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MAY TO REMEMBER

But one of the most inspiring moments this May happened off the track – at the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, where we had the privilege of meeting trail-blazing women in motorsports through the groundbreaking Sim 4 STEM program. This initiative encourages young girls to get behind the wheel, break gender gaps, and imagine a future in motorsports – not just as spectators, but as drivers, engineers, and leaders.

Girls got hands-on experience with simulators, learned to change tires, check oil, and understand the mechanics and logistics that fuel this high-speed world. My younger daughter had the incredible opportunity to learn directly from Nicci Daly, a Tokyo 2020 Olympian and World Cup silver medalist, who now leads Formula Female. Alongside her was Stefy Bau, owner of Init Esports,

a three-time world champion and global advocate for diversity and inclusion in motorsports. Stefy's mentorship and advice to the girls were nothing short of empowering – reminding them they can choose any path, even in traditionally male-dominated fields.

Together, Nicci and Stefy co-founded the Sim 4 STEM program, launching one of the first-ever STEM racing simulators within a Girl Scout council – right here in Indianapolis. Their commitment to shaping the next generation of "girls in gears" is inspiring, and I am grateful for the opportunity my daughter and other Girl Scouts had to learn from these two powerful role models.

Many families across Indiana have their own ways of celebrating Race Day weekend, whether they're at the track or tuning in from home. One of my favorite traditions is

strolling through neighborhoods and local events, spotting the black-and-white checkered flags waving proudly from porches and storefronts. It's a signal: May is here, and Indy is in full gear.

Of course, the food is part of the fun. Imagine munching on cheese taters, giant pretzels, and buttery popcorn while perched on the bleachers, surrounded by cheers and the swoosh of race cars zipping by. The smell of fair food and sunscreen blends with the rumble of engines – it's a sensory celebration. Families come prepared with coolers, snacks, hydration, and plenty of SPF.

This year, however, May brought a twist – showers instead of sun. But in true Hoosier spirit, not a drizzle could dampen the day. Umbrellas popped up, ponchos made an appearance, and fans stayed rooted in joy.

SAN DIEGO

I always think about the many different opportunities I could have had growing up there, like meeting different people, spending more time with family, and gaining a different perspective on life. I see what I've missed out on all my life. What I also notice is that I don't see many people who look like me in Indiana. Growing up here, I don't really experience that. But when I'm in San Diego, I feel like I fit in more than I do here.

It's also like I'm halfway between here and there, because when I'm in San Diego, they say I'm "white-washed," and when I'm here, it feels like I'm giving in to that.

Don't get me wrong, I like it here, and I've met some great people, but it feels like I'm missing out on a lot more than I could be experiencing. Indiana is often called the boring state, and it's true for a reason. In San Diego, there's a lot to do, and I wish I could have had that life. I get to experience my culture down there and see what it could have been like to grow up there.

I hope that one day I am able to live there and experience more.

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Scanlon said. "Dorothy was always such a delight. She emanated joy. Always smiling, always so happy – this was her happy place. But she didn't come in to just get books. She always shared her life with us and wanted to hear everything about ours."

The public is warmly invited to attend the dedication and help celebrate the legacy of a woman whose life was shaped by books, and whose spirit continues to inspire all who walk through the library doors.





Because rain or shine, the Indy 500 is about heart, heritage, horsepower – and hope for the next generation.

We'd love to hear from you! Please share your Race Weekend traditions, experiences, and stories by emailing at tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.



Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

LESSONS

and ambition to keep other people at bay.”

According to Bryant, *Wit* will also bring audiences a fair number of laughs.

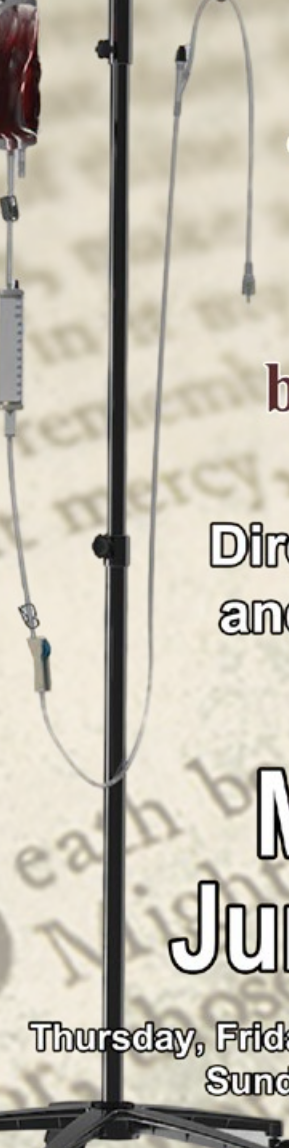
“The one thing I find really unique about this play is that even though it deals with a very heavy subject it does so with a lot of humor,” Bryant said. “It’s quite funny in many places and it also takes a pretty hard – and not necessarily

Help in the fight against Ovarian Cancer

Just by attending any performance of *Wit*, you will be helping in the fight against cancer. According to Producer Ka’Lena Cuevas, thanks to an anonymous donor, MSP is donating \$1 for every ticket sold to Ovar’Coming Together, Indiana’s ovarian cancer nonprofit dedicated to ovarian cancer awareness, education, and advocacy.

The Reporter is matching that donation. Thus, for every ticket you buy, two dollars will be donated to Ovar’Coming Together.

If any other businesses in Hamilton County would like to do the same, reach out to MSP Business VP Bill Miller via email at bill@bmiller.com. If you do, this newspaper will sing your praises on our front page for both supporting community theater and helping in the fight against cancer.



Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

Wit

by Margaret Edson

Directed by Eric Bryant
and Becky Schlomann

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positive view of the medical profession. Although I don't think that it's an indictment of the medical profession, I think it serves as a plot device for her to see her own personality reflected back to her in the form of these doctors who are interested in her as primarily research."

The other thing Bryant finds unique about this play, given the subject matter, is that it is not maudlin.

"It doesn't try to cast the main character Vivian as anything but kind of unsympathetic," Bryant said. "We start to identify with her toward the end of the play and certainly watching her journey is challenging and we see her change and progress, but it's not done in an overly sentimental or maudlin fashion."

Given the subject matter of this play, the medical terminology, and the frank discussion of anatomy, MSP recommends this show for audiences age 16 and over.

"This is a play that at its core is about humanity and human connection. Even though it is about a very difficult subject matter, it's

very uplifting at the end," Bryant said.

On Sunday, June 1, there will be an opportunity for the audience to talk to members of the cast and special guests at the playhouse.

"We are going to have some people there to discuss not just ovarian cancer, but also Brooke Conti is going to be in town to talk about the poetry of John Donne,"

Bryant said. "We're also going to have a few actors on stage to answer any questions that the audience might have."

"Thanks to the generous contribution from Frank and Katrina Basile, Main Street Productions can afford to do lesser-known but important shows such as *Wit*," MSP Business VP Bill Miller said.

Meet the Cast & Creative Team

Cast
VIVIAN BEARING, Ph.D. ... Beverly Roche
HARVEY KELEKIAN, M.D. ... Mark Kamish
JASON POSNER, M.D. ... Connor Phelan
SUSIE MONAHAN, R.N., B.S.N. ... Becca Bartley
E.M. ASHFORD, Ph.D. ... Susan Hill
MR. BEARING ... Mark Kamish
TECHNICIANS, STUDENTS, CODE TEAM, FELLOWS ... Eric Bowman, Leah Hoover, MaryAnne Mathews, & Teresa Otis Skelton

Creative Team
PRODUCER... Ka'Lena Cuevas
DIRECTORS... Eric Bryant & Becky Schlomann
STAGE MANAGER... Dwayne Lewis
SET BUILD... Mason Odle, Andrea Odle, & JB Scoble of Building for the Boats, & Dwayne Lewis
SET PAINTER... Andrea Odle
SET DESIGN... Ian Marshall-Fisher
LIGHT DESIGN... Eric Matters
LIGHTING OPERATION... Hope Oetjen
SOUND DESIGN & OPERATION... Eric Dixon
COSTUMES... Karen Cones
PROPERTIES... Heidi Moranski
HAIR & MAKEUP... Lola LaVacious
INTIMACY DIRECTOR... Lola LaVacious
CLINICAL CONSULTANT... Glenn L Dobbs, DO, FACOG
DRAMATURG... Brooke Conti, Ph.D.

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Make Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* part of your world this summer

Beef & Boards’ 2025 Season Family Show now on stage

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre dives into summer with Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*, now on stage. Broadway’s adaptation of Disney’s famous film is the featured Family Show of Beef & Boards’ 2025 Season.

Journey under the sea with the mermaid Ariel and her friends Flounder, Scuttle, and Sebastian as she pursues an unlikely love in a world beyond her own. Realizing her limits on land without legs, Ariel bargains with Ursula, the sea witch, to get them – but at a hefty price. It’s going to take her determination and the help of her friends to ultimately find her happily ever after.

Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* musical includes the songs “Under the Sea,” “Kiss the Girl,” and “Part of Your World.” The show is directed by Elizabeth Payne, choreographed by Sally Scharbrough, with musical direction by Jill Stewart.

Plus, as Beef & Boards’ annual Family Show, a \$10 ticket discount is available for tickets for all kids ages 3 to 15.

Sarah Daniels (*Newsies*, *Hairspray*, *Kinky Boots*) reprises the title role which she played in 2019. Also returning for this production are Michael Ray Fisher (*A Beef & Boards Christmas*) as Sebastian, and Chris Trombetta (*Newsies*, *Grease*, *West Side Story*) as Scuttle. Making their Beef & Boards debuts are Josh Alvarez as Prince Eric, Chel-



Ariel (Sarah Daniels) is delighted to discover a “dinglehopper” and shows it to Flounder (Asher Ortman) in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre’s production of Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*.

sea Hooker as Ursula the sea witch, and Joshua William Green as King Triton.

Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* is rated G and is on stage for 60 performances through July 13 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$57 to \$85 and include Chef Larry Stoops’ family-friendly dinner buffet and select beverages. Discounts of \$10 off of regularly-priced tickets are available for all children ages 3 to 15. Children under age 3 are not admitted.

Tickets to Beef & Boards productions are available exclusively through Beef



& Boards Dinner Theatre, either online at BeefAndBoards.com, or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Third-party sellers are not authorized to offer tickets to Beef & Boards productions, and tickets purchased through sellers other than Beef & Boards may not be valid for Beef & Boards shows, and may incur additional fees.

Discounts are available

to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503 or email groups@beefandboards.com for details.

Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* is sponsored in part by Indy’s Child.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana’s only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

Max Arnold among Indiana’s top student journalists



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
Congratulations to Noblesville High School’s Max Arnold on being named a Student Journalist of the Year finalist by the Indiana High School Press Association. This honor makes Arnold a top-three student journalist in the state.

Noblesville Firefighter Steve Honeycutt retires after 21 years of service

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville and the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) announce the retirement of Firefighter Steve Honeycutt, who is concluding a remarkable 21-year career dedicated to protecting and serving the citizens of Noblesville.

A graduate of Centerville High School and Ball State University, Honeycutt joined NFD in 2004, bringing with him a strong work ethic, deep compassion for others, and a commitment to excellence that would define his career.

Throughout his service, Honeycutt served not only on the front lines but also in specialized roles, including his time as a member of the department’s Honor Guard from its inception through 2024. His contributions extended beyond daily duties to involvement in two truck committees and earning numerous accolades, including the 2012 Firefighter of the Year Award. In recognition of his exceptional professionalism and compassion,

he received the IU Health Certificate of Distinguished Service Award in December of 2022. He was honored

with three Unit Citation awards for exemplary teamwork and dedication.

“Firefighter Honeycutt has been at the tip of the spear for this department for over two decades,” Fire Chief

Matt Mitchell said. “His professionalism, integrity, and compassion have left an indelible mark on all of us. We wish him and his family the very best in the future.”

As he steps into retirement, Honeycutt looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Mandy, and two children, Ella, 18, and Liam, 16. He also plans to travel, explore America’s National Parks, and pursue his passion for music as a professional live performer.

NFD extends its deepest gratitude to Firefighter Honeycutt for his selfless service and unwavering commitment to our community. The community wishes him the very best in his well-earned retirement.



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— Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1988

It’s time to ‘Pack the Cruiser’ in Carmel

The REPORTER
Carmel Police Department will join the **Merciful HELP Center** for the annual Pack the Cruiser event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31.

Through its various programming, the Merciful HELP Center provides food support for Carmel Clay Schools students who qualify for the free and reduced school lunches.

Items purchased and funds raised during the annual Pack the Cruiser event help to contribute to the necessary staples needed.

Volunteers are needed to stand outside of two Carmel Kroger locations to hand out flyers and collect, organize, count, and pack food donations. Families and youth are welcome, but kids should be accompanied by an adult.

• Range Line Road Location: 1217 S. Range Line



Photo provided by City of Carmel

You can help feed local kids on Saturday, May 31 at Carmel’s two Krogers.

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 - Michigan Road Location: 10679 N. Michigan Road

Here are some items you can buy to help Pack the
- Cruiser and feed 685 children each week:

 - Boxed macaroni & cheese
 - Peanut butter
 - Family-size boxes of cereal
- Chicken noodle soup
 - Apple sauce pouches
 - Canned black beans
 - Canned chicken
 - Kroger gift cards

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- ON/AFTER TUES. 5/27:
 - I-465 WB LANE CLOSURES BETWEEN COLLEGE AVE. & 96TH ST. (8 P.M. TO 6 A.M.)
 - RAMP FROM U.S. 31 NB/SB TO I-465 WB CLOSED AS NEEDED (8 P.M. TO 6 A.M.)
 - I-465 EB LANE CLOSURES BETWEEN TOWNSHIP LINE RD. & 96TH ST. (8 P.M. TO 6 A.M.)
- WORK RELATED TO LOCAL BIKE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITY PROJECT ON 96TH ST. OVER I-465



Graphic provided by INDOT

Lane & ramp closures coming to 96th Street bridge over I-465

The REPORTER
Carmel’s construction season is underway, so please plan extra travel time, follow detour signs carefully, and remember to be patient and mindful of the safety of construction workers and flaggers.

In partnership with the City of Carmel, the Indiana

Department of Transportation has announced overnight lane and ramp closures on westbound and eastbound Interstate 465 near the 96th Street bridge. This work is associated with a local bike and pedestrian facility project on 96th Street over I-465.

Nightly lane and ramp closures are scheduled to

begin the evening of Tuesday, May 27, weather permitting. Westbound lane closures will occur between College Avenue and 96th Street. Eastbound lane closures will occur between Township Line Road and 96th Street. Closures are scheduled between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. during the week. Ramps from northbound

and southbound U.S. 31 to I-465 westbound will also close overnight as needed during I-465 westbound lane closures.

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use extra caution, and avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Wawa expands into Noblesville: ‘We make deep bonds with our customers’

By AALIYAH PRIM
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Wawa is expanding its presence in Indiana with new stores opening in Noblesville, Daleville, and Clarksville, bringing its renowned convenience store experience to the Midwest.

The expansion includes the introduction of touchscreen ordering systems, allowing customers to easily select from a wide variety of menu items, including hoagies, coffee, pizza, and smoothies. Wawa, originally from Pennsylvania, is now operating in 11 states, and aims to open up to 60 stores in Indiana over the next several years.

“We make deep bonds with our customers, our associates do, because to your point, they see them every

day,” Wawa Director of Store Operations Joe Collins said.

“We want to make it special each and every single time,” Indiana Area Manager for Wawa Carmen Reyes said.

Wawa’s expansion in Indiana is set to provide numerous job opportunities as the company plans to open up to 60 stores in the state over the next several years. The company is known for its friendly atmosphere and community-oriented approach, which has already begun to manifest in Indiana.

The touchscreen ordering system at Wawa allows customers to customize their orders with ease, offering options such as break-



Collins

fast quesadillas, lunch quesadillas, hot and cold hoagies, meatball sandwiches, and more.

The beverage selection is equally diverse, featuring hot, iced, and frozen coffee, as well as new offerings like popping bubbles in smoothies. Wawa’s menu spans breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with items like quesadillas, breakfast burritos, pizza, crispy chicken, and roasted chicken available throughout the day.

The company serves 185 million cups of coffee annually and builds 80 million hoagies a year, highlighting its popularity and customer demand. The culture at Wawa is described as warm

and welcoming, with customers often holding doors open for one another, creating a sense of community. This hospitality is a key part of the Wawa experience, making it feel like home for many customers.

Wawa’s expansion into Indiana marks a significant growth for the company, bringing its beloved convenience store experience to new communities and offering a wide range of food and beverage options. With plans to open numerous stores, Wawa is set to become a staple in Indiana’s convenience store market.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/allindiana/wawas-midwest-expansion-brings-touchscreen-ordering-and-community-spirit-to-indiana.

Spreading the Gospel through song



Photo provided

Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church, 18325 Eagletown Road, Westfield, held a special gospel concert last Saturday, May 17, and it was another great success. Great Joy (left) and Timeless (right) both performed. The church’s next gospel concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Mark your calendars now!

Sheridan Elementary students have unique learning experiences

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

In the final two weeks of school, Sheridan Elementary School (SES) had multiple field trips and grade-level activities that took them to locally known places that offer new ways to learn for these young scholars. Last Thursday, May 15, SES second graders took a trip to the Indianapolis Children’s Museum. Then on Tuesday, May 20, the kindergartners had their turn exploring the attraction. The Indianapolis Children’s Museum is one of the largest and most known, so it remains a top field trip destination for schools. Students were able to visit the unique exhibits that enhance

their learning. The field trip complements classroom instruction of any grade as it offers many exhibits on reading, writing, science, art, and culture. SES students learned in a new way as they took in the dynamic displays and had a blast while doing so. Also on Tuesday, May 20, first graders had the opportunity to visit Cool Creek Park, which is a part of Hamilton County’s Parks and Recreation system. As they visited the park and Nature Center, they made the most of the rainy day. Students were able to travel through several stations in and around the nature center to learn about plants and wildlife that are native to the

area and locally known. At one station, students identified animal tracks and were able to paint their own molding of an animal track to take home. At another station, students learned about tree species and their unique leaves. At this station they were able to create a souvenir stamp book of leaf printings. The first graders also learned from park employees who shared facts about locally known wildlife such as snakes and turtles. First graders had a blast learning outside the classroom and examining the exhibits. Many shared that they were eager to return to Cool Creek Park to learn even more with their families.

Fire Chief Town of Cicero

The **Cicero Fire Department** is currently accepting applications for the position of full-time Fire Chief. Applications can be downloaded from the Town of Cicero website www.cicero.in.org or picked up at the Utility Office located at 331 E Jackson Street; Cicero, IN 46034. Applications will be accepted until 6/2/25. The Town of Cicero is an Equal Employment Opportunity.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Community Page Survey

We need your help to improve your Hamilton County Veteran Community Page by informing our Military Veteran community on what is going on and how to connect to the resources we need to live a more fulfilled life here in Hamilton County. If you are a member of our local VFW or American Legion Posts, please get your Post information for your events, activities, fundraisers, menu or operating hours, etc to us via this survey 10-14 days in advance so your community may attend. We appreciate you taking the time to help us make this the most



informative page possible for our Service Members, Veterans, their families and caregivers! Please click here or scan the QR Code to take the survey – tinyurl.com/VeteransPageSurvey

1. Are you an active Service member, Veteran, family member of or a caregiver for a Service Member or Veteran?
2. What do you like about the Veteran community page?
3. What else would you like to see on this Veteran Community page?
4. Events, activities from your American Legion or VFW Posts, or from our local businesses, profit & non-profit organizations, etc. We need 10-14 day lead time.

[The survey so far is asking for more information on activities/events from our VFW and American Legion Posts](#)

Thank you in advance for your help in making this page YOUR page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts
Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa 8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.
Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p

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

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
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Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
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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
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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
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M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs
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Weekend Breakfast - Carmel American Legion



Hamilton County Military Veteran Coffee With a Vet Last Saturday of the Month 8-9am



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Working backstage on *Newsies* at The Point Theater gave one local attorney a new perspective on both entertainment and the practice of law.

Courtroom drama: how jury trials mirror live theater

From the dugout to the wings

Growing up, I was all about sports, not theater. Aside from a blink-and-you'll-miss-it role as "Banker #3" in *Mary Poppins*, I spent my youth on courts and fields, not stages. Fast forward a few decades of practicing law, I still never imagined I'd one day be comparing a courtroom to a stage.

But all that changed, unexpectedly, thanks to my kids and The Point Theater in Carmel. The Point is the Midwest's largest youth theater known for its high-quality productions and focus on building character through the arts. After volunteering backstage for ten of their shows, I found myself looking at my own career through a new lens.

The courtroom, it turns out, shares quite a bit with the stage.

Two plays, one stage

In every trial, two sides tell competing stories: plaintiff and defendant, or prosecution and defense. It's like watching two theater companies performing different plays on the same stage. Each has its own director (attorney), cast (witnesses), and script (evidence and legal theory).

Timing is crucial. A well-placed objection or a compelling closing argument can change the whole dynamic, much like a perfectly delivered line or a dramatic pause on stage. And the jury? They're the audience and the final critics.

The judge as stage manager

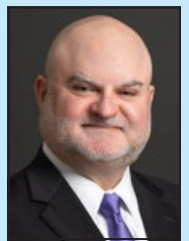
In the theater world, the stage manager ensures that everything runs smoothly. In the courtroom, that job belongs to the judge.

The judge doesn't control the narrative, but ensures that rules are followed, transitions happen properly, and decorum is maintained. Their quiet authority keeps the entire production – from opening statements to verdict – on track.

The jury: audience & critics

Juries are unique in the courtroom performance. They're not passive spec-

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PAUL SWEENEY, ESQ.

tators, they're the ones who decide how the story ends. They interpret the facts, judge the characters, and ultimately deliver the final act: the verdict.

My daughter had a remarkable experience with this while performing in *12 Angry Jurors* at The Point. Thanks to Hamilton County's Judge David Najjar, the cast rehearsed in a real courtroom and jury room. We even brought the show to a local school, where I joined two other local attorneys for a Q&A. That moment solidified for me how close trial work and theater truly are.

The stakes are real

Of course, courtroom drama has one major difference from the stage: the outcomes are real, and the stakes are often life-altering.

But the tools, storytelling, emotion, human connection, are the same. That's why I often speak to students about the power of narrative and self-belief. At Merrillville High School, colleagues and I built a presentation around *The Greatest Showman* anthem "This Is Me," encouraging students to own their voices and envision themselves in roles they may have once thought were out of reach.

As someone who moved to Indiana with little after my parents' divorce, I know what it's like to doubt yourself. But I had what I needed: two loving parents, great teachers, mentors, and neighbors, and a community that believed in me. I turned the chip on my shoulder into fuel and never looked back.

A new perspective

I never expected that volunteering backstage would transform how I see my own profession. But watching these talented kids on stage helped me realize that a courtroom isn't just a place for legal arguments. It's a place where stories are told, where truth is sought, and where every participant plays a role in the outcome.

And maybe that's why *The Greatest Showman* hits

home. One lyric from "This Is Me" sums it all up: "*I am brave, I am bruised, I am who I'm meant to be – this is me.*"

This is me. And it could be you. Whether you're on stage, in court, or just finding your voice – there's power in showing up, telling your story, and knowing it matters.

Paul C. Sweeney, Esq. has practiced law in Indiana for 28 years. He is Senior Counsel with Ice Miller LLP and a candidate for Judge, Hamilton Superior Court 9.

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Earlier this month, all seventh-grade students from Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) had the unique opportunity to visit Beck's Hybrids' corporate headquarters in Atlanta for an immersive, behind-the-scenes experience.

“Beck’s Hybrids Experience” has become a highly anticipated event for the seventh-grade class, providing an in-depth look at the workings of this successful family-owned company while introducing students to a wide array of career opportunities at Beck’s and in the agricultural industry.

During their visit, students learned about Beck’s rich history and deep community roots, toured its Atlanta operations, and explored key areas of the company’s work. They observed specialized farming equipment used to plant test crops, ventured through the greenhouses to learn about cross-pollination, and spent time in the quality assurance seed lab, where germination testing for corn, soybeans, and wheat under various conditions takes place. The lab provided a hands-on experience, allowing students to engage with real agricultural processes and gain insight into what farmers encounter in the field.

This experience is an essential part of the Reaching New Heights initiative, designed to provide inclusive learning opportunities for ALL students.

“We truly believe that exposure to real-world industry and careers fosters student interest and increases engagement,” said Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher and



Some 140 seventh grade students from Hamilton Heights Middle School had an unforgettable experience exploring agriculture, innovation, and career opportunities at Beck’s Hybrids headquarters. From touring the greenhouses to diving into quality assurance labs, this visit was a powerful glimpse into the world of farming and science. A huge thank you to the Beck’s team for making this day so engaging and impactful.

Reaching New Heights Contact at HHMS. “After the visit, seventh-grade English teachers Mrs. Froman and Ms. Kacer guided students in writing thank-you notes, each highlighting something they learned and appreciated. Reading these cards was a powerful reminder of how meaningful this experience was for our Heights students – it was truly special!”

James also expressed deep gratitude to Sonny and Scott Beck and the entire Beck family for their commitment to supporting students and making this opportunity possible.

“We greatly appreciate Bethany Gremel and the entire Beck’s leadership team for believing in the Reaching New Heights program and investing their time and resources into it,” James said. “Special thanks also go to Tanner Maxey, Talent Acquisition Specialist at Beck’s, for organizing and coordinating the experience, and to Andrea Brown and Ashley Schultz, Beck’s Education team members, for providing engaging, interactive lessons. Additionally, Toby Ripberger, Scott McCorkle, Bryan Will, Nathan Johnston, and Paul

Compton did a fantastic job leading students through the various segments of the company’s operations.”

James concluded with heartfelt recognition for the teachers, support staff, and bus drivers who made this experience possible.

“These trips wouldn’t happen without our dedicated educators. Ms. Reeder played a tremendous role in ensuring this opportunity was available to our seventh-grade students. Thank you to ALL who contributed to this day. I have no doubt it will have a lasting impact beyond what we can imagine.”





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Ardalan Plaza breaks ground, marking new gateway to Carmel Arts & Design District

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City of Carmel officials, community leaders and project partners gathered on Wednesday, May 21 to celebrate the groundbreaking of Ardalan Plaza, a \$19 million, three-story, mixed-use development that will serve as a gateway to the city's vibrant Arts & Design District.

In her remarks at the event, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam extended deep gratitude to the Ardalan family for their contributions to Carmel.

"Today's groundbreaking marks an exciting milestone for our city," said Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam. "Ardalan Plaza represents Carmel's continued commitment to thoughtful growth, artistic vibrancy and a strong economy. It will create a welcoming and architecturally significant entry point to our Arts & Design District."

Located at 311-331 W. Main St., on the north half of the block between 3rd Avenue SW and 4th Avenue SW, Ardalan Plaza will encompass 8,000 square feet of retail and gallery space on the first floor, five luxury condominiums on the second floor and a private residence with a rooftop terrace spanning the third floor.

Designed to evoke the

elegance of an Italian villa, the building will feature decorative columns, cornices and balustrades. A new alley is planned, providing increased access to the property and further enhancing its functionality. As an architecturally significant cornerstone to Carmel's Arts & Design District, Ardalan Plaza will welcome visitors arriving from the west as they pass the iconic fountain located at the roundabout on West Main Street and 4th Avenue SW.

The project is a collaboration between the Carmel Redevelopment Commission and the Ardalan family, supported by Skender Construction, Studio M Architecture and Planning and KBSO Consulting Engineers.

"We're proud to be part of a project that will enhance Carmel's Main Street and contribute to the city's continued economic growth," said Skender Senior Vice President Brian Simons.

Dr. Soori Ardalan, owner of Soori Gallery, added, "We are thrilled to help shape the future of Carmel with Ardalan Plaza. This project reflects our passion for blending art, community and timeless design into the fabric of the city we love."

"Carmel's strong busi-



Photo provided by City of Carmel
(From left) Dan Moriarity, Founding Principal of Studio M Architecture & Planning; Brian Simons, Senior Vice President of Skender; Shannon Minnaar, Carmel City Councilor; Mayor Sue Finkam; Ghahramaan the dog; Dr. Soori Ardalan; Dr. Abdolaziz Ardalan; and Henry Mestetsky, Carmel Redevelopment Commission Executive Director.

ness climate and commitment to community-driven development and visionary leadership make projects like Ardalan Plaza possible," said Carmel Redevelopment Commission Executive Director Henry Mestetsky. "We're so thankful to have residents like the Ardalans who continue to invest in the place we call home."

Construction is now underway and is expected to be completed in 2026.



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(ABOVE) Mayor Finkam with Dr. Soori Ardalan. (BELOW) Dr. Soori Ardalan and her husband Dr. Abdolaziz Ardalan make a concrete impression of their handprints.





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The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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The Carmel Plan Commission meeting scheduled for June 3, 2025, has been canceled due to lack of an agenda.

The Atlanta Town Council will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.




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Ellen Rainier

April 25, 1956 – May 21, 2025

Ellen Rainier, 69, Carmel, passed away on May 21, 2025, in her home. After a 40-year battle with rheumatoid arthritis, Ellen is at rest with her Lord in a place with no more pain or suffering. She was born April 25, 1956, in Lafayette, Ind., daughter of Carl and Florence (Miller) Rainier.

At a young age, Ellen was drawn to a career in nursing. She received her undergraduate degree in nursing from Ball State University. She then received

her master's from the University of Michigan – where she researched how to improve the quality of life for disabled individuals through the development of exercise programs.

Ellen held heartfelt beliefs concerning the compassion and professionalism that nurses should demonstrate to every patient. She began her career as a staff nurse at Home Hospital in Lafayette. Throughout her long career, she worked in hospice care, home health care, as well as serving as a staff nurse in other facilities. She taught clinical nursing at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis and Indiana Vocational Technical College – where she had the opportunity to create a course in medical terminology and pass on to the next generation her passionate views concerning the nursing profession.

When the ravages of rheumatoid arthritis finally took away the physical skills Ellen utilized in her profession, she was determined to provide for herself and not become a burden to others. The final years of her career were spent seeking authorizations for patients at Northside Gastroenterology.

Beyond her work life, Ellen experienced much joy and many friendships in two groups she found at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She served as an officer and enthusiastic promoter for Toastmasters – where she honed her oratory skills while always seeking to entertain with a bit of humor. She found kinship among the members of New Life Circle – where she had an opportunity to learn, laugh, and serve with other single Christian women.

In addition to her parents, Ellen was preceded in death by her brother, John Rainier.

Survivors include her sister, Ruth (Brent) Brown; sister-in-law, Melissa Rainier; niece, Taylor (Nate) Parham; nephews, Adam (Alwyn) Rainier, Joshua (Jamie) Brown, and David (Shannon) Brown; six grand nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Jenny.

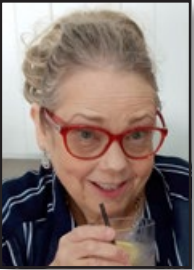
Family and friends will gather at noon on Friday, May 30, 2025, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Robertson Chapel, where her funeral service will begin at 1 p.m.

Burial will take place in Carmel Cemetery at 3:45 p.m.

Ellen would be honored by donations to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, 8815 Conroy Windermere Road, Ste. 309, Orlando, FL, 32825, to give hope to those who live with this life-altering disease.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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Gisela Jayne

September 28, 1938 – May 21, 2025

Gisela Helene Jayne, 86, Carmel, passed away peacefully at home on May 21, 2025, after a fall in her home.

Born in Stuttgart, Germany, on September 28, 1938, daughter of Hermann Adolf Rapp and Julie Wulle Rapp, her early years were spent growing up during WWII where she lost her father at an early age. She completed school and became a medical assistant.

In 1959 at the age of 20, she came by air to the United States to live with her paternal uncle and work at his bakery in Hartland, Wis. She furthered her medical education and worked at a hospital as a medical technician in Milwaukee, Wis. Gisela met her husband of 61 years, Kenneth R. Jayne, on Easter Day at All Saints Episcopal Cathedral, where she was confirmed. Together, they built a life centered on family and faith.

Gisela poured her heart and soul into taking care of her family. She was devoted to raising her two daughters, taking care of her husband, and doting on her animals, including several Cairn Terriers and her cat, Charlotte. Her strength, kindness and caring were felt by all who were around her. She was always busy and enjoyed many creative activities, including gardening, sewing, knitting, cooking excellent meals, and hosting countless celebrations. She created a beautiful and comfortable home displayed with her many collections. Gisela enjoyed vacations throughout the United States and Europe with her husband, children, and grandchildren; a highlight being when the entire family visited Germany to spend time with her extended family. Every day began with prayers and listening to classical music and ended with looking at the night sky. Each evening was highlighted by speaking to her sister Irmgard in Germany which often resulted in her speaking German to Ken, which he didn't understand!

Gisela is survived by the love of her life, her husband, Kenneth, along with her daughters, Michele (Bill Brave) of Plymouth, Mich., and Caroline (Mark Plummer) of Carmel; and her beloved grandchildren, Marisa Plummer of Grand Junction, Colo., Adrian Plummer of Carmel, Amelia Brave of College Station, Texas, and Lukas Brave of Hillsboro, Ore. She also leaves behind her brother, Walter Junginger (Heidi) of Wüstenrot, Germany; sister, Irmgard Greiner of Stangenbach, Germany, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Gisela was preceded in death by her stepfather, Walter Junginger, and her beloved dogs, Kimi, Hans, Klaus, and Benedict.

The family will be holding a private memorial.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gisela's name, are welcome to the Humane Society of Indianapolis. The family invites all who knew and loved Gisela to share stories and memories.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ORDINATION OF AARON AND HIS SONS

He then presented the ram for the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head. Then Moses slaughtered the ram and splashed the blood against the sides of the altar. He cut the ram into pieces and burned the head, the pieces and the fat. He washed the internal organs and the legs with water and burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma, a food offering presented to the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Leviticus 8:18-21 (NIV)

John R. Washam, Sr.

April 19, 1954 – May 21, 2025

John Ray Washam, Sr., 71, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on April 19, 1954, in Indianapolis, a son of the late Ora Reggie and Flossie (Birge) Washam.



On December 26, 2002, he married Patricia Ann (Vann) Washam in Brown County, Ind. She preceded him in death on June 26, 2023.

John attended Lebanon High School.

He worked as a machinist at Ransburg Corporation in Indianapolis for several years. John also held the position of tool and dye coordinator at Federal Mogul in Frankfort. Additionally, he owned a machine shop in Kirklin.

John enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting, fishing, woodworking, and attending car shows. He was a beloved father, grandfather, and brother who will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his children, Johnny "John" (Amy) Washam, Chasity Miller, Jason (April) Washam, Jeremy (Delaina) Washam, Britanya Washam, Joshua (Michelle) Collins, Layce Collins, and Nolan (Heaven) Collins; grandchildren, Tristan Heise, Hailey Thompson, Lauren Collins, Haiden Walters, Kyler Collins, Everett Skelton, Caiden Collins, Cameron Collins, Bobby Washam, Brent Washam, Netanya Holtgeerts, Steven Chapa, Autumn Lehman, Jason Washam, Jr., Madison Washam, Elijah Washam, Brantley Kaufman, Nia Brothers, Autumn Miller, and Landon Washam; great-grandchildren, Emma Dekoster, Tera Dekoster, David Dekoster, Elija Dekoster, Zander Volovlek, Addison Lehman, Walker Lehman, Odin Holtgeerts, Ryder Campbell, and Lincoln Hobbs; great-great grandchild, Lorelai Lehman; sister, Sallie Gordon; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, John was preceded in death by his brothers, Ferrell T. Washam, Richard D. Washam, and Ora G. Washam and sisters, Mary L. Washam, Imogene Quinn, and Virginia Pomfret.

Funeral Services are planned for 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery north of Lebanon.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023 Merrifield, VA 22116-7023; or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405.

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Girls Tennis

Tennis sectionals: Two all-county finals set for this morning

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

The rain finally stopped long enough for everyone to play tennis on Friday.

Weather had pushed back the action at the three Hamilton County girls tennis sectional sites, but each one was able to get the semi-finals completed on Friday. That means there will be simultaneous championship meets at all three sites at 10 a.m. this morning.

Noblesville hosts Sectional 56, with the Millers taking on No. 4-ranked Westfield. Sectional 31 host Fishers plays Pendleton Heights, with the No. 6 Tigers chasing a sixth consecutive championship. Second-ranked Carmel and No. 13 Guerin Catholic will play over at Zionsville for the Sectional 35 title.

Trending upward

The Shamrocks beat Hamilton Heights 5-0 in the first of the two Friday semi-finals. Westfield dropped only one game among the five matches.

Meanwhile, the Millers had to come back in three of their four victories before getting past Lapel 4-1 in the other semifinal. Noblesville's only easy match was a 6-0, 6-0 shutout from No. 1 singles Bella Duncan, the lone senior in the Millers' lineup.

Duncan improved to 13-1 after her victory. She will announce her college commitment plans after this season is finished.



Duncan

"Bella is a fantastic talent and hard-working individual," said Noblesville coach Chris Pyle. "She's been an amazing, almost guaranteed point every single match for us."

Sophomore Ayden Mullis dropped the first set of the No. 2 singles match 5-7 before winning the next two easily, 6-2, 6-2. At No. 3 singles, junior Josie Moorlag lost the first set 3-6 but toughed out the second set 6-4 and ran away with the third set 6-0.

The No. 1 doubles team of juniors Emma Bogan and Whitney Nelson also dropped the first set 3-6. The Millers team came back to win the second set 6-3 and then took the third set 6-4.

The sectional semifinal was the third team victory for Noblesville and possibly a microcosm of the season, one which Pyle admits has been full of "growing pains, ups and downs." Duncan was the only returning varsity player for the Millers this season.

"There'll be some matches where we're really close, but we can't find two more points, or where the lack of experi-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville No. 2 singles player Ayden Mullis was one of three Millers players to come back from a set down and win during Noblesville's sectional semifinal victory over Lapel on Friday.

ence of playing in varsity two out of three-set matches shows," said Pyle. "But tonight was kind of a testament to the girls learning from a lot of the experiences of the season."

Pyle said the Millers put together a "mentally mature" match, learning from any first-set mistakes to turn things around in the next two sets.

"We're trending upward and tonight was the first

piece to really jump start, going upward, no matter what happens tomorrow," said Pyle.

Fishers wins, HSE No. 1 doubles advances

Host Fishers beat Hamilton Southeastern 4-1 in a Friday semifinal. The Tigers will play Pendleton Heights, a 5-0 winner over Anderson, in today's championship.

Fishers swept all three singles matches and the No. 2 doubles match, including

6-0, 6-0 shutouts from No. 1 singles Mischa Briggs and No. 3 singles Ally Briggs.

The Royals' No. 1 doubles team of Naina Patwardhan and Ella Tappendorf came back to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. They will advance to the individual tournament, which begins next week.

Carmel, GC to meet in final, UHS' Buttrick advances

Guerin Catholic and University played their

semifinal at Zionsville on Thursday, with the Golden Eagles winning 4-1. The Trailblazers' lone victory came at No. 1 singles, with Laurel Buttrick winning 6-1, 6-0. She improved to 17-3 and advances to the individual tournament.

The Greyhounds played No. 8 Zionsville in a Friday semifinal and won 5-0. Carmel will play for its 33rd consecutive sectional championship today.

Baseball

Blazers win Pioneer Conference championship

The REPORTER

The University baseball team won its fourth consecutive Pioneer Conference championship on Friday, beating host Park Tudor 5-1 in the title game.

The Trailblazers scored their first run in the second inning when Charlie Ranek got home after Ryan Castetter hit a sacrifice fly. University got another run in the fifth inning; this time Castetter scored after Phillip Jacobs hit a right-field sacrifice fly.

University took further control of the game with three runs in the top of the sixth. Beckett Suh cracked a triple into right field to bring in Oliver Kingery and Ethan Cutsinger. Suh scored on the next at-bat, Cooper Cammack's RBI groundout.

The Panthers scored their run in the sixth inning and hit a one-out double in the seventh. But the Blazers quickly got the next two outs to clinch the win.

Cam Rady pitched five innings for the win, striking out six. Cammack threw the last two innings, with two strikeouts.

University has now won the Pioneer Conference championship in six

out of the last seven years. The Blazers improved to 15-11 and host Eastbrook this morning in their regular-season finale.

Hamilton Southeastern broke through for its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season Friday, beating Franklin Central 3-2 in an away game.

The Flashes led 2-0 after four innings. The Royals got on the board in the top of the sixth inning when Michael Hoog doubled in Adam Wolf. Southeastern jumped ahead with two runs in the seventh inning: A sacrifice fly from Parker O'Steen turned into two runs; Wolf and Maddux Bach both got home. The Royals finished the game with a flyout in the bottom of the seventh.

Clark Bucher finished the game with two hits. Hoog pitched a complete game, with six strikeouts against two hits.

The Royals are 11-17 and host Franklin Central today to complete their HCC and regular seasons.

Fishers dropped its regular season and HCC finale on Friday, falling at



Photo by Jamie Owens

The University baseball team claimed its fourth consecutive Pioneer Conference championship Friday by winning at Park Tudor 5-1.

Brownsburg 4-1.

The Bulldogs scored their first run in the first inning. The Tigers tied the game in the fourth inning

when Trevor Hall scored on an error after Mayo Fernandez hit a right field single.

Brownsburg jumped ahead with three runs in the fifth


and stayed in front after that.

Brady Carman had two hits for Fishers.

The Tigers completed conference play 12-2 and

are 23-5 overall. Fishers plays Hamilton Southeastern Wednesday in the first round of Sectional 8 at Carmel's Hartman Field.

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Corbett commits to Saint Xavier



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Noblesville's Trevor Corbett has committed to the Saint Xavier University baseball team. (Front row, from left) Bridget Corbett (mother), Trevor Corbett, and Jim Corbett (father). (Back Row, from left) Scott Henson (Noblesville Baseball Assistant Coach), Chase Corbett (brother), Hunter Corbett (brother), and Justin Kever (Noblesville Baseball Head Coach).

Softball

Millers come back to beat Eagles

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team made a late comeback to win its Hoosier Crossroads Conference and regular-season finale at Zionsville 5-4 on Friday.

The Millers scored a run in the top of the first inning when Delaney Rundle got home on an error. The Eagles put up two runs in the bottom of the inning and scored again in the second. A lead-off home run gave Zionsville a 4-1 lead after three innings.

Noblesville tied the game in the fourth inning, scoring three runs with two outs. Brookelyn Grayson got on base with a double, then was sent home by a Haley Schatko right field hit. Kern came up and hit a single to advance Schatko, who eventually scored on an error. Faye Hostetler came in to run for Kern and was brought home by an Izzy Zapp single.

Grayson singled in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning, with a left field hit that scored Nevaeh Nash. The Millers turned a double play in the seventh inning to clinch the victory.

Grayson went 3-for-4 at the plate, while Kern, Addi

Emmerson and Reese Newsom all had two hits, including a double for Newsom. Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game with three strikeouts.

Noblesville finished conference play 5-2 and is 16-7 overall. The Millers play Hamilton Southeastern on Monday in the first round of Sectional 8 at Fishers.

Hamilton Southeastern dropped its HCC and regular-season finale 6-1 at Franklin Central on Friday.

The Royals scored their run in the top of the second inning when Lilly Palmer got home on a wild pitch. The Flashes tied the game in the bottom of the second, then scored another run in the third, followed by two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings.

Franklin Central held Southeastern to two hits, a double from Chloe Smith and a single from Makena Burlingame. Grace Swedarsky pitched a complete game, striking out six.

The Royals completed HCC play 4-3 and are 17-7 overall, and take on Noblesville Monday in a first-round Sectional 8 game.


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Casey Irsay Foyt named Indy 500 honorary starter

Submitted by IMS

Casey Irsay Foyt, who represents the next generation of Indianapolis Colts’ ownership along with her sisters Carlie Irsay-Gordon and Kalen Jackson, will serve as honorary starter for the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, waving the green flag Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Casey will wave the flag to honor the irreplaceable and impactful legacy of her father, Jim Irsay, whose stewardship of the Indianapolis Colts and generous philanthropic efforts had a transformative impact across Central Indiana and the Hoosier State. Jim Irsay passed away Wednesday at age 65.

“As Indianapolis prepares for a special weekend that showcases our city’s unmatched ability to successfully host massive global sporting events, it’s incredibly appropriate and especially meaningful to celebrate Jim’s

contributions to our city and state,” Penske Entertainment President and CEO Mark Miles said. “Put simply, the Indianapolis we know and love would not be remotely possible without Jim.”

Said INDYCAR and IMS President J. Douglas Boles: “We’re honored to have Casey on the flag stand representing her family, our friends at the Colts organization and Hoosiers everywhere who cherish our unique sports scene. Our organizations have a deep history together, and our fans cherish the familiar sight of players at the racetrack and drivers at the stadium.”

Indianapolis regularly welcomes new Colts’ draft picks through an annual visit to IMS on Fast Friday presented by Turtle Wax, and Colts’ legends like Peyton Manning, Andrew Luck and Reggie Wayne have been fixtures at the track over time. Leadership at IMS and the Colts worked together



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closely in planning the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl and have maintained close ties for decades.

After graduating from Indiana University with a degree in sports marketing, Foyt worked for the NFL in London, planning the first regular-season NFL game played outside North America, as well as special events associated with the game.

Foyt joined the Colts in 2007 and focuses her energy on marketing and community relations. She helped revitalize the Indianapolis Colts Women’s Organization and planned the group’s first ma-

major fundraiser in 2007. Foyt also helps represent the club at NFL Owners’ Meetings and other league events.

Foyt resides in Carmel with her husband, Indianapolis 500 veteran Anthony J. Foyt IV, and their five children.

Coverage of the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge begins at 10 a.m. on FOX, FOX Deportes and the FOX Sports app.

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Josef Newgarden takes top spot in final Indianapolis 500 practice, wins Pit Stop Challenge

Submitted by IMS

Josef Newgarden is aiming to write two chapters of history Sunday in the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, and if his performance in Miller Lite Carb Day final practice is any indication, he just may have the car to do it.

Newgarden led the final practice for “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” with a top lap of 225.687 mph in the No. 2 Shell V-Power Nitro+ Team Penske Chevrolet. Newgarden is trying to become the first driver to win three consecutive Indianapolis 500s, and he’ll need to do it from the deepest starting spot in the field of any “500” winner ever.

Two-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Newgarden is starting the race in the 32nd position in the 33-car field after he and Team Penske teammate Will Power were moved to the rear of the field Monday due to an attenuator on their respective cars that violated INDYCAR rules Sunday during PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying. The record for the deepest starting spot of a “500” winner is 28th, by Ray Harroun in the inaugural race in 1911 and Louis Meyer in 1936.

“Good final run here,” Newgarden said. “Excited to check the car off again and work with the team. I’m really excited for Sunday. The main show. Everything we work for.”



Photo provided by IMS

Newgarden swept the day, as he and his Team Penske crew also won the Oscar Mayer \$150,000 Pit Stop Challenge for the second consecutive year.

Two-time “500” winner Takuma Sato was second at 225.415 in the No. 75 AMADA Honda of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, but that speed perhaps came at a cost. His car slowed on the backstretch of the 2.5-mile oval late in the session with an apparent problem, triggering the last of two caution periods. Sato’s machine stopped on the deceleration lane between Turns 3 and 4 before it was placed inside the retaining wall in that area.

Sato is starting second in the race (10 a.m. Sunday, FOX, FOX Deportes, FOX Sports app, INDYCAR Radio Network).

“I would say we weren’t entirely happy with (car set-up) yet, but we were mak-

ing good progress,” Sato said. “We were pointing in the right direction, so I want to check all the data. We had a mechanical failure on the last run and lost performance on one side of the car. It’s too early for me to say what that was until the team investigates it, but I almost lost control in Turn 1, and we are just fortunate I didn’t hit anything.”

Pole sitter Robert Shwartzman, the first “500” rookie to claim the top starting spot since 1983, was 29th at 220.987 in the No. 83 PREMA Racing Chevrolet.

Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing and Team Penske both put two cars in the top five in a session that featured thick packs of traffic but also mechanical problems for a handful of drivers.

The first caution of the final practice was triggered just past the halfway point

when flames erupted from the back of 2014 Indy 500 winner Ryan Hunter-Reay’s No. 23 DRR CUSICK WEDBUSH SECURITIES Chevrolet on the backstretch. Hunter-Reay guided the stricken car to the top of pit lane before he scurried from the car and surveyed the damage as the AMR INDYCAR Safety Team extinguished the flames.

In the Oscar Mayer \$150,000 Pit Stop Challenge, Newgarden beat Power in an all-Team Penske final that required all three rounds. Newgarden’s crew won the first round, Power’s the second.

But in the final round, the No. 2 crew changed four tires and completed a simulated fueling in 10.263 seconds, while Power and the No. 12 crew trailed at 10.503. The No. 2 crew earned a \$50,000 prize, with the No. 12 crew collecting \$25,000.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 24 BASEBALL Carmel Greyhound Invitational, 10 a.m. Frankfort at Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m. Eastbrook at University, 11 a.m. Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Danville, 11 a.m. Noblesville at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m. GOLF Hamilton Heights, Westfield at West Lafayette Invitational, 9 a.m. Birck Boilermaker GC Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Muncie Central Invitational, 10 a.m. at The Players Club TENNIS Sectional 31 at Fishers Championship: Fishers vs. Pendleton Heights, 10 a.m. Sectional 35 at Zionsville Championship: Carmel vs. Guerin Catholic, 10 a.m. Sectional 56 at Noblesville Championship: Noblesville vs. Westfield, 10 a.m. UNIFIED TRACK Sectional at Noblesville, 11 a.m. VOLLEYBALL Regional at Peru Zionsville vs. Fishers, 10 a.m. Fort Wayne Carroll vs. Homestead, noon Championship, 6 p.m. Monday, May 26 SOFTBALL Sectional 8 at Fishers Hamilton Southeastern vs. Noblesville, 5:30 p.m. Westfield vs. Zionsville, 7:15 p.m. Sectional 26 at Lebanon Lebanon vs. Guerin Catholic, noon Crawfordsville vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 GIRLS LACROSSE State semi-finals at Noblesville Carmel vs. Bishop Chatard, 8 p.m. SOFTBALL Sectional 8 at Fishers Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern-Noblesville winner, 5:30 p.m. Carmel vs. Westfield-Zionsville winner, 7:15 p.m. Sectional 24 at Delta New Castle vs. Yorktown, 5:30 p.m. Jay County vs. Delta, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 26 at Lebanon Frankfort vs. Lebanon-Guerin Catholic winner, 5:15 p.m. Danville vs. Crawfordsville-Brebeuf Jesuit winner, 7:15 p.m. TRACK & FIELD Girls regional at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 28 BASEBALL Sectional 8 at Carmel Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers, 5:30 p.m. Zionsville vs. Noblesville, 8 p.m. Sectional 24 at Yorktown Connersville vs. Delta, 5:30 p.m. Jay County vs. New Castle, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit Tri-West vs. Frankfort, 6 p.m. Sectional 39 at Lapel Taylor vs. Tipton, 5:30 p.m. Sheridan vs. Frankton, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 42 at Park Tudor University vs. Monrovia, 6 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE State semi-finals at Noblesville Hamilton Southeastern vs. Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m. GOLF Guerin Catholic, Westfield at South Knox Adam Schenk Invitational, 8 a.m. at Cypress Hills Sheridan vs. Alexandria, noon at Golf Club of Alexandria SOFTBALL Sectional 24 at Delta Connersville vs. New Castle-Yorktown winner, 5:30 p.m. Hamilton Heights vs. Jay County-Delta winner, 7:30 p.m. Sectional 26 at Lebanon Championship, 6 p.m. <i>Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.</i>

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