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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy.
Scattered showers and storms.
Tonight: Clouds and
humidity decrease.



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Remembering Larry Stork and his lifetime of service

Submitted by
City of Noblesville

On Tuesday, the City of Noblesville honored and remembered the life of Larry Stork on his 88th birthday with the dedication of a park bench. Mayor Chris Jensen also proclaimed July 16, 2024, as Larry Stork Day.

Stork served 35 years on the Noblesville Board of Works and Public Safety and was reappointed by four different mayors. He also served on the Noblesville Common Council from 1980 to 1984.

He proudly served his country in the Army National Guard from 1958 to 1964. He moved to Noblesville in 1962, before Firestone Industrial Products sent him to Canada from 1966 to 1968, but returned to the city in 1968 and lived here until his death on Nov. 19, 2019.

Larry's wife, Sally, and daughters, Erica and Cara, were joined by current Board of Works members John Elmer, Rick Taylor, Laurie Dyer, Jack Martin, and John Ditslear for the bench dedication in Forest Park.



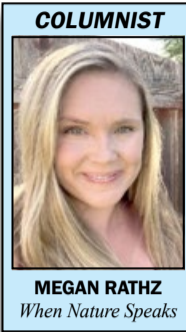
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BJ's vs. Costco

Is it just me or does it seem like there is an unusual allegiance and pride that is invoked in folks when it comes to their choice in wholesale club?

You know how they say nothing unites people quite like love and hate? I have found that perhaps one of the most unifying, and quite frankly, obnoxious things is how people favor their own love of their wholesale club. There are few things in life that I have seen people get more passionate about than their love of their big box wholesale member club. And for whatever reason, it seems like the more alcohol that is consumed at a party, the more passions about these clubs become comical. It becomes a quest to get others to come to their side and abandon ship at their current club. It also becomes a time where people gang up on those non-members to settle the debate that their club is superior.

Shortly after moving to Fishers, we decided to join BJ's. It was just built and close to our house. It has the dog food we like, fantastic prices on water, cheaper gas, and I love a \$4.99 rotisserie chicken. I mean, where else can you go and get a giant cookie and a hot dog for \$2? Oh, and have you seen the prices on baby wipes there?



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Beck's & Indiana AgriNews search for 2025 Indiana Farm Family of the Year

The REPORTER

Beck's and Indiana AgriNews announced on Monday the start of their search for the 28th Indiana Farm Family of the Year.

For nearly three decades, Beck's and Indiana AgriNews have celebrated the dedication and achievements of an outstanding Indiana farm family, spotlighting their exceptional contributions to agriculture and their community. This prestigious award aims to highlight the pivotal role farm families play in shaping our agricultural landscape and enriching rural life.



BECK'S

"Family farms are the lifeblood of the agriculture industry and the backbone of rural communities," Beck's President Scott Beck said. "This award honors a family that exemplifies unwavering commitment and service to both."

"As a family-owned agricultural business, AgriNews deeply values the crucial role

of farm families," Indiana AgriNews Executive Editor James Henry said. "We aim to shine a light on their remarkable contributions, both in agriculture and within their communities, while expressing our gratitude to one extraordinary family. It is our privilege to present this award and celebrate the

28th Indiana Farm Family of the Year."

[Click here](#) to nominate a family. Nominations are now open. The deadline to submit nominations is Oct. 15.

The family will be recognized at the Indiana Farm Bureau State Convention in December 2024 and the Purdue Fish Fry in February 2025.



Are you ready for 4-H Fair fun?

The REPORTER

Families are always welcome at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, running this year July 18 to 22. A myriad of 4-H contests, special events, and public activities – not to mention animals, displays and food – available for families to enjoy during the 4-H Fair's five-day run at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The 4-H Fair is a fun, safe, family-friendly environment. There is no charge for admission or parking at the 4-H Fair, and most activities are provided free of charge.

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Community First Bank of Indiana to hold free Shred Days in Westfield & Noblesville

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) will hold two Free Shred Days in Hamilton County open to the community.

The Westfield event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 at its branch located at 707 E. State Road 32. Freewill donations will be welcome to support Student Impact of Westfield.

The Noblesville event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at its branch located at 17661 Village Center Drive in Noblesville. Freewill donations will be welcome to support Family Promise of Hamilton County.

For both events, all are welcome to drive through the branch parking lot to drop off boxes of documents to be securely shredded with PROSHRED Security. There is a limit of five boxes to be shredded per vehicle, and the event will end once the shred truck is full. All documents will be shredded on-site and 100 percent of the paper is recycled and eventually made into other paper products. Three-ring binders cannot be shredded.

Over time, unused documents like medical records,



Photo provided by Community First Bank of Indiana

During the upcoming Free Shred Days, freewill donations will go to support Student Impact of Westfield and Family Promise of Hamilton County.

credit card statements, and bills can build up in a home or office and pose a security threat. Ensuring that all these items are properly disposed of by using document shredding can prevent this personal information from falling into the wrong hands. Community First Bank's Free Shred Days are a part of the

bank's commitment to supporting its communities.

Find the event details at [CFBIndiana.com/shred](#).

About CFB

Community First Bank (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making,

and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Bank mission: We partner with you to build a better future. Additional information can be found at [CFBIndiana.com](#). Member FDIC.

Armed carjacking leads to police chase, two arrested in Noblesville

By DAJA STOWE

WISH-TV | [wistv.com](#)

An armed carjacking on Monday afternoon led officers on a chase that resulted in a crash and the arrest of two people, including a juvenile, in Noblesville.

Officials from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said the incident originated in Marion in Grant County with a report of an armed carjacking. A police chase ensued along State Road 37 and ended in a crash at SR 32/37 intersection in Noblesville.

Both suspects got out of the vehicle and fled on foot.

Officials at the scene told News 8 that one suspect, identified as a juvenile, went into a Hardee's restaurant parking lot and was arrested. The second suspect fled behind the Hamilton East Public Library, where they entered the building and were arrested inside.

The library is expected to be closed until 10 a.m. Tuesday so that officers can do an "evidentiary sweep" of the building.

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Big Box

All our other friends and my mom are members of Costco. I find myself constantly defending BJ's and pleading the case that BJ's is just as good as Costco and was always outnumbered. Deep down, even though I would defend BJ's and lay down my life that it was just as good as Costco, I would always wonder what is go-

ing on at Costco that everyone is always so excited about. I would mention it to my husband, maybe we should check it out sometime just to get a feel for the temperature of the water and if he was open. Of course, this was met with, "Have you seen the gas prices at BJ's?? We aren't jumping ship. They've got every-

thing we need." A few days ago, I was talking to my mom, and she's headed to Costco. She asks if I want to join. Casually, I say that I could meet her over there. Inside, I was anxious with anticipation and excitement to see what Costco has to offer, but I know I've got to play it cool. As I'm walking into

the store, I'm met with a blast of air from fans overhead after coming in off the blacktop parking lot on an extremely sweltering day and was immediately put in a good mood as my body temperature decreased.

A few paces later, I'm met with the most luxurious bath towels for \$4.99. Are you serious? I just paid twice that amount on Amazon for the world's crappiest towels that you can barely wrap and cover your whole body because after one wash they shrunk. We keep walking and then I see appliances. I mean, you can get a fridge or an oven if you want. "BJ's doesn't have appliances," I think as I'm walking the aisles.

At this point, my kids were getting fussy, and I offered to get them a snack. As I walk to the snack area, I see that they have giant cookies and you can even get an ice cream sundae. Are you kidding me? They've also got pizza!? As I hand my children their ice cream, my daughter makes sure to announce that BJ's doesn't have any ice cream in their snack area. In fairness to BJ's, they do have cookies, but they are not served warm like they are at Costco.

We continue walking through the store, and I see that they have the same deal on water. The entire time, I'm thinking of all the selling points for my husband because I know he's going to bring up that case of 40 bottles of water for only \$3.99.

Speaking of my husband, all he's been wanting is a whole beef brisket to smoke on Father's Day. We've kept our eyes out and checked the circulars, but for the most part, no sales. Most that we've seen were around \$90. As we head to the meat department, I

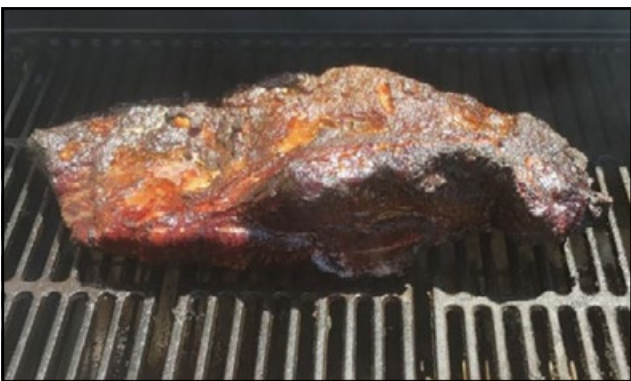


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My husband's smoked brisket courtesy of Costco. NOTE: A few days prior to scoring a great deal on a brisket, Megan accidentally did not make sure the garage fridge was closed and had to go back and buy ANOTHER brisket. The price was still amazing though.

think to myself, "If I can find a brisket at a reasonable price, he may just jump ship." I see the case filled to the brim with briskets. As I approach the case, I see the perfect brisket for \$59.

My husband has complained about our beach chairs for around three years. Every time we go to the beach, he looks at everyone else and their beach chairs and then the ones we are sitting in and says, "We've got to get new chairs before next year." As I'm walking towards the checkout, I see Tommy Bahama chairs. I don't get too excited because I've priced these exact chairs before, and they are nearly \$60 each. As I get closer, I see that these chairs are \$30. These aren't just any beach chairs; these chairs become a backpack, have a head rest, can fully recline, have a pocket to put your cell phone and book, and yes, they even have a cooler attached to the back to keep your beverage of choice cold on the beach. As I load these two chairs into the cart, I see the beach towels for \$10.99. These are the

exact types of towels that we've been saying we need to get before our summer vacation. I add those to the cart, too.

I also happen to notice while I'm there that they have a pharmacy, which BJ's does not have.

Oh, and the gas that my husband claims is a sticking point ... Well, guess what? Gas was \$3.05 at both places that very day.

As I walk to the membership desk, I look around and realize that I have come to the other side. I now understand the obnoxious debates and get why people are so passionate about joining Costco because it is better. There really are two types of people. I'm not talking about liberals and conservatives or believers and non-believers. I'm talking about Costco members and non-members.

If push comes to shove and I had to pick, I vote for Costco.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

CARJACKING

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When asked about the involvement of a minor in this crime, Bryan Melton, public information officer for Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, expressed disappointment.

"It's a very unfortunate situation," Melton said. "A lot of us are fathers and mothers that work at our agency and it's tough when you see things like that. I just hope that things get better for them."

Officials say it was a bit shocking for this type of incident to happen midday like this in Noblesville.

"Law enforcement is never shocking because it's something different every day. But for this to happen midday like this, we were very fortunate to have all the law enforcement response that we had, you know, if

you're going to pick a location to do it," Melton said. "This is optimal. The Sheriff's Department is right here, Noblesville is right here. Fishers were coming up 37, we had the Westfield unit to help us out. Indiana State Police helped us out, and we even had an Elwood Police Department vehicle here that happened to go up 37 and saw what was going on."

Police did not say if a firearm or any weapons were located.

No word on the relation between the two suspects.

No additional information was immediately available.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishv.com/news/crime-watch-8/armed-carjacking-leads-to-police-chase-2-arrested-in-noblesville.

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Do your part & donate blood during 4-H Fair

The REPORTER

Fairgoers can give blood during their visit to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. Versiti Blood Center of Indiana's Mobile Unit will be open from 2 to 6:30 p.m. both on Thursday, July 18 and from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. The mobile unit will be located east of the Swine Barn. Donors will receive a voucher for a free milkshake courtesy of Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Inc., an Indiana State Fair Ticket complements of Purdue Extension Hamilton County,

and a chance to win free media streaming for one year. Versiti brings together outstanding minds with unparalleled experience in transfusion medicine, transplantation, stem cells and cellular therapies, oncology and genomics, diagnostic lab services, and medical and scientific expertise. This combination of skill and knowledge results in improved patient outcomes, higher quality services and reduced cost of care for hospitals, blood centers, hospital systems, research and educational institutions, and other health care providers. The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is organized and

sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc. and Purdue Extension Hamilton County. For more information on the 4-H Fair or the Purdue Extension Service, call the Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton. A complete schedule of events can be found by clicking the 4-H Fair link. More information can be found on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). *Be sure to keep reading The Reporter over the coming days for more information about all the activities going on during this year's 4-H Fair.*

FAIR FUN

- Select highlights for the 2024 4-H Fair include the following:
- Do-Si-Squares Dance Performance: 5 p.m. Thursday, July 18
 - Providence Wildlife live animal demonstration: 5 p.m. Thursday, July 18
 - Bracken DJ & Sound Company: 8 p.m. Friday, July 19
 - Indiana Wild live animal demonstration: 11 a.m. Friday, July 19
 - The Grace Scott Band: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 20
 - Caravan Classes Kids Art: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 21
 - Gilbert Family Gospel Band: 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21

There will also be a blood drive sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council and the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana. The blood drive will take place two days at the fair: from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, and again from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19. Blood drive participants will receive a voucher for a free milkshake courtesy of Hamilton Coun-

ty Farm Bureau, Inc. and an Indiana State Fair ticket courtesy of Purdue Extension Hamilton County. Public activities include daily kids activities and crafts, Youth Talent Contest, Youth Pet Parade, Walk-A-Llama, Youth Pedal Pull, and Bob's Bumpy Barrel Youth Ride. In addition to viewing more than 4,000 4-H projects, fairgoers can see baby chicks and rabbits, or simply "graze" their way through the Food Court. The fair showcases a variety of classic "fair foods" including elephant ears, corn on the cob, funnel cakes, milkshakes, pork chops, ribeyes, lamb burgers, rabbit brats, lemon shake-ups and much more. Proceeds from all the food vendors support Hamilton County 4-H and other community programs. Exhibits on display during the 4-H Fair culminate the hard work of Hamilton County's 4-H members, animal producers, Extension Homemakers, and other artisans. 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Day Sponsors

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Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre tickled pink to present *Legally Blonde The Musical*

Harvard's beloved blonde makes the case for believing in yourself

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre goes blonde this summer with the fabulously upbeat *Legally Blonde The Musical*, now on stage. Based on the hit MGM movie, *Legally Blonde* was nominated for seven Tony Awards and 10 Drama Desk awards and gives fans all the fun from the film in an energetic musical.

Sorority president Elle Woods doesn't take "no" for an answer. So when her boyfriend dumps her for someone "serious," Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu sorority sister has gone before: Harvard Law. Elle has a rocky start as a new legal student, but this determined blonde makes some friends, finds she has more legal savvy than she realized, and proves that being true to yourself never goes out of style.

Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

Local talent Olivia Broadwater, a graduate of Ball State University and Zionsville Community High School, makes her Beef & Boards debut as Elle Woods, who snaps stereotypes as she sets out to prove herself to the world. Griffin Cole also makes his Beef & Boards debut as Warner Huntington III, who she follows to Harvard after being dumped by him. Starring as the friends she meets along the way are Jacob Butler



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Elle Woods (Olivia Broadwater), left, decides to stop trying to get Warner's attention and instead, with the help of Emmett Forrest (Jacob Butler), right, tackle her first year at Harvard Law head-on in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*, now on stage through Aug. 25. (ABOVE RIGHT) UPS delivery man Kyle (Logan Moore), right, tells Paulette Bonafonte (Meagan Lewis-Michelson), center, that he has a package for her as Elle Woods (Olivia Broadwater), left, watches.

as Emmett Forrest, Logan Moore as Kyle the UPS guy, Deb Wims as Brook Wyndham, Jaddy Ciucci as Enid Hoopes, Logan Hill as Serena, Maya Mays as Margo, and Holly Wilder as Kate. Jeff Stockberger stars as the successful, but pompous and manipulative, Professor Callahan.

Legally Blonde The Musical is on stage for 52 performances through Aug. 25 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages. *Legally Blonde The Musical* is rated PG-13 and children under age 3 are not admitted.

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit BeefAndBoards.com. Tickets are also available by

calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664.

Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more.

Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards.com for details.

Legally Blonde The Musical is sponsored in part by The National Bank of Indianapolis.

Beef & Boards Dinner

Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

The REPORTER

The Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., each Thursday through Sept. 26.

This week's market is the Planting Positivity Market, a theme night to promote mental health awareness.

Activities will include:

- Free yoga sessions on the Great Lawn at 6 and 7 p.m. Each session is 45 minutes.
- Therapy dogs from Paws and Think.
- The Cabin Counseling and Resource Center will be on-site.

Additionally, inside the Café building, there will be coloring sheets, an affirmation station for attendees to write down positive affirmations for themselves and/or others, and a gratitude wall for attendees to write something they're grateful for and add it to a community art collage.

July 18 vendor lineup

- Alcomy
- Almost Paradise Farms
- AMAZN AZN Food Truck
- Atchley Farm
- Ben's Pretzels
- Bier Brewery
- Bricks Made Better
- Circle City Smoke
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- Urban Vines
- Victoria In Design
- Wild Loaf
- Willowood Apothecary
- Winegard Workshop

This list is subject to change without notice.

Kid's Activity Booth

A kid's activity area sponsored by Centier Bank is new to the market. It will include a kid's activity booklet, sticker sheets and kid-sized canvas bags to decorate with custom stamps.

The Westfield Farmers Market thanks additional sponsors, including Renewal by Andersen, Leaf Home LLC, and Market District.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets, and a courtesy shuttle will run throughout the market. There are also designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets. Please note that Jersey Street will be closed each market day at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and weekly vendor updates, visit facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets.

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BroCountry shines at Cool Creek Park: a night of country hits

The REPORTER

Cool Creek Park was buzzing with excitement last Friday night when BroCountry delivered a spectacular performance to an enthusiastic audience.

The band's setlist was a mix of fan favorites like John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" and Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places." The park echoed with the sound of guitars and cheers as the audience sang along and danced, creating an atmosphere charged with excitement and camaraderie.

Concert-goers joined family and friends to find a spot to sit with their chairs and blankets in the shade. Some brought their own extravagant picnic spreads from home while others took advantage of the selection of food and beverage vendors on site.

The fun at Cool Creek Park continues this summer with two more concerts: July 19 Trippin' Billies and Aug. 2 der Polkatz. Get tickets online at MyHamiltonCountyParks.com or at the gate the night of the show. Gates open at 6 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m.

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CML Concrete of Atlanta expands services with U-Haul products

The REPORTER

U-Haul Co. of Indiana, Inc. has announced that CML Concrete, Inc. joined U-Haul as a neighborhood dealer serving the Atlanta community.

CML Concrete, located at 7795 E. 296th St., will provide essential services such as U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, moving supplies and in-store pickup for boxes.

To reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location, call (765) 292-2302 or [click here](#).

CML Concrete owners Bryan and Kimberly Floor say they are proud to partner with the industry leader in do-it-yourself moving and self-storage to better meet the demands of Hamilton County.

U-Haul has been working with independent deal-

ers to offer rental equipment to do-it-yourself movers since 1945. As small businesses continue to open in North America, over 21,000 dealers across the U.S. and Canada have partnered with U-Haul to generate supplemental income. When customers rent from a U-Haul dealer, they are directly supporting an independent small business in their community.

Because no financial investment is required to be a dealer, these local affiliates are not U-Haul franchises. They are simply small businesses that have committed a portion of their lot space for U-Haul equipment, and a portion of their time to help meet the moving needs of their neighbors. Learn more about the dealer program and how to join by visiting uhaul.com/dealer.

Office of Utility calls for cutting Duke Energy rate hike by more than 60 percent

By **DAJA STOWE**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indiana Office of Utility is recommending Duke Energy cut down on its pending rate request by more than 60 percent.

According to a release, Duke Energy requests a \$491.5 million base rate increase from the Indiana

Utility Regulatory Commission. An analysis from the OUCC shows that an increase of \$184.7 million (6.1 percent) is warranted.

Ten OUCC witnesses this week filed testimony with the IURC. In the testimony notes, the most of the increase requested is due to capital projects that received IURC preapproval,

and are now being included in rates as is provided by state law.

"The significant reduction we recommend to Duke Energy's request is based on a thorough analysis by our attorneys and technical staff, and it balances the need for reliable service with the affordability concerns raised by our

staff and by the hundreds of customers who have spoken out on the request," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/office-of-utility-calls-for-cutting-duke-energy-rate-hike-by-more-than-60.

Celebrate the best of John Williams this weekend at Kroger Symphony on the Prairie

The REPORTER

It's a weekend of music of honoring the iconic composer John Williams as Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra bring to life some of Williams' most legendary film scores, including

Harry Potter, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Superman, Indiana Jones, and more.

Concerts will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20 at Conner Prairie Amphitheatre, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In a career spanning more than six decades, John Williams has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and the concert stage. He remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices and

has composed the music for more than 100 films.

Concerts for the 2024 season will be offered through Labor Day weekend at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre in Fishers. [Click here](#) to see the complete 2024 schedule and purchase tickets.

Thank you for reading The Reporter!

Feeding Team grows on both sides of county



Reporter photos

Feeding Team pantry No. 66 (above left) now sits at Mystic Images Tattoo Company, 164 N. 10th St., Noblesville, while No. 67 (above right) is at the old Westfield Playhouse in Eagletown (1836 W. State Road 32, Westfield). Both were fully stocked when they were installed last Friday afternoon. Thanks go out to Mystic Images and to Main Street Productions, which manages Basile Westfield Playhouse, for being kind enough to offer a little space for these self-service food pantries.

Former State Senator sits down to talk with the Omnibus crew

The REPORTER

This week's episode of *The Omnibus Show* welcomes Jim Merritt, former Indiana State Senator and President of JWM Consulting. He also has three podcasts, is on WIBC Radio, works as a consultant, and is in the midst of writing a new book.

Merritt discussed the ideas behind each of his podcasts: *Jim Merritt's Indiana*, *Merritt in the Morning*, and *Talk Radio GOP* coming soon.

He discussed his strong belief in public service, as well as the many laws and policies he helped pass when in the Senate. Among those are the Safe Haven Law,

which allows mothers to surrender their infants without fear of prosecution, and the Indiana Lifeline Law, which allows people to request help for minors who have overdosed or drank too much alcohol, again without being prosecuted.

Merritt discussed his time in office and the upcoming elections – both here in Indiana and on the national level. He reflects on how the government is shaping the world we live in and how the cost of living is affecting those with issues such as healthcare and hunger, as well as areas for growth.

Lessons Learned is Merritt's upcoming book, in which he addresses the various

changes that have happened since the COVID pandemic. He follows up on issues in education for Hoosier students.

Click the following links to listen to each of Merritt's podcasts:

- [Jim Merritt's Indiana](#)
- [Merritt in the Morning](#)
- [Talk Radio GOP](#)

Next week *The Omnibus Show* welcomes Henry Mestetsky with the City of Carmel.

About The Omnibus Show

The Omnibus Show is



Merritt



Mestetsky

Carmel's No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

Visit [TheOmnibusShow.com](#) for the audio podcasts and YouTube channel for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

Local jury convicts man of Dealing Resulting in Death

The REPORTER

Last Friday, a Hamilton County jury convicted Benjamin Ingram on the charge of Dealing Resulting in Death, a Level 1 felony.

The weeklong jury trial took place in Hamilton County Superior Court 2. The conviction was a culmination of the hard work by local and federal law enforcement, spearheaded by the DEA and Westfield Police Department.

Ingram was convicted of selling a counterfeit substance purported to be Xanax to the victim. The substance Ingram sold was

laced with fentanyl and resulted in the victim's death. This case highlights the very real dangers faced by using illegal substances and the determination of law enforcement and the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office to hold those who sell illegal substances accountable.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Greg Garrison thanks Deputy Prosecutors Ashley Thompson and Lindsay Nichols and Westfield Detective Stubbs and DEA Agent Brandt for all the long hours and work they put in securing this conviction.



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Chris & Julie Jensen totally take county back to awesome 1980's

The REPORTER

Mayor Chris and Julie Jensen held their annual Jensen Summer Soirée last Friday at Embassy Suites and Conference Center.

The event, which had an '80s theme, raised funds for Noblesville Youth Assistance Program, Teter Retreat and Organic Farm, and Noblesville Sister Cities, the three legacy partners of Noblesville Fire Department Christmas Food & Toy Drive, Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance and the Noblesville Police Department Shop With a Cop.

The evening featured a special appearance by the mayor's alma mater, the Butler University cheerleaders and Hink, and a birthday cake for his upcoming 40th birthday at the end of the month.

The 2025 Jensen Summer Soirée will be held on Friday, July 11.



Photos provided by City of Noblesville

(TOP LEFT) Julie and Mayor Chris Jensen. (TOP) Mayor Chris Jensen with the Butler University Cheerleaders and Hink. (ABOVE) Noblesville Youth Assistance President Jeff Armstrong with Julie and Mayor Chris Jensen. NYAP was one of three beneficiaries of the 2024 Jensen Summer Soirée. (FAR LEFT) The finalists in the "Heads or Tails" contest. (LEFT) Jana and Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dan Hile and Republican nominee for State Representative District 29 Alania and Jason Shonkwiler.

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Calling all Parrot Heads! Join Feinstein’s in celebrating the great Jimmy Buffett

The REPORTER

Leader of the Parrot Heads. Mayor of Margaritaville. Son of a son of a sailor. Many names for one incredible performer. The late Jimmy Buffett entertained fans the world over for more than 50 years with his music and laid-back lifestyle. Now you can celebrate the songs and the life of “everybody’s friend” in *Bubbles Up: Let’s Celebrate Jimmy Buffett* coming up on July 18 and Aug. 17.

During his life, Paradise existed wherever Jimmy Buffett happened to be. Many of his lyrics were about living life, being happy, respecting each other, respecting nature, and much more. 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, salt water, 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.

In the late ‘70s, Buffett called his music “Drunken Caribbean Rock ‘n’ Roll.” More recently, he referred to it as “Gulf and Western.” Farrell’s team from Crossroads Entertainment will present songs that span Buffett’s entire career, along with stories and facts about his life.

Farrell’s team frequently appears on the Feinstein’s stage with their tribute presentations. Some include *All the Way: A Frank Sinatra Tribute*, *Because of You: A Tribute to Tony Bennett*, and *Sweet Caroline: The Life and Music of Neil Diamond*. You’ll love *Bubbles Up* as Farrell and Feinstein’s help you celebrate the King of Cool.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on both Thursday, July 18 and Aug. 17; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a fantastic dinner and beverages before the show.

[Click here](#) for tickets. Feinstein’s is located in Hotel Carmichael at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Learn more at feinsteinshc.com.

Train & REO rock Ruoff



Where were you last Wednesday night? If you were not at Ruoff Music Center, 12880 E. 146th St., Noblesville ... well, you should have been. REO Speedwagon and Train both took the stage, and our friend Bill Miller was there to capture some of the sights. Yacht Rock Revue was there as well, for those who needed a little cover band action in their mid-week flashback concert.





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Letter to the Editor

Oakmont resident questions Noblesville’s tree removal plan as only solution to fix neighborhood sidewalks

Dear Editor:

Recently, residents of Oakmont chatted with the cities of Westfield and Carmel. They use a company called Precision Concrete Cutting to help repair sidewalks. This company is also used by the city of Indianapolis.

The benefits of partnering with this company are the ability to repair sidewalks, save trees, and save taxpayer dollars, which, according to Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, “Is always best for the entire community in moving forward.” However, despite all these benefits, Mayor Jensen has turned the idea down because it does not guarantee the 20- or 30-year solution he has talked frequently about.

In 2017, the neighborhood of Oakmont was approached by the city and told that 191 trees would be cut down.

In 2018, Precision Concrete Cutting came up with a proposal and cost analysis to share with then-Mayor Distlear, Patty Johnson, City Arborists Vince Baker and John Berry, and Chris Jensen, who at the time was Oakmont’s Common Council Representative

for District 2. Jensen was also chairperson on the Roads/Engineering/Traffic Committees in 2017 and 2018.

A meeting was held at Noblesville High School for Precision Concrete Cutting to present their service. City officials were invited; however, they did not attend.

In 2017, the city decided to walk away from repairing sidewalks, and now, the City of Noblesville seems to be walking away from a method that would benefit the city and the taxpayers. Despite urban deforestation being touted as the best method, residents of Oakmont have not been provided with a complete cost analysis, documentation of an environmental impact study, or reports that show the city researched other alternatives to sidewalk repair.

One would ask, if this method is good enough for the cities of Carmel, Westfield, and Indianapolis, why is it not an option for the City of Noblesville? These cities seem to use this method frequently to make sure sidewalks are safe and ADA compliant. Also, if this option will save taxpayer dollars,

why is it not being utilized by the City of Noblesville?

Do these cities care about mature tree canopies more than Noblesville? Do these cities care about saving taxpayer dollars more than Noblesville? Or is there another reason why the administration has decided to move forward?

At the writing of this letter, the neighborhood of Oakmont is well on its way to losing 133 mature side street trees in phase one. The neighborhood of Sommerwood is slated to lose over 100 trees, and it seems that South Harbor, Lockhaven, Forest Hill Estates, and West Haven are also projected to lose trees this year.

The administration likes to paint tree removal as the only option in moving forward, but it is not, and it is not the norm. Other cities across the country and some who are right next to us are able to come up with sensible solutions for their communities, but ONLY IN NOBLESVILLE does every innovative option fail.

Sure is curious.

Jaime Rychener
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer applauds Mayor Finkam for serving people of Carmel, issuing no new debt

Dear Editor:

Congratulations are in order to the new Carmel city administration.

Since the first of the year, the new team has rolled up its collective sleeves, gone to work for the people and racked up real progress.

Most notably, Mayor Sue Finkam’s administration has issued no new debt.

Carmel’s total outstanding debt Jan. 1 was \$1.4 billion and it’s \$1.4 billion today.

True, a third of a billion dollars in new borrowing has been approved but not issued.

But let’s be thankful for at least a pause if not a reversal of a 28-year-long borrow-and-spend spree.

The new mayor has created a line-and-staff organization that serves the people not the whims of the mayor’s office:

- A new chief of staff position
- A new director of marketing and community relations
- New faces in the legal department
- An executive director of economic development position
- New police chief, fire chief, and utilities boss

The list of positive changes can be expanded, but you get the point. Popular government has reared its gorgeous head in Carmel.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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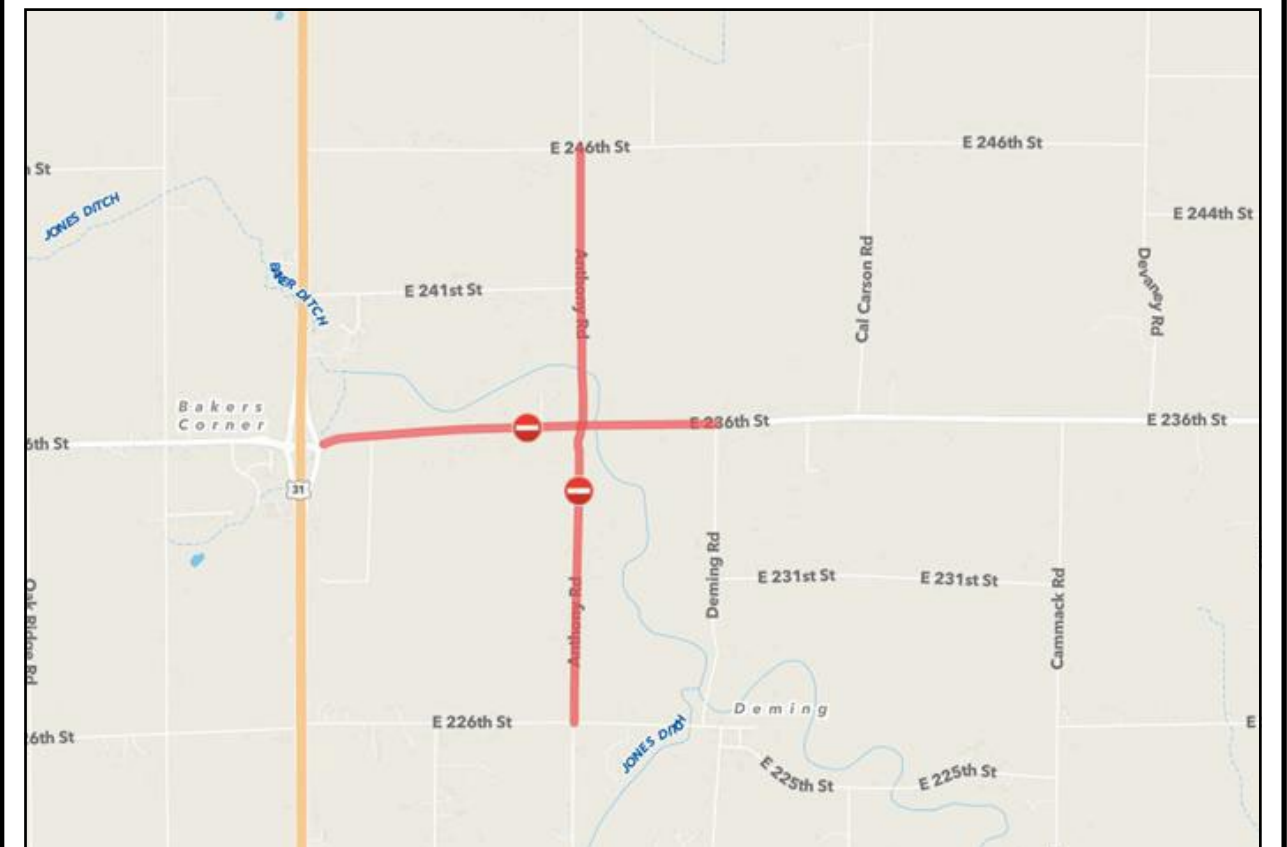
High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation’s service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation’s capital.

236th Street, Anthony Road closed through November



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

Effective on or after Tuesday, July 16, 236th Street will be closed from U.S. 31 to Deming Road and Anthony Road will be closed from 226th Street to 246th Street. These closures are scheduled for 138 calendar days, tentatively opening back up to traffic Nov. 30, 2024. Please follow the signed detour routes for each road closure. All individual property owners within the project limits will continue to have access to their property.

Latest information on State Road 37 & 141st Street project

The REPORTER

Please note the continued lane restrictions on State Road 37 North and South when approaching the 141st Street interchange.

Striping and movement of the barrier wall will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, July 17, and Thursday, July 18.

On or after Monday, July 22, the west side of 141st Street at SR 37 will close for this phase of construction. Traffic will transi-

tion to the eastside, with SR 37 north and southbound lanes remaining open. This closure will remain in place throughout 2024.

Please review [detour routes](#) to plan ahead during this time. Thank you for your continued patience and remember to drive cautiously and safely through construction areas.

Find construction updates at and project information at [37thrives.com](#) and follow [DriveFishers on X](#) as work progresses.

Indiana State Fair unveils new splash pad attraction

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Fair has unveiled yet another new attraction fairgoers can look to enjoy this summer when the Fair returns Aug. 2 to 18.

A new permanent splash was unveiled in the MHS Family Fun Park on the Fairgrounds and will promise an unforgettable experience for fairgoers and families alike. The ag-themed, park-like splash pad will be open for this year's fair and free for all to enjoy with paid fair admission.

"The Splash Pad represents a new chapter in our consistent efforts to enhance the guest experience at the Indiana State Fair," Chief Marketing Officer Anna Whelchel said. "We invite everyone to come and enjoy this exciting addition, creating memories that will last a lifetime."

The 2024 Indiana State Fair returns Friday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 18 (closed Mondays). Discount tickets are available now at [IndianaStateFair.com](#).

Dairy association's 35th annual Ice Cream Social on the Circle to benefit programs of Boys & Girls Clubs

The REPORTER

A beloved summertime tradition returns to the heart of Downtown Indianapolis next week for its 35th consecutive year.

American Dairy Association Indiana's Ice Cream Social on the Circle is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 on Monument Circle's Southeast Quadrant in front of the Circle Tower Building, Hilbert Circle Theatre and AES headquarters. A bevy of volunteers – including dozens of "Community All-Star Scoopers" – will dish up gigantic ice cream sundaes from four serving tents for just \$5 each. All event proceeds will be contributed by the dairy association to benefit the programs of Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (BGCI).

In addition to ice cream sundaes and \$1 bottled water from CORE Hydration, guests will enjoy music, games, mascot antics, a meet-and-greet with a cow and calf from Purdue Dairy Sciences, and more. The Ice Cream Social celebrates July as National Ice Cream Month, and delivers a nod to Indiana's No. 2 ranking in U.S. ice cream production. American Dairy Association Indiana (ADAI) represents the nearly 700 dairy farm families throughout the Hoosier state.

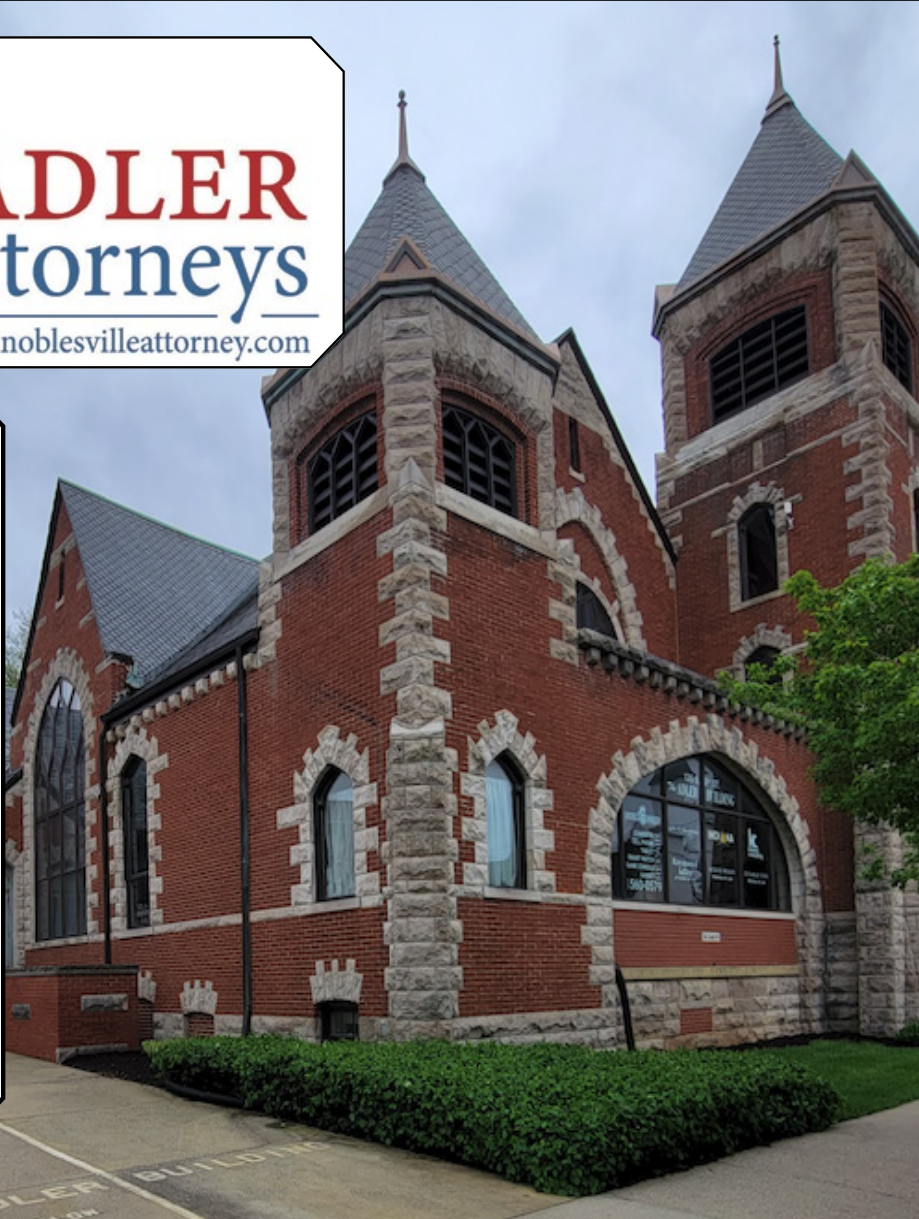
Among confirmed Community All-Star Scoopers and mascots are:

- Indianapolis City-County Councilors Vop Osili, Jesse Brown & Kristin Jones
- Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders Mary & Jada
- WZPL's Nikki Reed and Crash
- Retired WISH-TV8 meteorologist Randy Ollis
- IndyStar sportswriter Dana Hunsinger Benbow
- Terri Stacy of WIBC
- Brig Gen USAF (Ret.) J Stewart Goodwin, Indiana War Memorials Commission
- Popular musician Cathy Morris
- Fox 59 news anchor Dan Spehler
- Indianapolis comedian & broadcast legend Dave "The King" Wilson
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- Brad Brown, WRTV6 sports director
- WFMS' Kevin Freeman
- Taylor Schaffer, Downtown Indy president & CEO
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Frank J. Whicker
March 12, 1963 – July 9, 2024

Frank J. Whicker, 61, Sheridan, passed away on Tuesday evening, July 9, 2024, at River-view Hospital in Noblesville. Born March 12, 1963, in Hamilton County, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Irma (Campbell) Whicker.

For 12 years Frank worked as a fabricator for Westfield Steel before taking a position with the Town of Sheridan, where he worked until retirement. He saw a little bit of everything during his time with the town. Beginning with the Street Department, and later moving over to the Water and Waste Water Departments, there wasn't much about the infrastructure of Sheridan that Frank couldn't tell you. One of the biggest perks of the job (most days) was getting to work with his brother Mark. When you live in a small town you get to know people's routines after a while, and Frank cruising around town in his truck was one of those routines. No matter where he was heading, he was never in so big a hurry that he couldn't stop (usually in the middle of the road) and talk for a little bit.

Frank was as easy going as they come. He enjoyed playing cards, watching Westerns (and *The Flintstones*), and keeping tabs on how the Colts were doing this year, but the thing he loved the most was his family. Family gatherings and days spent with the grandkids were the best days on Earth. Frank was always a Blackhawk fan, but he became a super-fan when his sons were in school; he never missed a game. Frank was always able to find the humor in a situation, especially when it came to his brother Mark during the Christmas season. Mark was the town Santa for many, many years, and Frank always made sure that he got to sit on Santa's lap EVERY chance he could. Somehow Frank seemed to have a way of finding out where Santa was going to be throughout the season, and the next thing you knew, boom ... on Santa's lap. When the holiday season was over and the Santa suit was done for the year, Frank wasn't. He would still tease Mark, because that's what brothers do.

His sense of humor and his love for his family and friends will never be forgotten by those who knew him best.

Frank is survived by his wife (and partner in crime), Deborah Ann "Debbie" Whicker. She and Frank were married on June 21, 1991. Also surviving are two sons, Bradley J. Whicker of Indianapolis and Robert Favors (Tiffany) of Walton; two daughters, Christina Favors (Will Smith) of Sheridan, and Nicole Menard (Angela) of Texas; 12 grandchildren, Parker, Damian, Kaysia, Caitlin, Alexis, Alex, Morgan, Spencer, Rylan, Nate, Harli, and Colton; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Tammy Cummins (Niles) of Sheridan; and his canine BFF, Baby, who is missing him terribly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Irma (Campbell) Whicker; six brothers, Donald Gene Whicker, Jack Whicker, Lawrence Whicker, Lamar Whicker, Jerry Whicker, and Mark Whicker; seven sisters, Fern Keesling, Betty Parks, Mary Wallace, Serena Thomas, Sylvia Doty, Alice Smith, and Sandy Thomas; and two infant siblings, Michael Leon Whicker and Nellie Mae Whicker.

Visitation and services were held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with Pastor George Cooper officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Martha Tyson
February 1, 1929 – July 12, 2024

Martha Tyson, 95, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, at her home. She was born on February 1, 1929, to the late Kenneth and Frieda (Shaw) Hair in Hamilton County.

Martha was a homemaker and attended Ford Street United Methodist Church in Lapel. Ellis and Martha were able to celebrate their 73rd wedding anniversary on June 5 of this year.

She is survived by her husband, Ellis Tyson; daughters, Anne Tyson Laycock and Donna Tyson McConnell (Chuck McConnell); grandchildren, Jason Laycock, Eric McConnell (Emily Holcomb McConnell), and Laura McConnell; great-grandsons, Jaydon Laycock, Rylan Laycock, and Wyatt Dwiggins; and her great-granddaughters, Lyla Laycock, Ava Laycock, and Emery McConnell.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the funeral home, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial will be at Brookside Cemetery in Lapel.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com.

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Township Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future Plat Committee meeting.

The Jackson Township Board will meet to discuss general township business at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024, at the Jackson Township Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2024, in the board room at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2024, has been canceled.

The Indiana Grain Indemnity Corporation (IGIC) will hold a public board of directors meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at the Indiana Soybean Alliance Building, 8425 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis. After the public meeting, an executive session will be held for a discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute (Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (7)) pursuant to Indiana Code 26-3-7-6.5(d).

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a special meeting on Monday, July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. located at 208 W. Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030 to award the contract for CCMG 2024.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MOSES RETURNS TO EGYPT

Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

Now the Lord had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead." So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

The Lord said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'"

At a lodging place on the way, the Lord met Moses and was about to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. So the Lord let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)

The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him. Then Moses told Aaron everything the Lord had sent him to say, and also about all the signs he had commanded him to perform.

Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Exodus 4:18-31 (NIV)

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Hamilton County 4-H Fair

Dogs have their day to kick off 4-H Fair

By RICHIE HALL
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It was a dog's life this past weekend at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds.

While the 4-H Fair officially begins on Thursday, the dog projects take place a few days early. That was again the case with the Dog Agility project, which was conducted last Saturday at the fairground's llama barn.

4-Hers of all ages led their dogs through obstacle courses that featured several requirements, including many jumps, going through a tunnel and sitting for five seconds. There were two categories this year, beginners and intermediate.

Dawn Moos is one of the 4-H dog project leaders, called the participants "amazing" and said they "work really hard" to get the best out of their dogs.

"Dog project, like any other project, is something that you have to work at home," said Moos. "You just can't come in, show your dog. They're up here every Tuesday for two to three hours training and then they work at home. It's just great. It's wonderful to see them come back year after year."

Moos said that one of the most important things the dog projects teach the young people participating is life skills. Moos said that kids can practice and teach their dogs, and the dogs know what to do, and then they get out there and then they act like they've never heard the command before," she said.

"It teaches them patience, a lot of patience," said Moos. "It teaches them that there's different ways to learn. Some dogs respond well to treats, some to praise. I asked some of



(TOP) Carly Herring leads her dog up the A-frame during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair dog agility event last Saturday. (ABOVE) Kaitlyn Schiesser watches her dog jump over an obstacle at the dog agility event.

my kids that come back as project teach you? And patience, practicing.' A lot of life skills."

Noblesville welcomes Jess Preston as new head swim coach

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Swim Club and Noblesville High School jointly announce the hiring of Jess Preston as their new Head Coach.

Coach Preston comes to Noblesville from Penn High School in Mishawaka and Irish Aquatics. As head coach of the Kingsman girls and boys swim teams since 2008, he has racked up an impressive 18 top 10, six top 5, and three state runner-up finishes. His girl's teams have an overall dual meet record of 204-11-1 and his boy's teams have gone 194-22. In addition, Preston has led his teams to a combined 29 Northern Indiana conference championships, 26 sectional championships, 15 IHSAA event state champions, been named Conference Coach of the year 13 times and IHSAA State Coach of the Year twice. Just this past February, Preston and Penn were state runner-up to Carmel at both the girls and boys IHSAA State Swimming Championships.

"The hiring of Coach Preston is a big-time commitment to Noblesville Swimming and the future vision of this program," said Lisa Conner, President of the Board of Directors Noblesville Swim Club. "We are so excited about what he will do for our program at all levels. We feel so fortunate that Coach Preston has chosen to continue his career leading our program."

In addition to high school swimming, Coach Preston has an impressive background in USA Swimming. From 1999-2020 he served as Head Senior Coach at PRO Swimming in Mishawaka. While at PRO he guided multiple athletes to

Indiana Age Group State Championships and record-setting performances. In 2020, PRO Swimming merged with Irish Aquatics. In 2021, Irish Aquatics won the Indiana Swimming Long Course Senior State Championships.

Prior to beginning his coaching career, he swam and played baseball at Elkhart Central High School. In swimming, he broke the school records in the 500 freestyle and 400 free relays. He went on to swim at Ball State University where he was a four-year letter winner, scored individually all four years in the Mid-American Conference championships, and served as team captain his senior year.

"I'm beyond excited to become the next Head Coach of the Noblesville Swim Club and Noblesville High School girls and boys swim teams," said Preston. "This program and the Noblesville community are so welcoming. I absolutely love that their leaders are committed to accomplishing the highest level of success. With the continued growth and great sense of community Noblesville has to offer, the possibilities are endless. I can't wait to get started!"

"Swimming is an important part of our community and I am excited that Coach Jess Preston and his family have chosen Noblesville as their next home. Jess not only has a strong passion for swimming but uses it as a tool to teach student athletes skills around leadership, discipline and ownership that they can utilize throughout their life. The future of Noblesville swimming looks bright" said Noblesville High School athletic director, Leah Wooldridge.



Preston

Swimming

County swimmers get many more wins on Day 2 of SwimFest

The REPORTER

There were more Hamilton County winners during Day 2 of the 2024 IN Swimming SwimFest, which took place last Friday at Center Grove and the IU Natatorium.

Winners from the county included several from Carmel Swim Club. Kate Allen was first in the Girls 11-12 200 freestyle, with Linrui An winning the Boys 11-12 200 free race. Ellie Clarke placed first in the Girls 13-14 100 butterfly, and Carmel swept both the Girls and Boys 200 medley relays.

Fishers Area Swimming Tigers picked up two victories. Emily Wolf won the Women's 100 butterfly, and the FAST club also was first in the Women's 200 medley relay.

Results from last Friday's action appear below. Results from Day 3, last Saturday, will appear in Thursday's Reporter.

11-12 RESULTS

Girls 200 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. Kate Allen (Carmel Swim Club) 2:11.99, 2. Ella Eveslage (Westfield Aquatics) 2:16.56, 3. Annie Hare (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 2:18.59.

"B" Final: 9. Libby Lail (CAR)

2:21.09, 11. Sydney Ermel (CAR) 2:21.87.

Boys 200 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. Linrui An (CAR) 2:04.68, 4. Edward Enoch (CAR) 2:12.31, 7. Liam Chop (FAST) 2:19.86, 8. Noah Terrell (FAST) 2:19.91.

"B" Final: 13. Dylan Pangematan (CAR) 2:21.98.

Girls 50 butterfly

"A" Final: 2. Karen Preston (CAR) 30.33, 8. Lail (CAR) 32.51.

"B" Final: 12. Acelyn George (CAR) 33.12, 15. Brooklyn Gilmore (CAR) 33.60.

Boys 50 butterfly

"A" Final: 2. Blake Hadley (CAR) 29.96, 7. Joshua Nuger (CAR) 31.13, 8. Bryce Conner (Noblesville Swim Club) 31.48.

"B" Final: 9. Owen Benesh (CAR) 32.19, 13. Brandon Tche (FAST) 32.97, 15. Vincent Chen (CAR) 33.45, 16. Gatlin Babcock (FAST) 33.62.

Girls 200 breaststroke

3. Delaney Sweeney (CAR) 2:55.23, 4. Ermel (CAR) 2:55.71, 5. Hare (FAST) 2:59.02, 13. Natalie Gladieux (Southeastern Swim Club) 3:13.03, 14. Remmi Raasch (CAR) 3:16.49, 15. Milley Sealls (SSC) 3:16.50.

Boys 200 breaststroke

5. Zachary Williams (WA) 2:55.42, 7. Dylan Zhao (CAR) 2:56.39, 8. Francis Huang (CAR) 2:56.88, 14. Terrell (FAST) 3:10.94, 16. Dominic Brown (FAST) 3:12.32.

Girls 200 medley relay

1. Carmel "A" (Lail, Ermel, Preston, Allen) 2:09.36, 7. Southeastern "A" (Presley Barker, Glad-

ieux, MacKenzi Fleck, Sarah Ding) 2:18.68, 8. Westfield "A" (Kenley Gentry, Nalani Hendrix, Vivien Morris, Eveslage) 2:19.21, 14. Carmel "C" (Brooklyn Gilmore, Raasch, Fernanda Colmenarez Leyva, Olivia Hughes) 2:22.96.

Boys 200 medley relay

1. Carmel "A" (Enoch, Hadley, Nuger, An) 2:04.46, 3. Carmel "B" (Huang, Zhao, Benesh, Pangema-

nan) 2:12.47, 6. Fishers "A" (Chop, Babcock, Colin Davis, Terrell) 2:15.99, 10. Carmel "C" (Levi Harrity, Nolan Schaum, Chen, Flynn Keyser) 2:18.32, 13. Noblesville "A" (B. Conner, Drew Conner, Landon Worley, Dane Teske) 2:23.97, 16. Carmel "D" (Luca Zanotti, Oliver Silvestrini, John Ferryton Smith, Mitchell Sowder) 2:25.27.

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Swimming

Carmel Swim Club's Yan Zheng wins two events at SwimFest

The REPORTER

Last Friday was also the first day of 10 & Under competition at the SwimFest, with all events taking place at the IU Natatorium. Carmel Swim Club's Yan Zheng won two events, the Girls' 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke. Carmel also picked up victories in the two relays that were contested, the Girls' and Boys' 200 freestyle relays. Here is a list of top 16 finishers in 10 & Under events from last Friday.

- Girls 200 freestyle**
3. Annika Hansen (Carmel Swim Club) 2:35.26, 16. Nicole Ruan (CAR) 2:50.37.
Boys 200 freestyle
2. Gabriel Brown (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 2:33.51, 8. Mason Cogswell (CAR) 2:37.57, 10. James Davis (FAST) 2:38.70, 13. Jace Jackson (FAST) 2:43.38.
Girls 50 breaststroke
1. Yan Zheng (CAR) 37.89, 4. Sophia Liu (FAST) 42.44, 5. Eleanor Chan (Southeastern Swim Club) 43.15, 6. Eleanor Silvestrini (CAR) 43.37, 12. Ruan (CAR) 46.11, 16. Addyson Salvadori (SSC) 46.94.
Boys 50 breaststroke
2. James Hong (CAR) 42.12, 5. Maxi Wierzoch (CAR) 43.95, 7.

- Muji Russell (CAR) 44.53, 14. Hong (CAR) 47.12.
Girls 50 backstroke
1. Zheng (CAR) 35.32, 5. Silvestrini (CAR) 38.68, 7. Liu (FAST) 38.75, 12. Chan (SSC) 39.80, 16. Hansen (CAR) 40.26.
Boys 50 backstroke
3. Brown (FAST) 37.18, 6. Cogswell (CAR) 38.14, 9. James Hong (CAR) 38.55, 10. Jackson (FAST) 38.78, 14. Wierzoch (CAR) 39.53, 16. Davis (FAST) 39.64.
Girls 200 freestyle relay
1. Carmel "A" (Silvestrini, Madeleine Fortin, Zheng, Hansen) 2:09.80, 8. Fishers "A" (Liu, Caitlyn Perkins, Mary Kate Johanneman, Elisa Brodski) 2:25.23, 10. Carmel "C" (Allie Laughner, Helena

- Susag, Opal Enoch, Irene Huang) 2:26.08, 12. Carmel "B" (Ava Senn, Annie Lefever, Kate Justin, Ruan) 2:26.91, 13. Noblesville Swim Club "A" (Casey Dailey, Annistyn Worley, Cora Arnold, Molly Daniele) 2:27.37.
Boys 200 freestyle relay
1. Carmel "A" (Wierzoch, James Hong, Davin Song, Cogswell) 2:13.92, 3. Fishers "A" (Brown, Davis, Alexander Xie, Jackson) 2:15.72, 7. Fishers "B" (Micah Fishman, Connor Terrell, Donovan Rabourn, Grayson Rabourn) 2:26.16, 9. Carmel "B" (Peter Song, Zeeshan Hoffman, Russell, Jason Hong) 2:27.24, 13. Carmel "C" (Max Homan, Isaac Nuger, Shiloh Pak, Austin Ouyang) 2:31.60.

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- GIRLS 13-14**
Girls 200 freestyle
"A" Final: 2. Haley Morris (WA) 2:10.44, 4. Ashlyn Hayes (SSC) 2:11.64, 6. Kendall Dieckman (SSC) 2:12.96.
"B" Final: 9. Madelyn Yonkus (CAR) 2:11.64, 12. Katie Daily (CAR) 2:15.21, 13. Natalie Powers (CAR) 2:15.27, 14. Laney McCulloch (WA) 2:15.42.
Boys 200 freestyle
"A" Final: 7. Jack Street (CAR) 2:05.08, 8. Landon Lewis (CAR) 2:09.01.
"B" Final: 10. Donald Zhao (CAR) 2:05.85, 13. Hudson Wenrick (CAR) 2:07.74, 14. Carter Kellett (CAR) 2:08.05.
Girls 100 butterfly
"A" Final: 1. Ellie Clarke (CAR) 1:01.46, 4. Evie Wheat (WA) 1:04.83, 7. Audrey Wolf (FAST) 1:06.90, 8. Alex Nguyen (FAST) 1:07.32.
"B" Final: 9. Hayes (SSC) 1:07.27, 10. Kinsey Bogaards (SSC) 1:08.36, 11. Allie Amsden (NOB) 1:08.37, 12. Avery Aiello (CAR) 1:08.84, 13. Payton Walker (SSC) 1:09.37, 16. Isabelle Harger (CAR) 1:10.36.
Boys 100 butterfly
"A" Final: 4. Logan Senior (FAST) 1:00.60, 6. Gabriel Wang (CAR) 1:01.29.
"B" Final: 9. Isaiah Vohs (NOB) 1:02.01, 10. Street (CAR) 1:02.38, 11. Zach Marchisin (SSC) 1:02.74, 15. Josh Lawrence (SSC) 1:04.16, 16. Zhao (CAR) 1:05.41.
Girls 400 individual medley
5. Harger (CAR) 5:20.86, 8. Haley Morris (WA) 5:22.51, 9. Wheat (WA) 5:22.80, 10. Maria Daily (CAR) 5:23.89, 11. Helayna Weller (CAR) 5:27.25, 12. Bogaards (SSC) 5:31.49.
Boys 400 individual medley
2. Mack Allen (CAR) 4:44.62, 3. Wang (CAR) 4:54.26, 4. Gavin Gannon (FAST) 4:55.27, 5. Lewis (CAR) 4:56.01, 8. Kellett (CAR) 5:02.47, 9. Marchisin (SSC) 5:10.31.
Girls 200 medley relay
2. Carmel "A" (Clarke, Claire Cate, Avery Aiello, K. Daily) 2:04.60, 4. Southeastern "A" (Bogaards, Delaney Miller, Hayes, Dieckman) 2:07.38, 7. Carmel "B" (Harger, Weller, Powers, Yonkus) 2:09.00, 10. Fishers "A" (Elise Eubank, Nguyen, Wolf, Abigail Ackerman) 2:09.23, T12. Fishers "B" (Ruby Hines, CJ Piotrowski, Lexi Adams, Larkin Lee) 2:11.90; Carmel "C" (Bella Cox, Shanna Fowler, Kate Kistler, Kohana Owen) 2:11.90, 15. Westfield "A" (Morris, Makenzie Goter, Wheat, Laney McCulloch) 2:14.94, 16. Noblesville "A" (Amsden, Addie Goettler, Hayley Blackwell, Meredith Nickloy) 2:15.00.
Boys 200 medley relay
2. Carmel "A" (Aaron Trinh, Wang, Allen, Zhao) 1:54.74, 7. Noblesville "A" (Jackson Teske, Brayden Wright, Isaiah Vohs, Jacoby DeFoe) 1:59.78, 8. Carmel "B" (Kellett, Logan Streit, Hudson Wenrick, Orion Hughes) 2:00.12, 10. Fishers "A" (Senior, Elijah Fishman, Gannon, Zaki Akhtar) 2:00.80, 13. Southeastern "A" (Bryce Salvadori, Ivan Semko, Lawrence, Marchisin) 2:02.52, 15. Carmel "C" (Lewis, Eli Lefever, Brecken Martin, Brady Lardine) 2:05.38.
SENIOR RESULTS
Women's 200 medley relay
1. Fishers "A" (Kalli Agapios, Maya McDonald, Emily Wolf, Avery Stein) 1:59.89, 4. Southeastern "A"

- (Namoi Haines, Kiley Zoeller, Abi Paton, Ash Saple) 2:01.47, 10. Fishers "B" (Avery Hannon, Frankie Ramsey, Polina Sopova, Claire Parsons) 2:04.50, 14. Fishers "C" (Emma Schwertfeger, Emma Schumacher, Ella Hare, Claire Francis) 2:05.48, 16. Carmel Swim Club "A" (Rachel Dawson, Payton Clark, Brooke Cummings, Maryn Sims) 2:06.47.
Men's 200 medley relay
5. Fishers "A" (Eduardo Sanchez, Dan Bennett, Luke Parsons, Alex Koo) 1:49.23, 9. Fishers "B" (Tommy Johanneman, Anthony Mathis, Victor Herbert, Jonny Hines) 1:51.30, 10. Southeastern "A" (Jihoon Jung, Collin Huston, Derek Robison, Camden Bailey) 1:51.52.
Women's 200 freestyle
"A" Final: 3. Wolf (FAST) 2:04.39, 4. Faith Gorey (CAR) 2:05.67, 7. Parsons (FAST) 2:07.89.
"B" Final: 11. Erin Cummins (CAR) 2:07.80, 15. Haddie Vohs (NOB) 2:10.20.
Men's 200 freestyle
"A" Final: 6. Hines (FAST) 1:54.94.
"B" Final: 13. Eddy Zhu (CAR) 1:59.07, 14. Zach Welch (CAR) 1:59.10.
Women's 100 butterfly
"A" Final: 1. Wolf (FAST) 1:00.87, 4. Vohs (NOB) 1:02.93, 8. Gorey (CAR) 1:03.93.
"C" Final: 17. Ellason Miller (SSC) 1:04.25, 18. Lacey Huston (SSC) 1:04.26, 22. Sopova (FAST) 1:06.30.
Men's 100 butterfly
"A" Final: 3. Jung (SSC) 57.09, 5. Parsons (FAST) 57.41.
"B" Final: 9. Michael Gorey (CAR) 58.22, 14. Alex Koo (FAST) 58.86, 15. Lukas Biller (CAR) 59.27.
"C" Final: 18. Garreth Thomas (WA) 59.64.
Women's 400 individual medley
"A" Final: 2. Stein (FAST) 5:03.92, 5. Ayla Madara (FAST) 5:09.80.
"B" Final: 9. Savannah Irizarry (WA) 5:13.37, 11. Teegan Madara (FAST) 5:15.71, 12. Francis (FAST) 5:16.49, 15. Gracie Alley (WA) 5:20.18.
"C" Final: 20. Hannon (FAST) 5:19.54, 21. Clark (CAR) 5:21.88, 22. Lacey Huston (SSC) 5:24.89.
Men's 400 individual medley
"A" Final: 4. Sanchez (FAST) 4:38.25.
"B" Final: 9. Corey Han (CAR) 4:39.97, 10. Noah Moeller (CAR) 4:42.71, 11. AJ Adams (FAST) 4:43.23, 12. Drew DuBois (CAR) 4:46.27, 14. Thomas (WA) 4:48.10.
"C" Final: 19. Caden Askren (FAST) 4:51.42, 22. Welch (CAR) 4:54.81, 24. Aiden Clarke (CAR) 4:56.01.
Women's 800 freestyle relay
1. Fishers "A" (C. Parsons, Schumacher, Stein, Wolf) 8:33.69, 4. Fishers "C" (Rose Parsons, Amira Leer, A. Madara, Mia Wilson) 8:54.93, 5. Fishers "B" (Grace Parsons, Ramey, Schwertfeger, Francis) 8:55.38, 6. Southeastern "A" (Kiley Zoeller, Izzy Schmitt, Miller, Mia Henderson) 8:56.14, 8. Westfield "A" (Kate Cassidy, Irizarry, Kiarra Thomas, Alley) 9:01.06, 13. Fishers "D" (Hannon, T. Madara, Izzy Heuck, Clara McIntyre) 9:09.64.

INDYCAR

Robb released from hospital, cleared to race in Toronto

WISH-TV & The REPORTER

AJ Foyt Racing announced on Tuesday afternoon that Sting Ray Robb was cleared to race in this week's INDYCAR race in Toronto. Robb was injured in a four-car crash during the last lap of the NTT INDYCAR Series race last Sunday afternoon at Iowa Speedway. The crash also involved drivers Alexander Rossi, Ed Carpenter and Kyle Kirkwood. Robb went airborne after hitting the back of Rossi's car out of turn number two. He then slid down the backstretch upside down. Kirkwood and Carpenter each lost control their cars in an effort to avoid Robb and Rossi. They would each hit the inside wall. Carpenter's left rear tire actually ended up on top of Kirkwood's aeroscreen. Rossi, Kirkwood, and Carpenter were okay. Robb was injured in the crash, the Associated Press said Monday. Robb, a driver for A.J. Foyt Racing, was airlifted to a local hospital "out of abundance of caution for further evaluation." He would soon be released after "further assessment at Mercy One Des Moines Medical Center." A post from A.J. Foyt Racing on X, formerly known as Twitter, added that

"Sting Ray's family and AJ Foyt Racing would like to extend our gratitude to the AMR Safety team for their quick response, to INDYCAR medical staff for their thorough care and INDYCAR for the high safety standards of our race cars that allowed Sting Ray to walk away from a horrific accident today. Thank you to everyone for your well wishes. We appreciate your support!" Right before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, A.J. Foyt Racing posted another statement on X. It said, "After a final evaluation by INDYCAR Medical, we are happy to share that Sting Ray has been cleared to compete this weekend in Toronto. He's looking forward to getting back behind the wheel of the No. 41 Goodheart Vet / Pray.com Chevrolet. Thank you to everyone who's reached out and showed their support." Ninety minutes later, Robb followed that up by posting the following on X: "My family and I are so appreciative of the outpouring of well wishes, support and prayers received. I'm also thankful that no other drivers were injured in that wreck and we've all been cleared to race in the @hondaindy." Robb has a local connection. He is engaged to Hamilton Heights graduate Molly Mitchell; the couple talked to The Reporter about the story of their meeting. You



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Sting Ray Robb will compete in the upcoming INDYCAR race in Toronto. Robb was injured during the last lap of Sunday's race in Iowa, but was cleared to race on Tuesday afternoon.

can read it [here](#). Team Penske's Will Power ultimately won the Hy-Vee One Step 250 on Sunday afternoon. News 8 Sports' Andrew Chernoff spoke with Power on SportsLocker Sunday and asked him to share his thoughts on the safety of the cars after hearing about the accident. He said the cars are "significantly safer" with the aeroscreen. "When you look at the thickness of that glass, and then also the halo device, you could call it – that big frame – that is an incredible

structure to break through," Power said. "Compared to our heads, used to just be hanging out there. Much, much safer situation." It was Power's second victory of the season and moved him into second place in the current standings. He is 35 points behind Chip Ganassi Racing driver Alex Palou for the championship lead. The NTT IndyCar Series will race on the Streets of Toronto this upcoming weekend. The Ontario Honda Dealers Indy Toronto takes place Sunday, July 21 at 1 p.m. EDT.

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