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## TODAY'S WEATHER



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in the later afternoon.

Tonight: Scattered showers  
and storms.

HIGH: 83 LOW: 56



# Sheridan Rotary salutes high academic achievers, two Teachers of the Year

By STEVE MARTIN  
For The Reporter

The educational endeavors of our youth are an important aspect of Rotary's continuing support to local community development. As we have done for the last 40 years or more, the Sheridan club has an annual spring banquet wherein we honor students who comprise the top 10 percent of their academic class.

Sheridan Rotary was pleased to welcome the Sheridan Community School's Top 10 academic percent of the Class of 2022 to our meeting. This year's honorees number seven individuals who have excelled academically through their high school years and in all probability will continue their education with advanced degrees from various schools of higher learning. We offer our congratulations to them.

In addition, each year Sheridan Rotary asks Sheridan Community Schools to choose one primary and one secondary educator to recognize for her or his outstanding work in the



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Sheridan Community School Educators of the Year and the Top 10 academic scholars are (from left) Christian Clausen, Elijah Kinhead, Lexi Woodcock, high school principal Rick Davis, elementary principal Valery Roberts, Michael Cronin, Primary Teacher of the Year Lisa Zola, and Secondary Teacher of the Year Ryan Kelleher. Missing students because of prior commitments include Silas DeVaney, Gabe Holler, and Emma Collins. Congratulations to all.

Sheridan corporation. Teachers are the backbone of our educational system, and their efforts at providing a platform of excellence from which our Top 10 students arise should be recog-

nized and appreciated.

The 2022 Primary Educator of the Year is kindergarten teacher Lisa Zola, and the 2022 Secondary Educator of the Year is science teacher Ryan Kelleher. Our

congratulations to both them and our appreciation for taking the time and making the effort to be excellent teachers of our children.

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## For the love of mulch

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Okay, that might be a slight exaggeration, but it is MULCH TIME!

I told my husband when we got married that I'd rather have mulch than diamonds. He laughed. I was serious. He smiled ... and hugged me.

When Ray from Musselman Landscaping delivered our three yards of mulch on Monday, I actually felt my heart begin to race. Let the fun begin. There's just something about the look of our yard when new mulch is tucked into the flower beds.

Then ... the temperature began to rise into the high 80s. Humidity was like that of July. It was ugly heat and oh, so muggy. I refer to that weather as the mugglies. Brutal.

Patrice, my best friend and partner in work and crime, showed up to help. She really is a saint. We laughed. We sweated. We were armed with shovels, wheelbarrow, rake, bucket, and grit. As gardeners, we were armed but not dangerous. Don't ever tell us we are too old to be doing anything.

At 66 years old, we are a force to be reckoned with. (Just ask our husbands.) This fascination with mulch began over 20 years ago when I was going through my divorce. I had never been one to work in the yard. Patrice said it would be good therapy. She was right.

For some reason, no matter what days we plan to work in my yard, it will be the hottest days of summer, or in this case, spring.

It took three days with lots of breaks. By noon each day, we had to surrender to the heat. Our endurance isn't what it used to be. We laughed that we were no longer sweatin' to the oldies, but we were the sweating oldies.

We love our mulch therapy. Our hard work was rewarded by a trip to Horton's in Tipton and Gatewood's in Noblesville for flowers. Let's just say we rewarded ourselves well.

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COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Hart

# Winners give milk at Gleaners

By STU CLAMPITT  
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You may have heard of the gallon challenge, but Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana is taking the million-gallon challenge.

Gleaners, the largest food bank in the state, just launched its third annual No One Runs on Empty campaign during the months of May and June to raise awareness of food insecurity. This year, the campaign centers on the idea of "Winners Give Milk" – looking to have people donate money towards buying gallons of milk to reach Gleaners' goal of 1



Elliott



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NTT IndyCar driver Romain Grosjean was on hand Saturday to help promote Gleaners' Winners Give Milk drive during the GMR Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

million milk gallons in 2022. The goal for May is to fund 16,500 gallons of milk, equal to 500 gallons per driver in the Indy 500.

The Reporter spoke with Gleaners CEO John Elliott about the milk drive and the need behind it.

"Food insecure households are typically getting the

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## 'Ocean of Possibilities' waiting for you at Carmel Public Library

### The REPORTER

Participants of all ages are invited to take part in the Carmel Clay Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program from June 1 through July 31. This year's program theme is "Ocean of Possibilities" and features a partnership with the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

Program participants are able to convert their reading into donations for the Humane Society. Pet treats, pet toys, and other much-needed items will be donated as readers earn digital badges throughout the program.

Children who complete the Summer Reading Program will also earn two free books to keep, while teen and adult participants will be entered into prize drawings. Participants may register for the Summer Reading Program online beginning June 1 through the free Beanstack Tracker app or at [carmel.beanstack.com](http://carmel.beanstack.com).

The library will also be offering a variety of activities throughout the summer, including storytimes, take-home craft kits, gardening projects, and book discussions. A complete list of events is available at [carmelclaylibrary.org/events](http://carmelclaylibrary.org/events).

The library welcomes in-person visits at its Merchants' Square Main Library, Joyce Winner West Branch, and Digital Media Lab. The reopening of the expanded and renovated Main Library at 425 E. Main St. will take place this fall.

# New county parking garage now open in downtown Noblesville

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Hamilton County officials on Friday opened a 475-space garage to provide weekday parking for its employees and weekend parking for the public. The \$11.5 million garage sits south of the Hamilton County Courthouse Square on Clinton Street. The public can use the parking garage after 5 p.m. on weekdays and anytime on the weekends, according to county officials. It was not immediately known Friday afternoon if parking is free. It's the second parking garage to be built in downtown Noblesville.





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If you see Patrice, you might ask her about the guns and roses episode.

As far as anyone knows, we are just two sweet little vintage grandmothers who love to play in the dirt and plant flowers. She will always be my best friend and partner in crime. Our only crime may be that of laughing a bit too loudly or enhancing a story we have to tell or drinking too much coffee.

Perhaps it really is the most wonderful time of the year ... once the work is done.

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Sheridan Rotary would also like to salute the previous two years of Top 10 students. The COVID pandemic curtailed our club's meeting schedule for the 2020 and 2021 years, and while these students were not honored at the time, they should likewise be noted for their achievement.

The Class of 2021 Top Ten included Abigail Clouser, Sierra Duke, Allison Delph, Baylee Murray, Leah Moorman, Shelby Hammack, and Carter Brazzell.

The Class of 2020 Top Ten included Nicholas Roberts, Margaret Adams, Allacyn Rogers, Emery Habig, Josie O'Brian, and Kara Morelock.

Sheridan Rotary appreciates the opportunity to recognize the academic and educational achievements of our Sheridan students and teachers. Their scholastic achievements and dedication to their profession help to keep Sheridan the strong and resourceful community it continues to be. Thank you all for your challenging work.

For those interested, Sheridan Rotary's special guest at its Tuesday evening, May 17 meeting will be Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. The Commissioner will give an overview of what Hamilton County is working on and planning for the Sheridan community presently and in the future. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend Commissioner Heirbrandt's talk beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room of the Sheridan Public Library.

MILK

food they need from multiple sources," Elliot told The Reporter. "First, earned income – they just don't earn enough to feed the family for the whole month. Then many times they are on a program like SNAP or WIC or kids are in the school meal program. But that still may not be enough for a family. That's where the charitable sector enters. We close that last gap. When you shrink the other two pieces – if household incomes drop or the federal programs drop – that grows the gap that the charitable sector like Gleaners needs to fill. We are expecting another spike in need as the school year ends and the federal programs reduce."

Milk is an expensive product. It is a loss-leader for most retailers. Gleaners negotiated a discounted price to wholesale, but the organization is not in the same position as retailers who can absorb the difference. That makes this drive a multi-million-dollar cost to Gleaners.

"There is a long multi-decade history of the amount of milk in food-insecure households hovering around 5 percent of the USDA recommended amount. In other words, two gallons a year instead of 52 gallons a year is what most food-insecure households have seen," Elliot said. "We have been stuck at that level for decade after decade. So, this is also about changing that and raising the quantity of milk to affect not just hunger, but chronic health conditions that are affected so much by the mix of foods that people eat or, in many cases, the food they don't eat. There is a lot to be said not only about the quantity of food

available to neighbors in need, but the right nutritious mix and variety."

The need for volunteers will likely increase in the weeks and months to come because of the spike in people at the food lines that started in December is now up 40 to 50 percent since then due to inflation.

"The next wave – the next significant increase is coming as school feeding programs stop for the summer and those kids need to be fed in some other way, but also the drop off in federal feeding programs," Elliot said. "I assume you know that with SNAP and other programs, the allotments per household had been increased in response to the pandemic. Indiana made a decision legislatively with a date to end that in April. Where many states waited for the end of the presidentially declared emergency as their date to stop this program, Indiana preemptively stopped earlier. They allow for a wind-down month, which is May. That means in June SNAP benefits will drop off substantially, and so will some other federal feeding programs."

A donation of \$30 gets 10 gallons closer to the million-gallon goal. You can donate at [gleaners.org/milk](http://gleaners.org/milk). You can also send a check to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, 3737 Waldemere Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46241. If you do send a check, please note on the memo line that the money is specifically for the milk drive. You can also give by texting "milk" to 55443.

To read about how much work Gleaners does right here in Hamilton County, see The Reporter's January article at [this link](#).



Photo provided  
A Gleaners patron with a flat tire had no idea the level of service she would receive.

For Gleaners, Andretti serving neighbors knows no boundaries

The REPORTER

In Saturday's GMR Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Gleaners partnered with Group1001, Andretti Autosport, and driver Romain Grosjean to help promote the Winners Give Milk drive. Leading up the race, last week Grosjean and the whole Andretti team were at Gleaners in Indianapolis to unveil his Grand Prix car.

"They stayed after and worked a shift in our food pantry, handed out food, carried it out to the cars, and for a while I saw Grosjean bagging potatoes and handing food out," Elliot told the Reporter. "It is nice to see when people put a little bit of volunteer time and sweat equity toward the cause, too."

According to Elliot, while

Grosjean and the Andretti team were working in the pantry, a woman rolled into the parking lot with a flat tire.

"The Andretti team had their semi-trailer and their transporter here for the race-car," Elliot said. "The next thing you know, one of the crew members runs to the truck. They unload the pit cart, and it comes rolling around our building, rolls up behind the lady's car and the whole pit crew in their uniforms comes running out of the pantry and they change this woman's tire. The whole time she's standing looking dumbfounded like, 'What's happening here?' We couldn't have planned it. It was complete coincidence. That lady has a story to tell for a while."

I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County (nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children). Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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# Three Noblesville state championship teams awarded mayoral proclamation

*At the Noblesville Common Council meeting this past Tuesday, Mayor Chris Jensen read a proclamation for each of the state championship teams at Noblesville High School – boys soccer (top), cheerleading (middle) and girls basketball (bottom). The proclamation for the team was given to the head coach and copies of each proclamation were printed for the athletes, assistant coaches and staff.*



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This year the Lions have added optional chicken breast to the menu.

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## Modifying the public-school system

By M. CASLER

Sheridan High School Student

The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams. The author's photo and full name have been withheld at their request.

This column will inform you about the public high school system and how it needs to change.

According to research.com, 90 percent of American students attend a public school. If you ask a public high school student how attending school makes them feel, they surely won't say excited, fun, or cheerful. I asked a few of my fellow high school students what they think of when someone brings up school and their responses were all negative: Stress, sadness, aw s\*\*t, prison, and chaos.

My daily schedule at Sheridan High School accommodates a student resource time (SRT) which is provided for each student. SRT is like a study hall where you can make up tests, do your homework, chat with friends, or binge-watch your favorite TV show. I think all schools

should implement this class into their students' schedules.

All public schools across the U.S. need to become more accommodating or personalized for their students. Schools are designed to teach multiple students at once, regardless of their learning style, level, or ability.

Almost all schools base themselves on standardized testing and the rating of the school more than they care about their students. I think schools should focus more on the well-being of students and how they can learn more effectively. If schools cared and provided more resources, I think students' grades and test scores would improve tremendously. Quite a few schools do have advanced classes and resource aids/classes for specific people, but it's still too generalized.

I have been diagnosed with ADHD and sometimes school and some teaching styles can become overwhelming and difficult for me to manage. I think it would help me, and others, if the material was more in-depth or more personalized.

Another way schools could improve is by chang-

ing the learning environment. The classroom I feel the safest and most comfortable in is my accelerated English teacher, Mrs. Williams' room. There are four lamps that shine a muted yellow light that replaces the bright LED overhead lights. There are colorful posters and pictures and the whole back wall is covered in calm-looking tapestries. Mrs. Williams also has various flexible seating options. Her classroom is a prime example of how future classrooms should look.

Alternative seating is a great way to change the environment of classrooms and make students feel more engaged. According to a 2018 study by the University of Mississippi, alternative seating is recommended in place of a seated desk, because a seated desk prohibits natural body movements that are linked to increased learning abilities. There are many types of alternative seating such as beanbags, yoga balls, couches, standing desks, and low tables for floor seating. Alternative seating gives students a chance to move around and fidget while being engaged in class.

The last recommendation I have for schools is to expand the patience and teaching style of teachers. I am not saying teachers need to change their whole curriculum, but rather become more patient, more loving, and more kind. A prime example of this type of teacher at Sheridan High School is my chemistry teacher, Mr. Olsan, who makes chemistry a lot easier to understand and learn. He is very patient and is willing to re-explain anything we do. He is also a very funny guy who shows that he cares when he engages in conversations — with me personally, and with the whole class. Most days when the bell rings to start my fifth-period class, we talk about some sort of food, sport, or something completely random like arsonists.

I think that this type of fun, casual conversation at the start of class helps us engage in the lesson more. I know school would be more enjoyable for many students if the system was improved.

I hope schools across the U.S. can take this article into consideration and better change the lives of public high school students.

## Indiana Women In Need named 2022 IMCU cancer awareness card beneficiary

The REPORTER

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), central Indiana's largest credit union, has announced IWIN (Indiana Women In Need)

Foundation as the new member-nominated beneficiary for its Cancer Awareness Debit Card.

The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card pro-

vides members an opportunity to support a different cancer-related organization each year. A portion of each signature transaction made with this card now through Feb. 28, 2023, up to \$10,000, will be donated to IWIN.

The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 33 Indiana locations. The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card is an option to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot.

IWIN Foundation supports individuals statewide currently receiving treatment for breast cancer by securing and paying for individual services that relieve emotional, physical and financial burdens. The basis of the IWIN Program is to give these courageous individuals the strength to endure treatment, empower them to continue their fight against breast cancer, and place them on the path to survivorship. Having assisted three women in the first year and 16 men since inception, IWIN has served over 6,700 women and men and celebrates providing over \$2.5 million in services to recipients throughout the state of Indiana.

"We are deeply grateful to IMCU and its members for their support of IWIN's mission," IWIN Development/Program Director Debbie Laswell said. "Just this week, our staff spoke to a central Indiana patient who

was considering not going to her daily radiation treatments because she didn't have money for additional gas. For the local women and men that IWIN serves, IMCU's generosity is significant and life-changing."

"IMCU is honored to partner with IWIN Foundation and their important mission of providing financial support for individual services that relieve the emotional, physical and financial burdens to those courageously battling breast cancer in Indiana," IMCU President and CEO Ron Collier said.

For more information about the IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card, please visit [imcu.com](http://imcu.com) or visit an IMCU branch for details.

About IWIN

The IWIN (Indiana Women In Need) Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to assist Indiana women and men enduring treatment for breast cancer. The IWIN Foundation strives to be the "neighbor next door" to individuals throughout Indiana, by helping with everyday needs and emotional support. By providing personal services such as meal preparation, housekeeping, childcare/eldercare, transportation assistance, medication assistance, and wellness support, IWIN is able to decrease anxiety and financial burdens, allowing patients to focus on remaining compliant with treatment. Learn more at [iwinfoundation.org](http://iwinfoundation.org).



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# Construction beginning soon on Smoky Row, Main Street in Carmel

The REPORTER

Summer construction season is about to get busy.

On or after May 26, major road construction will begin on Smoky Row between U.S. 31 and the Monon Greenway and on Main Street in front of Carmel High School from Richland Avenue to Lexington Boulevard. According to the city, both road improvement projects are designed to increase safety and facilitate better traffic flow.

Smoky Row

This project is the reconstruction of the current two-lane road into a boulevard with a landscaped median, new curbs, storm water collection, multi-use paths, new bridges on Smoky Row and on the Monon Greenway, north of Smoky Row. In addition, a new roundabout will be built at the west end of the project limits on Smoky Row.

This work is scheduled to be substantially completed before the end of the year. Limited access will be maintained on Smoky Row this summer – except

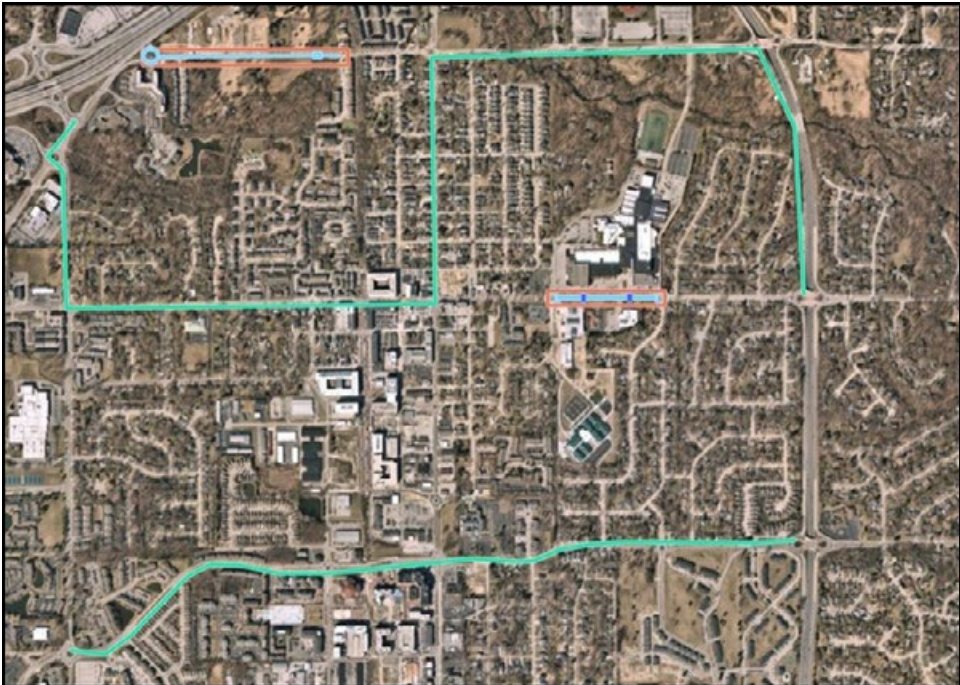


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The blue lines indicate road closures; green lines indicate the detours.

for full closures during the construction of the new bridge, as well as the new roundabout. Local traffic will be maintained for those who reside within the project limits.

Main Street

On or after May 26, two new roundabouts will be built on Main Street at Rich-

land Avenue and Lexington Boulevard. The roadway will be closed to through traffic during construction, but access to Carmel Christian Church and educational buildings on the south side of Main Street will be maintained from the east side of the project via Main Street.

Most of this work will be completed this summer before school starts. Once school begins, motorists will have a majority of the access back throughout the project limits with some scheduled interruption as the final details of the street improvement project are completed.

## Fishers road construction updates, week of May 16

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

State Road 37 & 131st Street

131st Street east of SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both northbound and southbound. [Click here](#) to view the detour map.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text up-

dates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

Technology Drive (Northeast Commerce Park)

The inside lane of Technology Drive is currently closed to traffic to allow for construction of new pavement in the inside lane. One-way traffic will be in place in the outside lane as shown [here](#). Access to all businesses will be maintained during the construction.

Southeastern Parkway & Cyntheanne Road

Utility work is taking place at the Southeastern Parkway and Cyntheanne Road intersection as part of the roundabout construction project. Ongoing periodic lane restrictions will be in place daily between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for unloading material and equipment.

The walking path along Southeastern Parkway will also be closed during the duration of the project. Barri- cades will be placed across the path.

116th Street

During the week of May 16, westbound 116th Street between Holland Drive and Wainwright Boulevard will have lane restrictions in place due to landscaping improvements on the north side of 116th Street.

Resurfacing projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction has started taking place in Charleston Crossing, Delaware Pointe, Fishers Pointe, Lantern Overlook, Overlook at Beaver Ridge and Sunblest as part of the 2022 Resurfacing Project. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruc-

tion near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

Geist

Half Marathon

The Geist Half Marathon will take place on Saturday, May 21. Road restrictions will begin as early as 12 a.m. on race day. All events (Half Marathon, 10K and 5K) will begin at 7 a.m. and finish by 11 a.m. Find course maps and other even information [here](#). Some areas will be temporarily closed. If you have plans for race day, please be aware that alternate routes may need to be taken that day.

## New items this week at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of May 9:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. Her last affair, by John Seales
2. Aunt Dimity and the enchanted cottage, by Nancy Atherton
3. Death by tart attack, by Tamar Myers
4. The silent sisters, by Robert Dugoni
5. With love from London, by Sarah Jio
6. By any other name, by Lauren Kate
7. Fake, by Erica Katz
8. The end of getting

- lost, by Robin Kirman
9. The cage, by Bonnie Kistler
10. The thousand eyes, by A.K. Larkwood

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. One damn thing after another: memoirs of an attorney general, by William Pelham Barr
2. The first Kennedys: the humble roots of an American dynasty, by Neal Thompson
3. The beauty of dusk: on vision lost and found, by Frank Bruni
4. Abundance: the inner path to wealth, by Deepak

- Chopra
5. Black market: an insider's journey into the high stakes world of college basketball, by Merl Code

6. Level up: rise above the hidden forces holding your business back, by Stacey Abrams
7. Find your people: building deep community in a lonely world, by Jennie Allen

8. The believer: encounters with the beginning, the end, and our place in the middle, by Sarah Krasnostein
9. The invisible kingdom: reimagining chronic

- illness, by Meghan O'Rourke
10. Horizons: the global origins of modern science, by James Poskett

New DVDs

1. Under the vines. Series 1
  2. Brooklyn nine-nine
  3. Last Survivors
  4. Nightmare alley
  5. Falling for Figaro
  6. The handmaid's tale. Season four
  7. I was a simple man
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# Aspire Indiana Health earns three awards from Indiana Primary Health Care Association

**The REPORTER**

Aspire Indiana Health has been honored with three awards by the Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) recognizing the company's leading role as an innovator and non-profit provider of comprehensive healthcare services.

"It's an incredible honor to be recognized by our peers in primary care, especially Aspire's efforts to reach challenged and underserved Hoosier populations," Aspire President & CEO Barbara Scott said. "We're very proud of these team members as well as our entire staff of dedicated individuals, who make a difference every day in the communities we serve."

**SYD EHMKE**, Vice President of FQHC Medical Services, was honored with the Debra Meers Grassroots Advocacy Award, which is given to a person who

has been a strong voice for community health centers within the state, national legislature and local community.

Ehmke has improved Aspire Indiana Health's quality program, enhanced community health worker programming, expanded the Harm Reduction Program syringe exchange services in Madison County, strongly advocated for tobacco cessation among those with substance use disorder and most recently navigated Aspire Indiana Health's telehealth response to COVID-19, including overseeing the sourcing and distribution of more than 40,000 COVID test kits to partners and organizations serving at-risk populations.



**Ehmke**



**Landers**



**Gordon**



**Bowers**



**Keevin**

**JERRY LANDERS**, Vice President of Strategy and Business Development, was given the Employee of the Year Award, which recognizes a primary health employee (nonpractitioner) who has demonstrated excellence through 1) patient advocacy; 2) innovative programs/services/systems; or 3) collaborative efforts.

Among Landers' recent accomplishments are partnering with a school system in a rural part of Indiana to open a medical clinic in a severely underserved community and overseeing the Crowne Plaza Project team for Aspire that advocated on behalf of Indianapolis' homeless population during the height of the COVID pandemic.

This project, a broad collaborative effort with the city of Indianapolis, was awarded the IPHCA Special Exemplary Project Award, which honors a notable project by a member orga-

nization that has demonstrated excellence through 1) advocacy; 2) innovative programs/services/ systems that have increased access, improved health care services to the community, or decreased disparities; or 3) collaborative efforts to reach high-risk populations in the community.

In addition to Landers, the Aspire Crowne Plaza Project team included **AMBER GORDON**, Manager of Social Drivers of Health; **KATHLEEN BOWERS**, Director of Home & Community Based Services; and **MIKE KEEVIN**, Vice President of Social Drivers of Health.

The Crowne Plaza Project was an ambitious undertaking involving the city of Indianapolis and a number of government and nonprofit agencies to move homeless individuals into temporary housing and eventually into permanent housing. Launched in August 2020, it was designed

to keep homeless individuals who were at heightened vulnerability for COVID healthy and safe.

Aspire Indiana Health was closely involved, using its longstanding expertise in getting challenged and at-risk populations, including veterans, housed in a stable and affordable environment.

Aspire acted to 1) advocate on behalf of the residents and act as mediator between them and the hotel, 2) provide individual case management to link them to other services (primary care, behavioral care, substance use treatment, employment, access to food, etc.), and 3) work with several other agencies to provide housing services including search and placement in permanent housing, access to furniture and support for moving into their new homes.

The result was a significant shift in Indianapolis' homeless population that had been living on the streets during the COVID pandemic to a more stable indoor living situation on a temporary basis with ac-

cess to healthcare services, and eventually to permanent housing. The project's success received notable media coverage.

"It was the relationship and the trust built between Aspire, the other service providers, and ultimately the clients that contributed to the success of the project," according to the project team. "We helped the residents on an individual level immensely, but we also helped them on a global level by getting all of the entities out there to work together."

**About Aspire**

Aspire Indiana Health is a fully integrated nonprofit health system serving central Indiana that addresses behavioral health, primary medical care, substance use disorders, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran programs, abused/neglected children and social determinants of health such as housing and employment. Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities and generous benefactors. Those interested in partnering with Aspire in making health and well-being a reality in central Indiana are encouraged to email [info@aspireindiana.org](mailto:info@aspireindiana.org).

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## Farmers Bank in Fishers offers peace of mind with free shred day

**The REPORTER**

Are you overwhelmed with papers you would like to get rid of? Do you have old tax documents, bank statements, credit card solicitations, medical records, and other personal documents needing to be destroyed? Then join The Farmers Bank for its annual Free Community Shred Day.

The shred day will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21 at the Farmers Bank Fishers Office, 7126 E. 116th St.

Consumers and small business owners can securely destroy sensitive paper documents quickly, efficiently and free of charge. All documents will be

shredded on-site. You don't need to remove papers from file folders, take out staples or remove paperclips as they can run through the shredder. Participants will be able to watch their documents be destroyed and leave with peace of mind, knowing their personal information will not get into the wrong hands. Once the documents are shredded, they are then recycled.

Any documents or media that display account numbers or social security numbers could lead to identity theft and should be properly shredded. It is recommended that you shred the following items: Financial statements, credit applications, insurance re-

cords, physician statements, checks, employment applications, and credit card receipts and solicitations.

The Farmers Bank's annual Free Community Shred Days provide a great opportunity for everyone to do three great things at once. You can protect the environment, protect your privacy, and add room to your home by getting rid of all those documents.

"At The Farmers Bank we are dedicated to safeguarding your personal information to protect you from identity theft and scams," President/CEO Karen F. Gregerson said. "We are pleased to offer these annual events as a tool for both our customers and

the community to be proactive in keeping their personal information secure."

**Important info**

- Please DO NOT bring your shred items in plastic bags.
  - There is a maximum limit of five boxes/bags of paper per vehicle.
  - The free community shred event will end once the shred truck is full.
  - To properly maintain social distancing, everyone is asked to remain in their vehicles and bank staff will take the documents for shredding.
- For further information about the Free Community Shred Day Event in Fishers, call (317) 841-5960.

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**So that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world (Phil. 2:15).**

Several years ago, I saw a cartoon in which the preacher was speaking on being the light of the world. Above his head was a thought bubble that said, "but in the case of these people I am speaking dim bulbs." We are not the source of light, but moons that reflect the light of our Lord. To be lights in this perverse generation we must be different. Speak differently. Think differently Live differently. Our standard is not his world. We do not live to please this world. At the Stony Creek Church of Christ, we are different and make no apologies for it. Why do we chose to be different? Come and see for yourself.



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# See best in plays, kids' activities, local musical talent in Carmel

## The REPORTER

Tickets and information available are at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or by calling (317) 843-3800. Health and safety protocols can be found at [TheCenterPresents.org/Health](http://TheCenterPresents.org/Health).

### New Works:

#### Premiere Performances

8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4

*The Tarkington*

Tickets: \$25; \$15 for students

The three winning proposals from the Center's inaugural New Works arts commission project are performed live on stage, followed by a talkback with the artists. New Works is an annual program designed to promote and sustain central Indiana's working artists and artistic communities in an inclusive way. The three selected pieces are:

- *Women's Work* (play) – Callie Burk-Hartz and Alicia LaMagdeleine with Betty Rage Productions
- *Fly High* (music and Cyr wheel choreography) – Monika Herzig Trio and Zackary Herzig
- *A Place in Time* (dance) – Nicholas A. Owens and Lalah Ayan Hazelwood with Kenyettá Dance Company

#### Jungle Jams music day camp

9 to 11:30 a.m., June 6 to 10

*The Studio Theater*

Cost: \$130

Jungle Jams is a creative summer camp program in which kids ages 5 to 7 learn about positive character qualities as well as concepts like rhythm and groove through music and physical activities. During the week, each camper makes three simple musical instruments to bring home. Family members are invited to join the Community Drum Circle Celebration on the final day.

### I'll Be Seeing You:

#### Love Stories of World War II

8 p.m. on Saturday, June 11

*The Palladium*

Tickets from \$10

*I'll Be Seeing You: Love Stories of World War II* is an original, local revue of period songs and true stories that writer-director Ellen Kingston collected from people who lived and loved through the war era, as well as their families. Narration and pro-



Photo provided

Indianapolis trio Wife Patrol takes the stage at The Palladium on June 18.

jected images provide the real-life details as a cast of eight and a five-piece live combo perform Great American Songbook classics such as "They Can't Take That Away from Me," "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye" and "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive."

### Live at the Center: Wife Patrol

8 p.m. on Saturday, June 18

Online and at the Palladium

Free livestream; \$5 on site

Sifting through '90s grunge and alt-rock, '80s pop and new wave, and '70s punk, Indianapolis trio Wife Patrol distills everything its members love about rock with none of what is obsolete. The band's 2020 debut LP, *Too Prickly for This World*, won international acclaim for its catchy hooks and vocal harmonies, receiving airplay on radio stations from Montreal to Melbourne and earning plaudits in publications such as *Vice*, *Afropunk*, *The Alternative* and *Overblown*.

### About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus includes the 1,600-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and

other genres. Educational and experiential programming includes children's concerts, summer camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. Find more information at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

# INDOT opens online survey on state's EV infrastructure

## The REPORTER

According to guidance from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Indiana can expect to receive nearly \$100 million in federal funding to provide safe, efficient, and high-quality infrastructure that enables EV drivers to travel throughout the state.

The Indiana Department of Transportation is conducting an [online survey](#) to inform the state's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure deployment plan.

INDOT seeks to gain insight into charging station locations, barriers, and considerations. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and responses received by May 27 will be used to inform the development of Indiana's plan.

At the end of the survey, there is an option to provide your personal contact information. If you choose to provide this information, it will not be shared outside of the project team.

[Click here](#) to take the survey.

## Now Hiring General Laborer

The Town of Arcadia is currently accepting applications for the position of full-time General Laborer.

This is an entry-level position.

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based on experience.

Applications will be accepted until  
**May 25, 2022.**

Applications & job description are available during office hours at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St, Arcadia, IN 46030.

Applications can be emailed to [arcadiatownhall@gmail.com](mailto:arcadiatownhall@gmail.com), dropped off at the Town office at 208 W. Main St. (during office hours) or faxed to (317) 984-9510.

# Indiana Chamber: Centier Bank among best places to work in state

## The REPORTER

Centier Bank CEO and Chairman Michael E. Schrage has announced the Indiana Chamber of Commerce has ranked Centier as No. 6 on the list of "Best Places To Work in Indiana." The annual awards honored a total of 125 companies from across the state at Thursday's annual celebration held at the Indiana Convention Center.

Centier Bank continues its **16-year streak** of being named a 'Best Place to Work,' and Schrage said he is proud and delighted by the news.

"Each year that we receive this recognition feels just as meaningful as the last," Schrage said. "We have learned a great deal from our associates at Centier Bank. They are the ones who express what they need in order to thrive professionally. It's our priority to meet those needs and exceed expectations, which translates into a dynamic workplace,

resulting in remarkable service to our clients and communities."

Schrage extends his heartfelt congratulations to the other winners and pointed out an opportunity for future growth of Indiana businesses.

"My hope is that we, along with the other companies that were named a Best Place to Work, serve as an inspiration to CEOs and businesses across Indiana, so their employees feel as cared for and valued as ours do at Centier," Schrage said. Chrisanne Christ, Senior Partner overseeing Human Resources Development, said Centier Bank takes great pride in being recognized by the Indiana Chamber and wants job seekers to know that there are companies like Centier Bank that work hard to uphold their reputations of being award-winning places to work.

"It's important to us that we provide desirable ben-

efits, a fun environment, and opportunities for professional growth to all of our associates," Christ said. "Being a family-owned and operated bank, our associates become part of what we call 'the Centier family.' Through our core values of caring, loyalty, integrity, friendship, and fun, we aim to enrich their lives for however long they are here – whether that's a year or 30 years."

Rankings were revealed in four categories based on company size, and Centier placed sixth out of 24 companies in the Large Company category. Rankings are determined through employer reports and anonymous, comprehensive employee surveys.

For more information on the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Best Places to Work list, go to [indianachamber.com](http://indianachamber.com). For more information about Centier Bank's current job openings, [click here](#).

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National Safe Boating Week:  
Three safety changes you need to know

**The REPORTER**  
National Safe Boating Week arrives May 21 to 27 with an annual reminder for boaters to champion recreational boating safety all summer long. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water suggests that boat owners need to know about three recent U.S. Coast Guard regulations that have changed, what's needed to be carried aboard, and how a vessel is to be operated at higher speeds.


- 1. Fire extinguishers**  
As of April 20, the USCG enacted a regulation allowing them enforce fire extinguishers having a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. Additionally, while the new regulation does not change the type, quantity, or requirement for Coast Guard-approved fire extinguishers aboard, it does specify the minimum Underwriter Laboratory (UL) classification of extinguishers to be carried aboard certain vessels – depending on the boat's model year.
- Vessels on the water today that are less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry older, dated or undated "B-I" or "B-II" disposable extinguishers. However, when they are no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufacture, they must be replaced with newer class "5-B" or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer

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Photos provided by National Safe Boating Council  
(Left) Boat fire extinguishers expiration date can be two or four digits; if it is two, as in "08," that means 2008. (Right) Engine cutoff switches (ECOS) are often activated by a lanyard connected to the operator that, when pulled, stops the boat's engine.

- must carry unexpired "5-B," "10-B" or "20-B" fire extinguishers. Having older "B-I" and "B-II" types do not meet the new carriage requirements.
- 2. Engine cutoff switch**  
As of April 1 last year, boat operators have been required to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless engine cutoff switch (ECOS) on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm or on an outboard engine or have wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020.
- Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 pounds of static thrust – or about the size of a 2-horsepower engine.
- 3. Electronic visual distress signals**  
Solving the disposal problem of expired pyrotechnic flares, newer electronic visual distress signal devices (eVDS) use either a white or combination of orange-red/cyan LED lights with infrared (for rescuers with night vision) and are now U.S. Coast Guard-approved. However, for daytime distress situations you'll still need to carry aboard an orange distress flag to avoid carrying pyrotechnic devices. eVDS prices start at about \$100 for the white light version.
- Also keep in mind every visual distress signal requires regular inspection and maintenance.
- Batteries are an eVDS's potential Achilles heel, so replace them every season. Old eVDS batteries can be cycled into a flashlight at home – where your life potentially is not at stake.
- About the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety & Clean Water
- The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by donations from the more than 800,000 members of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the nonprofit provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. A range of safe and clean boating courses – including the nation's largest free online boating safety course – can be found at [BoatUS.org/Courses](http://BoatUS.org/Courses).

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Letter to the Editor

The Chris Center  
needs your support  
to keep improving  
teen mental health

Dear Editor:

As we hit our one-year mark as a 501(c)(3) organization, I see how much we have accomplished, and I am so thankful for all the people around me and the donations that give hope to [The Chris Center](#) (TCC) in achieving its mission.

Our innovative approach to teen wellness is having a positive impact, and with nearly 300 teen participation hours to date, we are growing fast! April and May have been extremely busy, launching our spring session of the [Alpaca Adventure Program](#) and nurturing our relationship between the teens at University High School and our amazing PAWS Dog Therapy Team.

We are organizing several fun events, including [Walking for Dreams](#), a fun family walk, "Divot Divas," an all-female golf event, and our signature fundraising Gala event in November. I hope you can attend one or more of these events. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please email Marketing and Development Officer Adele Smith at [aplaceforpaw-sas@gmail.com](mailto:aplaceforpaw-sas@gmail.com).

Our pilot program at University High School using our PAWS Therapy Dog Teams is a huge success, and we are looking forward to being with the teens at finals week in late May. Watch out for more details. We also have other schools in the area who want to work with us and our PAWS therapy dog teams next school year.

Demand for our spring session of the Alpaca Adventure Program outstripped our capacity! The program gives teens a chance to learn wellness and mindfulness skills while enjoying nature and our loving alpacas – Coco, Sunny, Rusty and Pepper – of Stone Farm. We are excited that word has spread about the benefits of this program.

We can't solve the teen mental health crisis overnight. Together we must act consistently, and conscientiously to confront the issue. Join our special community of TCC donors who are committed to providing hope to our community teens.

Make a difference!  
Nancy Elbert  
CEO and Founder  
The Chris Center

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# Where did Wonder Bread get its name?

## The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

**1902** — Dedication ceremonies were held for the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis. Indiana Governor Winfield T. Durbin introduced the program, and General Lew Wallace was master of ceremonies. The celebration included the reading of a new poem by James Whitcomb Riley and original music written and performed by John Philip Sousa and his band. Special guests were Mary Lord Harrison, widow of former President Benjamin Harrison, and Lucinda Burbank Morton, widow of former Governor Oliver P. Morton.

**1912** — World Peace Day was observed in all Indiana schools. It was a project created by Charity Dye, a teacher at Shortridge High School



in Indianapolis. She was the sponsor of the school newspaper, *The Dawn*, and was active in promoting world peace and female suffrage. She was also an author of historical non-fiction. She chronicled the early years of the Hoosier State in *Once Upon a Time in Indiana*.

**1918** — Robert Shank was hired as one of the first four airmail pilots for the United States Post Office. He flew the New York to Washington route. He had been a civilian flight instructor during World War I. During World War II, he trained flying students at Butler University. In 1944,

he founded the Bob Shank Airport on the west side of Indianapolis. The airport was named in honor of his son, who had died in an aviation accident.

**1921** — Wonder Bread was introduced by the Taggart Bakery in Indianapolis. The name was inspired by the "wonder" of the International Balloon Race at the Speedway. At first, the bread was sold as a whole loaf. The "pre-sliced" product was introduced in the 1930s.

**1946** — Author Booth Tarkington died at his home on North Meridian Street in Indianapolis. His short stories, plays, and

novels were hugely popular, and many found their way into Hollywood movies and Broadway shows. He won Pulitzer Prizes for his novels *The Magnificent Ambersons* and *Alice Adams*. Indiana Governor Ralph Gates said, "Indiana mourns the loss of its most renowned man of letters."

**1964** — Over 50,000 people attended a three-day auction held at the former home of millionaire Skiles Test on the northeast side of Indianapolis. A famous icon of local teen culture in the 1950s, the home was known as the "House of Blue Lights." In its prime, the estate included its own power generating station, a complete sawmill, and a 100,000-gallon spring-fed swimming pool. The auction included a Chickering baby grand player piano, oriental rugs, diamond rings, oil paintings, and antique furniture.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.*

Hebrews 3:1-6 (NIV)

## Maria Estela Franco-Velez de Almanzar

October 17, 1924 – May 10, 2022

Maria Estela Franco-Velez de Almanzar, 97, Westfield, went home to Christ on May 10, 2022. Born on October 17, 1924, in Santiago, Dominican Republic, Maria was the baby in the family and the only girl. She grew up playing on her uncle's farm with her brothers and cousins, riding donkeys and resting under mango trees. She attended local Catholic grade schools and high school, where she played tennis and was the captain of her volleyball team.

As a young adult, Maria fled the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo and settled in New York City, where she met and married William Franco-Velez. They had two children, Denise and Marlene, and lived on Long Island. Maria was a devoted caretaker with a heart for service. She fostered many children over the years, worked in hospitals with disabled patients, and, in her later years, cared for infants and young children.

After she retired, Maria moved to Indiana with William to help raise their grandchildren. Maria was an avid knitter, gardener, and cook, maintaining her hobbies well into her 90s. She was loved for her vibrant personality, her deep devotion to friends and family, and her gumption.

Maria was predeceased by her husband, William Franco-Velez; daughter, Marlene Franco-Velez; parents, Virgilio Almanzar and Ercilia Almanzar de Fernandez; brothers, Virgilio, Alberto, and Fernando Almanzar de Fernandez.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise Smyth, and husband, Jim Smyth; grandchildren, James and wife, Jean, Patricia, Kelly and boyfriend, Todd, David, John, and Cole; great-grandchildren, James, Joanna, Sunny, and Joshua; nephew; Dr. Eduardo Almanzar and wife, Lindaura; nieces, Ana Maria Almanzar, and Laura Sanchez and husband, Marino.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at noon. Burial will follow in Union Chapel Cemetery.

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

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# Online purchases remain No. 1 reported scam

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According to the **2021 BBB Risk Report**, online purchase scams accounted for nearly 38 percent of all reports filed in 2021. Roughly 75 percent of consumers reporting an online purchase scam to **BBB Scam Tracker** indicated a financial loss.

Scammers preyed on these online consumers, taking advantage of the hard-to-find items by creating fake websites and substandard products and offering them at "too good to be true" prices. Sometimes consumers find what they ordered is not what they get. Many ads pop up with enticing gadgets, cute merchandise, or items with a subliminal "I got to have it" messages, making it irresistible to click and check it out. Unfortunately, some of these companies or private sellers aren't quite what they seem. Consumers report that once the order is placed, the company doesn't send the product, or it is not of good quality.

An Indianapolis man reported losing \$700 to **BBB Scam Tracker** after attempting to purchase a firearm online. He sent payment through Zelle, then was instructed to send more money due to additional

fees. When he declined, he was immediately blocked and never received the product.

**BBB offers these tips when making online purchases:**

### Know the advertiser

Some of the best deals are only available online but be careful. It's easy for a fake site to mimic a famous retailer's website, so make sure you are shopping with a legitimate site. If the site is missing contact information, that is a red flag. Check out retailers at **BBB.org** before you shop.

### Check a site's security settings

If the site is secure, its URL (web address) should start with "https://". and include a lock icon on the purchase or shopping cart page.

### Be a savvy shopper

When shopping online, be sure to take your time and read the fine print before submitting your order. Look for the **return policy**; although many online orders can be returned for a full refund, others have restocking fees. Some items cannot be returned; know before you buy.

### Protect personal information

Read a site's **privacy**

**policy** and understand what personal information is being requested and how it will be used. If a site doesn't have a privacy policy, that's a big red flag that it may be a scam.

### Think before you click

Be especially cautious about email solicitations and online ads on social media sites. Many sketchy retailers advertise great deals or trendy clothing that don't measure up to the promotional hype.

### Beware of too-good-to-be-true deals

Offers on websites and in unsolicited emails may offer free or very low prices on hard-to-find items. There may be hidden costs, or your purchase may sign you up for a monthly charge. Look for and read the fine print.

### Beware of phishing

**Phishing emails** can look like a message from a well-known brand but clicking on unfamiliar links can place you at risk for malware and/or identity theft. One popular scam claims to be from a **package-delivery company** with links to "tracking information" on an order you don't remember making. Don't click!

### Shop with a credit card

In case of a fraudulent

transaction, a credit card provides additional protections; it's easier to dispute charges that you didn't approve or to get your money back if there is a problem. Debit cards, prepaid cards or gift cards don't have the same protections as a credit card.

### Keep documentation of your order

Save a copy of the confirmation page or email confirmation until you receive the item and are satisfied. Be sure to know and understand the **return policy** and keep this documented with your purchase records.

### Keep a clean machine

Install a firewall, anti-virus, and anti-spyware software for **network security**. Check for and install the latest updates and run virus scans regularly on your computer, tablet, and smart phone.

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For more highlights from the 2021 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, visit **BBBMarketplaceTrust.org/RiskReport**.

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Madison makes second-half comeback . . .

# AlleyCats drop first game of season

By **RICHIE HALL**  
**WESTFIELD** - The Indianapolis AlleyCats dropped their first game of the season Saturday, as their rival, the Madison Radicals, made a second-half comeback to win the AUDL game 23-22 at Grand Park Events Center.

The Radicals trailed 18-14 with 5:40 left in the third quarter, but then scored eight of the next 10 goals to lead 23-21 at the 2:52 mark of the fourth period - Madison's first lead of the game. The AlleyCats got the game's final goal, on a pass from Rick Gross to Levi Jacobs, with 1:41 left, but were unable to get the tying score.

"It just seemed like the longer the game went on, they were able to be a little more patient on offense and take better looks," said Cameron Brock, the long-time AlleyCats player. "And then as you saw, just offensively throughout the game, we just slipped a little bit at a time, a little bit at a time, and then there in the fourth quarter, we had those back-to-back points where we got broken and that was the game right there."

The 'Cats got off to a great start in the first quarter, at one point leading 5-1. The team was dealt a blow during that run when Trey Dynes was injured after scoring a goal that put Indianapolis up 2-1 just 81 seconds into the game. Dynes did not play

for the remainder of the contest, although he was seen walking after the game with tape on his leg.

"I thought we did a good job after Trey got hurt, just making sure we stayed focused," said Brock. He got the team together for a quick talk after Dynes was injured, saying "Trey wouldn't want us over here hanging our heads and feeling sorry for him. He would probably take our concern, but he wants us to be focusing, wants us to win this game."

Once play resumed, the AlleyCats scored three consecutive goals. Jacob Fella picked up two scores, then Dan Cunningham's goal put the 'Cats up 5-1.

Indianapolis' lead would stay around three or four goals throughout the first and second quarters, and most of the third. The AlleyCats led 7-3 once the first period was done. Colin Ringwood made the score 8-3 with a goal; Luke Huffman had the assist. Gross and Brock each scored twice in the second period. Madison made a three-goal run to get within 12-10; Carter Rae scored from Keegan North with 17 seconds left, but the Radicals answered at the end of the half, and the score was 13-11.

Gross sent a pass to Jacobs to open the second half, and it seemed like the AlleyCats' offense was clicking again. Jacobs and Fella scored back-to-back



Photo by Mike Gross  
**Jacob Fella scored back-to-back goals in the first quarter of the Indianapolis AlleyCats game with Madison Saturday at Grand Park Events Center.**

goals, and the Indy lead was 18-14 with 5:40 left. Madison scored, but Ben Landry answered by catching a Jacobs pass, and that made the score 19-15.

But the Radicals got the next three goals, and were within 19-18 at the end of the third. Fletcher Hare got the first goal of the fourth quarter, and the 'Cats led 20-18. Madison pushed back to tie the game at 20-20. The familiar duo of Brock and Jacobs got Indianapolis back up 21-20, with Jacobs throwing and Brock catching. The Radicals took over after that, with another three-goal streak.

"It really just came down to our offensive execution," said Brock. "We just didn't do a good enough job of taking the easy things on offense and we allowed them to get back into the game, basically because of our decision making and our missed execution. I got no real complaints about our defense and I thought they played a heck of a game. I think this one's definitely on the O-line. We just got to figure some things out."

Gross and Brock both scored four goals, with Hare and Jacobs getting three each. North handed out six assists and also made two blocks, while Jacobs dished out four assists.

The AlleyCats are 1-1 for the season and play their first road game next Saturday at Pittsburgh, the start of a three-game road trip.

## SOFTBALL

teams played at the Shelbyville Invitational on Saturday.

In their first game, the Tigers fell to the host Golden Bears 5-4 in nine innings. Kendall Jordan was 2-for-3 at the plate, hitting a home run and a double. Kate Murray pitched eight innings, striking out five.

The Golden Eagles lost their first game 1-0 to Pendleton Heights. Izzy Kemp threw all six innings, tossing 15 strikeouts.

Fishers and Guerin Catholic played each other in their second games, with the Tigers winning 21-0 in five innings. Kaylee Kardash went 3-for-3, hitting two home runs and totaling five RBIs. Tori Abel also had three hits. Kardash, Hailey Trueblood and Sophie Schoch all scored three runs, with Sydney Abel driving in three runs.

Kirsten Mascari and Zoey Bussick both got hits for the Golden Eagles.

Fishers is 7-10 and hosts Brownsburg Tuesday in an HCC game. Guerin Catholic is also 7-10 and plays Monday at North Central.

**SHELBYVILLE 5, FISHERS 4 (9 innings)**

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Hailey Trueblood	3	0	1	1

Sophie Schoch	3	0	0	0
Hannah Trueblood	1	0	0	0
Kaylee Kardash	4	0	0	0
Ashtin Grubb	4	0	1	0
Kendall Jordan	3	1	2	2
Madison Flanery	2	0	0	0
Hannah Abbott	3	0	0	0
Brooke Johnson	2	0	0	0
Jenna Grubb	0	1	0	0
Taylor Duplessis	1	0	0	0
Abby Gavin	3	1	0	0
Karyn Trice	2	1	0	1
Totals	31	4	4	4
Score by Innings				
Fishers	001	100	002	-4 4 0
Shelbyville	000	002	003	-5 6 3
HR: Jordan. 2B: Jordan. SB: Trice.				
<b>Fishers pitching</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>H</b>
Kate Murray	8	5	5	6
Strikeouts: Murray 5. Walks: Murray 1.				

**PENDLETON HEIGHTS 1, GUERIN CATHOLIC 0**

Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Lucy Kemp	3	0	0	0
Madi Cain	3	0	0	0
Anna Mauch	3	0	0	0
Izzy Kemp	3	0	1	0
Kirsten Mascari	3	0	1	0
Lillian Everts	2	0	0	0
Natalie Eiler	2	0	0	0
Olivia Spomer	2	0	0	0
Zoey Bussick	2	0	0	0

Totals	23	0	2	0
Score by Innings				
Guerin Catholic	000	000	0-0	2 0
Pendleton Heights	000	001	x-1	5 0
<b>GC pitching</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>H</b>
I. Kemp	6	1	1	5
Strikeouts: I. Kemp 15. Walks: none.				

**FISHERS 21, GUERIN CATHOLIC 0 (5 innings)**

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Hailey Trueblood	3	3	2	1
Sophie Schoch	3	3	2	2
Hannah Trueblood	1	1	0	0
Kaylee Kardash	3	3	3	5
Azstryd Alexander	2	1	1	2
Kendall Jordan	3	2	1	0
Hailey Kinder	3	1	0	1
Hannah Abbott	3	1	1	2
Brooke Johnson	1	2	1	0
Jenna Grubb	3	1	1	0
Tori Abel	4	2	3	1
Sydney Abel	4	0	2	3
Karyn Trice	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	21	17	17
HR: Kardash 2. 2B: Schoch, S. Abel, Grubb.				
SB: Johnson, Han. Trueblood, Hal. Trueblood.				
SAC: Jordan.				
<b>Fishers pitching</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>H</b>
Nyah Duplessis	5	0	0	2
Strikeouts: Duplessis 2. Walks: Duplessis 1.				
<b>Guerin Catholic</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>
Lucy Kemp	2	0	0	0

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Madi Cain	2	0	0	0
Anna Mauch	2	0	0	0
Izzy Kemp	2	0	0	0
Kirsten Mascari	2	0	1	0
Lillian Everts	2	0	0	0
Natalie Eiler	2	0	0	0
Olivia Spomer	1	0	0	0
Zoey Bussick	1	0	1	0
Mia Rincon	1	0	0	0
Totals	17	0	2	0
<b>GC pitching</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>H</b>
Eiler	5	21	17	17
Strikeouts: none. Walks: Eiler 7.				
Score by Innings				
Fishers	392	70	-21	17 0
Guerin Catholic	000	00	-0	2 5

Sheridan finished third at the Madison-Grant tournament on Saturday.

In the first game, the Blackhawks fell to the host Argylls 17-0 in five innings. Jacquellynne Bates and Makayla Clark both had one hit for Sheridan.

The 'Hawks were playing Connersville when weather halted the games. Connersville left, so Sheridan was awarded a forfeit.

The Blackhawks are 5-13 and host Hamilton Heights on Monday.

A complete boxscore was not available at press time.

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Baseball

Millers sweep Royals as Kern comes through double

**By CRAIG ADKINS**  
**NOBLESVILLE** – When the up and down weather plays its own game with your schedule, just keep playing and eventually games will be made up, especially conference games.

This was the case with the second game of the HCC series with Hamilton Southeastern and Noblesville. Originally this game was to be played over a week ago. That didn’t matter the least bit, as the host Millers were able to put together an early afternoon shutout of the Royals at Dunker Field, 5-0.

The Millers got their bats going early in this midday battle on their home field.

Trevor Corbett led off the home half of the first with a 1-0 single to left. Two hitters later, Luke Wilson walked on four pitches. Connor Bloss then smacked a double to the fence in left center that scored both Corbett and Wilson to put Noblesville up 2-0.

Josh Kern was called upon for the start and he did not disappoint. The senior right-hander had complete control on the mound, scattering just five hits, hitting one batter and walking none, while striking out four.

“Well, we always knew he could throw. It was just finding the right situation. There have been times we’ve needed him and couldn’t get him in, because he was at first base,” said Noblesville head coach Justin Keever on Miller starting

pitcher Josh Kern.

Kern was able to help his own cause in the bottom of the fourth. He took a 2-2 pitch deep to left for a solo home run, the first of the season and his career, pushing the Miller lead to 3-0.

The senior righty showed he’s got what it takes to start. Prior to Saturday’s complete game shutout, he had seen just two total innings out of the bullpen.

“I wanted to see what Kern could do as a start and give us some more innings. We just haven’t used him enough this year, quite frankly,” stated Keever on Kern’s start.

“This is what we’ve expected out of him and he did a nice job. He threw a lot of strikes, located well, defense behind him and our bats today were better, too,” continued Keever of Kern and his team’s defensive effort to keep the Royals scoreless.

As Kern was doing his due diligence on the mound, his defense had his back throughout. Nine of the outs were in the air, five ground outs and he also struck out four.

Noblesville was able to get some insurance runs on the board to secure the win.

Drew Niswonger singled to right to lead off the last of the fifth. He advanced to second on a wild pitch and then stole third. He would then add another run on a sacrifice fly to left off of the bat of Nolan Decker.

Wilson walked for the third time in his

three plate appearances. He would also score on a double down the right field line by Bryce Riggs for a 5-0 score that would wind up the final.

Kern would allow just two on base over the final couple of innings, but a single and Eli Miller hit by a pitch were not enough for Hamilton Southeastern to get a rally going.

Cole Earlewine led the Royals going 2-for-3, but he never advanced beyond first base on those two singles. Ty Bradle (0-3) took the loss for HSE, only going two frames.

Hamilton Southeastern (8-16, 1-11 HCC) dropped its third game in the last five. The Royals will host 10th-ranked Columbus North (16-4-1) on Tuesday.

Kern’s (2-0) complete game shutout with four strikeouts, along with his solo home run, were a couple of the highlights for the Millers. Bloss’ two-run double, Wilson’s two runs scored and Decker hitting a sacrifice fly all proved pivotal in the Noblesville victory.

Noblesville (12-11, 7-5 HCC) ended its two-game losing streak with the win. The Millers will host Guerin Catholic (17-6) on Monday for Senior Night.

NOBLESVILLE 5, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 0				
Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Landon Riekhof	3	0	1	0
Ty Bradle	3	0	1	0

Cole Earlewine	3	0	2	0
Eli Miller	2	0	0	0
Christian Beal	0	0	0	0
Michael Hoog	3	0	0	0
Chugga Rosario	3	0	1	0
Maddux Bach	3	0	0	0
Ian Bucher	1	0	0	0
Griffen Haas	1	0	0	0
Colin St. Clair	0	0	0	0
Zach Wagner	1	0	0	0
Hunter Wright	3	0	0	0
Totals	26	0	5	0
HBP: Beal.				
HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Bradle	2	2	2	2
Haas	3	3	3	3
St. Clair	1	0	0	0
Strikeouts: Haas 5, St. Clair 2, Bradle 1. Walks: Bradle 2, Haas 2.				
Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Trevor Corbett	3	1	1	0
Nolan Decker	2	0	0	1
Luke Wilson	0	2	0	0
Bryce Riggs	3	0	1	1
Aidan Shoemaker	0	0	0	0
Conner Bloss	3	0	1	2
Josh Kern	3	1	1	1
Jacob Edwards	3	0	0	0
Kolby Kazmierski	2	0	0	0
Drew Niswonger	2	1	1	0
Totals	21	5	5	5
HR: Kern. 2B: Bloss, Riggs. SB: Niswonger, Wilson. SAC: Decker.				
NHS pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Kern	7	0	0	5
Strikeouts: Kern 4. Walks: Kern 1.				
Score by Innings				
Southeastern	000	000	0-0	5-1
Noblesville	200	120	x-5	5-1

Tigers cruise to victory at Homestead

The Fishers baseball team cruised to an 11-0, five-inning win Saturday at Homestead.

The Tigers took control of the game by scoring eight runs in the second inning, including a two-run triple by Kaden Gorak. Curtis Kearschner batted in three runs, while Carson Dunn scored three. Kyle Manship pitched all five innings, allowing only three hits.

Fishers was in the middle of a second game with Homestead before it was rained out. The Tigers are 20-5 and play Monday at Columbus North.

FISHERS 11, HOMESTEAD 0 (5 innings)				
Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Joey Brenczewski	3	2	1	0
Gavin Kuzniewski	1	0	1	0
Carson Dunn	3	3	1	0
Jack Brown	3	1	1	2
Joe Hietpas	1	0	0	0
Dom Oliverio	3	1	1	1
Quinn Seefeldt	1	0	0	0
Curtis Kearschner	3	1	2	3
Evan Albright	1	0	1	0
JP Preston	2	1	1	0
Gavin Clayton	2	0	0	1
Huey Dunn	2	1	1	1
Jack Backofen	1	0	0	0
Kaden Gorak	2	0	1	2
Mark Hughes	0	1	0	0
Totals	28	11	10	10
Score by Innings				
Fishers	281	00	-11	11-1
Homestead	000	00	-0	3-5
3B Gorak. 2B: Brenczewski. Brown. SB: Kearschner 2, Oliverio. SAC: Clayton. HBP: Preston.				
Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Kyle Manship	5	0	0	3
Strikeouts: Manship 4. Walks: none.				

Jack Crail had two hits.

Sheridan was playing Eastern in a second game, but it was canceled due to rain.

The Blackhawks are 8-10 and play at Rossville Tuesday to begin a Hoosier Heartland Conference series.

MADISON-GRANT 4, SHERIDAN 2				
Sheridan	AB	R	H	RBI
Dayne Voege	1	1	0	0
Ty Macy	1	0	0	0
Sebastian Salazar	3	1	1	1
Zach Bales	3	0	1	1
Silas DeVaney	3	0	0	0
Jack Crail	3	0	2	0
Camden Spencer	2	0	0	0
Evan Grinstead	3	0	1	0
Caleb Alexander	2	0	0	0
Cole Macintosh	1	0	0	0
Totals	22	2	5	2
Score by Innings				
Sheridan	000	002	0-2	5-0
Madison-Grant	101	101	x-4	4-0
SB: Crail, Grinstead. SAC: Macintosh.				
Sheridan pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Voege	5.1	4	4	4
Clinton Slopsema	0.2	0	0	0
Strikeouts: Voege 3, Slopsema 1. Walks: Voege 8.				

Guerin Catholic swept a doubleheader at Greenfield-Central on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles won the first game 14-13, with Davis Wagner scoring the winning run in the seventh inning. Wagner and Clay Patton both hit home runs, with Patton totaling four RBIs for the game. Wagner had three hits. Anthony Ferrucci got the win, throwing five strikeouts in two and two-thirds innings.

Guerin Catholic won the second game 7-4. Sam Tabor drove in three runs, with Sam Miller and Xander George both hitting a double. Cuinn Morrow was the winning pitcher.

A complete boxscore for both games will run in a later edition.

The Golden Eagles are 18-6 and play Monday at Noblesville.

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N.Y. Yankees	24	9	.727	-
Tampa Bay	20	14	.588	4.5
Toronto	18	16	.529	6.5
Baltimore	14	20	.412	10.5
Boston	13	20	.394	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	19	15	.559	-
Chi. White Sox	16	16	.500	2.0
Cleveland	16	16	.500	2.0
Kansas City	11	20	.355	6.5
Detroit	11	23	.324	8.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	22	12	.647	-
L.A. Angels	23	13	.639	-
Seattle	15	19	.441	7.0
Oakland	15	21	.417	8.0
Texas	13	19	.406	8.0

# National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	23	12	.657	-
Philadelphia	17	17	.500	5.5
Atlanta	16	18	.471	6.5
Miami	15	18	.455	7.0
Washington	12	23	.343	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	21	13	.618	-
St. Louis	18	15	.545	2.5
Pittsburgh	14	19	.424	6.5
Chi. Cubs	12	20	.375	8.0
Cincinnati	9	25	.265	12.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	20	12	.625	-
San Diego	21	13	.618	-
San Francisco	20	13	.606	0.5
Arizona	18	16	.529	3.0
Colorado	17	16	.515	3.5

# WNBA update

## Saturday scores

Phoenix 69, Seattle 64  
Connecticut 77, Los Angeles 60  
Chicago 82, Minnesota 78

## Overall standings

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	-
Las Vegas	3	1	.750	-
Atlanta	2	1	.667	0.5
Chicago	2	1	.667	0.5
Phoenix	2	1	.667	0.5
Connecticut	1	1	.500	1.0
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1.0
Indiana	2	2	.500	1.0
Dallas	1	1	.500	1.0
New York	1	2	.333	1.5
Seattle	1	3	.250	2.0
Minnesota	0	4	.000	3.0

## Sports briefs

The Carmel girls lacrosse team returned to action Saturday with a 17-5 win over Castle at Warren Central.

The Greyhounds led 11-3 at halftime, and ultimately had 13 different players score at least one goal. Hollis Rang led the offense with two goals and three assists. Pey Henney, AnnMarie McGill and Breckin Hare each had two goals, with Hare also making an assist. Tori Tomalia, Elle Tomalia, Sophia Hanna, Anna Dumke, Sam Storch, Ella Pacilio, Avery Goehl and Reese Kettle each scored one goal; Tori Tomalia and Elle Tomalia dished out three assists, while Hanna and Dumke both had one.

Carmel begins sectional

play Wednesday by taking  
on Culver Academies at 5  
p.m.

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team beat Penn 15-1 on Saturday, finishing the regular season 16-0, the first undefeated regular season for the Golden Eagles in school history.

Guerin Catholic's Ruth Abdalla had eight saves as goalkeeper.

The Fishers girls tennis team, ranked No. 4 in the state, swept 16th-ranked Brebeuf Jesuit 5-0 in a Saturday home dual meet.

In singles play, No. 1 Mischa Briggs won 6-0, 6-1. No. 2 Izzy Mokra toughed out a 7-6 (6), 6-4 victory and No. 3 Caroline Ober was a

6-1, 6-1 winner. In doubles, No. 1 Emma Beehler and Cassie Maurer won 6-1, 6-1 and No. 2 Madelyn Barron and Meredith Ober won 7-5, 6-1.

The Tigers finish their regular season Monday by hosting New Palestine.

The Guerin Catholic boys golf team won the Circle City Conference tournament Friday at Pebble Brook.

The Golden Eagles scored a 284. Jacob Modleski was the meet medalist with a four under par 66. All five GC players earned All-Conference honors. Leo Wessel scored 71, Zach Thieme 73, Connor McNeely 74 and Scotty Smith 75.

# Colton Herta controls chaos to win wild, treacherous GMR Grand Prix

Colton Herta won one of the wildest races in recent NTT INDYCAR SERIES history, controlling the chaos of changing weather conditions, ever-evolving tire strategies and numerous incidents to take the checkered flag for the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

Herta, from Valencia, California, earned his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES victory of the season and his seventh career win in the No. 26 Gainbridge Honda after starting 14th. The win was the first of the season for a Honda-powered driver.

The race, originally scheduled for 85 laps but slowed by numerous incidents and the arrival of rain near the midway point, reached its two-hour time limit during a caution period.

“This is the hardest race I think I’ve ever done,” Herta said. “Wet to dry, dry back to wet. Thank you so much for the Hoosiers for sticking around. I know you’re used to this weather, so thank you very much. Love you guys.”

Simon Pagenaud climbed from the 20th starting position to finish a season-best second in the No. 60 AutoNation/SiriusXM Honda. NTT P1 Award winner Will Power placed third in the No. 12 Verizon Team Penske Chevrolet, tying his season best and climbing into the series points lead.

Marcus Ericsson drove from 18th at

the start to end up fourth in the No. 8 Huski Chocolate Chip Ganassi Racing Honda, with Indianapolis native Conor Daly finishing a season-best fifth in the No. 20 BitNile Chevrolet.

"I've never been in a race like that in my life," Daly said. "That was the craziest thing I've ever experienced."

The box score indicated there were 10 lead changes among six drivers and eight caution periods for 31 laps, but that doesn't begin to describe what unfolded on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course. This was a test of speed, strategy and survival that will live in the memory for a long time.

Rain sprinkles caused the race start to be declared wet, with all drivers on Firestone grooved tires. But it took Herta and Takuma Sato only two laps to realize there was enough traction to switch to the slick, grippy Firestone alternate "red" tires. The rest of the field quickly followed suit, with all 27 drivers changing to alternate slicks by Lap 5.

For the next 30 laps, this appeared to be a highly competitive but conventional NTT INDYCAR SERIES road course race, with three incidents triggering caution periods and mixing up the running order. But the strategic mind games began when Dalton Kellett spun off course in Turn 6 on Lap 36 in the No. 4 K-LINE/AJ FOYT RACING Chevrolet.

Leadon, threatening clouds approached IMS from the west, with the airwaves between pit boxes and drivers crackling with strategic chatter.

Rookie Devlin DeFrancesco, Alexander Rossi and reigning series champion Alex Palou decided to pit for Firestone rain tires during that caution as light rain began to fall to varying degrees in different locations of the massive facility, with a handful of others following suit to switch to rain tires during another caution that started on Lap 42.

This dice roll came up snake eyes because the rain began to let up on Lap 45, when Herta passed Ericsson for the lead in Turn 4.

By Lap 52, the rain began to fall again at varying levels around the track, creating more head games for teams and drivers. During a caution period on Lap 60 with intermittent rain falling, all the contending cars came to the pits for Firestone alternate slick tires.

Two laps later, those plans became a soggy mess when hard rain began to fall. All the contenders tiptoed back to the pits for Firestone rain tires except for Pato O'Ward, Scott McLaughlin and Romain Grosjean, who stayed out on alternate slicks.

The race restarted at the end of Lap 66, and Herta – on rain tires – easily devoured the slick-shod O’Ward to take the lead for good with an inside pass into Turn 1 after

the field took the green.

Later that lap, the daring strategy of staying on slicks unraveled for McLaughlin. Struggling for grip, he spun in his No. 3 Snap-on Tools Chevrolet. O'Ward also spun out of second place on Lap 69 in his No. 5 Arrow McLaren SP.

Herta gradually pulled away from Pagenaud over the closing laps, as teams kept their eyes on the race clock and the skies. Herta led Pagenaud by 3.8256 seconds on Lap 72, and the race effectively ended when Juan Pablo Montoya went off course after making contact with the wall in his No. 6 Arrow McLaren SP Chevrolet.

"It was treacherous at the end," Pagenaud said. "You've got to say congrats to Colton because it was really tough to finish the race. We made the right calls on the tires. It was tricky. It was really tricky to decide."

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