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County Election Board to
revisit vote center proposal

Public invited to attend Sept. 29 meeting & share feedback

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Election Board will reconsider transitioning from traditional precinct-based voting to a countywide vote center model. A public meeting and vote are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Judicial Center in Noblesville.

If approved, Hamilton County would begin using vote centers during the 2027 Municipal Elections, giving election officials an opportunity to refine the process before the higher-turnout 2028 Presidential Election.

Unlike the current system, which requires voters to cast ballots at their assigned precinct, vote centers allow residents to vote at any designated location in the county on Election Day. Hamilton County currently operates 102 precincts, but under the proposal would establish 57 vote centers. That's more than double the 27 locations required by state law based on the county's registered voter population.

Election Board member Ray Adler, who voted against the proposal last year, says he now intends to support the measure. Adler said his decision was influenced by watching Allen

Correction

The Reporter published incorrect information in the Wednesday, Aug. 5 story, "Vote centers coming to Hamilton County." In fact, the Election Board has voted to *restart* the process of the county moving to vote centers, but that process is *not* yet finalized.

As noted in that story, a public hearing on the issue is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville.

The Reporter regrets the error.

County successfully implement vote centers with few issues and by the Hamilton County Election Office's work to reestablish partnerships with every local school district. After several districts

had previously stepped away from serving as polling places because of security concerns, all have now agreed to once again

See *Vote . . . Page 2*

A big, warm hug

I enjoyed lunch with two of my Agape friends last Friday. Carolyn, Christy, and I get together every two to three months to catch up with one another at the A2Z Café in Indianapolis.

Carolyn introduced us to this lovely restaurant last spring, and I'm grateful. It's one of those places where you feel like you're getting a big, warm hug right when you walk in. Owners Gina and Tom have owned this "comfort food with a Pacific Island flair" brunch spot for over 10 years. They love talking to their customers.

We all want good service, atmosphere, and of course, food when we go out to eat. A2Z consistently delivers all three. The dishes are a mix of traditional and Pacific foods, so even the pickiest eater is satisfied.

Gina greeted me by name last week and the three of us had a good chat with her. The family feeling is so strong at A2Z, other customers often stop and speak with us without hesitation.

As I left the restaurant, I felt a warm glow in my heart and soul. I thought about other places that consistently give me this feeling.

One of my favorites is Noblesville's Ginger's Café. I'm blessed to have this restaurant practically next door to me. Ginger's started in a small spot in 2010 before moving to their South 10th Street location in 2019. Owner Mikki, with the help of her trusty sidekick Monica, runs this homey restaurant which is open for breakfast and lunch.

I'll never forget the first time I dined at Ginger's. We were seated at the same kitchen table and chairs my sister had when I was growing up. I immensely enjoyed the memory and food that day, along with the pleasure of meeting Mikki. She or Monica have greeted me warmly ever since.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Some milestones are too big for
one organization to handle alone





Reporter photos by Adrienne Rogers

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) and the Noblesville Police Department brought two events together on Tuesday, Aug. 4 as part of National Night Out. The evening was special as it also served to celebrate BGCN's 75th anniversary. The fun continues this Friday at Noblesville's Forest Park when BGCN holds its Cornhole Tournament. You can sign up to participate at BGCNI.org. (LEFT) Harrison got to come to work with his dad, Officer Snyder. See more great photos on Page 3.





Heights alumnus Doug Mitchell
continues to inspire district leaders

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.
Hamilton Heights welcomed alumnus Doug Mitchell back to campus for this year's Leadership Retreat, where he shared a powerful, personal look at his journey as an educator, coach, and leader.

Mitchell's connection to Hamilton Heights runs deep. A four-sport athlete, all conference and all county standout, and the 1975 Hamilton County Basketball Player of the Year, he helped lead the Huskies to their first sectional championship and went on to become one of the inaugural inductees into the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame. His foundation

at Heights propelled him to a scholarship at Butler University and a 45 year career as a well-respected educator and award-winning coach marked by state championships, mentorship, and service.

Mitchell grew up near the historic Roberts Settlement on his family's 500 acre farm and spoke about the leaders who shaped his path: his elementary principal, his freshman basketball coach, and the many mentors he encountered throughout his life. He reminded attendees that leadership is built on five core qualities: honesty, integrity, work ethic, empathy, and resiliency.



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights alumnus Doug Mitchell stands with Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood at the Leadership Retreat, where he returned home to inspire today's leaders with lessons from his 45-year career as an educator and coach.

Gov. Braun
extends pause
on state gas tax

By GARRETT BERGQUIST &
GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Gov. Mike Braun on Wednesday announced a continuation of Indiana's gas tax suspension through Sept. 5, citing new global energy disruptions as the primary driver for rising fuel prices.

The governor said the statewide suspension will take effect Friday following the expiration of the current energy emergency. Braun attributed the price pressure to maritime conflict in the Black Sea due to Russia's ongoing war with Ukraine, as well as wildfires in Canada's oil-rich province of Alberta.

The governor's authority to unilaterally suspend Indiana's gas tax without legislative approval was set to expire on Thursday with no possibility of renewal. This would have exposed Indiana drivers to a nearly 60 cent per gallon price increase as the state's use tax and excise tax both went back into effect. Braun said citing a different conflict allows him to reset the clock. He said he consulted with Attorney General Todd Rokita and with legislative leaders before he made his decision.

"It's an additional burden that you've got to take into account," Braun said. "The Iran conflict has got its own ebb and flow to it. When you had two other issues come into play, to me and the attorney general, as well as members from both chambers felt the same way."

See *Gas Tax . . . Page 2*



Braun



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VOTE

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Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams, who authored Indiana’s original Vote Center legislation while serving in the Indiana House of Representatives, says the model is designed to make voting easier for residents while allowing elections to keep pace with the county’s rapid growth.

“One of the biggest reasons this proposal works is because our local school

districts have stepped up as partners once again,” Williams said. “By opening their buildings as vote centers, they’re helping ensure voters across Hamilton County have a convenient place to cast their ballot close to home. We’re incredibly grateful for their willingness to work with us to make voting more accessible.”

The public is encouraged to attend the Sept. 29 meeting and provide

comments before the Election Board votes on the proposal. Residents may also email their opinions to kathy.williams@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or complete [this online survey](#) before Sept. 25.

Last year, the proposal did not receive the unanimous Election Board vote required under Indiana law; both the Hamilton County Commissioners and County Council had given unanimous approval.



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GAS TAX

Under the governor’s plan, the state will tap into its reserves – currently projected to exceed \$5 billion – to ensure that Indiana Department of Transportation projects and local infrastructure remain fully funded through fiscal year 2027. Braun said he reached an agreement with House and Senate leadership to prioritize using these reserves to replace lost gas tax revenue during the 2027 budget session.

Democrats said they disagreed with the governor’s reasoning in extending the gas tax holiday. Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, went so far as to say it violates state law.

“Obviously, the governor figured out people were going to be angry (when the gas tax returned), so he came up with an excuse,” DeLaney said. “The excuse is the Canadian wildfires? Who is he kidding on this?”

Rep. Gregory Porter,

“I support the Governor’s action today to provide continued relief for Hoosiers at the pump. All taxes paid at the pump are used to maintain and improve Indiana’s roads, and we intend to make local communities and INDOT whole for any road funding losses. As we prepare for the next state budget, our intent is to work with the Governor and our colleagues in the Senate to identify existing resources and continue making the infrastructure investments that support Hoosiers, businesses and our growing economy.”

– Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers



D-Indianapolis, said neither he nor House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, consider the governor’s order illegal, but he believes it’s stretching the definition of an energy emergency.

“I mean, we’re about Iran right now. He can stretch his tentacles and talk about Alberta or the Ukraine war that’s been going on for two or three years now,” Porter said. “He’s doing what he can within the

letter of the law.”

Both Porter and DeLaney serve on the State Budget Committee.

The governor plans to reevaluate the situation in 30 days to determine whether the suspension should be extended. He said he has the ability to extend the tax holiday for up to 120 days.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishv.com/news/politics/gov-braun-extends-pause-on-indiana-gasoline-tax.

HUG



Reporter file photo by Quinn Matthews

Our columnist always gets that “warm hug” feeling at Ginger’s Cafe.

My husband John and I have been excited to have our Airbnb running with multiple guests going over to enjoy Ginger’s. I know they’re getting the same “warm hug” feeling.

Another exceptional restaurant is the Chatterbox Cafe in Bradley, Ill. It became a second home

for my father-in-law, Ron, years ago. Owner Debbie and her crew loved on Ron, and later, our own family when we visited up until he died in 2024. We had his celebration of life there that summer.

Homey décor with added holiday touches throughout the year always made me smile. The breakfasts and lunch are top notch, and you always hear happy conversation between the staff and the diners.

Debbie is not only a friend, but we also consider her to be family. We keep

in contact with one another through text or Facebook.

Readers, I hope you have a restaurant like one of these you regularly go to. Not only is it wonderful to feel the big warm hug – it’s great to support a small, local business. May we all have a spot like A2Z, Ginger’s, or the Chatterbox to call our second home.

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.



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INSPIRE

His message acknowledged life’s highs and lows. He shared his personal triumphs and tragedies. The moments that test us and the moments that lift us only strengthened his belief that “life is like a roller coaster.” He encouraged leaders to stay grounded and steady through every rise and dip. Be observant, be cognizant of how you make someone feel at the end of the day and never underestimate your ability to impact another person’s life.

Though retired, Mitchell continues to pour into young

people through the Hamilton County Huskers Basketball League, extending the same spirit of mentorship that defined his career. He left Heights leadership team with a charge: lead with honesty, integrity, work ethic, empathy, and resiliency – the qualities that carried him through every up and down of his own journey.

As we step into a new school year, his words serve as a reminder that our influence reaches far beyond the classroom and into the lives and futures of every student we serve.



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Chase of Paw Patrol fame made an appearance!



(ABOVE LEFT) Whether by police cruiser or police bicycle, Noblesville’s cops are ready to do what it takes to keep the public safe. (ABOVE RIGHT) Officer Jarren Casstevens and K9 Kornel demonstrate to onlookers just one of Kornel’s capabilities as a trained police dog.



(ABOVE) The White River Township Fire Department was among the public safety officials at Noblesville’s National Night Out on Tuesday evening. (RIGHT) These two lovely volunteers from Ascension St. Vincent took time out of their evening to smile for The Reporter’s camera.



(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville Police K9 Luna was on hand to help teach kids what she does to help officers and the community alike. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Sheriff candidate Dustin Dixon, Lisa Hall, County Councilman Mark Hall, Superior Court 8 judge candidate Danica Eyler, and County Clerk candidate Beth Sheller were kind enough to take a few moments to smile for The Reporter’s camera.



Community News

Carmel High School Class of 1976 Reunion

Submitted by Sharon Kibbe

The planning committee for our 50th class reunion is busy searching far and wide for classmates we’ve lost touch with.

If you have not yet connected via our private Facebook page, or if you know of classmates not active on social media, please contact carmelin1976.50threunion@gmail.com so we can send details about the Sept. 18 and 19 reunion weekend.

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Sheridan Community Schools welcomes new staff for 2026-27

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Across the board, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) is welcoming a well-rounded and eager group of both new and veteran staff.

Jaron Howard, a Purdue graduate and first-year teacher, is joining the staff to teach STEM and SOAR. Howard actually student-taught fifth grade at Sheridan last year and said that he “fell in love with the people, community, and culture of Sheridan. There is no place [he’d] rather be!”

Brooke Topper is joining the fifth-grade team at Sheridan Elementary School (SES). She graduated from the University of Indianapolis and has four years of teaching experience. She said she is most looking forward to the community and small-town feel that Sheridan will bring: “I am super excited to build relationships and make a difference at Sheridan.”

Erica Hills is joining SES as the new school nurse. Previously, she was a nurse at Forte Sports Med and Ortho, but she is most looking forward to returning to where she grew up: “I am looking forward to working with the staff and keeping our students safe, healthy, and ready to learn.”

Jeremy Luna is joining Sheridan Middle School (SMS) as the Dean of Students. He is coming into his 26th year in education and



Howard



Topper



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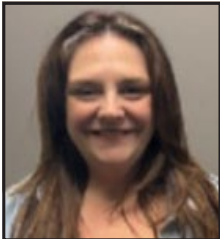
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Guest

22nd in school administration. He said he grew up in a community similar to Sheridan, and while he may not have always worked in small schools, he is truly a small-town and small-school guy at heart. “I love knowing who people are, connecting with students, staff, and parents, and truly feeling like I can make an impact on someone and know them beyond “just being a student in my building.”

Jackie Donathen is also joining the SMS staff to teach seventh- and eighth-grade science. While already involved with various sports through coaching, she is now joining as a full-time member of the staff. She taught in Westfield for the past 20 years, but is excited to “fully be a part of the school system.” She said, “I have seen the benefits of a smaller school

from my own experience growing up, from a coaching perspective, and from my own kids being here so I am really looking forward to finally being a part of the teaching staff.”

Abby Huffman is returning to her alma mater as a 2019 graduate. This upcoming school year, Huffman will teach seventh-grade English after previously teaching at Noblesville. “I love the school’s connection and involvement in the community and its people!” she said. “I am looking forward to being back home! I am so excited to see my students learn and grow! Sheridan gives us the opportunity to stay in touch with students and families, so I’m looking forward to staying connected over the years!”

Dylan Claypool is joining SMS as the new Special Education Teacher. Before

joining the SMS team, he taught high school special education at Maconaquah and was an instructional aide at Lewis Cass. He said, “I’m looking forward to joining such an awesome, tight-knit team and getting involved in the community!”

At the high school, **Natalie Guest** is joining the staff to teach English Language Arts for sophomores and seniors. Guest graduated from Indiana University and has more than 15 years of teaching under her belt. In those years, she has taught anywhere from ninth grade to 12th grade. She said, “I am SO excited to be a Blackhawk! After hearing all the wonderful things about the leadership here and the Sheridan community overall, I’m looking forward to putting down roots in Sheridan and, most importantly, meeting my awesome students!”

Local organizations invite public to participate in Noblesville Community Belonging Initiative

Submitted

A group of organizations, businesses, and non-profits are launching the Noblesville Community Belonging Initiative.

The Community Belonging Initiative will gather feedback about how people experience life in Noblesville. The study will explore where people feel welcome and connected, what helps create a sense of belonging, and what may prevent some people from feeling fully part of the community.

The shared hope is for Noblesville to be a community where all people feel safe and welcome, know they belong, and can participate and thrive. Reaching that goal begins with listening to the experiences of the people who live, work, shop, and play here.

Not everyone experiences Noblesville in the same

way. Hearing from a large and varied group of people will provide a more complete picture of our community and help identify ways we can make Noblesville stronger, more welcoming, and more connected.

SMARI, a local, independent research company, will conduct the survey and analyze the results. SMARI will manage the research process, protect the confidentiality of individual responses, and report the findings as combined results.

Community members may receive an invitation to participate from an organization where they serve, work, attend, or are otherwise connected. Survey invitations will also be distributed at the Noblesville Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 15.

If you receive an invitation, please take a few

minutes to participate. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, and every response matters. By sharing your experience, you can help community leaders better understand what is working, where challenges remain, and how we can work together to create a Noblesville where everyone feels they belong.

“We want to hear from as many people as possible,” Project Coordinator Dana Randall said. “Building a better Noblesville is something we all have a part in. When people share their honest experiences, we can listen, learn, and take meaningful steps toward becoming the kind of community we want to be.”

The initiative is supported by Crosser Family Foundation, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc., Hamilton County Community Foun-

dation, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Diversity Coalition, and the City of Noblesville, along with various partner organizations that are inviting the people they serve and are connected with to participate.

About the Community Belonging Initiative

The Community Belonging Initiative brings organizations and community members together to better understand experiences of welcome, safety, connection, belonging, and opportunity in Noblesville. What is learned will help guide community conversations and encourage shared action toward making Noblesville a place where everyone can belong and thrive. To learn more about the Community Belonging Initiative and find details about participating, visit NoblesvilleBelongs.com.

Crash at 96th & Allisonville leaves one person dead

Submitted by Fishers Police Department

The Fishers Police Department is investigating a fatal crash that occurred at

96th Street and Allisonville Road just after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4.

When officers and medics arrived, it was de-

termined the occupant of a white Hyundai Palisade was deceased. The driver of a black Ford F-250 was still on scene and refused medical transport. The driver of the F-250, Cory Amick, was detained for investigation of suspected of Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

Amick refused field sobriety tests on-scene and a search warrant for a blood draw was obtained and completed.

During the investigation, FPD officers were able to view video from a Flock camera near the intersection. The video shows the F-250 traveling at a high rate of speed through the roundabout and violently collide with the Palisade. The video confirms what

the Fishers Police Department Crash Reconstruction Team initially determined as contributing factors to the crash.

The Hamilton County Coroner will release the victim’s identity once next-of-kin notification has been made. The Fishers Police Department sends its deepest condolences to the family of the victim of this devastating incident.

This investigation is ongoing and final charges will be decided by the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office. There is a preliminary charge of OWI Causing Death (Level 4 Felony).

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Funding sight for kids is no trivial matter for the Lions

Submitted by Lisa Dick
Noblesville Lions Club

On Thursday, July 30, nine teams came together to compete at the Noblesville Lions Club Trivia Night at Bier Brewery. Funds raised will purchase a second camera for the KidSight Vision Screening program.

The winners were a returning team that successfully defended their February title. They were closely followed by a four-way tie for second place. Trivia categories included such topics as summer fair food, national monuments, young adult literature, gardening, sports leagues and trophies, and state capitals.

The Noblesville Lions will be hosting a Lions Challenge trivia night on



Photo provided
Lions Trivia Night MC Josh Kozicki and winning team Laurie Backes, Sarah Haines, John Foster Scott, Karne Scott, Jamie Authier, Monica Jordan, Math Authier, and Kyle Jordan.

Aug. 27 to compete with other Lions Clubs from around the state. Save the date for the final Lions Trivia Night of 2026 at Bier Brewery on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Thanks to Bier Brewery for their continued partnership and to all of our sponsors for their ongoing support.

Rokita leads bipartisan attorneys general letter demanding Congress keep THC loophole closed

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita co-led a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general directing lawmakers in Congress to reject efforts to delay implementation of the new federal definition of hemp which closes the loophole that has fueled the nationwide sale of intoxicating THC products in gas stations, smoke shops, and convenience stores.

lay, keep your promise and let the law take effect.”

The 2018 Farm Bill’s hemp definition was exploited by bad actors to manufacture and market intoxicating delta-8 THC, delta-10 THC, and other psychoactive cannabinoids as “hemp.” In November 2025, Congress acted to close that loophole by adopting a new definition that



Rokita

takes effect this November.

AG Rokita has long led on this issue. In 2023, he issued an official advisory opinion concluding that intoxicating THC products marketed as hemp are controlled substances under Indiana law. He has consistently called for aligning state and federal law to end backdoor marijuana sales, protect public safety, provide certainty to law enforcement, and preserve a legitimate agricultural hemp industry.

The attorneys general warn that delaying implementation would create renewed litigation, regulatory uncertainty, increase youth access to intoxicating THC products, and undermine businesses that have already invested to comply with the new law.

The coalition’s message is simple: Congress already closed the loophole. It should reject any delay and allow the new hemp definition to take effect as scheduled.

[Click here](#) to read the bipartisan letter.

Professional Championship Bull Riders stampede into Fishers Event Center

The REPORTER

Hold on tight! The Professional Championship Bull Riders (PCBR) are charging into Fishers Event Center on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2027, for an unforgettable night of world-class rodeo action.

Fans will witness the top bull riders on the planet going head-to-head with the toughest bulls in the nation, plus the adrenaline-pumping cowgirls barrel racing for lightning-fast times.

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Westfield Washington Schools opens new Transportation Center

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) officially celebrated the opening of its new Transportation Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 4, marking a necessary upgrade in the district's ability to safely and efficiently serve a growing number of students and families in the Westfield community.

Located at 17900 Towne Road (adjacent to Westfield Middle School West – opening in the 2027-2028 school year), the new Transportation Center provides the district's transportation team with a modern facility designed to support daily operations, driver training, and the continued growth of one of the district's most essential services.

"This Transportation Center represents an important investment in the future of Westfield Washington Schools," said Rebecca Ogle, president of the WWS Board of School Trustees. "It marks a new chapter for our transportation operations as the team can take advantage of a space built specifically to support their important mission of transporting students safely and efficiently."

Hundreds of daily bus routes connect students to classrooms, extracurricular activities, and educational opportunities across the district. The new facility replaces an aging transportation center that no longer met the operational needs



(ABOVE) The Transportation Team (including approximately 140 bus drivers) happily cut the ribbon on the new facility. **(BELOW)** Joining the ceremony was Superintendent Atha, the school board, district administrators, and the construction teams from Meyer Najem and Schmidt Associates.

with the amount of families WWS now serves.

For Director of Transportation Michael Reinhardt, the new facility is an environment that allows the transportation team to better serve students and families.

"This facility provides our team with the room and resources to continue improving the work we do every day," Reinhardt said. "It's a place where we can collaborate, provide ongoing training and professional development for our drivers and staff, and continue refining the systems and processes that help us safely and efficiently serve our growing district."

The Transportation Center also supports the district's commitment to attracting and supporting

high-quality transportation professionals by providing dedicated space for training, meetings, and day-to-day operations.

Superintendent Dr. John Atha said the investment reflects the district's ongoing commitment to ensure students have safe, reliable transportation each day.

"Every school day and many extracurriculars begin and end with transportation," Atha said. "This facility gives our team the space and resources needed to safely and efficiently serve our growing community while supporting collaboration, training, and professional development for years to come."

During the ceremony, district leaders recognized the Board of School Trustees, transportation staff,



project partners Meyer Najem and Schmidt Associates, and the many individuals whose collaboration helped bring the project to completion. Speakers also thanked the transportation team for the dedication, professionalism, and care they demonstrate each day in serving WWS students and families.

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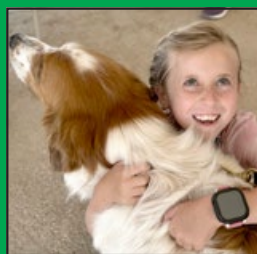
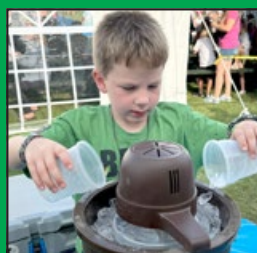
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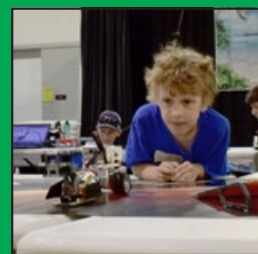
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Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2027 announced

Submitted

The Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame has announced the Class of 2027 inductees. These individuals and teams will be inducted at halftime during the boys basketball game on Jan. 15, 2027.

In order to be considered, past Noblesville athletes must be nominated and then a committee votes on those nominations. Information and nomination forms can be found online at NoblesvilleMillers.com.

**Erica Watson, 2007
Cross Country**

Watson was awarded the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award at the 2006 State Cross Country Meet. She won four letters each in Track and Cross Country. She was a two-time All HCC selection in Cross Country. She finished 21st at the state cross country meet as a senior leading the Millers to a third-place finish. In track, she established the school record in the 3200 meters. She

was a member of the National Honor Society and the 2007 Senior Class Valedictorian.

**2008-09 Girls Soccer Team
Sectional, Regional, Semi-State Champions,
Hoosier Crossroads Champions**

Defeated No. 1-ranked Carmel in a PK Shootout 4-3 in the sectional semifinal and No. 4 Zionsville 2-0 in the sectional championship. Only loss was to Evansville Memorial in a Penalty Kick Shootout in the Final Four at the IHSAA State Finals. The Millers outscored their opponents 63-0 during the course of the season and state tournament.

*PK Shootout Goals are not recorded as official goals. Winners are credited with a 1-0 victory.

Team Members: Chey Arvin, Michelle Blok, Nora Brolsma, Kelsey Browne, Paige Byers, MacKenzie Cain, Kylie Clark, Jessie Craig, Ellen Duckwall, Cassie Engle,

Caroline Henderzahn, Grace Herron, Kallie Howerton, Stephanie Kaylor, Haley Keller, Macy Kootz, Abby Maxwell, Charlie Maxwell, Samantha Parrish, Rachel Sindors, Beth Snyder, Ashley Szalwinski, Chrissy Tchoula, Maddie Trienen, Lauren Van Meter, Jasmine Wodarz

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Mike Brady Assistant Coaches: Brandon Swart, Mallory Brehmer, Ben Leeman

Athletic Trainer: Jeff “Doc” Franciosi, Sara Simmons

Student Trainers: Jack Russell, Jakob Boxberger, Erin Brown

**2020-21 Girls Soccer Team
State Champions, Hoosier Crossroads
Conference Champions**

The Millers were ranked No. 1 the entire season. Back to Back State Champions and ranked No. 1 nationally by MaxPreps. Defeated No. 3 Guerin Catholic 3-0 in the IHSAA State Championship 3A game.

Outscored opponents 54-5 on the season. Jenna Chatterton was named Miss Soccer and Mike Brady was named United Soccer Coaches Region Coach of the Year.

Team Members: Lauren Adam, Abby Baker, Kate Betner, Maggie Bischoff, Mia Brake, Ava Bramblett, Lauren Calloway, Elana Chatterton, Jenna Chatterton, Tori Goodwin, Isabella Griffey, Brooke Hines, Jacey Hoopingarner, Meskerem James, Sara Kile, Paige Landers, Makenna Maloy, Riley Maloy, Kailee Moore, Makenna Mundy, Morgan Peters, Emma Potter, Kylie Roberts, Carlie Sack, Stella Scroggin, Ki-ana Siefert, Paige Smucker, Paige Stooksberry, Garce Taskey, Josie Taylor, Meagan Wernke, Gracen Willis

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Rain on Main barrels return to Carmel Arts & Design District & Farmers Market

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The 12th annual Rain on Main event, a popular painted rain barrel contest and auction, kicks off Friday, Aug. 14, with a display of decorated barrels in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Rain on Main is proud to feature barrel artists Aimee Bruno and Carolyn Martens (barrels pictured below) who are returning for their 10th year!

The barrels will remain along Main Street through the following week until they are relocated to the Carmel Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Rain on Main, presented by Carmel Utilities, Carmel Department of Stormwater Management and the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, uses art on ordinary barrels to help educate the public about the value of water efficiency. Rain barrels have grown in popularity across the country and decorated barrels are not only nice to look at but are a great way to save water and help the environment.

The painted barrels will be judged by an independent panel of experts, with the general public also invited to vote for the “People’s Choice” award. First, second and third place art-



Photo provided by City of Carmel
Carmel Stormwater Manager John Thomas talks about the rain barrels with visitors at last year’s Rain on Main event.

ists in both categories will receive cash prizes.

**Schedule of Events
Friday, Aug. 14**

The 19 decorated barrels will be posted on the [Rain on Main Facebook page](#) and placed on display in the Carmel Arts & Design District. The public can vote on a “People’s Choice” winner based on individual barrel likes by going to the Rain on Main Facebook page.

The online auction is now live! Individuals can bid on their favorite barrel to take home. You may register for the auction by visiting rainonmain.com or scanning the QR code.

Saturday, Aug. 22

The barrels will be moved to the Carmel Farmers Market, where the “People’s Choice” voting concludes at 10 a.m. and the

online auction continues during the market hours until 11 a.m. The “People’s Choice” award winner will be announced live at the market at 10:45 a.m., just before the online auction concludes.

Net proceeds from the auction will fund water education in Carmel including signage that has been installed at Founders Park, located at 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway. Additionally, Carmel residents who install a rain barrel are eligible to apply for a \$50 rebate per barrel from the City’s Stormwater Utility. [Click here](#) to learn more about the rain barrel subsidy.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of the 2026 Rain on Main event sponsors and 2026 Barrel Sponsors.

Compass Investment Services welcomes Rick Elsbury as Financial Advisor

The REPORTER

Compass Investment Services, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, located at State Bank, announces the addition of Rick Elsbury as Financial Advisor.

Elsbury brings more than 18 years of financial services experience and

a longstanding commitment to helping individuals, families, retirees, and business owners pursue their financial goals. He began his career in community banking, specializing in business lending. He later transitioned to financial advising, where he spent nearly two decades helping clients build financial confidence through personalized investment strategies and comprehensive financial planning.

Throughout his career, Elsbury has focused on developing meaningful relationships and understanding what matters most to each client. His approach centers on transparency, integrity, and personalized guidance, helping clients protect their lifestyles, prepare for retirement, fund important life goals, and create lasting legacies.

“Rick’s decades of experience, client-first philosophy, and strong roots in the communities we serve make him an outstanding addition to Compass Investment Ser-



Elsbury

vices,” said Jeff Jenness, Senior Vice President, Retirement and Wealth Planning with State Bank. “He has built a reputation for trusted advice and meaningful relationships, and we are excited to welcome him to the Compass Investment Services team. Rick’s commitment to helping clients achieve financial confidence aligns perfectly with Compass Investments Services mission of delivering personalized financial guidance and exceptional service.”

Elsbury joined Compass Investment Services in 2026 and will provide clients with access to comprehensive financial planning, retirement planning, investment management, and wealth preservation strategies through Ameriprise Financial.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Elsbury has a long history of community involvement. He has served with Lebanon Kiwanis and has held board positions with the Boone County Senior Services Foundation, Boone County Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Central Indiana Boone County.

He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Boone County with their children, Grace, Logan, and Aidan.

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Classroom vs. cafeteria: where do you draw the line? Who am I? Who are you?

If a rule is designed to protect learning, what consequences will occur when it is applied to the sole part of the day where no learning is meant to occur?

Indiana's own education code has spent two decades defining lunch as the opposite of instructional time – but this year, a new law is asking us to treat them exactly the same. Introducing SEA 78: irony in legislature's clothing. This Indiana legislature bans student use of all cellular devices during the school day, (and also just so happens to have distinguished instructional time from the school day to define the whole period a student is present for *instruction* (Ind. Gen. Assembly, SB 78)) and taking effect during the 26-27 school year. Interestingly enough, lunch is included in this ban.

In this essay, three contentions will be dissected: the distraction rationale doesn't fit lunch periods, the social-interaction rationale is much weaker than assumed, and the fact that a workable, more logical alternative exists.

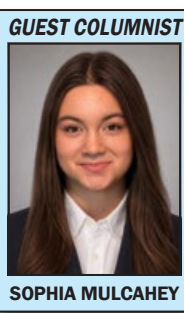
Instructional time, as defined by Indiana state legislature is "time during which students are participating in: an approved course; a curriculum; or an educationally related activity...Instructional time does not include lunch or recess." (Ind. Code § 20-30-2-1)

I would explain how lunch clearly does not meet this definition, but it seems the legislation already beat me to it.

So, if a rule was created specifically to reduce distractions, then what business does it have imposing itself on a period that Indiana itself has deemed non-instructional and has no set focus in the first place? A distraction implies the interruption of an ongoing task or focus; the problem with this is that there is no assigned task to be interrupted.

That's the thing: legislation already knows this is an issue, which would explain why instead of just extending instructional time to cover lunch, they were forced to create the separate, broader term of "school day" as to not directly contradict themselves. If we hadn't already established that lunch isn't instructional, that would do the trick, because if it wasn't a contradiction, they wouldn't have needed a second term in the first place.

As we've now proven that stu-



GUEST COLUMNIST
SOPHIA MULCAHEY

dents being distracted is a completely moot point, we can now move on to the slightly more believable theory Indiana has given us as reasoning for this ban: social interaction.

If having social interaction is the goal, does removing phones actually achieve it? The short answer: no. The long answer? Removing an option is not the same as producing an outcome; subsequently, creating a complete ban doesn't automatically generate conversation or connection but likely will end up decreasing it. This policy assumes that if teenagers don't have a phone to use, they'll just start socializing. This is not exactly causation but rather correlation-by-hope.

A point that directly disproves this claim is the fact that not all phone use is anti-social. In fact, as a teenager myself, most phone usage seen at lunch is coordinating seating plans with your friends at lunch or socializing through social media by reacting to each other's content or showing your besties at the lunch table a hilarious reel. I mean, it is called *social* media for a reason, right?

But don't take it from me, take it from studies like one from 2025 (Bravo and Elupula) showing that students felt less connected to their peers. A blanket ban like this one is essentially just collective punishment but for inanimate objects, treating all cell use as equally disengaged. Removing one form of disengagement doesn't guarantee re-engagement, but rather shifts what disengagement looks like. But who am I to say we can't make invalid assumptions?

Even after all this, there is still a remedy. Having analyzed this essay, it would be most logical to create a ban of cellular devices during all instructional time, which is not lunch. A scenario where students had access to cellular devices only during lunch time would not only be logical but would also benefit almost every party discussed, as seen in North Carolina where cell phones were banned during instructional time only (Paragon Institute).

The line had already been drawn. Indiana had already spent two decades defining classroom and cafeteria as opposites. It was there all along; the ink was just faded. Some rules are worth enforcing everywhere, this one just needs a lunch break.

Sophia Mulcahey is a student at Fishers High School, Class of 2029.

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"Oh, I loved English! It was my best class in high school!"

That response is what I often get when I share with someone that I am a retired English professor. I will often reply, "That's wonderful!"

On the other hand, I might get a different response to sharing my background. Some people have asked somewhat nervously, "Oh, are you going to correct my grammar?" My reply is "No, I left my red pen at home!" in an effort to lightheartedly put that person at ease!

I understand why I have gotten these different responses over time. Of course, there is much more to my identity as an English educator! But to know that you would really have to get to know me. And it is so easy, isn't it, to have first impressions of someone that result in assumptions without really knowing the person?

Once I was watching a television reporter interviewing people in the downtown of a major U.S. city. One by one, those approached answered the reporter's question. I recall that the people wore

traditional attire. Then a man spoke into the microphone, and I thought I had him "pegged"! As I recall, he wore a black leather jacket, thick chains, and black boots. He had a beard and looked somewhat scruffy. So my assumption was, "This guy is a biker, and he'll probably answer in short, ungrammatical sentences!" To my astonishment, this man was more articulate, had better communication, skills than anyone previously interviewed! I realized then that my assumptions were wrong, and I had fallen into the "stereotype trap" – judging people by their appearance and assigning everyone from that group the same characteristics. My stereotype of "bikers" was that they were all illiterate. Not true!

When I was an undergraduate student at a state university, the "fraternity" called Potter Club (named after a war hero) was known on campus as "the Animals." Spring 1970 was a semester of tremendous unrest on college campuses because of protests against the Viet Nam War.

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State Road 47 project moves to Phase 3 of construction in Sheridan

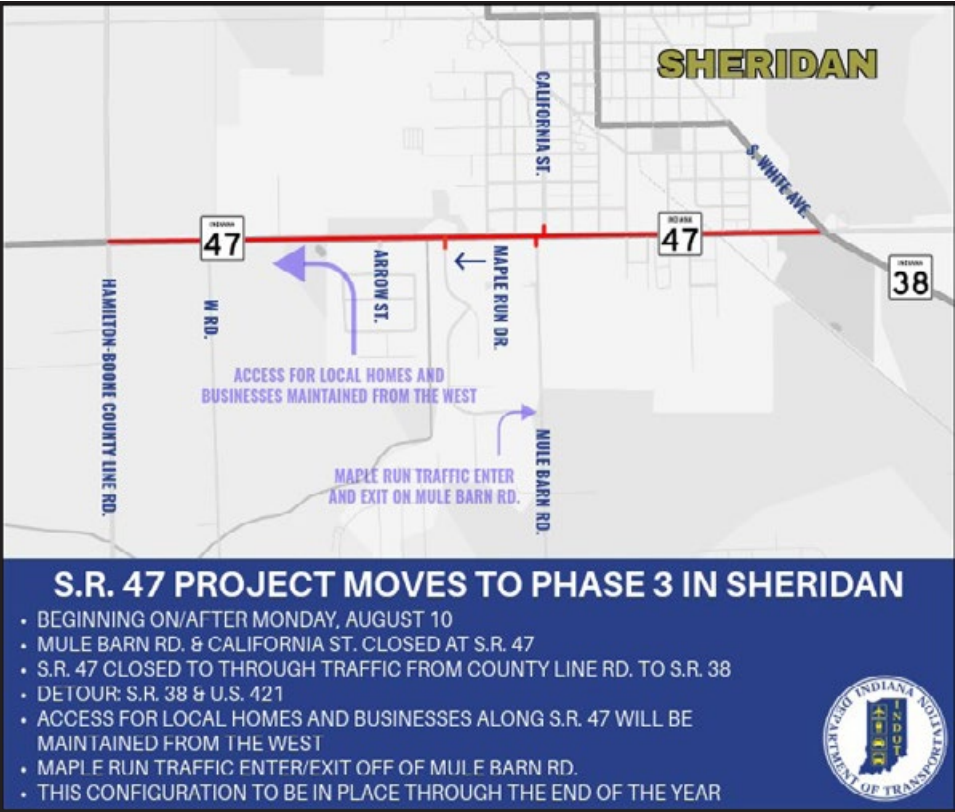
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The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that the **State Road 47 Reconstruction Project in Sheridan** is moving to Phase 3 on or after Monday, Aug. 10.

During Phase 3, SR 47 will remain closed to through traffic between Hamilton-Boone County Line Road and State Road 38. The official detour follows SR 38 and U.S. 421.

Also during Phase 3, Mule Barn Road and California Street will close at the intersection with SR 47. All local traffic will enter and exit Sheridan Estates and all business from the west side of SR 47. Maple Run neighborhood traffic will enter and exit off of Mule Barn Road.

Phase 3 of the SR 47 Reconstruction Project will be in place through



the end of the year. INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Carmel Clay Parks announces next phases of Kawachinagano Japanese Garden improvements

Submitted by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will begin the next phase of improvements to the Kawachinagano Japanese Garden this October, further refining the long-term vision for one of Carmel's treasured cultural spaces. The project builds on the garden's recent redesign and reopening this past spring, continuing improvements that enhance the space while preserving its traditional Japanese landscape design. Made possible with \$750,000 in funding from the city, this phase is expected to be completed by spring 2027. The project will expand the Japanese Garden into the area between the existing northern garden and the southern stormwater retention pond. Designed by internationally renowned Japanese landscape designer Hoichi Kurisu (HK), who also led the garden's redesign, the project will introduce a new waterfall and extend the garden into previously undeveloped space. "We are thrilled to con-

tinue working with HK to build on his inspiring design," CCPR Director and CEO Michael Klitzing said. "The expansion will help visually connect the two bodies of water while introducing the calming sounds of flowing water, a common element in Japanese gardens."



Klitzing

A second construction phase is projected to begin in spring 2027 and will include a loop trail around the pond, benches, prairie, and additional trees. The long-term vision is to transform the southern pond to complement the design of the existing Japanese Garden as additional funding becomes available. CCPR continues to seek funding partners to help support future improvements to the garden. Individuals, organizations and businesses interested in supporting the garden's continued growth are encouraged to contact CCPR's Resource Development Coordinator, Kari Berger, at kberger@carmelclayparks.com. For more information or updates on Kawachinagano Japanese Garden, visit carmelclayparks.com.

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Late one night while those of us in the women's dorm were in bathrobes getting ready for bed, suddenly an urgent, LOUD pounding on doors began outside our rooms. When we came out and looked down into the lounge area, the men of Potter Club were frantically banging on our doors. My first thought was, "Oh, this must be some kind of fraternity prank." But that thought vanished when we women heard the men shouting, "Get out! Get out! There's a fire!" We scrambled and ran out of the building fast as lightning. We slept on the floor of another dormitory that night not knowing if our dorm had become an ash heap.

Fortunately, the next morning we saw that our dorm building was still standing and learned that someone had thrown a Molotov cocktail onto the piano in the adjacent lounge that

night setting the fire and putting our lives at risk. But we had rescuers . . .

The men of Potter Club were not "animals" – they were heroes.

While it may be natural to have a first impression in the first seconds of meeting someone, to limit ourselves to that impression ignores the reality that people are complex. The same holds true for believing stereotypes of different groups.

To try and understand who I am, and for me to understand who you are takes time and listening well and an openness and desire to really know a human being. If we do this, civility in our society has a real chance to flourish.

Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at civic-renaissance.com.

Meeting Notices	
The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.	The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2026. A regular meeting will follow at 2 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a), the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Local Emergency Planning projects.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a), the Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Emergency Management projects.
Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5, the Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at the County Election Building. The purpose of the meeting is to perform a public test of the voting machine equipment for the 2026 general election.	The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026.
The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, in the Board Room at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road.	Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5, the Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, in the Commissioner's Courtroom on the first floor of the Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on a proposal for the county to move to vote centers in place of the current precinct structure.
The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026, in Meeting Room 2A of the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd., Unit A.	

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2021 John Deere R4038 Sprayer (889 hrs), Snyder 300-Gallon 3-pt Sprayer w/ 10' Boom, 60" Fast 8224 28% Applicator (24-Row, 2400-Gallon), Case IH 5300 NH3 Pull-Type Toolbar (21 Knives, Raven NH3 Super Cooler), DMI 4250 NH3 Pull-Type Toolbar (15 Knives, Continental), (2) AG Systems 1250 1200-Gallon Nurse Trailers, Tru-Kleen UTV/ATV 100-Gallon Sprayer, (2) 4000-Gallon Ply Tanks, (2) Snyder 1200-Gallon Poly Tanks

GRAIN HANDLING & WAGONS:
(2) Unverferth 3750 Seed Tenders (Scales), 2-DMI Big Little Grain Wagons, J & M 1251 Grain Storm (Rear Camera, Tarp, 20" Unload), 2004 Kongskilde Grain Vac (1000 PTO)

SEMI'S & TRAILERS:
2014 Freightliner Cascade (399436 Miles, ISX 15 Cummins, 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2015 Freightliner Cascade (484041 Miles, Detroit DD13, 10-sp Manual Trans.), 2015 Freightliner Cascade (480057 miles, Detroit DD13, 10-sp Manual Trans.), 2017 Freightliner Cascade (284046 miles, Detroit DD13, DT-12 Automatic Trans), 2002 International 9100 (532055 Miles, CAT C-12 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Air-Ride, AG Hoppers), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Hudson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Hudson HTD20A 20-Ton Tilt-Top Trailer (24"x96", Air Brakes), 2005 Witzco Challenger RG50 46' Detach

VEHICLES & TRAILERS:
2008 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD SRW 4x4 Service Truck w/ Warner Utility Bed (Duramax Diesel, Automatic, Regular Cab, 79761 Miles), 2004 GMC 2500HD SLE Truck (Duramax Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Regular Cab, 163552 Miles), 1991 GMC Topkick Dump Truck (104567 Miles, V-8 Gas, Automatic Trans.), 2012 Thunder Creek ADT990UB Fuel Trailer

PLANTERS & DRILLS:
2022 John Deere DB60 Bean Planter (36-Row, 20" Spacing), 2023 PUK/

2013 John Deere DB60 Corn Planter (24-Row, 30" Spacing), 24 ProMax 40 Units & Parts off JD DB60 Planter, JD Refuge Plus Tank off JD DB60 Planter, Spike Closing Wheels, Misc. Planter Plates

SEED CONVEYORS/AUGERS:
KSI 120832 Conveyor, Brandt Drive-Over Graindeck, Brandt 1537LP+ 10-hp Grain Belt, 2021 Westfield MKX 100-83 Auger (540 PTO), Westfield 100-31 Auger, 2020 Westfield MKX-73 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 100-51 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 8" Hydraulic Transfer Auger

GPS EQUIPMENT:
(3) GS2630 Displays, (1) GEN4 4640 Display, (1) GreenStar-2 1800 Display, (2) StarFire 3000 Receivers on RTK450 Radios, (2) StarFire 6000 Receivers with RTK Radios, Misc. StarFire Globes & Parts

TILLAGE:
John Deere 2680H 35" Hi-Speed Disk, John Deere 2720X 27'6" 11-Shank Disk Chisel, John Deere 2210 34'6" Fld Cult (5-Bar Spike Harrow, Rear Hitch, Rear Hyd), Sunflower 1435-33 Disk, J&M TF215 37" Rolling Basket, 35" Unverferth 220 Rolling Harrow, DMI ET5 7-Sh, 3-pt Ripper, John Deere 2810 5-Bottom Plow, 12' John Deere 1100 3-pt. Fld. Cult), 13' Pull-Type Packer, John Deere 12-Shank 3-pt Chisel, Int'l 531 3-Bottom 3-pt. Plow, Bush Hog 245 12' Off-Set Disk, 23' Case IH 3900 DH Disk (Rock Flex, 7-1/2" Spacing), 7' King Kutter TG-84-YK Gear-Drive 3-pt Tiller

HEAVY EQUIPMENT:
2007 CAT 420E Backhoe 4x4 Extendahoe w/ 4-1 Front Bucket (4141 hrs), 2014 CAT 303.5E Mini Excavator (1649 hrs), 2007 CAT 320DLH Excavator (5328 hrs, 48" Bucket, Hyd. Thumb), 2002 CAT D5G Dozer (291 hrs), Case 1845C Uni-Loader Skid Steer (3632 hrs), 24" CAT 320B Bucket, 72" AIM 320DL Root Rake, Skid Steer Post Hole Auger, Skid Steer Bale Spear, Skid Steer Pallet Forks, John Deere Work Site Pro R84 80" Rock Bucket (Skid Steer Mount), Mitsubishi FG25 Forklift (6583 hrs, LP, 3-Stage Mast, 5000lb), 7' Soil-Max Shaper Pro 3-pt Trench Filler

MISC:
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Some of Artomobilia’s cars will literally fly down the street on the way to Carmel

The REPORTER

Artomobilia is one of the most eclectic automotive events in America: more than a century of automotive art and design, from brass-era cars of the early 1900s to contemporary supercars, displayed free on the streets of downtown Carmel.

What began in 2008 with 40 cars now draws more than 500 entrants and 20,000 guests in a single day. This event celebrates the art, design, and craftsmanship of the automobile.

This year’s Artomobilia takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and is free for the public to attend.

How it started

Artomobilia launched in 2008 at the invitation of the City of Carmel, which wanted an event series that would bring people into the Arts & Design District and reintroduce them to a downtown then in its early days. The District looked nothing like it does today.

In the years since, the investment in the Arts & Design District and Midtown has been extraordinary for a city Carmel’s size, and it has helped make Carmel one of the most livable cities in the country. In May 2026, *U.S. News & World Report* named Carmel the No. 1 Best Place to Live in America, out of more than 850 cities, ranking it in the top 2 percent nationally for quality of life.

Who runs it

Artomobilia was co-founded by John Leonard, who continues to serve as Director. The organization also produces surrounding Hamilton County events, including the Porsche Classic Restoration Challenge at Motor District in Westfield and the Veloce Hangar Party at the Jet Access Center in Zionsville.

What’s new & notable in 2026

• **Jeff Lane, motoring mad scientist.** Jeff Lane, founder of the Lane Motor Museum, is a recognized and noteworthy auto enthusiast and motoring mad scientist, recently featured in *Road & Track* among many others across his career in the automotive community. His collection is known for the wild, the unique, and the gloriously strange. If the fun, the fantastic, and the weird had a home in the automotive world, it would be the Lane Museum.

• **The Lane Museum Collection Parade.** Normally you would travel to the museum’s 132,000 square-foot home in Nashville to see these machines. This year they come to Carmel, where six select oddities won’t just be on

display, they’ll be in motion. The only chance to see them move is as they parade at low speed into the Artomobilia display field along Range Line Road, driving into place under their own power the morning of the show.

• **The cars.** Six extraordinary vehicles, each a story in itself:

– **1932 Helicron:** A one-of-a-kind, propeller-driven French car found in a barn in 2000, still road-legal in France, and pushed along by a propeller spinning at its nose.

– **1959 Citroën ID 19:** The elegant French saloon whose hydropneumatic self-leveling suspension and aerodynamic shape made it decades ahead of its time.

– **1964 Peel P-50 Replica:** A nod to the Guinness-record smallest production car ever made, 54 inches long and around 130 pounds, with no reverse gear (you drag it by a handle).

– **2013 Peel Trident Replica:** The bubble-topped, clear-domed two-seat sibling of the P50, a microcar that looks straight out of a 1960s space cartoon.

– **1947 Tatra T87:** The streamlined, air-cooled rear-V8 Czech saloon with a dorsal fin and a dark legend: so many German officers died driving its 100-mph chassis that they were reportedly banned from it.

– **1963 Amphicar 770:** The most successful amphibious car ever built, a convertible that swims on twin propellers and carries the highest tailfins of any production car.

• **More than a mile of downtown.** Artomobilia’s defining feature is where it happens: woven through the streets of downtown Carmel, not staged in a lot. The 2026 footprint spans three corridors, 1,500 feet along Main Street, 2,771 on Range Line Road, and 2,000 on Monon Boulevard. That is over 6,200 linear feet of street, and with cars lining both curbs, roughly 2.4 miles of display for guests to walk, from West Main at 3rd Ave SW to East Main at 1st Ave SE, North to South Range Line, and down Monon Boulevard into Midtown.

• **More than 25 classes and corrals.** Over two dozen judged collector car classes and display-only enthusiast corrals span the full history of the automobile.

• **Supported by national and local sponsors.** A free event of this scale carries a real cost. National partners include Porsche North America, Barrett-Jackson, Hylant, Evans May Wealth,



Photos provided

This 1932 Helicron, which is still street-legal in France, is part of Jeff Lane’s extensive collection. Rather than a traditional engine, it’s powered by a propeller at its nose.

Autogeek, and Jet Access; regional and local support comes from Tom Wood Porsche, Gator Motorsport, Dreyer & Reinbold BMW, Pristine Film Solutions, and Meyer Najem. The event is also supported by the City of Carmel and its administrative, Police, Fire, and Street departments.

• **More extraordinary machines.** Select vehicles from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and race cars from the Putnam Park Road Course will also be on display, adding racing pedigree to the field.

• **The Paloozas and their clubs.** Marque-specific gatherings featuring exceptional cars from Porsche, BMW, Lotus, and Mercedes-Benz, with Artomobilia hosting the local enthusiast club for each marque.

• **Art beyond the cars.**

In partnership with the City of Carmel, Artomobilia will host portions of Carmel on Canvas, a plein air paint-out exhibition and contest.

A cause. The Artistry & Elegance Ladies’ Luncheon at MATADOR benefits St. Mary’s Early Childhood Center.

About Jeff Lane

Jeff Lane is a collector of the rarest kind, an engineer’s mind and a showman’s eye who founded the Lane Motor Museum in 2002 and turned a former Nashville bakery into the largest collection of European automobiles in America. Under his

stewardship it has become a sanctuary for the strange and the brilliant, and Lane himself a beloved fixture of the collector world, sought out by enthusiasts, journalists, and the merely curious for a mind that seems to hold the entire eccentric history of the automobile.

Central Indiana mayors, police chiefs & prosecutors continue public safety collaboration focused on finding regional solutions

Submitted by City of Carmel

Central Indiana mayors, police chiefs and county prosecutors gathered Monday, Aug. 3, for continued discussion and planning in support of public safety solutions that benefit residents and visitors.

Civic leaders from Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, and Morgan counties met at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, the second in a series of meetings that kicked off June 26. Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam led the public safety initiative in collaboration with Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett to host the summit.

City leaders and police chiefs were joined by eight county prosecutors, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and the Indiana State Police superintendent with a goal of understanding gaps and barriers in the legal system that result in repeat offenders cycling back into communities.

The conversation focused on the entire criminal

justice continuum, recognizing that public safety depends on every part of the system working together. Participants discussed the importance of building stronger relationships between law enforcement and prosecutor offices to positively affect prescreening and charging decisions, Indiana Department of Correction policies on time-served and early release and information sharing across agencies. Leaders also examined how inadequate funding, gaps in communication and coordination, inconsistent approaches and public safety policies can contribute to repeat offending and identified opportunities for stronger collaboration among local, state, and federal partners.

Following Monday’s meeting, Mayor Finkam described the discussion as an example of working together to solve a regional problem.

“Every community



Finkam

Finkam said. “Through collaboration and hard work we can find short-term and long-term solutions that improve public safety for every community.”

“Whether one is enforcing the law or seeking justice in a courtroom, it is clear that everyone involved in Monday’s conversation is deeply committed to their respective work in the criminal justice system,” said Mayor Hogsett. “I want to express my thanks to these regional partners for their ongoing collaboration to find solutions that will make our communities in Central Indiana safer.”

Monday’s Regional Mayors’ Public Safety Partnership Summit meeting was the second in a series of four meetings.

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Finding hope on Capitol Hill

This summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., as part of the Congressional Leadership Academy, a program that brings together young people with lived experience in foster care from around the country. Out of more than 150 applicants, I was honored to be one of the 42 people selected to attend.

While in D.C., I shadowed Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-California), attended advocacy workshops, sat in on a congressional subcommittee hearing, and connected with other peer advocates working to improve outcomes for teens and young adults in foster care. But the most important thing I brought home wasn't a business card or a photo from Capitol Hill – it was hope.

One of the most meaningful parts of this experience was seeing how many people are committed to improving outcomes for



GUEST COLUMNIST
JO HARLAN

young people in foster care. Throughout the week, I met leaders, advocates, and policymakers who took the time to listen, ask thoughtful questions, and engage with the issues that matter to those of us with lived experience. I discovered that we all have a shared commitment to finding solutions and creating opportunities for young people to succeed.

As someone who spent time in foster care and later aged out of the system, I know how important policy can be. The right support can change the trajectory of a young person's life. It certainly changed mine. I graduated from IU Indianapolis with a nursing degree in May, and I recently began my career in nursing in the bone marrow transplant unit at Franciscan Health in Indianapolis. Along the way, programs like **Indiana Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)** helped make my journey possible.

Today, one issue I hope lawmakers continue to address is healthcare access for young adults who age out of foster care. Under current law, many former foster youth are eligible for health coverage until age 26. On paper, that sounds like a tremendous resource. However, when young people move across state lines – for college, employment, or simply a fresh start – that coverage often does not follow them. As a result, young adults can lose access to medical care, mental health services, and other support during some of the most critical years of their lives.

As a nursing school graduate, I understand how important consistent healthcare is. As a former foster youth, I understand how difficult transitions can be without it. No young person should have to choose between pursuing an opportunity in another state and maintaining access to healthcare. We can do better. Whether the solution comes through federal legislation, state action, or a

combination of both, I believe there is a path forward. My experience in Washington, D.C., reinforced something I first learned through Foster Success and our Day at the Statehouse: advocacy matters. Change happens when people share their stories, build relationships, and continue showing up. Foster Success gave me the confidence and skills to speak with policymakers, and now I hope to continue using my voice to advocate for young people.

The week I spent in D.C. was life-changing, but not because it gave me all the answers. It was life-changing because it reminded me that change is possible. There are people listening. There are people who care. And when young people with lived experience have a seat at the table, better solutions become possible for everyone.

Jo Harlan is a Central Indiana resident and an advocate for Foster Success, a national organization solely focused on supporting teens and young adults as they age out of foster care.

From the crypt to your pocket AG Rokita teams up with Sammy Terry at the Indiana State Fair to return your unclaimed property

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is once again teaming up with Indiana's favorite horror host, Sammy Terry, to help Hoosiers reclaim what's rightfully theirs.

Fairgoers are invited to stop by the Attorney General's booth in the Mercantile Building from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, to meet Sammy Terry and search for unclaimed property. It's a great opportunity to see if forgotten money or other assets are waiting to be returned to you.

"Don't let your rightful money rest in peace when it could be resting in your pocket," AG Rokita said. "Partnering with Sammy Terry is a fun way to remind people that unclaimed property isn't gone forever – it's just waiting to be claimed."

This year, the Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division has already returned more than \$75 million and is well on its way to breaking last year's record-shattering \$88 million.

"You never know what's hiding under your bed ... or at Indiana Unclaimed," Sammy Terry said. "Don't be afraid to stop by Attorney General Rokita's booth at the fair and see if you have any unclaimed property."

Unclaimed property can include money orders, safe deposit box contents, bank accounts, refunds, credit card balances, cell phone bill overpayments, DMV payments, wages, and other overlooked funds – and nearly \$1 billion of it still remains unclaimed in Indiana.

Staff will help visitors search for unclaimed property on the spot and answer questions about consumer protection. Free copies of key publications will also be available, including the Parents' Bill of Rights, Gun Owners Bill of Rights, Consumer Data Bill of Rights, and the Indiana Constitution.

Hoosiers can also search anytime at **IndianaUnclaimed.gov** or by texting CLAIM to 46220.



Rokita

Shop local at the State Fair

The REPORTER

Indiana Grown, the state's local agricultural marketing initiative, will once again hold its Indiana Grown Marketplace at this year's State Fair.

The Indiana Grown Marketplace will offer fairgoers the opportunity to shop, in one location, from over 400 unique products representing over 100 Hoosier businesses spanning 46 counties at the State Fair. Located within The Mercantile building at the State Fairgrounds, the 15-day event provides opportunities to purchase local products and support Hoosier companies.

"Supporting Hoosier farmers and small businesses is at the forefront of what we do," said Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The Indiana Grown Marketplace is a great place to shop local and see the best of what our state has to offer."

With products grown, processed, packaged, or produced in Indiana, shoppers can experience their state's agriculture products as they step into the marketplace. Samples are available to taste

starting at 11 a.m. each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

"Every year, I'm reminded just how much heart Hoosier producers pour into their work," said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "The Indiana Grown Marketplace is more than a place to shop; it's a chance to celebrate the people behind these products and the pride they take in Indiana. I hope everyone gets a chance to come out, meet these producers, and support the work they do."

Shoppers will find a variety of products, such as sweets, coffee, sauces, seasonings, popcorn, gluten free items, candles, body care and much more. Customers will also be able to purchase Indiana-themed apparel and merchandise.

The Indiana State Fair runs from Friday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 23 (closed Mondays). The Mercantile building, formerly known as the Agriculture/Horticulture building, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Mercantile is located to the right of the Midway on the west side of the fairgrounds.

Learn more about Indiana Grown at **indianagrown.org**.

Noblesville teenager killed in single-car crash

Submitted by Noblesville Police Department

At approximately 9:27 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Noblesville police officers responded to the 13600 block of 156th Street in reference to a report of a crash involving one vehicle. Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and began to investigate.

Preliminary reports from witnesses and evidence at the scene indicate that a 2020 Toyota Camry was traveling at a high rate of speed westbound in the 13600 block of 156th Street just before the crash

occurred. Witnesses stated that the vehicle lost control and veered off the road, colliding with a utility pole. No other vehicles were involved in the incident.

The driver of the Toyota was identified as Shehzil Aamir, 17, Noblesville. Amir was pronounced deceased at the scene. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

The Noblesville Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit was summoned to the scene to investigate the crash and to collect evidence at the scene.

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& Stratton Power Washer, Craftsman Wood Lathe, Stihl 023 Chainsaw, Vulcan Anvil; 1930-40's DeVilbiss Air Compressor, Wire Spools, 55-Gallon Food-Grade Metal Barrels, 200-Gallon Gas Tank w/ Hand Pump; Leer 8" Truck Topper off 1995 Dodge, JD 25-Gallon Pull-Type Sprayer, Agri-Fab 15-Gallon Pull-Type Sprayer; Lapp 2-Door Dog Transport Box, Murray Snow Blower w/ Walk-Behind Shroud; Andersen Aluminum 5th Wheel Hitch, 8' x 42" Utility Trailer, Bolinger 10' x 7' Utility Trailer; 2009 EZ-GO Electric Golf Cart; 1985 GMC 1500 Sierra 4-W/D Truck; Craftsman T2400 46" Riding Mower; Grasshopper 718 Zero-Turn Gas Mower; JD F620 Z-Trak 54" Zero-Turn Mower; Simplicity 44" Riding Mower

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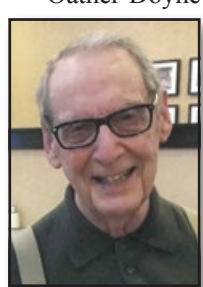
THE COMMAND TO LEAVE HOREB

These are the words Moses spoke to all Israel in the wilderness east of the Jordan—that is, in the Arabah—opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth and Dizahab. (It takes eleven days to go from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea by the Mount Seir road.)

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Oather Doyne Daniels

June 30, 1934 – August 2, 2026



Oather Doyne Daniels, 92, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, August 2, 2026.

Born on June 30, 1934, Oather was the son of Oather and Orva Rosetta (Stinson) Daniels. He graduated from Walnut Grove High School in Hamilton County before proudly serving his country in the United States Army.

On June 19, 1955, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Kay (Flanders) Daniels, and they recently celebrated 71 years of marriage.



Oather earned his Bachelor's degree from Ball State University and later received both his Master's degree and Education Specialist degree from Indiana University. He dedicated his career to education, serving both as a teacher and school administrator at Walnut Grove, Anderson, Brazil, Fillmore, Northwestern High School in Kokomo, and Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

He was a devoted Freemason for more than 50 years, most recently at the Noblesville Lodge. He enjoyed attending church, playing cards, golfing, fishing, and bowling. Most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was famously known for his antagonistic, sarcastic sense of humor. His life was full of family, love, and laughter.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kay Daniels; son, Kurt A. (Rita Simms) Daniels; daughter, Kim A. (Donna Lu Harger) Daniels; five grandkids: Alison (Matt) Miklos, Jennifer (Jason) Sherrill, Andrew Daniels, James (Jessica) French, Shelby (Cole) Harber; and 18 great-grandkids: Mikey, Maisy, Connor, Colin, Aubrey (Branden), Addison, Anderson, Nevaeh, Natalie, Salone, Amaya, Justin, Anne, Kyrsten, Kinsley, Jim, and Atlee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oather and Orva (Stinson) Daniels; his brother and sister-in-law, Doral and Francis Daniels; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Mary (Burkhardt) Flanders.

A visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 8, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero, with a graveside service immediately following at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, with Pastor Jesse Mullins officiating.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to Serine Homecare, especially Amber and Misty, and to Visiting Angels, especially Tiffany and Lauren, for their compassionate care of Oather.

Memorial contributions may be made In Memory of Oather to Indiana Chapter Alzheimer's Association, or a charity of your choice.

Oather will be remembered as a good Christian man, a gentleman, a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and grandpa great.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Yvonne Adell Sjoquist

September 4, 1957 – July 28, 2026



Yvonne Adell Sjoquist, 68, Green Bay, Wis., passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at a local hospital. She was born September 4, 1957, in Westfield, daughter to the late Floyd and Guinevere (Bauer) Tarnow. Yvonne graduated from Purdue North Central and married Ron Sjoquist on February 7, 1996. She was the proud owner/operator of Westfield Printing.

Survivors include her husband, Ron; one son, Duane Lundwell; grandchildren, Allie and Dane; brother, Mark Tarnow; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Yvonne was preceded in death by her sisters, Iris and Rose.

The celebration of life will be held at for family and friends from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, August 23, 2026, at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis.

Carole Viola

December 7, 1941 – August 3, 2026

Carole Viola, 84, Fishers, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on December 7, 1941, to Carl and Mary (Tiberia) Kaiser in New Jersey.

Carole was born and raised in New Jersey, moved to Las Vegas for several years, and has been in Indianapolis since 2013. Before starting her family, she was a teacher and then stayed home with her children. After her children were grown, Carole became a real estate broker. She enjoyed traveling and trips to New Jersey to visit her family and friends. Carole's favorite hobby was gambling, especially any kind of Poker. Carole loved meeting her friends at the American Legion Post 470 every Friday and took several trips to Las Vegas each year. Most importantly Carole loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Elyse Viola and her partner, Brad; daughter, Michelle Fleishman and son-in-law, Greg; son, Ray Viola and daughter-in-law, Nicole; and grandchildren, Nick, Jack, Luke, Joe, and Anthony.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association of Indiana, 12800 N. Meridian St., Suite 125, Carmel, IN 46062 (lung.org/about-us/contact-us/indiana); or American Stroke Foundation, 6405 Metcalf Ave., Suite 214, Overland Park, KS 66202, (americans-troke.org).

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Dr. Charles "Tom" Thomas Clark

February 25, 1947 – July 24, 2026



Dr. Charles "Tom" Thomas Clark, 79, Athens, Ohio, formerly of Noblesville, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2026.

Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Amy; his brother, Tim (Joanie) Clark; his sister, Tammy (David) Baitz; his children, Casey, Kelsey, Kinsey, Grace, Agatha, Audrey, Cora, Seth, and Zachary; and many beloved grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Eleanor Clark; his sons, Kyle and Cody Clark; his childhood best friend, Jimmy Grant; and his dear friend, Mike Lawhon, both of whom were killed while serving in the Vietnam War in 1969.

A 1965 graduate of Noblesville High School, Tom excelled in track and cross country, setting numerous school records. His passion for medicine began while working as an orderly at Riverview Hospital during high school. He earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana State University before receiving his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. Clark began his pediatric career in Arlington, Texas, before relocating to Athens, Ohio, where he joined the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. There, he established a pediatric practice while educating future physicians. His love for pediatrics and unwavering commitment to children defined his distinguished career. He served for many years as Chief of Pediatrics and held leadership roles within the Department of Specialty Medicine. Through his compassionate care and dedication to teaching, he touched countless young lives and helped shape generations of physicians. After 29 years of devoted service to Ohio University, he retired in 2013, leaving a lasting legacy of excellence, compassion, and service.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Tom will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, quick wit, and wonderful sense of humor. He treasured his family and valued his friendships.

In accordance with his wishes, Dr. Clark was cremated, and no formal services will be held at this time.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who cared for Tom during his final days. They also invite family, friends, colleagues, former patients, and students to honor his memory by sharing their favorite stories, cherished memories, or moments of laughter. Tom's life was filled with love, compassion, and humor, and nothing would have meant more to him than knowing those memories continue to bring smiles to others.

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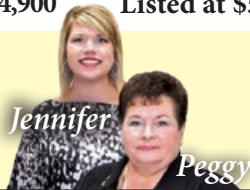
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