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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers and thunderstorms,
mainly before 4 p.m.
Chance of precipitation 80%.
Tonight: Mostly clear.



HIGH: 89 LOW: 65

Get ready for the Jeep Invasion!

Sheridan Education Foundation's annual fundraiser set for Aug. 1

Submitted

Sheridan Education Foundation Inc.'s annual Jeep Invasion is rolling in on Saturday, Aug. 1. This event supports Sheridan Community Schools one classroom or one Jeep at a time. This unforgettable afternoon will be the foundation's third.

This event is more than just a gathering for Jeep lovers, but is actually a fundraiser that benefits the Sheridan Education Foundation. One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly back to the Sheridan classrooms through the educator grants that the foundation sponsors. So this "invasion" is actually an opportunity for the entire community to come together for a great cause. There is even fun planned for everyone at any age.

Due to construction on State Road 47, this year the Jeep Invasion



Photo provided

Jeeps (and all their associated ducks) will soon roll through Downtown Sheridan!

sion will cover a new route. The Jeep parade will travel through Skylake Adventure Park, then continue down Main Street in Sheridan at 3:30 p.m. before ending at the high school. Jeep

lineup begins at 1 p.m. in the high school parking lot, and the parade will leave at 3 p.m. Jeeps will be judged in several categories before the parade. Participants can register at [Sheridan-](#)

[JeepInvasion.com](#). Registered participants will even receive a T-shirt, a swag bag, gift cards, and other items.

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The heat is on (the A/C is off)

If you're a 40-something, like me, you might remember a time before everywhere was air conditioned. It didn't seem to be a big deal back then. However, after spending many years in sub-arctic indoor temperatures in the summer months, I have become quite accustomed to this comfort. Once you become accustomed to something like that, there's no going back.

But no worries. We live in a day and age when we send rocket ships to Mars, so surely the air conditioning will always run.

Until it doesn't. My beautiful wife, Megan, and I took a weekend trip to South Haven, Mich., to celebrate our 13th wedding anniversary. It was one of those rare times we get to dump the kids on others and make them their problem for a while, and actually go have an adult time. It was a fantastic weekend, full of beach time, sun, food, drinks, and music. The weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all.

When the blissful weekend ended on Sunday afternoon, we drove three hours back to Fishers to pick up the rugrats. When we finally got to our home we walked into the house and were immediately smacked directly in the face with a humid heat wave. Usually that happens when I walk outside . . . not inside.

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COLUMNIST
TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County's 'Dancing with Our Stars' back for 2026

The REPORTER

The 12th annual "Dancing with Our Stars" is set for 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville. Community Health Network is the presenting sponsor for the sixth consecutive year.

Dancing with Our Stars continues to be Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County's biggest fundraiser of the year with funds going directly to support the organization's mission of delivering medically tailored meals to the elderly or those with disabilities, facing food insecurities, or unable to prepare food for themselves, for both short- and long-term needs in Hamilton County.

"It's the only event where a few left feet can deliver thousands of meals," says Jennifer Sturges, development and outreach director of Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County. "Our dancers are putting it all on the floor for Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, and I couldn't be prouder."

This event features local professional dancers paired with some



Photo provided

Last year's Dancing With Our Stars participants are among an elite group of people who helped raise money for Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County.

of Hamilton County's most-recognizable residents competing for the ultimate prize of being titled "Dancing with Our Stars Champions

2026." Audience members can also get into the action and vote for their favorite dancer or dancers to win the night's People's Choice

Award. Each vote assists in bringing dancers closer to that title.

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Firelight Theater Guild brings *The Prince of Egypt* to Indiana community theatre stage

Submitted

A story that has inspired audiences for generations is preparing to make Indiana community theatre history this month.

Firelight Theater Guild of Central Indiana is set to present the first community theatre production in Indiana of *The Prince of Egypt*, the acclaimed stage musical based on DreamWorks' Academy Award-winning film. The production opens July 23 to 25 at the Pike Performing Arts Center, 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, and represents one of the most ambitious undertakings in the organization's history.

Known for producing large-scale musicals including *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and this year's production of *Anastasia*, Firelight

Theater Guild has built a reputation for tackling productions that challenge both performers and audiences. *The Prince of Egypt* continues that tradition on an even grander scale.

One of the defining features of the production is a live orchestra of more than 20 musicians, bringing Stephen Schwartz's soaring score and Hans Zimmer's cinematic music to life. Combined with an expansive cast, elaborate costumes, and dynamic staging, the production promises an experience rarely seen in community theatre.

More than a retelling of the biblical story of Moses, *The Prince of Egypt* explores universal themes of identity, family, courage, freedom, and hope. Its message continues to resonate with audiences of all back-



Photo provided by Firelight Theater Guild

The cast of *The Prince of Egypt* want to take you on a journey through the Biblical story of Moses.

grounds and generations.

"This production represents months of dedication from our cast, or-

chestra, creative team, and volunteers," said the

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Carmel student pens children's book to help them understand rare MOGAD diagnosis

Submitted

Editor's note: In April, The Reporter interviewed Carmel High School student Ayan Kalra about his diagnosis of myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease (MOGAD), which is a rare neurological condition where the immune system mistakenly attacks a protein called MOG. He then founded MIND (the MOGAD Initiative for Navigation and Direction) to raise awareness about MOGAD and, perhaps, help others avoid the long period of uncertainty and countless tests it took to diagnose his own condition.

Inspired by his own experience, he wrote "The Gray Cloud" at age 15 to help children understand what a MOGAD diagnosis can feel like and to remind patients and families that they are not alone.

The Gray Cloud: A Story of MOGAD, Answers, and Hope

When 12-year-old Ethan wakes up and discovers a gray cloud blocking part of his vision, he knows something isn't right. What follows is a journey through hospital rooms, eye exams, MRI scans, new medical words, and big emotions. Inspired by a true story, *The Gray Cloud* helps children and families understand MOGAD through the eyes of a young patient, showing how support, understanding, and hope can make even the darkest clouds feel a little lighter.

It will be released as an eBook on Amazon, Apple Books, and Barnes & Noble on July 24. It will also be released as a paperback on Amazon on July 31 and Barnes & Noble on Aug. 3.

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Kalra

INVASION

Events open to the public at 2 p.m., with spectator parking available in the Sheridan Middle School lot. Activities at the high school will include a DJ, several vendors, a silent auction, food booths, a free KidZone with inflatables, dunk tank and carnival games, and a performance by the Bishops Band from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Tents will be set up in front of the stage and in the food court area, and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. After the parade, visitors are invited to view the Jeeps in the high school parking lot.

Proceeds from the event will support the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. Last year, the Jeep Inva-



SHERIDAN JEEP INVASION 2026

sion raised \$25,000 for the foundation. Established in 2023, the foundation provides classrooms with resources that enhance student learning. Since its founding, SEFI has invested more than \$50,000 in Sheridan Community Schools classrooms.

To donate directly to SEFI, visit scs.k12.in.us, click Services, and then select Sheridan Education Foundation. The Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3), so donations are tax-deductible.

Whether you're showcasing your Jeep or simply coming out to enjoy the fun, join in for a day filled with community connections, entertainment, and support for Sheridan Community Schools.

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MEALS

Hensley Legal Group, PC

- **Faron Luce:** Educator with the Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide & travel advisor with The Greater Go
- **Ashley Hobbs:** Property manager and real estate professional
- **Michael Sahm:** Sales Manager at Indy Boat Co.
- **Natalie O'Hara:** Director of Business Development at The Skillman Corporation and Vice Chair of Leadership Connection for the Rotary Club of Carmel
- **Susan Hill:** Ordained minister and recently retired from the Institute for

Professional dancers include: Olga Cansino, Diana Miller, Angelica Magana, Jennifer Fall, Rob Jenkins, Scott Shook, Yulia Shook, Zhivko Yankov, and Adam Trogden.

Hamilton County "celebrities" include:

- **Chad Lyon:** Suite Manager of the Fifth Avenue Club at Saks Indianapolis
- **Kevin Smith:** Founding Optometrist at Kevin D Smith, OD – Fall Creek Vision Center
- **Duke Sturges:** Area Manager at Gosiger
- **Mitch Waldrup:** Personal Injury Attorney at

Study Abroad

To register, purchase tickets, donate, or vote visit mealsonwheelshc.org/dancing-with-our-stars. For more information contact Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.

About Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County

Since 1975, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County has been dedicated to keeping individuals healthy and living independently through home-delivered, nutritious meals. With a commitment to excellence in service, dependability and community engagement, their volunteers de-

liver daily nutritional meals and provide connection to those they serve. Meals are prepared in state-approved healthcare facilities, crafted by a registered dietitian, and customized to meet specific dietary needs for both short and long-term care. Through passion, advocacy and innovation, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County strives to expand access to medically tailored meals, including support for those facing financial hardship through their Sponsor-A-Meal program. To learn more or volunteer, call (317) 776-7159.

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BOOK

Endorsements

"*The Gray Cloud* offers a heartfelt and reassuring look into life with MOGAD through the eyes of a young person who has lived it." – Leslie Baldwin, CEO of the Michigan Rare Coalition

"Through deeply empathetic storytelling, Ayan transforms a frightening medical ordeal into a relatable story of resilience, courage, and hope." – Dr. Michael Levy, Associate

Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, Research Director of Neuroimmunology at Massachusetts General Hospital

"*The Gray Cloud* offers an honest and brave view of a child and family's experience with the diagnosis of MOGAD." – Dr. Brenda Banwell, Director of the Department of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins, Professor of Neurology at Johns Hopkins Medical School

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HEAT

I am definitely a *try it the DIY way first* kind of person before calling professionals. By "DIY" I mean I use Google, Gemini, and YouTube to see if I can get a cheap fix out of it. So, armed with my phone and nut driver, I braved the heat and went out to the A/C unit. I opened the casing by unscrewing about 900 bolts and proceeded to hose off the inside, which was full of cottonwood and grass clipping. By the time I refasted the multitude of bolts, the air coming out of the vents seemed to be cold. Yay! I actually fixed it! I can't believe what I did actually worked!

Until it didn't.

On Wednesday, we went out to dinner after work and came home to the Sahara.

At that point I clearly understood that my A.I. expertise was not gonna cut it this time. It was time to swallow my pride (and my wallet) and get someone qualified to help.

We immediately made phone calls to get someone out to try to fix it that night. However, that was not an easy task since it was evening. Many HVAC places have emergency numbers, but since the outside temps that week were in the high 1,000s, we weren't the only emergency happening.

We were eventually able to get someone to come out that night, which is how we found out our unit was completely shot. We were going to have to wait until the next morning to get some options for a new A/C. So, we were going to have to rough it for a night.

We decided the main

level was going to be our coolest option, so we brought down pillows and blankets, even though blankets were definitely not needed, and set up our little couch camp. After a trip to the store, our living room now had five fans blowing on us. Our kids thought it was an awesome adventure. We, on the other hand, did not.

We woke up sweating, but the night wasn't completely horrible. Once the sun went down it cooled down just enough for us to not catch flames overnight.

The next day we went over our options with the HVAC company and decided on a new unit. It was only going to cost us a few million dollars plus seven pints of blood, so I think we got a fair deal. The only problem was they couldn't install it until the next day.

We were in no mood to sweat through our couch cushions again, so we ended up staying the night with family. I mean, what good is family if we can't guilt them into making our problems their problems anyway?

So, the new unit was installed the next day, we have cold air now and all is right with the world. I do realize this was a minor inconvenience compared to what many people have to deal with in the world, and I shouldn't complain. Except I really like complaining, so there!

The moral of the story is ... Don't take what seems to be a minor convenience for granted, because Google can't blow cool air.

Tim Rathz can be reached at 40somethinginfishers@gmail.com. Follow on Facebook or Instagram.

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PRINCE

director, Nathan Rollins.

"We're excited to share a story that is both visually spectacular and deeply meaningful while showcasing the incredible talent that exists within our Central Indiana community."

Tickets are available at wbtheater.com/shows.

About Firelight Theater Guild

Firelight Theater Guild of Central Indiana is a Christian community theatre dedicated to producing meaningful, high-quality theatrical experiences that inspire audiences and provide opportunities for per-

formers, musicians, technicians, and volunteers to share their talents through the performing arts. Recent productions include *Anastasia*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *The Play That Goes Wrong*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *Beauty and the Beast*.

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WESTFIELD— — FARMERS MARKET

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Details released about 116th Street & AAA Way closure in Carmel

Submitted by
City of Carmel

On Monday, July 20, the intersection at 116th Street and AAA Way in Carmel fully closed for the construction of the new roundabout. The upgraded intersection will replace the current traffic signal.

To help assist with navigating the Merchants Square and Pointe Parkway area during construction, city officials have provided written directions below.

Detour for 116th Street if you are traveling from west to east:

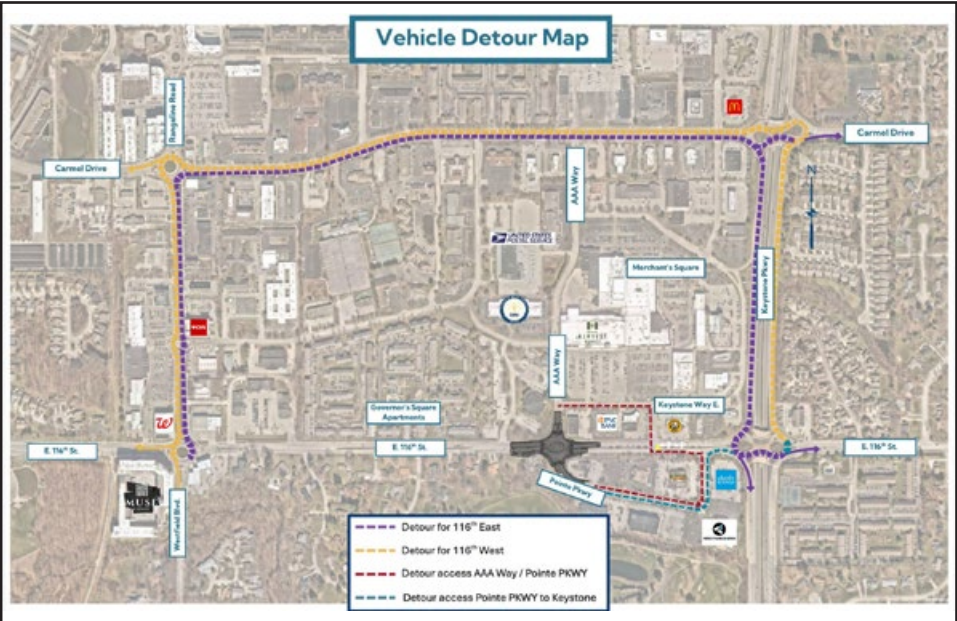
The posted detour route is indicated in **purple**.

- Northbound Range Line Road, to
- Eastbound Carmel Drive, to
- Southbound Keystone Parkway

Detour for 116th Street if you are traveling from east to west:

The posted detour route is indicated in **gold**.

- Northbound Keystone Parkway, to
- Westbound Carmel Drive, to
- Southbound Range Line Road



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

Map of detour routes pertaining to the construction at the intersection of 116th Street and AAA Way.

Detour to access the businesses on the south side of 116th Street at AAA Way and Pointe Parkway:

The posted detour route is indicated in **red**.

- Southbound AAA Way past Merchants Square (Fed Ex, Harvest Market, Petco, etc.)
- Eastbound on Keystone Way (the road between the Merchants Square and Pana Donuts, Big Red Liquors, etc.)

- Southbound on the road between Pana Donuts and Einstein Bagels
- The median on 116th Street will now have a cut in it, just west of Einstein Bagels

Eastbound on 116th Street then turn south on to Pointe Drive to access the businesses including McAlister's Deli, Forum Credit Union, Jersey Mike's Subs, Charles Schwab, and Mercy Road Church

Detour to access Keystone Parkway from Pointe Parkway:

The detour route is indicated in **blue**.

- Exit Pointe Parkway area using Pointe Drive to the 116th Street and Keystone Parkway roundabout

If you have questions about this project, contact the City's Department of Engineering at engineering@carmel.in.gov or (317) 571-2441.

Don't miss Westfield Youth Assistance Program's "The Double" Walk/Run

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) will hold its third annual Walk/Run event, "The Double," from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Cool Creek Park and Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St., Carmel.

Packet pickup runs from 8 to 8:30 a.m., with the actual walk/run beginning at 8:30 a.m.

"The Double" is a two-mile family-friendly walk/run, with the name referring to both the two-mile closed-loop course and the desire for WYAP to double its impact in Westfield. Overall, "The Double" aims to be a vibrant event that brings together residents of Hamilton County and Westfield to support WYAP. The event will host additional fun activities including a soccer rebound tech board brought by proud partner and sponsor Sogility. "The Double" is expected to have more than 200 participants.

"The Double has become more than a race. It's an opportunity for our community to come together in support of local youth and



Photo provided by WYAP

The third annual "The Double" will raise money to help fund Westfield Youth Assistance Program. You can register now at [this link](#).

families," said Dan Morrow, WYAP board member and event committee chair. "The event reflects WYAP's mission of strengthening families and helping young people succeed through mentoring, early intervention, and access to critical resources. The support generated through The Double helps make that work possible."

Registration is now open on the [walk/run website](#) for \$35 for individuals. Families

can select "Multi-Person Pricing" to receive a discount on registrations for three to six people for \$80.

Proceeds from "The Double" will help support WYAP's services, including mentoring, tutoring, mental health supports, camps, and other enrichment activities. WYAP has seen a drastic increase in need as Westfield has continued to expand rapidly. "The Double" is a great way to help continue to meet this growing need

and is a phenomenal opportunity to connect with the community.

Thank you to the following sponsors for their generosity:

- Ofthof Homes
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- Tenfold Consulting

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please email klogan@westfieldyap.org.



The Church Has Left the Building!

Submitted by
Leanna VanVoorst

At Thrive Christian Church of Westfield, we want to be a force for good in our community – not just talk about it, but actually do it! Over the years, we've put that into action through food drives, supply collections, and partnerships with amazing local organizations like Open Doors of Westfield, Hamilton County Assistance Program, and The O'Connor House.

On Sunday, Aug. 9, we have a chance to take that mission even further with "The Church Has Left the Building." This special day is all about stepping outside our walls and serving our community.

There will be no regular Sunday services on Aug. 9. Instead, we'll be the church in action.

How you can serve

Our focus this year will be serving at various schools in Westfield as they prepare to welcome students for the 2026-27 school year. We will serve at Westfield Middle School, Carey Ridge, Cook Creek, and Midland Crossing.

- Thrive Kids (at church): Serve in Thrive Kids (Preschool or Elementary)

while parents are out serving. Open to volunteers 13 and up.

- General Volunteer at Thrive: Help with table and chair setup and tear-down and/or meal packing.

For those serving that day, your children, ages 2 through fifth grade, can participate in meaningful learning and service activities at Thrive. **PLEASE REGISTER THEM** if you plan on having them at the church while you serve.

Here is our tentative schedule for the day:

- 8 a.m.: Check-in and receive instructions, then we will leave for our service locations
- Noon to 12:30 p.m.: Return to Thrive and enjoy lunch

Aug. 9 will be a day to remember, so come experience the joy of serving others and showing God's love through action.

Let's show Westfield what it means when The Church Has Left the Building!

To guarantee your correct T-shirt size, please register by July 26 at [this link](#).

Learn more about Thrive Christian Church of Westfield at atthrive.com.

Voting underway for Ultimate Farmers Market Challenge

The REPORTER

Indiana Grown announced the Indiana's Ultimate Farmers Market Challenge is returning this summer for its fourth year. This contest is a chance for Hoosiers to vote for their favorite hometown farmers market to encourage local engagement and statewide recognition.

Farmers market nominations and those you can vote for include:

- Arcadia Market On Main, Hamilton County
- Carmel Farmers Market, Hamilton County
- Noblesville Main Street Farmers Market, Hamilton County
- Westfield Farmers Market, Hamilton County
- Wilson Farm Market, Hamilton County
- Tipton County Farmers & Artisans Market, Tipton County

- Pendleton Farmers Market, Madison County

"The Indiana's Ultimate Farmers Market Challenge gives Hoosiers a fun and meaningful way to support their favorite local markets," Indiana Grown Program Director Caroline Patrick said. "Every vote shines a spotlight on the farmers and producers who bring fresh, Indiana-grown products to our communities. Farmers markets help drive local connection, and local commerce, and it's inspiring to see such passionate support from Hoosiers across the state."

Voting runs through Aug. 5. Farmers market fans are allowed one vote per person, per day. The winning farmers market will be announced Aug. 8.

You can vote online at [this link](#).

Thanks for reading!

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Local court reporter to serve national foundation

Amy Nixon Doman to serve as National Court Reporters Foundation Trustee

The REPORTER

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), has announced that Amy Doman, RDR, CRR, CRI, of Carmel has been selected to serve a three-year term on its Board of Trustees.

NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made at the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo that took place July 16 to 18 in Bellevue, Wash.

Doman holds the na-

tionally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and Certified Reporting Instructor (CRI). She has worked as a court reporter for 35 years, and is also certified to work in Missouri, California, Illinois, Texas, and Washington state. Doman is the owner of Doman Reporting.

At the national level, Doman has served on a number of NCRA committees including the NCRA A to Z®; Technology; Mem-



Doman

ber, Marketing & Outreach; Written Knowledge; and Nominating Committees. She has also served on the Association's REAL Task Force and currently serves on its Test Advisory Committee.

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing

number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad.

Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live event captioning, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, education opportunities, and more.

[Click here](#) to learn more about NCRF.

Letter to the Editor

Reader: Shonkwiler is making lives better for people & animals alike

Dear Editor:

Tens of thousands of dogs suffer in laboratories across the country every year, including here in Indiana.

Our wildlife is under threat, living with pets keeps getting more expensive, and pet stores continue to run predatory financing schemes that push Hoosiers into debt. We deserve compassionate leaders who champion common-sense policies to make life better for Hoosiers and our animals.

State Representative Alaina Shonkwiler is that leader.

In her first term, Representative Shonkwiler has already proven her dedication to bettering the lives of Hoosiers and the companions we welcome into our homes. She co-authored Sunny's Bill to give animals in laboratories a second lease on life by requiring Indiana laboratories to work with animal shelters and rescues to help these dogs and cats find loving homes. When Shonkwiler is in office, animals and people have an ally dedicated to making Indiana more humane.

Alaina Shonkwiler is on the ballot this election – and I urge you to make the right choice by re-electing her on Nov. 3. Now more than ever, we need representatives who fight to make life in Indiana better.

Samantha Chapman

Indiana State Director, Humane World Action Fund Fishers

Noblesville receives \$12M BUILD Grant for State Road 37 Project to begin in 2031

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville received \$12,000,000 for the **State Road 37 Improvement Project** through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.

This highly competitive grant process resulted in Noblesville being selected as one of only 127 communities in the United States awarded.

Grant funding will be used to complete the final design for reconstruction of a 1.6-mile segment of State Road 37 between Greenfield Avenue and State Road 32, convert the corridor into a grade-separated highway, replace three signalized intersections with continuous-flow roundabout interchanges, and include an overpass

bridge, bridge replacement, and additional access improvements. The upgrades made in this project will enhance pedestrian safety and improve traffic flow.

"I'm grateful that Noblesville received the BUILD grant, which will keep the State Road 37 project moving forward and improve one of our most traveled roadways. I appreciate U.S. Senator Jim Banks for advocating on behalf of this pivotal infrastructure investment," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "As America's Hometown continues to grow, the State Road 37 project will reduce congestion, improve safety, and make travel along this busy corridor easier. Projects of this magnitude take multiple partners working together to make the vision become a reality. I applaud INDOT, City of Fishers, Hamilton County,

and the U.S. Department of Transportation for their contributions to improving safety along SR 37 in Hamilton County."

Currently, construction of the southern portion of the corridor is programmed to start in 2031. The southern section extends from Greenfield Avenue to Town & Country Boulevard. The BUILD grant federal funds will help finalize the design of the entire corridor, so that construction of the remainder of the project can be shovel ready once construction funds become available.

"INDOT is grateful for the partnership with the City of Noblesville as the State Road 37 Improvement Project moves forward," INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist said. "This BUILD grant is an important investment in the final design work that

will help improve mobility and make travel safer for the people who live, work, and visit Noblesville."

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec hosts big fun for little ones with Preschool Splash Bashes

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites families to make a splash with **Preschool Splash Bashes**, special daytime events just for children ages 6 and younger.

Held at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Drive West, these preschooler-only mornings give little ones plenty of room to play, splash, and explore while the big kids are away.



Preschool Splash Bashes take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 10, 17, and 24. Admission is \$18 per child, and adults receive free admission. Participants will enjoy access to the kiddie pool, activity pool and lazy river.

Concessions will not be available during the event. Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks or lunch, but glass containers are prohibited.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. [Register early to reserve your spot today.](#)

Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

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Adapted by: Anne Coulter Martens
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Directed by: Amber K. Roth

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Beat the heat with popsicles in Westfield



Photos provided

There's nothing quite like a popsicle to beat back the scorching summer heat. Now through July 26, families and young athletes at Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus can enjoy free red, white, and blue Bomb Pops at the shaded Chill Zone. Don't miss your chance to indulge in some classic summertime goodness!

Carmel VFW donates \$1,000 to Clay Township Military Library & Museum

By JON BALDWIN
Clay Township Military Library & Museum

We are honored to share that on Friday, July 10, the Clay Township Military Library and Museum (CT-MLM) received a generous \$1,000 donation from Carmel Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10003.

This contribution was both unexpected and deeply appreciated. As a small, all-volunteer museum, gifts like this have a meaningful impact on our ability to preserve and share the stories of local veterans.

We extend our sincere thanks to Post Commander Darin Bibeau, U.S. Coast Guard, and Quartermaster

Cal Chaffin, U.S. Army, who presented the donation on behalf of the Post. Their support reflects a strong commitment to honoring veterans and preserving their legacy within our community.

This gift will directly support our ongoing efforts to expand our Honor Roll, record veteran interviews, and develop exhibits that bring these stories to life for future generations.

We are grateful to VFW Post 10003 for their partnership and to all of you who continue to support our mission.

You can support CTMLM with one click

After completing a multi-step approval process

with Meta/Facebook, our Donate button is now live on our Facebook page. You can support the preservation of veterans' stories from Hamilton County – in seconds. For the most reliable experience, we recommend visiting our Facebook page from a desktop or laptop computer, as the Donate button doesn't always display consistently on mobile phones.

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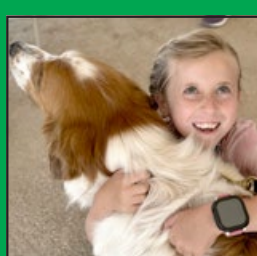
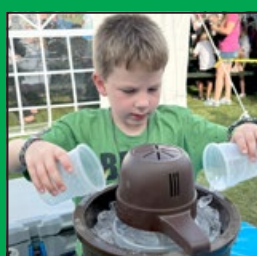
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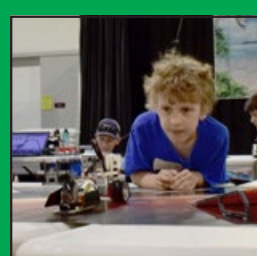
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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square. The regular meeting has been canceled as there are no items to review.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2026. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 7:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2026, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems; and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 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. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026, has been canceled due to no business items for consideration.

The Westfield Advisory Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026, was canceled.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, 2026, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The meeting will begin with an Executive Session for the following: Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7), Discussions with Attorney Subject to the Attorney Client Privilege IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19). The public session will follow immediately after the Executive Session to discuss highway projects and any other county business as needed.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com.

Meijer hiring for new Fishers grocery store & gas station

The REPORTER

Meijer is seeking qualified candidates in all departments to fill 200 part- and full-time positions, including produce, deli, bakery food clerks, express, retail clerks, overnight stocking clerks, and cashiers at its new 75,000 square-foot grocery at 15700 Southeastern Pkwy., Fishers.

Marking the second Meijer Grocery in Indiana – and 45th store statewide – the Fishers location will provide a streamlined experience for day-to-day needs

including fresh produce, high-quality meat selection, and fresh deli and bakery, as well as other essentials for a quick trip or weekly restock, such as a pharmacy, health and beauty care, baby and pet departments, floral, cards, and party supplies.

Starting pay is based on experience level and role. Meijer provides a variety of health, financial, and career benefits, including weekly pay, free education, a team member discount and paid parental leave as well as career development and



advancement opportunities, access to health insurance options and the option for 401k retirement planning. In addition, Meijer was recently recognized for the eighth year in row as a Great Place to Work®.

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ing the Meijer team can search available positions at jobs.meijer.com/stores by clicking “Search New Store Open Jobs” or by entering “Fishers” in the location field and clicking “Search.” Candidates can apply by clicking on the positions listed.

Four men arrested following online predator investigation by Noblesville PD

The REPORTER

On During the week of July 13 to 16, the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) carried out a targeted online predator investigation designed to identify and apprehend individuals seeking to exploit minors.

Throughout the week, specially trained detectives posed as juveniles between the age of 13 to 15, and living in Noblesville, in online applications and websites. During this time, numerous individuals communicated with NPD detectives even after being informed repeatedly that they were interacting with someone underage.

The investigation cul-



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minated with an operation Thursday whereby four individuals were arrested after allegedly arranging meetings, and their actions demonstrated intent to engage in unlawful sexual activity with the perceived minor.

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“The women and men of the Noblesville Police are committed to the safety of children,” NPD Chief Brad Arnold said. “With the full support and dedication of the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office, we will bring all resources to bear and

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work tirelessly to identify, arrest and prosecute these child predators to the fullest extent of the law.”

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The following men were arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

- **Matthew Burton, 33, Greenfield,** was charged with Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Attempted) (I.C. 35-42-4-9; Level 5 Felony)
 - **Jamal Courtney, 44, Fishers,** was charged with Child Solicitation (I.C. 35-42-4-6; Level 4 Felony) and Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Attempted) (I.C. 35-42-4-9; Level 5 Felony)
 - **Jun Jie Piao, 38, Chicago, Ill.,** was charged with Child Solicitation (I.C. 35-42-4-6; Level 4 Felony) and Promotion of Child Sex Trafficking (I.C. 35-42-3.5-1.2; Level 3 Felony)
 - **Jordan Stites, 38, Kokomo,** was charged with Child Solicitation (I.C. 35-42-4-6; Level 4 Felony) and Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Attempted) (I.C. 35-42-4-9; Level 5 Felony)
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Grace Care Center’s back-to-school event to welcome 1,500 children

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Grace Care Center and Grace Care Center Foundation will hold its annual Community Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 25 at Grace Church in Noblesville. The free event is expected to welcome more than 1,500 children and their family members, supported by 300 volunteers who will come together to help local families prepare for the upcoming school year. Reservations are required to participate.

As the cost of living continues to rise, many central Indiana families face difficult choices between paying bills and purchasing school essentials. The Community Fair helps ease that burden by providing free supplies, practical services, and connections to year-round support.

Families attending the event can receive:

- New shoes, backpacks, and school supplies
- Children's haircuts
- Vehicle checkups (reservation recommended)
- Bike repairs and bicycle giveaways
- Carnival games and family activities
- Free lunch and refreshments
- Access to Grace Care Center Choice Food Pantry (reservation required) and Grace Thrift Store (open to public)

“Every child deserves to walk into the first day of school feeling confident and prepared,” Grace Care Center Foundation CEO Cara Augspurger said. “For many families, this event provides more than backpacks and school supplies. It offers encouragement and the reminder that our community is walking alongside them.”

Beyond the day itself, the Community Fair connects families with Grace Care Center’s year-round programs, including its Choice Food Pantry, Center for Working Families financial coaching, English classes, and vehicle services. These programs help families move beyond immediate needs toward long-term stability.

The event is made possible through the generosity of community partners and sponsors, including Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, the JD Finish Line Foundation, Vasey Commercial Facility Solutions, Christian Brothers Automotive of Westfield, Jeremy Coons with Edward Jones Financial Advisors in Carmel, Grace Care Center Foundation, and Starbucks at State Road 32 and Oak Ridge Road in Westfield.

Reservations for select services and supplies are required and can be made by visiting gracechurch.us/communityfair.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents *The Play That Goes Wrong* – the distinctly British-humoured farce by **Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer,** and Henry Shields which opened in 2012 in London, where it continues its run, as well as off-Broadway in the USA.

The premise for the chaotic action has a rather second-level community theatre group performing a complicated 1920s murder mystery entitled *The Murder at Haversham Manor*. The group’s under-talented cast has difficulties from the start as they deal with a myriad of disasters with props, the set, cast mates, costumes, lighting and sound cues, and the script. Nothing goes as intended and hilarity ensues – especially if you are attuned to what I would have to call an exaggerated style of Brit humour. Think *Noises Off* meets *Fawlty Towers*.

The cast is truly amazing at performing their disjointed roles. The high-energy and intentionally over-acted frat falls, sight gags, muggings, line readings, and physical comedy require a precision and exactness that is really quite admirable to see. Director Brett Mutter, who appeared in IRT’s 2025 production of the show, has set down a difficult and innovative stream of actions for his formidable ensemble.

This entire set of actors and actresses are to be congratulated for their strenuous efforts – personally, I think I would need a two-day gap between performances just to recover for the next show.

I must also highlight the

technical aspects at work here. Eric Barker’s set plays a vital part in the show’s success. Designed to break, buckle, and collapse, it works extremely well on all accounts. Costumes by Meghan Warren and wigs by Drew Bryson are also on the mark.

Bottom line: To my taste (and Mrs. K’s) the production is a bit oversized, albeit impressive in its scope. Some humour I get, some I do not. Regardless, the sold-out audience certainly enjoyed the mayhem and their cheers and raves at the curtain call (and throughout the show) were no doubt rewarding to all



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
Chris (Nic Nightingale), Jonathan (Jesse Bhamrah), Sandra (Logan Hill), Robert (Topher Embrey), Annie (Nathalie Cruz) and Max (Joey Boos) in a scene from *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

the company members. Beef and Boards’ *The Play That Goes Wrong* continues through Aug. 23. Show times and reservations can be found at BeefAndBoards.com or you may call the box office at (317) 872-9664. *Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at asota.wordpress.com.*

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BOUNDARIES OF CANAAN

The Lord said to Moses, "Command the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter Canaan, the land that will be allotted to you as an inheritance is to have these boundaries:

"Your southern side will include some of the Desert of Zin along the border of Edom. Your southern boundary will start in the east from the southern end of the Dead Sea, cross south of Scorpion Pass, continue on to Zin and go south of Kadesh Barnea. Then it will go to Hazar Addar and over to Azmon, where it will turn, join the Wadi of Egypt and end at the Mediterranean Sea.

"Your western boundary will be the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. This will be your boundary on the west.

Numbers 34:1-6 (NIV)

Michael Stephen Maloney

February 27, 1947 – July 18, 2026



Michael Stephen Maloney, 79, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at his home. He was born on February 27, 1947, to Robert and Marie (Place) Maloney in Green Bay, Wis.

Michael was raised in Green Bay and graduated from Green Bay West High School in 1965. He attended the University of Green Bay for one year then transferred to Ripon College, graduating in 1969. Michael attended the University of Kansas for graduate school and earned a Ph.D. in Biology in 1976. He taught biology at Radford University in Virginia from 1976 to 1982, and then moved to Butler University where he taught from 1982 to 2013.

Michael married Rita A. Popp in Lawrence, Kan., on August 4, 1975. His hobbies included woodworking, hiking, camping, raising racing pigeons, playing sports, and model railroading. Michael loved being outdoors, working in the yard, watching his kids play sports, and spending time with his family. One of the joys of Michael's life was doing research on a one-celled pond organism, Stentor Coeruleus. It started in graduate school and continued for his entire academic career.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rita A. Popp; daughters, Tania R. (Darrin) Roberts and Michaela A. (Perry) Whan; son, Patrick M. (Makaila) Maloney; grandchildren, Caleb Roberts, Nathan Roberts, Jordan Roberts, Anna Roberts, Penelope Whan, Loren Whan, Maren Maloney, and Elise Maloney, plus a baby girl due in October; and his brother, Jim (Carrie) Maloney.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Maloney.

Visitation will be from 3 to 4 p.m., with a memorial service at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Eric Gale will officiate.

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Jim participated for many years in the St. Margaret's Hospital Guild Decorators' Showhouse receiving awards in recognition for his designs. He also participated in and was a sponsor for the Methodist Hospital Task Core Indianapolis Art & Antiques Show for many years. He was most proud during his career to be selected as consulting designer to the Indiana Governor's Residence during the Mitch Daniels administration and serve on the Governor's Residence Committee for several years. In later years he started Albert Square, Ltd., a design showroom to the trade in Indianapolis that eventually moved to Carmel. He was a former member of the Indianapolis Athletic Club, The University Club of Indianapolis, and Woodstock Club, each of which reflected his design influence.

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Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Jeannine who passed away Feb. 5, 2023, his parents, his stepmother Inez (Wimberley) Norris Baker, and stepbrother Daniel Lewis Norris. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Baker Liles (Charles A., Sr.) of Indianapolis, and son, Mark Jay Baker (Jeanie) of Carmel. His grandsons, Charles A. Liles, Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif., and David A. Liles of Carmel also survive.

Jim will be best remembered for his impeccable taste and attention to detail in design, his generosity and hospitality.

The family would like to thank Suburban Hospice, Inc., Dr. John Hittle, Jacqui Greenwald, Elizabeth Welch, Brittany Williamson, Beth McKenzie, Shannon Abel, Logan Shuppert, and caregiver, Shaun Roetman for the care they gave Jim during the past months.

A private burial service will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton.

Please make online gifts in memory of Jim to Dementia Society of America at dementiasociety.org/donate.

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Judith Mary Czarnecki

November 21, 1941 – July 16, 2026



Judith Mary Czarnecki, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, where she lived the last five years. She was born on November 21, 1941, to Stanley and Sophie (Kondraki) Czarnecki in Chicago, Ill. Judy spent most of her life for 47 years in Merrillville, Ind.

Judy was a loving mother who raised five children and was involved with all of their activities. After the grandchildren came, she devoted her love to each one of them. Therefore, welcoming her beautiful great-grandchildren into her fold was extremely important to Judy.

She was heavily involved in the Merrillville, Ind., community. For 20 years, Judy volunteered in the clerk's office and the voting polls. She was president of the gymnastic booster club and a lead administrator organizer of the senior center. Judy also served Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church as a sacristan. In 1985, she was an integral organizer with the "Good News Bears" booster club to bring the Super Bowl Champions, the Chicago Bears, for a visit to Merrillville. After moving to Noblesville, Judy became a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

She is survived by her children, Corinne (Scott) Shudick, David (Sue) Kierzkowski, Jeanine (Kelley) Kaurich, Tom (Dana) Kierzkowski, and Marlene (Barry) Gregory; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her sisters-in-law, Kathy Czarnecki, Michelle Czarnecki, and Carol Czarnecki.

In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m., on Monday, July 20, 2026, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brain Injury Association of Indiana, 120 N. Range Line Road, Carmel, IN 46032 (biaindiana.org).

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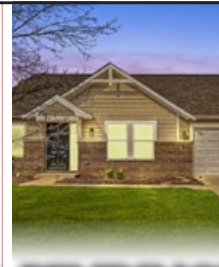
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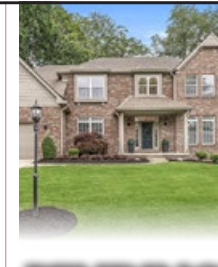
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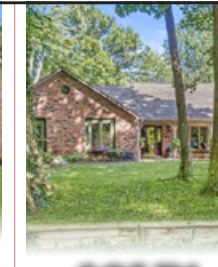
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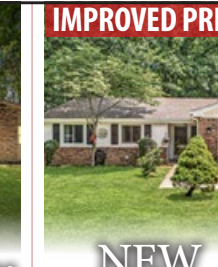
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Fifth annual Tony Etchison Golf Outing is another success

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE – The impact and memory of Tony Etchison continues to live on.

Both were felt at the fifth annual Tony Etchison Golf Outing, which took place Monday at Fox Prairie Golf Club in Noblesville. The field was full – in fact, it was more than full with 37 teams playing.

“Normally, 36 is full, so that’s all great,” said Jody Roudebush, a member of the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation board.

The golf outing raises money for several organizations that benefit Noblesville, the Hamilton Heights area and beyond. Both Roudebush and Tony’s wife Toby Etchison said that the outing will raise around \$30,000 once both the fundraising and proceeds from a silent auction that took place during an after-golf dinner were factored in.

“We’ve got several donated foursomes from golf clubs around the community, so we’ll auction those off,” said Roudebush. The list of clubs includes Sagamore Golf Club, The Hawthorns, Fox Prairie and Woodland Country Club.

“Every year, it just gets better and obviously easier to do,” said Toby Etchison. She did admit that it’s “still very overwhelming how many people come to support Tony and everything that he does and what we’ve

been able to do with the money.”

One of the main donations went to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. The club is celebrating its 75th anniversary and the Etchison Foundation donated \$7,500. Roudebush said the money will “help them serve the community even further for the next 75 years.” Other beneficiaries include the Noblesville Elks, Noblesville Youth Assistance and Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance.

“Both of those are great for both the communities that the Etchisons have lived in, and we’ll continue to support them and other causes that pique the interest of helping kids in the community,” said Roudebush.

Toby Etchison said the foundation has also made “a lot of quiet donations” to some smaller organizations. That includes PrimeLife Enrichment, a senior citizen’s center in Carmel; Ascent 121, a group which helps survivors of human trafficking and exploitation; Ben’s Ranch, which helps to empower young people struggling with mental and emotional health challenges; and Girls, Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, which helps “teach young women to empower themselves, be confident,” said Etchison.

A list of organizations impacted by the Etchison Foundation is available on its website, etch21.com. Donations are also accepted throughout the year.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Gus Etchison, one of Tony Etchison’s three sons, and his foursome pause for a moment during the Tony Etchison Golf Outing, which took place Monday at Fox Prairie Golf Club in Noblesville. Pictured: Steve Carroll, Isaac Wilson, John Stretch, Gus Etchison, and Luke Carroll.

Roudebush also acknowledged the golf outing’s “great sponsorships” that have helped the organization for the past five years. That includes Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Beaver Materials and Beck’s Hybrids.

There are several participants in the golf outing that loyally play each year. That includes Bill Shonk and his daughter Sally Shonk White, a Noblesville golf star who was part of several Millers state-qualifying teams and won the Mental Attitude Award in 2002.

White said there were “lots of good people here for a great cause,” and they were staying true to Tony Etchison’s words: “love everyone, be kind and make a difference.”

“All those things are things that we love to support,” said White.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Chris Shaffer (left) and John Mahaney hit the ball of the tee during the golf outing.

Bill Shonk said he has “great memories of Tony” and is glad to support the foundation.

That makes everything worth it for the Etchison

family, as they continue to honor Tony Etchison in ways that will have a positive impact on the community for years to come.

“Very appreciative of

everyone that plays,” said Toby Etchison. “My family, all of our friends, our board, who does all this. It’s a lot of work, but it’s well worth it in the end.”



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Bill Shonk (left) and Sally Shonk White were among the participants.

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Golf

Three local players competing in U.S. Junior Amateur

The REPORTER

Three local golf stars are competing this week in the U.S. Junior Amateur, which began Monday at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa.

The first part of the tournament is a two-day, 36-hole stroke play event. The top 64 after stroke play advance to match play, which begins on Wednesday. Golfers play at Saucon’s par 70 Old Course and the par 71 Grace Course.

Eli Wessel, a Guerin Catholic graduate, finished with a five-over par 77 at Saucon’s Old Course, making one birdie.

Elijah Lemmon, an in-

coming senior at Mt. Vernon, played on Saucon’s Grace Course and finished at six over par, scoring 77.

Hudson Kutchma, a Westfield graduate and this year’s IHSAA individual state champion, scored seven-over 79, also on the Old Course. Kutchma made one birdie in his round.

The second round of stroke play takes place today. Wessel tees off at 7 a.m. from the Old Course, with Kutchma starting at 8:06 a.m. from the Old Course. Lemmon tees off at 12:26 p.m. from the Grace Course. The projected cut is likely to be around two-over par, based on first-round scores.

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Williamson soars to Southern Junior Masters title

The REPORTER

A spectacular second round sent Noblesville’s Andrew Williamson to the Southern Junior Masters championship on Monday.

Williamson, an incoming senior at Guerin Catholic, scored a five-under par 67 in his second round to clinch the title at Covered Bridge in Sellersburg. Williamson added his Monday score to a one-under par 71 on Sunday, July 19, giving him a total of 138, six under par, for the tournament.

Williamson made six birdies in the second round, including four during his first five holes. He drained three more birdies during the first round, for a tournament total of nine.

Two other Hamilton County golfers reached the top 10 as part of a four-way tie for sixth place.

Fishers’ Gavin Davis scored 147 for the event, carding 75 for his first round and 72 for his second round. Davis made an eagle on the ninth hole during the first round, along with one birdie, and followed that two second-round birdies.

Vaughn Twilla also finished with 147, scoring one-under par 71 on Sunday and 76 on Monday. Twilla drained three birdies during his first round and one more in the second round.

Westfield made its presence known in the Masters Girls division, with three Shamrocks placing in the

top 10.

Laila Abriani scored 151, carding 77 on Sunday and 74 on Monday, to place fifth. She totaled three birdies, two in the first round and one in the second round.

Sophie Raines finished with 155, scoring 77 in the opening round and 78 the next day. Raines made two birdies for the tournament, one in each round.

Farrah Camp totaled 157, scoring 84 in the first round and 73 in the second round. She made three birdies in the second round.

A complete list of area scores now follows.

Masters Boys: 1. Andrew Williamson, Noblesville 71-67=138, T6. Gavin Davis, Fishers 75-72=147; Vaughn Twilla,

Noblesville 71-76=147, T12. Keaton Knott, Westfield 76-73=149, T17. Blake Weimer, Noblesville 78-72=150; Patrick Wolf, Carmel 73-77=150, 22. Brady Wagner, McCordsville 80-71=151, T25. Blake Huffman, Carmel 77-76=153, T34. J.T. Kelley, Noblesville 77-78=155, T41. Sam Oliver, Fishers 80-77=157, 46. Luke Decker, Noblesville 78-81=159, T48. Max Huffman, Carmel 78-83=161; Jackson Payne, Sheridan 81-80=161.

Masters Girls: 5. Laila Abriani, Westfield 77-74=151, T7. Sophie Raines, Westfield 77-78=155, 9. Farrah Camp, Westfield 84-73=157, 14. Georgia Murnan, Carmel 85-82=167, T15. Mallorie Monico, Carmel 91-81=172, 18. Maddie Headlee, Carmel 86-88=174.

Swimming

Senior State Day 1: Vohs and Edson win long-distance events

The REPORTER

The Indiana Swimming Senior State Championships took place last week at the IU Natatorium.

Day 1 of the event featured long-distance swims, with two Hamilton County swimmers picking up victories. Haddie Vohs, competing for Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, won the Women 800 Freestyle race in a time of 9 minutes, 9.47 seconds.

Carmel Swim Club’s Michael Edson was the Men 1500 Freestyle winner, finishing that event in 16:25.71. It was a 1-2 Carmel sweep, with Alex Harrell the runner-up in that event.

Here are Hamilton County top 16 finishers from each Day 1 event. More results will run throughout the week.

Women 800 freestyle: 1. Haddie Vohs (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 9:09.47, 2. Claire Parsons (Carmel Swim Club) 9:12.54, 3. Sabrina Ledwith (CSC) 9:15.46, 4. Ayla Madara (FAST) 9:18.77, 5. Izzy Schmitt (Southeastern Swim Club) 9:20.41, 6. Addy Czarniecki (CSC) 9:21.42, 7.

Maria Daily (CSC) 9:23.36, 8. Maya Preston (Noblesville Swim Club) 9:24.63, 10. Brooklyn Penn (SSC) 9:27.59, 11. Maryn Sims (FAST) 9:30.77, 13. Abby Jane Avritt (FAST) 9:39.00, 14. Hayley Blackwell (NOB) 9:39.75, 15. Greta Smith (Westfield Aquatics) 9:44.72.

Men 1500 freestyle: 1. Michael Edson (CSC) 16:25.71, 2. Alex Harrell (CSC) 16:31.68, 6. Bryce Salvadori (SSC) 16:51.91, 16. Hagen Lee (FAST) 17:35.96.

Women 200 backstroke – “A” Final: 3. Grace Dougherty (CSC) 2:19.49, T4. Kayla Barr (CSC) 2:19.52. **“B” Final:** 9. Kinsey Bogaards (SSC) 2:20.93, 11. Aubrey Simmons (CSC) 2:21.01.

Men 200 backstroke – “A” Final: 3. Anderson Kopp (CSC) 2:07.38, 4. Nick Plumb (CSC) 2:09.84. **“B” Final:** 11. Bryce Lowe (CSC) 2:12.85, 12. Carter Kellett (CSC) 2:13.22, 14. Tyler Johnson (CSC)

2:14.85, 15. Hudson Wernick (CSC) 2:18.34, 16. Alden Thomas (WA) 2:18.35.

Women 50 freestyle – “B” Final: 10. Ellason Miller (SSC) 27.13, 11. Ash Saple (SSC) 27.14, T12. Kiley Zoeller (SSC) 27.39, 16. Vohs (FAST) 27.59.

Men 50 freestyle – “A” Final: 2. Jake Tarara (CSC) 23.03. **“B” Final:** 15. Donald Zhao (CSC) 24.31.

Women 200 breaststroke – “B” Final: 11. Polina Sopova (FAST) 2:46.29, 12. Zoeller (SSC) 2:46.57, 13. Frankie Ramey (FAST) 2:46.96, 14. Alex Nguyen (FAST) 2:47.77.

Men 200 breaststroke – “A” Final: 3. Will Chambley (WA) 2:20.79, 5. Garreth Thomas (WA) 2:23.84, 6. Jihoon Jung (FAST) 2:24.05, 7. Jagger Chan (SSC) 2:26.19. **“B” Final:** 12. Gabriel Wang (CSC) 2:28.42, 13. Landon Lewis (CSC) 2:28.93, 14. Griffin Barents Froman (WA) 2:30.74.

Women 800 freestyle relay: 2. Southeastern “A” (Bogaards, Miller, Penn, Schmitt) 8:40.39, 4. Fishers “A” (Sims, Madara, Vohs, Olive Cunningham) 8:49.44, 8. Noblesville “A” (H. Blackwell, Preston, Addie Goettler, Kyra Blackwell) 9:06.62, 9. Fishers “B” (Ramey, Amira Leer, Nguyen, Avritt) 9:08.10, 11. Southeastern “B” (Naomi Haines, Emerson Bunch, Hayden Bunch, Payton Walker) 9:14.74, 12. Fishers “C” (Sopova, Lexi Adams, Ella Hare, Larkin Lee) 9:24.74.

Men’s 800 freestyle relay: 5. Noblesville “A” (Joshua Naas, Brayden Wright, Liam Hayward, Jackson Teske) 8:26.97, 8. Fishers “A” (Jung, Zaki Akhtar, Caleb McCoy, Lee) 8:13.95, 9. Southeastern “A” (Zachary Marchisin, Salvadori, Ivan Semko, Camden Bailey) 8:16.56, 13. Southeastern “B” (Chan, Josh Lawrance, Sawyer Green-Whitehead, Carter Nelsen) 8:37.90.

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Fever guard Sophie Cunningham hosts youth basketball camp for hundreds of kids

By CHARLES HUIRAS
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Fever fan favorite Sophie Cunningham hosted over 300 girls and boys for a youth basketball camp in Carmel on Sunday. Fresh off playing in back-to-back games, Cunningham took center stage in an event that created lasting memories for so many kids.

The second-year Fever guard spent four hours on the floor leading drills, 5-on-5 scrimmages, and even a few one-on-one challenges against select campers as hundreds of kids cheered from the sidelines.

Cunningham said events like this are a key part of growing the game and creating special memories for young fans, especially girls who are falling in love with basketball.

“You see these camps getting bigger, you see the WNBA platform getting bigger, and so with that, that means there’s more on our plate to give back as much as possible, and this is one of the ways we do that,” Cunningham said.

Cunningham’s bright personality is something Fever fans have loved about her over the past two seasons, and she encourages young basketball fans everywhere to be themselves. “One of my biggest messages to little boys too, but really little girls, is it’s okay to be feisty,” Cunningham said. “It’s okay to be sassy. It’s okay to go out there, work hard and sweat, but also be girly if you want. I think you can be all of it. All these kids are so sweet, and I’m just out here trying to give them confidence and en-

courage them.”

Families traveled from across Indiana and even out of state to attend the camp. Cunningham said she doesn’t take that support for granted.

“I’m being very genuine when I say that when they come and give their time, their money, our games are not cheap,” Cunningham said. “This is the least that I could do to inspire the next generation and give back as much as I can. We just got done with a back-to-back and now I’m going to be here for four hours, but I honestly wouldn’t change it for the world. That’s what it’s about.”

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