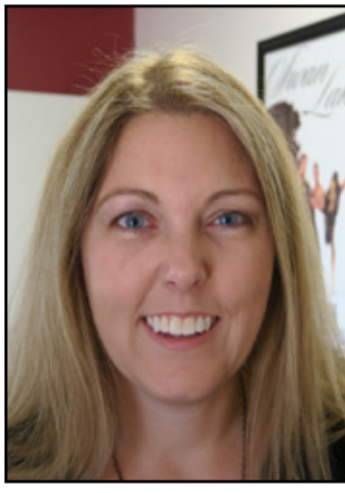


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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



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What makes Anne Moore smile? "My kids, and anything funny. I love to laugh, sometimes if I get going, I can't stop and tears start rolling, haha," said the 1994 graduate of Noblesville High School. She and husband, Chris Moore, have two children, Jake, 18, and Joey, 15. Chris is coach of Lions Home School Football Club, which finished last season undefeated and won the championship game and traveled to Florida to compete and win the national championship. They co-own En Pointe Indiana Ballet school in Noblesville with Chris' brother, ballet dancers and instructors Robert Moore, and sister-in-law Pollyana Ribeiro. Moore loves working with her family and is thrilled that Robert and Pollyana moved here after very successful careers as principal dancers to teach the highest level of ballet there is to offer. Anne operates the business side of En Pointe. Her free time is spent helping her mom make costumes for the ballet, reading, and spending time with her sister and family. Moore has been married since 1998. "I love to read and I enjoy walking in my neighborhood." What else? She has earned two bachelor degrees, from the IU Kelley School of Business and Marian University's School of Nursing. She enjoys using her nursing education to help the dancers with their health and nutrition questions. She has been readying for En Pointe's "Don Quixote" spring ballet, a romantic comedy, which is open to the community, at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville High School. Tickets are for sale at <https://enpointe.yapsody.com/>. En Pointe will also offer dance camp for ages 3-5, and Summer Intensive for ages 6-12 and ages 10-22, full four-week program and single-week offerings, beginning May 31, with registration deadline of May 1. Visit <https://enpointeindiana.com/>. Also, En Pointe has graciously offered its studios for auditions and rehearsals for The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth production of Disney's "Frozen Jr.," which will be on stage July 28-31 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

And Another Thing...

Epilogue Players presents "Becky's New Car" a comedy directed by Kelly Keller which opens Thu., April 21, 2022 and runs until Sun., May 1, 2022. Thursday to Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Reservations and ticket information can be found online at www.epilogueplayers.com.

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Carmel High School senior Remi Shirayanagi (fourth from left) was named 2022 Good Citizen winner by the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Sunday in Noblesville. She poses with finalists representing their local high schools, Caroline Curnutt (left), Heritage Christian School; Jennavee Houser (second from left), Hamilton Heights; Cole Melton (third from left), Noblesville; Gracie Fisher (second from right), Hamilton Southeastern; and Lexi Woodcock (right), Sheridan.

Carmel Senior Wins DAR Good Citizen of the Year



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Whenever Carmel High School senior Remi Shirayanagi is in a position of leadership, she tries her best to be not only driven, responsible and a visionary, but also kind, understanding and a good listener. She learned a lot about leadership and self-ownership when she spent a year in Taiwan. At age 15, she was a Youth Ambassador to Taiwan for the Rotary Youth Exchange program, attending a local high school and taking Chinese classes at Chung-Yuan University. "Being 15 without your par-

ents in a foreign country where you don't speak the language, it is essential that you take accountability for yourself," she said. Remi is patriotic and loves the opportunities that are available. "As an immigrant, I feel very proud and lucky to be living in the United States," Remi said. She works tirelessly to be someone that people can depend on. She values service so much to the point that she plans to pursue a career as a public

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2022 Noblesville Summer Concert Series Lineup to Begin on Thursday, June 9

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has released the lineup for the 2022 Summer Concert Series, presented by STAR Bank. The annual concert series kicks off with Endless Summer Band at 7 p.m. June 9 at Dillon Park, 6351 Midland Lane. In addition to the Thursday night concert series, the Saturday night concerts at the Commons will be released in May. The 2022 Summer Concert Series line-up includes:

- June 9 – Endless Summer Band
- June 16 – The Cosmic Situation
- June 23 – The Big 80's

Band

- June 30 – Jambox
- July 7 – Roughouse Indy
- July 14 – Toy Factory
- July 21 – Dave & Rae

"The Noblesville Summer Concert Series provides free, live entertainment by popular artists, performed on an outdoor stage in the beauty of Noblesville's Dillon Park," said Mayor Chris Jensen. "The city's parks department takes great pride in the series and we appreciate all of our residents and guests that attend and make it an annual success." All seven concerts will take

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Blatchley Club to Host Indiana Campfires Event

Indiana Humanities is launching another season of its award-winning Campfires events, where participants hike a trail or paddle on water co-led by a humanities scholar and a naturalist, and Noblesville's Blatchley Nature Study Club is hosting one of them. Along the way, the groups stop to read short excerpts or poems and engage in conversations about the environment. At the end, they gather for food and drink around a campfire to discuss connections between nature,

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:47 a.m.
SET: 8:35 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 58 °F
Low: 41 °F



Wacky Holiday Today

- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- National Cubicle Day
- National Superhero Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1969 Charles de Gaulle resigns as President of France
- 1994 Former CIA officer Aldrich Ames admits he engaged in espionage for KGB
- 2004 The first Abu Ghraib torture pictures are published



Births On This Day

- 1908 Oskar Schindler Czech/German businessman
- 1916 Ferruccio Lamborghini Italian businessman, created Lamborghini

Deaths On This Day

- 1945 Benito Mussolini Italian politician, Dictator of Italy
- 1946 Louis Bachelier French mathematician

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Three out of four child car safety seats are installed incorrectly. Call your local fire department to arrange to have them check the installation.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

- Charles Schulz

TODAY'S JOKE

The next time a 5-year-old asks you to put on their shoes, tell them no - they won't fit you.

OBITUARIES

John E. Bundy
Harley William Hobson

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13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

59 PATCHY FOG, PARTLY SUNNY	41/58 CLOUDS, SOME RAIN	46/58 MAINLY CLOUDY, SOME SOUTHWEST	49/68 P.M. SHOWERS, LIKELY	60/73 CLEARING, MOSTLY SUNNY	50/72 CHANCE RAIN & SHOWERS	56/71 CHANCE RAIN & SHOWERS
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OBITUARIES

John E. Bundy

April 22, 1949 - April 24, 2022

John E. Bundy, 73, of Arcadia, passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at his home.

He was born on April 22, 1949 to the late Malcolm and Mary (Brooks) Bundy in Noblesville, Indiana.

Mr. Bundy graduated from Jackson Central High School in 1967 and attended Purdue University. For 42 years, he owned Bundy Ducks wood carving. He loved hunting, fishing, being outdoors. He was also quite the storyteller. In 2019, he was named Sagamore of the Wabash for adding to the economic strength of the State of Indiana in the late 1980s.

Mr. Bundy was president of White River Rescue 2000. The organization raised money to restock 50 miles of White River after a catastrophic chemical spill. The organization carried out over 100 fish stockings over 5 years. Mr. Bundy was also a member of Indiana Artisan Group who showcased his duck decoy carvings. He was an advocate for wildlife working with Ducks Unlimited national with their yearly auction packages.

Survivors include his wife, Valarie Floyd Bundy; son Jason Bundy; daughter Alicia Bundy; and granddaughter Sydney Bundy.

Visitation is scheduled to be held at 10 a.m., with services scheduled for 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

Online condolences may be made at www.randalloberts.com.

Harley William Hobson

December 1, 1929 - April 5, 2022

Harley William Hobson, age 92, passed away at his home in Zionsville, Indiana, surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday afternoon, April 5, 2022.

He was born December 1, 1929, in Clarksville, Indiana, the son of the late Alva K. and Minnie (Johnson) Hobson.

Mr. Hobson was a 1948 graduate of Sheridan High School. During his high school years, he worked at McDonald's Hatchery and Sheridan Packing Company. After graduation, he proudly served his country as a soldier in the United States Army. When his military service was complete, Mr. Hobson re-entered the workforce, taking the first steps of what turned out to be a long productive career in the manufacturing industry. He got his start with Sheridan Metal Processing, and after 5 years took a position with General Motors, working on the electroplating line for 31 years. Mr. Hobson was proud of his years at GM and was honored that his department was always one of first to be called in when operations would shift to supporting the war effort. When the call would come to switch to military production, his plant was tasked with building parts for helicopters.

Mr. Hobson was a lifetime member of the K.V. Elliott American Legion Post 67 of Sheridan, Indiana and a member of UAW Local 933. He and his wife Martha attended Zionsville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Hobson's return from the service was also the perfect setting for a Sheridan story that has been told time and time again - when two brothers eloped and married two sisters. He, along with his brother Harold, set off on a road trip with girlfriend Martha Jane Baird, and her sister Norma Baird, and on October 9, 1950, Harley and Martha (along with Harold and Norma) were wed. Throughout the years there wasn't much that wasn't done as a group. The foursome loved to travel together, and various accounts of their adventures would surface from time to time. Many family members swear that the reason they always traveled with each other was so that they could make up stories to tell when they got back home.

Mr. Hobson was also well known for his green thumb; there wasn't much he couldn't grow. His garden got larger and larger throughout the years, and it was more for others than for himself. He was also a wealth of knowledge about... well... random things. He was a voracious reader and had a seemingly unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Sometimes Mr. Hobson would just sit and read the encyclopedia. This would lead him to be able to rattle off obscure facts at the drop of a hat, such as all the past Indy 500 winners. Now it did help that he was a fan of auto racing, both open wheel and NASCAR (Jeff Gordon being his favorite driver), but that is still no less of an impressive feat.

Mr. Hobson had no greater love in his life than his family. He loved following their activities and was always there to support them in whatever they were going through.

Survivors include his son, Keith L. (Lisa) Hobson of Zionsville; daughter Kathy J. Brewer of Zionsville; 11 grandchildren Gavin Hobson, Graham (Charity) Hobson, Jake Hobson, Cora Hobson, John (Kristy) Smith, Andy Smith, Jessica (Mike) Bogus, Sarah (Ryan) Gregg, Erika (Morgan) Rinehart, Michael Smith and Nolan Smith; 18 great grandchildren Chaney Smith, Mac Smith, Remington "Remi" Smith, Reece Smith, Lucy Smith, Jacob Jones, John Smith, Eli Smith, Trai Fitzgerald, Nakia Bogus, Treyton Bogus, Adalyn Bogus, Owen Gregg, Liam Gregg, Benton Rinehart, Ava Rinehart and twins Knox and River Hobson; brothers-in-law Don (Georgia) Baird of Hawkinsville and Jack Baird of Sheridan; sister in law Norma Hobson of Sheridan; and by his trusty canine sidekick and BFF, Zoey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Kenneth Hobson; sister Mary Mendenhall; five brothers Allison, Raymond, Carl, Frank and Harold Hobson; three sisters-in-law Doris Stultz, Georgia Moore and Betty Baker; and by the love of his life, Martha Jane (Baird) Hobson on September 26, 2021.

Graveside Services with Military Honors are scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana.



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Elks

Noblesville Elks Lodge recently held the Elks Challenge fundraiser at Topgolf in Fishers and presented a check for \$15,897 to the Noblesville Fueled for School organization. Pictured (from left to right) are David and Anne Riddle, Lisa Hall, a major contributor, Kristina Trusty and Anna Stuckey from Fueled for School, Mark Shoultz, a major contributor, and Trampas Whalin, current Exalted Ruler for the Elks Lodge.

Noblesville Elks Make \$15,000 Donation to Fueled for School

Noblesville Elks Lodge recently donated \$15,897 to Noblesville Fueled for School at a fundraiser at Topgolf in Fishers.

David and Anne Riddle, with the help of Anna Stuckey and other Elk volunteers, have organized and successfully raised more than \$48,000 in the past 4 years to support the

local Fueled for School organization.

Fueled for School is a non-profit organization composed of volunteers that provide nutritious meal packs of food and drinks to food insecure youth in the community. In 2021, the organization provided 350 students with meals for the entire school year.

During the pandemic, while schools were closed, they served more than 600 children weekly meal boxes that included dairy, meat and produce, totally more than 500,000 lbs.

The local Elks Lodge located on 35 S. 9th Street has also been a supporter of the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club, \$3,000 in

Scholarships awarded each year to Hamilton County High School seniors, Feeding Team, and various veterans organizations.

The Elks are also instrumental in donating money annually to cancer research and recently exceeded over \$5.1 million dollars in support of our local community charities.

Indiana Peony Festival Celebrates 'Peonies in the Park' in Downtown Noblesville on Friday, May 20th



Following last year's successful inaugural event, the Indiana Peony Festival has added "Peonies in the Park" the evening prior to the festival. This new event, presented by Duke Energy and Smith Jewelers, is scheduled for Friday May 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Seminary Park. Organizer Kelly McVey says the event is the perfect opportunity to be a "Very Important Peony Person."

"Attendees will be able to sample peony-inspired dishes and drinks from more than 10 Noblesville

eateries while getting a first pick of peony plants and stems and shopping from featured vendors," she said.

- Area restaurants include:
- Alexander's on the Square
 - Debbie's Daughters Bakery & Cafe
 - Grindstone Public House
 - Matteo's Ristorante Italiano
 - 9th Street Bistro
 - Noble Coffee & Tea
 - Primeval Brewing
 - Spencer Farm Winery
 - Taxy Mxy
 - The Nesst

• Cardinal Spirits
"They will also get an exclusive chance to bid on peony works from local artists and peony necklaces designed by famed California jeweler Galatea for the Indiana Peony Festival and title sponsor Smith's Jewelers." Everyone in attendance will take home a signed, commemorative 2022 poster and an Indiana Peony Festival tote bag.

Tickets to the VIP event are \$100 each and may be purchased online. Click the graphic at the top of the story to purchase your tickets.

The Indiana Peony Festival returns to Seminary Park on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 50 vendors are anticipated for this year's event and, thanks to the City of Noblesville police,

fire and public safety, dedicated parking lots and a shuttle to-and-from the downtown Noblesville event will improve attendee's experience.

Also added this year, "Brunch and Blooms" brunch crawl during the day Saturday, May 21. Brunch & Blooms crawlers will receive a Brunch & Blooms button, crawl map, discounted brunch items & special peony promotions at participating retailers. Tickets to Brunch & Blooms are \$6. For additional details or tickets, visit the Indiana Peony Festival website at <https://www.indianapeonyfestival.com/brunch-blooms>.

Proceeds from the Indiana Peony Festival special events support beautification projects in Hamilton County.



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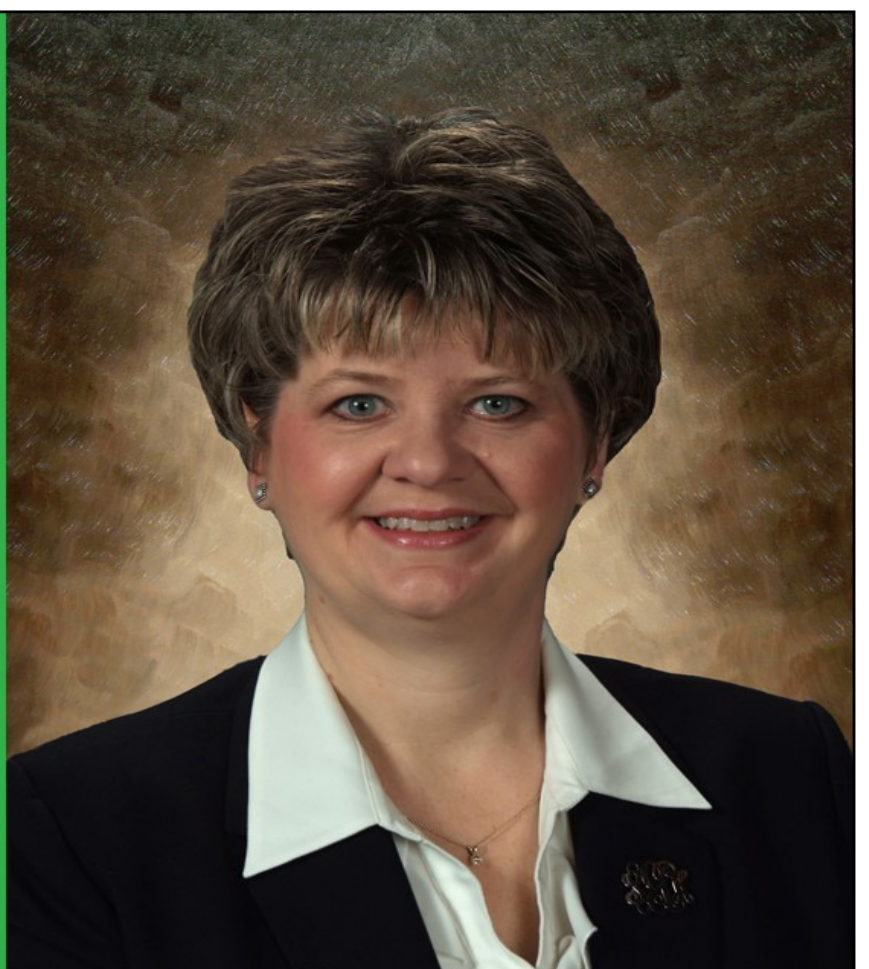
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Hamilton Heights' senior Maddison Martin has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for the Anderson University Ravens in Anderson, Indiana this fall. Martin (seated) is pictured with her mother Ashley and brother Wyatt.

Heights' Senior Tennis Player Maddison Martin Signs to Play for Anderson University

Maddison Martin, a senior Hamilton Heights High School, has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana this fall. Anderson University is a member of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Ashley Whelchel.

Martin, who wants to be a graphic designer, chose Anderson University because it was welcoming, friendly, offered a strong graphic design and digital arts program and she could continue playing tennis at the college level.

Martin is a multi-sport athlete who is also a member of 4-H. She is a strong student, who is skilled on the court and in the ring showing cows and sheep during 4H compe-

tion in the summer. She has received Academic All-State Awards and Most Improved Player for tennis. She is on the A/B Honor Roll and has earned various awards in 4-H during her tenure.

She says she has been passionate about the sport of tennis since she started high school. She practices as much as she can during the season and off-season focuses on the things she needs to improve to get better and be a stronger force on the court.

"Maddi has worked extremely hard on her tennis game, especially in the off-season, and it shows," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School athletic director. "She has earned this opportunity from her dedication to the sport and the good coaching she has received along the way. We're very happy for Maddi and

excited that she gets to continue her tennis career at Anderson University."

"Maddi has been a huge contributor to Husky Girls tennis during her four-year career!" added Wayne Rupe, Hamilton Heights girls tennis head coach. "She has improved every year in high school and is a valuable asset to our team! We wish her continued success at AU."

Martin credits her coaches, Wayne Rupe, and Jeannan Dodson for having a huge impact on her as a player and a person. "They are the ones who made me better by giving their time," said Martin. "They weren't just my coaches; they were also like parents because they cared about my mental and physical health. She is also grateful to her mom who has been there for her as well.

Aspire Indiana Health Announces 100% COVID-19 Vaccine Compliance for Staff



Aspire Indiana Health, a nonprofit provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Central Indiana, has reached 100% staff compliance with COVID vaccination requirements.

As a Medicare/Medicaid qualified provider, Aspire is required to have all its personnel, medical or otherwise, compliant with federal vaccine requirements for the coronavirus. Even before the federal rules came down (and were later upheld by the Supreme Court), the company reached a 70%

vaccination threshold by spring of 2021.

Now 100% of Aspire employees are certified as fully vaccinated, with a small number receiving exemptions allowed under federal rules.

Aspire undertook a multi-pronged approach to achieve total staff vaccination, combining education, recognition and incentives initiatives.

This included regular communications on the facts and benefits of getting the COVID vaccine; highlighting goals and legitimate concerns raised; and providing multiple cash incentives for qualifying employees who received the vaccine by a certain date, plus additional payments for meeting

company-wide goals.

Aspire Indiana Health is a fully integrated nonprofit health system serving central Indiana that addresses behavioral health, primary medical care, substance use disorders, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran programs, abused/neglected children and social determinants of health such as housing and employment.

Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities and generous benefactors. Those interested in partnering with Aspire in making health and well-being a reality in central Indiana are encouraged to contact us at: info@aspireindiana.org.

Fishers Residents to Plant 150 Trees to Celebrate 150th Arbor Day at Fishers Agripark, Friday

In honor of the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, the City of Fishers and Fishers Parks will host local volunteers to plant 150 fruit and nut trees and assist with building a fence at the Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Rd.) on Friday, April 29. This event is sponsored by a grant from the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation and their partners at the Arbor Day Foundation and The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger Zero Waste Foundation.

Fishers Parks will also

celebrate with the annual Tree Sapling Giveaway for residents from noon to 6 p.m. (while supplies last) at the Fishers AgriPark. Learn more at playfishers.com/ArborDay.

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation is an award-winning international charity dedicated to planting fruit, nut and medicinal trees to alleviate world hunger, combat global pollution of the environment, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. Learn

more at ftpf.org.

Fishers' Arbor Day events are part of the City of Fishers' Keep Fishers Beautiful initiative that invites residents to beautify their community and ensure a sustainable future. Residents can also find sustainability resources, community stories and blogs on ThisIsFishers.com during Keep Fishers Beautiful throughout April Sustainability Month. Residents can learn more and sign up to volunteer at ThisIsFishers.com/KFB.

Westfield Student Uses Language Barrier as Inspiration for Design of Award-Winning App

Westfield High School students recently took first place in the Innovate Within, a state-wide entrepreneurial pitch competition. Their winning app, TutorMe, pairs high school students with self-selected tutors in the school to create an easy way for all students to get what they need, without the hassles of cost and coordinating schedules.

After moving to West-

field from Mexico one year ago, Liam Lloyd, traditionally an excellent student, struggled academically due to his language barrier. His grades steadily fell due to difficulties coordinating schedules with teachers and student tutors to get the support he needed. So, he and classmate Alexa Jimenez created an app that solved his problem, linking National Honors Society students

at his school with students looking for tutors.

In addition to Innovate Within, the duo won first prize in the Westfield Chamber of Commerce business pitching competition, taking home \$1,500 to use for their business. They are currently in talks with Westfield High School to officially launch the app, making the school the company's first official client.

Spartz's 'Patents for Humanity Act' Passes House, Heads to the Senate for Consideration

Yesterday, H.R. 5796, the 'Patents for Humanity Act of 2021', led by U.S. Representatives Victoria Spartz (R-IN) and Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), passed the U.S. House of Representatives. If enacted, the bill, introduced in November 2021, would help creators fast-track innovations to the benefit of our global community by streamlining the patent process and cutting existing bureaucratic red tape at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

"Speed and agility in developing innovative inventions and solutions to the challenges of the 21st



Representative Victoria Spartz

century is much needed and welcomed," said Rep. Spartz. "Any innovation that benefits society, especially on a large scale—such as a patented item, should be encouraged and not stifled by burdensome

government regulation. I thank my colleague from NY for his collaboration and partnership on this important bill."

On December 8th, 2021, Rep. Spartz offered remarks on her bill, which can be viewed HERE. On the same day, the bill passed the House Judiciary Committee, clearing it for today's floor vote.

H.R. 5796 will now be sent over to the Senate for consideration and passage.

For more information, as it becomes available, please visit Spartz.house.gov.

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Duke Energy to Partner with Noblesville Main Street to Sponsor First Friday Series



Noblesville Main Street (NMS) today announced a season-long sponsorship for Noblesville Main Street's First Friday series. "Our First Fridays are a key initiative Noblesville Main Street uses to spur year-round activity on the downtown square," said Kate Baker, Executive Director of Noblesville Main Street. "Duke Energy's support of this important program helps us foster a culture of support for our small business and equips

us to have superb programming each month in downtown Noblesville." Mark LaBarr, Duke Energy's Government & Community Relations Manager, added, "We're grateful for the opportunity to support Noblesville Main Street as they build programming opportunities for families in Noblesville. Duke Energy values the organization's investment downtown and their passion to make our community better. We look



forward to the many ways First Fridays will bring our community together!" Duke Energy's sponsorship will help power the following First Fridays this year:

- May 6th: Upstairs Downtown (Spring Edition)
- June 3rd: Noblesville Race Weekend
- July 1st: Music and All that Jazz
- August 5th: Music and All that Jazz & Salsa on the Square

- September 2nd: Music and All that Jazz & Chocolate Trail
- October 7th: Music and All that Jazz, Soup Cookoff & Fall Fest
- November 4th: Holiday Open House
- December 2nd: Deck the Downtown & Midnight Madness

Noblesville Main Street (NMS) enriches the culture and community of Noblesville's downtown historic district by creating partnerships and programs to connect people to unique places and experiences. A 501 c3 not-for-profit organization, NMS is 100% funded through annual corporate and partner sponsorships. To learn more, visit: <https://www.noblesvillemainstreet.org/>.

Indianapolis Cultural Trail to Host Spring Plant Sale This Weekend; Online Pre-Order Available Now



Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc invites everyone to shop their annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The annual event features more than 500 plants that grow throughout the Cultural Trail's 5 acres of gardens, and all proceeds from the plant sale support the Cultural Trail's horticulture program. "Our Spring Plant Sale is a wonderful opportunity for our community to bring their favorite Cultural Trail plants home to their own gardens," said Kären Haley, Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc executive director. "All of the plant purchases whether online or in person go to support the ongoing care of the beautiful gardens along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick."

May 1 during sale hours. The in-person sale will take place at the Indianapolis Cultural Trail headquarters, 132 W. Walnut Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The Spring Plant Sale includes plants propagated directly from Cultural Trail plants and those sourced from partners at a local nursery. Plants at the sale are chosen exclusively from the Cultural Trail landscape palette. To go online and pre-order your selection of locally grown plants, click on the graphic at the top of the story. About the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: The mission of Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc (ICT) is to enrich lives and connect people and places through dynamic and beautiful experiences along the eight mile, internationally recognized Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. The Cultural Trail also operates Pacers Bikeshare in partnership with the City of Indianapolis.

Indiana Department of Education Accepting Applications for Skills-Based Grant Program



The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) announced that applications are open for the Indiana Employability Skills Innovation and Implementation Grant. This grant is available for Indiana schools seeking support in integrating Indiana Employability Skills into their curriculum. "In this ever-changing global economy, we must better understand how our K-12 education can ensure our students are

developing the skills they need for success after high school," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "We have methods to measure knowledge in subjects like math and literacy, but we must also develop methods to measure skill sets like communication, collaboration and work ethic. By collaborating with educators, community leaders and business partners, IDOE will explore how to measure student progress

on the skills that matter most." By integrating curriculum supporting Indiana Employability Skills into classrooms across the state, students will gain skills that they will use throughout their lives and that will help them become career ready. These skills are directly aligned with the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS) school performance dashboard initiative. Successful grant proposals will detail how students will showcase proficiency in Indiana Employability Skills and incorporate exploration, engagement and experience opportunities, while also emphasizing the

importance of high-quality partnerships. Successful grant proposals will also include a strategic plan to evaluate program implementation and report data on student outcomes. A total of \$7 million is available through this grant to support the integration of Indiana's Employability Skills in schools. This funding is allocated as part of the state's federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II plan. Interested applicants can submit their application online. Click on the graphic at the top of this story to begin the application process. Applications are due on Friday, May 27.

Rokita Pushes Back On Welfare Changes



Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita led 16 states to demand that the Biden administration stop expanding the availability of welfare assistance to non-citizens by redefining the way the federal government applies "the public charge ground of inadmissibility." "If Joe Biden showed half the concern for U.S. citizens that he shows for non-citizens wanting to enter our country, he might actually do something good for America," Rokita said. "Instead of inspiring them to embrace the American Dream, he is encouraging dependency on government and saddling working-class taxpayers with the bill." Biden seems determined to make things worse rather than better, Rokita added. "By weakening the public charge rule, DHS will exacerbate this already explosive situation," Rokita said. Under the law, any non-citizen seeking legal

admission to the U.S. (or updates to their status or visa while residing here) must show that they are not likely to become a "public charge." Biden is proposing that DHS eliminate consideration of most welfare benefits that do not constitute direct cash assistance when making this determination. In promoting such a change, DHS would ignore the fact that immigrants may still be dependent on benefit programs even if not primarily relying on cash benefits for income subsistence. Non-cash benefits include such programs administered and supported in Indiana as the Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP"), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), Medicaid, and most federal housing or rental assistance programs. "The purpose of the public charge rule is that we don't want aliens coming to the United States and becoming a burden on our taxpayers," Rokita said. "This proposed rule is contrary to our national principle of self-sufficiency." Rokita expressed his concerns in a letter he sent to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services after enlisting the signatures of like-minded attorneys general.

Qualifying Procedure Expanded for the 106th Indianapolis 500

The most pressure-filled four laps in racing have become even more challenging for those looking to qualify well and win the pole position for the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. INDYCAR officials have announced adjustments to PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, which sets the field for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" on Sunday, May 29 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. After Day One of qualifying from noon-5:50 p.m. (ET) Saturday, May 21, Day Two will include two rounds of qualification attempts to decide the first four rows, including pole position. Starting in reverse order of speeds based on Day One, each of the top 12 drivers will have a guaranteed attempt to post a traditional four-lap qualifying time starting at 4 p.m. The fastest six will advance to the Firestone Fast Six at 5:10 p.m. to determine positions one through six and compete for the NTT P1 Award for pole. The slowest six will fill out starting positions seven through 12 according to their recorded time. In the Firestone Fast Six, each entrant is again guaranteed one attempt and will qualify in reverse order based on their Top 12 qualification results.

The fastest wins pole position, which includes a \$100,000 prize, with the remaining five drivers filling out the remainder of the first two rows. "We have an incredibly deep field heading into this year's Indianapolis 500," said INDYCAR President Jay Frye. "The timing is right to implement a new and dramatic way to expand one of the most intense weekends on our calendar. Winning pole position for the '500' is an incredible feat, and with this new format, it will be even more challenging." 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship points will be awarded for those who advance to the Top 12 qualifying session. The Indy 500 pole winner will receive 12 points, the second fastest will receive 11, and points awarded will decrease by one-point increments down to 12th fastest (one point). "Indianapolis 500 qualifying weekend always is special," Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said "This format will give our fans even more opportunities to see INDYCAR'S world-class drivers compete on racing's biggest stage. While winning the race is the ultimate prize, capturing pole position for the '500' is one of motorsports' most prestigious honors and almost a race within a race. I cannot

wait to see this expanded format on the final Sunday before Race Day." A Last Chance Qualifying session for spots 31-33 is scheduled from 2-3 p.m. (ET) Sunday, May 22 if there are more than 33 entries competing for a spot in the world's most prestigious auto race. Each entry is guaranteed one attempt and can make multiple attempts until time expires. If multiple attempts are made, previous times are withdrawn, and the fastest non-qualified car assumes the 33rd spot. PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying Schedule (All times ET, subject to change): Saturday, May 21

- 9-10:30 a.m.: Pre-Qualifying Practice: Peacock Premium, INDYCAR Radio Network
- Noon-5:50 p.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES Qualifying: Setting positions 13-33 (or 13-30 if more than 33 entries) Peacock Premium, INDYCAR Radio Network Sunday, May 22
 - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Last Chance Practice (If necessary): Peacock Premium, INDYCAR Radio Network
 - 12:30-2 p.m.: Top 12 Practice: Peacock Premium, INDYCAR Radio Network
 - 2-3 p.m.: Last Chance Qualifying: (Positions 31-33, if necessary) Peacock Premium, INDYCAR

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- 4 p.m.: Indianapolis 500 Top 12 Qualifying: NBC, INDYCAR Radio Network
- 5:10 p.m.: Firestone Fast Six: NBC, INDYCAR Radio Network
- 5:40 p.m.: NTT P1 Award Presentation: NBC, INDYCAR Radio Network

A practice session for all 33 Indianapolis 500 starters is scheduled for noon-2 p.m. Monday, May 23, with live coverage on Peacock Premium and the INDYCAR Radio Network. Fans will be permitted in the infield only. Gates 2, 4, 6S, 7 and 7S will be open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bronze and silver badges will be honored for gate admission and corresponding garage and pit access. Live coverage of the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge starts at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 29 on NBC, Peacock Premium, Telemundo Deportes on Universo and the INDYCAR Radio Network. The full Month of May schedule will be announced later. The 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season continues Sunday, May 1 at Barber Motorsports Park for the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama presented by AmFirm. Race coverage begins at 1 p.m. on NBC, with INDYCAR Radio Network coverage available at 12:30 p.m.

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Durbin, Braun Introduce Bill to Improve Safety, Ensure Transparency for Dietary Supplements



Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.)



Minority Leader Dick Durbin (D-III.)

U.S. Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) and U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) introduced the Dietary Supplement Listing Act of 2022, bipartisan legislation to require dietary supplement manufacturers to list their products with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In 1994, Congress passed the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA), which provided FDA with authorities to regulate dietary supplements. However, DSHEA did not

require dietary supplement companies to register their products with FDA—leaving the agency without the much-needed authority or information to properly understand or oversee the market. In 1994, there were 4,000 dietary supplements marketed in the United States. Today, there are anywhere between 50,000 and 80,000. “FDA—and consumers—should know what dietary supplements are on the market and what ingredients are included in them,” said Durbin,

“There are tens of thousands of products on the market and we don’t know about many of them. Americans deserve a transparent dietary supplement market, and it’s past time that we deliver it for them. I’m grateful to Senator Braun for working with me on this important legislation.” “A large majority of Americans take dietary supplements daily, yet there is little transparency into this industry to allow patients and providers access to information needed

to make decisions around dietary supplement consumption,” said Braun. “I am proud to introduce this legislation to improve visibility into the dietary supplement industry because American consumers deserve to know what they’re taking. Having this information will enhance Americans’ health care options.”

“Today, FDA has few tools to spot and address dangerous supplement ingredients, and risky products are often found only after people have been harmed,” said Liz Richardson, director of The Pew Charitable Trusts’ health care products project. “This bipartisan, pragmatic proposal would bring transparency and stronger safety oversight to the vast dietary supplement marketplace. Nine in 10 adults support requiring manufacturers to inform the agency of all supplements they make and their ingredients. This bill would answer that call, and Congress should pass it without delay to ensure that FDA knows which products are being sold—and what’s in them.”

“Transparency is the best disinfectant, and a mandatory product listing will give FDA and consumers visibility into the dietary supplement marketplace,” said Steve Mister, President & CEO Council for Responsible Nutrition. “CRN member companies produce a large portion of the dietary supplements marketed in the United States, so we know responsible industry supports mandatory product listing for supplements. We appreciate the opportunity to work with Sens. Durbin and Braun on this critical legislation.”

“The dietary supplement marketplace is an uncertain place for consumers — so little transparency, so much confusion. The American Medical Association appreciates the bipartisan effort of Sens. Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Mike Braun (R-IN) to introduce some clarity to this situation. The Dietary Supplement Listing Act would create a much-needed electronic database so consumers can access vital product information. We urge Congress to be on the side of consumers and pass this legislation,” said

AMA President Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.

The Dietary Supplement Listing Act of 2022 would require companies to provide FDA with vital information about their products, including product names; a list of all ingredients; an electronic copy of the label; allergen statements; health and structure/function claims, and more. This information would be made public to Americans.

More than 75 percent of American adults use a dietary supplement. No product is without risk, which is why greater oversight is needed. In 2021, FDA received more than 2,400 adverse event reports related to dietary supplements. However, due to significant under-reporting, FDA estimates the actual annual number of adverse events is 50,000. Over the last 27 years, annual dietary supplement sales increased from \$4 billion to more than \$50 billion.

The legislation is endorsed by the Council for Responsible Nutrition, Pew Charitable Trusts, the American Medical Association, and U.S. Pharmacopeia.



Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) meets with multiple Indiana WWII veterans during their recent trip to Washington D.C. as part of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana’s efforts to take veterans to the nation’s capitol, where they stopped at the WWII memorial, just west of the Washington monument and south of the White House.



Photos courtesy of Senator Todd Young’s Office



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Photos courtesy of Senator Mike Braun’s Office

Senators Young, Braun Welcome Honor Flight Northeast Indiana to D.C.

Today, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) welcomed Hoosier veterans to Washington, D.C. as part of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana. The Senators greeted the group of roughly 85 veterans at the

World War II Memorial. “It was a privilege to greet an Honor Flight from Northeast Indiana today in Washington. The service and stories of these Hoosier veterans is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for each of them,”

said Senator Young. “We owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women that have served our nation, and today I was able to thank a few of our veterans from Indiana personally. God bless our veterans,” said Senator

Mike Braun. Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created to honor America’s veterans for their sacrifices. They transport veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials, at no cost to

the veterans. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. Honor Flight Northeast Indiana was founded in 2008, and has conducted

over 30 Flights. They now arrange four flights per year, with approximately 85 veterans on each flight. In 2019, Senator Young was able to greet this same Honor Flight at the World War II Memorial and FDR Memorial.

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place at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings at Dillon Park, where an average of 1,000 people from Noblesville and its surrounding community enjoy each show. “After hosting nearly 10,000 attendees last year – our largest attendance in four years – we are looking forward to welcoming Noblesville residents and visitors to enjoy live music accompanied by fun, food and festivities at Dillon Park,” said Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett. “The Noblesville Summer Concert Series is the longest running series of its kind in Hamilton

County and one of our most popular parks events. We appreciate STAR Bank’s continued generosity as our presenting sponsor and helping us offer the free concerts to the Noblesville community.” The annual Noblesville Summer Concert Series is funded 100 percent from donations. In addition to presenting sponsor STAR Bank, the city would like to thank fellow sponsors: Hallmark Orthodontics, Urban Air, Gorman & Bunch Orthodontics, Logan Street Signs & Banners, and Aspen Creek Grill. Those interested in

becoming a sponsor may contact Kristi Spehler at (317) 776-6350 or kspehler@noblesville.in.us. About Noblesville Parks & Recreation: The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department manages over 876 acres of parkland in the City of Noblesville, including seven developed parks, 109 acres of undeveloped properties and 127 miles of trails, connector sidewalks and greenways throughout the community, in addition to two golf courses and the Noblesville Soccer Fields. For more information, visit www.noblesvilleparks.org.

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Carmel High School senior Remi Shirayanaga, who was named 2022 Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen winner, holds a certificate and a large American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in her honor at the request of U.S. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-IN-05) of Noblesville.



Gracie Fisher

GRACIE FISHER

Gracie Fisher of Noblesville, the daughter of Jon and Tracie Fisher, will graduate Summa Cum Laude. She is involved with FFA, for which she is president of her school chapter, was Agriculture Communications State Champion, a Prepared Public Speaking State runner-up, served on the Agricultural Marketing 3rd national team, a past Creed Speaking state runner-up, and a Star Greenhand recognized for her outstanding accomplishments. She is vice president of her school's student council, president of DECA business club and in 2021 was a Business Finance Series International qualifier and is also a four-year member of National Honor Society. She is a 10-year 4-H'er, currently her club's president and 2020 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Royal Showman. She is farm manager for Hull Family Farms, farmhand for a local family, team volunteer for iTown Church and a Girl Scout 2009-18. She has spent more than 600 hours as camp counselors for 4-H, school and church, and she has joined her own family in donating thousands of pounds of food to local food banks, which inspired her to be the chairperson of the food drive at her high school the last two years. She plans to earn a bachelor's degree in finance and possibly a master's degree.

servant. Remi epitomizes the four qualities -- dependability, service, leadership and patriotism --- that define a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen. "I think it's really important to be a good citizen to contribute to society, to work toward creating progress in this great nation," said Remi, who was named winner of the 2022 Good Citizen of the Year Award by the DAR, Horseshoe Prairie Chapter.

Remi is the daughter of Ikue Shirayanagi and Shin Shirayanagi. "The person who inspires me is my mother. She has done a lot for me, growing up in a single-parent household. She immigrated here to help my brother and I support our dreams and give us opportunities," Remi said.

She accepted the Good Citizen of the Year award on Sunday afternoon during a special DAR Awards Tea at the Noblesville Township Community Center. She received a certificate, DAR Good Citizen pin and a large American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in her honor at the request of U.S. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-IN-05) of Noblesville.

The Good Citizen Award and Scholarship Contest was partially based on an essay, "Our American Heritage and

Our Responsibility for Preserving It," which Remi stood and read aloud to those in attendance, giving examples of good citizens, from George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to Martin Luther King Jr., who inspire her "to become a better citizen. She wrote, "To me, service is working towards making a difference in your community."

Remi has learned that she has also been selected as one of the 13 state finalists, with the top three winners of the DAR State Good Citizen announced at a May 14 luncheon at the Indianapolis Marriott East, according to Sue Eckl of Carmel, Horseshoe Prairie Chapter DAR's Good Citizen Award chairperson.

At CHS, Remi is most proud of involvement as president of A5 (Advancement of Asian Americans in Arts & Athletics), a school club and student union of more than 200 students, which empowers students to break Asian American stereotypes. (Of Carmel Clay Schools' student body of 16,395, 15.3 percent are Asian, according to the Indiana Department of Education).

Remi "has worked tirelessly to provide her Asian peers with a platform to speak out about social issues and celebrate their cultures," said Dylan Gentilcore, CHS English and theater teacher, who wrote a recommendation



Jennavee Houser

JENNAVEE HOUSER

Jennavee Houser of Cicero, the daughter of Jason and Laura Houser, is involved in many school activities. She is a three-year vice president of Business Professionals of America and is or has been on the Robotics Team of which she is co-founder, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Bring Change to Mind, Drama Club, plays in the school bands and co-captain of the girls soccer team. She is a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Representative and earned the Mental Attitude Award and All-State Academic Award for girls soccer. She is a 10-year 4-H'er, a six-year Vacation Bible School station director and a volunteer peer tutor in Spanish and Math. She serves with Respite Ranch, a day camp for foster children. She plans to pursue a degree in biology or kinesiology and minor in Spanish and pursue a career in physical therapy.



Caroline Curnutt

CAROLINE CURNUTT

Caroline Curnutt of Fishers, the daughter of Cathlynn and Monte Curnutt, is vice president of her school's student council, is vice president of Best Buddies and is team captain of both the varsity lacrosse team and the varsity soccer team, both of which she has been Academic All-State. She is a National Merit Semifinalist, USA Lacrosse Academic All-American, Distinguished Student in ACSI in Academics, Athletics, Christian Service and leadership, an Indiana Association of School Principals' Rising Star, American Legion Hoosier Girls State nominee. She is a literacy tutor and Young Athletes program director at Gigi's Down Syndrome Achievement Center. She is a social media marketing intern for Junkless Food Brands, owner of Caroline Curnutt Photography, coach for Max Lax, youth leader for East 91st Street Christian Church, official for lacrosse and does travel lacrosse with Indy United. She plans to attend a university and pursue a degree in Neurosciences or Psychology. She has more than a 4.0 grade point average

letter for Remi, who is also in her third year as a member of Carmel Debate of which she is head of Congressional Debate. "Over the course of her engagement with the club, she has demonstrated outstanding leadership, tremendous drive and a passion for organizing her peers," said Gentilcore, who is Carmel Debate team coach.

"She is a model student and citizen that prioritizes using her skills and motivation to improve the lives and experiences of the people around her," he said.

At CHS, Remi has played the violin for 12 years and is a section leader for the Symphony Orchestra. She is an AP Distinguished Scholar (earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken) and self-studied AP Japanese her junior year to expedite progress toward this award. She was elected symphony class representative for the Orchestra Council, is a Social Studies peer tutor, Carmel Young Democrats member, DECA business club member and National Honor Society member. She is a National History

Day state finalist, a delegate for American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and was a founding committee member and organizer of Carmel Pride. Remi plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science and/or international relations.

All of the finalists -- who represented their respective schools -- had impressive resumes with many high school activities, achievements and areas of special interests, way too many to mention all of their accolades.

Each student contestant wrote an essay without the use of reference materials, according to contest rules.

Noblesville's Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of DAR presents the Good Citizen Award each year to one graduating senior.

While she is a good student, with a cumulative weighted grade point average of 4.2038, being honored as a DAR Good Citizen is so much more than good grades.

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Lexi Woodcock

LEXI WOODCOCK

Lexi Woodcock of Sheridan, the daughter of Carrie Woodcock and Jeff Woodcock, is Student Council class president and a member of National Honor Society, National Forensics League, Concert Choir, JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) community service liaison, Drama Club, Sunshine Society, honor roll, Big Buddy program, Spanish Quiz Bowl and varsity cheer captain and cheerleader for football and basketball. She is a Sheridan Public Library student board member, Sheridan announcer for events, Indiana Rising Star and a Girls State nominee. She has made a difference in her community through Sheridan CAARES (Creating Actions and Attitudes Regarding Emotional Support), a new student-led program aimed at mental health stigmas and spoke at the Indiana Statehouse to state senators regarding mental health within Indiana schools. She plans to attend college with an interest in psychology and communications.



Cole Melton

COLE MELTON

Cole Melton of Noblesville, the son of Brian and Jennifer Melton, is a drum major for Noblesville Marching Millers, has earned a rating of gold with distinction in both solo and ensemble in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contests, and current or past member of NHS Key Club, NHS's first Miller Mentors that make freshman students feel more welcome, NHS Spanish Club, Purdue Extension's A Chance to Serve program, is a National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar with Honor and Rising Star award winner. He has managed many community service projects, volunteered for a back-to-school ice cream social, with local Cub Scout packs and White River cleanup. He is a Life Scout working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, is a full, voting member of Hamilton County Purdue Extension Board. He plans to study Biology in college and wants to be a biological researcher or physician. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys camping and backpacking and finds peace in nature and time with his family.

"As a student, Remi is hard-working and motivated," said CHS social studies teacher Allison R. Hargrove, who wrote a recommendation for the student for the award. She had Remi as a student in AP U.S. History course during her junior year and is a member of the school's Social Studies Peer Tutoring program, which Hargrove coordinates.

"She always gives her very best efforts, demonstrating a high level of aptitude on assigned tasks ... Remi is the type of student teachers love having in class ... Remi always has a wonderful attitude ... Because of her strong work ethic and natural intelligence, Remi is an incredibly well-balanced student, yet she was never one to call attention to herself ... She is a person that quickly puts others before herself, and she also encourages her peers to make good choices," Hargrove said. "... Remi is a student that truly embodies what it means to be a scholar because she loves to learn and is naturally inquisitive."

What else? "I'm really into music. I've played

violin for 12 years. I love to travel. I like learning languages. I like learning about different cultures. And something random, I like Zillow, I look at Zillow all the time."

Each year at the DAR Good Citizen of the Year Tea, winners from each participating school attend, read their essays and receive DAR Good Citizen Pins. The winners then pose for photos and enjoy cake served by the ladies of the DAR.

Other contest finalists representing each of their participating high schools included: Caroline Curnutt, Heritage Christian School; Jennavee Houser, Hamilton Heights; Gracie Fisher, Hamilton Southeastern; Cole Melton, Noblesville; and Lexi Woodcock, Sheridan.

DAR, a 125-year-old organization, is for women who can document descent from a Revolutionary War Patriot. People can research their ancestry at www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy. For more information, visit www.DAR.com.

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literature and place. "Our Campfires pair nature and literature to spark conversations about Indiana's future," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "Something about the combination of wild places, great writing, a warm campfire and cold beer gets Hoosiers talking in fresh and surprising ways about the world around us and our place in it."

In 2017, Indiana Humanities was awarded the Schwartz Prize for best humanities program in the country for its Campfires series.

This season's locations and dates are listed below, with Noblesville's event at the top followed by the rest of Indiana Campfire's

- summer events:
- Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Blatchley Nature Study Club (Noblesville) — Take a flora-filled walk on this private nature preserve where Fox Prairie Creek joins the White River. The easy hike includes boardwalks and a few hills, as well as discussion about the ways watersheds tie us to Hoosiers near and far. The event will be led by humanities scholar Ryan Schnurr and a naturalist.
 - Saturday, May 7, 3 - 5 p.m.: Cope Environmental Center (Center-ville) — Walk through forests, grasslands, wetlands, prairie and ponds. The trek will be led by Scott Hess of Earlham College and a naturalist.
 - Saturday, June 18,

- 8 - 11 a.m.: Oliver's Woods (Indianapolis) — Float along the White River, explore a popular spot from a new angle and consider the ways we can continue working to preserve and connect to this beautiful area. The morning will be co-led by humanities scholar Kevin McKelvey and a naturalist from Friends of the White River.
- Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in English and 1 - 3 p.m. in Spanish: Grand Calumet River Conservation Area (Hammond) — Participants will meet at Seidner Dune & Swale Nature Preserve to trek through the Grand Calumet River Conservation Area with The Nature Conservancy. The trail traverses

- a mosaic of habitats, including a globally rare natural community known as dune and swale. Along the way, participants will see an impressive variety of flora and fauna, along with possible sightings of great white egrets, and green and blue herons that frequent the river and wetlands. Humanities scholar Ava Tomasania y Garcia will co-lead this event with a naturalist.
- Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Flatwoods Park (Gosport) — Flatwoods Park, Monroe County's largest park, is the site of this trek, which will focus on trees. It will be led by naturalist Autumn Brunelle, an Anishinaabe citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

- Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Blue River (east of Corydon) — Participants will paddle on the Blue River and consider the ways the winding path has influenced naturalists, artists and other Hoosiers. The humanities scholar for this event is Julie Schweitzer with Harrison County Arts.
- Each event costs \$8-20 and includes food and an Upland Brewing beer (available to those 21 and over). The treks and floats are designed for those 12 and older. Learn more at <https://indianahumanities.org/program/campfires/>.
- Support for Campfires comes from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. Upland Brewing is the official beer provider for the program.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust was established upon the death of Nina Mason Pulliam in 1997 to support the causes she loved in her home states of Arizona and Indiana. The Trust seeks to help people in need, protect animals and nature, and enrich community life in metropolitan Indianapolis and Phoenix. Since its inception, the Trust has distributed more than \$292 million. For more information visit www.ninapulliamtrust.org. Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read and talk. Learn more at www.IndianaHumanities.org.

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This county is pretty close to home!

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1. What city is the county seat? \geq
2. When was Hendricks County founded? \leq
3. Who was Hendricks County named after? \geq
4. Hendricks County is the ____ largest county in Indiana. \leq

Answers: 1. Danville 2. 1824 3. Governor William Hendricks 4. third

Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. VDLAIELN
2. DSICERHKN
3. IIWMLAL
4. ITRPOSOTB
5. RWRBUSGOBN

Answers: 1. Danville 2. Hendricks 3. William 4. Pittsboro 5. Brownsburg

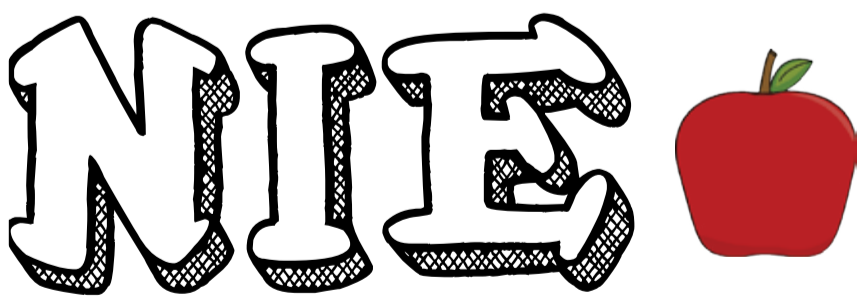
Did You Know?

- Hendricks County is the third largest county in Indiana.
- The county seat is Danville.
- Hendricks County was named after Indiana Governor William Hendricks in 1824.
- Hendricks County is the second fastest-growing county in Indiana.
- Additional cities in this county include Avon, Brownsburg, Pittsboro, and Plainfield.

Got Words?

Hendricks County is one of the fastest-growing counties in Indiana. What sort of impact do you think large population growth will have on a community?

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Appeals On Wheels To Visit Wabash College

Indiana's second highest Court will conduct a live, in person oral argument at Wabash College in Crawfordsville on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:15 a.m. in Salter Hall, at the Wabash Fine Arts Center. A panel consisting of Judge Patricia A. Riley, Judge Melissa S. May, and Judge Elizabeth F. Tavitias will hear Paul v. State. The case synopsis can be found online at https://events.in.gov/event/appeals_jamesley_paul_v_state_of_indiana_21a-cr-01704.

The oral argument will conclude with a question-and-answer session with the audience about

the Court of Appeals hears oral arguments across Indiana to enable Hoosiers to observe the real-world issues that face the Court and to learn more about the Court's indispensable role in Indiana government. Audiences also get to observe skilled legal arguments and advocacy by some of Indiana's best lawyers, against a backdrop of case-specific facts and statutory and constitutional law.

The event is open to the public and will last about one hour. Reporters, including student journalists, may ask the Court's permission to

record the argument in audio, video, or photographic formats. Please email requests to Court Administrator Larry Morris (Larry.Morris@courts.in.gov) at least 48 hours before the scheduled start of the argument to obtain permission. Per Indiana Supreme Court order, all video cameras must be tripod-mounted, and neither flash nor strobe lighting is permitted with respect to either video or still cameras.

This argument marks the Court's eighth Appeals on Wheels event in 2022. For more information about the Court, please visit www.courts.in.gov/appeals.

AG Rokita Protecting Hoosiers By Holding 'Big Tobacco' Accountable

Attorney General Todd Rokita took another step forward in Indiana's ongoing legal fight to get relief for Hoosiers harmed by the negative side effects of smoking. This also represents one element in the larger effort to help Hoosiers stop smoking and decrease the incidence of youth smoking throughout Indiana. This includes settlement payments from the tobacco companies for victims of smoking, as well as by placing significant restrictions on how tobacco companies can engage in marketing and advertising in Indiana.

Last week Indiana received over \$200 million from tobacco product manufacturers under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

"Thousands of Hoosiers die each year from conditions caused by

smoking," said Attorney General Rokita. "My office is working hard to ensure our kids stay healthy and that they never go down the dangerous path of smoking."

Under this agreement, the state will receive annual payments as long as the tobacco manufacturers continue selling cigarettes in Indiana. The agreement also forbids participating cigarette manufacturers from targeting youth, imposes restrictions on advertising and promotional activities, and product placement in media, branded merchandise, free product samples, and sponsorships.

The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement remains the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. Entered in 1998, the agreement involves the four largest US tobacco

companies, Phillip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, and Lorillard, and the attorneys general of 46 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The agreement required the companies to pay more than \$206b over the course of 25 years. The funds received by Indiana under the settlement agreement go to healthcare, prevention and reduction of smoking.

Cigarettes cause cancer and other diseases, as the Surgeon General first concluded in its historic 1964 report. So, improving Hoosiers' health remains a priority of the Attorney General, as well as the entire Indiana state leadership team.

For more information on quitting smoking, call Indiana's Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QuitNow.

Gov. Holcomb Announces \$65M In Trails Grants For Indiana Communities

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Bortner today announced 38 communities and non-profit organizations will receive a combined \$65 million for 77 miles of new trail development as a part of the third round of the Next Level Trails program. With matching funds from applicants, this round is expected to generate total investment of more than \$102 million.

"Trails connect communities together in such a personal way and are perfect pathways to good mental and physical well-being," Gov. Holcomb said. "These continued quality-of-life investments will reap generational economic and tourism development dividends and further showcase Indiana's incredible outdoor experiences."

A \$150 million grant program, Next Level Trails is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. In rounds one and two, a total of

\$55 million was awarded to 35 communities. To date, \$120 million has been awarded to build 190 miles of trails throughout Indiana. Ninety-four percent of Hoosiers live within five miles of a trail.

For example, three sections of the Nickel Plate Trail in Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville were selected, as well as smaller local projects in Jasper, Middlebury, Shelbyville, and Huntington.

"The DNR listens to the recreational and outdoor needs of Hoosiers," Bortner said. "We are excited to expand our partnerships with local governments and non-profits to bring these important connections and amenities to communities across Indiana."

The grants awarded in the third round include 17 regional projects and 21 local projects. The list of awards, project descriptions, and a map are posted at on.IN.gov/NLT-round-3.

The third-round grant recipients are contrib-

uting \$37.4 million in matching value, resulting in a \$102.4 million total investment in trails. The program requires a minimum 20 percent project match, which can include monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor.

Next Level Trails is part of Gov. Holcomb's \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, and pursues the expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana. The initial program received funds totaling \$90 million; \$60 million more was appropriated in the current biennial budget to bring the Next Level Trails investment to \$150 million.

Progress on all Next Level Trails projects can be found here.

Next Level Trails objectives and more information in the grants program is at on.IN.gov/nextleveltrails.

Braun On End Of "Federal Overreach" Mask Mandate For Transportation

Senator Mike Braun released the following statement after a federal judge ruled against transportation mask mandates, leading to airlines, public transit, and private transportation companies like Lyft and Uber to drop their mask mandates.

"While I'm glad the federal mask mandate on airplanes is over, we

have to remember this federal overreach was only ended by the courts, just like Biden's vaccine mandate that jeopardized millions of jobs. If the White House had their way, these mandates would still be in effect."

– Senator Mike Braun
Senator Braun compared the to President Biden's vaccine mandate for private businesses.

Senator Braun led the opposition to the vaccine mandate in the U.S. Senate with a formal challenge that passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote and was noted as the most significant Congressional action regarding private vaccine mandates in the Supreme Court's decision to strike down the unconstitutional mandate.

Gov. Holcomb Announces \$189 Million For Broadband Expansion

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced \$189 million for 154 broadband infrastructure expansion projects across the state in the third round of the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

"This record-setting investment in broadband is another game-changer for Hoosiers who now, more than ever, need affordable, reliable internet," Gov. Holcomb said. "With this third round, we take giant steps in leveling the playing field for our residents regardless of where they choose to live, work or go to school."

The Next Level Broadband Grant Program is the largest single state investment in broadband. In total, rounds one, two and three of the program have awarded \$268 million for broadband infrastructure for more than 74,800 homes and commercial locations. When combined with private and local investment, over \$580 million has been leveraged since 2018. Projects will have been completed in 83 of Indiana's 92 counties through the three rounds of the awards. Click here for a map showing the coverage provided by all

three rounds.

This third round of funding will provide broadband infrastructure to more than 52,900 homes and commercial locations in 80 counties. For example, 810 homes and 362 businesses or organizations in Cass and Fulton counties will gain broadband access with a \$4 million grant to RTC Communications. In Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties, 292 homes and 18 businesses or organizations will gain access through a \$1.5 million grant to Southeastern Indiana REMC. A list of the awards can be found here.

In addition to the \$189 million awarded today, the 35 telecommunications providers and utility cooperatives contributed more than \$239 million in matching funds, resulting in more than \$429 million total investment for broadband in the third round.

The program allows broadband service providers and utility cooperatives to apply for up to \$5 million to expand service to unserved areas if they provide at least a 20 percent match.

At Governor Holcomb's request, Lt.

Governor Suzanne Crouch, along with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, administers and oversees the program. OCRA will be working with service providers in the coming weeks on next steps in the grant process.

"Our Next Level Connections program continues to bridge the digital divide throughout our state," Lt. Gov. Crouch said. "This investment will vastly grow economic opportunities in unserved areas and brings us closer to connecting all Hoosiers."

Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program is part of Governor Holcomb's \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, creates more nonstop flights and pursues the expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana. After the initial \$100 million dedicated to broadband expansion, Governor Holcomb worked with the General Assembly on an additional \$250 million appropriation to continue the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

Rokita Protects Hoosier Consumers Who Utilized Gofundme Platform

To protect Hoosiers who donate on the GoFundMe platform, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita today identified potential consumer protection concerns with the conduct of GoFundMe's platform. GoFundMe's terms of service are ambiguous, raise accountability concerns, and have the potential to deceive consumers.

"Hoosiers are generous," Attorney General

Rokita said. "And when they give money to a cause, it's only logical to assume the money actually goes where it was directed. GoFundMe's current terms of service are too vague to assure a donor that is the case—and I will get to the bottom of it."

In a letter co-authored with other like-minded attorneys general, concerning issues are identified, such as a lack

of clearly expressible standards regarding GoFundMe's independent ability to freeze, redirect, or refund donations.

Attorney General Rokita is charged with protecting consumers and statutorily regulating nonprofits. Under that authority, Attorney General Rokita has used one of his investigatory tools to inquire into GoFundMe and their operations.



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