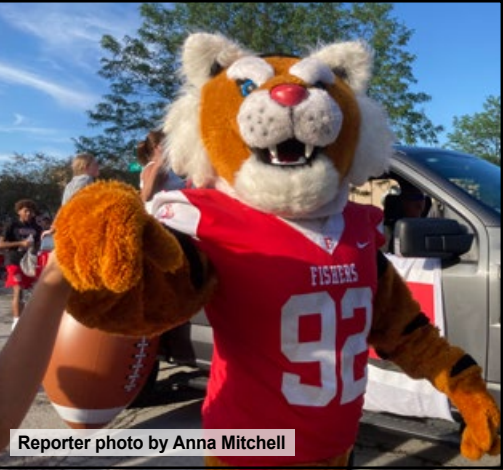


Hamilton County has patriotic spirit to spare



This newspaper handled the 4th of July like most Americans do vacations ... which is to say we scrambled around like madmen going to every single thing we could possibly get to, took a thousand photos, then went home, collapsed, and thought, "I need a vacation!" In today's edition you will see stories and pages upon pages of photos from Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield, and Sheridan. If you didn't get to everything you wanted to, you can at least read all about it in today's Hamilton County Reporter. You can still head up to Cicero this weekend for the final two days of Lights Over Morse Lake through Sunday afternoon. See more photos beginning on Page 5 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](#).

Parade of patriotic rebels keep tradition alive in Sheridan

By AMY ADAMS
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The rain in Sheridan started around 9 a.m., the same time registration for the annual Lions Club Fourth of July Parade was set to begin. The difficult decision was made to cancel the parade, but not without disappointment.

Vance Wallace and his friend Steve Bilby sat next to a tractor that would have paraded down Main Street at 10 a.m. from Sheridan High School to Biddle Memorial Park.

"I've never seen the parade canceled because of rain," Wallace said. "I've seen it rain before the parade, and I've seen it rain after the parade, but never during the parade."

Pat Pickett expressed similar



(ABOVE LEFT) Skylar Munns didn't seem to mind the drizzle one bit. (ABOVE RIGHT) Pat Pickett planned to drive his family's 1929 Model A in the parade.

regret as he sat in the driver's seat of the Noel Pickett family's 1929 Model A with nowhere to go.

"This would have been the car's 47th year in a row to be in the parade," Pickett said.

Word spread that the parade had been canceled. Word also spread that the people of Sheridan wanted the tradition to continue.

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READ ON!

"So Many Books, So Little Time."

For decades, I've seen this written on T-shirts, coffee cups, bumper stickers, book markers, etc.

It's even the main title of a book by Sara Nelson, which I haven't had time to read yet. *So Many Books, So Little Time: A Year of Passionate Reading* was published in 2004.

In the past two decades, you'd think that I would've found time to at least read her book since 20 years IS. A. LOT. OF TIME.

I get antsy and angsty thinking about the passage of time.

If there was "so little time" 25 years ago, it goes without saying that there is even less time to read now, especially for someone like me soon to turn 60, the death-knell number of middle-aged status, the official, dreaded door knock to old age status. My "book of life" pages have started to yellow, the fanning of its pages wafting a denser mustiness, like the thickening of bad morning breath as we age.

There are more books that I've read in my past than there will be books that I'll read in my future. Younger people think they will get to them all, with time to spare. I can't think of a sadder thought than that of a deathbed book dog-eared at page 60.

Just when did my reading days of wishful thinking morph into days of wistful thinking?

The subject of reading (well ... not reading) arose during a recent therapist visit.

"How's your marriage?"

"My marriage is great. It's the only solid part of me."

"Can you tell me more?"

"Things that brought me pure joy most of my life gradually have lost their magic."

"What things?"

"Very important things."

"Like?"

"Music. Songs that brought me great joy just don't do it for me anymore."

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SHERIDAN JEEP
INVASION 2024

Exciting fundraiser
will benefit Sheridan
Education Foundation

The REPORTER

Get ready for an unforgettable day of fun and festivities in Sheridan.

The Jeep Committee of Sheridan has announced a Jeep Event set for Saturday, Aug. 3 benefiting the Sheridan Education Foundation. This family-friendly event will take place on Sheridan's historic Main Street and promises an exciting lineup of activities for festivalgoers and Jeep enthusiasts alike.

The highlight of the day will be a spectacular Jeep Parade down Main Street starting at 3:30 p.m. Following the parade, Main Street will come alive with events starting at 4 p.m., featuring live music by Diminish'N Republic, a beer garden, an array of craft vendors, a KidZone, and a variety of food trucks. Local Main Street businesses and restaurants we be open to welcome event attendees as well.

To register your Jeep for the parade, order a commemorative Sheridan Jeep Invasion shirt, or become an event sponsor, please visit tinyurl.com/SheridanJeepInvasion2024 to sign up for the fun. Participation in the parade is open to Jeep owners, but the Main Street Jeep Event festivities is open to ALL.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy a day of entertainment, and support a great cause. Don't miss out on this fun family event suitable for all ages.

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Rain or shine, Fourth of July celebrations thrive

By REYNA REVELLE
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Despite the pouring rain, Hoosiers refused to let it dampen their spirits as they gathered to celebrate freedom and unity across central Indiana.

"Last year, all of our faces were sunburned," said Carmel resident Brandi Lehtikainen. "We were trying to get all the water we could selling from the Boys Scouts and there was nowhere to sit."

On this Fourth of July, undeterred families armed with colorful umbrellas dotted the Carmel parade route in honor of freedom.

"It's been crazy. In our experience, it's been super packed," said Carmel resident Aaron Lehtikainen. "This is the deadead I've seen it by far."

Known for its long-standing



Rain? Ha! It'll take more than a deluge to dampen Carmel's patriotic spirit!

ing tradition of families reserving spots with lawn chairs days in advance, the rain-soaked spots remained empty.

"I think this year it started almost four days before," said Aaron Lehtikainen. "These chairs have been out here collecting Sun."

The parade had a vibrant array of floats, marching bands, and community groups splashing through the rain-soaked streets as they celebrated freedom, unity, and reflection.

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Please note, we are currently still seeking sponsors for the event. The deadline to guarantee your t-shirt size and name of sponsorship on t-shirt is July 8, 2024.

For more information, go to tinyurl.com/SheridanJeepInvasion2024.

About the Sheridan Education Foundation

The Sheridan Education Foundation is dedicated to supporting educational programs and initiatives in the Sheridan community, enhancing the learning experience for students of all ages.

TIME

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Remember as a kid when you heard that favorite song on the radio ... finally ... days might've passed since you last heard it ... and it meant so freaking much to you ... when that radio dial conjured that song that you were starving for ... maybe you bought the 8-track, the 45, the album, the cassette, the CD ... just to have easier access to that song ... but no matter how many times that song spun or unspooled, it maintained its magic ... but now ... now ... you can play any song anytime anywhere thanks to streaming ... and well ... you end up playing it so many freaking times that it loses its earhole mojo ... as B.B. King sings, 'The thrill is gone.' And even that song has lost its thrill. And movies. Movies suck now. All this comic book hero horse hockey and prequels and sequels and remakes. Movies used to be my life. Like music! And books! Like I said, I used to read all the time. But not anymore. Now, it's like I've forgotten how to read. Night reading is out of the question ... I fall asleep after two paragraphs. Mostly, my wife and I spend our married time streaming

Netflix, Prime, Max, Hulu, Paramount, Apple TV, and PBS instead of opening books ... and guess what ... the next day neither one of us can even remember what we watched! Never ever have I forgotten what book I had my nose in the night before ...

"But your marriage is good."

"Married life is good."

"Have you thought about not turning on the TV and setting aside time to read books with your wife?"

"My marriage is good. Let's not mess with my marriage. Besides, I'm just not a book group kind of guy."

My therapist scribbled something in her notebook. She closed The Book of Scott. "I hate to tell you this but your 45 minutes are up," she said.

And there I was just about to share some trivial revelation about how my parent-like cats keep telling me to murder the paperboy.

Welcome to my point of personal paradox. Despite my period of reading decline, I still buy books. Seven in the past week. My stack of unread titles has surpassed my stack of

read titles. Each unread book brings with it a vicious scrotal squeeze. But maybe that's good. Maybe it's a sign that my reader's pulse hasn't flatlined. Hope remains that I'll get to those books eventually.

There's a quote attributed to the late singer-songwriter Warren Zevon that packs a mighty wallop: "We love to buy books because we believe we're buying the time to read them." I like how this Zevon-ism occupies the seat opposite of the "so many books, so little time" seat on the great seesaw of life.

Despite knowing Zevon, an avid reader, died at 56 – so little time! – I can't help but gravitate closer to his side of the teeter-totter now.

Maybe that's why I buy books that I likely will never read.

Maybe my angst goes deeper than books.

Maybe in this time of "so little time" I'm desperately hoping to buy time.

Maybe I'll discuss this revelation during my next therapy session. But I'll have to do it quickly. I only have 45 minutes.

Email Scott at scottsaalman@gmail.com.

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(TOP LEFT) Vance Wallace (left) with Steve Bilby, said he'd never known the parade to be canceled due to rain. (TOP RIGHT) Steve Fulton takes the stage in front of a steadily growing crowd. (ABOVE LEFT) The sky cleared for fireworks in Sheridan. (ABOVE RIGHT) Kennedy and Raegan Ploughe show off their face paint and tattoos from LiveLovePaint Studios.

With some grassroots organizing and help from social media, an unsponsored parade took place at 4 p.m., and plenty of people braved the rain to cheer them on. "The parade that came through was not sponsored by anyone," Sheridan Events Committee Secretary

Diana Schwartz said. "It was a group of patriotic townspeople who quickly got together to keep the tradition alive. The committee members were busy at the park and weren't able to help, but I believe the town police were helping guide them through traffic to make

sure everyone stayed safe." The crowd at Biddle Memorial Park was off and on due to rain, but by the time Nora Stites sang the national anthem, the clouds had begun to part. Sheridan High School graduate Steve Fulton, who took the stage to play some country standards,

joked that he was playing for 13 people representing the 13 original colonies. But as the rain let up and the time for fireworks drew closer, there was a nice crowd as Lisa Frank and the Trapper Keepers began their set. The fireworks went off around 10 p.m. without a hitch.

Photos by WISH-TV
WISH-TV's Reyna Revelle spoke to Carmel residents Aaron and Brandi Lehikoinen (top) as well as Elizabeth Sanders (above) about how the city's residents didn't let inclement weather keep them from enjoying a great Independence Day.

"It is fun to see a community come together and just cheer each other on," said Carmel resident Elizabeth Sanders. "I read a quote from John Adams, 'Independence Day ought to be solemnized with Pomp and parade. With shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other.'" Neighboring cities like Brownsburg decided to kick off their celebrations earlier than planned to stay ahead of the approaching weather. "As a community, we're really close," said Brownsburg resident Madonna Gentry. "We are evolving and changing, but everyone seems to accept everyone, and we just really love the comradery and the extravaganza we have." In the end, many say it's not the weather that defines the holiday, but rather the unity and pride bringing all Hoosiers together. "We are so blessed in our country and if we can just pass that love on, then it will keep going, but if we stop, that's where patriotism dies," Sanders said. This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wish9.com/news/rain-or-shine-fourth-of-july-celebrations-thrive.

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Spark!Fishers

Our funny friend in Fishers, Scott Saalman, starts his column this week with, “So many books, so little time.” Change the word “books” to “festivals” and that’s what The Reporter thinks about Independence Day in the best county in the state. Luckily for us, Fishers ran their parade and most of their festivities last week, making it possible to get even more patriotism in our pages. This page and the next offer you a fraction of our images from last Saturday’s Spark!Fishers parade, plus a few from the festival. (Reporter photos by Anna Mitchell)



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CarmelFest

Carmel had the rainiest parade on record on July 4 (Editor’s note: Mr. Weatherman’s address is available upon request). Lucky for us, The Reporter’s own Anna Mitchell took all her photos on the first day of CarmelFest, July 3. There was face painting, music, fair food, Eddie Munster’s car, and a Ferris wheel showed up for the first time at a CarmelFest this year. For those of you who are not massive stores of random trivia, we call it a “Ferris wheel” thanks to George Washington Gale Ferris Jr., who built one for a festival in Chicago back in 1893. (Reporter photos by Anna Mitchell)



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Stars & Stripes Forever in Noblesville

Storms swept through Hamilton County twice on Thursday: once in the morning and once in the evening. Between those two rounds of rain, Noblesville had the only dry 4th of July parade. Carmel had the wettest parade we have ever seen. Cicero canceled its late-morning parade over public safety concerns. Sheridan also canceled its parade, but the local version of the Rebel Alliance had a small one later in the day anyway. Thus, by 4 p.m. on July 4, relatively-dry Noblesville was the focus of parade fans from far and wide. While we have not heard any official estimates at press time, The Reporter can tell you that this year the streets of Noblesville looked more packed than we have seen them. It was so packed our two photographers didn't even see each other! Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of road construction stays this town from the festive completion of its appointed parades. (Reporter photos)



(ABOVE) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen gave The Reporter a big thumbs up during the parade. Thumbs up to you too, sir, for having the only dry parade on the 4th of July.

(ABOVE & BELOW) What 4th of July parade would be complete without popcorn and hotdogs? Not this one! Christ Lutheran Church handed out both for free as an act of community service.



These two photos are not related, but we are putting them side by side and calling them Batman and Pokérobin. (ABOVE LEFT) When we happened upon Batman, he had his iconic cowl off. We told him we'd trade a smiling photo in exchange for protecting his secret identity. But you know Batman, and this image is as close as the Dark Knight ever comes to a grin. (ABOVE RIGHT) Last year we found Tucker White riding a red, white, and blue dinosaur at Noblesville's parade. This year we stumbled across him as some kind of Pokémon ... we think. Well, Tucker, now it's a whole thing. Next July 4 we will send someone with a camera to that same stretch of road and see if you can up the ante on parade fandom yet again.



(From left) Sophia Beeson, Sophia Hulen, Mary Rose Wahnsiedler, and 2023 4-H Fair Queen Avery Williams were kind enough to smile for The Reporter's camera in the staging area before the parade began.



Cicero's Lights Over Morse Lake

We never really thought about it before, but there are some striking similarities between Cicero and Fishers (note the collective groan you can hear coming from both places right now because we wrote that). Just hear us out. Both have reservoirs that often get referred to as lakes. Both have different microcultures than the rest of Hamilton County (oh, you know it's true, and we know you would never admit it). Both have restaurants that were honored in 2022 by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch as having one of the top five best tenderloin sandwiches in the entire state. And both have so much patriotic spirit that their Independence Day festivities go on for several days. The difference, of course, is that Cicero plans theirs to include the holiday itself, while Fishers gets done before July even begins. Lights Over Morse Lake is still going on through Sunday, so if you have some fuel left in your patriotic tank, head up to Cicero and get festive! (Reporter photos)



Westfield Rocks the 4th

Rock on, Westfield! You got hammered by rain right at the beginning of your Westfield Rocks the 4th festival, but that did nothing to dampen the spirits of anyone there. People ran back to cars or gathered under tents during the storm. Then vendors wiped water off the tables, set out their wares again, and the party went on like nothing happened. Now THAT is the most quintessential American thing we've seen in a long time: a community spirit undeterred. (Reporter photos)



Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Welcome to the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation May 2024 Newsletter covering Military, Veteran Community (MVC) activities here in Hamilton County.

Listed below are the Hamilton County American Legion and VFW Posts located in our neighborhoods. Please stop in and see what they are doing not only for our MVC but for your neighborhoods. If you are in the Military, a Veteran or just want to help, come in and let's talk about joining our community

Carmel American Legion Post 155

852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
317-846-0001 Commander Kim Kilburn
Post Hours M-Tu 3-10 W-Th 10-10 F-S 10-11, Su 12-8 - Public is welcome Tu, Thurs & Fri, lunch W-F 11-2, dinner Thur-Fri 5-8 & Breakfast every Sat & Sun 8am-12pm
Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm
Website & Calendar - <https://post155.org/>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679>
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special gaming events like Texas Hold Em, Bingo, their jackpot totals and game day specials
• Euchre is every Tuesday night at 7pm and the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm
• Treasure Hunt drawing every Friday 7pm
• They have a weekly draw on Wednesday at 7pm
• Pull Tabs are available every day at the bar!!
• Post Service Officer may be reached at postserviceofficer@post155.org if you need assistance
• Room Rentals call 317-846-0001 for the Post Manager. They have 3 rooms large enough for 150 people plus outdoor space.

Cicero American Legion 341

50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
317-984-4441 Commander Tye Anderson
M-Th 3-10pm, F-Sa 12-11pm, Sun 12-10pm
Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 730pm
Kitchen hours are 4-8pm Tues Wed Fri Sun eat in or order food to go
Public is welcome Mon, Fri & Sat and for their Treasure Hunt at 7pm Tuesdays
Website and calendar - <https://cicerolegion341.org/events/>
Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/cicerolegion341>
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & Treasure Hunt results
• Weekly drawings are Sundays 6pm, Wednesdays 7pm, Fridays 8pm
• Euchre tournaments are Mondays at 7pm and Saturdays at 4pm
• Bingo is every Friday, 6pm for Early Bingo and 6:30 for Bingo
• Post Service Officer Mary Ringer may be reached by calling the Post at 317-984-4441 if you need assistance

Fishers American Legion Post 470

9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In
317-842-5944 Commander Pat Menc
M 12-10, Sa 3-11, Tu, W, Th, Su 12-11, F 12-12 – Open to the public but only members & signed in guests may order alcohol
Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm
Food is served 1-9pm Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri
Website and calendar is <https://legion470fishers.org/index.php?id=1>
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FishersLegionPost470>
• Bingo is Sunday at 1:00pm and Tuesday 6:00pm
• Texas Holdem is Every Friday at 5pm
• Treasure Hunt is on Fridays at 8pm (\$26,600)
• Pool Tournaments are at 6pm, 8 ball 2nd Saturdays, 9 ball 4th Saturdays of the month and American Poolplayers Assoc 7pm Wed & Thurs
• Pull Tabs are available at the bar every day
• Every month the Aux schedules a euchre tournament to raise funds for a local non-profit to help our community
• Pay attention to Facebook and their calendar for live music dates, times
• Room rental space is available – email Rhonda. Cree78@gmail.com
• Post Service Officer Greg Cyrus may be reached at 317-698-3745 if you need assistance



Noblesville American Legion Post 45

273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9985 Commander Gil Soria
M-Th 11-10pm F 11-12 Sa 12-12pm, Su 12-8pm
Meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 7pm
Food is served 4-9pm Tues – Sat

We are working to eliminate Veteran suicide here in Hamilton County and you can help

The ‘Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities’ Coalition on the Prevention of Suicide in Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers has been a collaborative effort since late 2021 to reduce the number of veteran suicides in Hamilton County. Under the umbrella and leadership of A Healthier Hamilton County: Systems of Care, anyone is welcome to join the Coalition who is interested in preventing suicide. Members include veteran-serving organizations, non-profits, local government, and other entities throughout the county including volunteers and veterans and service members themselves.

The coalition has teamed up with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and will be launching the Governor’s Challenge to fight suicide in Veterans here in Hamilton County. We are working collaboratively to leverage all resources for our service members, veterans, and their families to bring meaning and value to their lives. We plan to do this through three the Pillars of the Governor’s Challenge – 1. Identifying the service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers, 2. connecting them to resources no matter the level of need, and 3. promoting safety for those in a suicidal crisis.

How will we do all this? We need everyone’s help!

The Ask The Question Initiative is part of the Governor’s Challenge and has become part of our Plan in Hamilton County. Five local entities have partially launched our Pilot Group and we plan to close that gap soon. We will then promote the initiative to the community, asking that any person-serving organization go through the Ask The Question Initiative process.

The key to Ask The Question is changing how we identify Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers in our county. We encourage and will help organizations change their current identification question to the more inclusive “Have you or a family member ever served in the US Military?”. If the answer to that broader question is yes, the person will be provided with a QR code that will start the process of linking them to resources.

There are a myriad of resources available for those who are serving, have served, or are related to or caring for someone who was/is in the US Military. The Ask The Question Initiative will help those folks link to helpful resources from the multiple Dimensions of Wellness and

Social Determinants of Health. As we know, mental health is impacted by other aspects, and stressors, of our lives. As we identify those in or adjacent to the military and connect them to resources, the community, and one another, potential suicidal crises decrease.

We have built a team and grown alongside the Governor’s Challenge with the IDVA, who we recently requested funding to further our projects in here Hamilton County. We were encouraged to think BIG with our ideas and include those organizations that currently serve our Military Veteran community to incorporate their ideas in our 12–24-month strategic plan. This plan will include our Coalition working hand in hand with many community partners to reach our Military and Veterans who are not connected. We will introduce them to those who will get them their benefits and resources they have earned, helping them be more connected thus building stronger Veterans through stronger communities. The more we all know about where to get the benefits and resources we need to address our issues/needs the stronger more connected we all will be!!

Speaking of resources, our partner, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp (HCVC) is hosting a Hamilton County Community Resource Fair July 20, 2024, from 11am to 3pm at the Noblesville Schools Community Center 1775 Field Drive at the north end of the stadium at Noblesville High School. This resource fair is not just for our Military Veteran Community (MVC), it’s for all our Hamilton County neighbors! Sure, maybe 30 resources are specific for our MVC but there will be over 85 resources setup inside and outside the community center to help us all live a more fulfilled life right here in Hamilton County. Bring a Veteran, bring a neighbor!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can work with the ‘Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities’ Coalition to prevent suicide in Hamilton County’s service members and veterans, email kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypfhc.org.

If you are a Veteran or Active Military and wish to become a member of the Hamilton County Veterans Corp, please send an email to secretary@hamilton-countyveterans.com so you too may help us help our MVC. Our dues is only \$25/mo and we meet the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the Fishers American Legion 9091 E 126th St in their big American Room. See you there!

our continued support by coming into their Posts and enjoying time there with friends and family. They are our local family-oriented Bar & Grill with food, drinks, games and plenty of space to host personal parties, or you may rent space for meetings or events to support local activities. Some Posts are open to the public every day while others are open on specific days for food, games, fun and they all look forward to serving you.

As of January, 2024, the Posts that are

completely SMOKE FREE, inside, are the Carmel American Legion, Carmel VFW and Noblesville VFW. The Fishers American Legion allows smoking in their enclosed bar area, the rest is non-smoking. The Noblesville American Legion allows smoking in the small game room which is a separate building out front, the Post and meeting rooms are smoke free!! The Sheridan and Cicero American Legions still allow smoking in their Posts.

Public is welcome for food and games plus every Saturday of the month and some Fridays Website - <https://www.noblesvilleamericanlegionpost45.com/>
Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063496781153>
• Veteran Peer Support Group w/MASH Ministries – Mondays 7pm
• Coffee With A Vet – Wednesdays from 9-11am
• Treasure Hunt drawings are every Friday 6:45pm – Public is welcome (\$7,680)
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for updates and special events like Music Bingo, Shuffleboard, Trivia
• Rental space is available as well as the kitchen – Event Building holds 49 people.
Contact huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com or call 317-773-9985
• Post Service Officer may be reached on their website link above if you need assistance

Sheridan American Legion Post 67

406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In
317-758-5007 Commander Tom DeShon
Hours M-F 3-close, Sat 12-close, Su 1-6p
Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm
Food service - lunch from 11am-2pm Tu, Wed, Thurs & Fri, after lunch bar food (fries, burgers, etc) is available. Public is welcome for lunch and games
Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ALPost67/>
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for everything
• Lunch specials posted weekly
• Treasure Hunt Friday night at 7pm – Public welcome
• Bingo 2nd & 4th Thursdays 630pm early bird, 7pm start
• Events for the community you can help with...
• Post Service Officer may be reached after they find a qualified member to help Veterans

VFW Information

Carmel VFW Post 10003

12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032
317-846-0917 Commander Darin Bibeau
Sun - Thurs 11-10pm, F & Sa 11-12am
Meetings the 2nd Monday of the month at 630pm
Kitchen serves lunch specials 11-2pm with food service till 8pm. They have a great breakfast every other Saturday. Public is welcome in for food and anytime when signed in with a member.
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CarmelVFW>
• Check their Facebook page for their weekly updates, lunch specials, music and special events
• Poker is Tues, Fri & Sun noon-midnight, dealers provided, food snacks & drinks available
• Thursdays 7pm is their Treasure Hunt – open to the public
• Post Service Officer Shawn Ransford may be reached at shawn.ransford@va.gov if you need assistance
• Contact carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com to rent space for your special events

Cicero VFW

Meets at the Cicero American Legion Post, 50 Washington Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Noblesville VFW Post 6246

Noblesville VFW Post 6246
654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956 Commander Eric Behrends
M-Th 3-8p, F 2-10p, Sa 12-10p, Su 12-8p
Meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 11am
Food service is available Mon & Fri 6-9pm & public is welcome
No Website/calendar but they have a Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/post6246/>
• Bingo every Friday at 7pm and the public is welcome
• Karaoke is every Saturday 7pm and the public is welcome
• Queen of Hearts is every Wednesday 7pm and the public is welcome
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & food specials
• Post Service Officer Linda Behrends may be reached at 317-773-9956 if you need assistance

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At this fair we will have over 85 resource tables there for you to get the assistance you need for the following topics and so much more from several local, regional and national providers:

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Tell all your friends and neighbors about this great Resource Fair that is for all of us here in Hamilton County, Indiana.

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Carmel introduces plan to allow special outdoor drinking rules

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area would allow people in Carmel to take drinks from inside bars and restaurants, and walk around outdoors within the boundaries of the district.

The Carmel City Council on Monday night introduced the DORA proposal. If approved, participants would be required to use a labeled cup, something safe to carry outdoors and not made of glass.

Carmel City Council member Matthew Snyder is a co-sponsor of the DORA ordinance.

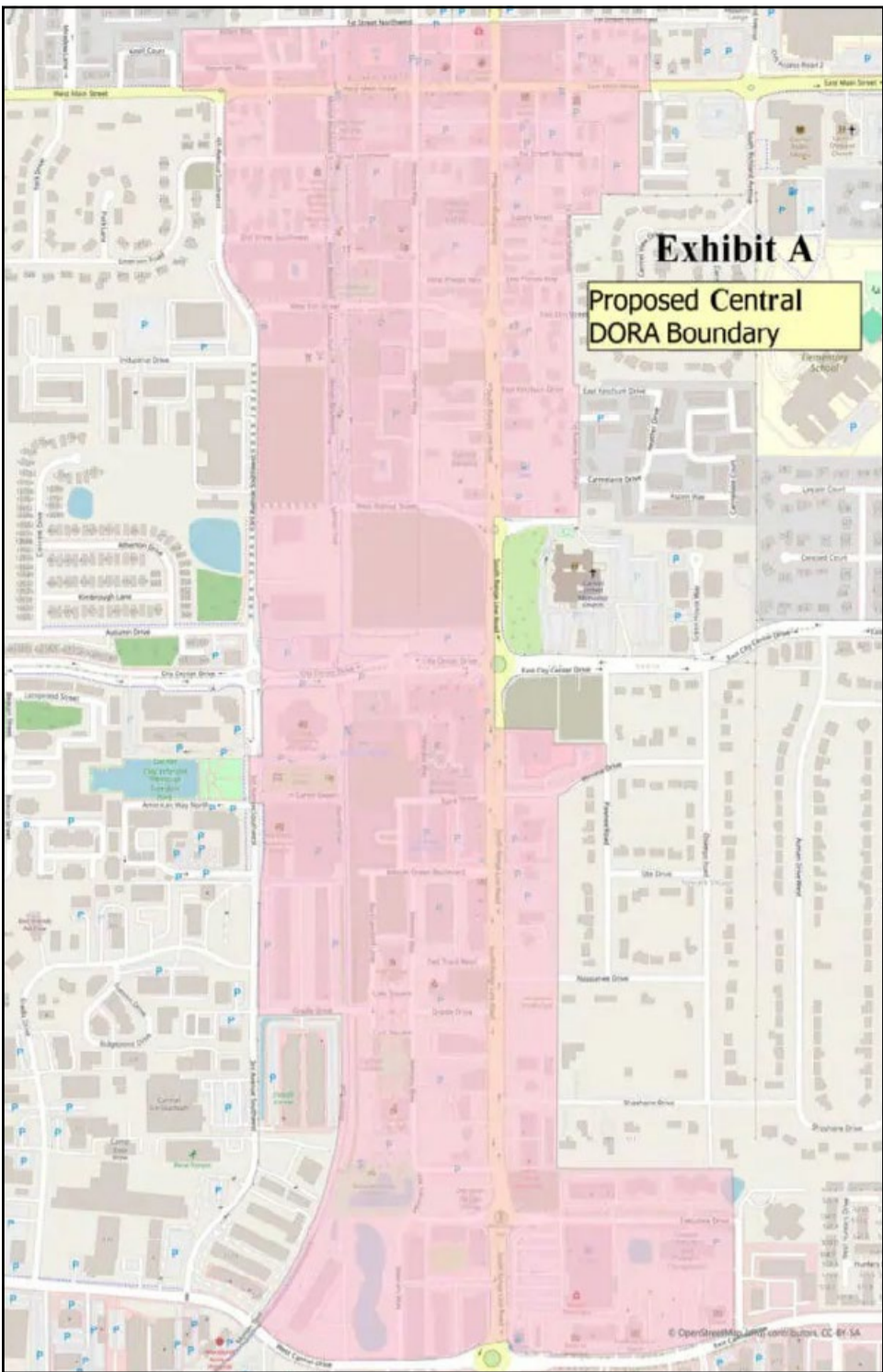
“Well, it brings in more tax revenue. That’s one thing,” Snyder said Monday about the positives. “I think about many of the people that own condos on the Monon [Greenway] that spend many evenings at Savor, or the GOAT or anywhere else in Carmel, it would be nice if instead of having to chug their beer before they leave, just be able to walk home with it.”

A map in the ordinance shows the district roughly bordered on the north by First Street Northwest; on the west by Fourth Avenue Southwest and Third Avenue Southwest; on the south by West Carmel Drive; and on the east by Executive Drive, the businesses along both sides of Range Line Road, and First Avenue Southeast. The Carmel Arts & Design District and The Center for the Performing Arts would be within the district.

Two residents publicly spoke about the proposal during its introduction.

Carmel resident Jill H. Meisenheimer said, “I would like to know, why do this? How residents will benefit from this? What are the rules? How it will work?”

“I don’t see how residents will benefit from this,” said Wade Tharp, another Carmel



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

resident. “It seems to me that, especially because I think three businesses already put in their permit applications for this, that it’s only to benefit the commercial.”

Bruce Calabrese, the owner of Old Town Tavern in Carmel, said a DORA could be a positive for his business on West Main Street. Calabrese said he supports it “as long as it’s enforced correctly and it’s patrolled correctly by the city.”

The finer details of the

proposal will be hashed out in future meetings. Those details include the start and end times, and what drink cups will be allowed outdoors.

The ordinance was referred to the council’s land use committee for further discussion and input.

According to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, these cities and towns have active DORAs: Batesville, Fort Wayne (it has two DORAs), Greensburg, Huntingburg, Jas-

per, Jeffersonville, Kirklin, Lawrenceburg, Logansport, Shelbyville, Warsaw, Winona Lake, and Yorktown.

Noblesville City Council in April approved the startup of a DORA, and Westfield City Council on June 24 agreed to try to begin one of its own.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/carmel-introduces-plan-to-allow-special-outdoor-drinking-rules.

Medicare Supplements vs. Medicare Advantage for 2025

I wish everyone on Medicare could comfortably afford to purchase a Medicare Supplement Plan G. That is what I will purchase at 65 and that is what my parents are on. But many people cannot afford or do not want to pay for a Supplement and choose a Medicare Advantage plan instead.



plan ends in December. Medicare Supplement companies do not announce their rate increases until after AEP ends. This means you won’t have all the information you need to make a wise decision.

If you have had your Medicare Supplement plan for a few years, you were probably shocked with the higher-than-normal rate increases you saw in 2024. Buckle up, because industry experts are forecasting even higher increases in 2025.

So you have been warned. Expect larger than normal increases.

Normally plans go up 5 to 10 percent each year, varying by plan, gender, age and state. In 2024, I saw most plans go up 9 percent or more. The highest increase I saw was 17 percent!

If that causes too much stress on your budget, the time to change to Medicare Advantage is during AEP. If you are healthy enough and want to move to another Medicare Supplement insurance company, you can do that at any time of year. Keep in mind that will help save a little money, but the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act, medical inflation, and healthy people moving to Advantage will cause ALL Medicare Supplement companies to raise prices. No one is exempt.

Inflation is the only reason prices are going up. As more and more people move into Medicare Advantage plans, that puts price pressure on those that remain in Medicare Supplement. Plus, those that are sick are more likely to keep their Supplement and drive up costs on everyone. The healthy flee to Medicare Advantage with its low to no monthly premium.

The Medicare AEP, unfortunately, falls during the holidays when people don’t have the time or desire to dive into this topic. Now is the time to look at what you are paying and investigate your options so you are ready when October rolls around!

This Annual Election Period (AEP) when you can decide to move from your Medicare Supplement plan into a Medicare Advantage

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







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Indiana man’s flying saucer source of ‘out of this world’ traffic stop

By HANNA MORDOH
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

An out-of-this-world moment happened recently in Missouri, thanks to an Indiana man and his street-legal flying saucer.

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office in Missouri posted about the moment on Facebook on Friday, June 28.

The post said: “Well, you never know what will be traveling through Crawford County but this one was a little out of this world. These friendly humanoid, who have come in peace, are heading west to Roswell, NM for a festival. There was a brief conversation about his out of space, correction, out of state registration, but he assured us that he would take care of that issue when he returned to Krypton. He was also warned about our strict enforcement of warp speed on the interstate and to keep his phasers on stun only while traveling.”

The driver and owner of the UFO is Steve Anderson from A OK Car Care in Indianapolis. In 2017, Dick Wolfie and WISH-TV interviewed Anderson about the 1991 Geo Metro that he stripped down and transformed into a spaceship – of sorts. He calls it his “flying



Photo provided by Crawford County (Missouri) Sheriff’s Office via Facebook
It was an out-of-this-world moment in Missouri thanks to an Indiana man and his street-legal flying saucer. The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office in Missouri posted about the moment on Facebook on Friday, June 28.

saucer” and it’s fully functional on the road. The ship was spotted on I-465 on April 8 by INDOT, just after the total solar eclipse. A post from INDOT East included a photo of Anderson’s UFO and simply said, “No this isn’t Photo-shopped... This is I-465.” (pic.twitter.com/SEGosD-QeMo) People are now reporting sightings of the UFO’s journey on the Crawford County

Sheriff’s Office’s Facebook post, which has been shared more than 7,000 times. William Mark commented with a picture and said, “I just saw them in Springfield!” Amanda Mendez wrote, “They’re from Indiana. I’ve had the pleasure of passing them on the road in the past while traveling back up from Kentucky. Definitely an awesome sight to see lol.” World UFO Day was

on Tuesday. According to the Associated Press, World UFO Day has its roots in the so-called “Roswell Incident” on July 2, 1947. In this case, the flying saucer has intrigue but less mystery in its out-of-this-world Hoosier home. *This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/indiana-mans-flying-saucer-source-of-out-of-this-world-traffic-stop.*

Hear from Community Health Network leaders at this month’s Westfield Chamber coffee

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Jason Fahrlander and Derek McMichael from Community Health Network as the July coffee speakers from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 25.

Join Community Health Network executive leaders as they discuss plans for a new health-care campus to serve the rapidly growing Westfield community. The recently announced 425,000 square-foot facility, located near 196th Street and U.S. 31, will feature an ambulatory surgery center, medical office building, emergency department, and six-story patient tower. The facility will offer a range of services focusing on women’s health, integrative medicine, orthopedics, primary care, behavioral health, and specialty services.

Click here to register.
Speaker Bios

Jason Fahrlander joined Community Health Network in the summer of 2013 as the President of the Hospital Division overseeing all hospital campuses, and in early 2017, he became the Chief Operating Officer for the network. In his current capacity, he is responsible for the performance and strategic development for over 200 hospital and ambulatory sites of care.

Prior to joining Community, he was the CEO of Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla.; the Chief Operating Officer of Memorial Health System in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and SVP and

Administrator of Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

He holds a Master of Health Administration from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and a BS in Gerontology from Missouri State University. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Fahrlander



McMichael

Derek McMichael is a servant leader with 17 years of health-care leadership experience. He first joined Community Health Network in February 2017 as Director of Pharmacy at Community Hospital North. In 2019, He transitioned to the Vice President of Operations position for the entire Community North campus. He was selected to lead Community’s Kokomo and Westfield region in 2023 as Vice President, Hospital Administrator. He is helping to lead the development of Community’s Westfield healthcare campus.

He has a strong background leading teams through initiatives utilizing Lean and performance improvement tools, partnering with external stakeholders, and connecting with caregivers and providers in first-line positions to build trust.

He graduated from the Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He also has a Master of Business Administration from Butler University. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is a resident of Hamilton County and has a wife, Laura, and two children, Finley and Dylan.

Register now for IndyCar two-seater experience to benefit United Way of Central Indiana

The REPORTER

Dream of driving an IndyCar? Now’s your chance – while fundraising for a cause.

Thrill-seeking philanthropists will have the chance to fly around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at 180 mph, all while fundraising for fellow Hoosiers.

Registration is now open for “Speed for Community Need,” scheduled for Oct. 9 at the Indianap-

olis Motor Speedway. The event raises funds for United Way of Central Indiana. Those interested in participating commit to raising \$1,500.

United Way has teamed up with the Indy Racing Experience for the fundraiser. Participants who are 18 or older and meet the height and weight requirements will ride behind a professional IndyCar driver for two speed laps around the track.



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To learn more and register, visit uwci.org/speed-for-community-need.





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Public invited to register for Indiana Water Summit

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The Indiana Water Summit is an apolitical and inclusive annual forum developed to examine the complex interests and issues that face the state’s water supply. The Summit’s subject matter seeks to remain consistent with and build upon current legislative actions in order to provide a broad planning perspective, weaving together diverse topics that demonstrate the interdependency of water issues and the science behind the

state of the waters. The overarching goal of the Summit is to lay the framework for state- and regional-level water planning. The 2024 Indiana Water Summit will be held Aug. 21 and 22 at the Biltwell Event Center, 950 S. White River Pkwy. Drive West, Indianapolis. Cost varies from \$65 to \$225 depending on how many days you attend, student status, and more. Register at bit.ly/water-summit2024.



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Can I be a pantry host?

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MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

We get questions regularly, lots of questions. Neighbors ask us about pantry usage, what to donate, product expiration, how to volunteer, what can I do to help, and one of my personal favorites: how do I host a pantry? Glad you asked. Hosting a pantry is not nearly as daunting as some might think. Pantry hosts vary greatly, but include businesses, schools, churches, government organizations, civic groups, unions, apartment complexes, HOAs, daycares, and on and on. First, a pantry host provides a location to house one of our no-questions-asked pantries. It costs the host nothing but some space. We locate pantries near where gap families live or in locations that gap families frequent. What is a gap family, you ask? These are our neighbors whose income is too large to qualify for public assistance, but whose income isn’t large enough to ensure food security should something go bump in the night and impact their budget. These are families who are one blown engine, one large medical bill, one unexpected big expense away from not knowing where

one of their next few meals is coming from. Next, a pantry host may adopt their pantry. This means that the host either gathers food donations or picks up food supplies from the Feeding Team offices two times a month. A few times each week, the adopter sorts, cleans and stocks their pantry. It takes a few hours each month. Pantry adoption is a great opportunity for Scouts, clubs, church groups, individuals, civic organizations, and families to demonstrate giving back to those in need right here in central Indiana. Watching parents and grandparents teach the importance of generational giving is one of the biggest joys that comes from being a member of the Feeding Team.

We have pantry hosts that choose not to adopt their pantry, and while that’s not our preference, these days, it’s okay. In these situations, we recruit volunteers to step in and manage that pantry. As a host you are vital to The Feeding Team’s food delivery mission. Locating pantries where those in need can more easily access meals makes the process work.

Do you have a location that you’d like to be considered? Please reach out and let us know. We are looking for the next pantry location and the next pantry host.

As a “Take What You Need, Give What You Can” model, your donations are responsible for hundreds of meals each week. Although you may never see the recipient, know in quiet satisfaction that you are making a difference in the lives of Hoosier families right here in central Indiana.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County. With over 40,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors

FeedingTeam.org Facts

65 pantries
Over 11,000 meals in May
Over 100 individual & 30 volunteer families

as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet. Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think. In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person’s life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us. Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.


Young people aging out of foster care need your help this summer

Supporting Foster Success’ Basic Needs program ensures they don’t have to worry about tomorrow

Young people aging out of foster care face countless barriers in their lives often preventing them from meeting their basic needs. Summer can be a vulnerable and lonely time as they may not be in school or a job training program, and they may need extra support.

Right now, there are young people aging out of foster care in Indiana who don’t have reliable transportation to get to work, are dealing with food insecurity or may be facing eviction due to a lack of resources and adult support. Thankfully, these young people can rely on Foster Success for support. For the last two years, we’ve worked to meet our young adults’ basic needs through a program that helps them access the resources they need to become self-sufficient. Foster Success’s Basic Needs program helps solve their immediate needs by, diving into the underlying causes of their emergency and provides support and connection to resources to increase personal and financial

GUEST COLUMNIST



DR. MAGGIE STEVENS

team member will guide the young person in accessing education programs to earn a degree or credential, enrolling in workforce programs to upskill or find better-paying jobs, or engaging with financial empowerment programs to learn how to manage finances and get access to financial guidance and resources.

Rosie Ferguson-Walton is one of the young adults who has received support through the Foster Success Basic Needs program. Two years ago, when she was just 21 years old, the northwest Indiana student received funds through our Basic Needs program to pay for groceries and her cell phone bill. The emergency help was invaluable, she said.

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Sometimes a little help is all someone needs to continue on their journey to success. However, we cannot ensure that our Basic Needs

program can meet the needs of young adults aging out of foster care without support from our community. Especially right now, during the summer, these young adults, like Rosie, need you. Please consider making a **tax-deductible financial donation** today or becoming one of our volunteers around the state. Dr. Maggie Stevens is the President & CEO of Foster Success, an Indiana-based nonprofit that prioritizes the voices of older foster care youth at a most critical time – when they are about to or have already transitioned out of the foster care system, most often with no family or economic support. Foster Success’ approach supports the whole person through five impact areas: Educational Success, Financial Empowerment, Workforce Readiness, Health and Well-Being, and Youth Engagement. Each year in Indiana, about 500 young people age out of the foster care system and into our communities. More information about Foster Success can be found at fostersuccess.org.

New police use of force policy takes effect

By KODY FISHER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Police officers across the state now have to follow a new use of force policy created by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. The policy allows officers to use chokeholds, a move that was banned in 2020 by the Indiana Metropolitan Police Department after the death of George Floyd. The law enforcement training academy told I-Team 8 chokeholds can be used only when officers are authorized to use deadly force. They included them in the policy to give officers another tool to protect themselves and others if their lives are in danger. “We felt like it was important, but I want to be clear that the use of a chokehold is only applicable in a situation that would allow for the officer to use deadly force, so there is no justification for it unless it’s a deadly force situation,” said Tim Horty, Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy executive

director. The training academy said the new use of force policy will allow officers from everywhere across the state to have the same understanding of when they can and can’t use force and how much. “The standard is reasonableness. And the standard is developed from Indiana state statute from supreme court rulings and Indiana case law,” Horty said. “How high is that threshold for the use of deadly force,” asked I-Team 8 Reporter Kody Fisher. Horty answered, “Well, it’s the highest threshold that we have. The standard is serious bodily injury, so if I push you in the chest is that substantial risk of serious bodily injury? Probably not, but if I come at you with a knife and there is an imminent threat of serious bodily injury you don’t have to wait until that individual plunges a knife in your chest to use deadly force.” Horty admitted that there are gray areas when deciding what is and is not a reason-

able amount of force. “It’s hard. If it were an easy standard then anyone could do it. That’s what makes this job so tough. That’s what makes it a difficult position for all of us. That’s why we think it’s important to have a standardized policy around the state so that every officer has a pretty fair idea of what is reasonable and what is not,” he said. I-Team 8 reached out to IMPD for an interview to discuss the new use of force standard their officers are now following, but they declined our request. I-Team 8 also reached out to several members of the Indianapolis Use of Force Review Board, but they also declined. The training academy said this use of force policy could change if new laws are created that either add or ban specific uses of force. This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/all-indiana-officers-now-following-same-use-of-force-policy-that-includes-a-move-impd-had-banned.

Hamilton County legislators highlight new laws now in effect

The REPORTER

As summer kicks off in Indiana, local lawmakers want Hoosiers to know about a wide range of new state laws that took effect this week.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said most new laws passed during the 2024 legislative session took effect July 1, including [expanding work-based learning](#). More Hoosier high school students can apply for a Career Scholarship Account to pursue internships, apprenticeships, and other work-based learning opportunities. The \$5,000 scholarship covers certain expenses like training, career coaching, driver's education, certification and credentialing exams. Visit [in.gov/tos/csa](#) or call (317) 232-0723 for more information.

"Hoosier high school students need more opportunities to participate in work-based learning, apprenticeships and internships," Huston said. "Expanding these scholarships will provide young Hoosiers these experiences that are key to

determining career paths and developing high-demand skills for the 21st century workforce."

"All students should be able to pursue educational opportunities that prepare them for what comes after graduation," said State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville), who authored the new law. "This program is a gamechanger that will help young Hoosiers achieve success, no matter their career goals."

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said lawmakers took action on a wide range of hot-button issues this year like [protecting Hoosier farmland](#). To help protect Indiana's farmland and food supply chain, individuals or entities associated with foreign adversaries like Russia and China will be banned from purchasing or leasing agricultural land, and mineral, water, or

riparian rights. China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran will also be prevented from purchasing or leasing land within a 10-mile radius of military installations.

"Selling agricultural land to foreign enemies jeopardizes our state's food security," said Jeter, who co-authored the new law. "As one of the top producing agricultural states in the country, we must protect our farmland and ensure that it remains an asset for our food production."

Local lawmakers also highlighted the following new laws:

Boosting student reading proficiency

Currently, one in five Hoosier third graders struggle to read. Data shows that individuals with low literacy earn less money, have poorer health, and go to prison at higher rates than their peers. To improve reading rates,

the state will strengthen its remediation efforts and offer more targeted classroom support starting in second grade. Schools will also be required to offer summer courses to help with reading beginning this year.

"Reading is such a critical skill for all Hoosier students," said State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel). "Providing targeted support for students who need the most help in improving their reading will better prepare these learners for future success."

Stepping up for public retirees

Indiana's nearly 90,000 retired public servants like law enforcement and teachers will receive a 13th check to help cover cost-of-living expenses. Existing, dedicated funds will be used to make a one-time,

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Laws strengthening Hamilton County & state take effect

As your state senator, I'm committed to making our state and Hamilton County communities stronger and even better places to live.

Several laws my colleagues and I worked to advance this year took effect at the start of this month. These efforts include laws to bolster local responses to mental health and substance abuse crises, improve our schools, strengthen public safety and support our first responders and veterans.

House Enrolled Act 1385, which I sponsored, created the Community Cares Initiative, a statewide grant program to help communities establish mobile crisis teams to respond to those experiencing mental health and addiction crises. This initiative is modeled after the innovative Noble-Act program launched by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. Expanding it statewide will help Hoosiers across Indiana get increased access to care when and where they need it, better allocate public safety resources, and undoubtedly save lives.

Senate Enrolled Act 1, legislation I co-authored, aims to improve reading instruction in our schools. The law added reading proficiency requirements and increased targeted support to Hoosier students who are struggling with reading. With one-in-five of our third graders unable to read proficiently, this law will ensure all students gain this foundational skill and set them up for a successful future.

Senate Enrolled Act 5, a law I co-authored that took effect earlier this year, created a mechanism to help utility companies replace lead water pipes across the state quicker and more efficiently.

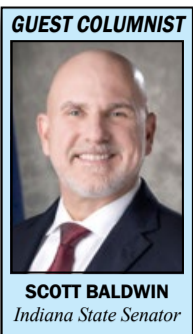
These pipes pose a major health risk to Hoosiers, and there are still too many in service, which is why it's critical they're replaced as soon as possible.

House Enrolled Act 1142, which I sponsored, established the Hoosier First Responder Medal of Honor, an accolade that can be awarded to first responders who go above and beyond the call of duty in service to Hoosiers. And **Senate Enrolled Act 49**, another bill I co-authored, enabled certain disabled veterans to participate in Indiana's free youth hunting days. As a former law enforcement officer and a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, I'll always champion efforts to support our first responders and military members, both during their service and when they return home.

During the 2023 legislative session, I authored **Senate Enrolled Act 3**, which established the State and Local Tax Review Task Force. The task force continues to meet and discuss how to improve Indiana's tax system, including looking for ways to reduce the burden of income taxes and property taxes on Hoosiers. The task force will submit recommendations to the General Assembly ahead of the 2025 legislative session. I look forward to seeing the task force's recommendations and advancing policy to help Hoosiers keep more of their hard-earned money.

Stronger Hoosiers, stronger communities, and a stronger Indiana: that's what I'll continue to work toward as your state senator.

Please reach out to my office at [indianasenate-republicans.com/baldwin](#) to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can do just that, together.



SCOTT BALDWIN
Indiana State Senator

AG Todd Rokita oversees 14 investigations leading to charges amid national push to halt health care fraud

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office played a key role last week in a major nationwide enforcement action against licensed medical professionals who allegedly participate in fraudulent health care schemes.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) conducted 14 criminal investigations into alleged Medicaid fraud, leading to charges against 14 individuals.

"The Medicaid pro-

gram was created to provide needed medical care to disabled and low-income Hoosiers," Rokita said. "Instead, too many unethical providers steal Medicaid funds and resources to serve their own selfish interests. Our team of lawyers and investigators will keep pursuing and prosecuting lawbreakers who illegally try to defraud the system."

In the 14 cases, the In-



Rokita

diana Attorney General's MFCU investigated licensed health care professionals and Medicaid providers suspected of illegal activity.

In 13 of the 14 cases, Attorney General Rokita's attorneys are prosecuting the alleged crimes with assent of the local prosecutors' offices in the counties where the alleged crimes occurred.

AG Rokita expressed gratitude to the investigators

and attorneys of his Indiana MFCU team for their hard work on these cases. These investigations are part of a nationwide initiative led by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a federal grant. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the State of Indiana.

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Enjoy a summertime Saturday in Carmel’s Arts & Design District

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 for Allied Solutions’ *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Enjoy live music throughout the District, gallery, and merchant specials.

Be sure to stop by Anthony’s Plaza to join **Indiana Artisan Nancy Keating** as she invites the community to collaborate in a chip-in mosaic.

Live music

- Adam Shuntich in the breezeway by Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 111 W. Main St.

- Rosie Inman at Anthony’s Plaza, Monon Boulevard & Main Street

- Larry Gindhart at Indiana Artisan Gifts and Gallery, 22 N. Range Line Road

Gallery Exhibits

Each month, local galleries and businesses will feature special events to enhance your experience.

- **Art on Main:** The Art on Main July show features works by **Lisa Macha**. You won’t want to miss this great show of 25 beautiful paintings on display throughout the month of July. (111 W. Main St., Suite 140)

- **Carmel Arts Council:** The Carmel Arts Council will feature Artist in the Garden Matt Vincent, a graphic design artist who will be conducting a digital design workshop for kids. (40 W. Main St.)

- **CCA Gallery:** Featured artists in July are jewelry artist **Kelly Jen-**



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Nancy Keating invites you to take part in a community mosaic during *Meet Me on Main* this coming Saturday in the Carmel Arts & Design District.

kins and acrylic/oil painter **Christine Jones**. (111 W. Main St., Suite 135)

- **Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery:** Meet Nashville, Ind., artist **DeMaris Glazier** who will demonstrate her creative process that results in bold and bright stained-glass sculptures, panels, mirrors and sun catchers. (22 N. Range Line Road)

- **The Art Studio of Carmel:** The Art Studio will feature works from its four studio artists. Interested in registering kids for summer camps? **This link** takes you to the registration page. (30 N. Range Line Road, 2nd Floor)

- **Kuaba Gallery:** Kuaba Gallery is excited to announce a collaboration with renowned fashion designer **Parisa Kay**, who has showcased her work at fashion shows in New York, other major U.S. cities and

Europe. The gallery invites you to bring your children to “Sew on Main – Where Art Meets Fashion” to learn the basics of making simple cuts and patterns. This opportunity not only introduces them to practical skills but also fosters creativity and problem-solving abilities. (404 W. Main St.)

- **Magdalena Gallery of Art:** Prepare to be captivated by stunning new works from **Mary Johnston** at the July Meet Me on Main event. (27 E. Main St.)

Special offers

- All Things Carmel: Sample wines at All Things Carmel from Brews & Barrels Trail and other central Indiana wineries. SwimCity, USA shirts are still available to celebrate our Carmel Olympians! (110 W. Main St., Suite 104)

- **Kernels:** Stop by Kernels for a medium-sized bag of gourmet popcorn for

only \$1. (254 Veterans Way, Suite F)

For a complete directory of galleries, restaurants and businesses in the District, visit **CarmelArtsAndDesign.com**.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest’s premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Bigger ways to show joyful appreciation to your customers

This week we’re talking about showing appreciation to customers by spreading joy to them in bigger ways.

Remember a good old-fashioned phone call from a real human being? This concept is starting to disappear in our society. With more texting, emails, and the occasional “robo/telemarketing/scam” call, sadly, talking to someone on the phone is not as great as it used to be. Thank-a-thons can bring that positivity back!

A thank-a-thon involves a group of people such as staff or board members from an organization or business making phone calls of appreciation to customers. Everyone usually calls five to 10 customers with a short script that goes something like this:

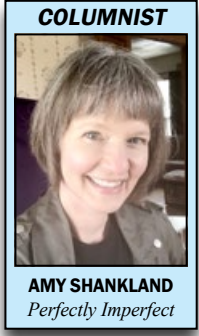
“Hello, Joe? This is Amy from ABC. We wanted to take a minute today to call and personally thank you for your recent donation/purchase/visit with us. It’s already making such a difference and we appreciate you very much.”

Then, they stop talking. Chances are that your customer will be flabbergasted, in a good way, if you reach them versus their voicemail!

How about having a business owner, manager, director, or someone else in a high position call and thank a customer occasionally? Can you imagine how good that would make someone feel to have, for example, a founder of a company call them and share their appreciation for a minute?

No matter who makes that call, even if it just goes to voicemail, it may be a welcome relief to hear and it might make someone’s day. People won’t soon forget your sincere phone call of appreciation!

Just like with staff members, another way to show appreciation to customers is through food. And what’s better than breakfast – the most important meal of the day! Spread the word on social media, email, news-



letters, or other avenues that you’re hosting a free annual “grab and go” breakfast to thank your customers.

Keep things simple by serving a variety of bagels, coffee, juice, tea, and fruit.

Host it in an easy, accessible location where customers can park, stay and chat awhile if they like, or simply grab a bag and their favorite morning beverage and be on their way.

Finally, here’s something that makes a big visual impact – if you frequently see your customers throughout the day, why not create a wall of fame” showing off a customer of the month? You can select a customer of the month for numerous reasons.

As we end this topic of thanking customers by bringing them joy, just remember, like all the steps discussed in this series, to take things one at a time when exploring new ways to show appreciation to customers.

If you’ve never gone above and beyond to thank your customers, start slowly with one or two new methods. Divide and conquer as well – many of these can be done by several different employees. Some methods might appeal to one type of employee more than others.

Be prepared as you slowly build your arsenal of appreciation, however, to increase your business like nothing you’ve ever done before; begin to feel incredibly warm and fuzzy; gain an unbelievable number of new customers; and leave a lasting impression upon your existing customers that will have them remembering you fondly for years to come!

We’ll wrap up our joy at work series next week. In the meantime, have a glorious Fourth of July!

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael celebrates 100 years of female songwriters & the King of Cool

The REPORTER

Feinstein’s at the Hotel Carmichael in Carmel is well known for the many shows that pay homage to musical greats, both past and present. Coming up in July, Nicole Zuraitis takes you on a century-long journey of female songwriters and lyricists.

On Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m., Nicole Zuraitis takes the stage with her show, *Generations of Her*, celebrating women songwriters and lyricists of the last 100 years.

This fantastic show will take you on a musical journey across the decades and across many genres. Featuring music from 1924 to the present day, this show is full of surprises, unknown facts and classic gems, along with arrangements by Zuraitis of

music by Carole King, Bobby Gentry, Loretta Lynn, Sade, Aretha Franklin, Maria Grier, Irene Higgenbotham, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, Dolly Parton, Janis Ian, amazing modern-day composers, living jazz songwriters, and more.

Full of great backstories and banter, this show is a true crowd favorite.

Nicole Zuraitis is a GRAMMY Award-winning (2024) jazz singer-songwriter, pianist, and arranger, New York-based bandleader and winner of the prestigious 2021 American Traditions Vocal Competition Gold Medal. With a “heart as big as her remarkable voice” (*Jazz Police*), she has positioned herself as one of the top artists and “prolific songwriters” (*Broadway World*) to watch in jazz and beyond.

Her arrangement of Dolly Parton’s “Jolene,” co-written with renowned drummer and bandleader Dan Pugach, was nominated for a 2019 GRAMMY, springboarding her career and making her a household name in the modern-day jazz landscape. In 2020, she was named in the Top 40 under 40 for 2020 in *Connecticut Magazine*, and her weekly livestream during the COVID-19 crisis, *Virtual Piano Lounge*, was featured in *Forbes Magazine*.

She has collaborated with an extensive list of luminaries, including Christian McBride, David Cook, Gilad Hekselman, Veronica Swift, Benny Benack, Stephen Feifke, Cyrille Aimee, Antonio Sanchez, Dave Stryker, Omar Hakim, Rachel Z, Helen Sung, and

Bernard Purdie. She is a proud educator and currently vocal faculty at NYU and SUNY Purchase.

Calling all Parrot Heads! When the weather heats up in the summer, no performer comes to mind more so than the King of Cool – Jimmy Buffett. His songs take you right along with him to a sandy beach with the wind and the waves and a cold margarita.

On Thursday, July 18, is *BUBBLES UP! Let’s Celebrate Jimmy Buffett*. Jimmy Buffett was everybody’s friend, and paradise was wherever he was. Many of his lyrics were about living life, being happy, respecting each other and nature, along with much more.

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post-retirement payment, which will average about \$360 per recipient.

“We know the costs of everyday goods and services has gone up, and it’s putting a strain on household budgets,” said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel),

who co-authored the new law. “For our public retirees, this 13th check can help provide some much-needed relief and recognize their years of service to Indiana.”

Visit iga.in.gov to learn more about these and other new state laws.

Don't just ride the rails . . . Bike them!

Forest Park Rail Adventure

An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

White River Family Cruise

Enjoy this short, scenic rail bike ride from Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides

Latest Carmel road construction updates

The REPORTER
136th Street paving
Beginning Monday, July 8, crews will be milling and paving West 136th Street from Towne Road to Spring Mill Road. This work is expected to last through Saturday, July 13, weather permitting. There will be a one-lane closure while work is active with a flagger to direct traffic.

I-465 bridge over 96th Street
There will be night time closures on July 10 and 11 for the demolition of the I-465 bridge over 96th Street. There will not be closures July 8 and 9 as originally planned. Access to Hoosier Village from the east using Michigan Road and from the west using Zionsville Road will remain.

News from INDOT
There will be bridge resurfacing work over U.S. 31 in the following locations:

- West Carmel Drive, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, should be complete by Monday, July 8. Work will take place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.
 - West Main Street, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will begin on or after Friday, July 12 and be completed by Monday, July 22. Work will take place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.
 - West 136th Street and Smoky Row, work will begin in August (schedule to come)
- Cherry Tree Road over Vestal Ditch**
Cherry Tree Road will be closed for 120 days during the bridge replacement between Streamside Drive and Klingensmith Boulevard that carries Cherry Tree Road over Vestal Ditch.

Latest Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER
State Road 37 & 141st Street
Preliminary construction work is underway at SR 37 and 141st Street. During this time pavement markings and concrete barriers will be placed. There will be no closures during this phase, only intermittent lane restrictions during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find construction updates at 37thrives.com.

96th Street & Allisonville Road
Phase 3A of the project has begun, during which there will be a slight shift in traffic to allow the contractor to build the future driveway for the Circle K gas station. This gas station will still be accessible from 96th Street and Allisonville Road.

On or after July 22, the contractor will move into Phase 3B and traffic will shift from the east side of Allisonville Road to the west side and will continue to flow north and south. At this time, the driveway for Circle K constructed in Phase 3A will be accessible. [Click here](#) to see a map.

Road resurfacing projects
The contractor is continuing work in the Fox Run and Hillsborough neighborhoods and will work on road resurfacing at the following locations the week of July 8:

- Walnut Creek on Fortune Drive between Andrews Place and Cumberland Road
 - 106th Street and Cumberland Road roundabout
- Residents should refrain from parking their vehicles on the street during active construction operations.
- Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.
- For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).
- View the Road Resurface Overview Map [here](#).
- Roadways and neighborhoods are prioritized based on the PASER rating condition of their pavement. You can see a map [here](#).

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The tropical troubadour who left us last year earns a place being celebrated at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael. Join the tribute "do-cu-cabaret" team of Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Jazz Quartet as they conjure a world of sun, saltwater, and nonstop parties while paying tribute to the singer, songwriter, author, sailor and entrepreneur whose roguish brand of island escapism on hits like "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" made him something of a latter-day folk hero.

BUBBLES UP! is presented by the same team

that brought you the hit shows *All the Way: A Frank Sinatra Tribute*, *Because Of You: A Tribute to Tony Bennett*, *Sweet Caroline: The Life and Music of Neil Diamond*, and *One Voice: The Music of Manilow*, join Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra as they will guide you on an evening of stories and music that will have you up and dancing in the aisles.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a fantastic dinner and beverages before the show.

[Click here](#) to get tickets to all Feinstein's shows.

Indiana State Fair unveils new delicious foods for 2024

Submitted

Experiencing the sweet and savory treats around the Great Indiana State Fair is a summertime favorite. On Tuesday, the Indiana State Fair unveiled 43 new mouth-watering culinary creations fairgoers can enjoy this summer.

All-American Mary Urick Concessions
Our All-American Mary is a classic bloody Mary brimming with all your favorite backyard cookout essentials. It's loaded with a mini corn on the cob, cheeseburger slider, fried mac and cheese, fried pickles, waffle fries, hotdog slider, and a mini apple pie.

Aloha Hot Honey Chicken Nachos Urick Concessions
Aloha to our Hot Honey Chicken Nachos. This tropical twist on loaded nachos features crispy tortilla chips, taco seasoned chicken, creamy queso, sweet pineapple chunks, a drizzle of Mike's Hot Honey, and zesty mango salsa.

Amish Peanut Butter Pretzel Bites Wilson Concessions
Pretzel bites slathered in Amish Peanut Butter Spread. They will consist of Amish Peanut butter spread and pretzel bites. The spread has a peanut butter marshmallow flavor.

BBQ Totchos Wagner Food Services
Tater tots, pulled pork, cheese sauce, jalapeños, sour cream, BBQ sauce. What more could you want?

Bison Smashburger Taco Red Frazier Food Truck
Our classic Bison burger smashed and pressed into a flour tortilla served with all the Classic fixings. Drizzled with our Signature Smash Burger Sauce.

Blue Ribbon Blueberry Milkshake American Dairy Association

The name says it all. This first-place worthy, refreshing blueberry shake boasts just the right amount of berry flavor and makes for a beautiful photo opportunity.

Blueberry Cheesecake Stuffed Elephant Ear The Bakerman

For 10 years, the Bakerman has offered fairgoers the original Stuffed Elephant Ear available with Apple, Cherry, or Peach filling. This year we are taking it to the next level with a Blueberry Cheesecake stuffed Elephant Ear.

Boba Lemonade Shake-Up Indiana Ribeye

We have fresh squeezed lemonade shakeups with various flavors of Boba for a burst of extra flavor of your choice.

Bratzilla Urick Concessions
This monstrous sandwich features a locally sourced 1/3-pound bratwurst from Dewig Meats on a pretzel bun, smothered in creamy hatch queso, topped with BBQ pulled pork, crispy onions and jalapeños.

Chili Cheese Empanada Newfields

Indulge in the fiery flavors of our signature Chili Cheese Empanada at the State Fair. Bursting with a tantalizing blend of house-made three-alarm chili and rich Wisconsin cheddar cheese, each empanada is expertly deep-fried to golden perfection. Topped with a colorful medley of pickled red onions, fresh scallions, and crunchy corn chips, every bite is a symphony of textures and tastes. Accompanied by a luscious creamy cheddar cheese sauce for dipping and a dollop of cooling sour cream, this savory sensation is a must-try for all food enthusiasts seeking a delicious and unforgettable fair experience.

Chili Cheese Frito Corn in a Cup Wilson Concessions
The name says it all. This tasty cup includes corn, nacho cheese, chili, and Chili Cheese Fritos.

Chocolate Caramel Coffee Float: "The Triple C Float" Hook's Drug Store Museum & Soda Fountain
24-ounce serving of Iced Coffee with ice cream, chocolate and caramel syrups, topped with whipped cream, a cherry and drizzled with caramel sauce.

Cinnamon Toast Crunch Funnel Cake R & W Concessions
Our famous funnel cake topped with cinnamon and sugar followed by Cinnamon Toast Crunch then drizzled with vanilla icing.

Cookie Butter Elephant Ear Urick Concessions

Treat yourself to our newest twist on a classic carnival favorite. This oversized pastry is perfectly fried, sprinkled with cinnamon sugar, generously slathered with creamy cookie butter, and topped with crushed Biscoff cookies.

Deep Fried Golden Oreo Orme Deep Fried Treats
Just like our original Fried Oreo it is stuck with a toothpick to ensure it is completely coated in our sweet funnel cake mix and then fried to golden perfection.

Dill Pickle Dr. Pepper R & W Concessions
Everyone's favorite Dr. Pepper with dill pickles spears followed by a splash of juice.

Dill Pickle Lemon Shake-Up R & W Concessions
If you want a real shake-up, let us make you a Dill Pickle Lemon Shake-up made with all fresh ingredients and a splash of pickle juice and pickle spear.

Fried Ice Cream Cone Freud Family Foods
Vanilla ice cream rolled in corn flakes and flash fried. Topped with honey, chocolate, whipped cream. Served in a homemade waffle cone.

Fried Sugar Biscuit n' BBQ with Apple Butter Sauce Nitro Hog BBQ
A deep-fried biscuit rolled in sugar, stuffed with Pulled Pork topped with an Apple Butter BBQ Sauce.

Gravy and Taters Colp's Concessions
A delicious, deep-fried tater topped with our savory sausage gravy and bacon.

Grilled Cheese Slammer Freund Family Food
A grilled cheese sandwich filled with BBQ pork, mac 'n cheese, and fried pickles, served on Texas toast with a side order a tater tots.

Happy Jack Sandwich Black Leaf Vegan

Loaded with shredded jackfruit blended with bourbon maple sauce and southern black leaf spices loaded on pretzel bun with coleslaw.

Hoosier Cowboy Sandwich Indiana Beef Cattle Association
Expertly grilled ribeye steak sandwich tucked between two slices of pepper jack cheese and sandwiched with grilled sourdough bread, combining the best of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association's Cattlemen's Club Ribeye Stand with the American Dairy Association Indiana's world-famous Dairy Bar to bring two of the Indiana State Fair's food staples together in one incredible sandwich.

Spicy Pickle Pizza Swains Concessions
We start off with our homemade pizza dough with a jalapeño ranch sauce. We top it with mozzarella and pickle chips then we sprinkle a Cajun dust over top and bake. When it comes out, we butter the crust and add more Cajun dust and drizzle spicy ranch on top.

Hot Honey Pepperoni Pull Grilled Cheese American Dairy Association
The perfect mix of mozzarella cheese, sandwich-style pepperoni and hot honey between two slices of sweet Hawaiian bread, topped with a sprinkling of Italian seasoning. Served with marinara sauce upon request.

Indiana Pork Riblets Indiana Pork Producers
The Indiana Pork Riblets are served as bite size portions of deliciously seasoned pork. Enjoy the riblets with a trio of sauces, Hot

Honey, Nelson's Red Sauce and Citrus Explosion.

Jerk Chicken Nachos Jamaican Breeze Sports Bar & Grill
Crispy chips topped with Jamaican jerk chicken, flavorful jerk sauce, sweet peppers, and melted cheese.

Melty Mess Grilled Cheese American Dairy Association
Are you a lover of the perfect cheese combination? So are we. With slices of havarti, cheddar, and muenster cheeses on buttery sourdough bread, the Melty Mess is for you.

Peach Shake Up HI & Mighty
A bright and juicy refreshers perfect for all types of summer 'fuzz' at the fair.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Chicken Wings Urick Concessions
Crispy chicken wings tossed in a creamy peanut butter sauce and topped with a sweet jelly drizzle. Perfect for adventurous eaters and wing enthusiasts alike, our PB&J Chicken Wings are a must-try treat.

Shark Attack Twisted Drinks and Food
Fresh Squeezed Fruit Punch Lemon Twister infested with Albanese Gummy Sharks.

Strawberry Cheesecake Funnel Cake LT Concessions
A traditional funnel cake with powdered sugar, cream cheese icing, strawberries, graham cracker crumble and whipped topping cooked fresh to order.

Strawberry Shortcake Twisted Drinks and Food
Fresh bakery-made bundt cake topped with sliced strawberries, whipped cream and Albanese Gummy Butterflies.

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Meeting Notices
The Noblesville Board of Public Works & Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
The Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in Meeting Room A at the library, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd., Westfield.
The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I), Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision. A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.



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Robert Leroy Young Sr.
December 2, 1934 – July 5, 2024

Robert Leroy Young Sr., 89, of Westfield, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on December 2, 1934, to Raymond and Bessie (Bish) Young in Indiana, Pa. Robert worked for 33 years for Babcock & Wilcox Steel in Beaver Falls, Pa. He married Carole Sutherin on December 27, 1954. Robert was a member of the Bible Holiness Church and served four years as a missionary in New Guinea. Through the years, he loved to hunt and enjoyed working on cars.

Robert is survived by his wife of 70 years, Carole J. Young; children, Robert Leroy (Sharen) Young Jr, Lois McLean, Dan P. (Janine) Young, Shirley (Charles) McLean, Rebecca (Adrian) Duttry, and Teresa (Timothy) Carpenter; 24 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant twins, Janet & Charles Young; daughter, Vicki (Jim) Webb; brothers, Raymond Young Jr., Richard Young, and Donald Young; and his sisters, Sandra Champion, Shirley Ann Young, and Mary Ellen Pumphrey.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Union Friends Church, 533 S. Union St., Westfield. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the church, with Pastor Mark Mowery officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Union Friends Church, 533 S. Union St., Westfield, IN 46074. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Gary Wayne Jones
June 7, 1955 – July 2, 2024

Gary Wayne Jones, 69, Pendleton, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. He was born on June 7, 1955, to William Jones and Geneva Wells.

Gary married the love of his life Doris on July 28, 1972, their daughter Jenny was born on January 21, 1973, and they resided in Noblesville for many years. He moved to Pendleton in 2021 to be with his daughter and son-in-law, after losing the love of his life whom he was married to for 50 years. Gary was a kind, sweet, gentle man who never met a stranger and always took care of the people he loved. He was a joy to be around and we are very thankful he lived with us for the past three years. We lost him way too soon.

Gary retired from Carmel Street Department after many years of service. He was a hard worker and enjoyed his retirement years very much. Gary loved to travel with his wife, especially spending time at the beach and Brown County. He loved taking his girls to Gulf Shores, Ala., for many years until his wife Doris passed away. Gary loved camping and did so for over 40 years. He loved fast cars, anything that had a motor, and loved watching his "car shows." Gary restored a 1955 Chevy for many years until he sold it, and eventually purchased his '67 Chevelle. He was extremely proud of his car and definitely may have burned rubber a few times, something he would be very proud of. Gary so loved his Barn/Garage and spent a lot of time in there, and he was looking forward to it being completely finished.

Gary will be missed beyond words and our hearts are broken. He was just not ordinary, he was extraordinary. Men like him are very rare these days. He taught me so many things but most of all he showed me what true kindness and love is.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Jenny (Trent) Altherr; grandchildren, Brianna Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Cody (Allie) Altherr, Hailey Altherr, and Schyler Altherr; great-grandchildren Ruth Altherr and Cooper Altherr; siblings, Laura Moore and Tammy Reynolds; and many other family members.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beautiful wife, Doris Jones; brother, Chuck Jones; sister Sandy Jones; and several other dear family members.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., with visitation starting at 11 a.m., on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

— COUNTY —

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

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— TIPTON —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
PROSPECT OVERLAY DISTRICT
CO-ZO-11-24

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will continue a public hearing on Wednesday July 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Tipton County 4H Building, 1200 S Main St, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:
An amendment to the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance concerning an amendment to Section 403 entitled "US 31 Overlay District". Specifically, the amendment is intended to change the name of the section to "Prospect Overlay District"; add to and modify prohibited uses in the overlay district; and expand the overlay district generally described as follows:
a. That area 1000 feet on either side of the right-of-way or future right-of-way of the US 31 Corridor in Tipton County;
b. That area from County Road 800 West to the centerline of the US 31 Corridor between County Road 300 South to County Road 50 North; and
c. That area from the City of Tipton Zoning Jurisdiction (500 feet west of County Road 350 West) to the centerline of the US 31 Corridor between County Road 300 South to County Road 50 North.
The proposed amendment may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana no sooner than ten (10) days prior to the hearing.
Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendment, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections may be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.
The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Tipton County Plan Commission
R4593 7/6/24, 7/8/24

Support CCS endorses Jon Shapiro & Kristina Wheeler for Carmel Clay school board

Submitted by
Support CCS

Support CCS – a non-partisan political action committee committed to supporting the election of school board candidates who will fulfill the mission and guiding principles of Carmel Clay Schools – has announced its endorsements for Carmel Clay School Board on the November 2024 ballot: Jon Shapiro and Kristina “Kris” Wheeler.

Support CCS reached out individually to every candidate who filed to run for CCS board, inviting them to apply for endorsement. An external review committee composed of four Republicans, three Democrats, and one Independent – all Carmel residents knowledgeable about CCS – evaluated the submissions of those who chose to apply and overwhelmingly recommended Jon Shapiro and Kris Wheeler for endorsement. Support CCS has enthusiastically adopted the recommendations of the external review committee.

Support CCS says Shapiro and Wheeler are dedicated and qualified candidates who truly embody the CCS spirit, as well as the values of Support CCS. Both are

children of public school teachers, both have professional experience in education settings, and both have gone above and beyond in service to CCS. Each has lived in Carmel for more than a decade, and each has professional competencies that will serve the Board and CCS well.

Shapiro is a CCS parent and a deeply involved member of the CCS community. He was honored with a special Community Service Award from the district in January for his role in leading the “Yes for CCS” Operating Referendum campaign. Shapiro has long worked in education, in nonprofit, youth-serving organizations, and is the current director of fundraising and donor relations at Hope Academy Recovery High School. His demonstrated commitment to the Carmel community and his desire to ensure CCS remains one of the best public school districts in the nation for all students make Shapiro an excellent choice to serve on the CCS School Board.

Wheeler, a partner at Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP, is currently serving on the Executive Board of the Carmel Education Foundation as the

Vice President for Compliance and Board Secretary. She is the mother of one CCS graduate and another who will be a freshman at Carmel High School this fall. Having earned her undergraduate degree in elementary education herself, Wheeler has a fundamental understanding of the importance of supporting our teachers, parents, students, and schools. As a certified public mediator, she understands that in order to do this you need to work across differences of opinion in order to solve problems. She has long been involved in CCS and embodies the passion and dedication to build on the success of our school system that the CCS School Board needs.

“A presidential election year can overshadow the vital importance of local elections,” Support CCS Chair Jennifer Cashin said. “However, there is no overstating how much of an impact our school board has on the future of our children and our community. We’re proud to stand behind our external review committee’s decision to support Shapiro and Wheeler; they are both highly qualified and capable candidates who have a demonstrated history of

commitment to the Carmel Clay Schools.”

There are two school board seats to be filled in this year’s election, and Support CCS was pleased to see that the nonpartisan vetting team identified both Shapiro and Wheeler as excellent endorsees. Though theirs were the only two applications Support CCS received, the review committee could have chosen to recommend one candidate or neither. No candidate would have been endorsed without demonstrating to the committee that they could be entrusted with the competent administration of Carmel’s schools on behalf of all CCS families.

Support CCS is confident that Carmel voters will agree Shapiro and Wheeler are the perfect people to help CCS build on its successes and navigate it through future challenges.

More information about Jon Shapiro can be found at shapiroforccs.com. While her website is under development, Kristina “Kris” Wheeler can be reached at wheeler4ccs@gmail.com.

To learn more about Support CCS and its vetting process or to volunteer, visit supportccs.org.

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Sun King Brewing

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A six-inch specialty egg

roll stuffed with homemade spaghetti with meat sauce (ground beef) and mozzarella cheese, brushed with a parmesan garlic butter.

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Tropical Daze Float
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Our creamy pineapple paired with orange soda. Perfect for any warm day.

Ultimate Steak Nachos
Georgia's Kitchen

Tortilla chips, monetary cheese, melted cheese, steak, onions, peppers, honey BBQ sauce, sour cream, and jalapeños.

Fairgoers are encouraged to vote for their favor-

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ite new food items by visiting any of the information booths presented by Prairie Farms throughout the 15-day fair or by using the QR codes displayed at each participating "Taste of the Fair" concession stand. The winning food stand will receive a \$2,500 cash prize, followed by the second place receiving \$1,000, and third place receiving \$500.

In addition, for the first time our partners at the World Food Championships will award the top three winners a Golden Ticket entry to the World Food Championships event taking place in Indianapolis this fall for the first time in history at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

A map highlighting the locations of all the fair's food booths, including the featured food items will be available at Information Booths located throughout the fairgrounds and at IndianaStateFair.com as you plan your trip to this year's fair.

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Wayne Blackford

August 6, 1941 – July 4, 2024



Wayne Blackford, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. He was born on August 6, 1941, to the late Denver and Amelia (Kuhn) Blackford and was raised in Fishers.

Wayne was a 1959 graduate of Fishers High School. For 37 years, he worked as a carpenter for Geupel Demars Construction and Terstep. After retirement, he worked 15 years for Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Wayne loved golf, bowling, and basketball. He was an avid IU, Pacers and Colts fan. Wayne volunteered for Riverview Hospital for many years. He bragged on and loved his grandchildren.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Dorothy Blackford; daughter, Tracy Watkins; son, Jeff (Cathy) Blackford; sister, Margaret Renihan; Donna Brooks, who was like a daughter; and his four grandchildren, Lexi Watkins, Braeden Watkins, Emma Blackford, and Logan Blackford.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Jimmy V Foundation, 14600 Weston Pkwy., Cary, NC 27513 ([v.org](http://www.jimmyv.org)); or Compassus Hospice, 8450 N. Payne Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46268 ([compassus.com](http://www.compassus.com)).

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

Joyce Ann Wiggins

January 31, 1939 – July 2, 2024

Joyce Ann Wiggins, 85, formerly of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at her home. She was born on January 31, 1939, to Wayne and Helen (Costomiris) Musselman in Noblesville.

Joyce was a Noblesville native, a member of the Clarksville Christian Church, and a past worthy matron of the Eastern Star. Joyce loved spending time with her large family and hosting large gatherings. She enjoyed working in her garden, going to antique sales, making crafts of any kind, and riding motorcycles. Joyce liked to travel and resided in Bradenton, Fla., during the winter months. She strutted with the Suncoast Mummies. She also enjoyed crocheting, card games, and sewing.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Wiggins, Jr.; siblings, Gary (Pam) Musselman, Jean (Ron) Fleming, Pat Overdorf, David (Cherie) Musselman, and Diana (Phil) Musselman; children, Denise McHenry, Linda (Doug) Wainscott, Louise (Bill) Hennessy, Rebecca (Doug) Sharp, Pamela Pietsch, Charles "Andy" (Renee) Simmons, Vickie (Tom) Wright, and Christy Wiggins; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Charles Riley Simmons; and son-in-law, Victor Wainscott.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Ronald Bartley Glover

June 9, 1942 – June 28, 2024



Ronald Bartley Glover, 82, Athens, Ala., formerly of Sheridan, passed away on Friday morning, June 28, 2024, surrounded by his loving wife and family. Born June 9, 1942, in Sheridan, he was the son of the late Edward B. Glover and Mary Francis Glover-Bienert.

Ron was a 1960 graduate of Sheridan High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he honorably served his country from January 15, 1962, to September 30, 1984, at which time he took his retirement at the rank of CMSGT. His accomplishments during his career in the Air Force were many, including his service during the Vietnam War and being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. However, his proudest moment came when he was awarded his Purple Heart.

Ron saw retirement a little bit differently than most people. Although he did find time to get more fishing in, a life of leisure wasn't his idea of a good time. He soon found himself working as a project manager on the B2 bomber program with Northrop and as a Space Station change board chairman with Boeing. "Retirement" did give him a little more flexibility in his schedule, so along with fishing, he was also able to keep better tabs on the Atlanta Braves. A lifelong fan, he was glad to be able to see more games and not just catch the scores. He also enjoyed keeping up with hockey.

He was a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), and the Air Force Association. He was also a member of the Bassmasters Fishing Club.

He took great pride in his family and loved time spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Thoy "Toy" (Boonchoo) Glover. She and Ron were married on January 15, 1969. Also surviving are three sons, Chris Glover (Tina) of Sheridan, Bryan Glover of Strayhorn, Miss., and Scott Glover of McCordsville; daughter, Rhonda Glover-Geyer of Fort Worth, Texas; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and stepbrother, Steven Butcher of Indianapolis.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward B. Glover and Mary Francis Glover-Bienert; stepfather, Harry Bienert; two sisters, Marcia Sue Glover, and Connie Joan Roudebush; and brother-in-law, Ronald Roudebush.

Graveside Services with Military Honors will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Pastor Steve Hacker will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or online at [give.riley-kids.org](http://www.give.riley-kids.org).

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://www.kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

"The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.' But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go."

"And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

Exodus 3:18-22 (NIV)

Karon Sue Pharis

February 16, 1942 – July 4, 2024

Karon Sue Pharis, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on February 16, 1942, in Indianapolis.

Karon worked at Firestone Industrial Products in Noblesville for 30 years. She enjoyed playing Bingo and loved her grandkids.

She is survived by her sons, Tim (Rhonda) Pharis and Todd Pharis; sisters, Cindy Burke Swango and Vicki Burke Bailey; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as several brothers-in law and sisters-in law.

Karon was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Kirby Burke and stepfather, James Burke; husband, Bobby L. Pharis; son, Tony Pharis; and her brothers, Robert Applegate and Michael Corkey Burke.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

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Swimming

Hard work is his forte

Meet Noblesville's Luke Whitlock, nation's youngest Olympic swimmer in 24 years

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

Some people enjoy doing things because they're difficult.

Luke Whitlock is one of those people. At age 12, he swam his first-ever mile race and enjoyed it.

"It's just something I've always liked to do, because it's hard," said Whitlock. "I just like working hard. It just makes me feel good."

Here's something else that feels good: qualifying for the Olympics. Whitlock, representing with Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, did that last month at the Olympic Swim Trials at Lucas Oil Stadium, where he finished second in the 800 freestyle and earned a place on the U.S. Olympic Team.

The recent Noblesville High School graduate clocked in with a time of 7 minutes, 45.19 seconds, just behind reigning gold medalist Robert Finke's time of 7:44.22.

"I went out pretty aggressive the first half of the race," said Whitlock. "I was hurting pretty bad at the end, but I still got the job done. I was happy that I took that chance to go out fast. It paid off."

"The 7:45 that he went was a national age group record," said FAST coach Joe Keller. "Three seconds faster than any other 17-18 year old's gone in U.S. history. "And one think that Luke will mention, he wants to go faster, but one of the things that he wants to do is have an opportunity to break the world junior record." The world junior record is 7:43; Keller said, "we want to put him in a position to do that."

The winner of a race at the Trials gets first priority on the Olympic team, with



Photo by Austin Wilson

Noblesville's Luke Whitlock qualified for the U.S. Olympic team with a second-place finish in the Men's 800 freestyle at last month's U.S. Olympic Trials. The Fishers Area Swimming Tigers representative has been dropping time consistently in the long-distance events over the past two years.

the runner-up receiving second priority. But Whitlock was confident that he would be on the roster.

"There's never been a second-place individual person that hasn't been named to the team, so I pretty much knew that I was going to make it anyway," said Whitlock.

"Nothing he does surprises me," said Keller. "I actually told people, they were asking, and I said, 'I'd be more surprised if he didn't make the Olympic team than if he did. I think that was a surprise to people, but to me, watching him

every day and doing what he was doing, I was pretty confident he had a legitimate chance."

Whitlock began swimming when he was 10 years old. He began to rapidly improve in 2022 at age 16, making his first big splash by placing fifth in the 7.5K race at the Open Water Junior Nationals in Sarasota, Fla.

He continued to drop time consistently throughout the next two years, first breaking the eight-minute mark in the 800 free at the 2023 World Aquatics Junior Championships in Netanya, Israel. He finished fifth in that race with a time of 7:55.00.

It all came to a head in Indianapolis. The swimming news website swimswam.com placed Whitlock on its breakout watch, calling him "a name to watch as things shake out in the mid-distance freestyle events." That included the 400 freestyle race.

Whitlock proved he belonged on the list, as he placed first in the 400 free prelims with a time of 3:46.42. That advanced him to the final, where he finished fifth in 3:46.55. But the tone was set for his 800 free race, and he earned

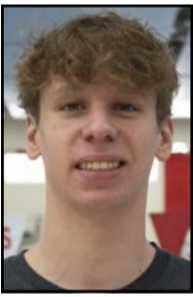
his ticket to Paris with a solid performance in that event. Whitlock also made the finals in the 1500 free, where he placed third, just a quarter-second away from second place and qualifying in that event.

At age 18, Whitlock is the youngest man to make the U.S. Olympic team since Michael Phelps qualified for the 2000 Sydney games at age 15. Phelps, of course, went on win 23 gold medals, an all-time Olympics record for all sports.

That's certainly good company to be with, but Whitlock is keeping his goals realistic when he swims in Paris. He also has an eye on the future, already thinking about the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"I'm just going to try to drop some more time and try to make the final in my event," said Whitlock. "A medal at this point might be a little bit out of reach, but I think the experience will be awesome if I can get into the final too and set me up well for 2028."

"I fully expect him to go faster," said Keller. "I expect him to make a final. If you've got one of those eight lanes, you've got a chance at one of those medals."



Whitlock



Photo by Austin Wilson

It's time for the Indy 500 to be broadcast on TV

It was around 2:30 p.m. on Race Day.

We were all sitting in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway media center, listening to Speedway president Doug Boles giving another update on the weather. The storms that prevented the Indianapolis 500 from starting on time had moved out, and the green flag finally dropped at 4:45 p.m.

Towards the end of his update, Boles made a big announcement: the race would be shown live on local television. The annual blackout of the Indy 500 was washed away for this year. There was a little bit of applause among those in the media center – including from me.

Why the applause? Because it's always good to see someone do the right thing. While a decent number of fans stayed until the end of the race, at 7:45 p.m., I'm sure there are others that had to leave for one reason or another. Maybe they had to relieve a babysitter. Maybe they had to get up early the next morning.

Whatever the "maybe" was, it was good to see the Speedway be proactive in accommodating fans who wanted to watch the race but couldn't stay at the track because of weather and scheduling concerns. And the race got good TV ratings locally because, well...this is Indianapolis and people here like the race.

So why do we have to wait for a weather delay, or some other extenuating circumstance, to show the Indy



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RICHIE HALL
Sports Editor

500 live? Why can't this be a permanent thing?

I'm aware this is something people have been asking for years. I understand it's because the Speedway wants local people to attend the race in person. And having gone to the 500 for several years now, I enjoy getting to be there on race day.

But what about the people in central Indiana that want to see the race, but can't? I'm not talking about ticket prices or crowds. I'm talking about people who have physical disabilities and limitations that make spending an entire day at the Speedway not just exhausting, but impossible.

As many of you are aware, my dad had to deal with health problems during the last few years of his life. In August of 2020, an infection in his foot spread so quickly that he had to have his leg removed below the knee. He spent the last two and a half years of his life in a wheelchair, which required him to use van transportation to take him to a doctor's appointment or the rare family outing.

Do you think it would've been easy for him to go the 500? Technically, it would have been possible, but it would not have been advisable. Dad had other health problems besides losing his leg, and he was well into his 70s. There's no way he would've made it through a "normal" 500, let alone a marathon day at the Speedway like the one we just had.

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The INDYCAR Hybrid Era is about to begin

INDYCAR is on the precipice of one of the largest regulation changes in its history.

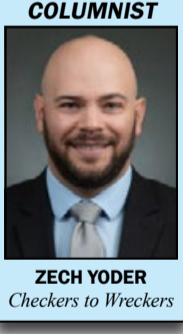
This week at Mid-Ohio Sports-Cars Car Course in Lexington, Ohio, INDYCAR will introduce its new hybrid power unit.

The introduction of hybrid power was first revealed publicly in 2019. For the last five years, INDYCAR has been working with its engine manufacturers, Chevrolet and Honda, to integrate a hybrid system into the current cars.

Originally, the hybrid power unit was to be introduced at the beginning of the 2024 season. However, additional testing was needed and INDYCAR opted to wait until after the 2024 Indianapolis 500 in order to ensure that all the new parts and pieces were safe and reliable. It was then decided that Mid-Ohio would play host to the introduction of the hybrid era.

Hybrid technology is not new to road going cars or the racing world. In fact, one might say that INDYCAR has been late to the hybrid party.

A hybrid prototype was introduced by Toyota and



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Audi during the 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship season with Audi winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans that year. Formula 1 introduced its first hybrid regulations during the 2014 season and has announced a second-generation hybrid power unit, which is set to be used during the 2026 season.

Hybrid technology has been introduced into motorsports because of its significant increase in efficiency and performance. The recent drive toward carbon neutrality and sustainability has affected vehicle manufacturers and all forms of motorsports. The goal of the hybrid technology being introduced in INDYCAR will be to decrease fuel consumption and carbon emissions. Perhaps more important, the hybrid system comes with a significant power advantage. Additional energy stored in the power unit can be deployed by drivers, resulting in increased horsepower.

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Swimming

Three FAST swimmers win at Open Water State Championship

The REPORTER

Several Hamilton County swimmers competed in the 2024 Open Water State Championship, which took place June 25 at Geist Waterfront Park in Fishers.

There were three winners from Fishers Area Swimming Tigers (FAST). Liam Chop won the Boys 11-12 division, Lexi Adams was first in the Girls 13-14 category and AJ Adams won the Boys 15 and over division. Carmel Swim Club's Addy Czarnecki was first in the Girls 15 and over category.

Here are complete results for Hamilton County swimmers.

Boys 11-12 800 meters

1. Liam Chop (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 9:47.5, 3. Gatlin Babcock (FAST) 10:14.1, 10. AJ Chesterfield (Southeastern Swim Club) 11:10.2, 13. Finnegan Harvey (FAST) 11:27.2, 14. Jacob Lugar (FAST) 11:52.5.

Girls 13-14 1200 meters

1. Lexi Adams (FAST) 15:37.0, 4. Abigail Ackerman (FAST) 15:48.7, 5. Lily Cain (FAST) 15:49.5, T7. Brooklyn Penn (SSC) 16:03.8, 11. London Gustin (FAST) 16:44.1, 12. Abby Jane Avritt (FAST) 17:00.4, 14. Eve Ziino (FAST) 17:32.1, 15. Eleanor Hultgren (SSC) 17:37.0, 16. CJ Piotrowski (FAST) 17:56.1.

Boys 13-14 1200 meters

2. Zaki Akhtar (FAST) 15:18.8, 3. Gavin Gannon (FAST) 15:20.3, 9. Joshua Kimmel (FAST) 16:38.0, 12. Jayden Paull (FAST) 17:45.5.

Girls 15 and over 1600 meters

1. Addy Czarnecki (Carmel Swim Club) 18:31.0, 2. Ayla Madara (FAST) 18:36.3, 3. Teegan Madara (FAST) 18:55.8, 5. Amira Leer (FAST) 19:35.1, 6. Kate Cassidy (Westfield Aquatics) 20:04.7, 9. Anna Brown (FAST) 20:36.2, 14. Addy Lehman (CSC) 22:10.2.

Boys 15 and over 1600 meters

1. AJ Adams (FAST) 17:11.9, 2. Jonny Hines (FAST) 17:34.2, 4. Sean Harvey (FAST) 17:49.2, 5. Eduardo Sanchez (FAST) 17:50.8, 6. Caden Askren (FAST) 17:53.2, 7. Brody Chop (FAST) 17:53.3, T10. Sam Holl (CSC) 18:31.9, Aiden Clarke (CSC) 18:31.9, 25. Caleb McCoy (FAST) 21:12.1.



Photo provided

Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' Teegan Madara finished third in the Girls 15 and over division at the 2024 Open Water State Championship last week at Geist Waterfront Park in Fishers.

FAST's Xie & Noblesville Swim Club's Grieshop win on final day of Enchanted Forest

The REPORTER

Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' (FAST) Alexander Xie finished the Enchanted Forest Swim Meet last Sunday with three more victories in the Boys 8&U division.

Xie won the 50 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle events. Noblesville Swim Club's Oliver Grieshop got one win for the host club, placing first in the Boys 8&U 50 breaststroke.

The top 20 Hamilton County finishers in each event now follow.

Girls 8&U 50 butterfly

3. Maleeka Urazov (Westfield Aquatics) 55.57, 5. Cora Shore (Noblesville Swim Club) 1:03.27, 6. Lainey Sealls (Southeastern Swim Club) 1:07.40, 7. Wriley Wright (WA) 1:09.11, 8. Lydia Lawrence (SSC) 1:09.52, 9. Maeve Blue (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 1:12.31, 10. Quorra Rives (FAST) 1:13.46, 12. Addison Sealls (SSC) 1:17.27, 13. Avery Goff (NOB) 1:17.55, 14. Harper Byl (SSC) 1:27.82, 15. Chloe McIntosh (SSC) 1:28.05.

Girls 9-10 50 butterfly

2. Eleanor Chan (SSC) 46.51, 5. Mary Kate Johanneman (FAST) 41.62, 10. Annistyn Worley (NOB) 43.81, 12. Molly Daniele (NOB) 44.65, 14. Elisa Brodskiy (FAST) 45.16, 16. Sachi Patel (FAST) 45.69, T17. Mikaela Morris (WA) 46.13, 19. Cora Arnold (NOB) 46.98, 20. Sabrina Neric (WA) 47.54.

Boys 8&U 50 butterfly

1. Alexander Xie (FAST) 38.99, 2. Oliver Grieshop (NOB) 44.22, 3. Maddox Mackrell (FAST) 48.54, 5. Liam Cockrum (FAST) 53.17, 6. Hanwook Jung (FAST) 58.99, 7. Liam Dieu (FAST) 1:08.03, 10. Everett Eveslage (WA) 1:22.21, 12. Ethan Smallwood (WA) 1:39.00.

Boys 9-10 50 butterfly

3. James Davis (FAST) 38.91, 4. Jace Jackson (FAST) 39.33, 5. Grayson Rabourn (FAST) 39.60, 10. Micah Fishman (FAST) 43.55, 13. Austin Bitler (WA) 47.58, 14. Jamison Kerber (SSC) 48.53, 15. Jackson Harvey (WA) 48.54, 16. Noah Gladioux (SSC) 48.94, 17. August Martin (NOB) 49.21, 20. Harmon Nickloy (NOB) 50.79.

Girls 8&U 100 backstroke

2. Rives (FAST) 1:59.62, 4. Shore (NOB) 2:02.41, 5. Kamaakshi Tapia (FAST) 2:02.71, 8. Kylie Schmollinger (SSC) 2:06.39, 9. Lily Warner (FAST) 2:07.00, 10. Wright (WA) 2:07.30, 11. Emma Stoltz (FAST) 2:07.79, 12. A. Sealls (SSC) 2:19.75, 13. Harper Byl (SSC) 2:22.45, 14. Nora Conner (NOB) 2:26.12, 15. Blue (FAST) 2:28.26, 17. Lanie Seabaugh (FAST) 2:36.12, 18. Layla Halvorson (SSC) 2:41.34, 19. Brooklyn Roberts (SSC) 2:59.78, 20. McIntosh (SSC) 3:11.59.

Girls 9-10 100 backstroke

T7. Patel (FAST) 1:34.00; Chan (SSC) 1:34.00, 9. Casey Dailey (NOB) 1:36.05, 10. Addyson Salvadori (SSC) 1:37.87, 11. Worley (NOB) 1:38.34, 12. Lexi House (WA) 1:38.95, 17. Daniele (NOB) 1:42.61, 18. Cora Arnold (NOB) 1:42.83, 20. Brodskiy (FAST) 1:43.66.

Boys 8&U 100 backstroke

1. Xie (FAST) 1:32.31, 2. Grieshop (NOB) 1:35.75, 4. Cockrum (FAST) 1:46.86, 5. Mackrell (FAST) 1:55.98, 6. Jung (FAST) 2:04.38, 7. Dieu (FAST) 2:05.96,

11. Nolan Hart (NOB) 2:31.06, 12. Timmy Lawrance (SSC) 2:39.64, 13. Eveslage (WA) 2:45.12.

Boys 9-10 100 backstroke

2. Davis (FAST) 1:27.35, 3. Jackson (FAST) 1:29.00, 8. G. Rabourn (FAST) 1:34.79, 13. Nickloy (NOB) 1:40.19, 14. Drew Miller (SSC) 1:40.70, 15. Bitler (WA) 1:41.07, 17. Gladioux (SSC) 1:45.23, 18. Donovan Rabourn (FAST) 1:46.14, 19. Jordan Gueye (FAST) 1:47.39, 20. Brody Overturf (NOB) 1:47.73.

Girls 8&U 50 breaststroke

2. Lawrance (SSC) 1:00.39, 3. Lainey Sealls (SSC) 1:00.79, 4. Urazov (WA) 1:03.69, 5. Shore (NOB) 1:06.33, 6. Rives (FAST) 1:06.88, 7. Byl (SSC) 1:08.12, 8. Wright (WA) 1:09.61, 10. Seabaugh (FAST) 1:11.18, 11. Blue (FAST) 1:13.57, 12. Warner (FAST) 1:14.17, 14. Tapia (FAST) 1:15.48, 15. Schmollinger (SSC) 1:16.67, 16. Halvorson (SSC) 1:20.92, 17. A. Sealls (SSC) 1:21.71, 18. Stoltz (FAST) 1:23.42, 19. Goff (NOB) 1:24.13.

Girls 9-10 50 breaststroke

3. Salvadori (SSC) 45.33, 4. Chan (SSC) 46.54, 7. Johanneman (FAST) 49.65, T8. Patel (FAST) 50.11, 10. Mia Lamorand (NOB) 50.78, 11. Brodskiy (FAST) 52.33, T12. Dailey (NOB) 53.00, 14. House (WA) 53.05, 15. Leyla Urazov (WA) 53.21, T19. Arnold (NOB) 54.01.

Boys 8&U 50 breaststroke

1. Grieshop (NOB) 51.67, 2. Xie (FAST) 51.77, 4. Cockrum (FAST) 58.73, 5. Jung (FAST) 1:00.16, 7. Mackrell (FAST) 1:10.08, 8. Dieu (FAST) 1:15.03, 9. Alex Lamorand (NOB) 1:22.07.

Boys 9-10 50 breaststroke

3. Davis (FAST) 50.00, 4. Connor Terrell (FAST) 50.28, 8. Gladioux (SSC) 52.71, 10. G. Rabourn (FAST) 53.53, T11. Spencer Deason (WA) 54.99, 13. Jackson (FAST) 55.81, 15. Michael Bielski-Russell (FAST) 56.09, 16. Overturf (NOB) 56.68, 17. Massi Akili (NOB) 57.13, 18. Miller (SSC) 57.48, 20. Liam Roberts (SSC) 58.77.

Girls 8&U 100 freestyle

2. Urazov (WA) 1:40.87, 3. Wright (WA) 1:44.13, 6. L. Sealls (SSC) 1:45.95, 8. Stoltz (FAST) 1:52.35, 9. Lawrance (SSC) 1:53.31, 10. Rives (FAST) 1:53.59, 11. Warner (FAST) 1:54.50, 12. Schmollinger (SSC) 1:54.61, 13. Tapia (FAST) 1:55.41, 14. Shore (NOB) 2:03.00, 15. Ella Mishler (NOB) 2:08.93, 17. Seabaugh (FAST) 2:13.32, 18. Blue (FAST) 2:14.09, 19. Emma Wagers (FAST) 2:14.90, 20. Byl (SSC) 2:22.90.

Girls 9-10 100 freestyle

4. Chan (SSC) 1:18.52, 9. Patel (FAST) 1:23.78, 10. Mikaela Morris (WA) 1:23.92, 11. Daniele (NOB) 1:24.21, 14. Arnold (NOB) 1:24.87, 15. Dailey (NOB) 1:25.23, 17. Brodskiy (FAST) 1:25.80, 19. Johanneman (FAST) 1:27.05.

Boys 8&U 100 freestyle

1. Xie (FAST) 1:17.70, 2. Grieshop (NOB) 1:21.04, 4. Cockrum (FAST) 1:36.69, 5. Mackrell (FAST) 1:45.26, 7. Jung (FAST) 1:59.35, 9. Dieu (FAST) 2:02.18, 11. Eveslage (WA) 2:04.12, 12. Smallwood (WA) 2:04.34, 13. Lamorand (NOB) 2:22.87, 15. Ben Myers (SSC) 2:37.07, 18. Lawrance (SSC) 3:02.09.

Boys 9-10 100 freestyle

2. Davis (FAST) 1:15.72, 4. Jackson (FAST) 1:17.91, 8. Miller (SSC) 1:22.15, 9. G. Rabourn (FAST) 1:23.06, 12. Terrell (FAST) 1:25.41, 14. Overturf (NOB) 1:26.83, 19. Gladioux (SSC) 1:31.23, 20. Kerber (SSC) 1:31.38.

TV

I'm not the only one with this issue. Before the race, I was talking to radio host Derek Schultz, who posted on Twitter about the physical and medical conditions his father has. "He can't go," said Derek. I'm sure there are many more who would say the exact same thing about their parents or older family members.

It's not just "older" people that are affected by this. I have family members, friends and newspaper colleagues of all ages with physical conditions that would give them pause about spending a long day at the Speedway.

That should be a good enough reason to lift the local TV blackout. But it appears it won't be happening anytime soon, as the Speedway will likely stick to its tradition of not showing the race live here in Indy, unless there's a sellout or unforeseen circumstance.

At the same time, the Speedway has been less rigid when it comes to the blackout. Of the past nine Indy 500s, four of them have been shown live in the Indianapolis market. All four of

those races had unique reasons to be broadcast live.

The 2016 race (the 100th running!) was sold out. The 2020 edition was delayed to August due to the Covid pandemic, and no spectators were allowed. In 2021, there was limited seating available, again because of Covid. And now we can add the 2024 race to the list because storms caused a delay, and some fans may not have been able to stay for a race that lasted late in the evening.

Those are all good reasons to show the race live. But we shouldn't need to have reasons anymore. It's time to lift the local TV blackout for good.

The Indianapolis 500 has been such a part of this area for over a century, and it's the dedicated and passionate fans that make the race what it is. But some of those fans that are here in the Indianapolis area are people who can't, or are no longer able to, attend the race because of physical disabilities and challenges. Allowing them to watch the race live would allow them to be a part of that experience – something that every race fan deserves.



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There were once again large crowds at the 2024 Indianapolis 500, so why continue the local television blackout? Broadcasting the 500 live would allow race fans with physical disabilities and challenges to be part of the race experience.

HYBRID

It is hard to predict what and how the racing in INDYCAR will change. The push-to-pass system that was a feature of the prior engine regulations will be accompanied by new features. Drivers will "harvest" electricity that will be stored in the new power unit and deployed at the drivers' discretion, similar to Formula 1 power units. The new power units will be significantly heavier than INDYCAR's

prior engines. This will affect the balance of the car and tire degradation. To this point in the season, tire wear and degradation has been minimal. Going forward, I believe tire strategy will play a much larger role.

Probably the biggest question will be the balance of power on the grid. I expect that the performance gap between the large teams and small teams will increase. The larger teams

will have had more testing opportunities and will likely have a better grasp on performance and handling. Moreover, the larger teams simply have more resources to better understand the new power unit and its performance.

I am curious to see who climbs and falls in the standings. The championship battle has been tight all year long. Less than 100 points separate the top eight drivers.

If one driver or team hits on this new power unit, they could run away from the field.

I have no idea how these new regulations will play out, especially in the middle of the season. About the only thing I am willing to say is that Ganassi and Penske will be fast.

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