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Heights students put 10
T1L1 principles to work

Over 30 students, their mentors package food for Ukrainian refugees

The REPORTER
Students from Hamilton Heights High School and Middle School who are a part of the Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) mentoring program took the leadership skills they have learned in the classroom and put them to work last Thursday.
At the International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) in Noblesville, 32 students, along with 15 mentors and one teacher, mixed and packaged enough food to feed over 15,000 refugees from war-torn Ukraine.
T1L1 is a unique mentoring program that takes place in the classroom each week throughout the school year. It pairs community volunteers with teachers to lead students through 10 Universal Principles – key parts of leadership. The principles include respect, integrity, self-control, courage, humility, excellence, compassion, enthusiasm, teamwork, and honor. The students were able to put these principles to use when they went on a service project at IDES.
IDES provides relief to people who are hurting worldwide. That relief is often in the form of help to victims of war – refugees displaced by violence, oppression or natural disasters. IDES



These 32 students worked together to package enough food for 15,264 refugees.
also serves malnourished people, villages living without clean water, medical care, clothing, and shelter, to name just a few of their services.
IDES GAP Director Jody England explained to the students that the food they were packaging would be sent to the refugees from Ukraine. The war

in Ukraine has displaced millions of people, and they are flocking to neighboring countries. Those who arrive at a refugee center often have not eaten for days.
England explained how each bag of food would feed six people. The meals consisted of a mix of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and a supplement of 21

essential vitamins and minerals. They are easily mixed with water and provide nutrition. That seemed to be all the motivation the students needed as they went to work. The students were able to package enough meals to feed 15,264 people.
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Hot night of
comedy to hit
Westfield stage

**By STU CLAMPITT
Reporter Publisher**
Main Street Productions (MSP) is putting two flaming idiots on stage at Basile Westfield Playhouse for your amusement.
The play, *Flaming Idiots*, written by Tom Rooney, is being directed by Brian Nichols, who spoke with The Reporter about the show and why he thinks it is exactly what audiences need right now.
“It’s a modern-day farce,” Nichols told The Reporter. “It’s about two guys who have worked for the post office. Being burned out they decided to leave and open their own restaurant while knowing nothing about the restaurant business.”
When these two realize both that there are no customers coming in and that a restaurant across town has reservations for two years in advance after it was the site of a mafia hit, they hatch a plan.
“So, they decide to stage a mob hit of a cadaver,” Nichols said. “One of the guys has a relative who works for the morgue. He asked for a John Doe from the morgue to bring in and they hire a hitman to have it shot so it looks like there has been a mob hit at that restaurant. But as farces go, no plans ever come together well.”
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Noblesville public
has clearly spoken
Noblesville Schools
releases superintendent
search survey results

The REPORTER
The Noblesville community was recently invited to share its input regarding the search for a new Noblesville Schools superintendent. Approximately 2,500 people provided input, including school staff, parents and Noblesville residents.
The top three priorities noted for the district were:
1. Attracting high-quality teachers
2. Improving student achievement
3. Improving effectiveness of teaching
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Westfield students surprised
at “Shamrock Reads” event

Shamrocks Springs Elementary brings children’s book to life

**By EMMA QUASNY
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“Shamrock Reads,” an annual event held at Shamrock Springs Elementary School, 747 W. 161st St., Westfield, created an immersive experience for students on March 21.
Going Places by Paul and Peter Reynolds came to life as teachers and middle school students dedicated their time to decorate the halls of Shamrock Springs as a surprise to students; however, that wouldn’t have been possible without the authors granting permission for free use of their content in the school.
For the past eight years, “Shamrock Reads” has been an annual tradition at Shamrock Springs Elementary to promote the reading and creativity both in an academic and personal setting. At the beginning of this tradition, books were purchased for each student’s family to encourage reading as much as possible between the student and their family, and then students would do an activity reflecting



Thanks to the authors of *Going Places*, Peter and Paul Reynolds, young readers were able to dive into the book and explore the joy of literature on an entirely new level.
that book in the classroom.
Jodi Dubovich, instructional coach at Shamrock Springs and the leader of this initiative, said in recent years the school has changed this event for students.
“We flipped that model and now classrooms receive picture books that they will read to their students, and families will do the fun activities that support using your imagination, creativity, play, and most of all reading [at home],” Dubovich said.
This year, the theme of “Shamrock Reads” was “Reading Takes You Places” and the book *Going Places* perfectly reflected that theme.
“*Going Places* was chosen

for Shamrock Reads because it teaches and promotes critical thinking, communication skills, collaboration and creativity,” Dubovich said. “We wanted our students to be immersed in this book about friendship and thinking outside of the box.”
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Charter school
coming to Carmel

Hillsdale College, Valor Classical Academy working to obtain Orchard Park Elementary building
The REPORTER
Hillsdale College of Michigan has agreed to partner with Valor Classical Academy to establish a tuition-free public charter school in Hamilton County.
In accordance with Indiana state law intended to make unused school buildings available to charter schools, Valor Classical Academy is in communication with Carmel Clay Schools to obtain the former Orchard Park Elementary School, which was closed in May 2021.
Valor was selected by Hillsdale from a large group of nationwide applicants who exhibited the ability to found and
See Charter School . . . Page A8

Being your Hometown Newspaper

**By STU CLAMPITT
Reporter Publisher**
All of us at the Hamilton County Reporter take the title “Hamilton County’s Hometown Newspaper” seriously.
Thanks to our talented and popular columnists, we bring you laugh-

ter, tears, and things that make you go “hmmm” every week.
Thanks to Hall of Fame Sports Editor Richie Hall, we cover sports from every school.
Thanks to your Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet, we have the most accurate forecast around, even when you don’t like it.

Thanks to the reputation and relationships we have built over these years, we are able to keep you informed about what is happening in local government across the county – again, even when you don’t like it.
Today we have annual performance reports from your local schools as well as primary election polling lo-

cations and final candidate lists from the Hamilton County Election Office.
You will find all that information in the B section of today’s edition, along with sheriff sale notices, court notices, meeting notices, and more from across the county.
Enjoy 24 full pages of local news, Hamilton County. **You deserve it!**

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Heights BPA enjoys repeat success at state

More than 30 students headed to national competition this May in Dallas

By DEVYN TAYLOR
Heights BPA/DECA Member

The Hamilton Heights Business Professionals of America (BPA) had over 90 students compete March 13 to 15 in Indianapolis. Again, as in years past, our chapter had many successes with over 30 qualifying for national competition May 4 to 8 in Dallas, Texas. The chapter is trying to find sponsors and raise donations to help students pay for airfare, registration and lodging for the competition. The students are excited to compete in person for the first time since 2019. Several students have not been to a national or state

competition with COVID restrictions over the past few years. Students have qualified for several different events, including Ethics and Professionalism, Global Marketing Team, and Human Resource Management. The hope is to be able to send all the Heights qualifiers to nationals. If you can help, please send your donation to: *ATTN: Devyn Taylor, 25902 State Road 19, Arcadia, IN 46030.* Checks should be made out to Hamilton Heights BPA.

Fundraising efforts
Hamilton Heights BPA will hold a new fundraiser this year called “You’ve



Photo provided
This year’s Hamilton Heights BPA state qualifiers. (Front row, seated, from left) Corbin Landrey, Jonathan Glenn and Grace Gellinger. All three students serve on Indiana BPA’s State officer team.

Been Egged.” Parents can pre-order candy-filled eggs from the Easter Bunny to be hidden in your yard for Easter morning. Pricing starts at \$20 for 25 stuffed eggs

and increases as the numbers rise. All questions and inquiries can be directed to Devyn Taylor at devyntaylor@yahoo.com or (317) 695-2564. All payments for

“You’ve Been Egged” will be due prior to April 8 so BPA can plan ahead. Hamilton Heights BPA will also hold a car wash and bake sale from 9:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 9 at the Noblesville Tractor Supply Company, located at 2375 E. Pleasant St. Come support the students as they take donations.

Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

FLAMING IDIOTS

By Tom Rooney

Directed by Brian Nichols

March 31st - April 10th, 2022

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30 pm,
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FLAMING IDIOTS

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(Seated, from left) Austin Uebelhor and Ethan Romba. (Standing, from left) Eric Bowman, Ashley Engstrom, Chris Taylor, Wendy Brown, Austin Hookfin, and Jeff Haber.

Nichols has been involved in theater for 45 years, having begun at the age of 10. He taught high school English, speech and theater for 20 years. *Flaming Idiots* is his 25th show to direct and he has played parts in over 70 plays. He has also directed this show before. “I submitted it [to the playhouse board] about a year ago just because of the gravity of things going on,” Nichols told The Reporter. “Even now, too, the pandemic seems to be never-ending, we’ve got high inflation, we’ve got the Ukrainian war. This show has no deep meaning. There is no deep pondering of themes when you leave. It is just a show to laugh at. I just want to provide an opportunity for

a brief respite from what’s going on in the world, just to have a couple hours where the load is a little lighter and people can just laugh for laughter’s sake.” The characters in this show include a 73-year-old hitman with memory trouble, a deaf-mute chef, a waiter who is an aspiring actor, an air-headed newspaper reporter who manages to get her dress caught in her purse, a Hispanic money-laundrer who swears he is from Norway, and of course, two flaming idiots who own a restaurant. The MSP board of directors has chosen to make masks optional for patrons for this production. *Flaming Idiots* will be on stage at Basile Westfield

Get Your Tickets

When: Thursdays through Sundays, March 31 through April 10. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield

In-person Cost: \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15 for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID, and free for active military personnel and veterans with ID.

Where to buy: Go to westfield-playhouse.org/showtickets or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets. Online reservations will close two hours before each show.

Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield, from March 31 through April 10. Tickets and more info are available at WestfieldPlayhouse.org.

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SURVEY

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The top personal characteristics the community wants to see in the next superintendent are:

1. Good communicator
2. Problem solver
3. Trustworthy

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4. Approachable
The top professional skills the community wants to see in the next superintendent are:

1. Ability to lead strategic planning
2. Instructional leadership
3. Ability to motivate others
4. Human relations skills

There were 742 comments provided and they fell into four theme areas:

1. Hard shoes to fill

2. Not political
3. Support various groups
4. Specific political support
The survey was conducted by the University Search Team as part of its efforts supporting the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees with the superintendent search. For more details on the survey results, go to tinyurl.com/NvilleSuptSurvey-Results.

Do you want the police to tell you how to vote?

Apparently, my opponent for Coroner does.

His recent ad features his Police buddies in uniform, who themselves served in Political appointments, telling you to vote for him. Don't the Police have a motto, "Serve and Protect"? Does that apply equally for all citizens or is there more "Serve and Protect" for political buddies?

If you want to vote the way the police tell you to, Do It!

If you want a physician for Coroner for the CORRECT medical diagnosis, vote for me, a Medical Doctor. I thank you in advance for your vote.

-Dr. Ned

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Ride the rails to springtime on Nickel Plate Express

The REPORTER

A new family experience will allow kids of all ages to enjoy a springtime adventure on the Nickel Plate Easter Express on April 9, 10 and 16. Passengers will ride historic railroad cars and be part of the adventure as they help the farmer find his missing eggs. This interactive on-board story with a farmer and an Easter Bunny is sure to entertain all ages. In addition to the fun on-board experience, passengers will get a holiday cookie, a special drink, and an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny. This family fun ride is

available two weekends in April. Excursions will depart from Forest Park each day at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$28 for children ages 3 and older. Tickets can be purchased online at [Nickel PlateExpress.com/tickets](https://nickelplateexpress.com/tickets). *About Nickel Plate Express* The Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate Track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.



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The Hamilton Heights Middle School Builders Club gave back to its school and community in large and small ways, like spending time making a kindness chain while discussing different ways to perform random acts of kindness. In April, the club will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up recreational areas in the community. They will also host a special recognition for staff during National Educators Week in May. (From left) Club members Megan Waldron, Aydan Cox, Naomi Kuhn, and Leah Waldron. #BuildersClubWeek

Heights middle schoolers building a better future with Builders Club

The REPORTER

Last week was Builders Week, the annual recognition, awareness, and celebration of the middle/junior high school arm of Kiwanis International that takes place the third full week of March. The Hamilton Heights faculty advisors who lead Builders Clubs and their student members work together to help build brighter, better futures for people in their communities and beyond one project at a time. Builders Club is a student-led community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. The club provides opportunities to develop leadership, improve self-esteem, increase civic engagement, and learn life skills through service. This club empowers members to be themselves, collaborate with classmates and implement plans through action. Through Builders Club, students become leaders at school, in their community, and in the world. The Hamilton Heights Builders Club has a rich and proud history of service in northern Hamilton County dating back to 1994. This is the school's seventh year as an officially chartered club. Nicole Ridens and Chelsea Pacheco serve as the school's Service Leadership Program advisors. Ridens, the assistant principal, has

worked at the middle school since 2019 and has been the club sponsor for the past three. For Pacheco, this is her second year as a middle school counselor and first year as a faculty advisor for the club. "Builders Club is a terrific way to create a sense of community, engage students, and help them see through their good works how much of a difference they can make," Ridens said. "It's also an opportunity for students to meet new friends while contributing their time and talents to help others." "Our club members work to make a difference in small and large ways within their school and in the community," Ridens added. "We're always looking for ways we can engage more students in this worthwhile club to learn the lifelong value of service leadership and contribute where and when we can, individually or as a group." The Cicero Kiwanis Club sponsors the Builders Club, K-Kids, and Key Club at Hamilton Heights. To learn more about Kiwanis Builders Clubs, go to buildersclub.org. *About Builders Club* Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high school students. There are more than 1,500 Builders Clubs in middle schools around the world.

Atlanta making its contribution to Hamilton County Bicentennial



Photos provided by Jennifer Farley

Last Wednesday, several Atlanta residents met with Hamilton County Historian David Heighway (above right) to discuss Hamilton County's upcoming bicentennial celebration. According to Atlanta Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Farley, another meeting will be held in April so more townspeople can get involved.

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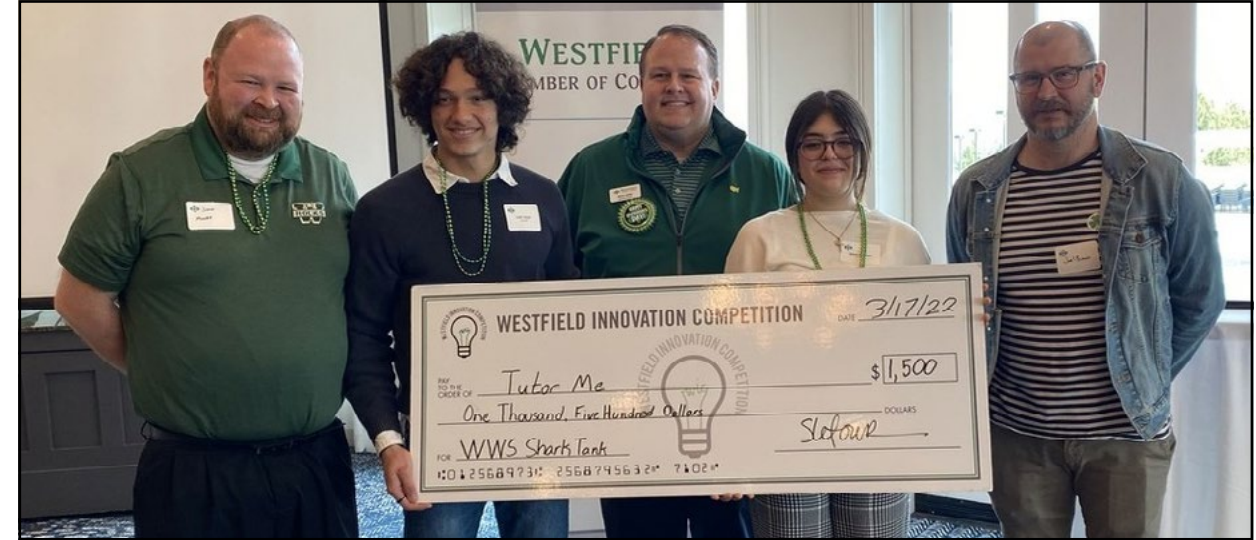
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‘TutorMe’ comes out on top in Westfield High School Shark Tank



The Westfield Chamber on March 17 held the fourth annual Westfield High School Shark Tank Luncheon, an innovation competition among WHS students. The luncheon and top prize of \$1,500 were sponsored by WKRP Real Estate. The event featured students who showcased some amazing inventions. Congratulations to this year’s winners, TutorMe, and a big WELL DONE to all of Westfield’s talented student inventors.

Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance seeks to enhance sports programs

City, school system, 15 youth sports organizations partner

The REPORTER

Fifteen youth sports organizations have joined forces to form the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance, a collaborative partnership designed to enhance youth sports programming and engagement for current and future residents.

The City of Noblesville and Noblesville Schools are strategic partners in the effort and are providing seed money and in-kind administrative support.

NYSA has hired David Leyda to serve as its Executive Director. Leyda has resided in Noblesville for 24 years and has been extensively involved with youth sports and community service organizations. In his capacity as executive director, he will lead the day-to-day efforts of the Alliance, consistent with the direction and priorities of the organization’s governing board.

“We are excited to support the creation and mission of the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “Noblesville is fortunate to have many successful youth sports groups. Through conversations with many residents and stakeholders, it became apparent

that a unified coordinating and marketing structure would help sustain gains made to date and enhance our overall position going forward.”

The following organizations have joined NYSA:

Noblesville Girls Basketball, Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball, Noblesville Youth Lacrosse, Noblesville Wrestling Club, Body in Training – Track, Body in Training – Cross Country, Miller Basketball Academy, Noblesville Girls Softball Association, Noblesville Elementary Football League, Noblesville United Soccer Club, White River Sports, Noblesville Swim Club, Noblesville Boys Volleyball Club, Miller Backers, and Noblesville Youth Baseball.

“Noblesville Schools is thrilled to stand alongside and assist the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance,” Noblesville Schools Associate Superintendent Dr. David Mundy said. “The city and schools work with these organizations on a regular basis, and they are instrumental to the success of our students at the high school level. Taking the next step to launch a strategic partnership framework will positively impact the communi-



ty on several levels.”

Leyda has served as coach, volunteer, and board member for youth sports in Noblesville for many years. He is past president of Noblesville Youth Baseball and has served on the NYB Board since 2014. Leyda also has volunteered and coached teams for Boys and Girls Club basketball, Babe Ruth baseball, and NEFL football. Since 2000, Leyda has worked for Microsoft Corporation as its Director of Customer Success for the Midwest Region.

“I am excited to get started and to leverage my experience for the betterment of our community and our kids,” Leyda said. “It is critical that we work together to strengthen our youth sports programming and ensure that existing and new residents know about all the opportunities for learning, competition, and growth that our youth sports organizations can provide.”

The Board of the newly-established Alliance will

determine priority areas of focus for the coming months, including development of a “one-stop shop” website that provides overall information about youth sports offerings in Noblesville and registration links for all member organizations.

Other initial efforts could involve marketing and outreach as well as planning for future field and court needs.

Dr. Heather Hendrich will serve as the Noblesville School Corporation’s liaison to the Alliance. Hendrich is a lifelong Noblesville resident and is Noblesville Schools Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Safety. Longtime Noblesville resident and Millers sports enthusiast Perry Williams will serve as the city’s liaison to the Alliance, lending his insights and relationships to the cause. Youth sports organizations interested in joining the Alliance can email info@noblesville-sports.com to learn more about getting involved.

Lincoln Day Dinner will be at Embassy Suites in Noblesville

Hamilton County Republicans have scheduled their Lincoln Day Dinner for April 19 at Noblesville’s Embassy Suites Conference Center. It’s a new location after several years at Carmel’s 502 East Event Center. U.S. Senator Mike Braun will be the speaker at the annual gala designed to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president. The event starts with a VIP reception at 5 p.m. with dinner and dancing to follow.

The Lincoln Day event comes just two weeks prior to primary election day. The primary campaign is currently underway, although there have been no major issues to produce interest or excitement. Thus, a light vote can be expected.

There are several contests on the GOP ballot while Democrats are without many candidates, let alone contests.

The Republican primary is always important because



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winners in heavily Republican Hamilton County are most likely to win in the fall general election. No Democrat has won countywide office since 1958.

GOP contests to watch include the race for judge

of the newly created Superior Court 7 where court magistrate Darren Murphy is competing with longtime local attorney Stephenie Gookins, and the contest for prosecutor where incumbent Lee Buckingham is challenged by former Marion County deputy prosecutor Greg Garrison.

Also, of unusual note is the race for county coroner where there is rarely a contest. But, this year Chief Deputy Coroner Jeff Jellison is challenged by Dr. Ned Masbaum.

Probably attracting the most attention among other races is the contest between County Council incumbent Steve Schwartz and Mark Hall both seeking the Council District 3 seat representing the Noblesville area.

Noblesville Easter Egg Hunt returning, set for April 9

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and Hare Chevrolet are ‘egg-cited’ to announce the return of the free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9 at Forest Park. The festivities will be held at Shelter 5 and begin at 10 a.m., with the egg hunt starting promptly at 11 a.m.

“After taking a pause on the event the last couple of years due to COVID-19, we are excited to host the Easter Egg Hunt again,” said Recreation Program Coordinator Erin Portman. “This also marks the first outdoor event of the year for the city’s Parks and Recreation Department, and we always look forward to seeing families and children enjoying the egg hunt and taking photos with the Easter Bunny.”

Activities at Shelter 5 include bounce houses, a DJ, and vehicle tours from the Noblesville Fire Depart-

ment and Noblesville Police Department. The Easter Bunny also will make a special appearance at the event.

The Egg Hunt includes three age groups for children 3-10 years old (3-4, 5-6 and 7-10). Children ages 2 and younger are invited to stop by the Parks and Recreation tent, where toddler-related activity bags will be handed out to the first 150 kids.

No registration is required to participate.

Prior to the event, the Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrises will host a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt at the Forest Park Inn from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. There is a \$5 charge for the breakfast and all proceeds will go to a local charity.

For more information, visit NoblesvilleParks.org or call the Parks Department at (317) 776-6350.

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Sara Colter serves as the Campus Organizer for T1L1 in central Indiana. She explained that the service project is a requirement of each mentoring classroom.

“It gives students the opportunity to do something for someone less fortunate than themselves,” Colter said. “It is a way for them to put the Universal Principles into action.”

Colter said that many students think of their situation and they may believe they are living in hard times. However, when they compare their life to someone who is living through a war, it puts their life in perspective. They respond with a passion to help.

Mica Worthman is a freshman at Hamilton Heights. “I like knowing we’re helping people in need,” she commented as she worked an inspection station on one of the four food lines.

Freshman Savannah Deetz also worked the inspection station and commented how much she has enjoyed interacting with the mentors each week in her SRT class. “I like how they include everyone,” she said. “It helps me to become a better person.”

Students who participate in T1L1 mentoring are taught to be leaders. IDES provided a very practical and necessary experience for them.

“No one was on the sidelines, standing around, waiting to be told to get to

work,” said Joe Rudy, one of the mentor volunteers. “They were awake, alert, and having fun. They took hold of this project and didn’t quit until the job was done. These students are amazing!”

Julie Davis is a mentor and one of the school board members at Hamilton Heights. She has been part of the T1L1 program over the past three years. She mentioned the attitude change in students as they worked together to package food.

“They are having fun,” Davis said as she looked over the four food lines abuzz with great conversation and laughter. “When they got on the bus this morning, I heard someone say, ‘Do we have to do this?’ Now look at them. They are really excited to be helping others.”

Lucia Garber is a teacher at the middle school, and she concurred. “This is a great program,” she said. “It teaches them great leadership principles that they will take with them long after they leave my class.”

Hamilton Heights was the first T1L1 mentoring program in Indiana. The program is currently working with eighth-grade students at the middle school and freshmen at the high school. For more information about the program, visit T1L1.org.

For more information on IDES, visit ides.org.

Feeding Team nourishing stomachs, souls

Cicero Kiwanis hearing about history, missing of Feeding Team

The REPORTER

At the Cicero Kiwanis Club meeting on March 19, FeedingTeam.org founders Mark and Lisa Hall shared the inception, mission, and impact of the many yellow food pantries that dot the landscape of Hamilton County and a few other places.

These 24/7/365 food pantries offer nonperishable goods to anyone running short of food, operating on the concept, “Take What You Need, Give What You Can.” The pantries are especially meant to serve gap families – those who are one problem away from food insecurity, such as major car repair, hospital bill, or unexpected ex-



Members of the Cicero Kiwanis love the work and impact of FeedingTeam.org.

pense. The Halls’ focused on this group because they’ve been a gap family.

Early in their marriage, they often found themselves out of money and food on the Thursday before their paychecks came out the

next day. They worked, they planned, but things happened. There were many times that the only supper in their pantry was a potato and a can of Dinty Moore stew. Their lean times were never forgotten as their circumstances changed, and eventually they formed FeedingTeam.org to help others as they’d been helped.

Obtaining permission in the 1990s to place the wooden pantries was not easy. “We heard about 100 ‘no’s’ before ever getting a ‘yes,’” recalled Mark. “The Noblesville FOP was the first to say ‘yes!’”

These bright, yellow pantries are funded by 1 to 1.25 percent of the Halls’ businesses and donations. A

total of 70 regular volunteers tend to the pantries, with occasional help from area residents. Feeding Team has no paid employees. Currently, Hamilton Heights High School educator Eric “Fish” Fisher and 60 students are building 11 new feeding team pantries and hope to build more.

This project gives students an opportunity to do a real hands-on project while serving their community. A recent volunteer described work with the Feeding Team this way, “Feeding others feeds our souls.”

Anyone interested in volunteering, donating, or simply learning more about the organization can email Lisa Hall at Lisa@feedingteam.org.

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Local GOP Women earn IFRW Diamond Award

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The Hamilton County Republican Women's Club (HCRWC) was one of the few clubs in Indiana to win the prestigious Diamond Award for 2021 – the highest reward. Way to go, ladies!

Over the course of 2021, the HCRWC Board and Club members worked to bring attention to local Republican women and supported the local GOP. HCRWC submitted the achieved points in January to the Indiana Federation of Republican Women (IFRW) and the Club easily met the Diamond Award requirements.

The Diamond Award recognizes clubs that have well exceeded expecta-

tions for what they have done to advance Republican principles and what they have done for their respective communities. The HCRWC and its members have devoted countless hours, talents and treasures to the political process and Hamilton County.

Lisa Everling represented the Club and accepted the award at the IFRW Spring Training and Awards Program. She is the Hamilton County Republican Party Secretary and the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club Treasurer.

The Diamond Award calculates: volunteer hours, working on campaigns, working for the county and local parties, canvassing for candidates, raising money for candidates, contributing to the IFRW scholarship



Reporter photo by Denise Moe
(From left) IFRW 1st Vice President Sovilla Mennen, HCRWC Treasurer Lisa Everling, and IFRW President Jodi Smith and at the recent IFRW Spring Training and Awards Program.

fund, hosting community meetings and socials, having a large membership count and recruiting new members, having positive media attention, newsletters, emails, social media and public outreach, having

multiple service projects, collecting items and donating time to several local charities ... the list goes on.

For more information visit facebook.com/hcrepublicanwomen or hamcogopwomen.org.

Husky 4-H'ers Monthly Report, March 2022

Submitted by GABRIELLA KAUFFMAN

The Husky 4-H'ers held their monthly meeting on March 10.

There were reports from the February meeting by Abbie Martian and Lauren Happel, and a Health and Safety report on dandelion uses by Clair Silitanga. Also, Devos by Eliza Allen and Marshall Frye.

Songs were led by Tanner Penwell and Adeline Allen. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Caylee Province and Abby Martian.

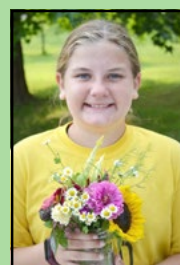
We ran a court decision to theme next month's meeting as Luau. We also decided to volunteer at the local Angel's Attic.

We had a demonstration about paper crane making by Abby Martian, and a cupcake decorating by Grace Miller.

The guest speaker was local firefighter, Mr. Wilson. He spoke to us about his job and even brought some of his equipment in to show.

Gabriella Kauffman is a Husky 4-H'er and a fifth grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School. She provides a monthly report on the club's activities. She is the daughter of Travis Kauffman, an educator and coach at Hamilton Heights.

All county 4-H clubs are welcome to submit their own content by emailing News@ReadTheReporter.com.



Kauffman

Sheridan welcomes author Donna Cronk



Photo provided

Author Donna Cronk recently spoke at the Sheridan Public Library about her featured book, *There's a Clydesdale in the Attic: Reflections on Keeping and Letting Go*. Cronk presented some of those treasures found in her attic during the 2020 quarantine. The event was a success and gave inspiration to those with similar stories. Attendees were encouraged to share and reflect on possessions they have kept throughout the years. The author currently has three books available for purchase on Amazon. Patrons may also check the books out the library.

Carmel named Indiana's No. 1 place to live

The REPORTER

Niche.com, which uses a statistical formula to rate the positive livability of cities across the nation, has once again recognized Carmel as one of the best places to live in Indiana and the United

States in its most recent data published on its website.

Using a variety of factors including local schools, public safety and an overall family-friendly vibe, the researchers recommended that anyone looking for a new

home to live and/or work should look at Carmel.

Fishers took the No. 2 spot and Westfield was ranked No. 4.

See the full report at niche.com/places-to-live/carmel-hamilton-in.

PLACES

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Due to copyright restrictions, the print shop for *Going Places* refused to allow the book to be used in the school, but after hearing the teacher's plans for this interactive experience for students, both the authors granted permission for the book to be used.

Paul and Peter Reynolds were enthusiastic to hear that Shamrock Springs wanted to bring their book to life for students and the community.

"This book has been ac-

tivated by amazing creative teachers and students and it's not only going to inspire the school, but the entire community and Paul and I are thrilled to see such creativity in action where the community not only experiences the story but also the message in the book, which is really important and potent for these times ... to think outside of the box and to think of how to solve problems together," Peter Reynolds said.

Shamrock Spring teachers are grateful that the au-

thors granted permission for the use of their book and thankful for all the support they received setting up this event for students. Dubovich said students were shocked when they saw *Going Places* come to life.

"They were so surprised when they turned the corner and saw the hallway," Dubovich said. "They kept pointing at different parts of the book and it is something that I will never forget. This has truly been an amazing experience from start to finish."

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Honoring women’s history in Hamilton County

Marie Flanders’ legacy as a woman farmer

White River Township’s Flanders family now in eighth generation of farming

Submitted by Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission

When James Monroe Flanders moved his herds of cattle and horses west from Ohio to what is now White River Township in the mid-1800s, he put down the roots of what has become one of the county’s most historically important farming families – now in its eighth generation.

While many Flanders have worked the land, in honor of Women’s History Month, this story recognizes the life and legacy of Marie Flanders, one of the family’s most influential figures.

But before Marie came into the picture, her future great-great-father-in-law was setting the family business in motion. J.M. Flanders bought at least three parcels of land southeast of Strawtown during his lifetime. In 1854, he purchased 100 acres with a partner, Hamblin Shepard, who supplied horses to circuses that wintered in the area at that time.

When plans to build a rail terminal in Strawtown were canceled eight years later, J.M. bought the earmarked 160 acres from the railroad company. He also owned a 72-acre tract in the horseshoe prairie that is now part of Strawtown Koteewi Park. During the Civil War, the Union Army bought horses and beef cattle from Flanders.

Inexperienced in the ways of planting and harvesting, but in love with a man who was a farmer, Marie Spanuth married Ray Flanders in 1919. She became what her daughter-in-law Jeanne Flanders calls a “FarmHer,” a term coined by a project created in 2013 to celebrate women in agriculture.

Marie’s influence on the Flanders Farm

On the farm, Marie cared for hundreds of hens and processed eggs for sale to grocers in Noblesville and Anderson. Every Tuesday and Friday morning, she and her three sons candled each new egg to look for imperfections and placed the ones that passed inspection into cartons, bundling 30 cartons to an egg case.

They filled the trunk of Ray’s Pontiac with cases and stacked whatever was left in the backseat. Avoiding potholes and sharp turns as best he could, Ray drove the eggs to the grocery store that was buying them that day. He would return with payment for the eggs and whatever groceries Marie had on her list. Marie never got her driver’s license. Her busy days centered on the two-acre homestead.

In the early 1900s, many Indiana farms had a few milk cows for their own use and to produce milk to sell to a local dairy. Marie also kept a large garden to feed her



(LEFT, seated) James Monroe Flanders and Sarah Flanders (Langdon’s wife). (Standing) J.M.’s son Langdon with his two sisters (unnamed).



(CENTER) Marie Flanders with Harold, one of her sons, feeds corn to their chickens in 1923.



(RIGHT) Marie and husband Ray Flanders (far right), with their sons Robert, Jim and Harold in 1942.

Photos provided

family through the winter, canning much of what it produced and giving away part of it to neighbors. Even in the coldest weather, while working outside she wore a dress and black socks over her hose – never pants.

Marie was also a meticulous bookkeeper. She kept four spiral notebooks, one for each son and one for Ray and her, recording all the farm’s finances, operations and big decisions.

Each morning, the men of the family gathered around her table to plan the day’s work. On most days she prepared mid-day dinner for everyone working on the farm, catering to each person’s favorite dishes. She stocked her refrigerator with quarts of chocolate milk for the men to take with them back to the field work.

She had her own way of getting things done, often in subtle ways. She told Jeanne that during the 1940s, after she and Ray had installed an LP (liquid propane) furnace in their home, she wanted the woodshed behind the house torn down. She considered it an eye sore. Ray didn’t see a need to tear it down, so each time she walked by that shed on her path to the chicken house, she would yank a loose board off the shed and put it in the burn barrel. Finally, in 1976, her sons took the shed down entirely. She felt she had finished her tasks.

Tending to a wider flock

When we reflect on our county’s history, we can report on more than facts and feats. We can also celebrate people’s less-tangible gifts.

Marie was generous. Young visitors enjoyed ice cream from the big freezer, and chocolate-covered peanuts and milk chocolate stars from the countertop. During summers, the grandkids rode bikes to grandma’s house for noon dinner.

She cared for relatives when they needed caring for after hospital stays, and Marie always had an extra plate of food ready for surprise guests at mealtimes. After a visit,



Descendants of Ray and Marie Flanders gathered at the Walnut Grove Community Center over Thanksgiving 2017.

Photo provided

she would offer friends and neighbors eggs to take home with them. People came back years later to thank Marie for her friendship and care.

Jeanne recalls the day Marie died. “My family had our family’s yearly dental appointments. Our youngest son, Jerry, was not yet seeing the dentist and stayed with Grandma that morning. We returned after dinner from the appointments. She and Jerry were sitting at the kitchen table, and she was patting Jerry’s hand. As we left with Jerry, she walked to the car in her stocking feet to say goodbye one more time.

“During the next two hours, she washed the dishes from dinner. Usually she left the dishes in a drainer to use for the next meal. On this day she not only washed everything but dried and put every dish and pan in its place in cabinets. Everything seemed to be in its place in the house. She had gathered her eggs. Every egg was washed and ready to take to the grocery store. Marie had finished her task, she had run her race!”

After Marie and Ray passed away, their

three sons divided the ownership of the property equally among them and continued farming together.

Flanders Farms in 2022

Today, the farm that J.M. Flanders founded has expanded and is divided among four Flanders families, each managing their own acreage plus ground they lease from other landowners.

Under the business name Flanders A-Maizing Grain, Jeanne and Jim Flanders’ primary crop is a waxy, food-grade specialty corn used as thickener for things like puddings or to make products such as toilet paper softer and more absorbent.

If you’re driving past a Flanders-farmed field, you might also see Plenish soybeans, used in healthy cooking oils.

About 40 people in the sixth, seventh and eighth generations of the Flanders family are currently farming land in White River Township. Some of them might have the same nose or hairline as a distant relative. But they also carry with them the impact of their ancestors’ stories – Marie Flanders’ chief among them.

Celebrating Black women of Roberts Settlement

After nearly 200 years, history of pioneering free Blacks alive & well in Jackson Township

Submitted by Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission

At the time Martha Lucetta Gilliam was born at Roberts Settlement in 1874, it was a couple generations following her ancestors’ departure from Northampton County, N.C., fleeing the deteriorating conditions for free people of color caught in the middle of the civil unrest between whites and slaves.

In western Jackson Township in northern Hamilton County, free Blacks of mixed racial heritage built Roberts Settlement from the ground up, creating better lives not only for themselves but also for generations to follow.

Their guiding goals were the pursuit of economic, educational and religious aspirations with greater freedom and fewer racial barriers. By the late 1870s, 300 residents called the neighborhood home.

While the male founders of Roberts Settlement get most of the focus, during this Women’s History Month, we celebrate Gilliam and the women of Roberts Settlement. They are examples of the kinds of people and leaders Hamilton County can be proud of from our past to inspire our future.

Shaping young minds and hearts

“When our pioneers had to move here, those who knew how to read and write had to pass that on to everyone else,” said LaVella Hyter, a great-granddaughter of Gilliam and the president of Roberts Settlement, which gained nonprofit status in 1938. “Education has always been of vital importance to our settlement and our descendants.”

Gilliam and her husband taught at School House No. 5. The school for children of color became so prominent in the community that nearby white families sent



Photo courtesy Dana Hughes

(LEFT) Martha Lucetta Gilliam at age 17. (RIGHT) Lucille Roberts, Clara (Roberts) Cooke and Alzadia (Roberts) Winburn; photograph taken in 1955.



Photo courtesy Lezli Davis

their children to the one-room building as well. At that time, Indiana laws made it nearly impossible for Black children to overcome barriers to education so they often had to take matters into their own hands.

Hyter also mentions her “auntie,” Ethel Lambert, a daughter of Gilliam. Lambert was born at Roberts Settlement and attended what is now Indiana State University and Butler University.

Her impact on how Hyter sees the world and her place in it persists today. Lambert fearlessly traveled to Mexico and several countries in Europe during the mid-20th century and dedicated more than four decades of her life to teaching children in the Indianapolis Public Schools system. At the time of her 1974 funeral wake, many of her former elementary-school students came to

pay their respects.

Leading spiritual needs of the community

Hyter spent her first 14 years at Roberts Settlement in Atlanta, Ind., one of eight children. Roberts Chapel was the nucleus of the community, where spiritual activities and family gatherings took place and still do to this day.

Through the years, she says, several female pastors served at Roberts Chapel, which started as a Wesleyan Methodist Church. Chief among them was a dynamic orator named Clara Cooke, now buried in the cemetery, a three-acre historic site.

Farming alongside the men

Two key reasons the Roberts Settlement founders chose the land was for the quali-

ty of the farmland and the fact that Quaker families lived nearby. Able farmers were needed to bring it to life, of course – to tend to corn, soybean and hay crops, as well as dairy cows, pigs and chickens.

“When you live on a farm, you find that women are your partners. Many were shoulder to shoulder with the men,” Hyter said. It was all hands-on-deck during plowing, planting, and harvesting seasons.

Perhaps even more important was their business savvy. It was the women who knew every penny coming in and going out, ensuring that a bartering deal for salt, sugar or kerosene, or the sale of a dairy cow was accounted for and fair.

A legacy of women to shape the future

One tradition among the women at Roberts Settlement was to gather together before winter came, bringing with them pieces of cloth of all shapes, colors and sizes. They would pull up chairs around a large frame and sew colorful quilts to hand over to the families they determined would need an extra layer of warmth when the cold set in.

All the families at Roberts Settlement looked out for one another, Hyter said. The settlement continues to focus on community outreach, sharing its legacy and history with the community to show what pioneers have done – pioneers who happened to be people of color.

To help tell the story, Roberts Settlement is currently developing an outdoor, interactive “legacy walk” exhibit with the initial support of the conceptual design from the Hamilton County Community Foundation. It is also preparing to celebrate its 100th consecutive homecoming in 2023.

Stay tuned to the Roberts Settlement Facebook page to stay in the know on these things and its Bicentennial programming.

Next year is Hamilton County’s 200th birthday, and the Bicentennial Commission needs everyone’s contributions. Go to HamCoTurns200.com to get involved today!

Neither a techie nor a fashionista

Sometimes understanding technology is truly like understanding rocket science. I am challenged.

Last Tuesday afternoon I sent a text to my oh-so-smart daughter-in-law, Angie: “Do you know how to scan pictures and put them on my computer?”

Her response: “If you get the app cam scan you can send it to your email, then you can save it from there.”

My response: “You lost me.”

Angie responds with: “I’ll be over and show you tonight.”

I believe Angie might have been chuckling as she wrote back her response.

I needed to add pictures to my book and I had never scanned a photo or anything else for that matter.

It was Angie to the rescue,

along with a bit of assistance from my granddaughter, Abby, who is a freshman at Indiana University. Hooray for Facetime!

Angie is not a friend to a Mac computer. Abby and the Mac were acquaintances.

Let’s just say we got ‘er done but it wasn’t a smooth effort on my part.

Go into Settings. Click on Printers. Click on Scan. Open the scanner. Adjust the perimeters of the area you want to scan. Scan.

I then lost track if I uploaded or downloaded or imported, but eventually, pictures seem to magically appear on the pages of my book.

Chuck often says, “Technology is wonderful ... when it works.” It wasn’t an easy accomplishment but eventually, it was wonderful.

I spent several hours on Wednesday adding pictures and deleting pictures and looking through old photo albums my mom had stored in a closet. Some pictures I had never seen before. It wasn’t that I was adding so many photos, but that I got somewhat distracted looking at pictures from the 1940s, 1950s and ... well, you get the picture.

I looked my way through several decades of photo albums until I got to the 90s. I found a picture of my daughter when she was 10 years old, almost the same age as her daughter, Leah, is now. She had big, permed 90s hair and was wearing a black and white polka-dot dress with two large hot pink bows above the ruffles along her hips. I sent the picture to Emily who showed it to Leah. Leah thought her grandmother had no fashion style back then, to dress her daughter so gaudily. And that hair??? While I would love to share the picture I found,

I realize Emily will probably be the one picking out my health campus when I’m old. I’ll hide that picture.

It was a wonderful day down memory lane. I hope the pictures will bring my words to life when you see them in the book.

It was a short trip as I was soon back to the present uploading and downloading and importing.

I want to thank Angie for her patience and for being so willing to help me when I’m lost in the world of technology. I want to apologize to Emily. I thought she looked cute back then. I have more pictures to show just how cute I dressed her. Oh, yes ... I’ll hide those too.

Beauty is in the eye of the mother. Leah is just happy that I am not her mother.

I’ve come a long way in the world of technology and fashion. Well, that is my opinion, anyway.

Nose hairs gone wild

At first glance, it appeared that a cricket had crawled inside my nose, one of its thin, hind legs the only thing visible, dangling from my left nostril.

My eyes did a double-take in the rearview mirror.

A cricket in my nose – a bizarre notion, I know.

I felt violated by nature, a natural sentiment for anyone when a bug invades a bodily orifice. I’ve read of people who go to their doctor to cure a clogged ear, only to learn that their hearing impairment is due to a cockroach covertly crawling into their ear canal overnight. There are obviously some very sound sleepers out there, of which I am not one.

At a stop sign, I did a triple-take. It was still there, that cricket’s leg.

I tugged at it, bracing myself for full-bodied bug emergence.

Instead, I experienced a sharp, eye-watering pain.

It was not a cricket at all trying to navigate my nostril, but an exposed nose hair, my first experience with a nose hair gone wild.

I was barely 40 then, yet I felt like one of those “old men” who used to gross me out as a kid when I saw hairs growing out of their ears and noses. I hoped I would never reach that advanced age when personal hygiene is no longer a blip on the radar screen. I’m certain nose hair overgrowth was what prompted The Who to sing, “I hope I die before I get old.”

Once home, I snipped the hair with manicure scissors, rinsed it down the drain. Farewell, nose hair – my one-time freak of nature. Or so I thought.

The hair returned a few days later, finding its way home like a dog dumped in the country. I snipped it again, unaware that a vicious cycle had been put in motion. It was as if that first hair was a scout, signaling to the horde of hairs behind it to “Come on down!”

The nose hairs continue coming on down. My resistance makes them more determined. They descend in droves, like angry pack animals.

I’m on full-fledged dangler alert at the onset of the slightest nose itch. The nose hairs tend to go rogue at inopportune times – during business meetings, for instance – causing me to cover my mouth with my hand and place my forefinger over the hair to hide it.

I have also developed the unsightly habit of curling my upper lip so that it grazes my nose openings to feel for hanging hairs. It must look like I’m making fish lips. I gently blow into my nose to force the hair back inside – a temporary fix until I can snip it.

During travel, I keep a battery-powered nose hair trimmer in my glove compartment. It’s great for combating multiple hairs on the straight stretches. If you think texting and driving is dangerous, try trimming and driving – actually don’t. I pity anyone rear-ended at an intersection when such a device is aimed up their nose. It won’t be pretty.

My daughter, as a teen, was embarrassed by the nose hair trimmer. She slumped to the backseat floor, worried a passing friend might see me in action. Once, I insisted on walking her to the front door at a friend’s birthday party so I could meet the parents. “No, Dad. Let me go alone. You’ll embarrass me,” she pleaded. “No, I won’t,” I lied. Waiting for the hosts to open the door, just for fun, I took the trimmers from my pants pocket, turned them on, and stuck the device into my nose. I was never asked to take her to a party again.

It is cruel irony for a bald man like me to be tormented by all this nose hair growth. I have no choice, I guess, than to accept my proboscis problem, my follicle fate, much like I learned to accept my eroded pate long ago. That’s not to say I won’t look for a cure. Recently, a Google search led me to the world of nose hair waxing. A writer recounted how a “beauty therapist” scooped some “goo” out of “what looks like a vat of hot bubble gum” and stuffed it into a client’s nostril for 30 seconds. “And then ... *riiiiiip*,” the writer wrote.

I guess they then had to call 9-1-1 to revive the client.

For now, I’ll say no to nose hair waxing and remain faithful to my pain-free nose trimmer. So, look away, please; I’m currently making fish lips.

Email Scott at scottsaalman@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter @SaalmanScott.

When there’s a Will, there’s a way

We often have the pleasure of meeting with people who have questions about their estate plans.

Each situation is unique, of course, and it is interesting to hear each person’s life story and experiences. Some are apologetic because they have waited to make a plan. Some have a plan in mind but have questions about the implications of a certain course of action. Others need a plan immediately because of their life situation.

Our firm is part of a nationwide network of estate planning professionals. Recently, an attorney in that group posted a note asking attorneys to provide volunteer services in their state to assist former service members who are volunteering to go and provide support in Ukraine with basic estate planning documents – documents like Simple Wills, durable powers of attorney, HIPAA Authorizations, Advance Directives/Medical Pow-

ers of Attorney, and Disposition of Remains instructions. This is clearly one of those immediate need situations, and we are happy to help if we can.

One of the pieces of wisdom received my dad was: I-can or I-will is often more important than IQ. As we are faced with the news of the day, the question we like to ask is how “I-can” take action. This must be balanced with intellect as well as thinking about how best to serve, but the concept is to have a bias toward action. Get started. You might have to adjust the route, but don’t you prefer traveling

in traffic that’s moving, even if it takes a few minutes longer to reach your destination?

As you think about the current events of the day, be that at home or abroad, are there things you are uniquely gifted to do? In the example above, someone took initiative to send out a request for help, which has started building a group of volunteers. If you have an idea for something, take action today.

Educational material and not legal advice, written by the team at Adler attorneys. Email andrea@noblesvilleattorney.com with questions or comments.

This neighborhood has lost its Princess

I’ve wanted to write this column for a few weeks, but I needed to make certain I wouldn’t become a sobbing, sliding down-to-the-floor mess as I did so. This will be one of those times where I digress from my usual sandwich generation topics. They haven’t kicked me out of the paper yet when I do this, but I’ll still keep these instances to a minimum.

According to the National Pet Owners Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association, 70 percent of U.S. households own a pet. I knew there were a lot of us, but ... wow! So obviously, many of you reading this know how much pets add to our lives. They become part of the family. One

of our pets also became a part of the neighborhood.

Our Nebelung cat, Princess, has lived outside for the past few years. For some reason, she began having litter box issues right after we installed new carpet upstairs.

We tried everything to get her to stop and enlisted the help of our veterinarian. Nothing worked.

Princess LOVED being outside, so we figured, let’s make that permanent. It was a great solution. We have a fenced in yard and comfy patio furniture, which she slept on at night. During the day, she sauntered around the south side of Old Town Noblesville. I noticed she gradually created a daytime

route and stopped at several houses and businesses.

We made sure she had a good flea collar and an identification tag of course. We even put “I like to roam the neighborhood and visit people. I’ll find my way home.” on the back of her tag.

Of course, as fall approached that year, we knew we had to do something so Princess would keep warm as the weather got colder. I look up pet houses on Amazon, but my husband John wouldn’t hear of it. He built custom “cat house” for her. It even matched our house. We put it on the front porch and gave it its own special address.

Princess loved visiting people all over the neighborhood and she would sit on my lap while I worked outside. I think she was incredibly happy these

last few years.

After noticing how she was breathing more rapidly, we took her to the vet 3 ½ weeks ago. We were filled with dread. Princess was going on 15 years old. Our worst fears were confirmed – she had a growing tumor on her lung. With Princess only having a couple of weeks left, John and I decided to euthanize her to end her suffering.

It’s been a rough couple of weeks, and as I predicted, many people in the neighborhood have been asking about her, especially since we gave away the cat house. It’s comforting to know that she brought joy to not just our family, but others as well.

Noblesville Old Town’s South Side has lost its Princess. We’ll all remember her through dozens of stories and pictures for years to come.

Commit to lifting – It’s worth the struggle

By ERICH RETZ
Sheridan High School Student

The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School’s 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

Lifting can be a difficult task for many different reasons, even though working out can be one of the most important things you can do for yourself.

If you work out correctly and consistently, it can improve your mental and physical health in many different aspects. I love to work out to build my strength and to keep myself in really good shape. I am planning on competing in a powerlifting competition in the next few months. I want to help people find that working out can not only be fun, but extremely beneficial.

Some days, I will admit, I do not want to go to the gym, but it’s all about making a commitment to yourself to keep going and to be consistent. This does not mean you have to go every day; it’s more about finding the pattern in your life that works best for you. Finding a lifting partner that you get along with, and have a similar schedule to, can be a bonus when working out. This will not only keep you accountable, but you can make some great friendships, just like I have experienced. Lifting real-

ly can be one of the most enjoyable things you do throughout your day.

Your mental state plays a huge role in working out and lifting. When you first start working out, you are going to be sore and not conditioned enough. This is why a lot of people quit in the first few weeks. You have to push past that and keep going. It will get easier. You will start to notice a difference in your muscle fatigue, making it harder for your muscles to get tired. There is this thing called “beginner gains.” It is definitely a real thing. In your first year or so, you will notice huge improvements in how much weight you can move. Once you get past this stage, your gains will start to slow down. That is why I stress strongly about making it a habit in your life early.

Life will begin to get in the way of your lifting. You should always try to work around this problem. This could mean getting up earlier before work, or late at night. This is an easy excuse for not going but having that workout partner whom you can lean on for help can be important during these times. Finding a good gym that you can pay for, has enough equipment, and is open during the hours you desire is important. If you are ill, I do think you should stay home, but make sure it is a priority to work out when you start to feel better.



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My lifting journey started during my freshman year of football. I wanted to get bigger and put on muscle, so I wasn’t as little. I began lifting with Cameron Hovey, one of my good friends from football who has moved on to college football, shortly after I got my gym membership. Cameron and I became good friends and would

lift together every day, and this is one of the main reasons I say having a lifting partner in the gym is so important. He helped me gain experience, kept me motivated, and pushed me to come to the gym.

It has been one of the most beneficial things I’ve ever done in my life, and I want other people to experience the same.

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Hamilton County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham (right) and Prevail's Operations Supervisor Leah Willis.

Prevail names County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham Spring 2022 Hero

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Prevail, Inc. has named Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney D. Lee Buckingham II as the Spring Hero of 2022. A Prevail Hero is someone who goes above and beyond in service of individuals impacted by crime and abuse in the county.

Prevail's mission strives to create a community that is safe and healthy for all who call Hamilton County home. In an ideal world, the community would be void of crime and abuse. This lofty goal is within reach because it is shared by so many in the community. Prevail collaborates with many partners who envision the same future of a safer community.

A champion and front-line partner in this work is D. Lee Buckingham II.

As the county prosecutor, Buckingham has assisted and advocated for the implementation of an evidence-based lethality assessment program that now all county law enforcement agencies use in responding to domestic violence. He heads the Sexual Assault Response Team. In 2020, he identified the need and supported the creation of Hamilton County's Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF). He has consistently brought trauma-informed care training to his prosecutors and the DVTF. In 2021, he hired a full-time Victim Assistance Specialist on the team.

These actions have improved outcomes for first responders and those working in the criminal justice system to better understand the effects of domestic violence and intimate partner homicide, enhanced collaboration across multiple agencies working to increase safety, and increased support for victim advocacy services.

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Kyle Michael Fox May 13, 1989 – March 18, 2022

Kyle Michael Fox, 32, Cicero, passed away on March 18, 2022, at IU North, Indianapolis. He was born on May 13, 1989, in Indianapolis.

He was an Assistant Superintendent for Purgatory Golf Course and enjoyed working outdoors, occasionally enjoying some golf. The support of the ownership and supervision of Purgatory Golf Course during his illness was incomparable.

Kyle was an avid Colts fan. He eventually became a Packers and IU fan to please his dad. His greatest joy was fishing in Orr, Minn., where he usually managed to hook the biggest catch! He always looked forward to the annual trip to Deer Lodge. He could also be found quite frequently on Xbox, gaming with his buddies.

Relationships and memories made with friends during his lifetime were what he cherished most. He was so thankful for everyone who took time to visit or reach out to him. Kyle was especially grateful for all the prayers that were lifted for him and his family. Kyle was very private about his hard-fought battle with cancer, only recently sharing his journey with friends. He never wanted anyone to treat him differently or be defined by his illness.

Kyle was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sheridan, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Kyle is survived by his parents Robert and Valri Fox; Bradley Fox, brother; Presley and Memphis Fox, nieces; Phil Nichols, uncle; Linda (Steve) Osborne, aunt; Peggy Fairchild (aunt), and his beloved dog, Oakley.

He was preceded in death by James R. and Ina Fox, grandparents; Anne Wallace, grandmother; Myron Nichols, grandfather; Dawn Inman, aunt; and James Fairchild (uncle).

Visitation and a Celebration of Life service were held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Phi Beta Psi, c/o Marie Mosbaugh, 24601 Jerkwater Road, Sheridan, IN 46069. Phi Beta Psi supports cancer research and 100% of donations goes directly to cancer research.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034, where you may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Jacqueline L. Huff September 27, 1939 – March 9, 2022

Jacqueline L. Huff, 82, Noblesville, passed away on March 9, 2022. She was born on September 27, 1939, to the late Harold and Margaret (Chambers) Butler in Muncie, Ind.

Jacqueline was a graduate of Noblesville High School, Class of 1957. She worked as a bookkeeper for the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office. Jacqueline was a very independent woman who believed if you worked

hard in life, you could accomplish anything. This is something she passed on to her children and grandchildren. She also taught them to be independent and the reward was accomplishing their goals on their own. She believed this taught confidence that they could achieve what they set their mind to.

Jacqueline's family remembers how she would love hosting big family gatherings and she loved to cook big fancy meals. She was very outgoing and loved putting smiles on people's faces. She would act goofy just to get a smile out of someone just to brighten someone's day. She loved animals, along with music and dancing, and at her 75th birthday party, her grandsons made her night by dancing with her.

With everything that Jacqueline accomplished, she loved being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She leaves behind her five children, Kelly DeFoe of Atlanta, Curtis Huff of Noblesville, Amy (Donald) Marshall of Indianapolis, Amanda (Joseph) Clark of Texas, and David Huff of Noblesville. She was a loving grandmama to Ashley Cannon, Leslie (Kyle) Cosand, Kyle and Bryan (Cristina) DeFoe, and Zachary and McKenzie Clark. She was a proud great nana to five, a loving sister to Barbara Evans of Ohio and Kathy Butler of Noblesville, and an aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jacqueline in death are her brothers David and Michael Butler, and her son-in-law, Darrell DeFoe.

Graveside services for Jacqueline will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022, at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Humane Society of Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Huff Family.

Frances J. Marcum July 17, 1935 – March 24, 2022

Frances J. Marcum, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at her daughter's home in Highland, Ind. She was born on July 17, 1935, to Frank and Evelyn (Asbury) Wild in Noblesville.

Frances graduated from Ball State University where she became active in the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Later as a working mom, she went on to gain her master's degree from Butler University. She started her teaching career as a business teacher for Lawrence Township Schools and then years later as a media specialist within the elementary schools of Noblesville. Frances was a member of the United Methodist Church. She truly enjoyed all that came with raising a family in the Noblesville community.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristi Kijurna; sons, John Marcum and Tim Marcum; sister, Marge Barraclough; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth E. Marcum; and her sister, Joan Wild.

Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., with services at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or at alz.org/indiana.

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Elizabeth Lou Sailor December 12, 1926 – March 23, 2022

Elizabeth Lou Sailor, 95, Fishers, and formerly of Elkhart, Ind., passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at Hamilton Trace of Fishers. She was born on December 12, 1926, in Middletown, Ohio.

Liz graduated from Manchester College with degree in Elementary Education and was an elementary school teacher for 32 years at Elkhart Community Schools. She married Otis Sailor on December 31, 1955. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church. Liz enjoyed reading and traveling with her husband to Branson, Mo. She was an outstanding cook and took great pride in every family dinner.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Otis Sailor; children, Steven (Eileen) Sailor and Linda (Michael) Eagan; grandchildren, Vincent (Annie Clark) Eagan, Adrienne Eagan, Evan Sailor, and Lauren Sailor; and siblings, Robert Gilley, Ada Hill, and Bonnie Mowen Cole.

She was preceded in death by her father, Algan Gilley; mother, Mabel (Elkins) Gilley-Lehman; and brother, Marvin Gilley.

Services and visitation were held on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Private burial will be at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart, Ind., at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Patricia "Pat" Fuller May 22, 1937 – March 25, 2022

Patricia "Pat" Fuller, 84, Noblesville, left this earth to be reunited with her husband, Richard A. Fuller, on Friday, March 25, 2022, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on May 22, 1937, to Charles and Mary (Shaul) Coverdale in Noblesville.

Pat was a Noblesville High School graduate, Class of 1955. In her younger days, she spent most of her time roller dancing and skating at the Rainbo Roller Rink. Pat worked for many years at Ft. Benjamin Harrison's finance center where she met her future husband, Richard. Together, they raised two daughters, Lisa and Amy. Pat and Richard both learned the old world German art of Bavarian Wax. They would travel to craft shows selling their art. Pat also enjoyed puzzles, crochet, and playing Mahjong.

She is survived by her daughters, Lisa Fuller-King (Don) and Amy Fuller; brother, Maurice Coverdale; grandson, Ryan King; two nieces and one nephew.

In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Richard Fuller.

Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., with services at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Pat was a 27-year breast cancer survivor at the time of her death. Donations would be appreciated to Susan G. Komen Central Indiana, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (kocomencentralindiana.org); or to the Indiana Donor Network, 3760 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222 (indianadonornetwork.org).

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Hoosier State Relays

Greyhounds boys team wins large school championship, Carmel girls place second

The Carmel boys track and field team is starting the 2022 season just like it finished the 2021 season: With a big trophy.

The Greyhounds won the boys large school division championship at the Hoosier State Relays, which took place last Saturday at Indiana University's Gladstein Fieldhouse, scoring 60 team points. It was the first time the Relays were contested since 2019; the meet had been canceled the past two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For Carmel, it was a solid result for the early part of the season as the Greyhounds will try to defend their IHSAA state championship from last year. The 'Hounds were led by their relay teams, starting with the 4x200 relay squad of Desmond Duffy, Greg Gottlieb, James Philpott and Jaylen Zachery. That group finished the race in 1 minute, 29.59 seconds.

Carmel also took second in the 4x400 relay (Gottlieb, Drew Willman, Kole Mathison and Eastes Curran) and placed third in the 4x800 relay. The team of Willman, Charlie Schuman, Charlie Leedke, Mathison clocked in at 7:52.79, under the old meet record.

Since relays earn double points at the HSR, the Greyhounds' success in those three relays gave them 48 points. Carmel also placed seventh in the distance medley relay, while Philpott was third in the 60 hurdles and Duffy took seventh in the 60 dash.

Plainfield was the team runner-up with 48 points. Fishers placed a strong third by scoring 44 points. That included a win in the 4x400 relay, with Grant Shelton, Tyler Tarter, Makell Wiggins and Keefer Soehngen finishing that event in 3:24.28. The Tigers also placed third in the 4x200 relay (Tarter, Soehngen, Dawson Scally and Shelton) and fourth in the distance medley relay.

Hamilton Southeastern placed fifth with 31 points. The Royals also got a relay victory, as Garrett Hicks, Andrew Knight, Bennett Dubois and Nolan Satterfield cruised to victory in the distance medley relay, clocking in at 10:28.03. Southeastern had two top-eight field event finishes: Lamine Sall was fifth in the long jump and Manraj Grewal placed sixth in the high jump. A seventh-place result from the 4x200 relay rounded out the Royals' point scorers.

Noblesville placed 12th with 18 points. Asher Propst took third in the 3200 run, then joined Joel Mumaw, Bode Barnes and Luke Shinneman in

The Carmel boys track and field team triumphed at the Hoosier State Relays last Saturday at Indiana University's Gladstein Fieldhouse. The Greyhounds scored 60 points to win the large school division, thanks to strong performances in the relays.

the third-place distance medley. Westfield finished 13th as a team. The Shamrocks scored 16 points, all from their second-place 4x800 relay team. Josh Barnett, Kai Connor, Sam Hinds, Colin Lakomek finished that race in 7:48.79, under the old meet record.

LARGE SCHOOL BOYS RESULTS

Team scores (top 5 and all county): 1. Carmel 60, 2. Plainfield 48, 3. Fishers 44, 4. Brownsburg 36, 5. Hamilton Southeastern 31, 12. Noblesville 18, 13. Westfield 16.

60 hurdles - Finals: 3. James Philpott (C) 8.31. Prelims: 14. Adom Quist (C) 8.66, 24. Will Gerig (HSE) 8.97.

60 dash - Finals: 7. Desmond Duffy (C) 7.01. Prelims: 11. Bryce Williams (F) 7.11, 16. Tanner Gibson (N) 7.16.

3200 run: 3. Asher Propst (N) 9:17.09, 7. Tate Meaux (F) 9:30.77, 9. Will Marquardt (HSE) 9:32.28, 13. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:40.18, 18. Thomas Biltmeier (C) 9:50.60.

4x800 relay: 2. Westfield (Josh Barnett, Kai Connor, Sam Hinds, Colin Lakomek) 7:48.79, under old meet record, 3. Carmel (Drew Willman, Charlie Schuman, Charlie Leedke, Kole Mathison) 7:52.79, under old meet record, 20. Southeastern (Ian Ross, Matt Hemmerling, Adam Warski, Ash Caylor) 8:28.49.

4x200 relay: 1. Carmel (Duffy, Greg Gottlieb,

The Carmel girls track and field team finished as runner-up in the large school division. The Greyhounds scored 52 points, behind only North Central's 54 points.

Philpott, Jaylen Zachery) 1:29.59, 3. Fishers (Tyler Tarter, Keefer Soehngen, Dawson Scally, Grant Shelton) 1:30.91, 7. Southeastern (Christian Ortiz, Chandler Weston, Mason Alexander, Christian Miller) 1:32.06, 14. Westfield (Ryan Creager, Jacob Good, Patrick Schramm, Dillon Thieneman) 1:33.57, 15. Noblesville (Christ Degni,

Gavin Vogelgesang, Derrell Coleman, Gibson) 1:33.83.

4x400 relay: 1. Fishers (Shelton, Tarter, Makell Wiggins, Soehngen) 3:24.28, 2. Carmel (Gottlieb, Willman, Mathison, Eastes Curran) 3:24.29, 16. Southeastern (Weston, Ortiz, Clayton Allen, Jaylon Cooper) 3:34.60, 22. Westfield (Brady Fischer, Owen Flynn, Good, Landon King) 3:37.78.

Distance medley relay: 1. Southeastern (Garrett Hicks, Andrew Knight, Bennett Dubois, Nolan Satterfield) 10:28.03, 3. Noblesville (Joel Mumaw, Propst, Bode Barnes, Luke Shinneman) 10:36.62, 4. Fishers (Alec Foster, Colin Simons, Soehngen, Jacob Maehler) 10:38.95, 7. Carmel (Connor Heagy, Charlie Schuman, Drew Grogan, Connor Mallon) 10:45.49, 18. Westfield (Josh Barnett, Connor, Lakomek, Charlie Naas) 11:06.52.

High jump: 6. Manraj Grewal (HSE) 6-3.

Long jump: 5. Lamine Sall (HSE) 21-3, 12. Silas Newton (HSE) 20-6.5.

Shot put: 14. Jack Greer (HSE) 48-9.5.

(Jamie Klavon, Lani Samms, Jasmine Klopstad and Alivia Romaniuk), then collected fourth-place finishes in the 4x800 and 4x200 relays.

Noblesville placed fourth by scoring 42 points. The Millers also picked up a relay win, with Paige Hazelrigg, Riley Flynn, Brinkley Cooper and Summer Rempe pacing the 4x800 relay in 9:34.62.

Noblesville also had a very strong day in the field, scoring points in all four of those events. Malina Miller placed third in the high jump, while Kiana Siefert finished third in the long jump. Siefert also placed fifth in the 60 hurdles. Laina Lillge took fourth in the pole vault and Hannah Alexander placed eighth in the shot put.

Hamilton Southeastern finished ninth as a team, scoring 21 points and placing in five events. The Royals had two top-eight finishes in the 60 hurdles, with Ally Elsbury coming in sixth and Elia Blackmore placing in seventh. Southeastern's relays also were solid, with the 4x800 and 4x400 relays each taking sixth and the 4x200 relay placing seventh.

Fishers tied for 28th place with five points, all courtesy Elizabeth Barrett. The senior finished fourth in the 3200 run.

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Governor OK's permitless carry

Law takes effect July 1

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Governor Eric Holcomb on March 21 signed a bill to do away with the state's concealed carry permit requirement. Some police agencies, including the Indiana State Police, had opposed the measure.

House Bill 1296 had passed the Senate 30-20 and the House 69-30-1.

The Firearms Police Coalition, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit that lobbies for gun rights, and another lobby group, the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action in Virginia, said Indiana is the 24th state to enact permitless carry legislation. Neighboring states Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan do not allow permitless carry.

In his reasoning for giving the bill his approval, the governor made the following statement:

"The Second Amendment has been debated for years, yet time and again our U.S.

Supreme Court has reaffirmed this important constitutional right that I fully support.

"Twenty-three other states have laws comparable to HEA 1296. Vermont has had a constitutional carry law in place since it became a state, and several other states have had a similar law for more than a decade.

"HEA 1296, which I've signed today, entrusts Hoosiers who can lawfully carry a handgun to responsibly do so within our State. It's important to note that if a person is prohibited, under federal or state laws, from possessing a firearm before this law goes into effect, that person will still be prohibited. And if a prohibited person has a firearm, he or she can be prosecuted.

"Firearm permits will remain available, without fee, to anyone who wants or needs one, such as Hoosiers desiring to carry a firearm to, through or in another state that has reciprocity with Indiana."

The law will take effect July 1.



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Local Lawmakers' Record on Permitless Carry

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What you need to know about permitless carry in Indiana

By JASMINE MINOR
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Starting July 1, Hoosiers who are eligible to purchase a gun in Indiana will no longer have to apply for a license to carry a firearm. Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the bill doing away with the state's concealed carry permit requirement on March 21.

Guy Relford, a constitutional rights attorney who focuses on the Second Amendment and state gun laws, says the move does not change the rules on who can own a gun.

"The idea is if I already have a constitutional right, why do I have to go beg the government for permission to exercise that right?" Relford said. "It doesn't affect who can lawfully possess a gun. If you're a criminal or a felon or [committing a] domestic [violence] matter, you couldn't possess a gun before constitutional carry. [So] you can't possess a gun with constitutional carry."

Relford says this bill is not about giving more freedom to those who do

not meet the requirements to have a handgun. Instead, he says, it's about law-abiding citizens exercising their right that is already there.

"If I want to post my opinions on social media, I don't need to apply for a license from the government in order to go exercise my First Amendment rights," Relford said. "I want to go to the church of my choice. I don't have to go ask the government, 'May I please practice as a Methodist?'"

The change means that current handgun carriers will no longer have to carry their license with them, but it does not change where a gun can be legally carried. For example, a gun is still illegal in places like schools or federal buildings.

Opponents to the measure, like Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department assistant chief Chris Bailey, say it will hinder an officer's ability to solve crimes involving both legally and illegally possessed guns.

"We [are] tasked with going after those people that [have] legally possessed

Statement from Hamilton Co. Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush

The Reporter received the following statement from Sheriff Quakenbush last Wednesday evening:

"HEA 1296 is a win for Hoosier liberty and safety. Those who were prohibited from carrying before will still be prohibited, but starting July 1, law-abiding citizens will no longer have to petition the government to exercise their Second Amendment right."



Quakenbush

weapons that use those against our neighbors," Bailey said. "Those investigations are going to become more complicated for officers."

Bailey previously urged Gov. Holcomb to veto the bill. He says that officers being able to check for permits allows them to confiscate guns that are illegal, track down where else they might have been used, and take them off the street.

"[There are] 1,300 cases pending over at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office now from those that have illegally possessed a weapon,"

Bailey said. "Each one of those weapons is a weapon that, now, we don't have possession of that we can't test."

Relford says he does not think the change to permitless carry will get in the way of police work. He says part of the bill is to get rid of the time it takes to obtain a license, which he believes can often be a hinderance for people in situations of more immediate danger.

"You want to be able to protect yourself and your children," Relford said. "But, Marion County says you can't carry a handgun

Statement from State Police Superintendent Doug Carter

Following the signing of HEA 1296 by Governor Holcomb, Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter issued the following statement:

"As Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, I have pledged my continued commitment to Governor Holcomb to work toward solutions enacting HEA 1296.

"I, like Governor Holcomb, feel enormous responsibility for front-line law enforcement officers. I will work with law enforcement leaders across our state to make necessary changes to firearms enforcement as well as identifying the best way to identify individuals who are not allowed to carry a firearm as defined by Indiana statute.

"We will continue to encourage citizens to apply for, and maintain, a firearms permit. A permit will assist law enforcement officers and will also allow a permit holder reciprocity with other states."



Carter

outside your home for two or three or four months by the time they finish that application process."

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter was another vocal opponent of the bill. Carter now says he will work with po-

lice around the state to find the best ways to identify people who are not allowed to have a gun.

Gov. Holcomb says firearm permits will still remain available, without a fee, to anyone who wants or needs one.

Cicero's civic-minded public meet five candidates for Town Council



Reporter photos by Dagny Zupin
Last Thursday night, Cicero voters had the chance to engage with and ask questions of each of the five candidates for the Town Council at the Red Bridge Community Building. The Cicero Town Council is a three-member board. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 3. This event was sponsored and moderated by Mark F. Hall.



Governor Holcomb vetoes bill to bar transgender girls from girls’ sports

House Speaker Todd Huston: “Republicans will vote to override this veto”

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

In his second and final veto of the legislative session, Gov. Eric Holcomb on March 21 nixed a proposal to ban transgender girls from competing on girls’ K-12 sports teams.

House Bill 1040 drew hours of testimony and some of the most impassioned debate of the session. It came amid a nationwide push by Republican-controlled state legislatures to crack down on the participation of transgender girls and women in school athletics. The bill’s sponsors said they wanted to protect the integrity of girls’ sports and the ability of girls to compete for scholarships on a level playing field.

The argument didn’t convince the governor. In a veto message sent to House Speaker Todd Huston’s office, Holcomb said the bill presumed a problem already existed that required the state to intervene and it implied the goals of consistency and fairness in girls’ sports were not being met.

“After thorough review, I find no evidence to support either claim even if I support the overall goal,” Holcomb wrote.



Holcomb



Huston

Holcomb further noted courts so far have blocked similar laws passed in other states. The ACLU of Indiana had threatened to sue if the bill became law.

The bill’s author, Rep. Michelle Davis (R-Whiteland) said in a January statement, “This legislation is the result of listening to the concerns of female student athletes and parents in my district and across the state. The purpose of this bill is to protect fair competition in girls’ sports.”

Lawmakers will return to the Statehouse on May 24 for a veto session. A simple majority in both chambers would be enough to override the governor’s veto.

Speaker Huston (R-Fishers) released a statement last Tuesday saying House Republicans plan to vote to override the veto.

“The fundamental goal of this legislation is to protect competition in girls’ sports, and House Republicans will vote to override this veto when lawmakers meet again on May 24,” Huston said. “This issue continues to be in the national spotlight and for good reason as women have worked hard for equal opportunities on the playing field – and that’s exactly what they deserve.”

State Senator J.D. Ford sounds off

The following statement was sent to The Reporter by State Sen. Ford’s press office.

I want to thank Governor Holcomb for his veto of HB 1041.

We agree on many of the reasons why this legislation is unnecessary. The Governor rightly points out that, “It implies that the goals of consistency and fairness in competitive female sports are not currently being met. I find no evidence to support either claim.”

We know from testimony that there



Ford

has only been one relevant case in Indiana, and that was handled by the IHSAA. Governor Holcomb also rightfully notes that, “Nowhere in the testimony on this legislation was a critique leveled against their (IHSAA) model on how to govern this.”

We have a system in place to deal with any concerns of unfairness as or if they arise. In the meantime, let’s let kids play sports with their friends.

Technical foul: Blowing the whistle on governor’s veto against girls’ sports

A towering biological male recently took the top spot in a women’s college swimming championship. This win and others like it continue to shake up female sports at every level of play across the nation.

My young daughters and other Hoosier girls like them deserve to compete on a fair and level playing field, and it’s time for Indiana to take a stand. That’s why I’m incredibly disappointed that the governor vetoed legislation that would have protected the integrity of girls’ K-12 sports in Indiana.

During the 2022 legislative session, I co-authored House Enrolled Act 1041 to ensure biological males don’t compete in K-12 girls’ sports. While this legislation could have gone further, I strongly believe this is a much-needed step to protect Hoosier female athletes and their opportunities to compete, earn top spots and scholarships.

In a surprising move, the governor gave the equivalent of throwing a penalty flag on the field by vetoing this bill. In response, House Speaker Todd Huston of Fishers quickly announced that House Republicans will return to the Statehouse to override the veto on May 24, technical corrections day. I look forward to joining him and my colleagues.

Already, 11 other states have laws on the books aimed at protecting female sports because they recognize that while we’re all equal, there are certain biological differences that give males an unfair advantage over fe-



CHRIS JETER
State Representative

males. Biology in sports matters. It can be the difference in whether you’re standing on a podium or on the sidelines. Biological males have greater muscle mass, bone density and cardio capacity among other advantages. Consider a couple of alarming facts:

In 2018 alone, over 270 high school boys beat the fastest female sprinter, U.S. Olympian Allyson Felix’s, 400-meter distance world record.

In Connecticut, two biological male sprinters claimed 15 state titles between them in girls’ high school track.

There’s a sad irony that during Women’s History Month and the 50th anniversary of Title IX, which ensures women’s right to compete, we’re once again defending women’s rights. If I were a referee, I’d blow the whistle on the governor’s veto of HB 1041 for a technical foul against girls’ sports. This bill is about fairness and safety, and it’s time Indiana joins other states that don’t allow girls to be robbed of athletic opportunities. Our state’s attorney general also stands with us and has pledged to defend this legislation if the veto override is successful.

As a dad, I understand my daughters will face many challenges in life. Hopefully, competing against biological males in sports isn’t among them.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Marion, Hamilton and Hancock counties.

Indiana House Republicans will try to override governor’s veto of K-12 transgender athlete bill

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
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Indiana House leaders last Tuesday said they will try to overturn Gov. Eric Holcomb’s veto of a bill to ban transgender girls from girls’ K-12 sports teams.

The announcement came less than 24 hours after Holcomb’s office announced his veto of House Bill 1041. The governor cited a lack of evidence of transgender girls out-competing non-transgender girls in Indiana and court rulings that have paused similar laws in at least two other states so far.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said in a statement the goal of the legislation is to protect competition in girls’ sports.

Bill author Rep. Michelle Davis (R-Whiteland) said in an accompanying statement girls and boys should remain separated in competition due to biological differences between them.

“This commonsense legislation would protect athletic opportunities for Hoosier girls right now and into the future,” Davis said.

If the legislature overrides the governor, it would mark the first time state lawmakers anywhere in the United States overrode a chief executive on legislation of this type.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly and Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, both Democrats, and North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, a Republican, all vetoed similar legislation last year, and Utah Republican Gov. Spencer Cox did the same last Tuesday with a transgender athlete bill lawmakers delivered to his desk. Those states all require two-thirds majorities to override gubernatorial vetoes, unlike the simple majority required in Indiana.

LGBTQ+ rights groups say lawmakers would do well to heed the concerns Holcomb laid out in his veto message. They say the arguments the bill’s supporters have put forth do not match the reality most student athletes face.

Emma Vosicky, the executive director of Indianapolis-based LGBTQ resource group GenderNexus and a transgender woman, says it’s been hard to listen to arguments that stigmatize transgender people.

“I’m just glad I have a good solid base to work from,” Vosicky said. “I’m not even a 12-year-old who does not have that base and is still trying to figure out how to process what’s being said about them.”

ACLU of Indiana Advocacy and Public Policy Director Katie Blair says the ACLU still plans to file a lawsuit if lawmakers overturn the governor’s decision.

Two Westfield firefighters complete probationary year



Photos provided by Westfield Fire Department

The Westfield Fire Department (WFD) congratulates Logan Sallee and Zach Abbott on the completion of their probationary year as firefighters. (Above left, shown at right) Sallee was born and raised in Greenwood, Ind., and began his career as a civilian paramedic in 2014 with Wayne Township FD. He then became a firefighter at Crawfordsville FD and transferred to WFD as a lateral in 2021. He and his wife Lexi and their two children live in Markleville. (Above right, shown at right) Abbott was born and raised in Huntington, Ind., where he began his career in fire service with Huntington FD in 2016. He came to Westfield as a lateral in 2021. He lives in Westfield with his wife Mary and their two children. Thank you both for your commitment to serve the people of Westfield.

Westfield police officer graduates FBI National Academy in Quantico

The REPORTER

On March 17, Lieutenant Eric Grimes of the Westfield Police Department graduated from the FBI National Academy, Class 281, in Quantico, Va.

Lt. Grimes joined 232 police officers from the United States, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

The 10-week program focuses on executive leadership, law, forensic science, emerging technologies, critical incident leadership and fitness. Participation is by invitation only with less than 1 percent of law enforcement officers selected.

“I am grateful to have this opportunity to represent the Westfield Police Department,” Lt. Grimes said. “It is an honor to learn and train alongside the best law enforcement executives in the world.”

The FBI National Academy is designed to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide.

Lt. Grimes was hired by the Westfield Police Department in 2009 and currently serves in the Patrol Division. His wife Carolyn and their son Rowan say they are excited and grateful to have Eric back home.



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Four county boys basketball players named to IBCA Supreme 15 teams

Four Hamilton County basketball players are among the 15 seniors and 15 underclass boys players that have earned IBCA/Franciscan Health “Supreme 15” All-State honors for 2021-22, it was announced last Thursday.

The IBCA also named Large School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass) and Small School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass).

The “Supreme 15” is the top honor awarded, and players were voted to that group without regard to school size. The Large School and Small School all-state teams are secondary accolades -- the Large School group including players from Class 3A and Class 4A schools and the Small School group including players from Class A and Class 2A schools. Players who make the Supreme 15 are not considered for Large School or Small School honors.

In addition, 90 more seniors and 90 more underclass players were selected honorable mention all-state. The honorable mention laurels are awarded without regard to school size.

Braden Smith of Westfield and Peter Suder of Carmel were voted to the 2022 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Senior boys team. The other players on the team are, listed alphabetically: Tayshawn Comer of Cathedral, Ryan Conwell of Pike, Tae Davis of Warren Central, Connor Essegian of Central Noble, Travis Grayson of Chesterton, C.J. Gunn of Lawrence North, Jalen Jackson of Fort Wayne Northrop, Armon Jarrard of Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Karson Jenkins of Fort Wayne Snider, Randy Kelley of Sullivan, Fletcher Loyer of Homestead, Billy Smith of Brebeuf Jesuit and Tommy Snyder of South Bend Adams.

Jalen Haralson of Fishers and Sam Orme of Carmel were voted to the 2022 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Underclass boys’ team. The other players on the team are: Jack Benter of Brownstown Central, Flory Bidunga of Kokomo, Xavier Booker of Cathedral, Joey Brown of North Central, Markus Burton of Penn, Ahmere Carson of Anderson, Zane Doughty of Ben Davis, Joey Hart of Linton-Stockton, Logan Imes of Zionsville, Mason Jones of Valparaiso, JaQualon Roberts of Bloomington North, Brandon Trilli of Munster and Ashton Williamson of Gary 21st Century Charter.

The IBCA/Franciscan Health All-State teams are selected through a process organized by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and presented by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate players. A panel of 20 IBCA coaches -- 16 from the current regional areas, three district representatives (one each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3) and the committee chairman -- then meets to review the nominations, vote and finalize the selections.

Those on the IBCA all-state committee for 2022 included chairman David Wood, former coach at West Lafayette, plus Matt Kostoff of Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger in District 1, Chris Hawkins of Indianapolis Attucks in District 2 and David Benter of Brownstown Central in District 3.

Completing the voting panel were Mike Hackett of Munster, Ryan Osborn of Carmel, Mark James of Perry Meridian and J.R. Holmes of Bloomington South in Class 4A; Robb Berger of Mishawaka Marian, Aaron Wolfe of NorthWood, Todd Howard of Brebeuf Jesuit and Gene Miiller of Washington in Class 3A; Chris Benedict of Whitko, Matt Luce of Wapahani, Aaron Spaulding of Eastern Hancock and Travis Wrightsman of Switzerland County in Class 2A; and Scott Bowersock of Washington Township, Brian Klein of Blue River Valley, Brady Days of Southwestern (Shelby) and Josh Thompson of Barr-Reeve in Class A.

Three county seniors were named to the Large School All-State team: Cam Haffner of Westfield, Jeffrey Simmons of Fishers and Charlie Williams of Carmel.

County seniors earning Honorable Mention are: Luke Carroll of Hamilton Heights, Sam Jacobs of Hamilton Southeastern and Charlie Smith of Fishers. Underclass county players earning Honorable Mention are: Luke Almodovar of Noblesville, Sabien Cain of University, Preston Roberts of Noblesville and Alex Romack of Westfield.

Franciscan Health Sports Medicine is making a financial contribution to the IBCA Scholarship Fund as the presenting partner of the IBCA all-state teams. As part of the partnership, Franciscan Health Sports Medicine will provide plaques to Supreme 15 honorees and certificates to players receiving Large School All-State, Small School All-State or Honorable Mention All-State recognition. Those items will be made available to each recipient’s coach during April, allowing her coach to present the award to each player prior to the end of the 2021-22 academic year.

The IBCA thanks Franciscan Health Sports Medicine for being a partner in this annual project.

Noblesville's Buckley, Westfield's Smith among IBCA Bob King Coaches of the Year


Donna Buckley of Noblesville and Ginny Smith of Westfield are among the six Indiana high school girls basketball coaches have been chosen as 2022 Bob King Coaches of the Year by their peers in the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced last Tuesday.

Joe Huppenthal of Lake Central, Bob Lapadot of Garrett, Tony Hasenour of Forest Park and Anthony Thomas of Waldron were also selected as honorees for the 2021-22 season through voting that occurred from late January through early March, IBCA executive director Steve Witty said.

Honors are awarded according to IH-SAA district boundaries, and two coaches from each district are recipients -- Lapadot and Huppenthal in District 1; Buckley and Smith in District 2; and Hasenour and Thomas in District 3.

Buckley is honored for the second consecutive season and third time in her career after directing Noblesville to a 25-4 season that included the Class 4A state championship. Buckley has a 304-192 record in 22 seasons as a head coach. That includes a 10-11 record in one season at Fort Wayne South, an 86-63 mark in seven seasons at Greenfield-Central and a 208-118 slate in 14 seasons at Noblesville. Her teams have won four sectionals (2004, 2015, 2021 and 2022) plus this year’ regional and semi-state. The former Donna McCarty is a 1993 graduate of Clinton Central and later played basketball at Taylor University for two seasons. She started her coaching career as an assistant at South Adams for three seasons before becoming head coach at Fort Wayne South in 2000-01. Buckley previously was an IBCA District 2 Coach of the Year in 2015 and 2021. She was named a Junior All-Star assistant coach in 2014. She also was named a senior All-Star assistant in 2020 and again in 2021 as the 2020 games were canceled.

Smith is recognized after directing Westfield to an 18-5 season that included a runner-up finish in the Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic. In seven seasons as a head coach, Smith led the Shamrocks to a 106-57 record with two Hoosier Crossroads Conference championships (2016 and 2021). The former Ginny Moore attended Caddo Hills High School in Arkansas, where her team won the 1997 Arkansas Class A state championship and she was named MVP of the 1997 Arkansas all-tournament team as well as the 1997 Arkansas Miss Basketball. She went on to Arkansas Tech University, helping the Golden Suns to four NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and a national runner-up finish in 1999. Smith was a teacher and coach for four years in Arkansas before moving to Indiana. She was a Westfield girls’ basketball assistant coach from 2008-15 prior to taking over as head coach beginning in 2015-16. She twice has been voted HCC Coach of the Year. Smith earned a master’s degree from American College of Education in 2011, and she is in her third year as Westfield’s assistant athletic director. Smith stepped down as the Westfield coach at the end of the 2021-22 season.



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Softball

Tigers overwhelm LC, improve to 2-0

The Fishers softball team improved to 2-0 on the season after overwhelming Lawrence Central 20-0 in a five-inning home game last Wednesday.

The Tigers scored in all four innings in which they batted. Fishers scored seven runs in the second inning, during which Hannah Abbott hit the first of her two home runs. Kaylee Kardash also blasted a homer, as did Kate Murray, who hit a home run in her first-ever high school at bat.

Kamara Walker got the pitching win, going three innings with two strikeouts and one hit. Murray then threw the last two innings, with five strikeouts and no hits.

"We hit the ball really well tonight," said Tigers coach Daren James. "Our pitching's been really solid." James said Fishers' success can be attributed to "just getting the ball in play" and cutting down on strikeouts from last

year.

Karyn Trice, Kardash and Madison Flanery all had three hits for the Tigers. Kardash drove in five runs, Abbott batted in four runs and Murray had three RBIs. Six different players hit a double.

Fishers opened its season last Monday with a 5-2 win at Kokomo. The Tigers scored three runs in the second inning after Abbott hit a bases-loaded double. Fishers then added one run each in the fourth and seventh innings. Seven different players had at least one hit for Fishers.

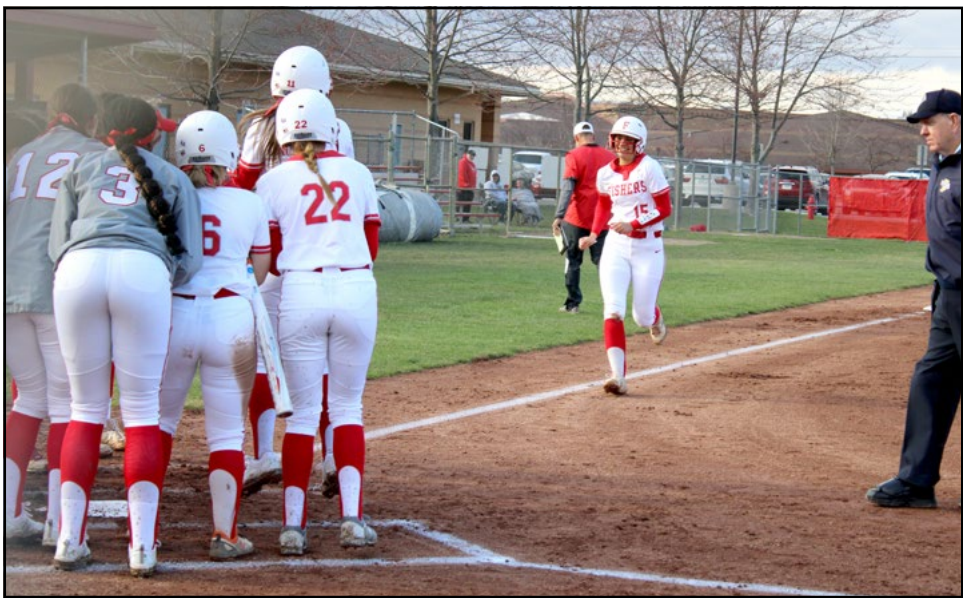
Walker pitched three innings for the Tigers, with one strikeout and one walk against four hits. Murray finished the game by throwing the last four innings, tossing seven strikeouts and allowing one walk.

Westfield opened its season last Monday with an 11-5 win over Monrovia.

A big second inning was the difference for the Shamrocks, but Avery Parker gave a sneak preview of what was to come in the bottom of the first inning. She tripled in Westfield's first run, scoring Maggie Roh, who had earlier drew a walk to get on base. Cara Snedeker advanced Roh with a sacrifice bunt.

Since Monrovia scored in the top of the first, the game was tied going into the second inning. But not for long. Roh batted in the first run, hitting a single with the bases loaded to send Allie Dolenc home. Later, Parker smacked an 0-1 ball over the center field fence for a grand slam home run. Ava Kainrath, Mya Hughes and Roh also scored.

And the 'Rocks weren't done. Natalie Deck hit a double to get on base, then was sent



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Fishers softball team greets Hannah Abbott (right) at home plate after she hit her first of two home runs during the Tigers' game with Lawrence North last Wednesday. Fishers won 20-0 in five innings.

GREYHOUNDS

LARGE SCHOOL GIRLS RESULTS
Team scores (top 5 and all county): 1. North Central 54, 2. Carmel 52, 3. Zionsville 46, 4. Noblesville 42, 5. Brownsburg 29, 9. Hamilton Southeastern 21, T28. Fishers 5.

60 hurdles - Finals: 5. Kiana Siefert (N) 9:07, 6. Ally Elsbury (HSE) 9:14, 7. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 9:38. Preliminaries: 10. Lucy Hauser (Westfield) 9:51, 11. Makenzie Loffin (HSE) 9:51, 16. Sophia Sullivan (C) 9:67.

60 dash - Prelims: 10. Ella Scally (F) 7.91, 14. Princess Campbell (W) 7.95, 15. Genesis Bowers (F) 7.98.

3200 run: 4. Elizabeth Barrett (F) 11:05.24, 9. Brooke Lahee (N) 11:13.52, 12. Liz Smith (W) 11:24.22, 14. Maggie Powers (HSE) 11:28.84, 20. Kennedy Applegate (N) 11:39.21.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville (Paige Hazelrigg, Riley Flynn, Brinkley Cooper, Summer Rempe) 9:34.62, 4. Carmel (Kara Wenzler, Olivia Mundt, Audrey Ricketts, Charlotte Konow) 9:43.84, 6. Southeastern (Powers, Addison Smith, Grace Newton, Allie Latta) 9:45.54, 9. Fishers (Vera Schafer, Megan Mybeck, Emma Schwertfeger, Aubrey Baldwin) 9:59.29, 18. Westfield (Nezira Djour, Lizzie Hirschfield, Kelly Pesyna, Robyn Schemel) 10:24.38.

4x200 relay: 4. Carmel (Cambell Wamsley, Ashlynn Guerrant, Emily Norris, Olivia Cebalo) 1:44.45, 7. Southeastern (Jocelyn Davis, Elsbury, Mia Kemp, Regan Wans) 1:46.84, 9. Fishers (Scally, Kya Hoskins, Jurnee Hall, Hannah Samson) 1:47.50, 14. Westfield (Campbell, Tobi Fapetu, Katelyn Malin, Hauser) 1:48.22, 19. Noblesville

(Jaydi Jones, Mya Baker, Megan Feltner, Siefert) 1:51.41.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel (Wamsley, Emerson Carlisle, Wenzler, Olivia Cebalo) 4:02.67, 6. Southeastern (Blackmore, Camryn McKinney, Ciara Kepner, Wans) 4:08.74, 11. Westfield (Hirschfield, Hauser, Brittany Brown, Katelyn Malin) 4:11.39, 21. Fishers (Barrett, Schafer, Hannah Samson, Anna Williams) 4:18.97.

Distance medley relay: 3. Carmel (Jamie Klavon, Lani Samms, Jasmine Klopstad, Alivia Romaniuk) 12:30.84, 11. Noblesville (Hazelrigg, Cooper, Nadia Perez, Rempe) 12:56.25, 20. Southeastern (Anaya Lamie, Alexa Wyrick, Elise Herman, Elizabeth Butler) 13:22.48.

Pole vault: 4. Laina Lillge (N) 11-3, T12. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 10-0.

High jump: 3. Malina Miller (N) 5-4.

Long jump: 3. Siefert (N) 18-0. 16. Lauren Bailey (C) 16-3.25.

Shot put: 8. Hannah Alexander (N) 39-7.5, 16. Taylor Reagor (C) 37-0.75.

In the small school division, Hamilton Heights' girls team placed sixth with 31 points, while Guerin Catholic took seventh with 28 points.

The Huskies were led by Taylor Standridge, who finished second in the pole vault. Ella Ewing was fifth in the 60 hurdles and sixth in the long jump, and Heights had fifth-place finishes in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

The Golden Eagles won the 4x800 relay, with Rosie Barrett, Allison Wozniak, Camille Morrow and Bridget Gallagher clocking in at 10:03.57. Gallagher was also the 3200 runner-up.

Guerin Catholic's boys placed ninth in the small school division by scoring 22 points. The relays led the way, with Ben Grissom, Christian Geary, Ethan Hines and Jack Weber taking second in the 4x800 relay. The Golden Eagles were also sixth in the distance medley.

Hamilton Heights scored 15 points to finish in 14th place. Colin Wilson took second in the shot put with a throw of 62 feet, 8.5 inches, under the old meet record. Peyton McQuinn tied for second in the pole vault.

SMALL SCHOOL GIRLS RESULTS
Team scores (top seven): Heritage Christian 59, Brebeuf Jesuit 50, Wheeler 39, West Lafayette 38, Concordia Lutheran 32, Hamilton Heights 31, Guerin Catholic 28.

60 hurdles - Finals: 5. Ella Ewing (HH) 9.51. 60 dash - Prelims: 11. Emersen Jennings (GC) 8.27, 14. Emma Bock (GC) 8.34. 3200 run: 2. Bridget Gallagher (GC) 10:58.34. 4x800 relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Rosie Barrett, Allison Wozniak, Camille Morrow, Gallagher) 10:03.57. 4x200 relay: 5. Heights (Ewing, Camryn Runner, Victoria Lopez, Kelsey Smith) 1:51.92, 9. Guerin Catholic (Jennings, Bock, Emily Catalano, Cora McGee) 1:53.69. 4x400 relay: 5. Heights (Ewing, Lopez, Runner, Smith) 4:17.36, 12. Guerin Catholic (Kyndall Osborne, Emily Demmings, Madi Canavan, Barrett) 4:28.61. Distance medley relay: 11. Guerin Catholic (Annabel Wright, Eva Parr, Claire Milam, Grace Boivin) 14:01.11.

Pole vault: 2. Taylor Standridge (HH) 10-6. Long jump: 6. Ewing (HH) 16-2.5, 16. Bock (GC) 14-10.25. Shot put: 16. Maris Bulger (GC) 32-2.75.

SMALL SCHOOL BOYS RESULTS
Team scores (top 5 and all county): 1. Bishop Chatard 67, 2. Concordia Lutheran 50, 3. Brebeuf Jesuit 47, 4. West Lafayette 42, 5. Churubusco 41, 9. Guerin Catholic 22, 14. Hamilton Heights 15.

60 hurdles - Prelims: 14. Peter Rooney (GC) 9.22. 60 dash - Prelims: 10. Luke Moody (GC) 7.31. 3200 run: 17. Luke Moster (GC) 10:20.22, 20. Evan McNeany (GC) 10:31.55. 4x800 relay: 2. Guerin Catholic (Ben Grissom, Christian Geary, Ethan Hines, Jack Weber) 8:19.48, 17. Heights (Max Bowman, Rudy Bowman, Steven Case, Clay Forrer) 9:09.48. 4x200 relay: 9. Guerin Catholic (Moody, Andrew Cowlin, Cameron Parker, Robert Sorensen) 1:35.88, 11. Heights (Daniel Collier, Aiden Orton, Trey Ehman, Chandler Thomas) 1:36.24. 4x400 relay: 20. Guerin Catholic (Conner Lawrence, Rooney, Matt Dunlap, Nick Bauman) 3:48.10. Distance medley relay: 6. Guerin Catholic (Jack Weber, Cowlin, James Crocket, Hines) 11:11.40, 18. Heights (M. Bowman, R. Bowman, Case, Orton) 11:58.91. Pole vault: T2. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 13-6. Shot put: 2. Colin Wilson (HH) 62-8.5, under old meet record.



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County wrestlers represent Indiana

Hamilton Heights head coach Gary Myers coached the team. Noblesville coaches Andrew Fleener, Adam Metzler and Tim Blevins assisted, as did Huskies coaches Bruce O'Neal and Kolton Myers.

Hamilton Heights had four girls representing the Huskies wrestling team at the first-ever Indiana vs. Illinois Girls Classic Duals, which took place March 20 at Mooresville High School. The Heights girls are pictured with Huskies coach Gary Myers, who served as the Indiana coach at the Duals.

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Roush pitched five innings.

The Tigers scored nine runs in the first two innings to take control of the game early. The Blackhawks scored their lone run in the sixth inning, when Makayla Clark hit a double to score Taylor Bates.



RIGHT: Heights coach Gary Myers was joined by his assistants, Bruce O'Neal and Kolton Myers.

I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County (nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children). Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

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