,000 fifth graders at its "Spring Sounds Exciting!" program at the Payne & Mencias Palladium on Feb. 25, 2025.

Symphony Trek: The Next Generation

Submitted

As part of its educational mission, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) engages with schools in Hamilton and Marion counties to share its love and appreciation for classical music and the positive impact it can have on lives.

how it is composed and how Exciting!" programs. it is experienced. CSO wants students to become more familiar with the wide variety of instruments in the orchestra. Near the end of the

years, they may be deciding their own schools in a comwhich instrument they want to play in middle school music programs and beyond. This special program gives them a great opportunity to ask questions and see the instruments up close.

A few examples of how CSO implements this part of Classical music is unique its mission is through a "Petfrom other musical genres in ting Zoo" and the "Sounds

• During the "Petting Zoo," students get to interact with CSO musicians and see which instruments may appeal to them. This up-close students' elementary school experience takes place at

fortable and familiar setting.

· The "Sounds Exciting!" program brings fifthgrade students to the Payne & Mencias Palladium to hear the CSO play live in Carmel's beautiful concert hall built with world-class acoustics.

The life-long impact these types of interactions can have and are proud to be a part of the cultural education of area students.

If you want to help, please donate to CSO's educational initiatives at this link.



Proposed Fishers rental cap: a solution that will hurt homeowners & renters

Fishers is on the cusp of running an experiment in unintended consequences that will be felt across the city.

The city council is considering Indiana's first-ever law capping

rental properties at 10 percent per neighborhood. Homeowners – the very people this ordinance is supposed to protect – will end up feeling a financial sting that lawmakers and advocates aren't advertising.

The ordinance is being sold to Fishers' citizens as a measure that will protect property values. Since some neighborhoods in Fishers have already enacted rental caps similar to the city's proposed law, we already have data on how they affect homeowners. The real-world consequences are far from what city officials have promised. This policy would take a major bite out of home values while also throwing up roadblocks to growth and economic development in the city.

Property data shows homes in Fishers have appreciated an impressive 66.1 percent over the past

GUEST COLUMNIST ever, in the 58 neighborhoods that have already enacted rental restrictions, appreciation has lagged significantly

STEVE LADIG

just 50.1 percent. The math is clear: this rental

cap could cost the average Fishers homeowner on average \$49,000 in lost appreciation compared to the city average. The Fishers homeowners who will suffer the most are the neighborhoods that already are over the 10 percent rental cap. There are currently 17 neighborhoods with over 30 percent of rentals and those homes have appreciated over 70.1 percent over the past six years. These homeowners could lose on average \$64,000 in lost appreciation!

ly contradicts the city's own 2022 Housing Study, which concluded that Fishers needs more than 13,500 additional housing units by 2040, including 3,450 more rental units. The study specifically anticipated 1,040 older single-family homes filtering to rental status and did not recommend rental

This ordinance direct-

six years. How- cause rental rates to skvrocket given the reduction in supply, which will unduly enrich the institutional investors and force out families who would like to feel out Fishers first by renting before they buy. Also, given the skyrocketing rental rates and loss in home values, institutional investors will undoubtedly redirect their purchases to "higher-end" neighborhoods that currently have little to no rentals.

> Yet again, another unintended consequence not communicated by the City of Fishers to its homeowners!

> There's a simple reason why the demand exists for these properties. Fishers is growing, building, and thriving. New businesses, new jobs, and new investments require more housing. Unfortunately, Fishers is not immune to the national trend of high housing prices that make it impossible for many people to own a home, particularly younger families that can't ever seem to save enough to make a down payment. In a housing market that is increasingly difficult for young families to enter, investment in rentals can add more options instead of taking them away.

this ordinance is a narrative that says institutional investors (Wall Street) are rapidly buying properties in Fishers. This narrative misrepresents both what is happening in the local housing market and what happens when those investors buy a property. These investors own only 23 percent of single-family rentals in Fishers, and these purchases are becoming less common, not more. Purchasing activity has declined significantly since interest rates rose; the last institutional investor purchase occurred in January 2023, and these property owners have actually sold 18 homes back to individuals and families. Once investors purchase properties, they typically improve them, undercutting another argument from rental cap proponents. There's no evidence that rental properties are maintained poorly compared to own-

er-occupied homes. But one of the most troubling aspects of this proposal is how it would override the will of local neighborhoods. At least 10 Fishers HOAs have already tried and failed to implement rental caps due to a lack of resident support. The homeowners in these neighborhoods have done

The driving force behind their research and home early February, I supplied values will suffer if a cap is put in place. Homeowners should have the ability to lease their home if so desired. On average, a home purchased back in 2020 and before with a fixed low interest mortgage, can earn a 59.5 percent annualized return on their investment. This citywide ordinance would force these restrictions on communities that have explicitly rejected them. Making matters worse, homeowners seeking exceptions would potentially have to disclose sensitive personal information about divorces, deaths, health issues, or job changes to city officials.

Fishers doesn't need unprecedented, heavy-handed approach to housing policy. Rather than implementing policies that restrict property rights, reduce the supply of housing options, and potentially decrease home values, the city should focus on the actual recommendations from its housing study: creating diverse housing options at attainable prices and supporting quality rental stock.

Fishers' homeowners deserve to know the full economic impact of this proposed ordinance.

Mayor Fadness and the Fishers City Council with 28 pages of research done on this subject and asked them to share the data with the residents of Fishers.

It is clear that they are not interested in doing so and being transparent.

The data suggests that this rental cap will depress property values, eliminate housing options, and make Fishers' residents worse off. Policymakers should avoid passing slapdash ordinances without fully understanding all the costs. The mayor and city council owe homeowners the truth – and the right approach to housing.

If you would like to make a difference in changing the direction of this ordinance, Fishers' residents are encouraged to email Mayor Fadness and all Fishers City Council members with your feedback and suggestions and participating in the Public Hearing at the 7 p.m. Monday, April 21 City Council meeting.

For more information on this ordinance, visit FishersRentalCap.com.

Steve Ladig, a 33-year resident of Fishers, is the Managing Broker of Ladig Realty LLC.

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years ago. Fuel prices have doubled. Insurance premiums have more than doubled and continue to rise, driven by increasing property values.

Yet local property tax revenue hasn't kept up. A state-imposed cap limits how much property tax collections can grow. In 2023, that growth cap was 5 percent. In 2024, it dropped to 4 percent. Proposed legislation would constrict the levy dollars in 2026 even further.

caps. The rental cap will

This mismatch – between rising costs and capped revenues – puts districts in a very difficult position. In Mooresville alone, we estimate a \$2 million loss over the next three years if the proposed property tax relief measures pass. It's worth noting that Mooresville Schools has held a tax rate of \$0.7874 for 15 consecutive years. This rate is in the bottom 20 percent of schools in the state – and has been intentionally held flat to better serve our community taxpayers. Now, imagine how much the costs of goods and living have increased since 2010.

So how are schools Increasingmanaging? ly, districts are redirecting money from the Education Fund – which is primarily intended for teacher salaries and benefits – to cover essential operational costs like transportation and utilities. The state permits an annual transfer of up to 15 percent from the Education Fund, and in 2024, more than 10 percent of these funds – totaling over \$900 million – were used in this way.

At the same time, state leaders are pushing man-

dates to increase teacher pay – while restricting the very funds districts rely on to operate.

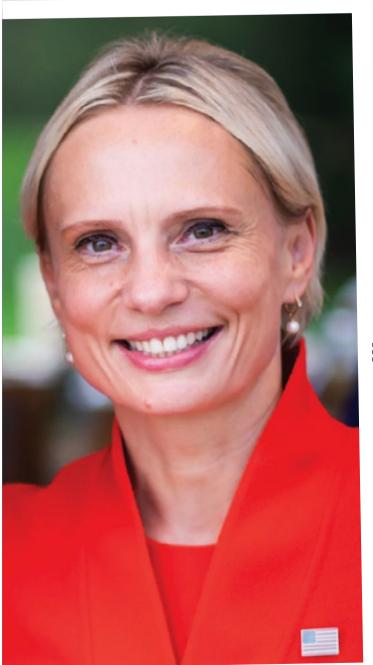
We all want well-paid teachers and high-quality schools. But we can't get there if we do not provide our schools with the resources they need. Fiscal responsibility is not just about balancing state budgets it's about ensuring communities can thrive.

Indiana's students, and its taxpayers, deserve a funding framework that keeps pace with the times. We must prioritize a longterm, sustainable solution one that honors our commitment to public education and the future of our state.

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Dr. Jake Allen serves on the Board of Directors for Our Public Schools Work and as the Superintendent of Mooresville Schools.







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Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



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

Opinion

Vare's view on Fishers rental cap proposal

City Council is poised to approve Mayor Fadness' proposal to enact a citywide rental cap. This new policy would be the first of its kind in the nation and will impact Fish-

GUEST COLUMNIST

ers neighborhoods of single-family homes, townhomes and condos.

Even if you have already heard about the rental cap, let's now make sure you have the most accurate information about it. You deserve the real story, not false alarms. Your take on this policy matters. I'll suggest some effective ways to make your opinion heard on this proposal at the end.

Let's first review the Fishers housing market and the data that determines our community housing needs.

Like many cities in the nation, Fishers has a shortage of all types of housing. According to the City of Fishers' 2022 Housing Study that was developed by Urban Partners, the city requires a total of 10,100 more owner-occupied units and 3,450 more rental units to keep up with the demand through the year 2040.

There are two co-existing characteristics of Fishers' current housing market that are reasonable, not alarming. Homeownership is strong and there are rentals in single-family home neighborhoods. The Housing Study stated that current home ownership in Fishers is "exceptionally high" at 77.5 percent, exceeding both the national and state averages.

estimated that many older single-family homes in Fishers would filter to rental status by 2040. This is anticipated and not considered a detriment since additional rental

units are needed. The City of Fishers reports that there are 2,522 single-family home rentals in the city currently, which is 8 percent of all the single-family homes. If you have concerns about specific rental homes in your neighborhood, that is understandable and should be addressed.

Of course, there could also be a concern about the balance of rentals and for-sale homes in a single neighborhood. There are indeed a few Fishers neighborhoods that have a higher percentage of rentals today. But most are not single-family home neighborhoods. According to the City of Fishers, there are 17 Fishers neighborhoods that are more than 30 percent rentals. Of those, 11 are condo/townhome communities, including three that were recently built as forsale units.

A few years ago, a national housing trend made headlines and impacted Fishers and other desirable cities. Single-family homes were being purchased by institutional investors and converted into rentals. Thankfully, this genuine concern has now slowed considerably. In fact, the most recent purchase of a Fishers' single-family home purchased by an institutional

The study also investor occurred over two years ago, in January 2023!

According to the City of Fishers, 583 single-family homes are still owned today by institutional investors in Fishers. Institutional investors have sold 18 homes back since September 2022

Fishers residents may have reasonable concerns that rentals in their neighborhood may be poorly maintained and lower their home values. Of course, exterior maintenance issues are not exclusive to rental homes. Thankfully, there are city code enforcement procedures and a fine system in place to ensure that all Fishers homes are maintained, owner-occupied and rentals alike. Condo and townhome exterior maintenance is usually a direct responsibility of the Home Owners Association (HOA).

Greater Indianapolis and Fishers is a very desirable housing market. Data have not been released by the City of Fishers or discovered that support the concern that rentals lower home values in Fishers. In fact, data indicates that Fishers rental-capped neighborhoods appreciate at a lower rate than the city average. This is thought to be caused by a rental cap decreasing the number of buyers from the neighborhood's potential.

Now, with this data-driven overview of the citywide housing market, let's turn to the rental cap proposal. The proposed Fishers rental cap would limit the number of rentals to no more than 10 percent of the total number of units in the neighbor-

new buyers would need to register and be approved for a rental permit by the City of Fishers before renting the home, townhome or condo. A rental permit would be denied if the neighborhood's number of for-rent properties had already reached the 10 percent cap, or the homeowner doesn't meet certain exceptions.

These are the specific exemptions that will allow a rental permit to be granted even if the neighborhood has reached the 10 percent cap: renting to family members or legal dependents, a job relocation, deployed military, if selling the property will cause undue burden, and a failure to sell property after six months. When applying for a rental permit, the reason would be reported in order to qualify for an exception. Importantly, all current rental properties will be grandfathered in and be granted a rental permit, even if the neighborhood is over the 10 percent cap.

Some HOAs have already enacted rental caps for their neighborhood and these caps will stay in place if it is set at 10 percent or less. An HOA could choose to implement stricter rental regulations than the city cap. Some HOAs have attempted to change their covenants to include a rental cap but voting requirements.

The proposed rental cap ordinance states that it ensures rentals are maintained, eliminates blight, protects the character of residential neighborhoods and encourages home ownership. It is

rental cap ordinance does not pertain to short-term rentals, like an Airbnb.

The language of the proposed rental cap and registry was given a first reading by the City Council on Feb. 24, 2025. The second reading will be at the Monday, April 21 City Council meeting and residents are welcome to share their feedback during the public hearing. It is anticipated that the final vote to approve the ordinance will be on April 21 or at the Monday, May 19 City Council meeting. If approved, the rental cap will be effective on Jan. 1, 2026, when enforcement will begin with a fine for a violation and all long-term rentals being registered.

Now that you have the current details about the Fishers housing market, our community housing needs and the proposed rental cap, it is time for you to tell your city council members what you think about it, before they cast their vote.

Since each Fishers neighborhood is unique, it is reasonable that each neighborhood and neighbor may have a different take on this proposal. That's why your opinion matters as this citywide issue is being debated. Here's how to best get your voice heard:

 Attend the Monday, have either failed because April 21 city council meetof lack of support or strict ing at 7 p.m. at Fishers Municipal Theater, 1 Municipal Drive. Any citizen can speak at the microphone for three minutes about the rental cap proposal during the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to give the city council members the

hood. Current owners and important to note that the opportunity to hear from you, their constituents.

• Email your city councilors with your feedback before April 21. Visit fishersin.gov/ government/mayors-office/ city-council for each member's email address. Send your email to each of the three at-large (city-wide) city councilors and the city councilor that represents where you live. Consult the map to determine the city councilor for your district. Remember to note your address and CC mayorfadness@ fishers.in.us.

· Contact your neighborhood's HOA leaders. These volunteer-leaders in your neighborhood want you to be informed and heard about this proposal too.

There are two resources for additional details on the proposed rental cap. You can visit fishersin.gov/rental-registration and a citizen-gathered Google Drive of information at Fishers-RentalCap.com.

If a rental cap is enacted in Fishers, it could support your neighborhoods' wishes, influence our housing supply, and impact the decisions you make about your home. It is a big decision for our city, and you are invited to participate in it.

The Fishers City Council will consider the rental cap proposal and hear public feedback at the Monday, April 21 city council meet-

Jocelyn Vare is a renter and a Fishers resident for over 25 years. She is a former at-large member of the Fishers City Council and former member of the City of Fishers Housing Task

TELL FISHERS CITY COUNCIL: NO ON THE HOUSING CAP

The housing cap would turn away families who want to move here, discourage businesses that want to invest here, and drive up property taxes for homeowners who already live here.

The proposed ordinance means fewer options, higher rent, and lower property values.

Tell City Council: Protect Fishers' Homeowners

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Pa

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

Veteran community

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

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 | **Activities & Events**

Get your team signed up for the IDVA Golf Outing

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs **2025 SALUTE TO VETERANS:** 12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING Register your team or sponsor this event at https://charitygolftoday.com/register?e= May 9, 2025 **Brookshire Golf Course** 12120 Brookshire Pkwy, Carmel, IN 46033 12 PM Tee-Off Raffle & 50/50 Food & Drinks Awards Reception **Boxed Lunch**

Volunteer to be a Mentor for Indy Veterans Court

I proceeds benefit the 2025 IDVA

Veterans

Court Mentor

Program

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Indy Veterans Court Mentor Program

ARE YOU A VETERAN? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OTHER VETERANS? We are currently looking for military veterans to volunteer in Marion County to mentor other veterans in need. A veteran mentor is a resource for our veteran participants. not a counselor. As a veteran mentor you will be asked to:

- Receive training on veteran resources
- · Be supportive to difficulties facing our veteran participants
- · Assist veterans navigating the VA system and other resources offered
- . Follow the Indy Veterans Court plan for the veteran participant
- . Commit to changing another veteran's life · Work as a team with other veteran mentors
- Help your brothers- and sisters-in-arms.



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Aaron Shaw

IVC Mentor

Coordinator

Room CO 085

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Last Saturday of Each Month 8:00am-9:00am

Hosted by Clifton Morlan

University Veterans Post 360 A monthly veteran gathering



Action Steps to Help Someone **Having Thoughts of Suicide** ATT BE THERE **FOLLOW UP**

Veterans Sign Up For Free Golf - Starts April 19



April 19 Our Military Veteran Community is Welcome to Join in the fun With Indy Vet to Vet at Geist Park



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 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

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The Nickel Plate Express operates on 12.5 miles of the former Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Atlanta. Excursions board in Noblesville at 825 Forest Park Drive.

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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Should you work with a Medicare broker or go it alone?

Medicare plan can feel like trying to read a map without street names. There are dozens of options, each with different costs, networks, and rules.



sort through it on

your own, a Medicare broker offers FREE help! You won't find any other professionals who work without a fee so why go it alone? You won't save any money calling and enrolling directly with an insurance company. Why not have an agent who knows you so you can turn to a person when the inevitable problems creep up?

When to consider hiring a Medicare broker

A Medicare broker is an independent insurance agent who helps you compare Medicare plans and enroll in one that fits your needs. The biggest advantage? They work with multiple insurance companies, so they can show you a variety of plans instead of just one company's options.



People make expensive Medicare mistakes be-

cause they don't know who to trust for help. There are thousands of agents who specialize in Medicare insurance. You can find some with a quick internet search. Reviews are easy to find and you can even go to the department of insurance and research of your agent has complaints or violations. Do as little or a much research as you need to feel comfortable with getting help!

There is no situation I'd ever recommend doing this on your own.

An independent Medicare insurance broker is especially useful if:

- You're new to Medicare and overwhelmed by the choices.
- You take expensive prescriptions and need a plan that keeps costs low.

• You have doctors you know which plans have better ple, am licensed want to keep and need to ensure they're in-network.

- You're considering a companies. Most switch from Medicare Advantage to a Medicare Supplement (or vice versa).
 - Your financial situation has changed, and you need help figuring out what you qualify for.

What can a broker do that you can't?

People assume that they can do everything that a broker does. Brokers subscribe to expensive insurance platforms that give us access to data that you wouldn't know what to do with, if you could access it. Yes, you can compare plans on Medicare. gov, call 10 insurance companies, and read through plan documents. But a broker can do it all in *less time*, explain complicated terms in plain language, and catch things you might overlook like hidden costs and cover-

age restrictions. For example, Medicare Advantage plans have networks that can change yearly. A broker stays on top of those changes and can warn you if your doctor might be dropped next year. They also

customer service and which ones deny the most claims (something you won't find on Medicare's website). The government rates Medicare Advantage plan but there is no rating for Medicare Supplement plans. We've worked with these plans for 30 years, so we can speak about each of them from experience!

How to find a **Medicare broker**

Start with referrals from friends or family, or check independent agencies that specialize in Medicare. Be wary of brokers who only work with one or two insurance companies - you want someone who gives you a full range of options. While everyone has to start somewhere, you don't want to be any one's guinea pig. Don't be afraid to ask how long they have been a licensed agent and how many clients they have.

Before you hire a bro-

- How many insurance companies do you work with?
- Are you independent, or do you only sell for one company?
- Do you charge a fee, or do insurance companies pay you? (Most brokers are free to you - the insurance company pays them.)
- · How often do you check in after enrollment?

What does it cost?

Most brokers won't charge vou anything – Medicare rules require that insurance companies pay them the same commission no matter which plan you choose, so they have no financial reason to steer you in one direction over another.

Bottom line? A good Medicare broker can save you hours of research and help you find a plan that fits your health needs and budget. Just be sure you're working with someone independent, experienced, and focused on your best interest - not just making

Sylvia Gordon is the author of "Medicare Mama's Guide to Medicare and Social Security Retirement.' She has over one million followers on social media where you can find her as "Medicare Mama" or @TheMedicareFamily. Her third-generation family insurance business is in central Indiana and licensed in all 50 states. Learn more at The Medicare Family.com.

Governor Braun takes steps to improve retention of correctional officers & reduce recidivism

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun signed two executive orders Wednesday centered on the viduals and working with

Indiana Department of Correction

The first executive order aims to help inmates secure gainful employment after they are released to lower the rates of inmates going directly from in-

carceration to homelessness and reoffending.

The second executive order aims to improve working conditions for correctional officers with a comprehensive approach. Under this executive order, the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction will develop a comprehensive plan to improve employee retention, including collecting feedback about work environment and areas for improvement from employees, ensuring that employee training is providing new hires with the knowledge and skills they'll need to perform, and using benchmarks and metrics tracked by facility to

provement. **Executive Order 25-46** Improving Opportunity and Reducing Recidivism by Improving the Path for Reentry within the Department of Correction

monitor employee turnover

and identity areas for im-

"Hoosiers are safer when inmates have a clear pathway toward gainful employment and stable housing after they are released," Gov. Braun said. "This executive order aims to lower the reoffending rate by helping formerly incarcerated individuals find work and avoid homelessness."

Keeping Hoosiers safe from crime is always priority one for this administration on any issue of corrections and criminal justice.

Because a high percentage of crime is committed by individuals that have already been incarcerated, an important strategy to lower crime is to reduce recidivism, or reoffending among inmates after they have served their time.

One key factor to reduce recidivism is employment. Former inmates who are unable to maintain employment in the three years after release reoffend at a rate of 52 percent. For those who do maintain employment, that recidivism rate plummets to 16 percent.

Another factor is housing: inmates who are released as homeless are 50 percent more likely to reof-

This executive order aims to reduce the recid-

ivism rate by improving employment pathways for formerly incarcerated indi-

> community partners to secure temporary housing for individuals upon release.

Executive Order 25-47 Promoting Public Safety and **Prison Security** by Directing

the Indiana Department of Correction to Implement Strategies to Improve Employee Retention

"Our corrections officers have a really tough job, and do it exceptionally well," Gov. Braun said. "Today, I'm taking action to make sure we retain our great correctional employees with a comprehensive approach to employee retention: we'll be improving training, listening to employees' feedback on their work environment and leadership effectiveness, and using data to identify high turnover areas where we can improve."

Indiana Department of Correction employees oversee more than 24,000 inmates in 21 facilities, and more than 7,000 parolees.

Due to the demanding and sometimes dangerous nature of their work, correctional officers experience high levels of on-the-job stress and burnout.

This executive order is designed to improve employee retention in this important field.

This executive order directs the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction to develop a comprehensive strategy for improving employee retention, specifically including: · Establishing bench-

- marks and quarterly reports related to employee turnover, with a breakdown by facility, parole district, business unit, and shift assignment to identify areas for improvement.
- · Evaluating onboarding and training practices, including establishing a four-week 'pre-service' academic program followed by on-the-job training.
- Developing a comprehensive retention plan using employee surveys and exit interviews to gather feedback on working conditions and refine retention strate-

Governor Mike Braun was a national leader on improving working conditions for correctional officers in the U.S. Senate: his bipartisan Federal Prison Oversight Act to improve working conditions and keep federal corrections officers safe was signed into law last year.

Sen. Jim Banks introduces bill requiring universities to disclose gifts from foreign adversaries

Submitted by Office of Sen. Jim Banks

Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced on sponsors.

Tuesday the Safeguarding American Education From Foreign Control Act. This bill requires universities disclose gifts disclose gifts they receive from foreign adversaries, regardless of the amount of the gift

Banks or contract. Sen. Banks said this bill aligns with President Trump's America First agenda by preventing foreign money and influence from infiltrating our higher education institutions. Rep. Erin Houchin (R-Ind.-9) is introducing the companion bill in the House.

"Americans deserve to know if universities are accepting money from our enemies like China, Iran, Russia, and North Korea," Sen. Banks said. "This bill delivers that transparency and stops hostile nations from hiding their influence on our campuses."

Senators Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) are co-

> This bill has been endorsed by The Manhattan Institute.

> > **Key provisions** Requiring Disclosures Universities Must Report: all gift disclosures from foreign

sources associated with a covered nation (Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea); reports from Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; and

investigations enacted by the Department of Education · Guaranteeing transparency by ensuring the Department of Education

transmits disclosure reports to the FBI, ODNI, and Department of State · Enforcing account-

ability by allowing the FBI and the ODNI to request the DOJ bring forward action for inability to comply with disclosure requirements.

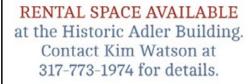
Click here to read the full text of the bill.



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BIDDING OPENS: Thursday, April 3rd @ Noon SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Saturday, April 19th @ 6pm PREVIEW DATES: Thursday, April 17th from Noon - 6pm

PICK-UP DAYS: Monday, April 21st Noon - 6pm Tuesday, April 22nd Noon - 6pm

Coins, Morgan Dollars, Silver Certificates; Proof Sets, Arrowheads; Vtg. Prison Locks, Padlocks; Advertising & Road Signs; Thermometers, Oil Lamps; St. Clair, Joe Rice, Fenton; Gibson, Prestige & More; Hull Pottery, Jadeite, Crocks; Nesting Hen Collection; Salt & Pepper Shakers; Sterling Silver & Costume Jewelry; Marbles, Cast Iron, Lightning Rods; Antiques & Uniques; Toys & Pet Supplies; Household & Furniture; Curio Cabinets; Antique Furniture; 6' Lifetime Tables; Electric Dryer, Lift Chair; Wrought Iron & Wicker Patio Furniture; Lots More Good Stuff!

Atlanta Indiana Post Office; Mail Sorter Desk; 1963 Coca-Cola Machine; Sports Trading Cards; Die-Cast Farm Toys, Cars & Trucks; Nascar & Hot Wheels; Cast Iron Railroad Crossing Sign; Char-Broil 6-Burner Gas Grill; Land Honor H-D Plate Compactor (New); Push Mowers, Yard Sprayers; Lawn Equipment & Tools; 1994 White LT 16 Riding Mower; Metal Shelving Units; Cement Mixer, Rolling Tool Chests; Stihl Chainsaw, McCullough Tree Saw; Sandblasting Cabinet; Hand Tools, Power Tools; Scaffolding, Drywall Lift; Work Benches, More!

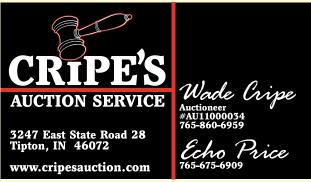
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To View Complete Sale Bill Including Pictures & Terms and to Register & Start Bidding: Click the Calendar Link @ www.cripesauction.com

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> www.cripesauction@yahoo.com Wade Cripe, Auctioneer #AU11000034





State Treasurer asks legislators to reject last-minute provision giving power to bank executives

Submitted by Office of ple of big govern-**Treasurer Daniel Elliott**

On Thursday, lobbyists from the Indiana Bankers Association added a provision to the budget at the last minute that Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott says will negatively impact Hoosier taxpayers and local governments.

He says this change was a backroom deal that gives control of TrustINdiana and tax dollars to big banks and their lobbyists. It establishes a board of bank executives who will direct the Treasurer's office to place taxpayer money into their own banks, which will lower taxpavers' return on investments and enrich their own bottom lines. "This is a perfect examment at its worst," Treasurer Elliott said. "Hoosier taxpayers have put their trust in me to invest their hard-earned dollars wisely - and that's exactly what we have

done. This provision puts over \$1 billion through bank executives and lobbyists in charge of TrustINdiana with no accountability to taxpayers. I urge the legvision and protect Hoosier taxpayers and their investments. While I commend the Senate Appropriations Committee for maintaining Indiana's strong fiscal position with a balanced



budget; it's imperative we give Hoosier taxpayers the return on their investments that they deserve and expect."

Since Treasurer Elliott has taken office, his office has returned smart and innovative invest-

ment strategies.

About TrustINdiana

TrustINdiana islature to reject this pro- bines funds from many local governments, which allows them to get better returns than they would on their own. The program follows strict rules to keep the money safe, and it makes sure that each city, town, or school can get their funds whenever they need them. This helps local leaders plan and pay for important things like fixing roads, improving parks, and supporting schools.

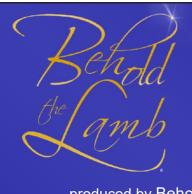
Community News

Eagle Creek Evangelical Christian Church invites you to gospel concert

Mark your calendar now for a special gospel concert at Eagle Creek Evangelical Christian Church in Westfield.

The concert will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

The church is located at 18325 Eagletown Road. Feel free to bring your friends – they will thank you! Light refreshments will be available.



Come Experience the 35th Annual Hamilton County Passion Play Featuring over 200 costumed actors and musicians from communities across central Indiana

produced by Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc. an independent 501c3 nonprofit ministry

Noblesville High School Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, April 9 - 7:00 pm Thursday, April 10 - 7:00 pm Friday, April 11 - 7:00 pm Saturday, April 12 - 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

A Spectacular Live Theatre Tradition Since 1991!

Ticket Required for Admission - Seating is Limited Order FREE tickets online at beholdthelamb.com or

the Performing Arts Center. Childcare is not available. BeholdTheLamb.com

Rokita racks robocallers with repeat reckoning

Indiana warns nine phone providers to stop unlawful robocall traffic or face legal consequences

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and the 51 bipartisan Attorneys General of the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force have notified nine voice service providers that they may be violating state and federal laws by continuing to route allegedly unlawful robocalls across their networks.

These warning letters include information about the task force's investigation and analysis of each provider's illegal and/or suspicious robocall traffic.

"Hoosiers are fed up with these relentless robocalls that disrupt their lives and, worse, try to steal their hard-earned money or personal information," AG Rokita said. "Our office is staying on the offensive, using every tool at our disposal to shut down these scammers and protect Indiana families. If the telecom industry won't clean up its act, we will."

These letters continue AG Rokita's ongoing efforts to curb robocalls, which have included lawsuits, settlements, and penalties totaling millions of dollars against companies facilitating illegal call traffic. The latest action targets voice service providers suspected of knowingly routing scam calls.

In addition to sending these warning notices and demanding that these companies stop transmitting illegal robocalls, the task force has also shared its concerns about these providers with it federal law enforcement

partners, including the Federal Communications Commission(FCC).

The task force sent warning letters to the following companies:

 Global Net Holdings. Global

Net Holdings received at least 153 traceback notices for illegal and suspicious robocalls about government and financial imposters and impersonations, Amazon suspicious charges, credit card interest rate reductions, Medicare scams, Chinese package delivery scams, cable discount scams, utility disconnect scams, and others.

 All Access Telecom. All Access Telecom received more than 356 traceback notices since the end of 2023 for illegal and suspicious robocalls about impersonations, political cable discount scams, government and financial imposters, Amazon suspicious received more than 500 charges, credit card "courtesy" calls, and others.

• Lingo Telecom. Lingo received more than 105 traceback notices since the end of 2023 over robocalls involving Social Security imposters, utility disconnects, Amazon suspicious charges, student loans, and

others. • NGL Communications. NGL Communications received at least 100 traceback notices since the end of 2023 for robocalls about COVID financial relief, student loan forgiveness, debt relief, DirecTV discounts, credit card in-

terest rate reductions, and others. Range.

Range received more than 590 traceback notices since 2019 for robocalls about utilities rebates, Medicare advisors, financial im-

Rokita personations and credit card interest rate reductions, auto warranties, and others.

> RSCom Ltd. RSCom received nearly 1,000 traceback notices since 2019 for scam calls about tax relief, private entity imposters, utilities disconnects, travel scams, student loan forgiveness, and others.

> • Telcast Network. Telcast received at least 800 traceback notices about illegal and suspicious robocalls about financial and utility imposters, utilities rebates, Medicare advisors, Amazon, tax relief, and others.

> ThinO Technolo-ThinQ Technologies (known as Commio) traceback notices since 2019 about government imposters, debt relief/financing, loan approvals, Amazon suspicious charges, student loan forgiveness, DirecTV discounts, sweepstakes, and others.

> • Telcentris. Telcentris (known as Voxox) received more than 400 traceback notices since 2019 about scam calls about Social Security imposters, Amazon scam, student loans, and others.

Rokita and his office's Data Privacy and Identity Theft team declared war on

See *Rokita* . . . Page 10







"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



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lights the collective efforts

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to Live rankings using rig-

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input from resident reviews.

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housing, diversity and pub-

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7th Best Place to Live in

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Click here to read Carm-

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In addition to the state-

nity quality.

Carmel achieves top spot in 2025 Niche.com rankings

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel has long been a source of pride for its residents, and now, Niche has recognized the city as the No. 1 Best Place to Live in Indiana for 2025, awarding an overall A+ grade. This recognition underscores the community's commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for all residents.

Carmel also received top honors in key categories, including:

• No. 1 Best Place to Raise a Family in Indiana

• No. 1 Place with the Best Public Schools in In-

• No. 2 Best Suburb to Live in America

These distinctions reflect Carmel's dedication to providing a high quality of life, characterized by strong public safety initiatives, excellent educational opportunities and a thriving community atmosphere.

"We are grateful for this recognition, which high-

Don't miss these upcoming events at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

Tickets are available now for these upcoming events at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to TheCenterPresents. org or call (317) 843-3800.

Micky Dolenz of the Monkees: An Evening of Songs & Stories Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. Payne & Mencias **Palladium**

Micky Dolenz is an actor, singer, director, producer, writer and radio DJ, best known as a vocalist and drummer for 1960s pop sensations the Monkees. The band achieved great success not only as a TV series, but also as recording artists, selling more than 65 million records and achieving worldwide fame. Their first four albums topped the charts and spawned No. 1 singles including "Last Train to Clarksville" and "I'm a Believer," both with lead vocals by Dolenz. Recent projects have included a four-song EP, Dolenz Sings R.E.M., a 2023 book of photos and stories titled I'm Told I Had A Good Time, and a new album,

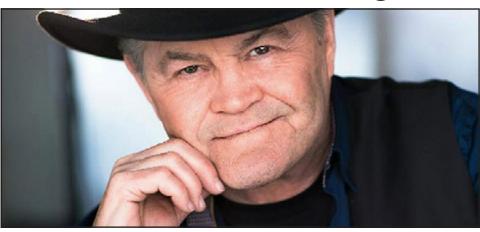


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Micky Dolenz of The Monkees will perform at the Payne & Mencias Palladium on April 25.

Live at the Troubadour.

KSM CPAs & Advisors is the sponsor for this Pop/ Rock Series event.

Black Violin Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. Payne & Mencias Palladium

Violinist Kev Marcus and violist Wil Baptiste first played together at a performing arts high school in Award-winning team be-Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Classically trained by day, they listened to hip-hop at night, and after college, they developed a club act that took them to a win on Showtime at the Apollo. Merging classical virtuosity and structure with modern beats and

tones, they have worked most eye-catching footage with artists from Kanye West to Tom Petty, Lupe Fiasco to Aerosmith.

The Making of Our **Planet** with Dan Tapster Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Payne & Mencias

Palladium **Emmy** From the hind Netflix's Our Planet series comes a new natural history speaker series: The Making of Our Planet. This immersive stage show features behind-the-scenes stories from the explorers, filmmakers and scientists who created some of the

of the natural world, with a focus on climate fragility and climate migration. Presenter Dan Tapster is an eight-time Emmy-nominated showrunner who began his career with the **BBC** Natural History Unit and has worked on series including Sir David Attenborough's Life of Mammals, MythBusters (Discovery Channel) and Life on Our Planet (Netflix). A free matinee presentation is scheduled for local school groups.

Old Town is the sponsor for this Family Series event.

Rokita

recognized Carmel as the robocallers in 2021, filing a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against Startel Communithe 27th Best Place to Raise cation LLC, a now-banned a Family in America (of gateway operation that allowed robocallers from India, the Philippines and

Singapore to freely harass

same year, Rokita dismantled the massive Associated Community Services (ACS) telefunding operation, which swindled \$110 million from 67 million consumers nationwide who

Hoosier phone lines. That thought they were donating to charities.

> AG Rokita's leadership in the 51-member bipartisan Anti-Robocall Task Force has positioned Indiana at the forefront of national efforts to combat

robocalls. His office continues to collaborate with federal partners, including the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, to trace and eliminate illegal call networks.

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SUMMER







WESTFIELD GREEN DAY

APRIL 26 | 12 - 2 P.M.

WESTFIELD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MAY 10 | 12 - 3 P.M.

Presented by Centier Bank

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

JUNE 18 | 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Presented by Centier Bank

WESTFIELD ROCKS THE 4TH

JULY 4 | 4 - 10:30 P.M.

Presented by Citizen's Energy Group

JAKE LAIRD DAY

AUGUST 5 | 5 - 8 P.M.

MOVIES IN THE PLAZA

MAY 28, JUNE 25, JULY 30, AUGUST 27 | 7:30 P.M.

WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET

MAY 8 - SEPTEMBER 4 (THURSDAYS) | 5 - 8 P.M.

NO MARKET ON JULY 3

Presented by Duke Energy

JAMS AT THE JUNCTION

JUNE 6, JUNE 27, JULY 25, AUGUST 8, AUGUST 15 | 7 P.M.

KIDS SUMMER SERIES

JUNE 10 - JULY 29 (TUESDAYS) | 10 - 11:30 A.M. NO EVENT ON JULY 1

CREEK STOMPS

JUNE 5 - JULY 31 (THURSDAYS) | 10 - 11 A.M. **NO EVENT ON JULY 3**

WORKOUT WEDNESDAYS

YOGA JUNE 11 | 8:30 A.M. **YOGA JUNE 18** | 6 P.M. **JAZZERCISE JUNE 25 | 8:30 A.M. JAZZERCISE JULY 9** | 6 P.M.



Spring highlights & dark energy topics of Observatory open house

The REPORTER

How is dark energy expanding the universe?

Learn more about efforts to understand and measure its effects at Indiana University Kokomo's free Observatory open house Sunday, April 13.

Patrick Motl, dean of the School of Sciences professor of physics, will begin the open house at 8 p.m. with recent results from the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) experiment, which indicates a variable dark

energy and has measured distances to millions of gal-

The DESI survey is being conducted on the Mayall four-meter telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Tucson, Ariz.

After the presentation. stargazers may be able to see Jupiter and Mars as well as the spring highlights – the spring galaxies in Leo, Coma, and Virgo - through the Observatory's telescopes. They include a six-inch Takahashi refracting telescope and a larger light-collecting area.



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16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its

Observation will continue through 10 p.m., weather permitting.

The Observatory is located at 2660 S. Washington St., Kokomo. Free parking is available on

Aspiring playwright? Sign up for ATI LabSeries DIY Playwriting Workshop

Submitted

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) announces the continued expansion of its LAB Series with the second annual DIY Playwriting Workshop.

Registrants will join accomplished playwright, educator, and new works expert Andrew Kramer as he provides writing prompts, guidance, and inspiration for participants to start writing their own script. Then they will have the rare and thrilling experience of hearing their words brought to life by professional actors as they read excerpts from the brandnew works. Both novice and experienced writers are encouraged to participate.

Click here to sign up for

The workshop is free, but registration is capped at 15 and available on a firstcome, first-served basis.

Workshop classes will consist three twohour writing sessions from 6 to 8 p.m. July 9 and 10

and 4 to 6 p.m. July 11.

The short scenes or monologues created during those classes will then be read by a cast of professional actors in a free public performance at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12. Click here to get your tickets to the free reading.

All classes, as well as the public performance, will be held at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

About Andrew Kramer

Andrew Kramer is a playwright, director, and new play dramaturg originally from Cleveland, Ohio. He is the Literary Director of American Lives Theatre Musical Theatre Lab with

in Indianapactors theatre production of Will Arbery's indiana Heroes of the live, professional, theatre. Fourth Turn-

> ing and returns this season to direct Samuel D. Hunter's A Case for The Existence of God (April 2024).

> Kramer is a graduate of Ball State University's Department of Theatre & Dance and a proud alumnus of the Emerging Writer's Group at The Public Theatre. His plays have been developed through The Downstage Left Playwriting Residency at Stage Left Theatre, The Nord Playwriting Fellowship at Cleveland Public Theatre, the Groundbreakers Playwrights' Group with the terra NOVA Theatre Collective, the SigWorks

Signature Theatre, the Ingram New Works Lab at Nashville Repertory Theatre and the Core Apprentice Writer Program at The Playwrights Center.

Kramer was a finalist for the Forward Flux's New American Plays Commission. His work has been seen in Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago, Brooklyn, Kansas City, Lincoln, Louisville, Nashville, Houston, Williamsburg, Va., New York City, Sacramento, Washington, D.C., Cairns, Australia, and Bucharest, Romania.

About the ATI LAB Series

The ATI LAB Series is the company's commitment to nurturing and developing new plays and musicals through readings and workshops. This program is a partnership with the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation and American Lives Theatre.



NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (GRAND JUNCTION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the 'Commission'), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on February 18, 2025, adopted its Resolution No. 07-2025 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the Grand Junction Economic Development Area, each as previously amended (the "2025 Amendments"). The 2025 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") as an economic evelopment area (such new area, the "2025 Area") and consolidate the 2025 Area with the existing Grand Junction Economic Development Area (collectively, the "Area"), (ii) remove certain parcels from the original Grand Junction Economic Development Allocation Area, (iii) designate certain parcels as a separate allocation area, to be known as the "Ambrose Allocation Area," (iv) expand the original Grand Junction Economic Development Allocation Area to include all of the parcels in the 2025 Area by designating such portion of the 2025 Area as an allocation area, (v) amend the expiration date for the allocation provisions for the parcels that were originally included in the Grand Junction Economic Development Allocation Area under the Commission's Resolution No. 5-2009, adopted on July 9, 2009, and (vi) adopt the Plan, together with a supplement thereto (the "2025 Plan Supplement"), as the development plan for the 2025 Area, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.

A detailed description of the proposed 2025 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the 2025 Area and copies of the 2025 Plan Supplement and the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economi

evelopment, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2025 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written emonstrances to the 2025 Amendments may be filed with the Commission price to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at fairman@westfield.in.gov. At the public hearing, which may be adjourned from ime to time, the Commission will also determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2025 Amendments, whether the proposed 2025 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan and the purposes of the Act, and whether the Plan, with the proposed 2025 Amendments

conforms to the comprehensive plan for the City.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R6036

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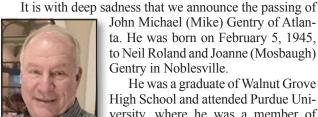






John Michael Gentry

February 5, 1945 - April 8, 2025



John Michael (Mike) Gentry of Atlanta. He was born on February 5, 1945, to Neil Roland and Joanne (Mosbaugh) Gentry in Noblesville.

He was a graduate of Walnut Grove High School and attended Purdue University, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He served as a medic in the U.S Army from 1966 to 1968 and was stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C. On July 19, 1969. he married his high school sweetheart, Donna (Balser) Gentry.

Mike spent his entire career working in the grain business and was well-known by farmers in central Indiana for his knowledge of marketing. He was employed first by Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op and then went on to manage Yorktown Grain and two large terminals in Beech Grove. In 1996, he and his partner started their own business in Noblesville called Indiana Grain. They specialized in grain merchandising and commodity trading. He was still working there at the time of his 80th birthday.

Mike had many interests besides working. He enjoyed his second home in Las Vegas, going to Raiders football games with friends, weekend trips to Lake Wawasee, driving his beloved Ford truck, maintaining his farm, and spending time with family. He was also an avid gun and coin collector.

Mike is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna; his two daughters, Malinda Ellen of Chicago and Catherine Anne of Noblesville; his grandchildren, Antoine Jameson Gentry-Wilkinson with the U.S Army, Fort Campbell, Ky., Raegan Joanne Gentry-Wilkinson and Julius Michael Gentry-Wilkinson, both of Noblesville; his sister, Sherry Minton (Terry) of Anderson; his nephew, Randy Reifel of Carmel; his niece, Heidi Barnett of Anderson; brothers-in-law, Jeffrey Balser (Charlotte) of Anderson and John Balser (Dawn) of Arcadia; and two great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Arcadia Christian Church, followed by the burial with military honors at Aroma Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Aroma Community Church, 16301 E. 281st St., Atlanta, IN 46031.

In remembering Mike, we encourage you to upload photos and share your cherished memories of him on the memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve as a lasting tribute to a man whose life was a testament to love, generosity, and unwavering strength.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

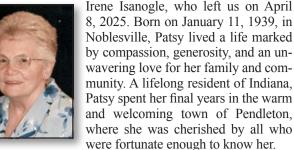
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The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print. Families and funeral homes are asked to submit

obituaries at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform

Patsy Irene Isanogle January 11, 1939 - April 8, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Patsy



Patsy was a beacon of support and stability, not just in her family, but also in her professional life. She served as the Indiana Financial Budget Manager for AT&T at the end of her illustrious career, leaving an indelible mark on the telecommunications industry.

Despite her demanding career, Patsy always found time to pursue her passions. An avid reader, she also loved quilting and sewing, often crafting beautiful outfits for her grandchildren or making Christmas ornaments to distribute at family gatherings. Her culinary skills were legendary, earning her awards at state fair cooking contests.

Patsy's love for music started in childhood, where she took part in recitals that nurtured her passion over the years. As she grew older, she began playing piano for various church congregations, sharing her gift and touching hearts through her music. Patsy was raised in Omega Christian Church, where she found a wonderful church home. She often said, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

Patsy's loving spirit is carried on by her children, Neil (Edwinna) Dent, Melanie Dent, Paul (Beth) Dent, Dawn Dent, and Ben (Stephani) Isanogle; grandchildren, Rebekah (Jason) Williams, Rachel Riefel, Richard Hawk (Kate Mills), Crystal (Steve) Ulery, Sandra (Kelly) Marsh, Renee (Ken) Harris, Ravetta (James) Corley, Joni Dent (Drew Boruff), Joshua (Amanda) Dent, Elizabeth Stone, Candy Stone, Anthony (Colleen) Dent, Chris (April) Dent, Breanne Hines (fiancé Kris), Wade Ellis, Wesley (Sarah) Ellis, Olivia Isanogle, and Reagan Isanogle; as well as 37 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Ann (Harrell) Morris and Joe (Linda) Eller.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Lois Eller; her dear husband, Jan Isanogle; her beloved daughter, Lisa Isanogle, and Ed Riefel.

Our family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Fall Creek Retirement Village for the care they have provided us the last six years.

Please join us to celebrate the life of Patsy Isanogle, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Visitation will take place from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. with pastor Neal Brown officiating. For those unable to attend in person, a live stream of the service will be available at my.gather.app/remember/patsy-isanogle.

In remembering Patsy, we encourage you to upload photos and share your cherished memories of her on the memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve as a lasting tribute to a woman whose life was a testament to love, generosity, and unwavering strength.

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in Meeting Room C at Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville,

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, in the Library/Media Center at Sher-

idan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE GRAIN OFFERING

"Every grain offering you bring to the LORD" must be made without yeast, for you are not to burn any yeast or honey in a food offering presented to the Lord. You may bring them to the Lord as an offering of the firstfruits, but they are not to be offered on the altar as a pleasing aroma. Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.

"If you bring a grain offering of firstfruits to the LORD, offer crushed heads of new grain roasted in the fire. Put oil and incense on it; it is a grain offering. The priest shall burn the memorial portion of the crushed grain and the oil, together with all the incense, as a food offering presented to the LORD.

Leviticus 2:11-16 (NIV)

Donald Edward Hughes February 19, 1941 – April 1, 2025

Donald Edward Hughes, 84, Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Evansville, Ind., on February

> 19, 1941 to Oscar and Pauline Hughes. Don graduated from Bosse High School and attended the University of Evansville, laying the foundation for a life marked by hard work and service. Don was a man whose life was defined

by his faith, generosity, and love for his family. He was a devoted member of Deep Creek Community Church in Punta Gorda. He and his late son Kyle shared a heartfelt ministry distributing thousands of copies of Jesus Calling, touching countless lives. His faith was not only his guide but his mission-he found joy in sharing the love of Christ with others and was known for his warm smile, encouraging spirit, and servant's heart.

Over the years, Don built a successful career with companies such as RCA, Magnavox, and Signetics, where he traveled extensively as the worldwide account manager for General Motors. He later transitioned into entrepreneurship, owning and operating a small business in the automotive industry until his retirement. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Don loved coaching and cheering on his children and grandchildren. He found joy in simple pleasures – fishing, shelling on the beach, and spending time outdoors. His backyard was a personal sanctuary and a place of gathering, thoughtfully created with waterfalls, koi ponds, gardens, and a sport court, all designed to bring people together.

He is survived by his son, Ryan Hughes (Kim); daughters, Kendra Hoyt (Dave) and Krista Broshears; and his beloved grandchildren: Simon, Abigail, Kerry, Christian, Charlie, Breanna, and Grace. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and his beloved son, Kyle Edward Hughes.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a service at 1 p.m., on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. He will be laid to rest at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made Wounded Waters (woundedwaters.org) continuing Don's legacy of faith, hope, and love.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Softball-

Huskies power to first win

By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

ARCADIA - The Hamilton Heights softball team ran away with a home game against Anderson on Thursday, winning 14-0 in five innings for its first victory of the season.

The Huskies scored all of their runs in the first three innings. Heights put up two runs in the opening inning, then scored six in the second and another six in the third.

Kamryn Rhoton finished the second inning with a two-run home run to left field, also scoring junior Melanee Forrester. Rhoton had already driven in a run in the first inning, scoring freshman McKenzie Jackson with a sacrifice fly. Rhoton then doubled in two runs in the third, giving her five RBIs for the game.

Heather Crays had two hits, a triple and a double, and scored two runs. Jackson doubled in two runs in the second inning and scored three runs for the game.

The Huskies have a new coach this year, but she is familiar with the program. Shelby Wills is a 2017 Heights graduate and she played on the Huskies teams that won back-to-back regional championships in 2015 and 2016.

Wills said coaching the first few games has been "a little nerve-wracking, because I love this program so much. I grew up in it. I be-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) Hamilton Heights pitcher Lily Cash threw eight strikeouts during the Huskies' 14-0 win over Anderson Thursday. (BELOW) Melanee Forrester batted in two runs.

lieve that we have the potential to go very far deep into the season with the girls that we have. We have so much talent and I'm excited to see where they go and how we continue to work after tonight's win."

The Huskies have seven freshmen on the roster, including Jackson and Audrey Cain, who had two hits and scored two runs. Rhoton and Crays are still sophomores. Heights has two seniors, but both are significant contributors: Hailey Hall scored three runs, while Isabel Morrow drove in one run and scored another.

Junior Lily Cash pitched



the entire game, striking out eight while allowing four

The Huskies are 1-2 and play at Taylor this after-

Baseball-

Tigers come back to win HCC opener

The REPORTER

The Fishers baseball team came back to win its

winning 4-3 at Zionsville. The Tigers scored their first run in the top of the first inning, with Deagan Repp getting home on Zander Carnahan's RBI groundout. The Eagles put up all three of their runs in the third inning and held that 3-1 lead through the second inning.

Fishers got a run back in the third when Repp scored on an error. Carnahan tied the game in the fourth inning, leading off with a home run. Trevor Hall scored the go-ahead run later in the inning and the Tigers stayed in front from there.

Hall and Luke Cherry both had two hits. Owen Sanders went five innings for the win, throwing three strikeouts. Owen Lukac got three strikeouts in the sixth inning, then Carnahan

pitched the seventh, striking Jordan, Ethan Colling and

Hoosier Crossroads Confer- and hosts Zionsville this and Nick Fero drove in two nings in relief, with four ence opener on Thursday, evening to complete the runs each. Sam Flickinger strikeouts. HCC series.

> Westfield began its Tennessee Spring Break trip Thursday with a 10-0, five-inning win over Mount Juliet (Tenn.)

The Shamrocks scored three runs in the first inning, then put up five more in the second inning. Matt Drozlek drove in four runs, including an RBI single in the first inning, then had a two-RBI left field hit in the second inning. In the third inning, Lincoln Hoffman led off with a double, then Drozlek sent him home with another left field hit. Johnny Ewing scored on a passed ball in the fourth inning.

Drozlek finished 3-for-4 at the plate. Anthony Cimini was 3-for-3 and scored one run. Hoffman, Beck

Robbie Brandenburg all hit innings, striking out three. Fishers is 4-0 overall one double, while Colling Dylan Cope pitched 2.2 inpitched four innings for the win; he struck out seven, including a strike out of the side in the third inning.

Westfield is 3-0 and plays two games today, taking on Trousdale at 4:30 p.m. and Friendship Christian at 7 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern dropped its Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener on Thursday, falling to Brownsburg 3-1 at home.

The Bulldogs scored one run each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. The Royals did get a run back in the seventh inning: Cy Cole led off with a triple, then scored on Clark Bucher's sacrifice fly.

What's your Real

Michael Hoog went 4.1

Southeastern is 3-3 overall and plays at Brownsburg this evening to complete the

Carmel fell to Brebeuf Jesuit 8-1 in a Thursday away game.

The Grevhounds scored their run in the first inning when Parker Heaney doubled home Jay Stein. The Braves tied the game in the third inning, then scored five in the fourth to take control of the game.

Evan Vogt also hit a double. Nolan Sunsdahl pitched 2.2 innings, tossing six strikeouts.

Carmel is 2-1 and hosts North Central this afternoon at Hartman Field.

Women's Basketball-

Shade part of UConn national title team

The REPORTER

Noblesville native Ashlynn Shade was a part of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team that became national champions last Sunday.

The Huskies won their record 12th national title by defeating defending champion South Carolina 82-59 in the title game at Tampa, Fla. UConn outscored the Gamecocks in each of the four quarters, leading 36-26 at halftime and 62-42 after three periods.

Shade finished game with four points, two assists and two steals. She played in all 40 games for the Huskies, starting in 12 of them, and averaged 7.7 points and 2.7 rebounds per game for the season.

Shade played for Noblesville her first three years, winning a Class 4A state championship with the Millers in 2022. She transferred to La Lumiere in La Porte for her senior season, graduating in 2023.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11

BASEBALL

Westfield at Trousdale (Tenn.), 4:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 6 p.m. Noblesville at Avon, 6 p.m. North Central at Carmel, 6 p.m. Zionsville at Fishers, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Fishers at Castle Invitational, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Castle Invitational, 4 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Noblesville at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12

BASEBALL

University tournament, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Anderson at Hamilton Heights doubleheader, 11 a.m. Fort Wayne Carroll at Noblesville, 11 a.m. Lewis Cass at Sheridan, 11 a.m. Mount Vernon at Fishers doubleheader, 11 a.m. Penn at Carmel doubleheader, noon Westfield at Goodpasture Christian (Tenn.), 1 p.m. Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 2 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE Brebeuf Jesuit at Noblesville, TBA **GIRLS LACROSSE** Carmel at Galipault Tournament, TBD

GOLF Sheridan, University at Cardinal Ritter Classic, 8 a.m. at Eagle Creek Pines Course Guerin Catholic at Rochester Invitational, 9 a.m. Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at Yorktown Invitational, 10 a.m. at The Players Club

Guerin Catholic at Harrison Invitational, 1:30 p.m. at Coyote Crossing **SOFTBALL** Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 10 a.m.

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Castle Invitational, TBD

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Noblesville wins conference opener

The REPORTER

The Noblesville baseball team won its Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener Thursday, beating Avon 4-2 at Dunker Field.

The Millers got on the board in the third inning when Tanner Miller hit a left field double to score Trevor Corbett and McCoy Fulk. The Orioles tied the game in the fifth inning, but Noblesville came back with two runs in the sixth. Cole Schott scored the go-ahead run when Aiden Reynolds

reached on an error, then Jalen Stidham got home on Corbett's left field single.

Corbett had two hits in the game. Joe Glander pitched a complete game, striking out 10 and allowing only three hits.

The Millers are 3-4 and play at Avon to complete the series. Noblesville hosts Fort Wayne Carroll at 11 a.m. Saturday. Be sure to read the Reporter on Monday for more in-depth reporting on Noblesville's games.

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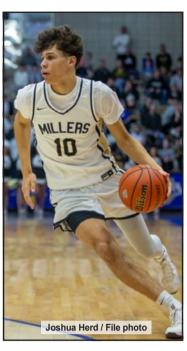
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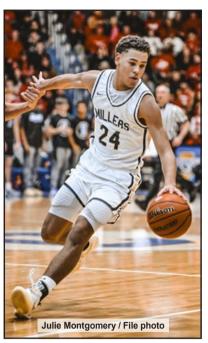
Boys Basketball











(From left) Justin Kirby, Fishers, who was named the Reporter's Player of the Year; Bryson Cardinal, Guerin Catholic; Justin Curry, Noblesville; Jason Gardner, Jr., Fishers; and Baron Walker, Noblesville, comprise this year's All-County Boys Basketball first team.

Hamilton County Reporter reveals 2025 All-County Boys Basketball team

Fishers High School's Justin Kirby named Player of the Year

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter announces its All-County Boys Basketball

Reporter's Player of the Year. The Miami (Ohio) recruit was an integral part of the Tigers' 30-1 season and journey to a Class 4A runner-up finish. Kirby, who is nois and Missouri State.

an Indiana All-Star for 2025, averaged 13.1 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game.

Guerin Catholic senior Bryson Cardi-Fishers senior Justin Kirby is the nal was the county's leading scorer with 19.1 points and also the top rebounder with 9.4 per game. Cardinal has received Division I offers, including Eastern Illi-

Noblesville's Justin Curry is one Gardner led the very balanced Fishers of two Junior All-Stars on the Millers' team. Curry helped Noblesville to a 19-6 record, averaging 15.6 points per game

factor in the Tigers' remarkable season.

team in scoring with 14.5 points per game and led in assists with 5.3 per contest.

The other Noblesville junior All-Star and led the team in rebounding with 5.6 is **Baron Walker** and he rounds out the First Team. Walker averaged 15.7 points Another Fishers player, sophomore per game to lead the Millers and was also Jason Gardner Jr., was another key strong in rebounds with 4.0 and assists with 2.7 per game.





(weather permitting)

Upcoming Broadcasts

Thurs April 10 - Baseball and Girls Lacrosse

6:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | Hoosier Crossroads Conference | Baseball | HCTV Sports 7:20 pm Brebeuf vs Center Grove | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Sat April 12 - High School Baseball & College Lacrosse

11:00 am Carrolll vs Noblesville | Baseball | HCTV Sports

1:50 pm Purdue vs Indiana | 2025 Men's DI College Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Tues April 16 - Softball & Girls Lacrosse

6:00 pm Fishers vs Noblesville | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm Noblesville Common Council Meeting April 15, 2025 | Hamilton County TV

7:20 pm Cathedral vs Zionsville | 2025 Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Thurs April 18 - Softball, Girls Lacrosse and Boys Volleyball

5:15 pm New Palestine vs Hamilton Southeastern | Softball | Southeastern Sports

5:50 pm Harrison vs Heritage Christian | Boys Volleyball | Indiana SRN

7:20 pm Zionsville vs Carmel | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Fri April 19 - Baseball

5:45 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Baseball | Southeastern Sports Network 7:00 pm Fishers vs Noblesville | Baseball | HCTV Sports

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Hamilton County Reporter's All-County Boys Basketball Teams

FIRST TEAM

School Name Grade **Bryson Cardinal Guerin Catholic** Senior **Justin Curry** Noblesville **Junior** Jason Gardner Jr. **Fishers** Sophomore Justin Kirby **Fishers** Senior Baron Walker Noblesville Junior

SECOND TEAM

School Grade Name JonAnthony Hall Senior **Fishers** University Max McComb Senior Westfield **Durante Morton** Senior Hamilton Heights **Gavin Saunders** Senior Cooper Zachary **Fishers** Sophomore

HONORABLE MENTION: Alex Couto, Carmel; Braeden Totton, Hamilton Southeastern; Caleb Wright, Sheridan.



