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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight: Scattered
showers and storms.
HIGH: 85 LOW: 63



Man saves church

The Adler Building in downtown Noblesville turns 35

By PEGGY GEORGI
For The Reporter

It's hard to say what would have happened to the site of The Adler Building had it not been for a young, self-described country lawyer who was simply looking for a new office location.

Today, 35 years ago this month, Ray and Kathy Adler, became the owners of a historic church building in downtown Noblesville. With this, he would embark on a history-making journey of a lifetime that would exceed all his expectations. The story of how Adler helped breathe new life and purpose into an aging structure that was slated for demolition is a local success story and a daily reminder of how one man's vision helped blend the past with the present for the future. The Adler Building is not only a timeless architectural treasure and community showpiece, but also a vibrant hub of innovation, commerce, and activity.

The Adler Building Back Story

Before the building was renamed and transformed into professional office suites, it was home to First Christian Church, one of Noblesville's oldest churches. First Christian Church has a long and proud history in Noblesville dating back to the 1820s. The roots of what would ultimately become the First Christian Church date back to early settlers organizing their



The Adler Building at 136 S. 9th St., Noblesville, was designed by Fort Wayne architects Wing and Mahurin in 1897. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a community showpiece.

Photo provided

Let's never allow another pandemic to catch the world by surprise

The COVID-19 pandemic has killed over 1.2 million Americans and over 7 million worldwide. The 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic killed an estimated 675,000 Americans and 40 to 60 million globally. It's not a question of if we will have another pandemic, but when. Will it be a virus yet unknown or a new strain of COVID or influenza? No one knows.

Avian influenza (bird flu) has the potential of becoming a pandemic virus. Periodically it proliferates in wild migratory birds. Currently, a highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) is pandemic in bird populations.

Concern increases when bird flu infects domesticated poultry populations like chickens, turkeys, and ducks. When the virus mutates and jumps to pigs or cows, apprehension rises since the virus has adapted to mammals. With further mutations, the virus could infect another mammal – humans.

Rarely, individual human infection occurs with prolonged close contact with infected poultry or other animals. That's where the transmission almost always ends. The virus is not "human-like" enough to support further human transmission.

Pigs are especially adept at being infected by various animal flu types. Suppose a pig is infected with a bird and human flu virus simultaneously; the two viruses could mix their genomes when replicating to produce a new more human-like virus supporting *unsustained* human-to-human spread. Alternatively, a human could be infected simultaneously with a bird and human virus giving a similar result.

With progressive mutations, the virus could advance to *sustained* human-to-human spread. Human clusters of infection without close animal exposures signal a terrifying situation. People would have little or no preexisting immune protection to this novel virus. The 1918 Spanish flu included avian components.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, A(H5N1) is widely infecting poultry and has jumped to dairy cattle, largely asymptotically. The first herd infected from migratory birds was in December 2023 in Texas. Now, at least 151 U.S. herds of dairy cattle (the virus adapted to bovine mammary glands) in 13 states are infected, and infections could potentially spread worldwide. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the virus has infected eight individuals in the U.S. with prolonged close exposure to dairy cattle or farm poultry.



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State of Our Health

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Sun sets on another 4-H Fair



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

'Twas the day after the fair and all through the county, 4-H'ers were home counting their ribbon bounty. The auction was over, the fairgrounds were cleared, and school starts next week, now isn't that weird? If you miss the llamas, the sheep, and the bunnies, The Reporter has you covered: don't worry, honey. The first Tuesday in August we're bringing it back, and our 4-H edition will be totally packed With photos and stories and results from each kid, to remind you of all the great things that they did! Making sure that you get it is easy, we think. Just open your browser and go to this link:

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Noblesville Lions Club cooks for senior citizens



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Saturday, July 20, the Noblesville Lions cooked a meal of chicken for the Senior Citizens. This is a yearly event when the Lions Club enjoys supporting Noblesville seniors. (From left) Lions Rollin Cutter, Steve Morgan, Steve Shaw, and Gary Hipes. Not pictured: Jim Harger.

Westfield Washington Public Library raffling beloved historic train table

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) is raffling off a beloved piece of the library's history – the train table from the Children's Department. The library purchased a new train table when it moved into its new building on June 1.

"The train table has been a well-loved fixture for generations of kids," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "Given the numerous inquiries we've received about its future, we decided the fairest way to give it a new home is through a raffle. That way everyone has an equal chance to own a cherished piece of library history."

Raffle tickets are priced at \$10 each and can be purchased online at [tinyurl.com/WWPLtrainable](https://www.tinyurl.com/WWPLtrainable) or at the Westfield Washington Public Library Circulation Desk through Wednesday,



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Public Library

The train table has been a source of joy for local kids for many years – and now you can own it.

July 31. A winner will be drawn on Thursday, Aug. 1. Funds raised through the raffle will be used to purchase new reading and play items for the library.

About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations. For more information on the Westfield Library Foundation visit [westfieldlibraryfoundation.com](https://www.westfieldlibraryfoundation.com).

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first church meetings in homes and then the old, wood-framed Hamilton County Courthouse. A log church was built in 1829 on the northwest corner of 9th and Cherry streets to hold official church gatherings. In 1835, this property was deeded from the Baptist Church to the congregation known as the Church of Christ. In 1839, the log church was replaced by a wood-framed building.

In 1855, a group withdrew from the Church of Christ congregation, bought the present property at 9th and Maple streets, and built “The Christian Chapel.” In 1868, the two groups reunited there. The Church expansion occurred during the city’s first large growth period after the discovery of its first natural gas well near 11th and Pleasant streets in 1888. In fact, many of the grand Victorian-style homes in the area, as well as most of the downtown commercial district, were built during this time of prosperity.

In 1897, construction began on the new church. The finished two-story building featured red brick and stone, limestone corners, peaked slate roof, and four-story bell tower. At the turn of the century, the church was one of three large brick churches located in downtown Noblesville which then had a population of just over 4,700.

As the church congregation and needs grew so did the need for additional space. Over the next 150 years, the church would grow with additions, renovations, repairs, and through the purchase of the house at the corner of 9th and Maple streets. The home was remodeled and turned into a parsonage. In 1923, a two-story educational wing was added. By the 1970s, additional updating and remodeling were needed to accommodate the growing congregation including demolishing the parsonage.

By 1984, the church, with a congregation of 1,000, had outgrown its current facilities. Unable to secure additional downtown property to accommodate their growth, the congrega-

tion secured a 12-acre lot at 16377 Herriman Blvd. to build their new church. The last Sunday services in the 9th Street location were held on July 16, 1989, and the building was put up for sale.

Church building for sale

Meanwhile, Adler initially established his practice (Webb & Webb) at 830 Logan St. in 1976. He loved working in downtown Noblesville and being able to walk to the courthouse. To accommodate his growing practice, he purchased a building at 53 N. 6th St. Noblesville was also growing. Adler’s building was among the buildings the city would need to remove in preparation for its new courthouse. He was on the hunt again for a new office location.

A resident of Hamilton County with strong family ties, Adler long aspired to become a lawyer. It was never on his radar to become the owner of a 20,000 square-foot historic building and be a landlord as well. This, according to Adler, was providence.

When he learned the First Christian Church was for sale from Dr. Richard Bailey, he wasn’t all that interested because he originally thought that the building had to be in bad shape. Dale Griswold was consulted for a bid for the cost of demolition. The high cost of demolition caused Adler to consult an engineer and he was pleasantly surprised after consulting with a couple of engineers. They showed him how to preserve the building and transition it into professional offices while maintaining the integrity, character, and original exterior charm of the church. Adler did just that. The building was renamed The Adler Building, and it soon became home to more than 20 businesses, not-for-profits, and faith-based organizations.

Adler credits a village of local talent for the building’s transition inside and out.

“Ralph Waltz, a banker at American National Bank, who initially helped me secure funding for the project,

later told me that he wasn’t sure that my idea to transition the building into office suites would work,” Adler recalled. Steve Nation, a Hamilton County Prosecutor, Superior Court Judge, and friend, was of the same opinion. However, Adler felt called to proceed on what would become his passion project. Darlene Wood served as his realtor.

The Adler Building: An Architectural Treasure

Today, the Adler Building is one of downtown Noblesville’s most beautiful and historic treasures anchoring the downtown historic district. The building houses 15 to 20 businesses including Adler Attorneys. In fact, there have been some 150 businesses that have called The Adler Building home over the past three decades. On any given day there are 40 to 50 people coming in and out of the building – from tenants to their clients. It is bustling with activity.

The exterior is stunning and reminiscent of a bygone era. Inside, each suite has been meticulously transformed, offering its own special charm and appeal. In addition to Adler’s office, which is on the second floor with the 12-foot stunning rosette stained-glass window as a backdrop. Adler says one of his favorite places in the building is the conference room. “We call it ‘The Chapel’ because it was a part of the original chapel,” he said. “There always seems to be good vibes coming from this space.”

This community showpiece is an integral part of the national historic district known as the South 9th Street Historic District in Noblesville. It encompasses 39 contributing buildings and one contributing site in a predominantly residential section of Noblesville. Developed between 1860 and 1940, the district includes notable examples of Victorian, Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, Italianate, and Bungalow / American Craftsman style architecture.

Little did Adler know that when he took on this passion project, he would be

among the first to renovate an existing downtown structure into professional offices. In 1991, Adler was recognized by the Indiana Main Street Organization with its Best Adaptive Reuse Award for his outstanding renovation of the building which left the exterior relatively untouched. The hallmarks of the structure include a stunning second floor rosette window that is approximately 12 feet in diameter and a bell tower that reaches over four stories high which housed the original church bell. This earned the City of Noblesville its second Main Street award.

The Adler Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. It is among the city’s eight buildings and four historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building isn’t the only thing that has changed over the past three decades. Adler’s practice has as well. He has done everything in the legal field from seatbelt violations to a death penalty case and no longer practices criminal law. Today, his primary focus is on guardianships, estates, real estate, family law, and general civil litigation – and he still enjoys the trek to and from the courthouse.

Inside The Adler Building

Tenants absolutely love the building. It is non-smoking and a quiet place to work and close to everything. For example, Kevin Yaney, President & CEO of Yaney Marketing, Inc., moved into The Adler Building in March 1998. Little did he know that 26 years after setting up shop at 136 S.9th St., would become the longest tenured tenant.

“There were several tenants who held claim to that title until about five years ago,” said Yaney, who is among those businesses or organizations working from The Adler Building over the past three decades.

Yaney was a year and a half into his business when he realized he needed to move operations from his dining room to an out-of-the-home office. Adler, who

Current Tenants of The Adler Building

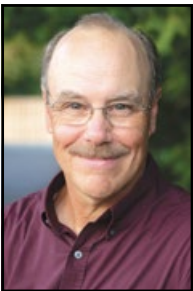
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has since become a friend, had just renovated the lower level of the building and Yaney was the first to rent there.

“The Adler Building tenants are fairly diverse in what we do,” Yaney explained. “I suppose the one common factor is we all are small businesses who need office space that is available any time, day, or night. Because we are so diverse and since parts of the building

are a bit of a maze, it is not uncommon for someone to knock on my door and ask if I know how to find someone. One time, I had a rather large man open my door one day and sit down in my office. He was a bit out of breath. I asked him if I could help him, and he said he was there to pay his bill. I asked who he was looking for, he told me, and I responded that had the wrong office.”

“The other thing you realize when you work there is this is an old building,” Yaney pointed out. “There are hidden nooks in the building, and it makes noises, especially when you’re there alone. For instance, there is a hidden space between two walls in a storage area on the lower level. There are also parts of the building where there are wood-



Yaney



Adler

en plank floors, and you can hear footsteps that tend to echo in certain parts of the building. It can be a little spooky at night. There are also reminders throughout that it was a church. There are places where there are still hooks for children to hang their coats. Until a couple of years ago, there was an old coal burning furnace in the basement.”

“I’ve always thought the Adler Building had a lot of Old Town charm,” added Yaney. “Ray did a good job of renovating a church building that was slated for the wrecking ball into office space. He salvaged a piece of Noblesville history that still resonates with residents today. “My clients are always fascinated with it. I’ve had people tell me they attended Sunday school there as a child or were married there.”

“Sometimes I’ll catch folks just looking at the building in awe, taking pictures, and asking for tours,” added Adler, with a smile. “For a guy just looking for office space within walking distance of the courthouse square and restaurants, it turned out much better than I could have ever imagined. “It’s truly been a great adventure.”

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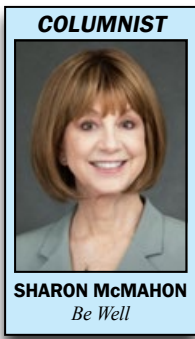
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Reflections on Olympians and the power of the body

“Remember this. Hold on to this. This is the only perfection there is, the perfection of helping others. This is the only thing we can do that has any lasting meaning. This is why we’re here.”
— Andre Agassi



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

You know, it is amazing to see what the human body is capable of; it both gives me hope and makes me realize that I need to move more! And although I am not necessarily a “tennis buff” I found that this quote by Agassi says really everything there is to say about striving for perfection, and what is *truly* important.

Our “Team USA” will make us very proud, I am sure, as they strive to be their perfect best in the days and weeks ahead during these Summer Olympic Games. When I read their personal stories, I find most have an impressive record of helping others, which is not surprising.

Who among us reading this column (I dare say there

are no Olympic athletes among my readers!) have not critiqued the athletes we send to represent us every four years in both the summer and winter games primarily because we are expecting physical “perfection” from their performances? Guilty as charged here! Of course we want our USA athletes to do well – to “bring home the gold” for our country. We cheer them on, are dismayed when they do not medal, or do not win the color of medal we want! Yes, we “armchair athletes” are pretty good at it!

Simone Biles made a historic and controversial decision to withdraw from several of the gymnastics exercises during the last summer games and in doing so created much discussion around the topic of mental health and expectations that these athletes experience. Whether you agree or disagree with her decision in that regard is personal, of course, but I really believe

that she might have been physically injured otherwise – a bad fall from the vaults, bars, and beams that the athletes use could have caused permanent damage if she did not have the confidence to complete her rotations.

The pressure and quest for perfection, whether in a physical competition, academia, relationship or professional capacity can create chronic stress, physical and mental health issues which must be recognized and possibly treated. And, happily, Simone is back in good form and I look forward to watching her represent us!

I will enjoy watching the Olympic athletes this year more than usual, perhaps in part because they endured intense and rigorous training expecting to compete in 2020 and for some this may be their last competitive opportunity. The pandemic caused quite a break in the athletes’ training and competition schedules and hopefully they have recovered their balance.

We will witness a display of human physical and mental triumph the next

few weeks as we marvel at what the human body can do under circumstances that most of us can only imagine. Don’t forget that the Paralympics are coming up soon which illustrates even more what focus, drive, and dedication can do – I doubt the word “disability” would ring true for any of them! Additionally, don’t forget that we also have the “Senior Olympics” – so no excuses for any of us! Ready to begin training?

Back to my quote at the beginning of the article; a win, a medal, recognition, etc. – all wonderful achievements. While we all cannot become Olympic athletes, we can all be the best U.S. through exercise, proper nutrition, community responsibility, and the *perfection of helping others*. Go Team! Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

PANDEMIC

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The virus is widespread in milk and other dairy products. The Federal Food and Drug Administration reports no viable virus found in pasteurized milk and deems the pasteurized milk supply as safe. However, unpasteurized milk is legal for sale in 30 states.

The eight human cases are probably just the tip of the iceberg. Although the risk to humans remains low, we were caught unprepared for COVID-19, and vigilance is warranted for avian flu.

There should be intensified surveillance and testing of poultry, dairy cattle, and pigs. The USDA requires testing of dairy cattle transported over state lines, but testing is voluntary on the state level. That’s a problem. Herd isolation and quarantine measures should be implemented.

Continued testing of the milk supply, wastewater, and especially at-risk individu-

als is important. We need to further vaccine development and offer vaccination to frontline farm-related workers if things progress.

Local health departments must have standardized protocols and financial support for adequate infrastructure to address an avian flu pandemic. Farmers must receive informational resources about bird flu and be financially supported for preventative and unforeseen costs. Warnings should be issued regarding unpasteurized milk-product consumption.

Influenza is an unpredictable virus; monitoring for worrisome genetic changes is essential.

If a pandemic occurs, let’s not let this one get away from us.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O’Bannon.

Flowers take over Seminary Park for one festive floral day

The REPORTER

You’re invited to the Noblesville Flower Market in Seminary Park, taking place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. This location change will allow marketgoers to leisurely stroll the park and enjoy the beauty of Noblesville’s downtown.

Florist Lineup

- Abloom
- Flying Dirt
- Ruthie’s Flower Shop
- Rusted Window
- Camino & Co

- Lou Loudi Fields
- Balanced Harvest
- Timeless Blooms
- Vendor Lineup
- Susanna Rose Art
- Wild Kard Vintage
- Just Lagom
- Simply Sophie Designs
- Moxie House
- Primeval Brewing
- Downtown Deals

Enjoy these deals at downtown businesses during the Flower Market.

- Lash & Esthetic Studio: 15 percent of any spa services with appointment

on July 25. Open until 8 p.m. (35 Conner St.)

- The Nesst of Noblesville: 20 percent off bar menu. Open until 9 p.m. (917 Conner St.)

- Alexander’s on the Square: one free scoop of ice cream. Open until 9 p.m. (864 Logan St.)

- Sara’s Soiree: 20 percent off preludes. Open until 10 p.m. (818 Logan St.)

- 9th Street Bistro: Free glass of Prosecco. Reservation recommended. Open until 9:30 p.m. (56 S. 9th

St.)

- Courthouse Club: one free ‘date night’ appetizer. Open until 10 p.m. (110 N. 9th St.)

- Primeval Brewing: \$5 pint of your choice. Open until 9 p.m. (960 Logan St.)

The Noblesville Flower Market will continue on the last Thursday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. through November. Note that the November Flower Market will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, the day before Thanksgiving.

Learn how to avoid elder fraud with AG Rokita & American Senior Communities

The REPORTER

American Senior Communities (ASC) is partnering with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, Todd Rokita, and the U.S. Department of Justice to present educational sessions on how seniors can avoid scams and fraud.

will play host to a session from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 25.



Rokita

Elder fraud is the act of exploiting older adults for monetary gain, such as financial fraud or identity theft. Fraudsters take advantage of seniors through numerous fear-based tactics. By posing as grandchildren or

romantic interests, or emailing about bogus investment opportunities, over \$5.9 billion in losses occur each year among the senior population. Elder fraud can have devastating effects not only financially, but emotionally as well.

This event is free and open to the public and media. Allisonville Meadows



Allisonville Meadows

is located at 10312 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

For more information and to RSVP, visit [ASCCare.com/ElderFraud](https://asccare.com/ElderFraud).

Kyla Berg of Fishers makes Fairfield University dean’s list

The REPORTER

Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., has announced its dean’s list honors for the Spring 2024 semester, and Kyla M. Berg

of Fishers is among those students on the list.

In order to be placed on the dean’s list, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours

in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or better.

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Trippin’ Billies bring Dave Matthews experience to Cool Creek Park

The REPORTER

Trippin’ Billies delivered a stellar performance at Cool Creek Park on July 19, drawing a huge and enthusiastic crowd. The longest-touring Dave Matthews tribute band brought the essence of a DMB concert with amazing vocals and instrumental solos. The weather was ideal for an outdoor concert at the park with family and friends.

As the premier Dave Matthews tribute band, Trippin’ Billies did not disappoint, performing lively renditions of “Satellite” and “Everyday” to an energized audience. The band continued to impress with hits like “Crush” and “Crash Into Me.” Audience members of all ages were dancing and singing along to every song. The atmosphere of the event was like a big, joyous celebration.

In addition to the music, concertgoers enjoyed other fun and engaging opportunities for kids. Hamilton County Parks and Recreation’s mascot Chatter-

box the squirrel made an appearance as well as the Indianapolis Indians’ Rowdie. The Nature Education Trailer by Duke Energy hosted live turtles and interactive learning experiences with a naturalist, and kids ran through a Ninja Racecourse and jumped in a bounce house.

The fun at Cool Creek Park continues on Aug. 2 with 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.

Hamilton County Parks thanks the sponsors of the Cool Creek Summer Concert series: Title Sponsor Napleton Automotive Group, IU Health, Ashlin Hadden Insurance, The National Bank of Indianapolis, Renewal By Andersen, Compass Realty, Sobczak Construction Services, Community First Bank of Indiana, Keeler-Webb, Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc., Coxhall Guild, and Helium SEO.



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Working smoke detectors save family of three from apartment fire



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Shortly after 1 p.m. Sunday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to an apartment fire off Phillip Drive. The residents called 911 after being alerted by smoke detectors, and everyone was able to safely evacuate the apartment. The first crews to arrive could see thick black smoke coming from the apartment. The fire was marked under control a short time later. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. NFD reminds citizens to check smoke detectors to ensure they are in good working order.

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Westfield Lions dodge rain at inaugural golf outing

“Raise the Roof” fundraiser nets over \$6K for clubhouse project

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

On Tuesday, July 9, the Westfield Lions Club held its inaugural golf outing at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville. Eighty golfers participated in the outing and helped make it a successful event despite periods of rain from the remnants of Hurricane Beryl.

In addition to the individuals who played in the outing, there were more than 20 companies that helped sponsor the event. Special thanks go to the top sponsors, White House Donuts, Centier Bank, AEF Companies, Discount Copies, and MB Home Partners.

Along with first place prizes going to Cody Young’s team from Edward Jones Financial Advisors, golfers took home some excellent raffle prizes. These included Colts tickets, cornhole board

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sets, golf lessons, and gift cards from area Handles Ice Cream, Birdie’s, Red Habanero, and The Mill Tavern.

The proceeds from the event will be used to help pay for the Club’s current clubhouse renovation project. The clubhouse, located at 1101 E. 169th St., is being expanded to include a larger meeting area, full kitchen, ADA-compliant restrooms, conference room, and storage for the Club’s fish fry and poker tournament equipment. The Lions hope to have the project completed in the next couple of months and will be holding an open house to give the community a chance to check out the facility. Once open, the building will be available for the public to rent.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club, including how to become a member, go to WestfieldLions.org.

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Fishers recommends Republic Services for new city-wide trash contract

The REPORTER

Following a public RFP process, City of Fishers staff presented their recommendation of support for a city-wide trash contract with Republic Services Tuesday morning during the bi-monthly Board of Public Works meeting. The Board cited Republic's competitive rates, long-standing presence in central Indiana, and familiarity with the Fishers market, where it currently serves nearly 60 percent of Fishers residents. The proposed 10-year contract would go into effect in January 2025.

Benefits of a city-wide contract include the ability for the city to assist residents with trash concerns and issues; reduced wear on neighborhood roadways; a leveraged economies of scale to secure services not currently offered to the majority of residents, such as leaf and landscaping pickup; and locked in rates for 10 years.

In 2023, the city conducted a public survey for residents and HOAs to learn more about their current trash services and preferences. A total of 2,532 residents and 120 HOAs completed the survey, providing insight into their current monthly rates and providers. In March 2024, Fishers released a request for proposal (RFP) for its first-ever



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The proposed monthly cost per Fishers household in 2025 will be \$16.39.

er city-wide trash contract, including trash, recycling, and leaf and landscaping collection for all residential units in Fishers. Three offers were submitted, with Republic offering the lowest monthly rates for residents in the first three years. Republic's "snowbird" feature will also allow individuals to pause



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services while away from their residence for a month or longer.

"This initiative will help to control the rising costs for trash collection in our community and give us the ability to advocate for residents when issues or concerns arise," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "Republic has decades of experience serving Fishers, which will help



to ensure a streamlined and efficient transition. Their reputation, competitive pricing, and unique features make them the best fit for our community."

The proposed monthly cost per household in 2025 is \$16.39. According to the public survey conducted last year, this rate is lower than what 85 percent of residents currently pay for services. Seventy percent of Fishers residents indicated they pay more than \$21 per month for trash collection; 22 percent indicated

they paid between \$31 and \$40 per month; and 24 percent indicated they pay more than \$41 per month for trash and recycling services. For a full breakdown of proposed pricing over 10 years, visit [FishersIN.gov/Trash](https://fishersin.gov/Trash).

A public hearing and contract approval will occur at the Board of Public Works meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 13. A final recommendation will be presented to the City Council this fall.

Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/Trash](https://fishersin.gov/Trash).

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.

July 25 vendor lineup

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- Eagle Creek Apiary
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- Gomez BBQ
- Gracie's Little Ladies
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- Joy Through Dawn
- Kernel King
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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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These renderings show the plans for what will be the new Public Safety Center from the south (above left) and west (above right) sides of the building.

Hamilton County to break ground next week on new Public Safety Center

\$85 million facility needed to keep up with demands from population growth

The REPORTER

Hamilton County will break ground on a new Public Safety Center at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 30. The new dispatch center will be located on 22 acres at 18291 Presley Drive in Noblesville, east of State Roads 37 and 38.

The \$85 million project will feature a three-story, 108,000 square-foot emergency operations center designed to house 911 dispatch and emergency operations. Plans also call for additional storage and the potential for a childcare facility. Ham-

ilton County Commissioner Christine Altman says Hamilton County Public Safety Communications has outgrown its current space.

“As the county grows, so too do the demands for public service,” Altman said. “Even if the county council gave us additional dispatchers, we simply wouldn’t have



Altman



Hubbs

a place to put them.”

The 911 dispatch center currently shares the basement of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office with the Hamilton County Emergency Operations Center. The department dispatches for 17 agencies including seven police departments, the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, and nine fire

and EMS agencies.

“This new center will significantly enhance our ability to respond to emergencies and provide critical services to our residents,” Hamilton County Communications Executive Director Mike Hubbs said. “It represents a major investment in the safety and well-being of Hamilton County.”

A 0.1 percent public service local income tax will help pay for the new building. Construction is expected to start next month and will take two years to complete.

County Health Department ready to help you understand back-to-school immunizations

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department and the State Department of Health will hold a free webinar focused on back-to-school immunizations at 6 p.m. tonight, July 24. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are encouraged to join to ensure their children are fully prepared and protected for the upcoming school year.

The webinar will cover a comprehensive range of vaccines, including those children need before heading back to school. Immunization experts will also discuss the importance of the RSV, HPV, and flu vaccines.

“Ensuring our children receive the necessary immu-

nizations is crucial for their health and the well-being of our community,” said Julie Nagel, Immunization Coordinator for the Hamilton County Health Department. “We want to provide parents with the latest information and resources to make informed decisions about their children’s health.”

Nagel says many kids missed vaccinations during the pandemic and parents aren’t sure where to start in getting them caught up.

“It is important kids get caught up on their vaccines, but parents shouldn’t let that



Nagel

overwhelm them,” Nagel assures caregivers. “Healthcare providers can help create an immunization schedule to ensure they get all the necessary immunizations in a timely manner.”

To attend the webinar, please register at tinyurl.com/backtoschoolvaccines.

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Every wonder what the Carmel Redevelopment Commission does? If so, try *The Omnibus Show*!

The REPORTER

This week’s episode of *The Omnibus Show* featured Henry Mestetsky, Executive Director of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission. Mestetsky was born in Kiev, Ukraine, and moved to the U.S. – Indiana specifically – in 1994.

Mestetsky talked about his path from Ukraine to IUPUI, IU’s Kelley School of Business, IU Maurer School of Law, and eventually to Carmel.

He discussed the theory of walkability – if it’s safe, comfortable, convenient, and interesting people will walk instead of drive – as well as the history and importance of walkable cities. Mestetsky explores the vision of Carmel and why its downtown was designed to resemble a European city square. He also explains

the need for a city square in order to foster community engagement and connection.

Next week, *The Omnibus Show* welcomes Eric Halvorson who spent 33 years as an anchor and reporter with WISH-TV and now serves as the corporate affairs manager with Kroger.

About The Omnibus Show

The Omnibus Show is Carmel’s No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

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Westfield’s mayor is unveiling an innovative plan to expands the use of golf carts on the city’s trail system.

A bold move might just tee up a whole new way of getting around town. Drawing inspiration from Peachtree City, Georgia, where golf carts are a common primary mode of transportation, Mayor Scott Willis tells News 8 that he sees this as a way to enhance the quality of life for Westfield residents.

City resident Steve Carter said, “This is the best part of Westfield, to own a golf cart.”

Carter has lived in his Westfield home for over 20 years. His favorite way to get around town is in his blue golf cart. “The first

thing I do is drive a mile to Anytime Fitness and then drive it back. Sometimes, I will go to Walgreens or Kroger’s.”

The potential benefits of this mode of transportation make Carter smile. “I’m always outside. But yeah, we love the golf cart!”

The city’s current golf cart ordinance allows for the use of golf carts under specific conditions. The Republican mayor wants to open up most of the trail systems, excluding the **Monon Trail**. “As my kids were growing up, it was always a big part of our family fun to pile all the kids on the golf cart, go downtown, grab pizza at Greek’s or some ice cream, and the kids just love it.”

The city points to safety measures, including the restriction of golf carts to roads with speed limits of 25 mph or less, and requiring operators to have a valid driver’s license. “There’s been a culture in Westfield over the years that we’ve kind of turned a blind eye to underage kids driving golf carts, and that is our biggest risk in opening this up,” Willis said.

The mayor’s plan also includes widening portions of trails, adding signs for clear guidance, and creating trail connections to ensure easy access for all neighborhoods. “We have no negative interactions between pedestrians and golf carts. It doesn’t mean we won’t in the future. Logically speaking, we are talking human beings. I’m sure at some point we will have an issue or two.”

As the city gears up for this exciting transformation, Willis and his team are set to visit Peachtree City, Georgia, for research and consultation with local officials.



WISH photo by Reyna Revelle

Golf cart parking at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/city-of-westfield-drives-into-golf-cart-future.

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Carmel Community Players announces upcoming season

The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players has recently announced the six productions slated for the 2024-2025 season. You can purchase individual tickets as well as season packages online now at carmelplayers.org/whats-on-stage/tickets.

Steel Magnolias
Oct. 4 to 13
Directed by Elizabeth Ruddell

Hilarious and touching, *Steel Magnolias* centers on a colorful cast of women, both regulars and employees, that frequent the beauty parlour: a mother-daughter duo planning a wedding, a woman who’s “been in a bad mood for 40 years,” and a mysterious newcomer. Through laughter, tears, and a thick fog of hairspray, these women face trials and triumphs armed with their greatest strength: each other.

Performances will take



place at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

Peter & The Starcatcher
Nov. 15 to 24
Directed by Lori Raffel

A young orphan and his mates are shipped off

from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. At sea, the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly, a “Starcatcher-in-training” who discovers a mysterious trunk in the captain’s cabin that must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates – led by the fearsome Black Stache, a villain determined to claim the trunk and its treasure for his own – the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure.

obsession with stardom? *Ruthless!* manages to spoof every showbiz plot you love and adore such as *Auntie Mame* and *All About Eve*. Look out folks because this high-camp roller coaster of a ride is a hilarious romp through the world of Broadway, parenthood, child actors and unbridled ambition ... no one is safe!

Performances will take place at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

Pride & Prejudice
Feb. 28 to March 9, 2025
Directed by Samantha Kelly

There is little hope for the four Bennet sisters beyond “ensnaring” a wealthy future husband, but Lizzy dreams of more than the schemes and games of courtship. A young woman with a bright mind and free spirit, she is determined to avoid the trappings of a loveless marriage while laughing at the foolish antics of others. When she meets the solemn Mr. Darcy, she immediately judges him to be all that she detests: proud, arrogant, rude, and so without civility that she can hardly endure his presence. Lizzy comes to discover, however, that first impressions may not be all that they seem and that she must learn the true characters of others before jumping to harsh conclusions.

Performances will take place at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

Ruthless! The Musical
April 4 to 13, 2025
Directed by Kathleen Horrigan

One-part *Gypsy* and one-part *The Bad Seed*, this dark comedy musical tells the story of a naïve 1950s housewife, Judy Denmark, and her adorable but sociopathic eight-year-old daughter, Tina, who will do ANYTHING to be a star. But just how safe is Judy, and the world, from her daughter’s

Performances will take place at The Switch Theatre at the Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy, 10029 E. 126th St., Suite D, Fishers.

This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing – A Rising Star Production
June 13 to 22, 2025
Directed by Amber K. Roth

Triplet sisters are left in the forest by their woodcutter father. From this fairytale beginning, three resolutions are made: one sister will walk one way, one the other, and the third will stay right where she is. Twenty years later, having circumnavigated the globe, fought Vikings, crossed oceans, tamed wilds, and achieved greatness, the three meet again, as women. The fantastical tale also highlights the beauty of individuality and the importance of one’s journey to self-love.

Performances will take place at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

American Son
Aug. 8 to 17, 2025
Directed by Bradley Allan Lowe

This nail-biting story takes place in real-time in the waiting room of a Miami police station in the middle of the night. The parents of a black teenager anxiously await news of their son, who may have been picked up by the police. A breathtaking drama, *American Son* explores issues – maternal, marital, and societal – while tackling the subtle and not-so-subtle racial dynamics in American culture.

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Norma Janiece Hobson July 9, 1933 – July 16, 2024



Norma Janiece Hobson, 91, passed away at her home in Sheridan, surrounded by her loving family, on Tuesday evening, July 16, 2024. Born July 9, 1933, in Kempton, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Ola Ernest and Theresa Elizabeth (Moore) Baird.

She was a 1951 graduate of Sheridan High School, and a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the K.V. Elliott American Legion Post #67 of Sheridan. Norma faithfully attended the Baker's Corner Wesleyan Church. After the closure of the Baker's Corner church, she began attending Six Points Church in Sheridan.

Norma entered the job market at a young age. Her first job was at the Franklin Ice Cream Store in Sheridan. Although it was just a job like any other, it ended up being the most important and life altering career choice she ever made, because it was where she met a young man named Harold. She later hired on with Commercial Filters in Lebanon for a couple years before going to work at the Ben Franklin store in Carmel. Norma eventually went to work for Aero Drapery where she worked in the credit department; she retired as a supervisor after 20 years of dedicated service.

She enjoyed the beauty that flowers brought into the world, and never tired of watching the birds that would come by to visit. As she got older, her years in management (and as a mother) came in handy. Everybody knew that if the bird feeders weren't kept full, they were going to hear about it. She also enjoyed doing crafts.

Family was always the most important thing in her life. The gentleman, Harold, that she met while working at the ice cream store eventually became one of the main characters of a love story that she (along with the other three) would tell for the rest of their lives. Depending on who was telling the story, the events may be a little different, and who's idea it was may change from time to time; however, the plot always remained the same. Two brothers (Harold and Harley Hobson) eloped with two sisters (Norma and Martha Baird) to Arkansas, where they got hitched on October 9, 1950, and started the first chapter of a lifelong story that none of them ever tired of sharing.

Norma loved to travel, and luckily for her, the rest of the foursome was always ready to come along for the ride. There were always plenty of stories that came from their trips (some tales were taller than others), and nobody in the group would ever fess up to exactly how much truth there was in them, but either way, they made for good conversation. Nothing goes better with good conversation than good company, and Norma loved to sit and visit. If you had the time, so did she.

Norma loved her family and made sure that her home was always filled with love. Not only was she mom to her own children, but she was also the neighborhood mom. There was always a full cookie jar waiting for whoever walked through the door. As the years passed, and her family started having families of their own, Norma realized her true calling: being a grandmother.

Norma is survived by two sons, Stephen Allen Hobson (Joyce) of Noblesville and Gerald Wayne Hobson (Anita) of Arcadia; seven grandchildren, Mark Hobson (Joy), Eric Hobson (Theresa), Susan Steward (David), Vanessa Moistner (Donovan), Robert Hobson (Tiffany), Melissa Hobson, and Charles Hobson, Jr. (Cindy); 17 great-grandchildren, Lora Hobson, Abbie Hobson, Koia Campbell, Brentton Campbell, Melissa Teague, Makayla Teague, Kyra Steward, Ethan Moistner, Abby Moistner, Zeke Hobson, Everly Hobson, Matthew Bowman, Brianna Basler, Austin Basler, Hailey Hobson, Reed Hobson, and Alex Hobson; two great-great-grandchildren, Brantley Bowman and Charles DesNoyers, with one great-great-granddaughter on the way; two brothers, Floyd "Don" Baird of Hawkinsville, Ga., and Ralph "Jack" Baird of Sheridan; and brother-in-law, Bill Moore of Mooresville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ola Ernest and Theresa Elizabeth (Moore) Baird; son, Charles David "Chuck" Hobson; daughter, Peggy Darlene Hobson; four sisters, Doris Stultz, Georgia Moore, Betty Baker, and Martha Hobson (and her husband, Harley Hobson); and by her loving husband, Harold Hobson on April 24, 2019.

Services were held on Tuesday morning, July 23, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Scott McDermid officiated. Visitation took place Monday, July 22, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Cancer Society, in honor of Peggy.

Please click this link to view the live stream of Norma's funeral: facebook.com/events/s/norma-hobson-funeral/1165301448036510.

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The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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Cornerstone Center for the Arts of Muncie welcomes new programming director

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Cornerstone Center for the Arts (CCA) of Muncie has announced the appointment of Stephanie Michaels as the new Director of Programming. CCA says she will bring a fresh perspective, dynamic energy, and experience to Cornerstone. This marks an exciting new chapter as Cornerstone continues to expand its reach and impact in the Muncie community.

Michaels is a Ball State University graduate in anthropology and holds a masters in museum studies from IUPUI. As a student, she was an intern and volunteer at both Minnetrista Museum & Gardens in Muncie and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art in Indianapolis. She brings with her over 10 years of experience as Curator of Programs and Collections Management at the Anderson Museum of Art. While there

she managed all programming, exhibitions, classes, summer camps, an artist database, a permanent art collection of more than 700 pieces, as well as the museum's website, social media, and marketing.

At Cornerstone, Michaels will bring her experience to oversee all events and educational programming; including rentals, with the support of Rental Coordinator, Ashton Baker. For her, the arts have been a significant part of her life, starting with dancing tap and jazz as a child, playing clarinet during teenage years, and continually creating and working with visual art throughout her life.

"Working at an art museum for the past 10 years has been an amazing experience, but being able to add



Michaels

more accessible and to encourage creativity and exploration. Cornerstone has unlimited potential, and I am excited to help be a part of its growth and positive impact on Muncie and our surrounding communities."

In her new role, Michaels says she plans to build on Cornerstone's strong foundation by introducing new classes and workshops, enhancing existing programs, and fostering partnerships with local artists and organizations. Her vision includes not only nurturing individual artistic talents but also creating opportunities for collab-

orative projects that highlight the unique artistic and cultural fabric of Muncie.

The addition of Michaels signifies Cornerstone's commitment to providing arts access to all in the Muncie community. She is stepping in at a time that allows Rob Jordan, Cornerstone's Vice President of Facilities, to focus on preserving the building as it approaches its 100th year in operation in 2026. Her expertise and enthusiasm will inspire both seasoned artists and newcomers alike, ensuring that Cornerstone Center for the Arts remains a vital resource for creativity, learning, and celebration.

If you want to rent space at Cornerstone for your next meeting or event, please go to cornerstonearts.org/rentals-1. Also consider making a donation directly through the website at cornerstonearts.org/support-1.

Conservation record broken by Hoosier farmers & landowners for third year in a row

The REPORTER

In a remarkable achievement for sustainable agriculture, the latest results from the [Conservation Tillage Transect survey](#) reveal that 1.7 million acres of farmland are now under living cover across all crops in Indiana. This significant milestone underscores the increasing adoption of cover crops by farmers, driven by their multiple benefits for soil health, water management and overall farm productivity.

"Protecting soil, our most vital natural resource, is top of mind for our Indiana farmers and year after year our farmers are breaking their own conservation records," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's

Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Through the implementation of cover crops and other conservation efforts, farmers are ensuring our land and water resources remain healthy and productive for years to come."

Overwintering living covers (i.e. cover crops and small grains, like wheat) are known for their environmental benefits. Cover crops and small grains help increase organic matter in the soil and improve overall soil health by adding living roots to the soil more months of the year. Cover crops also improve water infiltration into the soil, while other covers, like legumes serve as natural fertilizers.

Although the conserva-

tion transect does not differentiate between cover crops and small grains, Indiana farmers typically plant fewer than 300,000 acres of small grains annually, so cover crops vastly dominate the 1.7 million estimated acres. Apart from corn and soybeans, cover crops are planted on more acres than any other commodity crop in Indiana. Cover crops are typically planted in the fall after harvest and designed to protect the soil and keep roots in the ground throughout the winter, which improves soil health and helps filter water runoff.

The conservation survey also showed that about 69 percent of row crop acres were not tilled and about 17 percent had employed

reduced tillage over winter, after the 2023 harvest. This early spring survey is not intended to quantify pre-planting tillage.

Despite the clear benefits, there are challenges to the widespread adoption of cover crops, including the initial cost of seeds and the need for additional management skills. However, various federal and state programs offer financial incentives and technical assistance to help farmers incorporate cover crops into their operations. One such initiative that helped contribute to the successful year for cover crops in 2023 was the Cover Crop Premium Discount Program (CCPDP).

To see the full conservation transect report, [click here](#).

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Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

Exodus 5:22-23 (NIV)

Pamela Sue Harrison

January 20, 1952 – July 16, 2024

Pamela Sue Harrison, 72, Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Harbour Manor Health & Living.

Pam was born in Goshen, Ind., on January 20, 1952, to the late Wales Cory and Marlene (Nickel) Mumford.

Pam was a longtime resident of Cicero and was most commonly known around town as "the lady in the electric wheelchair." Pam was full of life and never met a stranger. She worked in retail sales for many years until she suffered from a stroke and was forced to retire. She was a member of the United Family Wesleyan Church where she volunteered for different activities throughout the years. Pam enjoyed singing, cooking, and doing crafts. In her younger years, she also enjoyed traveling.


Pamela is survived by her son, Travis (Angela) Priest of Florida.

Pamela was preceded in death by her father, Wales M. Cory, and mother, Marlene Ellen Mumford.

Pam's wishes were to be cremated and Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero has been entrusted with her care.

There will be a small celebration of life at a later date.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.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.

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Meeting Notice

The Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce ("Hamilton County Chamber"), an affiliate of the OneZone Chamber of Commerce, will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2024, at The Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St., Arcadia. At this meeting, the Hamilton County Chamber will discuss the proposed reorganization between the Town of Sheridan and Adams Township. The Hamilton County Chamber has invited the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to attend its meeting to discuss the proposed reorganization and other issues impacting the northern area of Hamilton County. A majority of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners may be present at this meeting.

Phyllis S. Bradley

April 20, 1935 – July 20, 2024

The world lost one of its sweetest souls and heaven gained an angel when Phyllis S. Bradley, Noblesville, passed away at home surrounded by family on July 20, 2024. She had a strong will to live and a passion for life, yet she was at peace when she passed away.

Phyllis was born in Indianapolis to Charles H.J. and Lora Inez Brinkman on April 20, 1935. She was a proud graduate of Arsenal Technical High School where she majored in business. She worked in bookkeeping, accounts payable, and accounting throughout her career, often training and supervising other employees with more education but far less experience. She took immense pride in being a stellar worker and was beloved by many colleagues. Phyllis was an active founding member of the Mended Hearts chapter at Riverview Hospital.

Phyllis' life was so defined by her faith in God that she never knew life without a church family. Her identity as a Christian was paramount to everything else. Phyllis served her church communities in many ways: sang in choirs, led the ladies' circles, was the treasurer for the mission team for 22 years, cooked for Friday night suppers, cleaned, and was a receptionist in the office.

Phyllis loved cookies with her coffee in the morning, summer fish fries, train rides, playing the organ, musicals (especially the ones that her grandchildren performed in!), rainy days, music from the 1940s and 50s, picnics, trips to Brown County, and traveling, but nothing compared to the love she had for her family. She was married to the love of her life, Ralph, for 71 years and together they had four children whom she adored: Mark Bradley (Karen), Jan Baum (Gary), Mary Ann Goens-Bradley (Sharon), and David Bradley (Cindy). Raising them was the greatest joy of her life. She never missed a school open house, parent-teacher conference, dance or piano recital, choir performance, athletic event or graduation; if one of her kids was in it, she was going to be there cheering them on. Phyllis and Ralph were blessed with nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

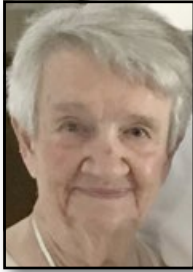
Phyllis was an eternal optimist. She dealt with a number of health issues in her later years, but she never let go of hope that she'd feel good enough to go out to eat with her friends. Every day was a gift and she found joy in simple things: beautiful flowers, butterflies and birds, watching and feeding the squirrels at Forest Park, taking drives, soft pajamas, scented lotions, and the change of seasons. Phyllis saw the best in people, extended herself to help others, and was generous with her time and possessions. If you were to look up "Hoosier Hospitality" in the dictionary, Phyllis' photo would be there.

Phyllis was preceded in death by both parents and her sister, Carol Openshaw. She is survived by her husband, Wm. Ralph Bradley, and all her children and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. August 26, 2024, at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her name to Mended Hearts Chapter #350, 18828 Round Lake Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: indianafuneralcare.com



Last call to hear from Community Health Network executives at 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 healthcare 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.

Derek McMichael is a servant leader with 17 years of healthcare 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.



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Golf



(ABOVE LEFT) Steve Martin (left) and Stu Douglass played in the golf outing. Both are Indiana Farm Bureau agents; Douglass played basketball for Carmel and the University of Michigan. (ABOVE CENTER) Brian Strauss, an Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance agent, was among the golfers who participated in the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation golf outing at Fox Prairie Golf Club Monday. Also pictured is Etchison's wife Toby Etchison. (ABOVE RIGHT) Doug Mitchell, longtime North Central coach and Hamilton Heights graduate, played in the golf outing.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Continuing a legacy of kindness

3rd Tony Etchison Memorial Golf Outing proves anyone can make a difference

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — The legacy of Tony Etchison continued Monday as the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation conducted its third annual Golf Outing at Fox Prairie Golf Club in Noblesville.

The event raised money for the foundation, helping it to achieve its goals to “show love, kindness and make a difference in the lives of our community youth,” as stated on the foundation’s website (etch21.com). Those that attended played golf, en-

joyed dinner afterwards and celebrated the life of Etchison, a Noblesville High School basketball player, farmer, insurance agent for Indiana Farm Bureau, and beloved husband and father.

“It’s gone great, honestly,” said JP Etchison, the oldest of Tony’s three sons. “The overwhelming support we’ve gotten from family, from friends, from community members, it’s been incredible. The amount of money that we raise every year, it seems to go up. It’s just exciting that we can give that all back to the community.

“I think we maxed out at either 35 or 36 foursomes. We’ve been consistently at that number because it’s the max we can get. I don’t think we can get any better than that.”

An example of the organizations helped by the golf outing is the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club. JP Etchison said the foundation gave the club \$5,000. Helping the young people of Hamilton County fits in with the mission statement of the foundation.

“A lot of the times we’ll give money to Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance, Noblesville Youth Assis-

tance, so they can disperse to different projects, send kids to camps, get them access to mental health counseling, just resources that wouldn’t be readily available to them,” said Etchison.

The tournament was attended by several friends and classmates of Tony Etchison, including some people that even his family and friends weren’t aware of Tony’s impact on them. Pete Smith, the retired Guerin Catholic boys basketball coach who is also one of the board members of the foundation, said many of Tony’s classmates

“that weren’t even athletes or really in the same social group, while they were in school or outside of school, want to patronize this outing because of what Tony stood for and just how he was a leader of the Class of ’91 at Noblesville.”

Smith said those classmates have always respected Etchison, even if they were in different activities or social circles. “You wouldn’t have known it until you see all these people come out and support an outing like this where it’s a full field again,” said Smith.

Hearing stories like that

ensures that Tony Etchison’s legacy will continue, which gives comfort to his family and friends.

“It’s incredibly heartwarming to see,” said JP Etchison. “Some people, you talk to them and you hear the stories and stuff that, you didn’t even know that he impacted their lives in certain ways. It’s across the generations. It’s people my age and my parents’ age, older than my parents. It’s all over the board. It’s just really heartwarming and every year I look forward to it because you just hear something new every time, so it’s great.”

Chad Allen selected for Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s Emerging Leader Award

Chatham Hills superintendent takes unconventional path to turf management

The REPORTER

Chad Allen, superintendent at The Club at Chatham Hills in Westfield, is the winner of the 2025 Emerging Leader Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). He will be honored Feb. 6 during the Send-off Celebration of the 2025 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in San Diego, Calif.

Allen, a six-year GCSAA member, took a non-traditional path to the turf industry. He started college in his early 30s and eventually became a substance abuse counselor. However, the stress of the job combined with the needs of his young family led him to seek a new career. His brother Brad, a 21-year GCSAA member who is the certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) at Hickory Stick Golf Club in Mooresville, suggested he try golf course management.

“I got hooked right away,” Allen said. “Little did I know it would turn out to be something that would

profoundly impact my life.”

Despite his late entry into the profession, Allen wasted no time in making his mark. He earned a turfgrass management degree online from Penn State’s World Campus and soon rose through the ranks from the maintenance team to assistant superintendent to superintendent at The Club at Chatham Hills.

He also quickly became involved with GCSAA and his local chapter, the Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association (GCSA). He currently serves as secretary/treasurer of the Indiana GCSA. Allen was the first person in Indiana to complete GCSAA’s Assistant Superintendent Certificate Series and currently serves as a GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador. Ambassadors are matched with members of Congress to build strong relationships with them and advocate on the key issues impacting golf. Allen is paired with Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) He has also been one of GCSAA’s representatives in meetings

with the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy.

“Chad embodies all the attributes that the Emerging Leader Award represents,” GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans said. “In just a few short years he has done his part to better the profession and the industry by getting involved on the chapter and national level.”

Allen said he is “beyond honored and grateful” to win the Emerging Leader Award.

“I was smiling ear to ear,” Allen said. “Thanks to



Allen

future.

“I’m very comfortable where I am at,” he said of his position at The Club at Chatham Hills. “I feel very lucky. I have to pinch myself a lot. I am living the dream, but that doesn’t stop me from wanting to grow and learn. I’m going to keep on grinding.”

GCSAA for everything they do for us and the industry.”

While earning the Emerging Leader honor is a testament to Allen’s drive, it hasn’t affected his goals for the


The Emerging Leader Award, which is presented in partnership with John Deere, recognizes an individual who serves the industry as a superintendent with less than five years of experience or a student, associate member or assistant superintendent who displays continuous growth in service and leadership. Learn more about GCSAA’s Emerging Leader Award at gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/awards.

About GCSAA

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) is a leading golf organization in the United States. Its focus is on golf course man-

agement, and since 1926 GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the U.S. and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to 20,000 members in more than 78 countries. The association’s mission is to serve its members, advance their profession, and improve communities through the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Visit GCSAA at gcsaa.org. Visit the industry-leading magazine at GCMonline.com.

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Golf

Five boys golfers earn Top 10 spots in Junior Golf Masters

IMS reports spike in ticket sales for Brickyard 400 return

The REPORTER

Two golfers from Fishers tied for second in the Boys division of the Indiana Junior Golf Masters Tour championship, which took place Sunday and Monday (July 21 and 22) at Broadmoor in Indianapolis.

Thomas Klinker, a junior-to-be at Fishers High School and Kai Warner, an incoming senior at Hamilton Southeastern, both totaled three under par 144s at the two-day, 36-hole tournament. Klinker went under par both days, with a two under 70 for his first-round score and a one under 71

for the second day. Klinker totaled eight birdies for the event.

Warner began the tournament with a three under 69 on Sunday, then scored 72 for the second round. Warner made an eagle on hole No. 9 during his second round and also totaled six birdies over the two days.

Two Westfield golfers were part of a three-way tie for 10th place. Incoming sophomore Brayden Worthington drained 11 birdies while scoring 146 in the tournament; he carded 73s both days. Incoming junior Ryan Cesare also totaled

146; he made six birdies and went two under 70 in the first round.

In the girls division, two Fishers golfers reached the top 10. Janelle Garcia, a junior-to-be at Hamilton Southeastern, tied for fourth with a score of 151. Garcia made four birdies in her round. Sophie Roberts, an incoming sophomore at Fishers, tied for eighth by totaling 157, also making four birdies.

Hamilton County scores now follow.

MASTERS BOYS

T2. Thomas Klinker, Fishers 71-70=141; Kai Warner, Fishers 69-72=141, **T10.** Brayden Worthington, Westfield 73073-146; Ryan Cesare, Westfield 70-76=146, **13.** Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 71-76=147, **17.** Jackson Umthum, Noblesville 77-73=150, **T20.** Cooper Bohn, Westfield 76-76=152; Lance Decker, Noblesville 79-73=152, **T25.** Noah Husk, Carmel 75-78=153; Jordan Huxford, Fishers 82-71=153, **T27.** Mason Price, Carmel 80-74=154, **T34.** Alex Gardner, Carmel 79-78=157, **38.** Ocean Permana, Carmel 81-79=160, **39.** Mitchell Keene, Westfield 76-85=161, **43.** Ethan Hoagland, Carmel 84-80=164.

MASTERS GIRLS

4. Janelle Garcia, Fishers 72-71=143, **T8.** Sophia Roberts, Fishers 76-81=157, **T13.** Madelynn Headlee, Carmel 78-81=159, **19.** Ali Scott, Carmel 87-78=165, **20.** Myra Sealey, Noblesville 89-78=167.

record five, Larson joined his now Hendrick Motorsports team owner in the exclusive club of drivers who have won at IMS.

"I did joke with him earlier today, I was like, 'Man, I need to win today because I need to start catching you on some of these stats and records,'" Larson said. "So, it feels special though just to have one of these and get to share in 11 Brickyard 400 wins for Hendrick Motorsports."

"I mean, it's hard to believe it's been 30 years since the first one," Gordon said. "That's a coveted trophy and a great place to race. I can tell how much this means to Kyle, and that to me is what this race and this track is all about."

The NASCAR Cup series drivers could feel the excitement about the Brickyard's return all weekend long.

"Every time I come here, I feel the love from the Hoosier state," said Stewart-Haas Racing's Chase Briscoe, who's a Mitchell, Indiana native. "So it's always nice to be back home and appreciate all the support."

"It was fun, man," said

Todd Gilliland, who finished sixth. "They're chaotic races — one lane a lot of times, which makes people aggressively pass. We saw that with Kyle Busch and others. ... For me, it was really fun. You could feel the prestige for sure."

The prestige helped pack the track for the first time NASCAR was back on the oval in four years.

"I think the number of tickets we sold just this last week we could go back probably 11 or 12 years since the interest," Roger Penske said. "I think the sport, the speedway, what we've been able to do here has made a big difference."

"It's just special to come here to Indianapolis," fourth-place finisher Christopher Bell said. "It's a super (expletive) race track, probably one of the coolest we ever go to. It's just a privilege to be able to race around here."

A privilege that will be back on the oval for 2025.

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Study: Want to live longer? Attend live sports events

By PHIL SANCHEZ

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Being a sports fan could actually help you live longer. That's the findings of a [new study](#) done by researchers at Anglia Ruskin University.

"We found that people in the UK who attended a live sporting event in the last year are more satisfied with their lives, feel their lives are more worthwhile, and are less lonely than people who have not," researchers said. "These findings chime with other studies, which found that people who watch sports in person at least once a year have fewer depressive symptoms than those who do not."

The study also noted that people who watch sports experience greater well-being than those who don't, and that this is probably linked to the social aspects of watching sport.

"By well-being, we mean a person's psychological state," researchers said. "How well someone feels. People with higher well-being tend to have better physical health and live longer than people with lower wellbeing."

The researchers used data from 7,209 adults, aged 16-85, living in England, who participated in the "Taking Part Survey" commissioned by the UK government. The study also found that watching sports on TV and online can also be good for your well-being. The research showed that participants were reported less depressed than those who did not, and depressive symptoms were even less likely for those who watched sports with increasing frequency.

"All these findings are correlational, which means we can't be certain which factor influences the other or whether they might both be influenced by another factor altogether (like wealth, or number of friends)," researchers noted. "However, social identity theory and brain imaging research tells us that watching sports could provide the primary wellbeing boost rather than other factors."

The researchers concluded that the positive effect of watching sports is likely about social identity and feeling connected to others.

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Larson wins 30th anniversary Brickyard



(ABOVE LEFT) Kyle Larson drove the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports car to victory. (ABOVE RIGHT) Kyle Larson stands atop his No. 5 car. Photos by Joshua Herd



(ABOVE) Polesitter Tyler Reddick (foreground, in the 45 car) finished second at the Brickyard 400. (BELOW) Kyle Larson's crew celebrates after the win. Photos by Joshua Herd



(TOP) Jeff Gordon hands Kyle Larson the 2024 Brickyard 400 trophy. (MIDDLE) Kyle Larson and his wife Katelyn celebrate after Larson won his first-ever Brickyard 400. (ABOVE) Past Brickyard 400 winners Jeff Gordon (left) and Bobby Labonte talk as the PPG trophy was on display. Gordon won the Brickyard 400 a record five times, starting with the inaugural race in 1994. Labonte won the race in 2000. Photos by Joshua Herd



Some of the drivers that competed in the inaugural Brickyard 400 were at the Speedway to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first race. (From left) Hut Stricklin, Jeff Burton, Rusty Wallace, Ernie Irvan, Dale Jarrett, Jeff Gordon, Bobby Labonte, Ricky Rudd, and Rick Mast. Photo by Joshua Herd

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