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Tooth Talk with Paul Poteet

By **PAUL POTEET**
Broadcast Legend

I can't talk about my teeth without talking about coffee and I can't talk about coffee without talking about TV. And thanks to TV (and other video work) I have to keep an eye on my teeth, so to speak.

My coffee habit kicked into high gear during the early portion of my 15 years on WRTV's *Good Morning Indiana*. You do, after all, get up in the middle of the night. I would walk past a pot of coffee our director Betsy had going every morning, and it smelled great. One morning I gave in, poured a cup, and sealed my fate. I typically have three or even four cups a day. I enjoy not only the smell of coffee; I enjoy the taste of it. Oh, I may stray, but I'll always return to my dark master: the coffee bean!

But: take the bad with the

good. Coffee can stain your teeth. I get my teeth cleaned every six months, but this is the kind of stuff that builds.

Enter our long-time friends at Carmel West Dentistry.

Dr. Rawan Tannous said Zoom Whitening would improve my caffeinated smile. I'm happy to say it worked. I asked the Doc some questions you might have about whitening your teeth.

Are teeth really supposed to be white?

Teeth are often off-white or slightly yellowish. Factors such as genetics, age, lifestyle, and oral hygiene significantly influence tooth color. Many people aim for a bright, natural white appearance, which can be achieved through good oral hygiene and professional whitening.

Who is a good candidate for whitening?

Individuals with healthy



Photo provided
Dr. Rawan Tannous of Carmel West Dentistry kindly answered Mr. Weatherman's teeth-whitening inquiries.

teeth and gums are ideal candidates for whitening. Whitening is particularly effective for those with dis-

coloration from coffee, tea, wine, or tobacco.

See *Tooth . . . Page 2*

Reach out to that solo mama or papa at church

I attended mass at a beautiful Catholic church in Anderson a couple of weeks ago. Right before the service began, I noticed a young mother attending solo with her three children in tow. They sat two pews ahead of me.

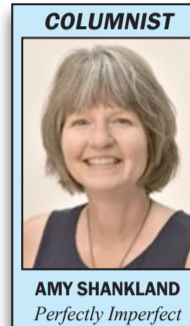
Her daughters appeared to be about 5 and 1, and her son was maybe 3. My heart instantly went out to this mama, as I remembered the many times I attended church alone with my young sons.

Not surprisingly, her little ones began to get restless and a bit loud after 15 minutes. I silently prayed for her as she tried, without much success, to keep them occupied and happy. I also prayed others around her would view her with compassion versus disdain.

Finally, she and her kiddos exited the church when they grew louder. They returned about 10 minutes later.

When it was time for us to offer the Sign of Peace, a brief exchange with people around us right before we receive Communion, I quietly stepped into her pew and shook her hand.

See *Reach Out . . . Page 2*



COLUMNIST

AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Red Cross behind the scenes

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Tornadoes, floods, house fires, and other sudden moments of destruction happen more frequently now. When those events impact lives and homes, the Red Cross springs into action. To find out what goes on behind the scenes when the Red Cross is activated, The Reporter spoke with Red Cross Regional Disaster Officer Janine Brown.

"Red Cross is now responding to nearly nonstop big disasters, so they're mobilizing for nearly twice as many major events today than we did a decade ago," Brown told The Reporter. "In the United States last year, there were \$23 billion in disasters, and in 2015, there were only \$10 billion in disasters. So we've had to really concentrate on disaster readiness and continuous response."

According to Brown, the Red Cross is focusing on regular training sessions

that can be done in person or virtually. That gives the Red Cross multiple options to get people trained to respond.

"It starts with our local disaster action teams, and those are all comprised of volunteers who are trained and ready to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Brown said. "We recently had the Danville multifamily fire where we had 50 people displaced from 49 units. That started as a disaster action team response. From that point, we help people by opening shelters, so we train people to do sheltering in a very compassionate way. It's an emergency shelter that provides food and critical supplies, but it's also some place where people can go to charge their phone or get information. It doesn't mean that they have to spend the night, and we want people to know that they have a place that they can go and be treated with respect and dignity."

See *Red Cross . . . Page 2*



Photo provided
Red Cross volunteers - including Hamilton County's Linda Turk - deliver lunch for residents displaced by a fire at a senior apartment complex in Danville, Ind.



Brown

Carmel invites public to join Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

The REPORTER

Carmel invites the community to the annual Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony at noon on Friday, April 24 at the Tarkington Theater. It is free and open to the public.

This solemn event honors the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust and reaffirms a collective commitment to ensuring such atrocities never happen again.

This year's ceremony fea-

tures a keynote address by Dr. Alex Kor, a Carmel resident and the son of two Holocaust survivors, Michael and Eva Mozes Kor. Following the passing of his parents, Dr. Kor has dedicated himself to the vital mission of preserving their legacies and sharing the lessons of history with new generations.

Also at this year's ceremony, filmmaker, composer and Hoosier Ashton Gleckman will deliver special remarks and share

a trailer for his film, *We Shall Not Die Now*.

Guests and performers include:

- Mayor Sue Finkam
- Cantor Melissa Cohen, Congregation Beth-El Zedek
- Sadie Cohen, Carmel High School
- Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre
- Rabbi Justin Kerber, Congregation Beth Shalom Indy
- Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow,

Congregation Shaarey Tefilla

• Dierdre Thornton, Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations

Everyone is invited to attend a complimentary luncheon; available on a first-come, first-served basis, in the Tarkington lobby following the ceremony. Thank you to caterer A Cut Above for providing this meal and to American Structurepoint, Inc. for their generous sponsorship.

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Caucus set to replace Sheridan Councilman

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Levi Schrock has resigned his position on the Sheridan Town Council. The Hamilton County Republican Party will hold a caucus to select his replacement until the next election. Four precinct

committeemen will vote to choose the next Town Council member at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 at the offices of Adler Attorneys, 136 S. 9th St., Noblesville. Candidate registration will begin at 5 p.m.

REACH OUT

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"I wanted to tell you I've been in your shoes, dear mama," I whispered. "God bless you!" I hope she felt my love and encouragement in those brief words and gestures versus wondering if I was a crazy person.

I'm pleased to say my own church, Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville, is wonderful about encouraging those with young children to attend. Sometimes one of our priests will mention his delight at seeing and hearing them.

Taking little kids to church is rarely easy. And it's even harder when you take them and are a solo parent. Whether you're on your own or your spouse is deceased/they don't attend church, you often feel completely alone.

That's where the rest of us can come in to help. If you see a solo mama or papa near you who is struggling with their little ones, I want to encourage you to show them love and compassion. Give them a squeeze on the shoulder if you're near them or a knowing smile and nod. Share words of encouragement after the service if you

don't have a Sign of Peace moment like we do.

I used to carry one of those fidget "popper" toys in my purse and would share it when I was near a restless little one. Seeing the surprise and smile on a child's face – and the ensuing relief in a parent's eyes – was always worth it, especially when the toy kept the child occupied for a few precious minutes.

A church community needs to do all it can for those who attend solo, especially for the brave mamas or papas who bring their children along. I share more in my new book *Happy and Solo at Church – Light Your Fire and Worship with Joy*, launching tomorrow.

For more info on how to help solo people at church or make your own solo experience better, visit my website, AmyThornton-Shankland.com. Feel free email me, too!

Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

TOOTH

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Why do you have to watch what you eat and drink after Zoom Whitening treatment?

After Zoom whitening, it is crucial to monitor food and drink choices to maintain the results. This is because your teeth are temporarily more porous and susceptible to staining immediately after the treatment.

For the first 24 to 48 hours post-treatment, maintaining a lighter diet, often referred to as the "white diet," can help preserve the brightness of your smile. It's advisable to avoid pigmented foods and drinks, such as coffee, tea, red wine, and certain sauces, as they can easily penetrate the enamel and cause discoloration.



Photos provided by Paul Poteet

Do I have to keep whitening?

The frequency of teeth whitening depends on individual factors such as lifestyle, diet, and the type of whitening method used. In-office professional whitening treatment is recommended once a year for optimal results. After initial whitening, some individuals may only need touch-ups at home every few months.

How has the treatment changed in your time as a dentist?

Recent advancements including laser whitening and LED technology enhanced the effectiveness and speed of treatments. The focus has shifted towards safer, more effective methods that minimize tooth sensitivity and damage.

Personally, I had no sensitivity, but I really missed

that coffee for two days! For teeth whitening or general dentistry, I highly recommend Dr. Tannous and the crew at Carmel West Dentistry. They are at 3965 W. 106th St., Ste. 100 in Carmel. Give them a call at (317) 253-8631. Tell them Mister Weatherman sent ya!

Paul Poteet is a radio and TV personality and owner of The Reporter, and, most importantly, Hamilton County's Hometown Weatherman.

RED CROSS

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Always ready

To stay prepared, local Red Cross chapters are running drills with their volunteers.

"We're doing what we're calling 'thunderbolt exercises,'" Brown said. "Every chapter is doing a no-notice event. We've had two of them already, and we have three more to go before the end of June 30. We give them a scenario with a damaged path, and they have to open four shelters within a certain amount of time. We help them get ready for that by doing tabletop exercises prior to that, so it engages our volunteers, it answers a lot of the questions of how a response all fits together, and really gets them ready for the next big thing."

The Greater Indy chapter had its thunderbolt exercise two days before the Danville fire, which Brown said made them very well-prepared with fresh training when that tragedy hit central Indiana.

"We were ready to go," Brown said. "They knew what they had to do, the disaster action team responded, and they were there."

Which is exactly what you expect from the Red Cross.

According to Brown, the Red Cross Disaster Action Team likes to meet with the family in person soon after they are notified of a need.

"We're required to respond – or to at least initiate contact with the family – within two hours of notification," Brown said. "Getting notified is half of the response right there. As soon as we get notified, we have volunteers ready to go. Sometimes we get notified

by fire departments, and sometimes we get notified by the clients themselves, and sometimes we get notified by neighbors or an elected official."

Care comes first

In Indiana, the Red Cross is using a method called "care before casework."

"What we want to do is sit and really talk to the family and say, 'We know this is a horrible thing that you've just experienced. You may not know everything that you need, but what right now is a priority for you?' Sometimes family members will say things like, 'It's my medication, I need to get my medication.' Sometimes they'll say things like, 'My car caught on fire or was burned in the home fire, and transportation is my biggest concern.' Sometimes it's other things like how to get the doctor's appointment. You just never really know because it's different for every person."

For that reason, Red Cross volunteers will sit with people about what their personal needs and priorities are.

"Sometimes they don't even know," Brown said. "So it's just kind of talking them through what we can do to help, asking them some really thoughtful conversations. Then we will help them make sure that they have what they need immediately, and what is most pressing to them."

Sometimes they open a reception center to gather everybody that's impacted to feed them and let them relax a bit and think things through while they're waiting for information on

About the Red Cross of Indiana

The American Red Cross of Indiana Region serves 6.9 million people in 104 counties in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio through its six chapters: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Greater Indianapolis (Regional Headquarters). The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, visit RedCross.org/Indiana.

whether they can get back into their homes.

Become a volunteer

If you would like to become a volunteer, or just donate to the Red Cross, you can call 1-800-RED-CROSS and follow the prompts. You can also go online to RedCross.org. Brown said that is the simplest way because you can do it on your own timeframe without taking notes.

"We have all kinds of positions available for people," Brown said. "If they don't want to respond to fires in the middle of the night, they can become a shelter worker or they can become a disaster assessment worker. When we have a larger disaster, they can go out and help us assess the damage. There's a job for everybody. There's logistics, there's casework, there's disaster assessment, there's technology – there's something for everybody in the American Red Cross."

Potential volunteers can start some online training right away, and there are options to explore the possibilities before training begins.

"I tell my team all the time, if somebody wants to get on as an observer, let's put them on as an observer before they even go on

through training because it may not be for everybody," Brown said. "I remember when I was becoming an EMT many years ago, I went on ride-alongs for three months before I spent all the time in training because I wanted to make sure it was something I could do. We can get people set up as soon as they pass the background checks and get everything signed up through Volunteer Connection. We can put them on as an observer while they are taking training."

Brown said disaster response is a community event, not just a Red Cross one.

"One thing that I think is really important to know is that we are available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day for disaster response, but it's our whole community," Brown said. "It's not just the American Red Cross. It takes a whole community to help people recover. Whether it's somebody wanting to volunteer for the Red Cross or another organization that wants to be involved in disaster relief and response, I think it's just really important that we know that we're all part of one community helping our neighbors. It's neighbors helping neighbors."

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Gov. Braun declares 30-day gas tax holiday

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Gov. Mike Braun on Wednesday said conditions in the Middle East now warrant suspending one of the two taxes Indiana charges on gasoline.

Braun, a Republican, declared a gas tax holiday and suspended Indiana's sales tax on gasoline, currently 17.2 cents per gallon, for 30 days. The sales tax suspension does not apply to diesel fuel.

The sales tax suspension went into effect immediately but Braun said it will take a few days to implement before drivers start seeing a difference. He said drivers should start seeing savings at the pump late this week or early next week. Braun said he will review the situation after 30 days and might renew the sales tax holiday if he believes conditions warrant.

"I'm calling on gasoline retailers to ensure these savings are showing up at the pumps," he said. "The state will be watching the pumps to make sure that savings are delivered to Hoosiers when they fill up."

He said he is asking the attorney general to enforce restrictions against price-gouging if necessary.

Gas prices surged following the beginning of

the war with Iran because Iranian forces blocked the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Indian Ocean through

which one-fifth of the world's oil supply flows. Although the United States is by far the world's largest oil producer, economists have previously told News 8 Americans still are paying higher prices because

the blockage reduces the total oil supply on global markets. At 12:30 p.m., the average price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline in Indiana was \$4.13, according to AAA.

Braun said he waited until now to act because he needed to see how things were going to turn out in the war with Iran. He said he also first wanted to weigh the sales tax suspension against savings from recent spending cuts and changes to state government. Braun said his office estimates Indiana will lose up to \$50 million in revenue over the course of the 30-day suspension but he believes the state is in a good position to absorb the loss.

Rep. Gregory Porter, D-Indianapolis, the top-ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, echoed that sentiment, pointing to the state's \$5 billion surplus.

Responses from State Officials



Bray

Buck

Huston

GiaQuinta

Rokita

"Senate Republicans have led on issues of affordability for years, resulting in one of the lowest costs of living in the country for Hoosiers, but the recent spike in gas prices is still leaving many Hoosiers feeling undue pressure on their budgets. With affordability top of mind right now, I'm supportive of temporarily suspending the state's sales tax on gas."

— Senate President Pro Tem Rod Bray (R-Martinsville)

"It is evident that Hoosiers around the state are truly struggling with the recent significant increase in the price of gas."

"In a time where affordability is at the top of everyone's mind, it is important for my colleagues and I to do whatever we can to ease financial burdens for our citizens."

"Many individuals in our district commute long distances to work each day, and the price of that transportation should never cause such a strain on Hoosiers' wallets."

— State Senator Jim Buck (R-Kokomo)

"House Republicans support Governor Braun's actions today to temporarily suspend the sales tax on gas due to the recent increase in gas prices. We'll always work to lower costs, protect the stability of working families and ensure Hoosiers keep more of their hard-earned money."

— House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers)

"It's clear that Hoosiers are in desperate need of economic relief, and I'm in favor of anything that can provide that, including suspending the gas tax. However, it's been clear for a long time that Hoosiers are struggling, and it's frustrating that it had to get

this bad before Indiana Republicans took action.

"Back in 2022, House Democrats called for a gas tax suspension when gas prices soared due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our calls went unanswered by the Republican supermajority, who instead allowed Hoosiers to continue draining their wallets at the gas pump."

"I want to be clear: House Democrats support this suspension, but Gov. Braun and Statehouse Republicans are only cleaning up a mess that they helped create. Hoosiers are tired of unstrategic and unfocused foreign wars that cost American lives, drive up gas prices and raise the cost of living."

"This isn't leadership, it's a last-minute scramble to keep up the Indiana GOP's charade of being the 'fiscally responsible' party."

— House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne)

"With the suspension of Indiana's gas tax for the next 30 days, my office will closely monitor fuel prices to guard against any potential price gouging."

"Hoosiers deserve the full relief intended by this emergency measure and we will use every tool at our disposal to ensure that the removal of the tax translates into lower prices at the pump — and that consumers are not taken advantage of during this time."

"If a consumer suspects that a gas station in Indiana is still charging tax during the suspension, they should file a consumer complaint with our office."

— Attorney General Todd Rokita

He said the governor should have suspended the gas tax sooner.

"This is what Hoosiers need right now, is to suspend the gas tax because of gas being over \$4 a gallon,"

he said. "The economic impact of that is yet to be seen but there is some relief and we're very supportive of that. It is about affordability."

Indiana levies two taxes

on gasoline, the sales tax and an excise tax. The governor's order only affects the sales tax. Lawmakers would have to come in for a special session in order to make any changes to the ex-

cise tax.

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Consultancy adds senior marketing strategist & content strategist to strengthen marketing vertical

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Pence Media Group (PMG) has announced the hires of Megan Kendall, Senior Marketing & Communications Strategist, and Nicole Hernandez, Senior Content & Marketing Strategist, to continue the consultancy's growth in 2026.

"The momentum we've carried into this year is incredibly exciting and energizing," PMG Owner & Operator Nicole Pence Becker said. "Adding talented new team members to our marketing vertical positions us to keep pushing boundaries for our clients."

As a Senior Marketing & Communications Strategist, Kendall serves as the lead strategist on one of PMG's enterprise accounts. She brings over 12 years of experience leading strategic omnichannel content and brand campaigns. Her well-rounded marketing expertise includes leading campaigns from inception to activation with high attention to detail.

As a Senior Content + Marketing Strategist, Her-



Kendall

andez helps PMG's clients tell their stories through content creation and marketing strategy. With extensive expertise in crafting community-driven content across central Indiana, she brings a strong skill set in digital content strategy, audience engagement and brand growth. Her approachable writing style, attention to detail and ability to capture authentic moments resonate with online audiences.

About Pence Media Group

PMG is a full-service public relations, branding, digital and marketing consultancy working with public, private and nonprofit clients. Nicole Pence Becker established PMG in 2017, which has grown to become a dynamic, award-winning team. For the fourth year in a row, PMG was selected as a MUSE Creative Best Small Agen-



Hernandez

cy of the Year in 2026. PMG was also honored as one of PR Daily's Top Agencies for 2025, a prestigious award given to fewer than 50 agencies across the country. PMG won 11 Pinnacle Awards and six Awards of Honor at the 2025 PRSA Hoosier Chapter Pinnacle Awards Program, the most of any Indiana firm. Additionally, PMG was the recipient of nine Telly Awards

and won a Bronze ADDY for FFA's "Grow With Us" brand campaign last year.

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Noblesville Neighborhood Match Grant accepting applications through May 1

Submitted by City of Noblesville

Applications for Noblesville's Neighborhood Match Grant are **now open**.

The Neighborhood Match Grant launched in 2025 and provides matching funds to Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and neighborhood groups to enhance, improve, and beautify the city's communities. Eligible projects include recreation improvements, safety enhancements, and landscape sustainability initiatives.

The Neighborhood Match Grant is a one-to-one matching grant with the city contributing 50 percent of eligible project costs up to \$10,000 per project. The Noblesville Common Council appropriated funds for the Neighborhood Match Grant in the 2025 budget and continued to allocate funding for the grant in 2026.

All completed applications will be reviewed by a Neighborhood Match Grant

Committee before being approved for funding. The committee may recommend a higher match ratio if the project is supplemented by corporate funding. Eligible applicants include HOAs and neighborhood groups located within Noblesville city limits.

"This round of grant funding is about building on the momentum created last year to continue to invest in neighborhoods and residents' quality of life by supporting sustainable, safe, and accessible upgrades," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The city looks forward to continuing to collaborate with community members on projects that have a real and lasting impact. I'm grateful to the Noblesville Common Council for continuing to support this effort as well."

Funding will be focused



Jensen

on projects involving design, construction, or installation, with priority given to those offering the greatest visibility and positive community impact. Projects located inside the public right-of-way are subject to additional review and approval. Examples of projects that could be funded include new trail connections, accessible playground enhancements, and the installation of community gardens. Projects funded through the 2025 Neighborhood Match Grant include installation of native trees and plants, playground improvements, lighting, benches, and more.

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Riverview Health Foundation receives \$1.6M gift from Thomas P. Sheehan Trust

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Foundation announces a transformative \$1.6 million gift from the estate of Tom and Soni Sheehan through the Thomas P. Sheehan Trust in support of the expansion and renovation of the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at Riverview Health's Noblesville hospital.

This generous commitment represents the largest single gift in the Foundation's 50-year history and provides vital support to complete the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation project, expanding access to comprehensive rehabilitative care for patients throughout Central Indiana.

Tom and Soni Sheehan were steadfast supporters of Riverview Health Foundation for more than two decades. Tom served on the Foundation's Board of Directors for several years, including as Board Chair from 2004 to 2006. The Sheehan family's philanthropic impact at Riverview Health also includes support for the Women's Pavilion and the creation of the Sheehan

Chapel.

"Noblesville, Hamilton County, and central Indiana have been blessed by the extraordinary generosity of Tom and Soni Sheehan," said Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs for Riverview Health. "Their commitment to this community and to improving the lives of families and children has left a lasting legacy. We are deeply grateful for this historic gift, which will benefit patients and caregivers for generations to come."

Their daughter, Tracey Sheehan, said the gift reflects her parents' lifelong values.

"Mom and Dad were kind and selfless individuals who believed deeply in helping others," said Sheehan. "As patients of Riverview Health, they experienced firsthand the exceptional care provided



by the physicians and healthcare team. Supporting organizations that serve families and children in this community was always important to them."

[Click here to watch this short video to see how Tom shared his passion for helping others and his lasting connection to the Riverview Health Foundation.](#)

Healthcare leaders say the gift will have a meaningful and lasting impact on patient care.

"Riverview Health is proud to provide personalized, compassionate care to every patient," said Dr. Norman Mindrebo, Riverview Health orthopedic physician and member of the Riverview Health Foundation Board of Directors. "Because of the Sheehans' generosity, hundreds of patients will benefit from an expanded and modernized Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit."

tion Unit."

Dr. Mindrebo added, "My wife, Peggy, and I were honored to make the lead gift to this campaign, and Tom liked to joke that if we hadn't stepped forward, he would have. Our families share a belief in giving back, and through this remarkable gift, the Sheehan family is making a profound difference in the lives of so many."

As the only CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accredited facility in Hamilton County, the unit has served the community for more than 30 years and plays a critical role in helping patients safely transition from hospital care back to daily life. The \$1.6 million gift from the Thomas P. Sheehan Trust will significantly enhance Riverview Health's ability to serve patients by supporting modernized spaces, advanced equipment, and program enhancements that promote recovery, independence, and improved outcomes.

This transformational investment ensures that res-

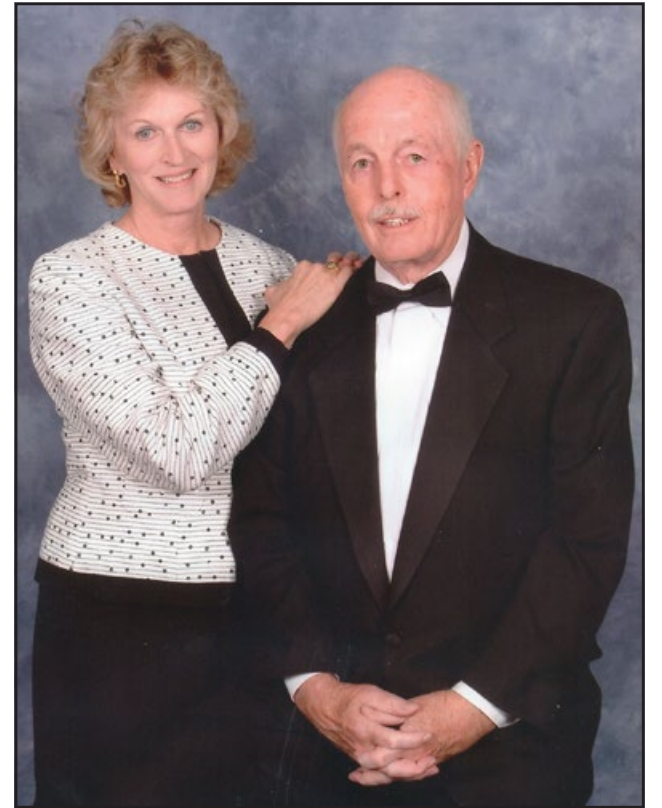


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Tom and Soni Sheehan's legacy lives on thanks to a large financial gift aimed at expanding and renovating the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at Riverview Health's Noblesville hospital.

idents of Hamilton County and the surrounding region have continued access to high-quality, specialized rehabilitation services close

to home. For more information on how to support the Foundation and Riverview Health, visit riverview.org/foundation50.

Hamilton Town Center to welcome new brands & dining options

Submitted

Simon Property Group recently announced the latest additions to Hamilton Town Center, including Pandora, Saltgrass Steak House, and Club Pilates.

Pandora

Opening this month at the outdoor shopping destination, Pandora is known best for its highly personal jewelry, offering women

across the world high quality, hand-finished, modern, and genuine jewelry products at affordable prices that inspire women to express their individuality. Pandora opens this March at Hamilton Town Center and will be found next to the newly renovated American Eagle.

Saltgrass Steak House Landry's Inc. is bringing

a fresh dining concept to Hamilton Town Center, reimagining the former Houlihan's with a facelift and new offerings. Saltgrass Steak House specializes in prime cuts of char-grilled beef and captures the essence and the tantalizing flavors of the great American West. Offering steak, chicken, and seafood selections, all paired perfectly

with freshly made breads, soups, and desserts made from scratch daily, Salt Grass Steakhouse has something for the whole family. Saltgrass Steak House will open this summer next to Old Navy.

Club Pilates

With Pilates quickly becoming a workout favorite, Club Pilates is set to open a new studio at Hamilton

Town Center this summer. Club Pilates studios offer low-impact, full-body Reformer Pilates-based workouts with a variety of classes that challenge the body as well as the mind. Club Pilates will be found near Men's Wearhouse and DSW.

Hamilton Town Center has recently unveiled a variety of new retailers and

freshly renovated stores including Hailey Nicole Bridal and renovated Old Navy, which opened in late 2025. In addition, American Eagle just completed its renovation this year.

For more information on the latest updates and new additions to Hamilton Town Center, visit simon.com/mall/hamilton-town-center.



GREEN-DAY

Saturday, April 25
11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Grand Junction Plaza
225 S. Union St.

The City of Westfield's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Green Day at Grand Junction Plaza, a free family event celebrating Earth and Arbor Day! Enjoy activities and exhibits from local organizations covering topics like trees, water, soils, and sustainability, plus free native tree saplings (while supplies last).

Ready to dig into the details? Visit westfieldin.gov/greenday to learn more!



We need an honest conversation about Medicaid & healthcare

Over the past several months, while knocking on doors and speaking with residents across District 29, one topic keeps coming up: healthcare.

When I mention healthcare, people immediately start asking questions. Veterans ask how VA benefits interact with other programs. Hospital workers talk about the strain they are seeing inside their facilities. Families caring for aging parents want to know how they will afford long-term care. Parents of children with disabilities worry about what will happen when they are no longer able to provide care themselves.

What I hear most in these conversations is confusion. People know something is changing in our healthcare system in Indiana but often don't know why or how.

Too often, the public conversation about Medicaid is reduced to talking points about "fraud, waste, and abuse." We hear claims that individuals are gaming the system or that undocumented immigrants are draining public healthcare resources.

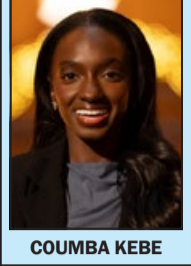
But as a public health professional who has worked in healthcare systems and policy for a decade, I can tell you that these narratives oversimplify the issue and distract from the real challenges.

Most Medicaid fraud occurs at the provider or system level through billing practices and oversight gaps, not from individual patients seeking care. Undocumented immigrants are also frequently blamed in these debates, but under federal law they generally do not qualify for federal public benefits such as Medicaid or SNAP.

Meanwhile, the real consequences of these policy debates are being felt by the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Medicaid plays a critical role in supporting seniors, people with disabilities, and families who rely on long-term services and supports. It also helps sustain healthcare providers, including

GUEST COLUMNIST



COUMBA KEBE

hospitals, home care agencies, and community health organizations that serve large numbers of vulnerable residents.

When access becomes more difficult and systems become more complicated to navigate, the effects ripple far beyond individual patients. When our healthcare system is under pressure, it affects our workforce, our local economy, and the overall well-being of our community.

Healthcare providers face increasing strain. Families struggle to find care for aging loved ones or children with disabilities. Hospitals delay investments in equipment and staffing. In some cases, people leave the workforce entirely to care for family members when support services are unavailable.

Healthcare is not just a social service issue. It is a community stability issue.

Yet despite how deeply these issues affect our communities, there has been very little effort to educate the public about what these changes mean or how families can prepare.

That is why I have organized a community forum called "Medicaid and Aging in Place."

The goal of the event is simple: to bring together experts who can help our community better understand recent policy changes, what they mean for seniors and families, and how people can navigate the current system.

Healthcare policy is often debated in political terms. But for families caring for aging parents, children with disabilities, or loved ones who rely on long-term care, these policies are not abstract. They shape daily life.

Healthcare access is not a political talking point. It is a basic human need, and our communities deserve policies that reflect that truth.

Coumba Kebe is a Democratic candidate for Indiana House District 29. You can learn about her campaign at KebeForIndiana.com.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces 2026 schedule

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The Carmel Christkindlmarkt will return for the 2026 season, bringing festive holiday traditions, shopping, and entertainment to the community from Nov. 21 through Dec. 24, 2026.

The annual preview event, Wundernacht, will take place on Nov. 19, offering guests an exclusive first look at the Market experience. Tickets for the 21-and-over event will be available later this year.

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt invites visitors of all ages to enjoy authentic German-inspired holiday experiences, festive food and drink, artisan vendors, and seasonal entertainment throughout the Market season. The Market is free to attend, no tickets required, with free parking as well. Tickets are required for ice skating at the Ice at Carter

Green, and will also be on sale later this year.

Full dates and hours are listed below. For more information, visit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com.



Market Hours

• Closed: Mondays and Tuesdays (unless noted below)

• Closed: Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day) and Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

Regular Hours

• Wednesday & Thursday: 4 to 9 p.m.

• Friday & Saturday: noon to 9 p.m.

• Sunday: noon to 8 p.m.

Special Holiday Hours

• Wednesday, Nov. 25: noon to 9 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 21 & Tuesday, Dec. 22: noon to 9 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 23: noon to 9 p.m.

• Thursday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): noon to 4 p.m.

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The Westfield Parks & Recreation Department will hold its annual Green Day event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St. This free, family-friendly event combines the city's Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations, encouraging residents to connect with and care for Westfield's natural spaces.

"Westfield is filled with beautiful green spaces, creeks, and parks," Mayor Scott Willis said. "As our community continues to grow, it's important to pause, appreciate the beauty of nature that surrounds us, and learn how to preserve them for future generations."

Attendees can explore sustainability practices and take part in interactive activities, including:

- Free native tree saplings (White Pine, Tulip



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Tree, Pin Oak, and Silky Dogwood) available while supplies last, courtesy of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

- A live reptiles and amphibians show presented by Indiana Jim

- The second annual duck race in Grassy Branch Creek

Westfield High School's National Honor Society and Environmental Club will

also host hands-on activities, including take-home solar car kit, plant-a-seed activity, and UV pony bead bracelets.

In conjunction with Green Day, the Parks & Recreation Department will also introduce its new Adopt-a-Trail program, offering residents a way to make a lasting impact on the community's trail system.

The Adopt-a-Trail Pro-

gram is free and open to individuals and willing to commit to cleaning a one-to-two-mile stretch of trail at least three times per season, March through October, for a two-year term. The city will provide participants with safety vests, trash grabbers, trash bags, and other supplies for each session.

To learn more, visit westfieldin.gov/greenday.

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BIDDING OPENS: Thursday, April 2nd @ 10am

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Or by Appointment Only

TRACTORS: FarmAll 560 Tractor, 1984 John Deere 4450 (540 & 1000 PTO, 3-pt, Front & Rear Wgts, 15-Speed Power Shift, 8788 hrs), 1949 John Deere Model A Gas, John Deere L w/ Plow & Draw Bar, Ford Ferguson 9N, Oliver 77 Row-Crop Gas w/ Mounted Sprayer, FarmAll Super MTA w/ Hyd. Front End Loader, 1982 JD 4640 (Rear Wgts, 3 Hyd Remotes, 6940 hrs, Quad-Range Transmission)
PLANTERS & DRILLS: JD 7000 12-Row Planter (Liquid Fert, Insect, Bean & Corn Meters, 200 Monitor), JD 7000 Planter (Used for Food Plot & Truck Patch), 30' Case IH 5500 Grain Drill (Monitor & Markers)
SPRAYERS & TANKS: Bestway 1000-Gallon w/ 60' Booms & Raven 440 Monitor, 1000-Gallon Steel Tank on JD Gear w/ Hyd. Hoist, 500-Gallon Sprayer on JD Gear, 1200-Gallon Stainless Tank on 1065 JD Gear (Honda 5.5hp Motor & Banjo Pump), Chem Farms Stainless Saddle Tanks w/ Pump, Clark 1000-Gallon Nurse Tank w/ Pump on Adj Gear, 3-pt 200-Gallon w/ PTO Pump & 30' Booms, JD 963 Gear w/ 1000-Gallon Poly Tank (30-Gal Inductor)
VEHICLES: 2006 Hummer H3 4x4 (Leather, Sunroof, Power Windows & Seats, Vortec 3500, Gas, 242830 miles), 2006 Chevrolet C1500 Silverado (2-W/D, Vortec 5.3 Liter Gas, 218756 Miles), 1999 GMC C7500 7H1 Auger Truck (7.4 Liter Gas Motor, 17928 Miles), 2012 Int'l 4300M&SBA 4x2 Bucket Truck (2008 Altech Service Body w/ 50' Bucket, 44996 miles, Max Force Diesel Engine-Diagnosed as needing replaced-Excessive Blow-By), 2004 Ford F-350 Super Duty Crew Cab (V-8 FX4 4-WD, 6.0 Liter Diesel, Leather, Power Seats & Windows, Sunroof, Gooseneck Hitch, 6-3/4' Bed, 168705 miles)
TRAILERS: 2014 Sure-Trac 25+5 Gooseneck, 2013 Corn Pro UT-16L w/ Ramps, 12'x81" Bolinger Trl., 2007 Konkrite 18'x80"
TIRES: 18.4-34 Firestone Clamp-On Duals, 2016 Like New Ford F-350 Toyo Tires (265-70R 19.5), Stock 5-Lug

Michelin Tires & Wheels, 2004 Stock F-350 Firestone LT265 75R 16, 18.4-37 Firestone T-Rail Duals
TILLAGE EQUIPMENT: 25' DMI Tiger Mate II Fld. Cult., 25' McFarlane 8-Bar Pull-Type Harrow, 8' JD RW Disk, Brillion 10-Shank 3-pt Chisel Plow, 32' Brillion XL144 Packer (X-Fold Extendable Tongue, Scrapers, USED VERY LITTLE), County Line 3-pt Cultivator, 2 & 3-Bottom Plows, Oliver 545 Plow, 19' Allis-Chalmers 1200 Fld. Cult., McFarlane QT-111RB Quadra-Till 11-Shank Chisel
WAGONS & GRAIN HANDLING: Hay Wagons, (2) JD 1075 Gears w/ Midwest Steel Beds & M-10 Hyd. Hoists, Parker 300-bu Gravity Wagon, J&M 680-760 Gravity Wagon w/ Brakes & Lights, Seed Wagon w/ Sudenga Brush Auger (Hyd. Pump & Motor), Kongskilde SUC-1000 Grain Vac, (2) J&M 350-20 Gr. Wagons on JD 1075 Gears w/ Lights
LIVESTOCK EQ: Tilt-Tables for Goats/Sheep, Cattle Panels & Gates, Cattle Catch Chute, Wire Fence
MOWERS: 7' Ford 14-92 3-pt. Sickle Bar Mower, JD MX-8 Pull-Type Rotary Cutter, JD 503 Rotary Cutter, New Holland 57 Hay Rake
LAWN & GARDEN: 3' JD Snow Blower, 5' Snapper Pro Snow Blower, Grasshopper 721 w/ 66" Deck, Grasshopper 618 w/ 52" Deck, JD Z425 Mower w/ 54" Deck (459 hrs), Gravel Rascal
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Young chairs Senate Small Business Committee field hearing in Carmel

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young
 U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) chaired a Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee field hearing on Tuesday, April 7 at Carmel City Hall. The hearing examined the role of small businesses in America's bioeconomy and focused on Indiana's leadership in bioscience innovation. [Click here](#) to watch the hearing. Here is the list of Hoosier witnesses who testified during the hearing:

- Dr. Alina Alexeenko-Peroulis, Co-Founder and President, LyoWave, Inc.
- Aaron Schacht, CEO and Board Director, Bio>Edit, Inc.
- Derek Small, Co-Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Monument Biosciences, Inc.
- Mark Warner, Co-Founder and CTO, Liberation Bioindustries
- David Rosenberg, President and CEO, Indiana University Launch Accelerator for Biosciences
- Vincent Wong, CEO and President, BioCrossroads and Crossroads Health Ventures
- Michelle Dennis, Regional Innovation Officer, Heartland BioWorks

IMCU to celebrate grand opening of Spring Mill Road branch in Westfield

Submitted
 Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) will celebrate the grand opening of its Spring Mill Road Branch, its 33rd location, on Tuesday, April 28. The branch, located at 17475 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, is now open and serving members.



Grand Opening events

- **Ribbon-cutting ceremony:** Tuesday, April 28 from 9 to 10 a.m.
- **Community Open House:** Tuesday, April 28 through Friday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Grand Opening Community Celebration:** Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community members are invited to stop by for autographs and photos with special guests from

The new IMCU branch on Spring Mill Road in Westfield is open now and will soon celebrate with a ribbon cutting and open house.

the Indiana Pacers, including mascot Boomer from 9 to 10 a.m. and T.J. McConnell from 11 a.m. to noon, as well as Indy Eleven mascot Zeke from 10 to 11 a.m., plus refreshments, a new member offer, and chances to win door prizes. (Subject to change.)

Community-focused service
 The Spring Mill Road Branch is a full-service financial center and part of IMCU's ongoing commitment to expanding access and enhancing service for members across central Indiana. Branch hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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FEINSTEIN'S AT HOTEL CARMICHAEL

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 May 8 & 9

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HOTEL CARMICHAEL
 PATIO IS NOW OPEN



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The great Art Garfunkel makes his return to Carmel's Payne & Mencias Palladium this summer after an eight-year hiatus.

Art Garfunkel returns July 24

Tickets on sale Friday for Grammy winner & Rock Hall of Famer

The REPORTER

Legendary singer and actor Art Garfunkel will return to Allied Solutions Center this summer with an evening of songs and stories celebrating his enduring career.

The performance is set for 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Tickets starting at \$55 go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday at

TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the venue's Fifth Third Bank Box Office.

The event is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the 2026-2027 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions. The full upcoming season will be announced May 18.

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to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Services include:
• Traditional teller line and representatives to assist with auto and mortgage loans, deposits, certificate accounts, and account services.

• Commercial services and investment services representatives are available by appointment.

• Drive-Up Interactive Teller Machines (ITMs): Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Branch Manager Sydney Thomas and her team are ready to provide personalized, efficient service tailored to the needs of individuals and businesses in the growing Westfield community.

"We're excited to welcome members and neighbors to our new Spring Mill Road Branch," IMCU President and CEO John Newett said. "This new branch is our second location in Westfield and reflects our commitment to providing con-

venient, modern banking solutions while continuing to invest in the communities we serve."

About Indiana Members Credit Union

Indiana Members Credit Union, headquartered in Indianapolis, was founded in 1956 on the campus of IU Indianapolis. IMCU has since grown to 33 branches, serving central and southern Indiana, offering consumer and business members a full array of products and services. IMCU has been recognized as a Best Place to Work and has received the Community's Choice Award for Banking and Credit Unions from the *Indianapolis Star* for three consecutive years, as well as being named America's Best Credit Union in Indiana by *Newsweek* for three consecutive years.

Traditionally offering better rates on loans and deposits, IMCU remains true to its roots by "Keeping It Simple" for members. For more information, please visit IMCU online at imcu.com.

Letter to the Editor

Briggs explains her view on why COVID damaged public trust

Dear Editor:

Dr. Jerome Adams, who served as the 20th U.S. Surgeon General during the first Trump administration, asks the question, "It's time for an honest assessment of how we arrived here."

Dr. Adams is speaking to the issue of the vaccine changes scheduled for children. So far six vaccines have been taken off the required list for children. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and associates "framed the changes as a way to restore choice and flexibility." Adams also states how these changes will affect parents, children, and the entire public health system. He admits that, "the erosion of trust in public health officials did not begin in 2025."

I say the trust with the American Public Health system came to a demise when in 1986, Congress passed a law protecting the pharmaceutical companies with immunity by not allowing any lawsuits against them for vaccine injuries and deaths of individuals due to vaccines. I noticed the amount of vaccines ramped up in numbers and were added to the childhood required vaccine schedule. It's

no wonder our kids are sick.

Speaking of our youth, the percentages of heart injuries from the COVID vaccines showed a greater amount of vaccine injuries in males aged 16 to 24. Recall the many sporting athletes who collapsed while playing football and soccer. Facts from the Children's Health Team state, "With the advent of COVID shots, cardiac adverse events – myocarditis, pericarditis and myopericarditis – have skyrocketed to an entirely new level, especially in young males and especially after the second dose."

Our youth also suffered by not attending school, not seeing their friends and teachers, missing out on school activities, their proms, and graduations all because of the COVID Lie. I asked one male teenager how he survived the school day wearing his mask all day, and he said by wearing the mask, it created acne problems he never had before.

In my opinion, the three vaccine choices – Moderna, Pfizer, and J&J – morphed into a monster virus that made a lot of people very sick, especially the unvaccinated people. More than likely this new morphed

virus was also spread by the unvaccinated. Many people I know who got those shots would later get sick again from the new Long COVID flu and it lasted several days to a week. This effected our economy.

Many people who declined the mRNA shots were mocked, ostracized, lost their jobs or career licenses, and blamed for spreading the flu to others just because they were unvaccinated. They had nothing in their bodies to spread to others but the people who took those shots spread the virus to everyone.

Everyone has their memories of the COVID pandemic and there is nothing positive about it. A lot of babies died or were born in stillbirth; people of all ages died too early in their lifetime. This is why the American people have no trust in the entire public health system because we were lied to.

My final note is: "I will always remember Former President Biden's sneaky smile as he proclaimed every American will be forced to take the shots."

Mari Briggs
Sheridan

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GARFUNKEL

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Celebrated as the “Voice of Generations,” Garfunkel is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, winner of eight Grammys (including the Lifetime Achievement Award) and one of *Rolling Stone* magazine’s 100 Greatest Singers of All Time.

As co-founder and chief vocal arranger for the folk duo Simon & Garfunkel, he shaped popular culture with songs such as “Bridge

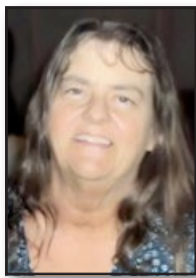
Over Troubled Water,” “The Sound of Silence,” and “Mrs. Robinson.” His solo hits have included “I Only Have Eyes for You,” “(What a Wonderful World)” and “All I Know.”

Garfunkel also is a poet and actor, with films including *Carnal Knowledge*, *Catch-22*, and *Bad Timing*. He previously performed at Allied Solutions Center in 2018.

Susan Neiling

February 3, 1958 – April 4, 2026

Susan Neiling, 68, Arcadia, passed away on April 4, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.



She was born on February 3, 1958 in Lima, Ohio, to Dick and Jackie Versprille.

Sue graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1976. She married the love of her life, Tony Neiling, in 1974 and they spent 33 years together loving each other and raising their family. Sue

loved caring for children and spent most of her career running an in-home daycare. She also ran a successful cookie-and-balloon business for several years, and many people have fond memories of receiving her bouquets. Sue was an avid game player; she loved playing Bingo, Yahtzee, Skip-Bo, Rummy, or any other card game you’d want to sit down and play with her. But if you asked her, her favorite thing was spending time with her grandchildren.

Sue will be remembered for her giving heart, always one of the first to offer support or a meal when someone was going through a hard time. She was very connected to her community; she always remembered someone’s birthday, anniversary, or a significant event in their life. With faith being an important part of her life, she attended Arcadia Church of the Brethren. She knew that when her time was done in this world, she’d get to meet her Savior and dance in the streets with her husband.

She is survived by her mother-in-law, Donna Neiling; her children, Tony (Amie) Neiling and Heather Trump; her siblings, Rich (Karen) Versprille, Rob (Deanna) Versprille, and Tammy (Andy) Miller; grandchildren, Belle, Theo, and Eli Neiling, and Aerial and Aleha Trump; her great-granddaughter, Leilani Trump; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony Neiling; her parents, Dick Versprille and Jackie Versprille; and her father-in-law, Raymond Neiling.

Sue did not want people to be sad about her passing because she knew she was going Home, so she opted not to have a funeral service. However, there will be a private family graveside service in the future. The family would also like to thank all of Sue’s caregivers, medical professionals and volunteers that contributed to her long-term care throughout her journey.

Sue will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhome.com

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

WATER FROM THE ROCK

So Moses took the staff from the Lord’s presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord and where he was proved holy among them.

EDOM DENIES ISRAEL PASSAGE

Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying:

“This is what your brother Israel says: You know about all the hardships that have come on us. Our ancestors went down into Egypt, and we lived there many years. The Egyptians mistreated us and our ancestors, but when we cried out to the Lord, he heard our cry and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt.

“Now we are here at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory. Please let us pass through your country. We will not go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the King’s Highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your territory.”

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Boys Volleyball

Young Carmel team reaches 10th win of season

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

CARMEL – If any sport knows how to pack a big number of matches into a short period of time, it's volleyball.

Indiana's boys high school volleyball season began just a few weeks ago, but some teams have already reached their half-way point. Carmel is one of them: the Greyhounds reached their 10th victory of the season Wednesday by sweeping Brownsburg 25-15, 25-17, 25-13 on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

"We're really happy," said Carmel coach Andrew Fuller. "We're on a really good trajectory for as young as we are. When you go out there and your running four sophomores [and] a freshman for the rotation, you just don't know what to expect."

The Greyhounds first three victories came against New Palestine, Southport and Monrovia at a season-opening tournament on March 21. Carmel lost to North Central in their fourth match that day, then were edged out by Hamilton Southeastern in a five-set match on March 24.

Since then, the Hounds have won seven of their eight last matches. Carmel beat Franklin Community to begin that run, and followed that with four consecutive sweeps, beating Jeffersonville, Madison, Bishop Chartard and Center Grove.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Thomas Kuehl (center) makes a dig during the Greyhounds' match with Brownsburg on Tuesday. Also pictured are Eli Philistin-Lynch (17) and Brice Hagaman (7).

Roncalli ended the Greyhounds' win streak on April 4 at a tournament, but Carmel rebounded later that day to sweep Jeffersonville again, then took care of business against Brownsburg.

Fuller said his Greyhounds are beating the opponents they should, but now need to find a way to "crack the code" over the top tier of teams.

"We learned our lesson against Roncalli last week," said Fuller. "We've got a little bit of a ways to go."

Sophomore Eli Philistin-Lynch led Carmel's offense against the Bulldogs, hitting 11 kills. Junior Jack

Kovak made five blocks (three solo, two assists), while senior Brice Hagaman collected nine digs. Senior Shepard Spidel dished out 29 assists.

Philistin-Lynch has 134 kills for the season, which puts him at the top of the statewide leaderboard in that category. Hamilton Southeastern's Ethan Kilberg is second with 121 kills.

"Eli had great off-season training," said Fuller. "He was more of a role-player for us last year, but we knew what he was capable of doing and people are starting to see it."

Spidel has dished out 390 assists for the season,

placing him first in the state. The top four assisters are from Hamilton County: Westfield's Michael Terbish and Southeastern's Brandt Marchione both have 304 and Noblesville's Silas Stolt has 241.

Carmel plays a Friday night match at Zionsville, start time is 7 p.m. The Greyhounds then return home on Tuesday, April 14 to take on Westfield. The teams are hoping to have a crowd of 1,000 fans attend that match.

"It should be high-powered volleyball and it should be a great experience for people that haven't been around boys volleyball," said Fuller.

Baseball

Millers shut out Avon, Keever secures program win record

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

Noblesville hit the road for its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game on Wednesday and it was pretty much a rinse and repeat from Monday's game to open the week.

The Millers kept their momentum going and got league play off to a great start, shutting out Avon on the road, 10-0. The win puts head coach Justin Keever all alone as the all-time leader in Noblesville baseball history with 379 wins, overtaking previous coach Dennis Kas' 378.

Beckett Doane was dealing right away on the mound, striking out two of the three outs in the first.

Slade Hodges got hit by a pitch to lead off the second. After Garrett Dixon hit an infield single, Hodges scored when Chris Martz grounded out to short for the early 1-0 lead.

Noblesville loaded the bases quickly in the third. Aiden Reynolds singled, Zac Glander walked and Brooks Riggs was hit by a pitch. Reynolds touched home on a Jalen Stidham fielder's choice to make

it 2-0. Glander scored on Hodges' fielder's choice, pushing it to 3-0.

Dixon led off the fourth with a walk. Courtesy runner Blake Riggs moved over the third when Martz doubled to left. Both Riggs and Martz were then driven in by Reynolds' base hit for a 5-0 count. Glander drove in Reynolds for a 6-0 score.

Run number seven crossed home plate in the fifth inning. Ethan Clark reached on an error, allowing Hodges to score.

Noblesville's foot stayed on the gas pedal in the top of the seventh. Stidham walked, followed by Hodges getting hit for a second time. Christian Penaloza drove them both in with a double to left for 9-0. The final run was scored by Penaloza with the bases loaded and Glander was hit by a pitch.

Brookes Muse pitched the seventh, striking out two of the four he faced.

Reynolds and Dixon both had two hits, while Glander and Penaloza each drove in two to help pace the offense. Hodges scored three times and Reynolds twice.

The series concludes with the second game tonight at Dunker Field.

Sheridan baseball team starts season

The REPORTER

The Sheridan baseball team opened its season with two games this week.

The Blackhawks hosted the Indianapolis Kings homeschool team on Tuesday and lost 17-2 in five innings. Seniors Braelan Bochner and Chance Spencer both scored one run and had one hit. Freshman Levi Gellert hit an RBI single.

Senior Jake Hall pitched three innings, striking out five.

Sheridan played at Madison-Grant on Wednesday, falling 10-8. The Argylls led 10-4 after three innings; the Blackhawks scored four runs in the fifth.

Senior Brayden Whisman had two hits, a double and a single, and scored two runs. Senior Chance Spencer hit a double, while Hall scored two runs.

The Blackhawks will host Lewis Cass Saturday morning for a doubleheader. The first game begins at 11 a.m.

Baseball

Blazers sail past Johns Creek

The REPORTER

University picked up another win in Panama City Beach, Fla. on Wednesday, taking care of Johns Creek (Ga.) 12-5.

The Trailblazers never trailed, scoring a run in the first inning. Oliver Kingery batted in Ryan Castetter with a left field double.

University added three runs in the second inning. Castetter drove in the first two with a left field hit, sending home Ethan

Cutsinger and Philip Jacobs. Beckett Suh singled Castetter home to give the Blazers a 4-0 lead.

The Gladiators scored their first run in the third inning. Suh stepped up in the fourth inning, blasting a right field double to send Custing and Cooper Cammack home.

Johns Creek put up three runs in the bottom of the fourth to get within 6-4. University surged ahead in the sixth inning, getting five

runs for an 11-4 lead.

Cutsinger scored the first run, getting home after Cammack hit a sacrifice fly. Suh added another RBI with a single to score Castetter. Finn Steiner brought Suh home with a single, then Steiner and Caleb Stocker scored after Quinn Green reached on error, giving the Blazers an 11-4 lead.

The Gladiators scored their final run in the bottom of the sixth. University answered with one more run

in the seventh; Cammack singled in Castetter for his fourth run of the game.

Suh drove in four runs on a 3-for-4 performance at the plate, including a double. Quinn Crawley pitched 3.2 innings for the win, striking out three. Chase Fankhauser pitched the other 3.1 innings, also striking out three and allowing no hits.

The Trailblazers are 5-3 and finish their Florida trip today by playing Greenwood (Ky.) at 12:30 p.m.

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Softball

Golden Eagles fall to Living Water Homeschool

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The Guerin Catholic softball team lost to Living Water Homeschool 16-6 in a six-inning game at Sham-baugh Park in Indianapolis.

The Golden Eagles' Izzy Phillips and Gia Crishon hit back-to-back home runs to lead off the top of the second inning and score the first runs of the game. But Living Water answered with three runs in the bottom of the second and third innings, then put up four runs in the fourth for a 10-2 advantage.

Jillian Davis stepped up for Guerin Catholic in the fifth inning, cracking a

three-run homer that also scored Kate Brady and Emily Powers. Ava Augustinovicz scored a run after Phillips reached on error, bringing GC within 10-6. But Living Water scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth, then an RBI double in the sixth inning ended the game.

Davis and Augustinovicz both had two hits, with Davis also hitting a double. Crishon pitched 3.2 innings and struck out four, while Augustinovicz had three strikeouts in two innings.

Guerin Catholic is 2-1 and hosts Heritage Christian this afternoon.

Lacrosse

Golden Eagles boys & girls get conference victories

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic lacrosse teams each picked up wins against Circle City Conference rivals on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles' boys team traveled to Bishop Chatard and won a tight game 8-7. Vincent Elliott scored Guerin Catholic's game-winning goal with under two minutes left.

Stats from the game were not available at press time. The victory improved GC's conference record to 2-0. The Golden Eagles' last CCC game will also be their regular-season finale, taking place May 12 at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Guerin Catholic is 4-4 overall. The Golden Eagles host Evansville Memorial at noon Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Guerin Catholic girls cruised to a conference win at home over Roncalli 15-1.

Lucy Esposito, Claire Flannagan and Camryn Carter all scored two goals. Nine more players scored one goal: Lily Moore, Claire Poe, Natalie Laughon, Mackenzie Ford, Reagan Kaercher, Adele Cline, Maggie Scott, Lauren Keller and Delaney Cardinal.

Caroline Ford collected four ground balls and dished out three assists. Ella Capofari and Scott both provided two assists.

Guerin Catholic is 2-0 in conference play and 3-1 overall. The Golden Eagles play tonight at Cathedral.



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Vincent Elliott made the game-winning goal with under two minutes left to send the Golden Eagles past Bishop Chatard 8-7 on Tuesday.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Guerin Catholic's Claire Flannagan (7) makes a pass to Ella Capofari (23) during the Golden Eagles' girls game on Tuesday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 9

BASEBALL

University vs. Greenwood (Ky.), 12:30 p.m. at Panama City Beach (Fla.)
 Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 5:30 p.m.
 Avon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
 Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 6 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Jay County, 6 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
 Zionsville at Fishers, 6 p.m.
 Westfield at Grace Christian Academy (Tenn.), 7 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Noblesville at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Center Grove at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hamilton Heights at Anderson, 5:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Sheridan at Rossville (with Lafayette Central Catholic and Twin Lakes), 6 p.m.

Friday, April 10

BASEBALL

Westfield at Heritage (Tenn.), 5 p.m.
 Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
 Carmel at North Central, 6 p.m.
 Fishers at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
 Westfield at Maryville (Tenn.), 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Noblesville at Culver Academies, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Castle Invitational, 4 p.m.

Taylor at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Cathedral at Noblesville, 4:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic vs. Jasper, 4:30 p.m. at Brownsburg

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Motorsports

2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST presented as 500 Festival event vehicle

Submitted by IMS

Thirty-seven identical 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST trucks were staged on the main straightaway April 7 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a clear sign the Month of May is around the corner.

A longtime tradition, the "Festival Event Vehicles" have reminded Indianapolis-area residents of the upcoming Indianapolis 500 since the 1960s. The unique fleet of trucks will turn heads and capture attention throughout the state in the lead-up to the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

Presenting the trucks



Photo provided by IMS

were J. Douglas Boles, INDYCAR and IMS president; Dave Neff, 500 Festival president and CEO; and Alyssa Haba, Chevrolet motorsports marketing and activation senior manager.

"We are excited to un-

leash all 33 of the 500 Festival board members and the 500 Festival Princesses to serve as brand ambassadors for the Indianapolis 500 across the state these

next couple months," Neff said. "This is our state's crown jewel, and there is no better time of year in the state of Indiana."

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Indiana Pacers turn three-pointers into 100K eggs for Hoosier families in need

The REPORTER

Every Indiana Pacers' three-pointer meant more than points this season as their performance on the floor is helping deliver 100,000 eggs to families in need across the state.

Through the Pacers Foundation's Drive & Dish food insecurity initiative, championed by Indiana Pacers Coach Rick Carlisle, and in partnership with Kroger, MPS Egg Farms and HATCH for Hunger, the team's success beyond the arc was turned into nutritious food for thousands of Hoosiers. Earlier this season, the partners pledged three cases of eggs for every three-pointer made by the Pacers during home games through the end of the season.

"Initiatives like this show how the game can bring people together and create real impact for families across Indiana," Pacers Sports & Entertainment SVP of Community Engagement Corey Wilson said. "Thanks to our partners at Kroger, MPS Egg Farms and HATCH, we're proud to help donate more than 100,000 eggs to Hoosiers who need them most."

With two games remaining, the Drive & Dish 3-point challenge is nearing its goal, and thanks to the commitment of Kroger, MPS Egg Farms and Hatch, 100,000 eggs will be donated. To bring that impact to life, the partners teamed up today on the Pacers home court, where thousands of egg cartons covered more than half the hardwood, each representing multiple meals for a family. All cartons used in the activation

were donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana for reuse.

"We're always grateful for our partnership with the Indiana Pacers. Now, through Drive & Dish, we've deepened that connection," said President of Kroger Central Division Mike Goodwin. "The egg donation project is a remarkable, inspiring example of how much we – as corporate citizens and private citizens – can accomplish when we work together, helping more Hoosiers put nutritious food on the table."

MPS Egg Farms, one of the top 10 egg producers in the country, is a six-generation, family owned and operated egg farm headquartered in North Manchester, Ind.

"Helping feed more than 8,000 families across Indiana through this partnership is incredibly meaningful to MPS Egg Farms," MPS Egg Farms CEO Sam Krouse said. "We believe everyone deserves access to nutritious food, and when organizations come together with a shared purpose, even something as simple as a three-point shot can make a real difference in communities across the state."

HATCH for Hunger is a nutrition-focused nonprofit that works to close the protein gap by connecting producers, food banks and donors and managing the logistics required to deliver protein-rich food where it is needed most.

"Every egg delivered is a step toward closing the protein gap for families who need it most," HATCH for Hunger CEO Danny Leckie said. "And 100,000 eggs



Photos courtesy Pacers Sports & Entertainment

Representatives from Kroger, MPS Egg Farms, and HATCH for Hunger receive signed egg cartons at Gainbridge Fieldhouse from Indiana Pacers Head Coach Rick Carlisle to recognize their donation of 100,000 eggs to Indiana families in need through the Drive & Dish initiative on Wednesday, April 8. (From left) Pacers Overtime Host Eddie "Eggie" White, Pacemate Brooklynn, Kroger Central Division Head of Communications and Public Affairs Eric Halvorson, MPS Egg Farms CEO Sam Krouse, HATCH for Hunger CEO Danny Leckie, Pacers Sports & Entertainment SVP of Community Engagement Corey Wilson, and Pacemate Rachael.

isn't just a number – it's real nutrition showing up for real families across Indiana."

Drive & Dish is a food insecurity initiative led by the Pacers Foundation and Indiana Pacers Head Coach Rick Carlisle to provide dignified access to nutritious food for Indiana families. Since its launch, the initiative has helped deliver millions of meals to communities across the state.

Visit PacersFoundation.org/Drive-Dish for more information about the Pacers Foundation and Drive & Dish.



Basketball

2026 IBCA Clinic set for April 23-24 at Mt. Vernon

Powell, Cullop, Wardle and three other college coaches featured in Thursday-Friday format

The REPORTER

Roger Powell Jr. of Valparaiso University, Tricia Cullop of the University of Miami, Brian Wardle of Bradley University and three other top-flight coaches highlight the agenda for the 2026 Indiana Basketball Coaches Association annual clinic.

Brandon Schneider of

the University of Kansas, George Suggs of McKendree University and Carter Collins of Anderson University are other coaches who are part of the two-day program. In addition, Missy Traversi of Point Guard College, a former women's head coach at Army, and Shawn Jones of Ballgoy will make pre-

sentations.

Doors open for the 2026 IBCA Clinic at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, and sessions run through 8:45 p.m. at Mt. Vernon High School in Fortville, the fourth consecutive year as the site for the gathering. Doors open at 9 a.m. Friday, April 24, and sessions conclude about

2:45 p.m.

Cost to attend the clinic is \$50 for current-year IBCA members and \$100 for non-members.

In addition to the featured speakers, video sessions from the six IBCA district coaches of the year will be made available after the clinic in an online format. Boys' coaches

scheduled to offer online videos are Scott Radecker of Northridge, Andy Weaver of Plainfield and Heath Howington of Barr-Reeve. Girls' coaches set to offer online videos are Andy Heim of Belmont, Keith Hollins of Pike and Kevin Stuckmeyer of Center Grove.

This year's clinic

again is in a Thursday evening-Friday format to avoid Saturday conflicts. The lineup again offers solid coaches across the agenda, and the second day of the clinic concludes at a convenient time.

To register, go to the IBCA website at in.nhsbca.org and click on "Clinic Registration."

CHEVY

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The 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST 4WD Crew Cab is powered by a 5.3-liter V-8 and boasts 355 horsepower and a 10-speed automatic transmission. With body-color bumpers, center grille bars and door handles and dark nameplate badges, the Festival Event Vehicle is designed for those who seek adrenaline and action.

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"The tradition of providing Festival Event Vehicles is a hallmark in the

countdown to the Month of May and the Indianapolis 500," Haba said. "Seeing these Silverados on the road throughout Central Indiana will embody the passion Chevrolet, IMS and the 500 Festival have for the Indianapolis 500."

The 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 24. Visit IMS.com for tickets and more information on all Month of May events and activities at IMS.

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