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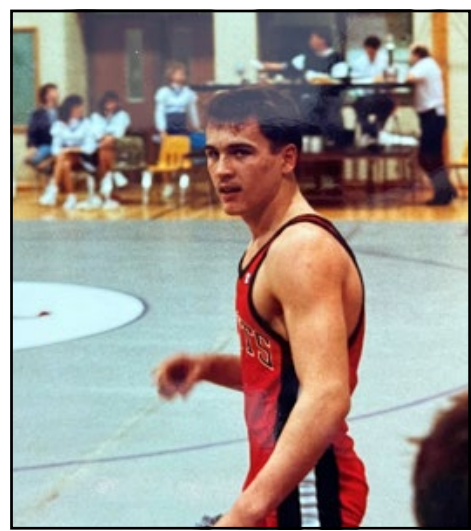
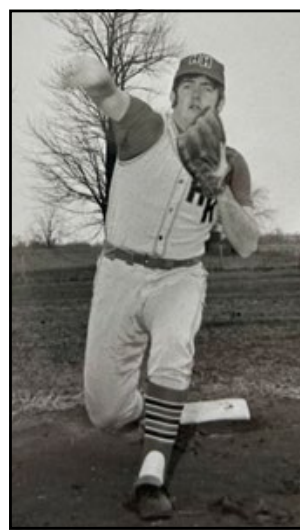


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# Heights names Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee has announced its Class of 2023, which includes five incredible student-athletes. This year's inductees include Cheyanne (Jackson) Brewer ('10), Don Morgan ('71), Jason Reecer ('89), Dan Shields ('64), and Blaine Zimmerman ('04).  
"On behalf of the committee we are very pleased to welcome these five athletes to the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame," said Mitch Street, Hamilton Heights High School Hall of Fame Committee Chairman and Dean of Students. "Although it wasn't really our mission or goal, the inductees included athletes from five different decades and a wide array of sports. We look forward to recognizing these athletes in September."

**2023 Inductees**  
**Dan Shields**  
*Jackson Central High School, Class of 1964*  
Shields was a multi-sport athlete playing football, basketball, and baseball. He was all-conference and all-county in all three sports. He was also a member of the all-sectional basketball team during his senior year. He went on to play



(Above, from left) Dan Shields, Class of 1964 (Jackson Central High School); Don Morgan, Class of 1971; and Jason Reecer, Class of 1989. (Below, from left) Blaine Zimmerman, Class of 2004; and Cheyanne (Jackson) Brewer, Class of 2010.

baseball at Ball State University where he was a pitcher. He coached multiple sports at Taylor High School.  
**Don Morgan**  
*Hamilton Heights High School, Class of 1971*  
Morgan was a multi-sport athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He was a standout athlete in both sports. In football he was a season county scoring leader from the quarterback position.



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## A father, a son – a baseball

I recently found a photo of my Peanut League team, dated 1972. There are five of us of varying height. The tallest, of course, is closest to me, his left elbow comfortably (for him) resting on my right shoulder, like I was a piece of lean-on furniture. Cue up Randy Newman's "Short People."  
We stand in the infield dirt, the chain-linked backstop behind us. We weren't appropriated uniforms. We played in our summer street clothes. I wear blue shorts with red pockets. The red pockets strike me as weird, as if maybe my pants are on inside-out. I have a horizontal-striped blue and white shirt, which is only cool if worn on pirate ships. My wardrobe is further proof that Mom shopped at the Island of Misfit Clothing. Thanks, Mom, for putting me out there on fashion's edge.

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## Housing voucher waiting list opens soon for Hamilton & surrounding counties

**The REPORTER**  
Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI), on behalf of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List next month for Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, and Tipton counties. The application portal will be available at 8 a.m. on Aug. 1.  
The Section 8 HCV program is available to income-eligible individuals and families. It assists with rent payments to provide decent, affordable, sanitary, and safe housing for low-income persons. This wait list is not on a first-come, first-served basis. All pre-applicants will be sorted by preference. As long as applicants complete the pre-application process within the opening wait list, they will be considered for the wait list.  
Applicants are placed on the list in order of preference points, then by date and time of application. Preference is given to extremely low-income households, elderly, disabled, and veteran households, those who live or work within CAGI Counties, which includes Hamilton, Boone, Hendricks, and Tipton, or

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## Fishers Arts Council offers opportunities in upcoming Juried Art Fair & Gallery Exhibit

**The REPORTER**  
Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is getting ready for two big, juried events this September.  
Harvest Fest – the annual nonprofit fundraiser and community art fair held at Fishers Heritage Park at White River – returns for its fourth year on Sunday, Sept. 10. This event focuses on helping raise awareness and funds for Fishers-serving nonprofits alongside talented artists and artisans from Hamilton County and surrounding areas.  
This free event includes live music, local beer and wine, art activities for the family, one-of-a-kind artistic creations, Indiana authors, and nonprofits who need our support. There is still space available for nonprofits, authors, and juried artists, but you must submit by the July 10 deadline. Details on how to apply are at [fishersartscouncil.org/blog](https://fishersartscouncil.org/blog).

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**Anna Villanyi shares her laser-cut wooden ornaments during Harvest Fest 2021.**  
Gallery, located at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation in Fishers from Sept. 5 to 29, with a reception and awards ceremony from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8. The deadline to submit entries is Aug. 7; artists can read the requirements at [fishersartscouncil.org/blog](https://fishersartscouncil.org/blog).

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## Hamilton County Leadership Academy announces Class of 2024

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) has selected 36 individuals who reside or work in Hamilton County to take part in its 10-month community leadership program.  
"This cohort is composed of up-and-coming and established community leaders who will learn from one another, our dean, class speakers, and community partners," HCLA Executive Director Diana Coyle said. "They will inspire one another to impact where they work and reside and empower each other to be change-makers and connectors in areas of passion and trends on the horizon in the county. Through their HCLA journey, they will weave themselves into the fabric of who Hamilton County is and will become."  
HCLA is thrilled to officially announce the Class of 2024 and welcome them



HCLA

into the folds of HCLA's more than 30-year legacy in Hamilton County.  
Each year, HCLA selects participants through a highly competitive application process. Class members are selected based on their community engagement, desire to learn and grow through the HCLA program, and passion for making an impact through leading and serving in Hamilton County. Earlier this year, HCLA

### Hamilton County Leadership Academy Class of 2024

Katie Abernathy   Alpha Gamma Delta	Emily Hitchcock   Conner Prairie Museum
Billy Adams   Westfield Police Department	Danielle Humphrey   Hamilton County Community Foundation
Sandy Allen   Hamilton County Tourism	Tonya Hyatt   Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce
Joshua Andrews   Westfield Washington Schools	Steve Latour   Westfield Chamber & Downtown Westfield Association
Chris Beaver   Beaver Gravel Corporation	Stephanie Lay   Everwise Credit Union
Aaron Collins   OfficeWorks	Julie Plake   United Way of Central Indiana
Christina Collins   Ivy Tech Community College-Hamilton County	Brian Price   Wessler Engineering
Brittany Delph   Student Impact of Westfield	Bailey Rayford   Kendal Logan Logistics, LLC
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announced that Patrick Propst would serve HCLA as the Class of 2024 Dean. HCLA will kick off its Class of 2024 cohort experience in mid-August with a two-day opening retreat.  
**About HCLA**  
HCLA serves the community by amplifying im-

edge and understanding of Hamilton County, create meaningful, life-long connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders, and gain clarity around how to lead and make an impact in their backyard. Learn more at [HCLA.net](https://HCLA.net).



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# Reserve your spot now for Sheridan YAP's Denim & Lace

## The REPORTER

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's (SYAP) Board of Directors has announced this year's Denim and Lace fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at West Fork Whisky Co., 10 E. 191st St., Suite A, Westfield. (The date was originally set for Sept. 16.)

Guests will be able to mingle indoors or enjoy the great patio space, enjoy music, open bar, silent auction items, raffle prizes, dinner catered by Chuy's

and hear updates on SYAP.

Due to some updates in gaming regulations, cash only will be accepted for raffle tickets, but there will be an ATM onsite if you forget to bring cash. One of the raffle items will be an e-bike donated by Carmel Pedego.

Reservations are now available, and all proceeds will benefit SYAP for youth and families in the Sheridan community. Get your tickets now for the Sheridan event of the year that so many look



forward to attending. Just go to [syapdenim.wedonauctions.com](http://syapdenim.wedonauctions.com). With early registration available to

some sponsors, SYAP has sold almost half the limit, so don't delay in reserving a seat.

## ARTS

Previous Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artist "Best in Show" winners were awarded accolades and prize money for their winning works: Stephanie Spay of Noblesville in 2020, Margot Bogue of Fishers in 2021, and Jerry Mannell of Carmel in 2022. Mannell will have a solo exhibit this August in the FAC Hub Gallery as part of his 2022 Best in Show award. This year's winner will receive a January 2024 Solo Exhibit.

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The 2023 Juried Show

judge is Rena Brouwer, a Delphi resident and well-known Indiana and national artist who is also part owner of the Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art in Delphi, where she teaches and exhibits her work.

Brouwer is an international award-winning watercolorist, instructor, and entrepreneur. With a passion for nature, her paintings reflect the beauty of a captured mo-



Brouwer

ment transposed onto paper in her unique contemporary style, one that is recognized worldwide. For over 40 years, her innate artistic gifts have led her to teach at national art conventions, colleges, museums, and community venues across the nation. Brouwer's work is a voice that communicates her deepest values: preservation of natural resources, our national heritage, and the opportunity to educate future generations.

Brouwer is also an Indiana Artisan, member of The Brown County Art Guild, Indiana Artists Club, Hoosier Salon, Indiana Plein Air Painters Association, and a Cardinal Fellow member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana.

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those who live or work in the counties adjacent to Hamilton County (Boone, Hendricks, Marion, and Tipton counties). Families with children are encouraged to apply.

Applicants may use any computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet access to apply. Those without internet access can use free Wi-Fi locations, such as the local public library and public businesses. An email address will be required. The application process will allow applicants to create a free Google Gmail address. Applications will not be available at the Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI) office,

and fax or email requests will not be accepted.

If you have a disability where reasonable accommodation to allow you equal access to the application process may be needed, call CAGI at (463) 230-7522 to request accommodation no later than Monday, July 17. For assistance in another language, please call IHCD at (317) 232-7788 to schedule a phone call with an interpreter by July 17.

Please visit the Community Action of Greater Indianapolis website at [cagi.in.org](http://cagi.in.org) for more information on the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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## HALL OF FAME

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In basketball he was a 1,000-point scorer (1,132). He was also an outstanding baseball player earning himself an opportunity to play baseball at South Alabama. He earned multiple all-county, all-conference, and all-sectional team honors in his sports.

### Jason Reecer

**Hamilton Heights High School, Class of 1989**

Reecer was best known for his wrestling prowess while at Hamilton Heights. He earned a career record of 133-4-1 and became the first Hamilton Heights wrestler to reach the IH-SAA State Finals in 1989. He also spent many years as an assistant wrestling coach, where he helped coach other state qualifying wrestlers to reach the height of his accomplishments.

### Blaine Zimmerman

**Hamilton Heights High School, Class of 2004**

Zimmerman was a two-sport athlete at Hamilton Heights, where he competed in cross country and track and field, excelling in both. He earned all-state honors at the IHSAA State Meet, where he placed 16th overall. He also placed fourth in the state in the 3200 meters during the IHSAA State Track and Field Meet, by placing fourth in the 3200 meters. He also holds the school record in the 3200 meters. He went on to run at Indiana State University where he had a successful and high-achieving career.

### Cheyenne Jackson Brewer

**Hamilton Heights High School, Class of 2010**

Brewer was best

known for her amazing career as a swimmer while at Hamilton Heights. She qualified for the IH-SAA State Swim Meet her sophomore, junior, and senior year. Perhaps most impressive is that she qualified in multiple events each year. Upon her graduation she held multiple school records. She went on to swim at Ball State University, where likewise she was a record holder upon her graduation and swam times that put her in the upper level of swimmers historically at Ball State.

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The Athletic Hall of Fame is designed to recognize and honor Hamilton Heights High School athletes, coaches, teams, and athletic program contributors for their achievements and/or contributions to the Hamilton Heights High School athletic program. The Athletic Hall of Fame program captures and shares the history and unique experiences of Heights' former athletes, coaches, teams, and athletic contributors to create a legacy for all who have been and will be touched by the Hamilton Heights athletics program.

A special luncheon followed by the induction ceremony is set for noon on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Inductees will be given a metal display and their names and pictures proudly displayed in the Athletic Hall of Fame located in the Athletic Center.

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With the incredible talent that resides in Hamilton County and beyond, Fishers Arts Council can't wait to showcase the talents of artists and artisans at these upcoming juried events. Questions can be directed to [info@FishersArtsCouncil.org](mailto:info@FishersArtsCouncil.org) or by calling (317) 537-1670.

### About the Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org), or call (317) 537-1670.

## BASEBALL

I have hair. Blond. I must pause here to weep. Reminders of my former life with hair oft do this.

We were 8 and 9 years old. Brad, David, Mike, me, and Murray pictured at right. There is also another kid with us, but he's half in, half out, as if contemplating whether or not to join another team. I can't tell who he is, all half-faced. We were the Red Sox.

I don't remember much about Peanut League, other than the one fly ball I caught, making up for the many I didn't catch – including ground balls. I was an equal opportunity error-maker. It wasn't that I missed a lot of catches out there in the dandelions, clover, and bee buzz. I just never got to the ball quick enough to catch it (how can that constitute a miss?), as if my presence and the ball's presence were mere pawns of two totally different but simultaneous events.

But alas, I did catch one pop-up. I was near first base, so I guess I was first baseman, though it's more likely that everyone on my team was playing



Photo provided by Scott Saalman

first base simultaneously. Peanut League, remember. We all moved around the dirt diamond together, as if herded together by a cattle dog. It was a very high pop-up, causing my teammates to spastically wave their arms to ward off one another during a high-pitch chorus of "I got it, I got it," bouncing off one another like bumper cars and falling to the dirt. I caught the ball because I was free of the fracas and noncommittal to the catch – hence, the last boy standing.

That I actually caught the ball still surprises me. I envision a short, pirate-shirted, red-pocketed boy looking skyward for what started as a speck in the sun that quickly dropped meteor-like in his direction, creating within him deliberation regarding whether or not to protect his crown with his mitt instead of catching the ball, as if maybe mitts were meant to

be worn as head protection.

Before I could cover my head, somehow the ball landed with a pop in the webbed pocket of my mitt. The mitt just happened to be in the right position at the right time. I didn't have much to do with it. My mom cheered, her first time that summer. Her glory day!

My favorite part about Peanut League was the chatter. "Heybattabatta ... swingbattabatta ...," repeated hundreds of times per game to distract the batter from hitting the ball. It was basically a lesson in anti-sportsmanship. I loved it. Major League games would be more enjoyable if the pros chattered. The same with televised golf.

My fondest memory, though, of my Peanut League years involved playing catch with dad in the backyard. He taught me fielding basics. I never wanted to miss a ball that he

tossed. Eventually, I caught them all. He's the only one I wanted to impress. Girls hadn't been invented yet. The progression of my prowess was measured by the glorious, ever-growing span of grass between us until we actually faced each other from opposite property ends. That was baseball at its fondest. Eventually, dad bought me an orange-framed pitch back net, eliminating him from the equation (by design perhaps). The pitch back sort of became a surrogate father figure (which proved awkward at father-son Cub Scout outings), but that was OK, for by then a favorite memory had already been forged: a father, a son, a baseball – life being no simpler and sweeter than that.

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If you'd like to have Scott speak or read at an event, email him at [scottsaalman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsaalman@gmail.com).



# As the need grows, so does Feeding Team



FeedingTeam.org has successfully deployed two more pantries – Nos. 53 and 54 – in Westfield and Noblesville. (They may top 60 by this fall.) The pantries are located at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St. (left) and at White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schullery Road, Noblesville (right).

Photos provided

## Heights’ Kim Kaiser recognized with Dual Credit President’s Award for Excellence in Instruction

**The REPORTER**

Kim Kaiser, Hamilton Heights High School educator and High School Business Department Chair, was honored by Ivy Tech Community College with the Dual Credit President’s Award for Excellence in Instruction.

Kaiser was selected from over 100 Ivy Tech dual credit instructors in the Hamilton County Service area. The award recognizes dual credit teachers for their excellence in instruction and representing the mission of Ivy Tech.

A dual credit instructor from each of the 19 Ivy Tech campuses across the state was chosen to be recognized this year. Noblesville Ivy Tech campus nominated Kaiser, who was surprised and honored by the selection.

Kaiser, a Hamilton Heights graduate, earned both her bachelor’s in business administration and business education and master’s in education at Ball State University. She began her teaching career at Heights in August 1999 and will begin her 25th year as an educator this year. During her tenure, she has served in many roles to support extracurricular activities and taught DAR, Personal Finance, Web Design, Hospitality & Sports Marketing. Currently, she is the Business Department

Chair, the school’s Intern/Coop/Cadet Coordinator, BPA/DECA Advisor and manages the SBE Husky Fan Shop. Dual Credit courses include Business Law, Marketing, Strategic Marketing, Business Management, which she teaches along with Austin Nicole.

The College honored each one of the 19 winners for their excellence in instruction and their positive impact on the dual credit students that they served during the 2022-2023 academic year at a special ceremony in June. A Selection Committee made up of Ivy Tech faculty, program chairs, and college administration, selected the honorees based on nominations from various stakeholders including dual credit students, secondary and post-secondary administrators, and Ivy Tech K-14 team members.

“Kim is an incredible asset in many ways including the work she is doing as a dual credit instructor at Hamilton Heights High School,” Hamilton Heights High School Principal Jarrod Mason said. “She is extremely knowledgeable with an engaging and inspiring style that help students rise to the challenge of college-level work. She prepares students for greater success in their future college classes through discipline, focus, and skills to



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School Business educator, Kim Kaiser, is a 2022-23 Dual Credit President’s Award for Excellence in Instruction recipient from Ivy Tech College. Hamilton Heights High School Principal Jarrod Mason, Abby Tremain, Director of K-14 Initiatives at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus, and Rachel Kartz, Ivy Tech Hamilton County Interim Chancellor, also attended the recognition ceremony that was held in June at the Garment Factory in Franklin, Ind. Mason (right) is pictured with Kaiser, who is holding the coveted limestone “Ivy Tech Oscar.”

master their post-secondary coursework.”

During the 2022-2023 academic year, Heights had 234 students enrolled in dual credit programming through Ivy Tech Community College in Noblesville. Heights, in partnership with Ivy Tech, awarded 1,183 post-secondary credits to students

prior to graduation this year. Heights offers 12 dual credit courses with several teachers qualified to teach these courses.



## Support Riley Hospital & go crazy for pickleball with Noblesville Noon Kiwanis

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will hold a Pickleball Extravaganza next month to benefit Riley Hospital.

The event will be on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Forest Park Pickleball Courts in Noblesville. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and play begins at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$50 per team. Players are guaran-

teed four games to 11 and will play the best two out of three against a minimum of two different opponents. If a player wins, he or she will play additional games. Individual signups will be taken and placed with another individual if available.

There will be an indoor location in case of rain.

Register now at [this link](#).

## Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

**JULY**

**Young Professionals Happy Hour**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18  
Location: Grand Junction Plaza

**Party on the Patio**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18  
Location: Grand Junction Plaza

## Come dressed in your ‘sundae’ best for dairy association’s Ice Cream Social on the Circle

**The REPORTER**

A beloved summertime tradition returns to the heart of Downtown Indianapolis next Thursday for its 34th consecutive year.

The American Dairy Association Indiana (ADAI) Ice Cream Social on the Circle is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 13 on Monument Circle’s southeast quadrant in front of the Circle Tower Building, Hilbert Circle Theatre and AES headquarters. A bevy of volunteers – including a multitude of Celebrity Scoopers – will dish up gigantic ice cream sundaes from four serving tents for just \$5 each. All proceeds raised (including tips) will be contributed by the dairy association to benefit the programs of the 10 Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis sites.

In addition to ice cream sundaes and \$1 bottled water, guests will enjoy music, games, mascot antics, a meet-and-greet with a cow and calf from Purdue

Dairy Sciences, and more. The Ice Cream Social celebrates July as National Ice Cream Month and delivers a nod to Indiana’s No. 2 ranking in U.S. ice cream production.

“We love visiting the heart of Indianapolis to serve delicious ice cream sundaes while raising funds for such a deserving local organization,” ADAI CEO Jenni Browning said. “Indiana’s dairy farm families have celebrated National Ice Cream Month with this event for 34 consecutive July’s, and we all love having people join us on the Circle to thoroughly enjoy scrumptious ice cream with all of their favorite toppings on these hot summer days.”

Browning continued, “But even more than that, our nearly 700 Hoosier dairy farm families truly love giving back to the local community, this year to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis. This organization serves nearly

7,300 area youth annually in career exploration and educational enhancement, citizenship and leadership, the arts, and health & fitness. We are so pleased and proud that proceeds from this year’s Ice Cream Social will help support these important initiatives serving Indy’s youth and assist Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis in doing whatever it takes to build great futures.”

An Ice Cream Social feature popular with downtown businesses and residents also returns this year: the Ice Cream Party Packs. Pre-orders for Ice Cream Party Packs are available and enable guests to throw their own ice cream socials at office or home. Priced at just \$25, the Party Packs come in a cooler filled with a variety of prizes and two 48-ounce cartons of ice cream, one topping, one can of whipped cream, an ice cream scoop, plus

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# Westfield Democrats volunteer at Humane Society for Hamilton County



Photo provided by Hamilton County Democratic Party

The Westfield Democrats spent a rewarding Sunday morning in early June volunteering at the Humane Society for Hamilton County. Volunteer tasks included cleaning outdoor play areas, disinfecting surfaces, and washing litter boxes. The temptation was great to take an adorable dog or cat home. To adopt a new four-legged family member or support the mission of the Humane Society, visit [HamiltonHumane.com](http://HamiltonHumane.com). To hear about future opportunities to join the Westfield Democrats in volunteering, follow them on social media or sign up for their newsletter at [this link](#).

# State Senator Jim Buck endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor

## The REPORTER

Indiana State Senator Jim Buck has pledged his endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor.

“It is my honor to endorse Suzanne Crouch for Governor of the State of Indiana,” State Sen. Buck said. “I know of no other individual more qualified for the Office of Governor than Lt. Governor Crouch. Her vast experience in both local and state government is unpar-

alleled. I encourage your support as well.”

Jim Buck has served in the Indiana State Senate since 2008 after previously serving in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1994 to 2008. He represents Senate District 21, which consists of Tipton County and portions of Hamilton and Howard counties.



Crouch

Learn more about the candidate at [CrouchForIndiana.com](http://CrouchForIndiana.com).

## SUNDAE

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bowls, spoons, and napkins. Party Pack pre-orders are due by July 11; orders can be picked up at the Ice Cream Social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 13 from the large tent directly in front of Hilbert Circle Theatre. Pre-order at [IndyIceCream.com](http://IndyIceCream.com). Proceeds from Party Pack sales also will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis.

People unable to attend the Ice Cream Social in person might want to consider “Funding a Scoop” for a Club kid by making a donation to Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis: a \$50 contribution will support a Club kid in summer

camp, while a \$25 donation will support a Club kid’s annual school-year membership. Donations can also be made at [IndyIceCream.com](http://IndyIceCream.com).

“We can’t wait to greet our friends on the Circle again this year!” Browning said. “We encourage everyone to wear your ‘Sundae Best’ and join us July 13 at the Ice Cream Social on the Circle! And we sincerely thank our 2023 Ice Cream Social promotional partners: Prairie Farms, Kroger, Purdue Agriculture, Downtown Indy, and Cumulus radio stations WJJJ, WZPL, WFMS, 107.9 The Mix, and X93.9. We appreciate their support!”

# What preceded the Indiana State Police?

## The REPORTER

This week in Indiana’s history ...

**July 9, 1863** – About 450 members of the Harrison Home Guard waged battle with over 2,400 Confederate soldiers under General John Hunt Morgan. The “Battle of Corydon” was the only Civil War conflict on Indiana soil.

**July 10, 1899** – Noble Sissle, composer, lyricist, bandleader, singer, and playwright, known for the Broadway musical *Shuffle Along*, and the hit “I’m Just

Wild About Harry,” was born in Indianapolis.

**1921** – The Indiana Legislature created the Indiana Motor Vehicle Police Department. It was the first law enforcement agency to have statewide authority to enforce traffic laws. The division was also charged with investigating the growing problem of car thefts. The first force was made up of 16 officers. In 1933, the agency was reorganized as the Indiana State Police.

**July 13, 1987** – Pres-



ident Ronald Reagan visited Danville, Ind., and spoke in the rotunda of the courthouse. In his remarks, he said, “There is such a thing as common sense in America ... and isn’t it good to know that you can

still find it in places like the Hendricks County Courthouse?” Later in the day, he went to the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis to address members of the National Association of Counties.



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# Fishers Community Center planned for 2025 opening



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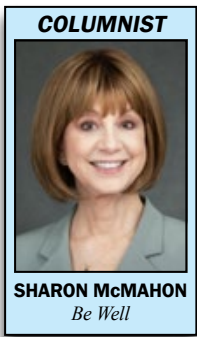
The City of Fishers recently announced plans to build the new 105,000 square-foot Fishers Community Center at Johnson Farms on Hoosier Road near 121st Street. The center will offer both memberships and day passes, with discounts for Fishers residents. It will also feature free amenities accessible to both residents and non-residents, including a large indoor playground, indoor track, and café, as well as multiple accessibility features such as adult companion care rooms, a zero-entry pool, and more. The project is anticipated to break ground this fall and open in spring 2025. Learn more at [ThisIsFishers.com/CommunityCenter](https://thisisfishers.com/CommunityCenter).

## It's not too late to start your New Year's resolution

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis*

Well, we are just past that mid-point in our "New Year's Resolutions" we made just about six months ago. Some of you probably were gung-ho about those, noting the goals you have identified in one, or many, categories including career, family, financial, fitness and health, hobbies, etc. Some of you may have been more casual about your 2023 resolutions, with just a mental note and a wait-and-see attitude.

However, I venture to say that we all had some ideas as we completed our holiday to-do lists and focused on the year ahead about what we wished to change, improve, omit, or add to our lives. What can happen – and often does happen – is that within a few months after we get excited about those resolutions, we begin to realize that we have not yet started to make those changes. Or perhaps we did begin to (take your pick) in-



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

corporate a better eating plan, start an exercise program, schedule more time with the family, begin a job search, enroll in classes, etc. but as often happens, life intervenes, and we just run out of steam.

The only upside to the pandemic dilemma is that we have renewed appreciation for the health of ourselves and our loved ones, so let's not lose sight of that.

Regarding those resolutions – don't give up! Although we are a little past the halfway point, it is still 2023! Why not revisit those resolutions and goals, re-evaluate, and consider your options? When we are at the beginning of a nice, shiny new year it is very easy to be a bit starry-eyed regarding those changes.

In particular, those of us "of a certain age" sometimes back off from making, or even considering, changes. I find in working with clients on their health and fitness goals that the wish for speedy results in both the way they look and feel can possibly undermine

the continued quest to reach their goals. Those who stay focused and realize that a "quick fix" (and don't we get bombarded with those ads!) will never be the answer to obtaining a more fit and healthy body will most likely reach their fitness goals. I am preparing to attend my 55th high school class reunion in a week or so, and just that number gives me pause as I evaluate my health goals and future. Please do not let your age hold you back from fitness goals, good nutrition, good relationships, and FUN in your life!

I believe that as long as we, regardless of our age, make a commitment to setting the goals and dreaming the dreams we will find that we can achieve much of what we desire. Here is a suggestion, and something I have done which I find helpful:

Find a photo (you know what I mean, one of those "hard copy" photos that you can actually hold in your hand...) of yourself at an age when you felt *optimistic, healthy, and excited about the future*. That may be when you were 8, 12, 15 or 25 – it doesn't matter. Put

that photo in a frame where you will see it every day. That person is YOU! It is *never* too late to take a deep breath, review that "list" you made six months ago and go forward.

We all want to be happy, and we often believe that attaining whatever our goals or resolutions may be will offer that to us. I hope you continue your quest to better your life in whatever categories you believe need the most work.

Another of my favorite quotes is offered by Eleanor Roosevelt: "Happiness is not a goal ... it's a by-product of a life well lived." I hope you live well and healthy and that the second half of 2023 is a good one for you, keeping your goals in front of you and moving toward them in a realistic, focused, and positive way. Happy Last Half + of the New Year!

**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**  
*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

## Cash in on your ex-spouse's Social Security

Many women (but the gender roles can be reversed) who have been long divorced assume they are ineligible to draw Social Security off a former spouse if he has remarried. It makes sense that his new wife is the one able to draw spousal benefits. Many women never investigate their rights any further.

Social Security will not reach out to you and let you know that you can collect on your former spouse if you meet the criteria. You must do your own research. Luckily Google makes that easy.

First, your marriage must have lasted for 10 full consecutive years. If you divorced at nine years and 11 months, you don't qualify.

Next, you must be currently single. You may have married and divorced after your first marriage, but as long as you are single now, you qualify. Are you living with someone and have a child with them? Still single. Check the date the judge signed your divorce decree.



SYLVIA GORDON  
Make Sense of Medicare

If you can't find your divorce decree, you'll have to go to the courthouse where you filed to get a copy. You'll need this to file with Social Security.

If you meet the above two qualifications, you can choose when to start drawing your spousal benefits. You may have heard you can get 50 percent of the amount your former spouse draws. Most people won't get 50 percent because they choose to draw benefits early. To get the full 50 percent, you must wait to draw until you reach your full retirement age. You might want to draw as early as age 62, but your amount will be around 30 percent. Many people think, "Well it's reduced at 62, but once I reach 67 it will increase." In fact, once you draw any Social Security benefit, you lock in that rate permanently. It will only increase if there is a cost of living increase each January. (Many years there is none.)

If you do want to draw

off your ex-spouse, he must have out-earned you. If you two made about the same income, you'll only draw your own retirement. No, you can't get part of yours and part of his. You'll only draw one benefit, whichever is higher.

Now that you've met all the above requirements, that last hurdle is the Social Security earned income limit. If you choose to draw a spousal benefit before your full retirement age, you can only earn about \$21,000 in 2023. The amount goes up slightly each year. If you have a part-time job and earn over this limit, for every \$2 you exceed it, your Social Security will be reduced by \$1. Earn \$31,000 and think it's not a big deal? The following year, your benefit will be reduced by \$5,000. Ouch! This is not a true penalty. If you live long enough you'll be able to get that money back, but aim to earn around the annual earnings limit if you want to draw benefits early.

What if you meet all the requirements above, but your hurdle is emotional? "I don't want to hurt his new wife; my kids really love

her" or "I'm on good terms with my ex and don't want to upset him." Again, this is based on faulty information. Drawing off your former spouse in no way impacts what he can draw. It doesn't hurt him. He isn't informed that you are drawing (but he can call SSA to find out). His new spouse isn't impacted either. Several ex-spouses can collect off the same man.

Let that sink in and you'll realize why the Social Security trust fund is in trouble.

You may have been married to two men and each marriage lasted 10 years or more. As long as you are single now, you can choose to draw off of whichever is the higher earner. If you are unsure who that is, you'll have to make an appointment with your local field office. Provide them with a certified copy of your marriage licenses and divorce decrees and SSA will tell you from whom to draw.

*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](https://TheMedicareFamily.com).*

### Letter to the Editor

## Fishers One calls upon Hamilton Southeastern Schools to provide detailed information on upcoming referendum

Dear Editor:

Members of Fishers One leadership team recently met with representatives from the Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSES) Referendum Committee and Advance HSE Political Action Committee to discuss the upcoming referendum. The meeting was to begin dialogue with this group so Fishers One can provide and share important information to the voting public in the coming months.

Fishers One emphasizes that its role is focused on educating the community about the facts and data associated with the Operating Referendum. At this time, Fishers One neither advocates for nor opposes the referendum. Advance HSE PAC is the organization tasked with raising campaign marketing funds to promote the referendum before the November election.

Our organization is expecting HSES to present the recommended ballot question and rate language to the public and Hamilton Southeastern School Board during the upcoming meeting on July 12. If that language passes, it will then be included on the Nov. 7 ballot. Fishers One commits to the community to provide information in order for the voters to make an informed decision.

Diane Eaton, the founder of Fishers One, expressed that, "Taxpayers are likely going to be asked to decide whether they want to support the referendum in November, therefore they should have all of the transparent information to make their decision."

Fishers One is asking HSES to address the following areas with supporting data in future presentations:

- 2016 Referendum stated goals and outcomes
- Any budget shortfall
- Proposed budget cuts or reductions prior to the 2023 Operating Referendum
- Detailed referendum spending budget
- Past and projected enrollment
- Impact of increased state funding and increased property values on the HSES budget
- Impact of referendum tax on taxpayers' bill
- Detailed budget cuts plan if referendum is not successful

Fishers One believes that by addressing the above topics and presenting supporting data in a clear and accessible manner, HSES can empower the community to make informed decisions on their vote. We encourage community members to email their questions directly to Dr. Stokes and HSES Board of Trustees.

**Fishers One**

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### Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, has been canceled.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 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 Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, has been changed to a joint meeting between the Redevelopment Commission and Redevelopment Authority. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

**Thanks for reading!**

### —CICERO—

#### LEGAL NOTICE Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on July 20th, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

**Docket No. BZA-0723-48-AG**

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted concerning Article 10.2 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the property located at 5411 East 296th Street, Atlanta Indiana, 46031 in order to: Allow a billboard sign in the "AG" district, whereas a billboard sign is not permitted in any Zoning district.

Project Address: 5411 East 296th Street, Atlanta IN 46031  
Legal Description: Acreage 112.65 Section 4, Township 20, Range 4  
Parcel number: 03-02-02-04-00-007.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to [fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov) Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
R2772 7/8/23, 7/10/23

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**Docket No. BZA-0723-47-AG**

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 49 East Jackson Street, Cicero Indiana 46034 to allow: a furniture restoration business with retail sales in the Neighborhood Commercial "NC" District, whereas a Furniture restoration business with retail sales is not a Permitted Use or a Special Exception Use in the Neighborhood Commercial "NC" District.

Project Address: 49 East Jackson Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034  
Legal Descriptions: Acreage .00 Section 6, Township 19, Range 5 JOHN HARRISON Lot Pt 12 & Pt 14  
Parcel numbers: 05-07-06-01-02-001.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to [fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov) Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
Petitioner: Scott Linberg- Reliant Partners June 26th, 2023  
R2773 7/8/23, 7/10/23



# Hamilton County groups get \$167K in Indiana Arts Commission grants

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced on Thursday it has awarded \$3,431,351 to 414 nonprofits to fund arts projects and organizations around the state through the Arts Organization Support and Arts Project Support grant programs.

Locally, 17 Hamilton County organizations received total funding of \$167,166. See the breakdown of funding rewards in the blue box at right.

During its June 9 Quarterly Business Meeting, the Commission approved the funding recommendations for the two grant programs. Applications were reviewed by 146 panelists from around the state and country with expertise in the arts, community development, and nonprofit

management.

Arts Organization Support grants provide annual operating support for the ongoing artistic and administrative functions of eligible arts organizations. Arts Project Support grants provide funding to Indiana 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public entities for a specific arts project or arts activities. Between both programs, 75 of Indiana's 92 counties will receive funding.

"The projects and organizations selected to receive funding are strengthening our state," Indiana Arts Commission Chair Anne Penny Valentine said. "The Commission is excited and honored to invest in Hoosier communities, supporting organizations that are doing exceptional creative work to make Indiana a

great place to live, work, play, study, and stay."

This year, changes to the AOS program were made to decrease barriers in the application process, increase support to smaller, emerging, and first-time applicants, and provide more meaningful award sizes to grant recipients through a field-driven input process. Learn more about this programmatic review at [this link](#).

Changes to the program resulted in increased support and access to small organizations and increased average overall award size statewide. The Arts Organization Support program received applications from 36 organizations not previously funded by the program, and funding to smaller organizations and rural communities increased.

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The Commission also voted to distribute funds from the Arts Trust, which is supported by the sale of the Celebrate the Arts license plate. One Arts Project Support grant recipient from every county with a funded application has been designated as an Arts Trust Project.

Conner Prairie Museum, Inc., was the designated recipient for Hamilton County.

Funding for these projects is supported in part through the Arts Trust Plate funding. Beneficiaries were selected based on exemplary commitment to community, education, economy, and health.

"Art and creativity strengthen the fabric of Indiana's communities. They promote connection and co-

Arts grant recipients in Hamilton County	
Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre	\$17,621
Carmel Repertory Theatre Inc.	\$4,529
Central Indiana Dance Ensemble	\$14,900
Christian Youth Theater, Indianapolis, Inc.	\$13,274
City of Westfield	\$4,000
Conner Prairie Museum Inc.	\$3,600
Fishers Arts Council	\$7,576
Front Porch Music Festival (FS: Nickel Plate Arts)	\$4,000
Gal's Guide to the Galaxy	\$4,000
Hamilton County Artist Association	\$5,993
Indiana Artisan Inc.	\$13,437
International Talent Academy	\$7,264
Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collections, Inc.	\$13,274
Nickel Plate Arts, Inc.	\$15,937
Resounding Joy	\$4,000
The Center for the Performing Arts	\$17,467
The Great American Songbook Foundation	\$16,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$167,166</b>

hesion, foster the entrepreneurial spirit communities need to thrive, and create the kinds of communities where people want to live," Indiana Arts Commission Executive Director Miah Michaelsen said. "In every corner of our state, public funding for arts and creativity continually proves to be a high-return investment that improves the quality of life of Hoosiers and drives economic development within our state."

## Noblesville Township is in the Bicentennial spotlight throughout July

**Submitted**

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission announces its lineup of grant-funded and community events for July 2023.

Noblesville Township, located in the center of Hamilton County and home to Noblesville, is being celebrated during July. The Bicentennial Commission will highlight a huge number of events this month, so be sure not to miss out. The traveling exhibit will also tour during the month.

You can see details and other events on the online calendar at [HamCoTurns200.com/events](#).

**Fun at Forest Park Carousel & Tom Thumb Golf Course**  
*Now through July 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.*  
*Forest Park, Noblesville*  
*Some FREE events. \$2 for carousel, \$3 for mini-golf*

The 103-year-old "Little Beauty" Carousel and "Tom Thumb" mini golf course will be showcased in all their glory. Check out new historic signage and videos and pick up free giveaways commemorating the carousel's history. Free ride times will include July 11 and July 18 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Noblesville Nostalgia Art Show**  
*Now through July 29, various times*  
*Nickel Plate Arts, 107 S. 8th St.*  
**FREE**

Nickel Plate Arts has collaborated with artists from Noblesville and beyond to showcase 200 years of history in Noblesville. Artists will share original pieces about Noblesville's history and heritage. Alongside this show, original art from the Hamilton County Bicentennial book will be on display as well as the traveling exhibit. During First Friday in July, come to the exhibit opening to visit with some artists and authors from the book and get your copy signed. Small quantities will be available for sale.



**History Faire**  
*July 22, 1 to 4 p.m.*  
*Gal's Guide to the Galaxy Library, 107 S. 8th St.*  
**FREE**

Think Science Faire but for history. Kids aged 10 and up as well as adults are invited to create a tri-fold board and dress up as notable people from Hamilton County and interact with guests to showcase what they learned. The information session and registration event on July 8 will provide ideas, examples, and tri-fold boards for free. If you can't make it, email [info@gals-guide.org](mailto:info@gals-guide.org) to have your spot reserved. The History Faire will take place on July 22 and will be open to the public. See how history comes to life when the community shares what they have learned about our wonderful community. Find more information at [gals-guide.org](#).

**American Legion Post 45 Reopening**  
*July 15, time TBD*  
*273 S. 8th St.*  
**FREE**

see President Truman, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and Teddy Roosevelt on the stage of the annual Noblesville Street Dance. Each presenter will speak then be available for Q&A near the Historical Society. Additionally, free ice cream (while supplies last.) will be available. Finally, after you hear from the historic celebrities, come inside the museum for a look at the Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit "Faces in the Crowd," which talks about voters over time in Indiana.

**Gibson Guitar & Mandolin Company Traveling Instrument Tour**  
*July 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*  
*Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St.*  
**FREE**

Join the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and the Gibson Guitar and Mandolin Company for an exhibition of antique and vintage instruments dated from 1903 to present. These valuable instruments will be transported from Nashville, Tenn., and three musicians will play tunes from different eras and discuss the historic context of the instruments. One of the musician-historians is the Master Luthier for the Gibson Company. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

**Light Up the Night**  
*July 29, 8 to 10 p.m.*  
*Potter's Bridge Park, 19401 N. Allisonville Road*  
**FREE**

Having recently moved from its location on Conner Street to the historic R. L. Wilson House, the Noblesville American Legion invites the public to the reopening of the post for activities and historic presentations. Visitors will learn about the history of the house, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2023, as well as the Post, which was founded in 1920. A band and ice cream social will also be part of the fun.

**Taste of History: Early Noblesville Dining & Recipes**  
*July 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*  
*Hamilton East Public Library – Noblesville*  
**FREE**

Join the staff of Hamilton East Public Library's Indiana Room as they take you on a food tour of early Noblesville restaurants. Hear about the first members of Hamilton County's "hospitality" industry as participants sample the historic dishes that made these Noblesville establishments famous. From corn pone to wild game, learn about the first foods served in Noblesville dining establishments with their culinary partner, 9th Street Bistro. Registration is full, so keep an eye out for the next in this series.

**Political Celebrities & the Vote Ice Cream Social**  
*July 22, 1 to 4 p.m.*  
*Hamilton County Historical Society, 810 Conner St.*  
**FREE**

The Hamilton County Historical Society has gathered some famous folks to re-enact their speeches on the square. Come

Hamilton County Parks and White River Canoe Company are working together to provide a visual experience for visitors during this evening event. Stroll along historic Potter's Bridge and see lighted canoes in the waters of White River for a unique show.

**Noblesville Township's Signature Event: Hamilton County Fabric Arts Show**  
*August; dates TBD*  
*Noblesville Township Trustee's Office, 836 Division St.*  
**FREE**

Come celebrate the fabric arts, both old and new. Held in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, this art show will showcase artists and techniques for different fabric arts. Noblesville Township's Signature Event is so big, event organizers had to squeeze it into August. Check out heirlooms and new pieces and vote for your favorite. Spots are still open until July 22, so [apply here](#) to be featured.

**About the Bicentennial**

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission was established by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as the official oversight agency for the 200th anniversary of the county in 2023. It will do so in partnership with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc, and lead sponsor Duke Energy. For more information, visit [HamCoTurns200.com](#).

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# Latest Carmel road construction updates

## The REPORTER Main Street & Lexington Boulevard roundabout

There will be disruptions and intermittent closures through Saturday, July 8 for milling, final concrete work and final paving. Contractors will finish sod, striping and other final items with a substantial completion by the end of the following week, weather permitting.

**111th Street & Spring Mill Road roundabout**

111th Street between Illinois Street and Spring Mill Road will be closed

for three weeks for the construction of a roundabout at the entrance to the Bridges development and the Spring Mill Place neighborhood. This roundabout is being constructed by a developer and not the City of Carmel.

**3rd Avenue SW**

Construction is underway on 3rd Avenue SW between Autumn Drive and 2nd Street SW. The road will be closed for approximately 18 months. Access to businesses along 3rd Avenue will be maintained for the duration of the project.

# Fishers road construction updates, week of July 10

## The REPORTER 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 installed 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 & Cumberland Road

Beginning on or after Tuesday, July 11, eastbound 106th Street will be closed, just east of Cumberland Road for utility work. The estimated project completion date is Tuesday, Aug. 15. The detour route will use Cumberland Road to 116th Street to Hoosier Road or Cumberland Road to 96th Street to Mollenkopf Road. View detour route [here](#).

## 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 2 is currently taking place. During this Phase, lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street and at the roundabouts at Interstate 69, Lantern Road and Crosspoint Boulevard. 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. Construction is ongoing; however, the Fall Creek Trail in this area has reopened and will remain open through the remainder of the project. The lift station site will have temporary fence and other safety measures in place during non-construction hours. Work is anticipated to be completed by early September. Please continue to use caution in this area.

## Geist Greenway

Geist Greenway is still an active construction zone. Work will resume on the trail south of Valley Crossing Drive on/or after September 1st and remains closed until construction is finished. Work has started on Phase 1B of the trail, which takes place between Bowline Drive and 104th Street. For general project information, please visit [playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway](#).

## Resurfacing Projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in the Bristols as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. 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](#).

## 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 I-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.

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

# New riders complete Bike Carmel’s ‘Learn 2 Ride’ workshop



Photo provided by City of Carmel

**Bike Carmel, presented by IU Health North, recently held its first round of Learn 2 Ride Workshops presented by Rollfast Cycling Club at Carmel Elementary School with Coach Matt Tanner. In just two hours, 10 kids were able to successfully move from training wheels to two wheels. The Learn 2 Ride Workshop, conducted at Carmel Elementary School, embraces a unique and proven four-step program to teach children how to ride a bike without the aid of training wheels. The program focuses on instilling balance, coordination, and confidence in young riders. More workshops for July were added but are already sold out.**

# Talk finances with your grown children

## COLUMNIST



COREY SYLVESTER  
Cicero Edward Jones

When you’re retired, you’ll likely have some financial concerns – just like all retirees. However, if you’ve invested regularly and followed a long-term financial strategy, you should be able to address most issues that come your way.

But there’s one important action that’s sometimes overlooked by retirees: sharing their financial situation with their grown children. And this knowledge can benefit everyone in your family.

You might be surprised by the concern your children have for your financial well-being. Consider these findings from a 2023 study by Age Wave and Edward Jones:

- 66 percent of millennials (generally defined as ranging from 27 to 42) worry that their parents or in-laws may not have enough money to live comfortably in retirement.
- 83 percent of millennials would rather know their

parents are financially secure in their retirement, even if it means their parents pass on less money to them.

If you have children in this age range or older, or who soon will be, how can you address their concerns and potentially improve your financial outlook? Communication is the key. By openly communicating with your family about your financial status, you can reduce anxieties and misperceptions. If you’re in good financial shape, your adult children may be reassured that you won’t be needing their assistance. And if you are feeling some financial pressures, you can inform your children of the steps you are taking to improve your situation.

One such step may be to reduce your cost of living – the less you spend day to day, the better your ability to preserve your investment and retirement accounts. You may be able to reduce costs

in many small ways, such as ending streaming services you no longer use, but you could make an even bigger impact by downsizing your living arrangements. In fact, 72 percent of today’s retirees have downsized or are willing to downsize to reduce their housing costs, according to the Age Wave/Edward Jones survey. Downsizing isn’t for everyone, but if it’s a possibility for you, it may be worth considering because the savings could be significant.

You may also be able to reduce or consolidate your debts. Start by understanding how much and what kinds of debt you have. Then, consider ways to lower your payments, such as refinancing. For example, if you’re carrying a balance on multiple credit cards, you might be able to transfer the amounts you owe onto a single card with a more favorable interest rate.

Here’s another move to consider: Adjust your investment mix to possibly provide you with more income in retirement. During your work-

ing years, you may have invested primarily for growth – after all, you could be retired for two or more decades, so you’ll need to draw on as many financial assets as possible. But once you’re retired, your investment focus may need to shift somewhat toward income-producing opportunities. Keep in mind, though, that you’ll still need some growth potential to help keep ahead of inflation.

One final suggestion: Let your children know if you already have a strategy in place to meet the potentially high costs of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay. This burden is certainly something you won’t want your children to take on.

By informing your children about your financial picture, and how you’re trying to improve it, you can ease everyone’s minds – so keep the lines of communication open.

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# Indiana State Fair foods: which dish will be No. 1?

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**  
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Midway rides, exhibits, concerts, and animals are highlights of any state or county fair, but for many Hoosiers, the 2023 Indiana State Fair will be about one thing: food.

When the fair kicks off on July 28, so will the annual **“Taste of the Fair”** competition.

Thirty new food items will compete for the title of “2023 Taste of the Fair Winner” and a cash prize. [Click here](#) to see last year’s winner, the Pickle Pizza from Swain Concessions.

Here are the tasty treats and delicious drinks competing for your vote:

1. **BBQ Pig Wings** – Indiana Pork: The BBQ bone-in pork wing comes from the bottom of the ham and consists of tender, delicious dark meat. With a single small bone running through the middle, this wing is pork without a fork!

2. **Bratchos** – Urick Concessions: Crisp tortilla chips topped with a sizzling Bratwurst, creamy hatch queso, zesty jalapeños, fire-roasted salsa, and a dollop of sour cream.

3. **Buffalo Pork-n-Mac** – Nitro Hog: A bowl of homemade mac ‘n cheese with pulled pork, buffalo sauce, and ranch dressing drizzled on top.

4. **Cherry Lemonade Twister** – Twisted Drinks

and Food: Fresh-squeezed lemonade with cherry syrup and maraschino cherries.

5. **Cherry ShakeUp** – Hi & Mighty: Eat, drink and be cherry! This citrus refresher is made to shake it up for celebrations big & small. In partnership with Ball State University... Chirp Chirp Cherry!

6. **Chocolate Glazed Popcorn** – Olde Tyme Poppin Korn: Popped the old fashion way, but with a tasty chocolate glaze and a hint of salt.

7. **Cinnamon Crunch Corn** – Fairlivin Concessions: Shredded sweet corn on the cob in butter, topped with a cinnamon toast crunch and cream cheese icing.

8. **Deep Fried Corn on a Stick** – Cantina Louies by Meatball Factory: A 6-inch ear of corn on a stick seasoned that’s dipped in a buttermilk and egg mixture, rolled into spiced cornmeal flour, then fired until golden brown and topped with mayo and Parmesan cheese.

9. **Deep Fried Sandwich Cookie Ale** – Sun King Brewery & Spirits: A classic Sun King ale with notes of deep-fried sandwich cookie makes for a delicious summer drink!

10. **Elote Pizza** – DG Concession: Signature crust topped with mozzarella and cotija cheese, corn, jalapeños, a drizzle of chipotle mayo, a sprinkle of tajin, and crushed ranch tortilla chips.

11. **Flaming Hot Chee-**

to Corn in a Cup – Wilson Concessions: Corn, nacho cheese, Flaming Hot Cheetos, and tajin served in a cup.

12. **Gimme S’more Bourbon Shake** – Urick Concessions: A boozy milkshake with Hotel Tango’s Shmallow Toasted Marshmallow Bourbon, creamy vanilla ice cream, and milk blended together and topped with the classic s’mores essentials.

13. **Hoosier Burger Mango** – Black Leaf Vegan, LLC: Made in the Hoosier State, this plant-based burger patty is submerged in our unique Black Leaf sauce (teriyaki bbq), topped with fresh mango salsa and vegan cheddar cheese on a buttery brioche bun.

14. **Indiana Hardwood Nachos** – Twisted Drinks and Food: Nacho chips layered with queso cheese and homemade Indiana street corn and then drizzled with Sweet Baby Rays BBQ Sauce!

15. **Italian Melt** – American Dairy Association Indiana Inc.: Provolone and basil pesto on sourdough with marinara sauce for dipping.

16. **Lemon Drop Drizzle** – R&W Concession: Five mini sponge cakes with lemon icing dipped in funnel cake batter, deep fried, dusted with powdered sugar, and drizzled with vanilla icing. Ooey Gooley Deliciousness!

17. **The Dirty Dog** – R&W Concession: Smoked burnt end brisket link hand dipped in cornmeal batter,

deep fried golden brown, and smothered in BBQ sauce.

18. **Nutellaphant Ear** – Urick Concessions: Fried dough slathered with velvety Nutella, topped with strawberries and bananas, and sprinkled with powdered sugar.

19. **Pepperoni Pizza Pretzel** – Wilson Concessions: A jumbo pretzel with pizza sauce, pepperoni, mozzarella cheese, and Parmesan cheese.

20. **S’mores Funnel Cake** – LT Concessions LLC: Funnel cake with marshmallow drizzle, Hershey’s chocolate and graham cracker crumble.

21. **Sirloin Tip Fries** – SW Concessions: A mountain of curly fries cooked to a golden brown and topped with cheese, sirloin beef tips, and – of course! – A1 steak sauce.

22. **Smoked Bologna Burnt Ends** – Red Frazier Bison Ranch: Smoked bologna burnt ends served with pickles and mustard.

23. **Spicy Sweet Chili Walking Taco** – Georgia’s Kitchen: Spicy sweet chili Doritos with seasoned ground beef, lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa, and sour cream.

24. **Street Corn Pizza** – Swains Concessions: Fresh dough topped with a homemade white sauce, sprinkled with mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, finished off with fire-roasted corn, chili



Photo provided by Indiana State Fair

**Buffalo Pork-n-Mac (offered by Nitro Hog BBQ) is a bowl of homemade mac-n-cheese with pulled pork, buffalo sauce, and ranch dressing drizzle. It’s one of 30 “Taste of the Fair” items available at the 2023 Indiana State Fair.**

lime seasoning, and cilantro, then baked to perfection.

25. **The Hoosier Slam Dunk Caramel Apple Surprise** – Jessop Candy Products: Cinnamon-sugared apple slices with hot caramel sauce, nuts, sprinkles, optional mini chocolate chips or chocolate sauce, whipped cream, and a cherry, then topped with cotton candy.

26. **The Indiana Grown Burger** – Red Frazier Bison Ranch: Rice’s Farm Quality Meats bacon, Metal Honey Foods burger jam, Rising Creek goat cheese, Dillman Farm’s bread & butter pickles, and Cornerstone Bread pretzel bun.

27. **The Mac Daddy Empanada** – Gobble Gobble: Cheesy mac and cheese and the pulled BBQ Turkey combo stuffed in an empanada.

28. **The Walking Burger** – Indiana Ribeye: Regular or BBQ chips with a ham-

burger cut into bite-sized pieces and a scoop of our cowboy beans.

29. **Vanilla Dream Coffee Ice Cream Soda** – Hook’s Drug Store Museum and Soda Fountain: Vanilla-flavored iced coffee topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and whipped topping.

30. **Wicked Chicken N Waffles** – Urick Concessions: This infernally hot take on a classic dish features chicken tenders sandwiched between two waffles, drenched in Mike’s Hot Honey, and topped with crushed Flamin’ Hot Cheetos.

The 2023 Indiana State Fair runs July 28 to Aug. 20 and will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You can see the schedule [here](#).

**General admission tickets** are \$11 each, and one-day parking passes are \$8 each.

## Community News

*Hope Bible Fellowship  
invites you to Ice Cream Social*

Hope Bible Fellowship of Noblesville invites the community to an Ice Cream Social to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at 2350 Conner St.

Come enjoy free ice cream, play yard games, get your face painted, and make new friends.

Learn more at [HopeBibleFellowship.net](#) or call (317) 678-9017.

## Consumer alert: Products recalled in June

### The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in June. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items.

“Summer is a time to relax and for your kids to

have fun playing outdoors,” AG Rokita said. “You shouldn’t have to worry if your children’s toys are defective or could cause them any harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution



Rokita

from the manufacturer immediately.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in June:

- Jetson Nova and Star 3-Wheel Kick Scooters from Jetson Electric Bikes
- Robo Alive Junior Baby Shark Sing & Swim Bath Toys (full-size) and Robo Alive Junior Mini Baby Shark Swimming Bath Toys (mini-size) from Zuru
- Hurtle Multi-Purpose Helmet from Sound Around
- EGO Power+ Model HT2410 Cordless Brushless Hedge Trimmers from Chervon North America
- PowerXL Self-Cleaning Juicers from Empower Brands
- Narskido Infant Bath Seats from TopGlore
- Kate and Laurel Astora and Valenti Mirrors from Uniek
- Arctic Cat 8000 Series Snowmobiles from Textron Specialized Vehicles
- Deux Par Deux Children’s One-Piece and Two-Piece Pajama Sets from Deux Par Deux
- Little Cotton Clothes Pajamas and Nightdresses from Little Cotton
- Party Time Collection Loveseats, Sofas and Re-

cliners from Ashley Furniture Industries

- Giro Merit Bicycle Helmets from Bell Sports
- Haining Degao Benches from TJX
- Armstrong Air and Air Ease single stage gas furnaces from Allied Air Enterprises
- John Deere™ XUV590E, XUV590M and XUV590M S4 Gator™ utility vehicles from John Deere
- Ferrous Sulfate (Iron) Enteric-Coated Tablets, 324 mg – 100 Tablet Bottles from Nationwide Pharmaceutical
- Boost The Mood Ceramic Mugs from Michael Giordano International
- Steam Humidifiers from Research Products
- Concord Dual Power Recliner Chairs from Haverty’s
- Zooby Video Baby Monitors for Cars from Infanttech

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to June, visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](#).

## Sheridan Fire to hold CPR training

### The REPORTER

The Sheridan Fire Department, along with the Town of Sheridan, will conduct a CPR Training Class from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 15 at the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. Third St.

Cost is \$30 per participant and the class is limited to 30 participants. Participants will receive a CPR certificate at the completion of the training.

Registration and payments can be made through the church’s website at

[SheridanFCC.org](#) under the “Give” tab. Please select the CPR class and note your information in the memo field.

Payments also can be sent to the church at P.O. Box 111, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Registration will close Saturday, July 8. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please call (317) 758-4569 with questions.

*The mission of Sheridan First Christian Church is to provide a welcoming community to help anyone know, love, and follow Jesus.*



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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*This is the account of Noah and his family.*

*Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.*

*Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.*

*Genesis 6:9-14 (NIV)*

## George Vincent Beck

August 29, 1954 – July 5, 2023

George Vincent Beck, 68, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on August 29, 1954, to Vernnon and Nancy (Luke) Beck in San Diego, Calif.

George was a district manager for Sherwin Williams for over 30 years before retiring. Then because of his passion for woodworking, George opened his own woodworking shop, Fishers Laser Carvers. He enjoyed golfing and listening to all styles of music. George studied Theology at Butler University where he earned his bachelor's degree and loved BU basketball. He had the "gift of gab," enjoyed a good debate, was very witty, and could make anyone laugh.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Michelle Beck; siblings, Marty (Mary) Beck, Jo (Scott) Courter, and Jenny (Jeff) Brooks; nieces and nephews, Josh, Gabe, Jody, Jamie, Maddie, Sara, Erin, Amanda, Tim, and Caryn; several great-nieces and nephews; and beloved dog, Abby (Caviler King Charles).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Jessica Marie Beck; nephew, Adam Brooks; and niece, Lindsay Flowers.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Reverend Gale Stutz officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([hamiltonhumane.com](http://hamiltonhumane.com)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



A recently released [report](#) by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) found the use of non-compete agreements is widespread throughout the U.S. labor market and restricts job mobility, lowers wages for workers, and discourages innovation.

GAO found that workers' job mobility is reduced in states that are more likely to enforce non-compete agreements, and states that limit these clauses see increased wages, on average. The studies reviewed by GAO also showed that enforcement of non-compete agreements may restrain the creation of new businesses – especially in the tech and science industries – due to increased probability of litigation and greater costs of recruiting and hiring staff.

This GAO report confirmed what we have long known: the vast majority of non-compete agreements restrict job mobility and stifle economic growth.

Nearly **30 million Americans**, in both high and lower earning positions across all economic sectors, have non-compete clauses in their employment contracts. This includes half of workers making \$150,000 and above, and 14 percent of those earning \$40,000 or less. Non-compete clauses cover numerous professions, from engineers to fast

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TODD YOUNG  
United States Senator

food workers to hairstylists.

Non-compete clauses are provisions in contracts stipulating that an employee may not leave one employer for another until a designated period of time has passed, sometimes up to two years. Oftentimes they also prohibit workers from taking jobs in or near the same city or region as their previous employer, or starting firms that could potentially compete with their former company.

Some employers will say these arrangements protect the interests of companies who do not want workers using trade secrets against them for a competitor. But the rampant overuse of non-compete clauses ultimately does far more harm than good for the overall economy. Employers have other tools at their disposal to protect sensitive information, including customer non-solicitation agreements and statutes on protecting trade secrets.

There is ample evidence that the pervasive use of non-competes is stifling the economic forces that I and many other lawmakers want to encourage – entrepreneurship, innovation, and wage growth.

The problem is especially acute in health care. The contracts of **90 percent of physicians** include non-compete clauses. When doctors are forced to relocate to a new

city to find work, patients have to drive long distances to keep seeing their physician or are forced to find a new provider. The shortage of health care providers is already of great concern to rural and underserved communities, and limiting the mobility of physicians is counterintuitive.

Restricting any worker's ability to a leave one job – where they may be underpaid or feel unsatisfied – for another with better compensation and benefits robs Americans of their ability to reach their full potential while denying them better pay and benefits.

Non-compete clauses are also an obstacle to innovation. They make it difficult for fledgling companies to find and hire talent. States where non-compete clauses are legal have markedly fewer startups, and the new firms that do manage to launch are more likely to fail.

The evidence is persuasive: the overuse of non-compete clauses is harming the American labor force and undermining the free market that helps our workers flourish.

The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** recently proposed a rule that would make it illegal for an employer to enter into a non-compete with a worker. The proposed rule would also require companies to rescind existing agreements.

While the FTC is right to examine this issue, a better and lasting solution is for Congress to pass bipartisan

legislation addressing the overuse of non-compete clauses. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and I recently introduced the **Workplace Mobility Act** to give workers the freedom to leave, strive, and spur much-needed economic growth. The bill would restore workers' right to leave, greatly narrowing the use of non-compete clauses across the American economy.

Our proposal would require prospective employers to inform job candidates of restrictions on non-compete clauses, an important provision to prevent enforcement even in states where they are already illegal. Though our bill would limit the majority of non-compete agreements, it also creates sensible exceptions.

Ending the overuse of non-compete clauses and doing so through bipartisan legislation rather than executive rulemaking will empower workers and bolster our economy. Recent estimates indicate that simply eliminating non-competes would result in over \$3 billion in additional earnings for American workers. And curbing non-compete clauses will have other notable economic benefits, such as lowering health care costs by **\$150 billion per year**.

We need to free the vast majority of American workers from the burden of non-compete clauses. The freedom to leave, after all, is central to the right to rise. And there are few things more American than that.

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FUN AT FOREST PARK CAROUSEL AND TOM THUMB GOLF COURSE

July 1-31, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., Forest Park Cicero Road, Noblesville  
Some FREE events! \$2 for carousel, \$3 for mini-golf  
The 103-year-old “Little Beauty” Carousel (pictured above) and “Tom Thumb” mini golf course will be showcased in all their glory. FREE ride times will include July 11 and 18, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

MUSIC FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE

July 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Courthouse Square Conner Street, Noblesville | FREE  
The Noblesville Township Office will offer a jam-packed music festival to kick off Noblesville’s month! Almost a dozen artists will play multiple genres throughout the day!

NOBLESVILLE NOSTALGIA ART SHOW

July 7-29 (hours vary), Nickel Plate Arts South 8th Street, Noblesville | FREE  
Artists will share original pieces showcasing Noblesville’s history and heritage. Art from the Hamilton County Bicentennial book and traveling exhibit will also be on display. The exhibit will open on First Friday on July 7; visit with artists and book authors, and purchase a signed copy! (Limited quantities available.)

HISTORY FAIRE

July 8 and 22, Gal’s Guide to the Galaxy Library South 8th Street, Noblesville | FREE  
Kids and adults are invited to create a tri-fold board and dress up as notable people from Hamilton County to interact with History Faire guests.  
July 8, 1-2 p.m. Information session will provide ideas, examples and tri-fold boards for free.  
July 22, 1-4 p.m. The History Faire is open to the public. See how history comes to life when the community shares what they have learned about our wonderful community.

HAMILTON COUNTY MILITARY & VETERANS CELEBRATION AND RESOURCE FAIR

July 8, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Noblesville Schools Community Center, Field Drive, Noblesville | FREE  
Veterans, active military, their families, and the general public are invited to this Veteran Resource Fair to learn about federal, state and local resources available to our Hamilton County Veterans.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 45 REOPENING

July 15, time TBD, American Legion Post 45 South 8th Street, Noblesville | FREE  
Recently moved from Conner Street to the historic R. L. Wilson House, the Noblesville American Legion invites the public to its reopening with activities, historic presentations, music and ice cream.

NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP’S SIGNATURE EVENT

HAMILTON COUNTY FABRIC ARTS SHOW

August 2023 (Visit HamCoTurns200.com for date updates)  
Noblesville Township Office, South 8th Street, Noblesville  
FREE  
Celebrate the fabric arts, both old and new! Hosted in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, the Hamilton County Fabric Arts Show will showcase artists and techniques for different fabric arts. Check out heirlooms and new pieces and vote for your favorite. Artists may apply to participate until July 22.

TASTE OF HISTORY: EARLY NOBLESVILLE DINING AND RECIPES

July 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Hamilton East Public Library - Noblesville, Library Plaza | FREE  
Sample dishes that made Noblesville’s early restaurants famous, from corn pone to wild game; in partnership with 9th Street Bistro. (Registration is full. Keep an eye out for the next in this series!)

POLITICAL CELEBRITIES AND THE VOTE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 22, 1-4 p.m. Hamilton County Historical Society, 810 Conner St. Noblesville | FREE  
Hear reenactments of speeches by Harry Truman, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony and Teddy Roosevelt on the stage of the Noblesville Street Dance! Free ice cream while supplies last. Inside the museum, enjoy the Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit “Faces in the Crowd.”

GIBSON GUITAR AND MANDOLIN COMPANY TRAVELING INSTRUMENT TOUR

July 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Preservation Hall Logan Street, Noblesville | FREE  
Enjoy an exhibition of valuable antique and vintage instruments from 1903 to the present, transported all the way from Nashville, Tenn. Musician-historians, including the Master Luthier for the Gibson Company, will play and discuss the historic context of the instruments. (RSVP requested.)

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

July 29, 8-10 p.m., Potter’s Bridge Park - Allisonville Road, Noblesville | FREE  
Hamilton County Parks and White River Canoe Company are working together to provide a lighted visual experience for visitors during this evening event along historic Potter’s Bridge.

HAMILTON CO. BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT Noblesville:

July 1-14, Nickel Plate Arts, S. 8th St.  
July 15-28, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Pleasant Street  
July 29-Aug. 4, Noble Crossing Elementary School, Noble Crossing Parkway  
FREE | Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when the exhibit is open to the public.



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# Noblesville welcomes more than 850 swimmers for Enchanted Forest Meet

By **RICHIE HALL**

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**NOBLESVILLE** — The Noblesville Swim Club's 28th annual Enchanted Forest Swim Meet began Friday at the Forest Park Aquatic Center with beautiful weather and fast swims.

This year's meet features 850 swimmers and 28 teams, plus four unattached swimmers. Swim clubs from all across Indiana are competing, along with a couple of out-of-state teams. The Greater Toledo Aquatic Club made its way from Ohio, and the Pickering Swim Club crossed the Canadian border from Ontario to compete at the meet again.

"We expect to have some really good, competitive swims," said Chris Berger, meet director.

There were several winners from local swim clubs on Friday. Grace Gannon of Fishers Area Swimming Tigers (FAST) won two events in the Girls 9-10 division. She placed first in the 200 individual medley and the 200 freestyle, which both took place during the evening session.

Five county swimmers picked up wins during the afternoon session. That included four FAST swimmers: Ayla Madara in the Girls 13-14 400 free, Caden Askren in the Boys 13-14 400 free, Amira Leer in the Girls Open 400 free and Sean Harvey in the Boys Open 400 free.

Noblesville's Maya McDonald represented her club well, taking first in the Girls Open 400 IM. Westfield Aquatics had two runner-up finishes: Leyla Urazov in the Girls 8 and under 200 IM and Kate Cassidy in the Girls Open 1500 free.

If you attend the Enchanted Forest meet, you may also get to hear some music during the swims. The meet will again feature "Hot Heats," where a song plays while the swimmers are competing. Classic rock fans would have enjoyed Friday afternoon's songs, featuring such bands as Boston and The Who.

"We've done that for several years," said Berger. "We do it at our short-course meets and at our long-course meets. It just adds a level of excitement to the competition."

The meet continues both Saturday and Sunday. Morning sessions take place both days beginning at 7:30 a.m., featuring preliminaries in the 13-14 and Open age groups. Afternoon sessions start at 1:30 p.m. both days, with competition for the 8 and under, 9-10 and 11-12 groups. The evening sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. both days, and the 13-14 and Open division swimmers will compete in finals.

The top 20 swims in each Friday event now follows.

**Girls 13-14 400 individual medley**  
2. Ayla Madara (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 5:17.16, 3. Evie Wheat (Westfield Aquatics) 5:37.46, 4. Kate Cassidy (WA) 5:41.69, 6. Nora Sperry (WA) 5:46.36, 8. Abby Jane Avritt (FAST)



(Above) Westfield Aquatics Head Age Group Coach Garrett Surface talks with his swimmers during Friday's afternoon session at the annual Enchanted Forest Swim Meet at the Forest Park Aquatic Center. At left is Kate Cassidy, who went on to finish second in the Girls Open 1500 freestyle during the evening session. (Below) Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' Joshua Appleton competes in the Boys 13-14 400 individual medley. (Bottom) Noblesville Swim Club's Maya McDonald won the Girls Open 400 individual medley.

5:49.58, 9. Laney McCulloch (WA) 5:49.74, 10. Lexi Adams (FAST) 5:50.25, 14. London Gustin (FAST) 6:32.58, 15. Maggie Schlick (WA) 6:36.36.

**Boys 13-14 400 individual medley**  
3. Caden Askren (FAST) 5:14.45, 9. Santiago Castro (FAST) 5:34.05, 14. Brayden Wright (NOB) 5:52.85, 19. Iain Morrison (NOB) 6:51.16, 20. Joshua Appleton (FAST) 6:55.73.

**Girls Open 400 individual medley**  
1. Maya McDonald (NOB) 5:29.49, 2. Katie Sutton (NOB) 5:39.39, 3. Lily Ziino (FAST) 5:44.48, 4. Ellie Hall (WA) 5:54.74, 5. Anna Miller (NOB) 6:11.28, 8. Kirsten McCormick (NOB) 6:29.01.

**Boys Open 400 individual medley**  
2. Connor Pearson (NOB) 5:11.42, 3. Anthony Mathis (NOB) 5:20.84, 4. James Gropp (FAST) 5:27.14, 7. Ethan Braasch (WA) 5:42.33.

**Girls 13-14 400 freestyle**  
1. Madara (FAST) 4:40.60, 2. Avery Hannon (FAST) 4:45.38, 3. Cassidy (WA) 4:51.22, 4. Maggie Alley (WA) 4:59.26, 5. Olivia Thompson (FAST) 4:59.83, 13. Celia Ayres (FAST) 5:10.87, 14. Abigail Ackerman (FAST) 5:10.89, 19. McCulloch (WA) 5:15.25.

**Boys 13-14 400 freestyle**  
1. Askren (FAST) 4:37.37, 4. Hagen Lee (FAST) 4:40.29, 7. Castro (FAST) 4:47.25, 8. Isaiah Vohs (NOB) 4:49.71, 9. Gavin Gannon (FAST) 4:50.09, 10. Quinton Upshaw (FAST) 4:50.67, 14. Eli Francis (FAST) 4:57.23, 17. Joshua Naas (NOB) 5:00.75, 19. Logan Senior (FAST) 5:05.26.

**Girls Open 400 freestyle**  
1. Amira Leer (FAST) 4:48.51, 2. Demme Hancewicz (FAST) 4:55.54, 4. Olivia Motz (NOB) 4:56.82, 6. Clara McIntyre (FAST) 4:59.87, 10. Ellie Webster (WA) 5:10.30, 11. Kyra Blackwell (NOB) 5:10.75, 13. Bella McNally (WA) 5:15.80, 14. Talia Leer (FAST) 5:15.81, 16. Anna Chitty (FAST) 5:19.30, 17. Ellana Morse (WA) 5:23.57, 19. Julia Santerre (NOB) 5:26.15, 20. Mallory Mehninger (NOB) 5:31.20.

**Boys Open 400 freestyle**  
1. Sean Harvey (FAST) 4:28.40, 4. Mason Snyder (NOB) 4:34.74, 5. Mark Berger (NOB) 4:37.01, 14. Jeremiah Ledwith (NOB) 4:57.29, 15. Drew Setmeyer (NOB) 5:01.09.

**Girls 11-12 200 individual medley**  
2. Allie Amsden (NOB) 2:42.08, 5. Ruby Hines (FAST) 2:49.21, 6. Audrey Wolf (FAST) 2:49.49, 8. Addie Goettler (NOB) 2:49.99, 14. Hayley Blackwell (NOB) 2:54.46, 15. Sakhari Shaw (FAST) 2:54.81, 16. Larkin Lee (FAST) 2:55.19.

**Boys 11-12 200 individual medley**  
3. Bryce Conner (NOB) 2:48.69, 12. Nolan Stormer (WA) 2:57.85, 13. Liam Chop (FAST) 2:58.00, 17. Zach Biddle (NOB) 3:03.41, 20. Finnegan Harvey (FAST) 3:07.73.

**Girls 8 and under 200 individual medley**  
2. Leyla Urazov (WA) 4:10.87, 3.



Annistyn Worley (NOB) 4:11.10, 6. Mia Lamorand (NOB) 4:24.16.

**Girls 9-10 200 individual medley**  
1. Grace Gannon (FAST) 2:43.29, 17. Alba Brown (FAST) 4:05.52, 18. Aria Tam (WA) 4:11.75, 19. Izzy Hood (WA) 4:14.17.

**Boys 8 and under 200 individual medley**  
2. James Davis (FAST) 3:21.05, 5. Jace Jackson (NOB) 3:57.35, 6. Oliver Grieshop (NOB) 4:08.49, 7. Donavan Rabourn (NOB) 4:18.92, 8. Michael Bielski-Russell (FAST) 4:47.42.

**Boys 9-10 200 freestyle**  
3. Dane Teske (NOB) 3:15.31, 8. Landon Worley (NOB) 3:21.66, 9. Drew Conner (NOB) 3:22.18, 13. Grayson Rabourn (NOB) 3:55.25, 15. Brody Overturf (NOB) 4:04.50, 16. Gabriel Laguardo (WA) 4:15.69, 18. Jackson Lippott (NOB) 4:29.82, 19. Carson Sutton (NOB) 4:30.10.

**Girls 11-12 200 freestyle**  
3. Amsden (NOB) 2:23.87, 5. Blackwell (NOB) 2:26.94, 6. Goettler (NOB) 2:27.05, 8. Wolf (FAST) 2:29.65, 9. Ella Eveslage (WA) 2:29.69, 10. Hines (FAST) 2:29.81, 16. Lee (FAST) 2:34.50.

**Boys 11-12 200 freestyle**  
11. Conner (NOB) 2:36.53, 13. Chop (FAST) 2:37.08, 16. Stormer (WA) 2:40.35, 18. Biddle (NOB) 2:41.61.

**Girls 8 and under 200 freestyle**  
2. Casey Dailey (NOB) 3:32.73, 3.

Worley (NOB) 3:42.61, 5. L. Urazov (WA) 3:48.48, 7. Lamorand (NOB) 4:07.62, 10. Maleeka Urazov (WA) 4:50.73.

**Girls 9-10 200 freestyle**  
1. Gannon (FAST) 2:34.21, 12. Parker Goff (NOB) 3:14.79, 15. Brown (FAST) 3:16.91, 19. Tam (WA) 3:32.24.

**Boys 8 and under 200 freestyle**  
2. Davis (FAST) 3:10.31, 6. Jackson (NOB) 3:20.09, 7. Grieshop (NOB) 3:42.34, 9. D. Rabourn (NOB) 3:50.33, 10. Bielski-Russell (FAST) 4:07.95, 12. Misha Movila (FAST) 4:18.42.

**Boys 9-10 200 freestyle**  
2. Colin Davis (FAST) 2:43.24, 3. Teske (NOB) 2:50.69, 5. Conner (NOB) 2:56.10, 11. Worley (NOB) 3:05.18, 16. G. Rabourn (NOB) 3:20.45, 17. Harmon Nickloy (NOB) 3:20.69, 20. Overturf (NOB) 3:34.44.

**Girls Open 1500 freestyle**  
2. Cassidy (WA) 18:25.78, 3. Gracie Alley (WA) 18:56.04, 4. Anna Brown (FAST) 19:15.39, 5. Motz (NOB) 19:37.73, 6. Clara McIntyre (FAST) 19:55.13, 7. McCulloch (WA) 20:03.81, 8. Bridget Keller (NOB) 20:05.13, 12. Smith (WA) 21:00.42, 17. Meredith Nickloy (NOB) 22:23.80, 18. Alexis Jackson (NOB) 23:30.40.

**Boys Open 1500 freestyle**  
3. Alex Koo (FAST) 18:04.59, 4. Askren (FAST) 18:18.94, 17. Francis (FAST) 20:08.99, 20. Adam Hill (NOB) 20:39.52.

# Shane Van GisWho?

The NASCAR Street Race held in Chicago, Ill., last weekend was anything but ordinary. As I discussed last week, it was the first of its kind. NASCAR has a long history of racing on permanent road courses, but this was the first time it took to city streets for a proper street race.

Leading up to the race, there was a great deal of concern and speculation. Would the course be ready and in satisfactory condition? Would the racing be good? Would the city embrace the event? Would fans turn out.

As we now know, NASCAR created a world-class event, though race weekend nearly ended in utter disaster. Upon arriving and walking the track, the buzz in the garage among the drivers and crews was that NASCAR may have executed a master stroke. After getting on the track for practice and qualifying, drivers were visibly excited, expecting passing opportunities and competitive racing. Saturday started off picture perfect. Both the Cup and Xfinity cars practiced and qualified without any problems. The track, though challenging, held up well and was the catalyst for many exciting moments.

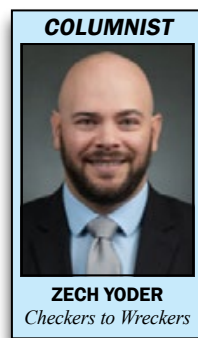
Late Saturday afternoon, the Xfinity race began without incident and while the first handful of laps were relatively tame as the drivers were feeling out their cars and the course, racing was abruptly halted when lightning was spotted in the city. Unfortunately, city policies forced the entire venue to be cleared, despite lightning being well outside the venue. Because the venue was cleared, fans could not be reassembled before dark, and the Xfinity race was postponed until Sunday morning. Sunday came with what can only be described as a monsoon. Heavy rains flooded the track, and the Xfinity race was eventually called, two laps short half-way.

With heavy rains through most of the afternoon, the Cup race was in serious jeopardy. Ordinarily, this would not have been a big deal and NASCAR would have simply pushed the race back a day. However, the street course component ever complicated the circumstances as NASCAR only had a limited period of time to complete the race. Waiting until Monday would have added millions of dollars to NASCAR's already extortionary costs. Fortunately, the rain slowed enough to allow the race to begin, though nearly an hour behind schedule.

The race itself was just as unpredictable as the entire weekend. The drivers started on rain tires and grip through the multi-surface city streets was a commodity. Many of the top drivers, including Cup Series Champion Kyle Busch and Martin Truex, Jr. found themselves wedged in the tire barriers, helplessly waiting for the AMR Safety Crew to pull them out. Further, a poorly timed call from NASCAR to shorten the race from 100 laps to 75 laps jumbled up the field and placed the deep in the field.

The biggest shock by far was the surprise win by New Zealander, Shane Van Gisbergen, making his very first NASCAR start. Van Gisbergen, a three-time Australian V8 Supers Cars Champion, rocketed to the lead after falling back in the field when NASCAR shortened the race. Though fast in both qualifying and practice, few thought the Van Gisbergen would actually be able to pull off the win. However, his driving style

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# The Reporter selects Hannah Alexander as Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year



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The Hamilton County Reporter has named Noblesville junior Hannah Alexander as its Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Alexander dominated the throwing events during the season. She rewrote the record books at the Hamilton Southeastern sectional, winning the discus with a throw of 157 feet, 10 inches and the shot put with a toss of 47 feet, 4.25 inches. Alexander again won both events at the Lafayette Jefferson regional, setting a new record in the discus (151 feet, 4 inches). She saved the best for last in the discus, winning the state championship with a top throw of 158 feet, 8 inches and placing third in the shot put. Alexander helped Noblesville to its first-ever team track and field state championship.

## All-County Girls Track & Field Teams, 2023

FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM			THIRD TEAM		
Name	School	Grade	Name	School	Grade	Name	School	Grade
Hannah Alexander	Noblesville	Junior	Mireya Benjamin	Fishers	Junior	Ansley Applegate	Noblesville	Freshman
Princess Campbell	Westfield	Senior	Elia Blackmore	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore	Rebecca Belanger	Carmel	Sophomore
Olivia Cebalo	Carmel	Sophomore	Elizabeth Butler	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore	D'ahni Branch	Carmel	Senior
Jocelyn Davis	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Brinkley Cooper	Noblesville	Sophomore	Riley Flynn	Noblesville	Sophomore
Ella Ewing	Hamilton Heights	Junior	Tobi Fapetu	Westfield	Senior	Elise Herman	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Sadie Foley	Carmel	Freshman	Rylee Hassan	Noblesville	Senior	Kya Hoskins	Fishers	Senior
Gabriela Grande Rosas	Carmel	Freshman	Paige Hazelrigg	Noblesville	Senior	Jasmine Klopstad	Carmel	Senior
Lucy Hauser	Westfield	Junior	Makenzie Loftin	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Brooke Lahee	Noblesville	Senior
Ciara Kepner	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore	Zinnia Pineda	Fishers	Freshman	Camryn McKinney	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Malina Miller	Noblesville	Senior	Audrey Ricketts	Carmel	Junior	Julianne McLean	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Emily Norris	Carmel	Sophomore	Liz Smith	Westfield	Junior	Addison Smith	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Maggie Powers	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior	Riley Williams	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman	Abbi Van Bibber	Westfield	Junior
Summer Rempe	Noblesville	Junior	Waverly Woolever	Hamilton Heights	Freshman	Kara Wenzler	Carmel	Junior
Chloe Senefeld	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman						
Maya Taylor	Fishers	Junior						
Delaney Teachnor	Noblesville	Junior						
Cambell Wamsley	Carmel	Senior						

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## Indiana Fever’s Aliyah Boston earns second Rookie of the Month Award

**The REPORTER** WNBA Rookie of the Month for June, the league announced Wednesday. After Indiana Fever center Aliyah Boston was named the

winning the first Rookie of the Month in **May**, Boston is now the first player in franchise history to win multiple Rookie of the Month awards. In June, Boston averaged 15.1 points, 9.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 1.5 blocks and 30.5 minutes per contest in 11 games and has started every game in her WNBA career. She still leads the WNBA in field goal percentage shooting 61.8 percent (94-of-152) and leads all rookies in scoring, rebounds, blocks and minutes per game. Boston scored in double

figures in seven of 11 games played in June, highlighted on June 18 against Atlanta, where she tied a career-high with 25 points on 10-of-15 shooting to go along with a career-best four blocked shots. She earlier scored 25 points to go along with 11 rebounds at Chicago on June 6. The last three Rookie of the Year winners in 2022 (Rhyne Howard), 2021 (Michaela Onyenwere) and 2020 (Crystal Dangerfield) all were awarded every Rookie of the Month recognition during their first season.

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and extensive experience in V8 Super Cars (which are quite similar to the current generation of Cup cars) propelled him to the lead and eventual win. Van Gisbergen becomes the first driver in over 60 years to win in his NASCAR Cup Series debut – the last being Johnny Rutherford. To takeaways from the weekend: First, NASCAR did a spectacular job and should be credited with putting on an extraordinary show. The event, though complicated by Mother Nature, was top rate with thousands of spectators attending their first

NASCAR race. Second, the City of Chicago (not the residents) did not welcome the event and may have worked against NASCAR’s efforts to make the event successful. Although the parties entered a three-year contract to host the event, it would not be shocking if the new mayor and his administration buy-out the agreement and leave NASCAR searching for a new city. What a shame that would be for all the wonderful residents of Chicago. Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

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