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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Job 27:6 My righteousness  
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it go: my heart shall not  
reproach me so long as I live.



**FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
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What makes Mya Ponto smile? "Being around my friends and hanging out with people from school," said the then 14-year-old Noblesville resident. Today's feature is a look back at one of *The Times'* previous Faces of Hamilton County. She is a freshman at Noblesville High School and, before that, she attended Noblesville West Middle School. She was found in summer 2021 working a summer job at the concession stand at Forest Park Aquatic Center, which celebrated its 90th anniversary in June 2021. Over the summer at the pool, she worked concessions, checked in guests and sold memberships. Her favorite job duty? "I like doing the concessions. I get to make people's food and give it to them." Favorite food to make and eat? "I like making pretzels a lot." She is the daughter of Matt Ponto and Amy Ponto and has a then 10-year-old brother, Camren. Pets? "I have one dog and two cats." Her dog is an English bulldog named Stella. When she wasn't working, she said she loves to swim and hopes to become a lifeguard there. Over the summer, she had plans to camp at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area in Indiana. Forest Park Aquatic Center will open for the season on Saturday, with hours noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and noon to 7 p.m. Monday, Memorial Day, and again the following weekend, June 4 and 5. Starting June 6, weekday hours will also be noon to 7 p.m. Admission is \$6, with memberships and donor-level memberships available. To read more about this season's new amenities, including an LED video board, new foosball and table tennis and more, read the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of *The Times*.

**And Another Thing...**

**ROAD CLOSURE**

Beginning on or after Monday, June 6, W. 236th Street between Six Points Road and Lamong Road will be closed to all thru traffic for the replacement of a regulated drain pipe. The completion date is expected to be Friday, June 10. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic should use the posted detour route of Six Points Road, SR-38, and Lamong Road.

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NHS senior Allison Maskew (second from left) poses with Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell (left), Governor Eric Holcomb and Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner.

## Noblesville HS Senior Recognized by Governor for Excellence in Science

A Noblesville High School senior, Allison Maskew, got the opportunity of a lifetime to meet Governor Eric Holcomb and receive recognition for her outstanding efforts in science. Her visit came as part of the Governor's effort to promote and reward STEM learning across Indiana.

Governor Holcomb, Indiana

Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner and Indiana Treasurer Kelly Mitchell welcomed the four members of the 2022 Governor's STEM Team to the Indiana Statehouse where they honored outstanding high school students for their exceptional efforts in science, technology, engineering and math.

"The four students selected

for our STEM Team represent Hoosier innovation and hard work at its finest," said Gov. Holcomb. "Each student is already making incredible contributions to their communities and will continue to lead the way as careers in science, technology, engineering and math grow

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## NHS Named for 5th Straight Year in the Top 1% Nationally for STEM

Noblesville Schools announced yesterday that Noblesville High School (NHS) has been nationally recognized for the fifth year in a row as a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning

opportunities for students. NHS is one of only two high schools in Indiana to receive the five-time recognition, putting them in an elite, top 1% group nationally.

Noblesville East Middle School was the only middle school in the state to receive the honor five years in a row. The

district's elementary schools were also recognized.

Noblesville Schools offers 16 different PLTW courses for middle and high school students including classes like robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity and aerospace engineering. It is also

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## Giant Video Board, Foosball, Table Tennis Among New Amenities for Pool Season



BETSY REASON  
The Times Editor

Relaxing on the new comfy outdoor sectional furniture at Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville, guests can

easily watch the new LED video board overlooking the competition pool.

Adjacent are new foosball tables and new table tennis ("incredibly heavy-duty ping pong tables") games, plus there is a life-size Connect 4 game in the baby pool area.

Private donations have funded 100 percent of the LED video board, measuring 31-1/2-foot by 12-1/2-foot and stands 15 feet off the ground. In past years, movies were occasionally shown in partnership with Noblesville

Parks & Recreation. The new video board -- which has been installed on the north side of the competition pool complex -- will show movies during the day or evening, feature daily programming, with trivia and games, and offer a scoreboard for swimming, diving and water polo competitions. Plus, the video board will provide adver-

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## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:20 a.m.  
SET: 9:01 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 84 °F  
Low: 63 °F

**Today is...**

- Geek Pride Day
- National Missing Children's Day
- National Wine Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1963 32 African countries form a coalition against white rule
- 1977 First Star Wars film is released

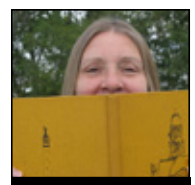
**Births On This Day**

- 1803 Ralph Waldo Emerson American poet
- 1976 Cillian Murphy Irish/English actor

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2005 Graham Kennedy Australian actor
- 2006 Desmond Dekker Jamaican singer

## Decoration Day, 1869



PAULA DUNN  
From Time to Thyme

I've written about Memorial Day before, but I've never really gotten into the earliest history of the holiday in Hamilton

County.

First, a little background . . . Memorial Day dates back to 1868 when General John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), an organization of Union Army veterans, issued a proclamation establishing May 30 as a national day to honor the soldiers who died defending their country during the "late rebellion" (the Civil War.) Logan's General Order No. 11 directed that the graves of the

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

Here's hoping for a safe and exciting Indy 500! I can't wait!



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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"If we have the attitude that it's going to be a great day it usually is."  
- Catherine Pulsifer

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**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you're on medications from multiple doctors, make sure each one knows your entire list. 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.



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TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON



## OBITUARIES

### Joseph Thomas Thieme

October 26, 1939 - May 19, 2022

Joseph Thomas Thieme, 82, of Carmel, Indiana passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2022 after a long illness.

He was born on October 26, 1939 in Lafayette, Indiana and was the son of Frederick J. and Josephine Clifford Thieme.

Mr. Thieme graduated from Jefferson High School in 1957, and then he attended Purdue University. In 1963, he was drafted into the US Army where he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Artillery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He married Jane M. Freistroffer on May 30, 1964.

Mr. Thieme served at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where he taught Artillery Survey, then in Korea as a Battery Commander from March 1966-April 1967. After returning to Ft. Sill, OK and then Ft. Bliss, Texas where he attended Artillery Officer Advanced Training, he was assigned to serve in Vietnam. Upon returning from his year in Vietnam, he was assigned to Germany for three years where he served as the Executive Officer of a Pershing Missile Battery and was the Reconnaissance and Survey Officer for the Battalion. Captain Thieme was a hard-working and well-respected officer, devoted to his country to the end. A true patriot, he received several commendations including the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. A perfectly cared for flag was always flying at his home.

In 1972, he left the service and returned to Lafayette where he began his 28-year career in chemistry at Eli Lilly and Company, retiring in 2002.

During retirement, Mr. Thieme used his considerable photography skills for Coldwell Banker The Shook Agency, retiring in 2005. His impressive collection of camera equipment was also known to help him appear to belong in places for which he wasn't credentialed - most especially restricted areas of his beloved Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

He was a longtime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Lafayette where he was a member of the Parish Council. In recent years after his move to Carmel, Indiana, Mr. Thieme was a member of St. Louis de Montfort Parish where he was famous for bringing his delicious deviled eggs to the St. Ann's Guild lunches. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion in South Haven, Michigan.

Survivors include his two daughters Jennie (Jerome) LaReau of Carmel and Mary Jo (Andreas) Sashegyi of Indianapolis; son Thomas (Shelly) Thieme of Carmel; five grandchildren Nicholas, Andrew and Zachary Thieme, Katherine LaReau and Thomas Sashegyi; two sisters Barbara Schrader of Lafayette and (twin) Josephine Deible of Oswego, IL; and many nieces, nephews and cousins he adored.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jane; and brothers John and James Thieme.

Services are scheduled to be held at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, Indiana on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Visitation is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. in the narthex followed by a mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Burial at Oaklawn Cemetery will follow the funeral mass.

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

### Melissa Ann Wafford

January 18, 1958 - May 14, 2022

Melissa Ann Wafford, 64, of Avon, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at her home.

She was born on January 18, 1958 to Jay and Edith (Sharp) Lewis in Logansport, Indiana.

Ms. Wafford worked in sales and marketing at the Hoosier Lottery for several years then worked for the government in the workforce development department before retiring.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking and watching old scary movies. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and her dogs, Bo, Josie, Gracie, and Bandit.

Survivors include her son William Wafford; and four siblings William (Sue) Lewis, Robert (Holly) Lewis, Dickie (Mary Beth) Lewis and Anita (Kenny) Killian.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The Wafford Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with her care.

Condolences can be made at [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).



### David S. Kinnaman

July 30, 1947 - May 16, 2022

David S. Kinnaman, 74, of Westfield, passed away on Monday, May 16, 2022 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on July 30, 1947 to Frank and Lavonne "Bonnie" (Erp) Kinnaman in Noblesville, Indiana.

Mr. Kinnaman retired after 30 plus years from General Motors. He enjoyed watching basketball and football, especially cheering on his favorite teams, the Pacers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved to support his grandchildren by attending their games and activities.

Survivors include his three sons Shawn Kinnaman, Mike (Renita) Kinnaman and Rodney (Heather) Case; daughter Tonia (Alvin) Harris; two brothers Allen Kinnaman and Kenneth Campbell; sister Ellen (Gary) Kinney; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Sandra Kinnaman; two brothers Clarence Campbell and James Campbell; sister Barbara Covey; sister-in-law Joyce Kinnaman; and nephew David Kinney.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Services are scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the funeral home, with the Rev. JR Moffatt officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children Processing Center, PO Box 863765, Orlando, FL 32886, <https://www.shrinershospitals-forchildren.org/sch>.

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### Delene Jefferies Kramer

July 17, 1952 - May 17, 2022

Delene Jefferies Kramer, of Noblesville, 69, went home to be with her heavenly father on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

She was born July 17, 1952, to Milo and Betty (McDaniel) Jefferies in Marion, IN.

Ms. Kramer graduated from Marion High School in 1969. She enjoyed being an administrative assistant for various companies throughout her adult life up until her retirement in 2008.

Her love in life was her family. Ms. Kramer was proud of her two sons, Jared and Brett. She could be found at all her kid's activities when they were younger helping as team mom, volunteering as president of the PTA and always being at the ball fields. Her joy came from her two grandchildren: Cameron and Katie. Ms. Kramer beamed with delight with every achievement and every story that involved her grandchildren. She also loved crafting; she enjoyed crocheting, sewing, small craft projects and cooking.

Survivors include her son Jared Kramer of Westfield; two sisters Debbie (Larry) Thompson of Matthews and Deah Ann (Russ) Kinder of LaFontaine; sister-in-law Janie Jefferies of Fairmount; daughter-in-law Lisa Kramer of Overland Park, KS; two stepchildren Darrell (Toyua) Kramer of Austin, TX and Whitney (Robbie) Hopkins of Ochocknee, GA; two grandchildren Cameron and Katie Kramer of Noblesville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son Brett Kramer; parents Milo and Betty Jefferies of Marion; brother Milo (Dewey) Jefferies Jr. of Fairmount; sister Daena Shaffer of Gas City; and stepson Eric Kramer of Thomasville, GA.

Friends and family are welcome to share stories of Delene's wonderful life during a Celebration of Life which is scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled to run from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, IN at a later date.

The family requests memorials be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)); or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([www.hamiltonhumane.com](http://www.hamiltonhumane.com)).

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).



### Virginia L. Holt

September 10, 1931 - May 20, 2022

Virginia L. Holt, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 20, 2022 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville.

She was born on September 10, 1931 to Johnnie and Eva (Brown) Hall in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Mrs. Holt was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing, especially quilting. In her younger years she could be found gardening, canning, and providing childcare. She enjoyed visiting with neighborhood friends and classmates of her own children as they were growing up. Mrs. Holt loved family dinners and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her son Gary (Charlotte) Holt; daughter Karen (James) Fulton; four grandchildren Jamie (Clayton) Jennings, Lindsay Frey, Lora (Brandon) Marks, and Ryan (Janet) Holt; and five great-grandchildren Arabelle Jennings, Henry Marks, Carter Marks, Teddy Marks and Sam Frey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Edmund Hugh Holt; and brother Mayford Hall.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with services scheduled for 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Pastor Don Jennings II will officiate. Burial is scheduled to be held at 12 p.m. CST on Friday, May 27, 2022 at McDonald Cemetery in Clay County, Tennessee.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, ([www.mealsonwheels.org](http://www.mealsonwheels.org)).

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### Jeremy Vasil Chris

June 21, 1976 - May 16, 2022

Jeremy Vasil Chris, 45, of Atlanta, was called home to heaven on Monday, May 16, 2022 in Atlanta.

He was born on June 21, 1976 in Tipton County, Indiana.

Mr. Chris was a 1994 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School. He worked for Ashpaugh Electric and was a member of Life Church in Noblesville, where he was very active in their men's group. He enjoyed hunting and riding his motorcycle. Mr. Chris was known for his kindness and incredible work ethic. He was an amazing husband, he loved being a dad and grandpa, and was always involved with his kid's sports and activities.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Lisa Ann (Bell) Chris; parents Gary Vasil and Connie Lynn Chris; five children Haleigh (Derek) Lariviere, Hunter (Allison) Wik, Hannah Chris, Josiah Chris and Levi Chris; two siblings Eric (Brooke) Chris and Megan King; two grandchildren Grayson and Magnolia Lariviere; six nieces and nephews Troy, Alex, and Chloe Chris, Xavier Chris, Zarek and Memphis King; and father and mother-in-law Teddy and Charlotte Bell.

Services are scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at Genesis Church, 1702 Pleasant Street in Noblesville, with Pastor Micah Beckwith officiating. Visitation is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Burial will be at Wilkins Cemetery in Tipton, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Life Church of Noblesville, 2200 Sheridan Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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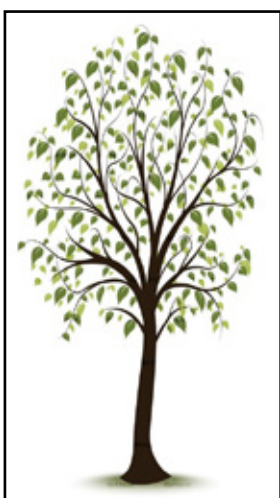
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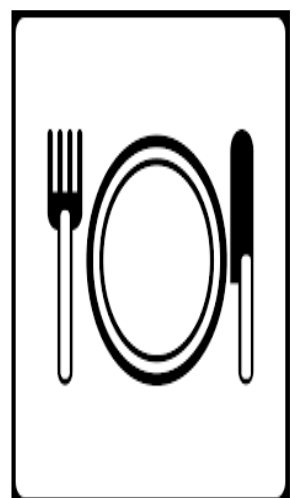
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Notice is hereby given that on May 10, 2022, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Indiana South ("CEI South") filed a petition under Cause Number 45722 with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") under Ind. Code ch. 8-1-40.5 for a securitization financing order and the authority for a financing subsidiary to issue securitization bonds for the recovery of qualified costs related to its retirement of the A.B. Brown Units 1 & 2 coal-fired electric generation plants ("Brown Units 1 & 2"). Specifically, CEI South is requesting approval to (1) issue securitization bonds, (2) collect securitization charges, and (3) encumber securitization property with a lien and security interest. The estimated total amount of the securitization bonds requested is \$350,125,000. The estimated securitization charges are \$359,397,933, which will be collected from all customers over a period of 15 years through a non-bypassable Securitization Coal Plant (SCP) charge.

CEI South is also requesting approval to remove the Brown Units 1 & 2 costs from customer rates, which will be returned to customers through a temporary Securitization Rate Reduction (SRR) credit, that will remain in effect until CEI South files its next base rates case. In addition, the removal of Brown Units 1 & 2 from CEI South's rate base results in an accumulated deferred income tax ("ADIT") benefit, which will be returned to customers through a Securitization ADIT Credit (SAC). The estimated net monthly impact on customer rates by customer class of the SCP charge, SRR credit, and SAC are listed in the table below.

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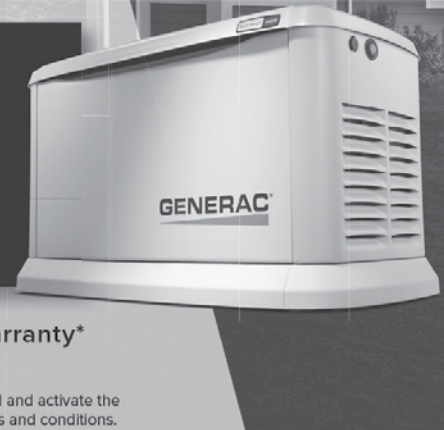
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# Nickel Plate Express to Host Celebration for Hobbs Station Grand Opening at Forest Park



Join a once in a lifetime train experience as the Nickel Plate Express (NPX) celebrates on June 11 the grand opening of the Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot.

Special 45-minute celebratory NPX train rides will depart at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the special event are only \$25 per person, and the first two hundred ticketed passengers will receive a commemorative Hobbs Station lapel pin.

Helping to make dedication day even more special:

- Custard Dog food truck will be onsite selling a variety of lunch items and sweet treats
- A new train-themed

playground is available for children adjacent to the depot.

• The newly landscaped area around the depot includes a new covered picnic area, one of the many available in the park.

Guests will board the NPX unique, tall railcars from the beautifully restored Hobbs Depot platform, with its new covered areas. They also are encouraged to spend time browsing the newly opened Hobbs Station gift shop. New restroom facilities also now are available.

For information about the variety of NPX excursions – from the Hobbs Depot dedication to special dining experiences and holiday-themed rides

in 2022 – visit: [nickelplateexpress.com](http://nickelplateexpress.com).

The City of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks Department are going all out to ensure your experience at Forest Park is the best it can be. Through its fun, exciting and educational rail excursions, Nickel Plate Express is pleased to be a partner in that creating that exciting experience.

Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park, Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and runs from Noblesville through Cicero and Arcadia to Atlanta, Ind., in northern Hamilton County.

# Cicero Rep. Cook, Fishers Rep. Jeter Join Veto Override on Transgender Sports Bill



Representative Chris Jeter



Representative Tony Cook

State Reps. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) and Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) today joined the majority of Indiana's lawmakers in successfully overriding the governor's veto of House Enrolled Act 1041.

House and Senate legislators voted on Tuesday at the Statehouse to override the governor's veto of House Enrolled Act 1041, which prohibits transgender males from competing in K-12 girls' sports in Indiana. Jeter, who co-authored the bill, said the vote came as part of technical corrections day, where lawmakers

can take up any vetoes and fix technical errors in laws passed during the prior session.

"My young daughters, and all Hoosier girls, deserve a fair and level playing field in sports," Jeter said. "I strongly believe this is a much-needed step to protect female athletes and their opportunities to compete, earn spots on teams and obtain scholarships."

Indiana will join at least 16 other states that have similar laws on the books. Jeter said concerned parents reached out after an increasing

number of transgender males have dominated the national spotlight in girls' athletic events across the nation.

Cook said the vote Tuesday was especially important as June marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX, which ensures women have an equal opportunity to play and compete in sports.

"Nearly 50 years ago, we federally passed Title IX to give women the right to equal opportunity in sports. Now, we're seeing those rights are being threatened across the country," Cook said. "This override indicates that Indiana stands with our female athletes, and this new law will protect their athletic opportunities now and in the future."

In Indiana, a gubernatorial veto can be overridden with a constitutional majority vote in both chambers, and the bill becomes a law without the governor's signature. For more information about House Enrolled Act 1041, effective on July 1, 2022, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

# Jocelyn Vare Looks Forward to General Election in November



Jocelyn Vare

The campaign staff, known collectively as Friends of Jocelyn Vare, celebrated a win with candidate Jocelyn Vare on Primary Election Day. Vare is now the official Democratic candidate for Indiana State Senate, District 31. The staff expected to win the election; Vare was uncontested. In reality, the celebration was for stretch goals the team set and reached on May 3, 2022.

"We are a dedicated group of people-driven, goal-oriented volunteers," says field strategy director A. Brando Corsaro. "Primary elections traditionally have low voter turnout and we established a goal to increase Dem-

ocratic primary voters for the district by at least ten percent. We over-achieved on that goal and continue to see Jocelyn's work resonate with voters exponentially."

Vare received 25% more Hamilton County votes in 2022 than the previous Democratic candidate in 2018. The campaign team used the 2018 election cycle, a non-presidential election year, to establish benchmarks and set goals. At the same time, Vare and Corsaro offer full disclosure on what redistricting means for voters and number comparisons. State Senate District 31 was redrawn in 2021 for the 2022 election to include all of Fishers, Geist, and parts of Noblesville and the Northeast Side of Indianapolis. Now, 72% of this district is in Hamilton County.

"This new district is a fresh opportunity for Hoosiers," says Vare. "For instance, all Fishers residents are together in this single State Senate district for the first time. No traditional incumbent and new district lines means that all District 31 residents will be electing their State Senator for the

first time."

In addition to achieving increased voter turnout in the primary election, Vare's campaign has seen a 20% increase in weekly fundraising since May 3rd and volunteer activity continues to grow. Vare and Friends of Jocelyn Vare volunteers have knocked on more than 700 voters' doors so far this spring.

"My conversations with voters along with our momentum shows that people know they deserve better representation," explains Vare. "With community and campaign team support firmly in my corner, I am focused on listening to every voice and earning every vote in November."

Vare is a business owner dedicated to public service. She has served in several roles with community non-profits, public education advocacy organizations and as an at-large member of Fishers City Council. Vare was the first Democrat elected to municipal office in the city of Fishers and won her election with bipartisan support, including an endorsement from the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County.

## Meeting Notice

### Cicero Town Council

On June 7, 2022, the Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6 p.m. at Red Bridge

Community Building, 697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has

been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

## Meeting Notice

### Noblesville Police Merit Commission

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission will meet in Executive Session on Wednesday, June 1,

2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council conference room at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street. The Executive Session will be held pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5), to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

The Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2022 has been changed to Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street.

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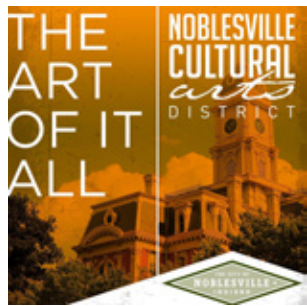
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# Downtown Noblesville Square to Simultaneously Host 3 Events on June 18th



The downtown Noblesville Square will be in a sweet spot with three separate but coordinated events on Saturday, June 18th from 11am – 5 pm. The entire downtown square will host the Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire, which is unlike most summer markets because there will also be live demonstrations, and all goods for sale are hand-made by artists, craftspeople and even kids!

Living within the Maker Faire footprint will be a Juneteenth Celebration including educational activities, music and entertainment brought to you by local inclusion and equity

groups in the region. Also not to be missed, the square will be home to St. Michael's Strawberry Festival. Attendees can enhance their shopping experience with sweet strawberry shortcakes while supplies last.

**Maker Faire Affair**  
Nickel Plate Arts returns this Summer with Maker Faire, a showcase and marketplace filled with hand-made goods, gifts, and gear. This marketplace is open to the public and attendees are encouraged to bring a cloth bag, wagon, or truck to haul away their purchased treasures. More than 70 makers and artisans will be displaying and selling their handcrafted goods, with a special emphasis on first-time exhibitors. Providing a jumping off point for creative entrepreneurs, Maker Faire provides a low cost point of entry with our Kid Entrepreneurs (makers 17 and under) the opportunity

to have a vendor booth at \$0. While shopping might be top priority, there will also be numerous art and maker demonstrations showcased throughout the day.

Nickel Plate Arts Operations Manager Les Reinhardt said, "Interest in Maker Faire has grown considerably since last year. With the number of makers that have applied this year, not even counting our new kid entrepreneurs, we're looking to almost double last year's number of artisans and hold the biggest Maker Faire in Nickel Plate Arts' history! It's going to take a lot of teamwork, but I know we're up for the challenge to make this year amazing for everyone involved."

In addition to the variety of handmade goods—including wood items, children's books, pottery, quilts, clothing, bath and body items, jewelry, home decor, and

even some unique items that defy description—attendees will be able to try their hands at several project-based activities provided by Hamilton East Public Library's: IGNITE Studio and Fishers Parks and Recreation's: Maker Playground.

"We are excited to showcase a wide range of art mediums available every day for FREE in the Ignite Studio at this year's Maker Faire, with a particular emphasis on print-making, 3D printing, and laser engraving," commented Katelyn Coyne, Director of Experiential Learning for the Hamilton East Public Library: IGNITE Studio

Attendees are encouraged to follow Nickel Plate Arts on social media and visit [nickelplatearts.org/makerfaire](http://nickelplatearts.org/makerfaire) for parking, and "what to expect" instructions as plans for increased pedestrian traffic, and parking locations will be provided as a guide

for vendors and attendees.

**Selling Like Hotcakes**  
St. Michael's Strawberry Festival is a highly anticipated, seasonal event, which features homemade shortcake baked by members of the St Michael's Episcopal Church. These strawberry shortcakes sell out every year, so be aware shortcakes are offered while they last! The early bird truly does get this sweet summer treat!

Nancy Allen, St. Michael's Strawberry Festival Organizer, said, "Please join St Michael's for our 44th Annual Strawberry Festival, always held on the Saturday before Father's Day. Rain or shine we will be there serving homemade shortcakes, strawberries, ice cream and whipped topping. Look for the big white tent on the square where we will be serving from 11am – 5pm.

**Juneteenth Celebration**  
Rounding out the trifecta of Summer sweets and

Maker sales is Juneteenth. This annual celebration memorializes the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. Based in the North side of the Square, the Juneteenth section includes a series of activities, entertainment, and education for all ages.

"Juneteenth has relevant and historical connections to Hamilton County and supporting this celebration is a way to bring history to life," said David Heighway, Hamilton County Historian

All three events will run concurrently on Saturday, June 18th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., rain or shine. (St. Michael's Strawberry Festival runs while supplies last.) You can get sneak peeks of merchandise, programming, and weather contingencies by following @nickelplatearts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

For more information, go to [www.nickelplatearts.org/makerfaire](http://www.nickelplatearts.org/makerfaire).

# Center for the Performing Arts Announces 2022-23 'Center Presents' Season



The Center for the Performing Arts is gearing up for the most robust and diverse season in its history, starting in September with more than 50 performances already booked and more on the way.

The 2022-23 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions includes new faces and returning favorites in a broad range of genres.

Making their Palladium debuts this year are the iconic West African singer Angélique Kidjo, R&B giants Trombone Shorty and Tower of Power, jazz-pop pioneer Herb Alpert with vocalist Lani Hall, Marie Osmond with an orchestra for the holidays, the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine, a New Orleans music celebration led by Dumpstaphunk, tributes to Ella Fitzgerald and the Electric Light Orchestra, and comedians Lewis Black and Kevin Nealon, part of a growing list of comedy events.

Artists returning to the Center include legendary crooner Johnny Mathis, jazz diva Diana Krall, Hoosier-born violin virtuoso Joshua Bell, trumpeter Chris Botti, pop-soul belter Michael Bolton, saxophonist Boney James, songsmiths Marc Cohn and Shawn Colvin, Scott Bradley's Postmodern Jukebox and the U.S. Army Field Band with a free community concert.

"We're making a statement with our upcoming

12th season," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the Center and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. "Nothing can replace the experience of gathering together for live arts and entertainment, and this lineup should give everyone a reason to come and join us at the Center."

Among the new offerings this season is a speaker series featuring experts from the pages of National Geographic, sharing their knowledge of wildlife and exotic corners of the world. Each of the three multimedia evening presentations is preceded by a free morning matinee for local students.

Subscription packages are on sale now for the Printing Partners Classical Series, the Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series and the Hoosier Village and The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series, with benefits including discounts up to 20 percent off the regular ticket price. Another option is a Create Your Own subscription package, which offers similar perks for the purchase of any four or more events from the Center Presents schedule, including music, comedy and educational events.

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Tickets for individual performances will go on sale later this year. Tickets for the U.S. Army Field Band will be available free in September.

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. The campus in Carmel, Indiana, includes a 1,600-seat concert hall, the Palladium; a 500-seat proscenium theater, the Tarkington; and the black-box Studio Theater.

The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident companies: Actors Theatre of Indiana, Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, Civic Theatre, Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre and Indiana Wind Symphony. The Center also provides educational and experiential programming for people of all ages. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org). Tickets are available online at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org), [Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org](mailto:Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org) or (317) 843-3800

*All performances will take place at the Palladium concert hall except (\*) at the Tarkington theater.*

**Hoosier Village and The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series:**

- Songbook Academy in Concert – July 23
- Johnny Mathis: The Voice of Romance Tour – October 15
- Ella: The Music of Ella Fitzgerald in Concert – November 4
- The Four Phantoms in Concert – April 21, 2023
- Get Happy: Michael Feinstein Celebrates the Judy Garland Centennial – April 29, 2023

Printing Partners Classical Series

- Joshua Bell and Peter Dugan – September 29
- Europa Galante with Fabio Biondi – October 6
- Wu Han, Benjamin Beilman and David Finckel: Schubert Trios – November 13
- Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine – February 24, 2023
- Abilene – April 15, 2023

**Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series:**

- Herb Alpert & Lani Hall in Concert – September 22
- Madeleine Peyroux: "Careless Love" & Paula

Cole: "This Fire" – October 20

- Chris Botti – November 5
- Boney James – February 18, 2023
- Sammy Miller and The Congregation – March 3, 2023
- Jonathan Butler – March 26, 2023

**Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series:**

- Jimmie Vaughan – September 9\*
- Tower of Power – September 30
- Scott Bradley's Postmodern Jukebox: Life in the Past Lane – October 13
- Jon McLaughlin – November 2\*
- Take Me to the River NOLA LIVE! – November 18
- The Mavericks: En Español World Tour – January 27, 2023
- Marc Cohn and Shawn Colvin Together Onstage – April 13, 2023
- Evil Woman – The American ELO – May 5, 2023

**Old Town Family Series:**

- Voca People – October 9
- The Queen's Cartoonists – October 16
- Charles Peacock, juggler – November 5 (two shows)\*
- Ugly Duckling – January 28, 2023 (two shows)\*
- Peking Acrobats – March 18, 2023

Telamon Passport Series

- Angélique Kidjo – October 23
- Gilberto Santa Rosa – November 11
- Eliane Elias – November 20
- Dublin Irish Dance: Wings – February 10,

2023

- George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain – April 30, 2023

**Faegre Drinker Encore Series:**

- Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue – September 23
- Diana Krall – October 11

National Geographic Live Series

- Brian Skerry: Secrets of the Whales – November 15
- Lindsay Zanno: T. Rex Rises – February 21, 2023
- Filipe DeAndrade: Untamed – April 25, 2023

**Holiday Series:**

- All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914 – December 2
- Canadian Brass Christmas – December 3
- Luminare Christmas – December 8
- Dave Koz and Friends 25th Anniversary Christmas Tour – December 9
- Marie Osmond: A Symphonic Christmas Tour – December 10
- Michael Bolton: Greatest Hits & Holiday Favorites – December 13
- Celtic Woman: A Christmas Symphony Tour 2022 – December 15

**Comedy Series:**

- Lewis Black: Off the Rails – September 24
- My Name Is NOT Mom – October 14
- Kevin Nealon – April 7, 2023

**Special Events:**

- Center Celebration 2022 presented by Krieg DeVault – September 16
- U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus – November 10

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fallen heroes were to be strewn with flowers and/or adorned by American flags or other decorations.

Although the practice of decorating soldiers' graves had already been taking place on a local level in a few communities around the country, this was the first call for a national observance on a specific date.

It's believed Logan designated May 30th as the day for the tribute because "the choicest flowers of spring-time" were likely to be plentiful at that time.

For the first two or three years, this observance was sometimes called "Commemoration Day," then in the early 1870s, it began to be known as "Decoration Day."

"Decoration Day" was commonly used for years, but after World War II the term was gradually replaced by "Memorial Day." (My grandmother still called it "Decoration Day" when I was growing

up in the 1960s.)

It's not clear if Decoration Day was observed in Hamilton County in 1868 because no local newspapers for that year are available, but the June 3, 1869, Hamilton County Register includes an account of the "Commemoration Day" ceremony held in Noblesville the following year.

Recent rains had left the roads so muddy that organizers decided against forming a procession to go to the "new cemetery" (Crownland) that day. Instead, they recommended people proceed to the ceremony on their own, as best they could.

In fact, the skies were so dark the morning of May 30, it wasn't certain the service would take place at all, but the sun finally came out in the early afternoon.

The band wagon got there first, around 4:00 p.m. (There was no description of the band, but I'm guessing this was the brass band led by R. L. Carlin.)

The musicians were followed by a crowd estimated at around 500 that arrived by way of wagons, buggies and carriages. (The newspaper expressed the opinion that, had the weather been better, there might have been as many as two or three thousand in attendance.)

After circling the new Civil War monument (it had been dedicated less than a year earlier at the previous Fourth of July,) the band set up in the drive west of the monument and began to play a dirge.

Some of the band members then accompanied a choir on a hymn sung to the tune of Pleyel's Hymn, a Masonic funeral dirge.

Following a "fervent and impressive prayer" by Rev. Henry A. Cottingham of the Methodist Episcopal Church, State Representative Richard R. Stephenson addressed the gathering.

The son of county pioneers John D. and Lavina Stephenson, Stephenson

was himself a veteran of the war and he delivered an emotional tribute to his fallen comrades. (He later became a well-respected judge.)

The service concluded with the choir singing the hymn, "Old Hundred," as nearly everyone present joined in.

Curiously, the Register article said nothing about flowers or decorations being placed on the graves. (Surely, that has to have been an oversight on the newspaper's part.)

There was also no mention of any similar service being conducted at the "old cemetery" (Riverside.)

After 1875, or possibly earlier (more missing newspapers!), Memorial Day observances were routinely held at both cemeteries.

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## BETSY

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### Want TO GO?

**What:** Forest Park Aquatic Center opens for the season.

**When:** Saturday, May 28. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and noon to 7 p.m. Monday (Memorial Day) and again the following weekend, June 4 and 5. Starting June 6, weekday hours will also be noon to 7 p.m.

**Where:** Forest Park Aquatic Center, 1077 Cicero Road, Noblesville.

**Cost:** \$6, free to under age 1.

**Good to know:** Admission on regular days to the pool will allow guests to use Morse Park & Beach. There are chairs provided at both locations, although guests can bring their own chairs or inflatables for the water.

**Toddler Time:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 7.

**What else:** Ripfest Diving will offer diving lessons noon to 2 p.m. Sundays in the diving pool. That's the only time the top of the diving tower will be open for public use.

**Annual membership:** \$108-\$246.

**Info:** <https://www.forestparkpool.org/>

tising exposure, at least three times an hour, through digital ads, logos and "about us" videos from the Aquatic Center's multiple sponsors.

In an effort to entertain the nonswimmers who visit Forest Park Aquatic Center, \$30,000 of a \$40,000 Noblesville Township Trustees Grant was earmarked to provide non-swimmer outdoor entertainment that includes the aforementioned foosball tables, table tennis and Connect 4 game, plus a large sectional couch, with wicker frame and umbrella. The remaining \$10,000 of the grant will go toward the Aquatic Center's chemical cost, which was almost doubled from last year.

"We can't thank those guys enough," said Greg Conner of Noblesville, a volunteer and president of The Friends of Central Pool, an organization that operates Forest Park Aquatic Center and which celebrates its 25th anniversary this summer. He sat on the new outdoor furniture in full view of these new amenities, sharing more about the many projects implemented for Saturday's opening of the 2022 pool season. On opening weekend, Forest Park Aquatic Center will be open from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and noon to 7 p.m. Memorial Day and again the following weekend, June 4 and 5. Starting June 6, weekday hours will also be noon to 7 p.m. Admission is \$6 with annual membership still available.

Two sets of cornhole boards were made, painted and donated by local individual Doug Voegel.

Because the video board is so large, the concrete piers that it sits on are 4-foot in diameter by 15-foot deep, and steel columns behind it were put in place with a crane, Conner said. New electrical service and communication cable had to be installed. Some big sponsors Gaylor Electric in Noblesville, Sign Craft Industries in Fishers and Beaty Construction in Boggstown (concrete foundations) did much of the work.

The new comfy outdoor couch, with an optional umbrella, placed on a colorful outdoor rug near the restrooms and the

lifeguard/First Aid center, is great for families who attend with caregivers.

"We have elderly people who come out and watch the kids and don't really have a place to sit and watch," said Kim Bowling, the pool's manager, who joined Conner on the big comfy couch.

Conner said the new-projects list also includes replacing the aquatic center's existing 300-gallon natural gas water-heating system with a tankless (on-demand) system, expected to save money, and also an added high-efficiency water-softening system. The new system will eliminate minerals in the water and orange staining while providing hot water in the locker room showers and sinks.

Another project is a filter and gravel replacement, which should be done every few years and will result in cleaner and safer water.

The concession stand menu has been expanded (hamburgers, hot dogs, pretzels, walking tacos, cookies, chicken tenders) and air conditioning has been added to improve the working positions.

The pump has been replaced in the baby pool and competition pool.

The pool heater is being cleaned before opening day.

The baby pool leaks are being repaired and the pool is completely being caulked and painted blue.

The Aquatic Center has received more than 100 additional chaise lounges, which will be placed at the pool and also at Morse Park & Beach, a donation from nearby Red Bridge Park public community pool, which is closing permanently.

Three large deck umbrellas, which were damaged in storms late last summer, have been replaced.

Several dead trees near the signage were removed, and the canopy of the large sycamore tree out front was raised, and many of the trees along the north fence line were trimmed. An arborist came out and determined trees affected by emerald ash borers, and brought more sun in the area of Fast Freddy Water Slide, which is near the video board.

Electrical repairs were



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

**Greg Conner, a volunteer and president of The Friends of Central Pool, an organization that operates Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville, relaxes on the center's new outdoor furniture in sight of the new LED video board.**

made in the off-season to Fast Freddy Water Slide.

Besides all of the repairs, The Friends of Central Pool has joined the ranks of other nonprofits, in adding donor-level memberships with added benefits, which is already successful. Anyone who has already purchased memberships for the season may upgrade to a donor-level membership.

The donor-level memberships are for "those who really care about the pool and have the means to help us," Conner said.

Longtime Friends of Central Pool donors Dale and Marge Ostler of Noblesville were the first private donors to write a check to help pay for the new LED video board. In 2021, during the 90th anniversary celebration year, the Ostlers were selected as co-chairs of a special endowment fund steering committee to focus on the continued development of the fund, which was established several years ago at the Hamilton County Community Foundation. Marge (Fields) Ostler was a lifeguard at the old pool in Forest Park. She and Dale, who were U.S. Masters swimmers, were early and significant supporters of the efforts to rehabilitate the center.

The Ostlers, fittingly, are the namesake of the highest level of three donor-level memberships that have been established this year for The Friends of Central Pool.

At a giving level of \$300 (tax deductible) or more, The Ostler Society donor level benefits include: name on board recognizing all donor-level supporters, a 2022 Aquatic Center family membership up to six family members (additional family members can be added for \$25 per member), 12 2022 Aquatic Center day passes, one benefit allowing one additional adult caregiver facility access when accompanying member dependents, 20 percent discount at the Aquatic Center poolside cafe, invitation to special membership events, membership e-newsletter, up to six Forest Park Aquatic Center T-shirts and one Forest Park Aquatic Center car decal.

The next donor-level membership is the "Aunt Bert" Alliance, named after Bertha Brasher, who in 1934 accepted the role of Bath House Matron (the bath house was demolished in 2006). For the next 18 years, Noblesville youth fondly referred to her as Aunt Bert. She managed the pool and was responsible for instituting many creative community events each season, including family night. At a giving level of \$150-\$299 (tax deductible), The "Aunt Bert" Alliance donor-level benefits include: name on board recognizing donor-level supporters, a 2022 Aquatic Center individual membership, eight 2022 Aquatic Center day passes, 20 percent discount at Aquatic Center poolside cafe, invitation to special membership events, membership e-newsletter, one Aquatic Center T-shirt and one Aquatic Center car decal.

The third donor-level membership is the "Pop Brown" Ambassadors level, named after Horace "Pop" Brown, the mayor of Noblesville from 1922-25 and 1935-38. In 1925, Brown sold his 118-acre family farm to the City of Noblesville, for the creation of Forest Park. At a giving level of \$50-\$149 (tax deductible), The Pop Brown Ambassadors donor-level, designed for those who want to support the Aquatic Center but don't visit the facility on a regular basis, benefits include: name on board, four 2022 Aquatic Center day passes, 20 percent in Aquatic Center poolside cafe, invitation to special membership events, membership e-newsletter, one Aquatic Center T-shirt and one Aquatic Center car decal.

The "Beautiful New Forest Park Pool" opened Thursday, June 18, 1931, a "gala event" with "everybody welcome" and "exhibition swimming." The 2021 season marked the 90th anniversary of a Noblesville pool being in Forest Park.

In the early 1970s, they got to a point where the existing pool had used its useful life. "Thankfully the county and the newly formed parks department

came to the rescue and built the pool that we're at today," Conner has said.

"If you fast forward to the 1990s, the county made the decision that they weren't going to open the pool anymore. That's when Friends of Central Pool and Doug Church and the group that Conner is a part of stepped in and got involved in a public-private membership," he said.

There is always talk about what new amenities can be added. The splash pad area was added a few years ago as was the toddler pool. An AquaZip 'N zipline and a basketball goal are the two newest amenities in the pool added in 2021. "We've tried to add new stuff every year," he said.

The county did it right when the pools were built. "It's got really great bones. There is nothing wrong with either one of the pools. Always things that need to be upgraded ... filtration systems that need to get changed. We put a lot of money into our locker rooms (in 2021). But in terms of the facility, we've got something to be proud of," Conner has said.

In 2021, membership was the highest ever, with well over 700 memberships." The gate attendance and concessions sales were also up in 2021. He said, "I think a lot of it (the attraction) is the investment we're making in the facility and getting the word out." He also attributed it to less people traveling out of town.

He has said in the past couple of years, they've tried to reach out to neighborhoods in Noblesville that don't have swimming pools or even those that do have swimming pools that come out here to go down the water slide or jump off the diving boards, "cool stuff that neighborhood pools don't have."

Starting in 2020, they've been able to find out where guests and members hail from thanks to their new system. He said the memberships draw from all of the major neighborhoods.

He has said they have a lot of local employees,



Kim Bowling



Pop Brown

and they try to hire them early on to work at the front desk. "If they have aspirations to become a lifeguard, we'd like to be their employer all through high school and college."

Bowling, who is also the pool's concession manager, has expanded the concession menu again this year, including "real" Dippin' Dots ice cream. Credit and cash are accepted.

Bowling is in charge of lifeguards and has the pool fully staffed for the season. "I did not have problems with staffing this year," she said. There are 27 lifeguards (12 new) and 33 front-desk workers. All starts this week. Bowling, in 2021, became certified to teach and is now able to certify lifeguards at the Aquatic Center, with all training and re-certifications for free, a benefit for working there. Lifeguards also receive a red lifeguard swimsuit, whistle and T-shirt.

She said the Aquatic Center can be rented for private functions. "This year we've had more booked earlier than we've ever had." The cost is \$600 for two hours after pool hours or \$100 for the deck for four hours, including lifeguards, or \$175 for just the baby pool for two hours. There is a different rate for individual pools.

The venue also has some large swim meets this season, during which the diving and competition pools, which each hold half-a-million gallons of water, will be closed on those dates. The toddler pool and splash pad will remain open, as will Morse Park & Beach, which is included in pool memberships.

With the permanent closing of Red Bridge Park public pool in Cicero, Conner said, outside of the Monon Center (in Carmel), Forest Park Aquatic Center "is the last outdoor pool in Hamilton County that's open to the public."

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## EXCELLENCE

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**Governor's STEM Team members (from left to right) Allison Maskew (science), Matthew Liu (math), Rama Khabbaz (technology) and Siya Goel (engineering) pose for a photo with Indiana Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner. As STEM Team members, they each receive a \$1,000 deposit into an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings plan.**

rapidly in Indiana."

As part of their selection as members of the Governor's STEM Team, each student receives a \$1,000 scholarship deposit into an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings plan, administered by Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, and a letterman jacket identifying them as members of the Governor's STEM Team.

"These students are a prime example of why it is absolutely essential for students to have increased access and opportunity to explore, engage, and experience STEM education beginning at an early age," said Dr. Jenner. "Allison, Rama, Siya and

Matthew each highlighted the impact of this early access to STEM, as well as how specific teachers and adult mentors in their lives really helped open doors of opportunity for their future."

The four members of the 2022 Governor's STEM Team are:

- **Science:** Allison Maskew, Noblesville High School, Noblesville
- **Technology:** Rama Khabbaz, Valparaiso High School, Valparaiso
- **Engineering:** Siya Goel, West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School, West Lafayette
- **Mathematics:** Matthew Liu, Colum-

bus North High School, Columbus

In addition to the four members selected for the Governor's STEM Team, 12 students received honorable mentions:

**Science:**

- Rishi Rao, Columbus North High School, Columbus
- Katelyn Roseberry, Mississinewa High School, Gas City
- Malia Sanghvi, Homestead Senior High School, Fort Wayne

**Technology:**

- Tanya Datta, Penn High School, Mishawaka
- Vinay Krishnan, Fishers High School, Fishers
- Alexandra Tauriainen,

Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis

**Engineering:**

- Evan Carr, Columbus North High School, Columbus
- Katie Essex, Southport High School, Southport
- Brayden Gogis, Franklin Central High School, Indianapolis

**Mathematics:**

- Logan Moore, DeKalb High School, Waterloo
- Paul Ulrich, Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities, Muncie
- Madelyn Zavada, Penn High School, Mishawaka