

this documentary will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 and Saturday, July 1 at the Sheridan Historical Society Museum, located at 315 S. Main St. in beautiful Uptown Sheridan, just on the county side of Hamilton County. Admission is free.



SHAMROCK

Participants also got to take part in hands-on experiences while they explored the ins and outs of school operation. A meal catered by the high school’s professional-level culinary team and a school bus ride with Director of Transportation Larry Johnson were among the favorites.

“The facilities are great, the programs are phenomenal, but I think we would all agree that none of it would be possible without our teachers,” said Matt McNally. “You can really tell that these people care not just about the kids but about the community.”

McNally, an airline pilot and senior vice commander of Carmel VFW Post 10003, has a son and daughter who have been in WWS for the past eight years. His son graduated from Westfield High School in May and will attend Ball State University to study sports media and production because

of his experience in the media department at WHS with mass media teacher John Oestreich.

As a member of Shamrock Academy this past year, one of McNally’s favorite topics was curriculum selection.

“It’s a time-consuming, structured, very transparent process, and it’s amazing how much the parents are involved in the process,” McNally said.

He also felt that the data presentation by Director of Student Support and Counseling Services Kyle Miller and Data Specialist and Assessment Coordinator Carmen Carnes helped correct some confusion within the community.

“When our graduates hear something in conversation that they know isn’t correct, oftentimes, they will step in and give proper information or provide additional context to the conversation,” Andrews said.

Along with fellow past graduates of the ambassador development program, Hoover and McNally will continue to build genuine relationships with school leaders and to partner on projects to share the vision and mission of WWS. They will often receive information before it goes out to the public and will be invited to share their perspectives and insights with the school board and district administration.

“The district has benefited from building strong relationships with our Academy members,” Andrews said. “Getting their feedback allows us to provide the community with even more transparency and clarity.”

Hoover encourages anyone who has questions about the school district to apply.

“If you are a person who likes to know how things work, it is a really great look behind the scenes at those major operations,” McNally

said. “I honestly wish it was something that everyone could do.”

Moving into its third year, Shamrock Academy will see some changes this year, such as extended meeting times. While exact session dates will be announced before the final selection process, the meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon to allow for more in-depth presentations and conversations.

Also new this year, participants will be expected to commit to school engagement by attending four additional events, one at the district level, one at the high school, one at the middle levels, and one at an elementary school.

Shamrock Academy is open to any Westfield resident or community member interested in learning more about the school system. To find out more and to apply for the 2023-24 cohort, [click here](#).

MARSHALS

Rowland developed a plan to help the Old Southside Neighborhood recover after flooding and had a fire station built at Herriman Boulevard and Greenfield Avenue. She also led the restoration of downtown and created a community Thanksgiving dinner.

Rowland was given a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Evan Bayh and served on the Noblesville Common Council following her time as mayor.

Dennis R. Redick (1996-2003)

Prior to becoming mayor, Redick served 20 years as a firefighter. He revived the Fourth of July Fireworks Festival. Redick served on the executive committee of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. He also created a corporate campus for 146th Street on the city’s southeast side.

During his tenure, Redick supported additional facilities, equipment, and salaries for public safety.

John Ditslear (2004-2019)

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Ditslear moved to Noblesville in 1966 and was an active civic and community leader before becoming mayor.

Ditslear led the addition of several quality-of-life initiatives within the city, including Hamilton Town Center and the conservation of green space. The city expanded its trails system and added Dr. James A. Dillon Park, Federal Hill Commons, and purchased 200 acres for Finch Creek Park.

Ditslear oversaw the improvement and expansion of roadways throughout the city, including the introduction of roundabout intersections and the construction of 146th Street across Noblesville. Additionally, Ditslear improved the ability for residents to volunteer and has increased community engagement. He currently serves on the Board of Public Works & Safety.

David Moss briefly served in a mayoral role when Noblesville was incorporated as a town in 1851. The first mayor of Noblesville was Edgar C. Wilson in 1887. Since him, 21 other men and two women (Patricia Logan and Rowland) have served as mayors.

The annual Fourth of July Parade through downtown Noblesville kicks off the city’s July 4th festivities at 4 p.m. Participants are encouraged to incorporate the city’s bicentennial theme into their parade entry. Registration to participate in the parade is \$25 (501(c)(3) nonprofits are not charged) and entries must be submitted by Wednesday, June 28. Forms are available at [NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com](#).

The parade kicks off the city’s Independence Day celebration. The free Fireworks Festival will take place at Forest Park from 6 to 10 p.m. with The Flying Toasters performing on the main stage. The day will culminate with the annual fireworks show at 10 p.m.

FUNNY THING

awaiting the announcement of their numbers had just realized their extended BMV waiting room stay was all due to me.

“Can I go to my car once more?”

Again, I was granted a free pass. Had I dared to look at the people in the waiting room, I was certain to have seen 20-plus one-finger salutes and a collective stink-eye, all aimed at me. Technically, I had only experienced a second strike, but to them, I should’ve been called out already. It was the BMV, not baseball. I worried a riot might ensue.

My second return to the car was nothing short of sheer desperation. If an official, state-issued vehicle registration didn’t pass the muster – the very same document, mind you, that had appeared a state police officer enough, on more than one occasion, to give me a warning instead of a speeding ticket – it was doubtful I’d find anything else to meet BMV protocol.

Just as I was about to concede defeat and drive away, I saw a piece of paper on the backseat floor mat. The word PROCTOLOGIST was typed at the top.

A reminder about a dreaded medical exam. It included my current home address. I stared at the paper, then at the BMV entrance, then at the BMV entrance, trapped in a dance of glances and indecisiveness.

To present my proctology reminder to the BMV woman seemed about as senseless as presenting a banana with my address Sharpied on a peel. Plus, I wasn’t overly excited to advertise my upcoming appointment with a rectum expert to anyone.

I looked at the paper. The font size of PROCTOLOGIST seemed to have tripled. I looked at the BMV’s front window. No chairs were thrown through the plate glass in my honor yet.

I was there to get a new driver’s license. My current one was set to expire soon. “What the hell,” I muttered, and re-re-entered the building. My life has been nothing but an endless stream of what the hell moments.

I rushed to the counter, mainly to keep others from seeing PROCTOLOGIST on the paper, certain its font size had doubled with each footfall. I might as well have

been lugging a billboard.

I handed the paper to my favorite BMV person. She looked down at it, looked up at me, looked down at it again, looked up at me. Somehow, she stifled laughter. Surely, her tongue was sore.

“I need to show this to my manager,” she said, making it obvious that what I’d given her was a BMV first.

She walked a few feet away, showed it to someone I presumed to be her manager. I imagined her commenting, “Well, this doesn’t surprise me considering this guy is being a real pain in the butt.” Then, another person took a look – the manager’s manager perhaps. Apparently, my proctology notice needed to be scrutinized by the entire chain of command. What next – a phone call to Governor Holcomb? “Governor, we have a guy here ...”

She returned with the paper.

“It’s approved,” she said.

I couldn’t believe it. Maybe they felt sorry for me.

“Stand over there to get your picture taken.”

I did what I was told.

I’m sure at some point the photographer, in the know, wisecracked, “Do I take it of his face or his butt?”

The next number was announced.

My newest driver’s license image might’ve been more flattering had it not been of my face but of its polar opposite. But that’s just me speculating in hindsight.

Contact: [scottsaalman@gmail.com](#)

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Westfield Chamber welcomes summer staff

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The Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Westfield Association welcome these five summer staff members.

- **Natalie Deck**, a Purdue University Sophomore,

- more, is the Marketing and Event Coordinator.
- **Sam Baldwin**, a Ball State Senior, is the Partner Growth and Sales Coordinator.
- **Evan Dossett**, an Indiana University Freshman, is the IT Coordinator.

- **Jackson Gilbert**, a Westfield High School Senior, is the Operations Coordinator.
- **Ana Rupp**, an Indiana University Freshman, is the Marketing Coordinator.

Rep. Spartz requests FBI to provide recordings cited in Durham report

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) sent a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray following up on the Judiciary Committee Hearing on the Report of Special Counsel John Durham. During the hearing, Rep. Spartz asked Mr. Durham if he would provide Congress with the recordings of his interview(s) with CHS-1, who is widely believed to be Stefan Halper, due to Mr. Durham's inconclusive response on why he was unable to establish that CHS-1 intentionally lied to the FBI. CHS-1 provided to the FBI

an allegation in direct conflict with his recordings and a significant misstatement of an important fact. Mr. Durham informed that he turned over these recordings to the FBI. "I remain deeply troubled that the individuals who abused both the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the FISA process have not been held accountable", Spartz said. "There are also still many questions that need to be answered, so we can implement proper policy reforms." [Click here](#) to read the copy of the letter.

Spartz

Rep. Banks' amendment blocks Biden administration's military EV mandate

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, the U.S. House Armed Services Committee passed Rep. Jim Banks' (R-Ind.-03) amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act to block major Department of Defense contracts for electric non-tactical vehicles until the Pentagon can certify that there is sufficient charging infrastructure in combat

zones to not harm military effectiveness. The Biden administration has reinforced its goal to require the U.S. military implement an all-electric vehicle fleet by 2030. "This might be the stupidest idea any American president has ever had," said Rep. Jim Banks. "In addition to the multi-billion-dollar price tag, this mandate would put Amer-

ican forces in harm's way by creating a major vulnerability for troops deployed to combatant commands with limited vehicle charging infrastructure." Rep. Banks also said this proposed mandate would be a boon for the Chinese Communist Party. By 2030, it is predicted China **will make more than twice as many batteries** as every other country combined.

Representative Victoria Spartz

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(Above left) Team members from Ivy Tech and Trans America assemble care packages for Hamilton County seniors. (Above right) Steve Smith from Trans America and David Edge from Ivy Tech assemble care packages for financially fragile seniors.

Shepherd's Center & United Way "Go All IN" for local senior citizens

The REPORTER

Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County (SCHC), 1250 Conner St., Noblesville, has partnered with United Way of Central Indiana to "Go All IN" to meet the needs of Hamilton County senior citizens.

Thirty volunteers from Allied Solutions, Trans America, and Ivy Tech recently packed 60 care packages valued at \$35 each and delivered them to Hamilton County's financially fragile seniors. Care packages include personal care items that seniors are unable to get at a food pantry. They consist of toilet paper, soap, shampoo, paper towels, and other household items.

SCHC collects personal care items throughout the year and delivers them to low-income seniors each quarter. If you, your family, or your organization would like to donate care package supplies or participate in care package assembly or delivery, please contact SCHC Programs Director Lisa Albano at lisa@scofhc.org.

In addition to care packages, SCHC provides free resources to help Hamilton County seniors aged 55 and over to age in place with the dignity they deserve, as long as safely possible. SCHC facilitates this through five signature programs: Together Today, Reaching Resources, Community Caring, Counseling, and Guardianship. There is no wait time or fee for SCHC services regardless of income. For more information, call (317) 674-8777.



Photos provided

(Top) Olivia Denton from Allied Solutions writes a note to a senior receiving a care package. (Above) David Edge of Ivy Tech writes a card to a SCHC senior client.

Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ

Just as I am

Two of the greatest hymns written in the English language are "Amazing Grace" and "Just As I Am."

"Just as I am without one plea..." I am without excuse. Blessed beyond measure, I rebelled against my Father's will and now I come to Him with nothing in my hands. I come with hands stained by sin.

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!" – not because I deserved it, earned it, or merited it, but because of the amazing grace of God. I can come to God "just as I am," but I am not expected to stay that way. When I come to God to be cleansed and clothed by His amazing grace, I must commit myself to change.

In John 8, Jesus encountered a woman caught in the very act of adultery. The Pharisees and leading Jews were hoping to catch Jesus contradicting the Law of Moses and have an accusation to bring against Him to discredit Him. They failed miserably when Jesus called for the man without sin to cast the first stone.

Once the self-righteous Pharisees had departed, Jesus told the woman caught in adultery, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more" (John 8:11). She, like all of us, come to Jesus, "just as I am," but know with certainty that He does not expect me to stay that way. His demand of the woman was quite clear, sin no more! Her sin was



not ignored, but she was called to repentance and a better way of life.

The call of the Great Commission is a call to CHANGE. In Luke 24:47 forgiveness of sins is directly linked with the demand

of repentance. Repentance is to have a change of heart followed by a change of life. Repentance by its very definition demands a change. Not come as you are and stay as you are, but come and change. Repentance, as a prerequisite of salvation, is commanded of all men. The demand to change can easily be seen in Romans 12:1-2. There we are called change from being like the world to being like Jesus.

Those who are engaging in sin can change. There were many during the New Testament days who changed from sin. Peter is an example of one who publicly denied Christ, but later publicly professed His name. (Matt. 26:69-75; Acts 2:14-39). The apostle Paul persecuted Christians prior to becoming a Christian. Paul even referred to himself as the "chief of sinners" (I Tim. 1:15). After Paul became a Christian, we see him making changes in his life. He began to preach that for which he threw people into prison (Acts 9:22,26-29).

If there is sin in your life, you can turn from that sin. There is no sin from which one cannot turn from. That is evident in our promise from God (I Cor. 10:13).

The promise is that with every temptation there is a way of escape. This way of escape is applicable for both the non-Christian and the Christian. If change was not possible, then there would be no way of escape from any temptations.

God wants you to come to Him through Jesus, His beloved Son. He is willing for you to come to Him just as you are. You don't have to clean yourself up or prove yourself worthy. For it is by grace that we have been saved (Ephesians 2:8-10).

We have all sinned but have been justified as a gift of His grace (Romans 3:23-24).

Whatever change the Gospel would demand of you, you can make it. We would love to study with you and help you make these changes. Come as you are, but please don't stay that way!

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information about the great creator God? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? I will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

I hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

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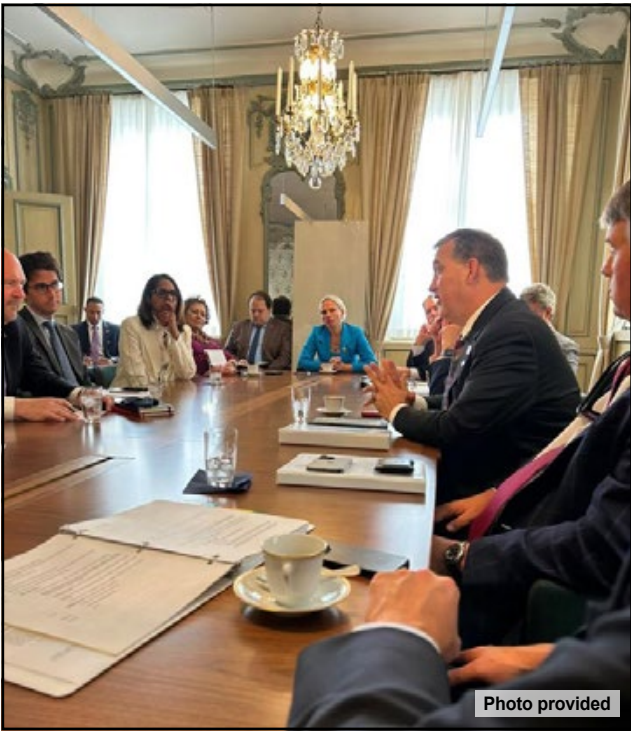


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Rep. Spartz supportive of Sweden’s admission to NATO

The REPORTER
Last weekend, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05), traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, with a bipartisan group of legislators as part of the 86th EU-US Inter-Parliamentary Meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue.
Rep. Spartz also met with the government of Sweden and issued the following statement upon her return:
“I urge all our allies to support Sweden's accession to NATO. Transatlantic cooperation is critical in these challenging times for European and global security. Sweden is committed and on a fast track to reach all NATO goals, which will also strengthen the alliance's capabilities.”
During the three-day event, Rep. Spartz engaged in discussions on topics including the war in Ukraine, sanctions enforcement, Global South policies, NATO enlargement, and EU-US trade.
The bipartisan delegation also included Rep. Andy Barr (Ky.-06), Rep. Ed Case (Hawaii-01), Rep. Ben Cline (Va.-06), Rep. Jim Costa (Calif.-21), Rep. Bill Huizenga (Mich.-04), Rep. Sydney Kam-lager-Dove (Calif.-37), Rep. Barry Moore (Ala.-02), Rep. Nathaniel Moran (Texas-01), and Rep. Amata Radewagen (American Samoa-At large).



Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: State Sen. Ford wrong for admonishing any group of citizens

Dear Editor:
State Sen. J.D. Ford stepped way out of bounds in his [letter to the editor](#) (June 23, “State Sen. Ford calls on Hamilton County’s Statehouse delegation to condemn Moms for Liberty”).
As an elected official, Ford should be ashamed of himself for attacking a group of citizens advocating anything under the sun.
The group apologized for its ill-advised reference to a dead dictator.
A gentleman would accept the apology and move on – maybe to figuring out how to control out-of-control abuses of the state’s tax incremental financing laws.
Ford claims he is “growing incredibly concerned by the increasing normalization of fascism, antisemitism, and hateful rhetoric, which we know from history will only ever lead to ugly outcomes.” Really?
This exaggerated posturing ignores the apology and is an absurd bullying of a group which calls itself Moms for Liberty.
I’m not a member of the Moms group, being a non-mom myself. But I write because I dislike minor league politicians trying to score points as Ford is doing.
Why a state senator opposes moms for anything seems a bit of hateful rhetoric in a free country where anyone has the liberty to speak out on anything under the sun.
Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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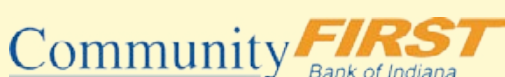


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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.
A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(i), For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase.
A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

State Road 32 to close east of downtown Westfield

The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor CHA Consulting, Inc. has announced an upcoming closure on State Road 32 near Westfield.

Beginning on or after Thursday, July 6, crews will close State Road 32 in both directions between Willow Creek Way and Grassy Branch Road. This closure will allow crews to complete a box culvert over Cool Creek. This work is expected to be complete late August, weather depending.

The official detour for this project is U.S. 31 to State Road 38 to Little Chicago Road.

INDOT urges drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using extra caution, and driving distraction-free when travelling in and around all work zones.



Graphic provided by INDOT

Fishers road construction updates, week of June 26

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 141st Street

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

I-465 & I-69

The ramp from Interstate 69 North to 82nd Street and the ramp from 82nd Street to I-69 North is currently closed through late 2023. For detour routes and additional project information, visit ClearPath465.com.

Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers is working on the completion of the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail. The remaining paving work from 96th Street to 106th Street is underway, and construction crews are currently working to clear and prep the area for paving. In the coming weeks, construction crews will begin the paving process.

To learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Spark!Fishers

Local roadways and access points will be impacted due to the Spark!Fishers festival happening through Saturday, June 24. Please find details about closures and restrictions [here](#). Thank you for your patience during this time.

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed.

146th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 2A traffic restrictions are currently in place. These restrictions will eliminate left-turn movements from 146th Street onto Allisonville Road and reopen to two thru lanes on eastbound and westbound 146th Street. Sowers Drive, Wellington Court, and Kensington Drive will be closed at 146th Street during this phase.

Increased utility relocation activity is expected along Allisonville Road south of 146th Street. Flaggers will be present when lane or shoulder restrictions are necessary.

Construction crews will be working to complete the connection of Sowers Drive to Allisonville Road. Saville Road will be closed at 146th Street for construction crews to construct the new frontage road and Saville Road access at 146th Street. Waterway MOT will be in-

stalled along the White River to allow crews to begin working on the White River bridges.

The worksite speed limit will be 35 mph. Be sure to use caution while driving through this construction zone.

For additional project information, [click here](#).

106th Street & Allisonville Road

There is a sanitary sewer project currently taking place at Metro Airport at 106th Street and Allisonville Road. There are times where lane restrictions may be in place on Allisonville Road. Please use caution in this area.

106th Street & Hoosier Road

Prep work prior to the roundabout construction is currently taking place. Work will include tree clearing, utility relocation and storm sewer installation. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

106th Street & Kincaid Drive

Phase 1 is currently in place for construction of a new concrete median on 106th Street and to modify Kincaid Drive to a right-in/right-out entrance. During this phase, access to Kincaid Drive from 106th Street will be restricted. The detour shall use Lantern Road to Sunlight Drive. Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by Friday, July 7. [Click here](#) to see the detour route.

Phase 2 is anticipated

to begin on Monday, July 10. During this Phase, lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street and both the roundabout at 106th Street and I-69 and 106th Street and Lantern Road will be converted into a single lane for the duration of this Phase. This Phase is anticipated to be completed by Friday, July 28.

Fall Creek Road

Citizens Energy Group is mobilizing the lift station on Fall Creek Road near Geist Woods Way, resulting in the closure of Fall Creek Trail in the area until the project is complete in August.

Geist Greenway

Paving continues to take place on the Geist Greenway. For general project information, please visit playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway.

Tree Trimming

During the week of June 26, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on Eller Road between 106th and 116th streets. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Resurfacing Projects

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.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Who will kill Social Security?

I'm asked almost daily how scared I am about the Republicans destroying Social Security. I am not. I wish the media would stop making this their favorite clickbait.

As long as people are still working (and paying payroll taxes), Social Security will survive. Your benefits will be reduced, but the program will remain.

The truth is, BOTH parties will have to make changes for the program to survive. When Social Security began, the age to receive full benefits was 65. In the 1930s, the average life expectancy was 59. Not many people were expected to live long enough to collect Social Security. Now, we have a flipped situation where everyone expects to collect benefits and life expectancy is 79.11 years in the United States.

In the 88 years since

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SYLVIA GORDON
Make Sense of Medicare

Social Security began, it has undergone many changes. Times change and the programs must evolve. President Biden has proposed raising the payroll tax on those making over \$400,000.

Most people think that the payroll tax hits every dollar. It doesn't. Medicare payroll taxes you no matter how much you make, but FICA for Social Security tops out this year at \$160,000. This amount does go up slightly each year, and eventually it will be \$400,000 and this donut will be closed.

This is an easy way to bring in money without upsetting 99 percent if the population.

Regardless if this change is approved or not, something has to be done. Harder fixes are reducing benefits or raising the age of full retirement. Both of those would be

so unpopular that Congress would most likely not phase the changes in for years so as not to be punished at the ballot box.

The United Kingdom is a great example. They agreed to move their retirement age up to 68, but it won't phase in until 2046. Since people are living longer and the age of full retirement should move up accordingly, Estonia passed a law to tie the full retirement age to average life expectancy.

In Russia, women qualify for retirement five years before men (55.5 versus 60.5). Since every country is struggling with this same issue, expect to see the rest of the world follow the path of the UK.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of *The Medicare Family*, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at TheMedicareFamily.com.

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From *Rent* to *Pretty Woman*, Broadway's Adam Pascal coming to Feinstein's in Carmel

The REPORTER

From *Rent* to *Pretty Woman* and beyond, Adam Pascal has left an indelible mark on Broadway, captivating audiences with his incredible talent. Coming to Feinstein's stage on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1, you can experience an intimate performance by this Tony-nominated actor.

Pascal starred as the original Roger Davis in the Off-Broadway, Broadway, and London Productions of *Rent*, for which he received a Tony Award nomination. He also reprised the role in the 2005 film adaptation.

He originated the role of Radames in Broadway's *Aida* and played the fi-

nal emcee in the Roundabout's production of *Cabaret*. Additional Broadway credits include Huey Calhoun in *Memphis*, Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, Chad in *Disaster*, William Shakespeare in *Something Rotten* and Edward Lewis in *Pretty Woman*. He can also be seen and heard as Freddie Trumper in the Royal Albert Hall production of *Chess*, available on DVD, alongside Josh Groban and Idina Menzel.

Pascal has also had success as a producer in bringing the Off-Broadway hit *Fully Committed* to the stage in early 2000. He can



Pascal

be seen on the screen as Theo in the smash hit *School of Rock*, as Eddie in the cult classic *SLC Punk* and as the agent in horror director Darren Bousman's musical thriller *The Devil's Carnival Alleluia*. He is currently starring as Edward Lewis on the National tour of Broadway's *Pretty Woman*.

Get tickets at [this link](#). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947.

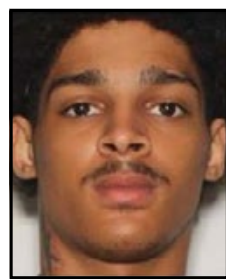
About Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael
Feinstein's is situated in the heart of Carmel City Center and adjacent to The Center for The Performing Arts. Partnering with the legendary Michael Feinstein, the live entertainment venue offers an unforgettable nightlife experience, combining performances by some of the best with exquisite dining in an elegant setting. Featuring up to five events weekly, accommodating 135 people in the main dining room and bar, including an exclusive private dining room for up to 16, this small intimate venue offers you the perfect "front row" seat no matter where you are. Learn more at [FeinsteinsHC.com](#).

Two Hamilton County men among 19 charged in drug & firearms ring

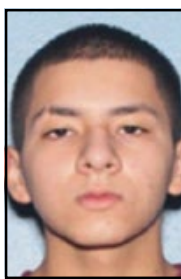
The REPORTER

Nineteen individuals have been charged in a series of four federal indictments alleging the illegal possession of firearms and machineguns and trafficking hundreds of thousands of fentanyl pills and hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine in central Indiana.

As part of this multi-agency operation, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from 16 different law enforcement agencies, served arrest warrants and search warrants at 18 locations in Central Indiana and in Arizona on Thursday morning. Sixteen individuals were arrested and are in



Bertram



Carranza



Sumner

federal custody. Three remain as fugitives.

Two of the individuals known to be in Hamilton County are Jayden Bertram, 22, Carmel; and Tameico Johnson a.k.a. Meekey, 22, Fishers. Both were charged with Conspiracy to Possess and Distribute Fentanyl.

The three fugitives (seen

above) whose locations are unknown are Jaraughn Bertram, 20, a.k.a. Bandman, Ron-Ron, Javon's World; Joaquin Carranza, 18, a.k.a. Chef; and Jordan Sumner, 22. Please alert the authorities if you see any of these individuals.

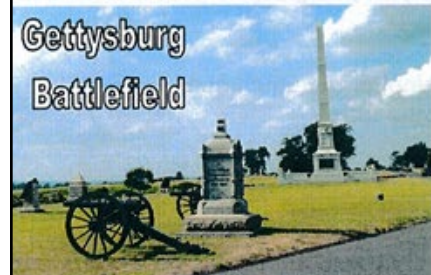
During this year-long investigation, law enforcement seized the following

contraband and proceeds of the alleged criminal activity:

- Over 32.8 kilograms (72.3 pounds) of fentanyl, or over 320,000 fentanyl pills
- Over 53.5 kilograms (117.9 pounds) of methamphetamine
- Over 205.6 kilograms (453.2 pounds) of marijuana
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The Fishers and Carmel police departments collaborated with numerous state and federal agencies in this investigation.



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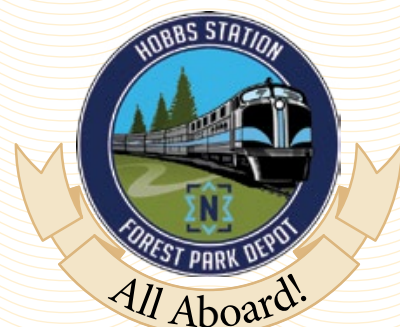
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING
This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.
When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.
Genesis 5:1-5 (NIV)

Marvin E. Melton, MD
April 17, 1943 – June 21, 2023

Marvin E. Melton, MD, went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 21, 2023. He was the son of George and Leona Anderson Melton. Marvin was born, raised, and educated in Indianapolis and went on to graduate from Purdue and the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Marvin did an internship at St. Vincent hospital and one-year residency at St. Joseph hospital in Denver, Colo., followed by three years at St. Vincent. He retired from St. Vincent in 2006 after 35 years having served as a dedicated Laboratory Physician.

Previously, Marvin headed the Hematology Coagulation department as well as the Histology Cytology department. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Pathology, and practiced Dermatopathology. Marvin contributed to and authored several medical articles.

Marvin was a member of Legacy Bible Church and its church family. He loved snow skiing and playing golf with friends. His wife and children could not have asked for a better husband and father.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Vincent for the care and love they showed during his stay.

He leaves behind his wife Karen; son, Matt (Megan); daughter, Courtney (Dr. Evan Eckart); grandchildren, Naomi Eckart, Madeline, Zoe, and Ben Melton.

Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers. The Funeral Service will begin at 1 p.m.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com.



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Carmel moves trash can to end confusion for motorists at Carter Green & the Monon



Photo provided by City of Carmel
Carmel city officials made aware of an issue where vehicles were accidentally turning on to the Monon Greenway from Carter Green, confusing it for a roadway. As a result, the city has added planters and a trash receptacle to block the open space. Because construction continues along the Monon in the Carter Green area, please be cautious of construction equipment that may still be present there.

Franklin College honors 12 local graduates

The REPORTER

Franklin College's 2023 Commencement took place on May 20 in Spurlock Center Gymnasium on the Franklin College campus. The top five majors of the graduating class were exercise science, business, psychology, biology and elementary education. The college conferred 175 undergraduate degrees and 28 graduate degrees.

Graduates from Hamilton County include:

- Lora Carman Adkins of Carmel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology (biomedical sciences). She graduated cum laude.
- Justin David Case of Westfield earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business

(management).

- Anya Marie Glodowski of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.
- Kyle William Hafflich of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sports communication. He graduated cum laude.
- Eagan Brayden Keever-Hill of Noblesville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sports communication.
- Colleen Hagen Kincaid of Fishers earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in creative writing. She graduated cum laude.
- Ashlynn Nichole Meadows of Carmel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry (industrial/graduate school). She graduated

magna cum laude.

- Abigail Elizabeth Rivas of Fishers earned a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies.
- Victoria Alexa Simmons of Carmel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology (criminal justice).
- Peyton Linnea Stewart of Fishers earned a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies.
- Andrea Beatrice West of Cicero earned a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies.
- Mara Lynn Wilson of Fishers earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. She graduated cum laude.

The senior class speaker was Armani Christopher, a

resident of Gary, who majored in exercise science and minored in fitness. He was selected by his classmates to address the audience on their behalf.

Many graduates earned academic distinction and were recognized for their hard work during the ceremony with the ringing of the Liberty Bell, once for cum laude, twice for magna cum laude and three times for summa cum laude. Those graduating cum laude earned a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher; those graduating magna cum laude earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher; and those graduating summa cum laude earned a GPA of 3.90 or higher.



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Fishers' JonAnthony Hall joined the Tigers team for two big wins at the Boys Team Showcase in Memory of Charlie Hughes, which began Friday with games in Carmel and Westfield. The Tigers are one of eight Hamilton County teams and 159 teams overall participating in the tournament.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton County playing host to all 159 teams for 18th Boys Team Showcase

The REPORTER

This weekend is a big one for high school basketball in Indiana, as the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and the IHSAA are conducting the 18th annual Boys Team Showcase in Memory of Charlie Hughes.

A total of 159 teams from across Indiana are participating in the tournament, and Hamilton County is hosting all of them. Six different sites are being used for the event: Carmel High School, Carmel Middle School, Clay Middle School, Carmel Dad's Club, Westfield High School and Westfield Intermediate School.

Games began on Friday, with two Hamilton County teams playing in two contests. Fishers was at Carmel High School's Eric Clark Activity Center, and won both of its games easily. The Tigers defeated Plainfield 79-48 and Chesterton 76-41.

Meanwhile, Guerin Catholic played at Westfield High School's Fieldhouse, and won both of its games as well. The Golden Eagles, last season's Class 3A state runner-up, beat Fort Wayne Carroll 56-51 and Scottsburg 62-54.

Six more Hamilton County teams will begin playing games today, while Fishers and Guerin Catholic will finish out their schedules of games. A schedule for each school is listed below.

Admission at all locations is \$10 daily for adults and \$5 daily for students ages 6 to 17. Children under 6 are admitted free.

18 th Boys Team Showcase Times & Locations	
CARMEL All games take place at Carmel H.S. Main Gym Saturday Scottsburg, 10:20 a.m. Penn, 1 p.m. Sunday Fort Wayne Wayne, 10:20 a.m. Ben Davis, 2:20 p.m.	Evansville Harrison, 2:20 p.m. at Westfield H.S. Fieldhouse Court 4 Sunday Norwell, 10:20 a.m. at Carmel H.S. Fieldhouse Court 2 Decatur Central, 1 p.m. at Carmel H.S. Gold Gym
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GUERIN CATHOLIC Saturday Mount Vernon, 1 p.m. at Westfield H.S. Fieldhouse Court 3 Wapahani, 3:40 p.m. at Westfield H.S. Main Gym	UNIVERSITY Saturday Northridge, 3:40 p.m. at Clay Middle School Decatur Central, 6:20 p.m. at Carmel H.S. Fieldhouse Court 1 Sunday Danville, 9 a.m. at Carmel H.S. Freshman/Auxiliary Gym Yorktown, 1 p.m. at Carmel H.S. Fieldhouse Court 1
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HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN Saturday Lawrence Central, 11:40 a.m. at Westfield H.S. Fieldhouse Court 3	

NASCAR's greatest advocate

On Monday, news broke that JR Motorsports driver, Josh Berry, would replace Kevin Harvick as the driver of the No. 4 Stewart Haas Racing car in the NASCAR Cup Series for the 2024 season.

Given Berry's performance over the last two seasons in the Xfinity Series and his strong performance substituting for the injured Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman this year in the Cup Series, the news of Josh Berry's promotion to the Cup Series was no surprise.

Despite Berry's tremendous individual talent, Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s promotion of Berry cannot and should not be ignored. Likely, without the support and backing of Dale Earnhardt Jr., Josh Berry does not reach the Cup Series. Such a statement is not a diminishment of Berry's success and accomplishments. He deserves to be in the Cup Series, and I believe he will have a great deal of success in the coming years. However, while celebrating Josh Berry, we should also recognize Dale Earnhardt Jr. for finding and promoting an unconventional candidate into the top Cup Series prospect for 2023.

The rise of Josh Berry is just one example of the countless contributions Dale Jr. has made to stock car racing. Since his retirement at the end of the 2017 season, Dale Earnhardt Jr. has been the single most important advocate of NASCAR. I believe his impact on the sport after retirement will far exceed his impact as a racing.

Dale Jr. is a NASCAR historian. His thrice weekly podcast, *The Dale Jr. Download*, features a weekly guest segment in which he and his co-host, Mike Davis, interview various figures in and around the world of motorsports. Dale Jr. is an exceptional interviewer, and his profound knowledge and experience surrounding motorsports draws incredible stories from his guests. Further, he is deeply humble and provides tremendous latitude for his guests to speak their mind and guide the interview.

Dale Jr. is an important NASCAR team owner. Although not in the Cup Series, JR Motorsports has promoted ten different drivers to the Cup Series, including several Cup Series champions. His team has been the training grounds for many Cup Series crew chiefs, engineers, and mechanics. JR Motorsports is a consistent contender for the Xfinity championship and will likely promote many more of its drivers and employees to the Cup Series.

Finally, Dale Jr. has become an excellent broadcaster. As NASCAR moves to NBC for the remainder of the season, he begins his sixth season in the NBC broadcast with fellow NASCAR driver Jeff Burton and play-by-play commentator Rick Allen. Together the trio provide exceptional coverage and nuanced analysis.

Without question, Dale Jr. has made NASCAR a better place. Throughout his NASCAR career, he has lived in the shadow of his legendary father. It is my belief, however, that Dale Jr.'s impact on the sport will and has transcended the impact of Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

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Noblesville’s Ava Bramblett named 2022-23 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year

The REPORTER

In its 38th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade announced on Friday that Ava Bramblett of Noblesville High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Bramblett is the second Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Noblesville High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Bramblett as Indiana’s best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Bramblett joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alyssa Thompson (2020-21, Harvard-Westlake School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Heather O’Reilly (2002-03 & 2001-02, East Brunswick High School, N.J.) and Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.).

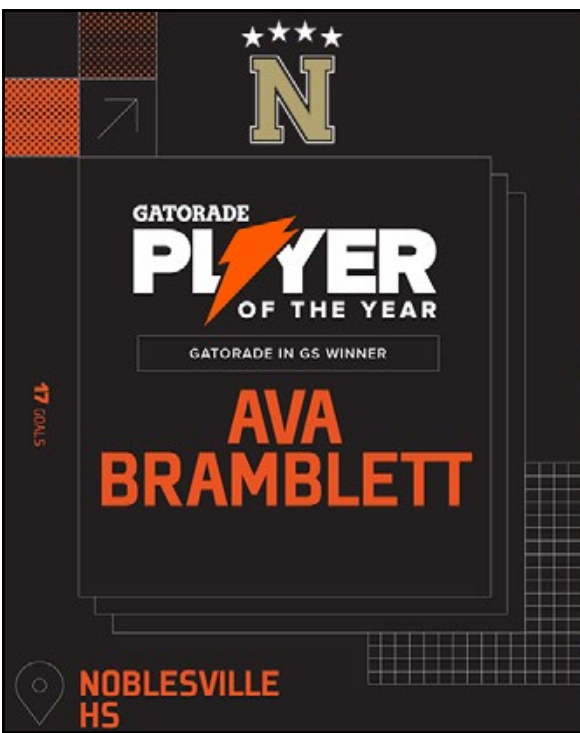
The 5-foot-11 senior midfielder and forward led the Millers to a 20-1 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Bramblett scored 17 goals and passed for seven assists, recording the lone tally in Noblesville High School’s 1-0 win over Carmel High School in the state final. Also the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Player

of the Year, Bramblett participated in the High School All-American Game in December. She is ranked as the nation’s No. 54 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepSoccer.com.

Bramblett organized a service project through Serve Noblesville to renovate local youth soccer fields. She has also volunteered as part of multiple fundraising campaigns to benefit breast cancer research through the Megan S. Ott Foundation, and she has donated her time as a youth soccer and basketball coach. “Noblesville would not be the state champion without Ava,” said Frank Dixon, head coach of Carmel High School. “Although she had a great team around her, Ava was the straw that stirred the drink. She is a total team player.”

Bramblett has maintained a weighted 4.27 grade-point average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the Ohio State University this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches,



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scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Bramblett joins recent Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Amelia White (2021-22, Homestead High School), Quincy McMahon (2020-21, Guerin Catholic High School), Addie Chester (2019-20, Delta High School), and Emily Speidel (2018-19, Carmel High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

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Noblesville’s Ava Bramblett has been named as the 2022-23 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Bramblett scored the goal in the Millers’ victory in the Class 3A state championship game last fall and will play soccer at Ohio State University.

totalled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

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