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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, and cooler. Scattered afternoon showers. Wind gusting to 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Evening shower chance.

HIGH: 47 LOW: 32

Deputy Doug Sanford passes away

Senior Center has much to offer county's older residents

Submitted

It is with a very heavy heart that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office announces the passing of Deputy Doug Sanford. After a long, hard-fought battle with illness, he is now at rest.

Funeral services and arrangements will be forthcoming. Please keep Deputy Sanford's family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of great loss.

Deputy Sanford has been with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office serving the citizens of Hamilton County as the Animal Control Officer since 2015. He has been a staple in this community since his swearing in and has done

a fantastic job working with the citizens of this county, several animal organizations, assisting other law enforcement agencies, and educating the public on animal laws and ordinances. We thank you for your service and we will miss you dearly.

"My prayers are with the Sanford family and with everyone who knew and loved Doug," said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. "As an expert in his field, he did so much to look out for animals in the community and to advance 'Humane Law Enforcement.' He was a great husband, father, personal friend and a servant leader and will be sorely missed."

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPUTY DOUG SANFORD

May 4, 1973 - March 29, 2022

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GUEST COLUMNIST

JIM GORBY

The Senior Center on Cumberland Road in Noblesville was established in 1978 and has served those over 55 ever since. Thousands of seniors have benefited from its services and friendships.

In 1978, the main focus was on seniors who grew up and lived in the area all their lives. Many participants had been friends since childhood. Everyone knew one another or at least had heard stories about the other.

Beginning about 1990, Hamilton County started to grow like crazy. Suburban towns like Noblesville, Fishers, Westfield and Carmel took off, and newcomers arrived from many points on the compass. New business

After 3 years, Janus breakfast is back!

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On March 23, supporters of Janus Developmental Services' mission came together at the 502 East Event Centre in Carmel for the first in-person Create, Connect & Commit breakfast in three years. The Janus Choir (above) sang "Thank You for Being a Friend," and an impact video about the Evelo family was well-received. Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell spoke about some exciting changes to ABLE Accounts. Yolanda Kincaid and Tim White both shared what the past two years brought for Janus as well as what the future holds the organization. Janus Board Chair Mary Jane Coffing spoke about dreams and their importance to participants at Janus. All told, more that \$100,000 was raised at the annual event. [Click here](#) if you'd like to donate to help boost Janus' fundraising efforts and make more dreams come true.

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Carmel, Westfield have lowest unemployment rate in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development recently released labor statistics for cities, towns and counties in Indiana as of January.

Carmel's rate has slightly increased but is still reflective of a strong local economy. The rate for January 2022 was 1.4 percent, which is an increase from December's 0.08 percent rate.

Carmel's unemployment rate is tied with Westfield as having the lowest among any city in Hamilton County. Fishers' unemployment rate is 1.5 percent, and Noblesville's stands at 1.6 percent. Nearby, Zionsville is slightly lower at 1.1 percent.

Hamilton County's unemployment rate is 1.5 percent. Indiana's unemployment rate is

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A Tapestry Collection by Hilton hotel, the Nickel Plate will feature a full-service restaurant and bar and direct access to the Nickel Plate Trail.

Design unveiled for boutique Hotel Nickel Plate in Fishers

The REPORTER

Browning Investments and Dora Hotel Company unveiled the design renderings for the new Hotel Nickel Plate, a Tapestry Collection by Hilton hotel set to break ground this fall in Fishers.

The renderings were approved as part of the Nickel Plate Review Committee. The previously announced project developed by Browning and Dora Hotel Company will bring a five-story, 116-room high-end boutique hotel to

Fishers' downtown Nickel Plate District. The Hotel Nickel Plate will feature a full-service restaurant and bar on the first floor, along with access to the Nickel Plate Trail.

Drawing inspiration from the historical setting of the hotel, the design pays homage to the Nickel Plate Railroad. Hotel Nickel Plate will maintain its individual spirit, offering guests an experience that is approachable and familiar as well as different from other hotels in the area.

The hotel is part of a master development by Browning announced in December 2018, which includes the new six-story, 180,000 square-foot First Internet Bank headquarters, Nickel Plate Station, a 237-unit multi-family development constructed in partnership with CRG Residential featuring first-floor retail and resident amenities, and the rehabilitation of legacy buildings in downtown Fishers.

Westfield Washington Township offers training for nonprofits

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township (WWT) has partnered with [Hedges](#), a central Indiana consulting firm, to support capacity building for 10 nonprofit organizations that provide services to Westfield residents.

Four sessions will be offered over a four-month span. Attendees will include board members and staff. Topics include: Program Design and Evaluation, Five Characteristics of High Performing Boards, Digital Fundraising and Communications, and Fundraising Essentials for Board Members.

Providing this opportunity to nonprofit providers was a goal that WWT Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan has been trying to set up for a few years. She strives to create partnerships with and remove barriers for the nonprofit organizations.

"This series will allow the township to provide a much-needed training resource to the organizations that do an amazing job caring for our residents," Tolan said. "The comments that we received after the first session were very positive and showed us that there is a great need for services

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The Westfield Education Foundation was represented by Kyle Messmore (from left), Ashley Knott, and Shannon Russell at the first of four sessions.

such as this. Many nonprofits do not have the resources available to attend trainings that are important for their growth and development."

Jodi Snell is the senior consultant at Hedges who is leading this program for WWT nonprofits.


"At Hedges, we approach all of our work through what we call the four Pillars of Organizational Health, including Programs and Impact, Leadership and Culture, Marketing and Communications, and Finance and Development," Snell said. "We know that for an organization to build capacity and sustain, it must focus on all four of those

pillars. We have created this comprehensive training series to include components from each of the four Pillars of Organizational Health and are excited to be partnering with the Westfield Washington Township to bring this series to Hamilton County."


It was very important to invite both staff and board members to this training series. Each position will view the training from their own perspective based on their role.

"The nonprofit series is a good opportunity to learn the latest trends we can use to

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UNEMPLOYMENT

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2.4 percent and the national rate is 4 percent, both of which are seasonally adjusted. [Click here](#) to see the full unemployment report for the State of Indiana. Turn to page 3 to see Hamilton County's statistics, turn to page 7 for Carmel's and Fishers' stats, and turn to page 9 to see Noblesville's and Westfield's stats.

HOTEL

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The Fishers City Council approved incentives to the developer for the construction of the hotel during its December 2019 meeting. The Nickel Plate District is part of the Fishers 2040 comprehensive plan which reimagines Fishers' downtown area as a sustainable, pedestrian-friendly, downtown city core where residents and visitors live, work, and play.


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build stronger organizations to serve Hamilton County," said Westfield Youth Assistance Program Board Member Debbie Laird. "Coming together with other nonprofit leaders provides a chance to share our thoughts, network together and plan for the future."

"It is a great opportunity for nonprofits to learn from experts and each other on how to grow and improve," said Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County Executive Director Lauren Guynn. "It is challenging with limited resources to be able to budget for quality trainings like these, so the support from Westfield Washington Township in providing these to us is amazing. It will have an exponential impact on our organizations and therefore on our community."

The township looks forward to continuing the partnerships that have been cultivated with the nonprofit organizations serving Westfield Washington Township residents.

About Westfield Washington Township
Westfield Washington Township was founded in 1834. Its trustee and elected board are responsible for township assistance, fire

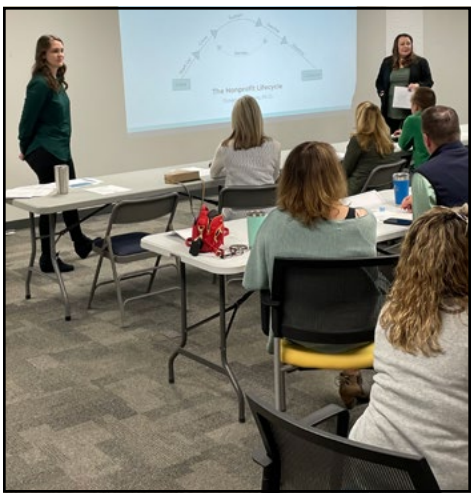


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(LEFT) Westfield Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan played host to the nonprofit training event. **(RIGHT)** Hedges Senior Consultants Kara Harrison (left) and Jodi Snell (right) provided training at the event.



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Organizations in attendance included Westfield Education Foundation, Heart and Soul Clinic, Student Impact of Westfield, Prevail Inc., Open Doors of Washington Township, Westfield Library Foundation Inc., Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, Janus Developmental Services Inc., Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, and Westfield Youth Assistance Program.

protection, cemetery maintenance, weed control, and other duties as specified by the state legislature. In addition, Westfield Washington Township oversees MacGregor Park and Parks & Recreation activities, programs, and events for all ages.

SENIOR CENTER

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came in to enjoy the pleasant surroundings and to employ hardworking folks who lived here or would soon join them. Rather suddenly, the area became not just a bedroom community for Indianapolis, but a destination in itself.

The Senior Center has evolved to serve addition-

al clientele. As businesses started up, relocated here, and expanded, young professionals arrived from across the nation to take jobs and start families. Grandparents visited to see the new grandchildren and thought about moving to the area to be closer to them. And the moves began.


Today, our Center has a mix of long-time residents and many newcomers who are looking for activities and friendship among people of their own age.

The Senior Citizens Organization (to give its proper name) offers games, dinners, trips, a thrift store, hobbies, dancing, exercise

programs, and opportunities to get involved in the community. We are member organized and run in a pleasant facility with all the amenities the community offers.

Come give us a look and get involved.

Jim Gorby serves as the President of the Senior Citizens Organization.



PREVAIL
Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse


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.

- **Mike Bragg**, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Women entrepreneurs from Fishers, Noblesville meet with Rep. Victoria Spartz

The REPORTER

As Women's History Month ends, so does a busy first quarter of 2022 for the **Direct Selling Association** (DSA) hosting Women's Entrepreneurship Roundtables with Members of Congress.

U.S. Representatives Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.), Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa), Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), and Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) all participated in the virtual events to discuss the value of direct selling, the need for flexible work, and entrepreneurship opportunities with their constituents and communities.

Almost 20 women entrepreneurs from congressional districts across the coun-

try discussed the flexibility to work their businesses around their busy schedules and how the business had provided them growth personally and professionally. Becky Cash of Zionsville, Jamie Doeberman of Fishers, Tammy Mutter of Noblesville, Lynda Thies of Indianapolis, and Dusty Vignes of Zionsville attended locally in Indiana.

"We appreciate Reps. Hinson, Mace, Mullin and Spartz taking time out of their busy schedules to attend these events connecting salesforce with the people who represent their interests and make important policy decisions that impact their businesses," said DSA President Joseph N. Mariano.

said DSA President Joseph N. Mariano. "These forums provide a great opportunity for an open dialogue about entrepreneurship from our thriving businesses."

About the Direct Selling Association

For more than a century, the Direct Selling Association (DSA) has served as the national trade association for companies that offer entrepreneurial opportunities to independent sellers to market and sell products and services, typically outside of a fixed retail establishment. In 2020, direct selling took place across the United States, generating \$40.1 billion in retail sales and 7.7 million entrepreneurs in the U.S. sold products or



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Jamie Doeberman of Fishers and Tammy Mutter of Noblesville were just two of the women direct seller entrepreneurs to meet with Rep. Victoria Spartz.

services through the direct selling channel, providing a personalized buying experience for 41.6 million preferred customers and discount buyers. Learn more at dsa.org.

Deputy Brad Osswald retires after 32 years of service to Hamilton Co.



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

After 32 years of service, Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Brad Osswald (fourth from right) retired Tuesday. Throughout his career, Deputy Osswald worked as a patrol deputy, K-9 handler, and a School Resource Officer at Hamilton Heights High School. Thank you, Deputy Osswald for your service.

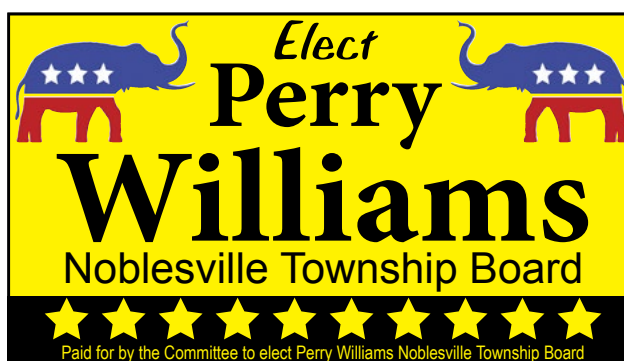
Meet the Easter Bunny at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

The annual Easter Bunny Visit and Egg Hunt will return this year to the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9. Hunts will begin every 15 minutes.

This event is for children ages 10 and under. Kids are encouraged to bring baskets or bags to carry eggs.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.



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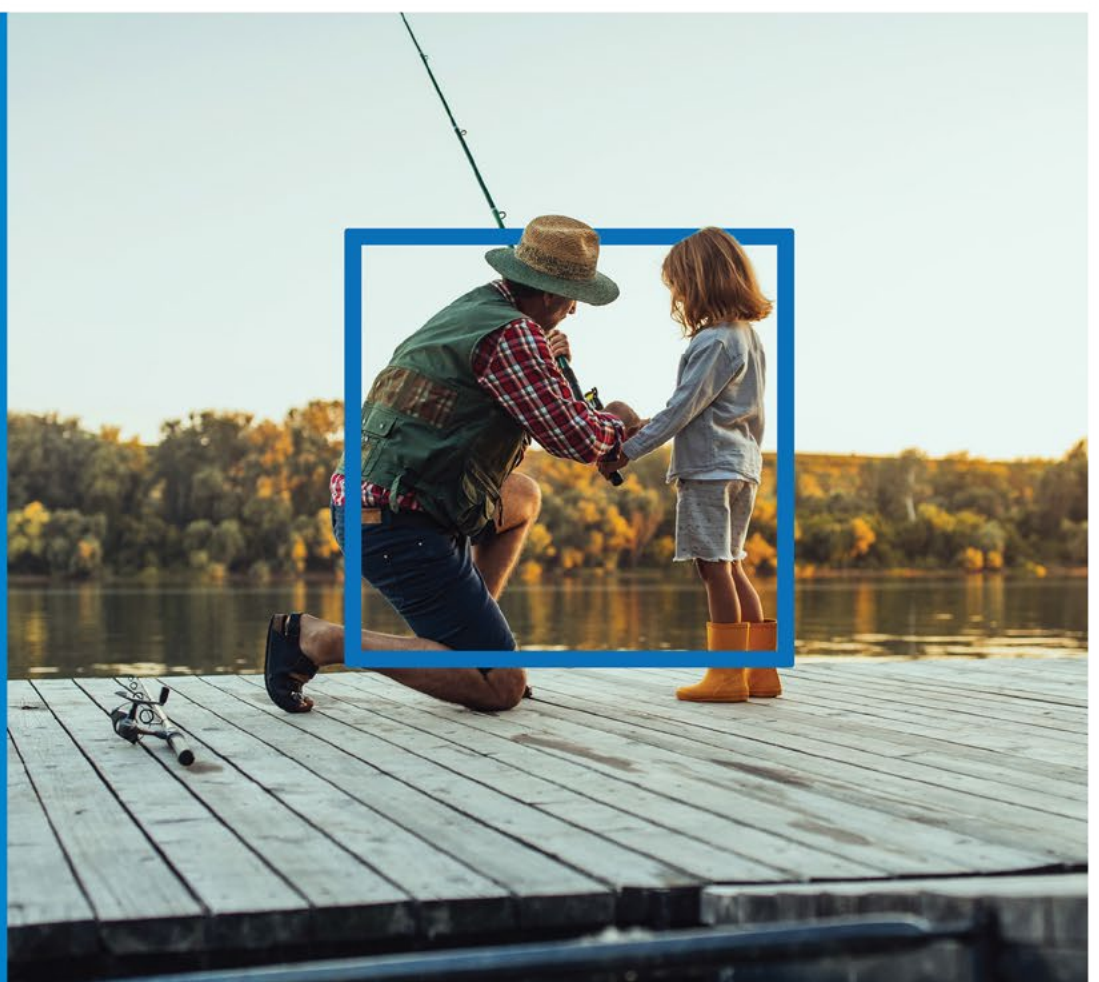
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Rep. Donna Schaibley welcomes Zionsville page to Statehouse

The REPORTER

Zionsville High School student Lilly Samuel recently joined State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) at the Statehouse where she participated in the Indiana House Page Program. Lilly the daughter of Tony and Anita Samuel.

According to Schaibley, Samuel toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse, helped staff with daily responsibilities and joined her on the House floor to witness the legislative process. The page program operates during the legislative session, which wrapped up on March 9.

"Our youth are the future

of Indiana," Schaibley said. "You are never too young to be a responsible and educated citizen. Student pages gain exposure to how our state operates, which I hope encourages them to stay curious and involved in their government."

Schaibley said students between the ages of 13 and 18 should consider participating during the 2023 session.

For more information, call 1-800-382-9841 or email Schaibley at H24@iga.in.gov.

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

AG Rokita wins historic settlement to combat robocalls

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita on Wednesday announced an historic settlement with Piratel, LLC to help combat the plague of robocalling.

Rokita filed suit in October 2021 against Startel, LLC, an Indiana company, and several other defendants for allegedly assisting and facilitating foreign robocallers in India, the Philippines, and Singapore to robocall Hoosiers.

After just a few months of negotiations, Rokita and Piratel have come to a resolution that protects Hoosiers and other Americans from illegal robocalls.

"From day one, it has been my mission to fight illegal and unwanted rob-

ocalls. This settlement is a win for Hoosiers," Rokita said. "To continue winning these battles, we need telecom companies to join us in our anti-robocall campaign. For telecom companies that turn their backs, let this be a warning. There will be major consequences if you send Hoosiers illegal robocalls."

In this case, the robocallers allegedly made over 4.8 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states across the United States. The robocallers allegedly operated a variety of scams, including IRS and Social Security Administration imposter scams, legal action or

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Rokita



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!

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-Dr. Ned



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Westfield Young Professionals meet Mayor Cook



Photo provided by City of Westfield

On March 22, Westfield Young Professionals gathered at Urban Vines for a Happy Hour Networking Event. Mayor Andy Cook was there to hear from the Young Professionals about their experience in Westfield. The next Young Professionals event is a coffee set for Tuesday, April 12.

Merchants Bank named latest sponsor of Carmel International Arts Festival

The REPORTER

The Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF) welcomes Merchants Bank as the newest festival sponsor. Merchants has come forward with a sponsorship for the event, scheduled for Sept. 24 and 25, 2022, in the Carmel Arts & Design District.

Headquartered in Carmel, Merchants Bank operates multiple lines of financing options. Some of these include healthcare facility financing and servicing, retail and correspondent residential mortgage banking, agricultural lending, and traditional community banking.



It is this sense of community that led to the funding.

"Merchants Bank of Indiana recognizes the importance of the arts in our community, and we're honored to support this premier event," said Indianapolis Market President Susan Kucer.

CIAF brings more than 100 talented artists from around the country and nearly 30,000 people to the

two-day event in the Arts & Design District. The artists specialize in nine different media, including glass, 2D, 3D, paint, jewelry, photography, fiber, ceramics and wood.

The artists are set up along the two main arteries of the Arts & Design District in Carmel: Main Street and Range Line Road. The community is presented



with the finest samplings to simply enjoy or purchase and take home.

Additionally, the festival supports its mission through the awarding of several financial scholarships to local high school students.

Learn more at carmel-artsfestival.org.

ROBOCALLS

arrest scams, computer support scams, Apple support scams, and Amazon subscription scams.

Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

- Be wary of callers who

specifically ask you to pay by gift card or cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin. For example, the IRS does not accept iTunes gift cards.

- Look out for prerecorded calls from government agencies you were not ex-

pecting. Typically, the IRS and SSA do not call people.

- If you suspect fraudulent activity, do not provide any personal information and end the call.

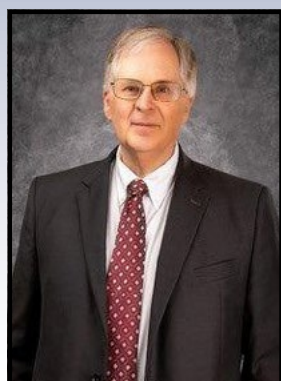
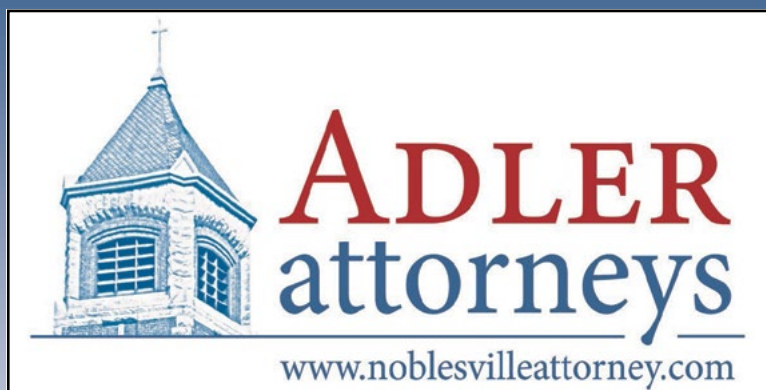
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RFQ Due Date: 04.15.2022
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I. PROJECT INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with IC 5-23-5 and Westfield Washington Township Board Resolution 2021-1, the Westfield Washington Township Trustee ("WWT"), located in Westfield, Indiana, invites any and all qualified parties to submit Proposals and Statements of Qualifications to design, obtain financing, and construct a new Township Office building to be located in Westfield, Indiana. The purpose of this RFQ is to identify a team that is capable of scoping, developing, and financing the potential project. At a certain point in time, Westfield Washington Township would assume ownership of the improvements and will pledge financing adequate to cover the debt.

II. PROJECT SCOPE:

General Scope:

- The selected proposer to this Request for Proposals/Qualifications will be selected to enter into a scoping period with the Township to develop a project scope and other deliverables as described herein. Through their RFPQ response, proposers should demonstrate the ability to provide all financing services, site work, labor, and material to develop and construct a headquarters building. The scoping period may result in the determination that the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment could be part of the scope.
- Please note that the final scope will be determined during the scoping period, and the final approval of the project by the Board will not occur until the scoping period deliverables have been satisfactorily completed by the selected proposer.
- The WWT has procured design services under a separate procurement process, and proposers should not offer design services as part of their response to this RFQ.
- If your firm or team is unable to provide both financing and construction services, please submit for the services that your firm or team can provide. Accordingly, the WWT reserves the option to choose services as needed to create the most qualified and cost-effective team for the full development of the Project.
- The WWT is utilizing this statute and procurement process to identify a qualified team that can help identify repayment sources, financing structures, and present these findings along with a budget to the WWT at the end of a scoping period. Please note that the required deliverables of the scoping period process will include a guaranteed budget and full financing approvals. Upon receiving these deliverables, the WWT will decide whether to move forward with the selected team and the project (or not). The WWT reserves the right to use this procurement for the Project (depending on the proposer's deliverables after the scoping period) or to cancel this RFPQ/scoping process altogether if the selected proposer's scoping deliverables for the Project is not satisfactory.

Project Description:

Proposed Location

The site will be a portion of the Westfield Washington Public Library ("Library") property under contract and scheduled to close and take possession in February 2022. Generally located at the southwest corner of Park Street and Westfield Boulevard in Westfield, IN.

Proposed Building

A schematic design by KRM Architecture for a 5,200 +/- square foot facility is currently in process. This design will accommodate spaces for offices, conference rooms, and collaboration spaces.

Proposed Schedule

The project may run concurrent with the construction of the proposed Library. Design would continue into the first quarter of 2022 with a goal to begin construction late first quarter of 2022 with a completion date in the 3rd quarter of 2023. A second option may be construction after the completion of the library depending on discovery of best practices during the scoping period.

III. PROPOSAL EVALUATION:

The WWT has formed a committee to review the proposals received. The criteria which will be utilized in evaluating proposals is as follows:

- Your experience developing similar projects
- Your demonstrated ability and capacity to perform the work
- Your demonstrated ability to finance the project
- Your reputation as indicated by your references for performing this type of work

- Your overall approach and explanation of the development of the project
- Your scoping process, estimating process, and fees

IV. PROPOSALS:

Please respond to the following requests:

- A description of the project team including the project lead and construction team. Please provide main point of contact for the team and resumes of project managers who may be assigned to the project.

- Identify at least three (3) similar projects you have financed and constructed. Include names, telephone numbers and addresses to be used as references relative to the listed projects.

- A proposed schedule for the project, including proposed dates to close on financing, to start and complete construction, and to convey the improvements to the Township. Considering the scope is not developed at this point, please provide this schedule for example purposes only. The final schedule will be determined in the scoping period as part of the selected proposer's deliverables.

- A proposed financing solution, project approach in regard to scoping process, open book estimating, bidding, and construction.

- The scoping process may have a duration of several months in which time the selected proposer would need to prepare site analysis, collaborate with design team on final design, financing terms, and guaranteed budgets sufficient for the WWT to make a decision on proceeding (or not) with the Project and/or with the selected proposer. Please identify fees that may be requested by your team during this process. You may offer hourly rates, an overall lump sum, or multiple lump sums segregated by task.

V. General Conditions

It should be understood that:

- The WWT reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals/Statements of Qualifications at its sole discretion.
- The WWT does not require you to submit a certified check or other evidence of financial responsibility with your proposal, however the WWT may request proof of bonding capacity, safety record, and legal standing of shortlisted teams.

- The selected offeror will be expected to enter into a contract with WWT that will provide for the prevailing party in any litigation to recover attorney fees and costs and that will also include standard terms applicable to such contracts with governmental entities.

- All offerors will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. The WWT may enter into discussions with offerors to clarify and assure a full understanding of proposals.

- The WWT does anticipate that the successful offeror will solicit multiple bids for each scope of work and requests that offerors make a concerted effort to engage with Hamilton County Contractors during the bidding and negotiation process.

- The offerors scoping period fees are an important determinant for the selection committee, but your demonstrated qualifications and ability/capacity to perform the work will be weighted equally by the selection committee.

- The WWT may refuse to disclose the contents of the Proposals/ Statement of Qualifications during discussions with eligible offerors.

- Proposing firms shall not contact Township public officials or members of the Board during the RFPQ process.

- This Project will be procured and financed in partnership with the selected offeror under IC § 5-23, and therefore the Project will not utilize "public funds" as defined in IC § 5-22-2-23. Per both statutes, the selected offeror will not be subject to further procurement processes under IC § 36-1-12 or any other statute.

- However, the selected proposer will be required to provide a performance bond for 50% of the construction costs and payment bond for 100% of the construction costs upon conclusion of the scoping period per both IC § 5-23 and IC § 36-1-12.

- The WWT reserves the right to enter into a Scoping Agreement with an offeror for preliminary design and development services prior to the Board agreeing to move forward with the Project. Upon receiving proposals, the designated RFPQ Committee shall either make a recommendation to award the public-private agreement to the selected offeror, engage another offeror, or to terminate the request for proposal process.

- All correspondence and questions for this RFPQ should be handled through Danielle Carey Tolan, WWT and the WWT's Owners Representative:

- Danielle Carey Tolan, WWT / trustee@wwtownship.us
- Randy Zentz, Zentz Consulting / rzentz@zentzconsulting.com

- Questions: Please submit all questions in writing by noon on 04/11/2022 to Randy Zentz.

- The WWT anticipates holding interviews of shortlist teams on 04/19/2022 and/or 04/20/2022.

- Email an electronic PDF of the Proposal/Statement of Qualifications to Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan at trustee@wwtownship.us.

Proposals must be received by 4:00 PM local time on April 15, 2022.

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Rise Up for Easter Sunday at Venture Christian Church

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Venture Christian Church, 14501 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel, has announced its Easter weekend events. These events are great opportunities for Hamilton County families to have some fun together and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

“We’re excited to celebrate Easter at Venture, and we would love to see new faces as we seek Jesus in worship,” says Stan Killebrew, Lead Pastor at Venture. “It is going to be a great weekend. We hope to see you there!”

Easter weekend will include:

- Free Easter Egg Hunt with family prizes for all infants and children through fourth grade. The hunt will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16.
- Two worship services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 17
- Kids activities during Easter Sunday worship services
- Free gifts for first-time guests on Easter Sunday

Venture Christian Church hosts Sunday morning services every weekend at 9:30 and 11am. For more information about Venture, visit venturechristian.church.

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Grand opening set for Nickel Plate Trail in downtown Fishers

The REPORTER
The City of Fishers and Fishers Parks announced on Wednesday the public opening of the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, including the pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street, on Saturday, May 14.

Over the past three years, the city, along with many community stakeholders, have worked to plan, develop and build the 3.8-mile paved, multi-use trail, strengthening connectivity within the Fishers community. With the opening of the downtown section, users will be able to travel from 146th Street to 106th Street.

In 2019, city officials unveiled the Nickel Plate Trail Master Plan, a long-range master plan for the public space that featured ideas from residents, students, community groups, and more. Paving of the trail began in 2020.

Last summer, the city began construction on the Nickel Plate Trail pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street, which provides pedestrians with safe and efficient passage through the 116th Street intersection without disrupting traffic flow.

The downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail also features the Monumental Stairs with a built-in bike ramp that allows pedestrians and cyclists to access the trail at 116th Street and provides seating overlooking the trail-level plaza – the perfect spot for live music, special events and community gatherings. A pedestrian bridge above the tunnel exit on the north side of 116th Street connects the existing train platform to the new Nickel Plate Station plaza, which includes swings and other activities.

Coordination and planning are underway with Indianapolis for the southern portion of the trail between 96th Street and 106th Street and will be announced as funding becomes available.

Grand Opening
Fishers city officials will unveil the downtown portion of the trail with the Nickel Plate Trail Grand Opening Celebration, presented by First Internet Bank, on Saturday, May 14.

From noon to 4 p.m., residents can explore the new trail and enjoy food trucks, public art, and more at the Switch Plaza and Monumental Stairs, 2 Nickel Plate Trail, located between North and South Street in Fishers’ downtown Nickel Plate Cultural District, as well as “activations” at Fishers Parks headquarters at Hub & Spoke, 8100 E. 106th St.

In the evening from 7 to 10 p.m., eventgoers can enjoy a beverage from local breweries and stroll the trail while enjoying live music in the downtown area between North Street and South Street.

To celebrate the trail opening, several businesses in the Nickel Plate District and along the Nickel Plate Trail will offer special deals for patrons throughout the month of May. Deals will be announced in May at playfishers.com/NPTGrandOpening.

Along with the opening of the Nickel Plate Trail, residents and visitors can also use the trail to visit the Fishers Farmers’ Market at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning in May to shop from local vendors. city will also play host to the annual Hope for Happiness event at the Farmers’ Market on Saturday, May 14 in partnership with Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High Schools’ Bring Change to Mind student clubs to raise awareness about mental health and the city’s Stigma Free initiative.

Throughout the summer, residents are encouraged to use the trail to access summer events throughout the Nickel Plate District, including Fishers Parks’ Summer Concert Series, the Shop Fishers celebration, and more.

Learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail and the grand opening at playfishers.com/NPTGrandOpening.

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Jerry Lee Wooldridge

October 11, 1944 – March 28, 2022



Jerry Lee Wooldridge passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 28, 2022, at IU Saxony Hospital. Jerry was born to Guy and Chloe Wooldridge on October 11, 1944, in Anderson, Ind.

Jerry was a tool and die maker for Guide Lamp for 36 years before retiring in 1999. Jerry's greatest treasure was his wife, Diana (Dragoo) Wooldridge. They were the definition of a true love story. Jerry and Diana were high school sweethearts at Anderson Highland High School and Jerry made Diana his wife on July 18, 1964. They were a match made in heaven. Jerry was adventurous, loved doing everything outdoors, especially snow skiing, boating, water skiing, fishing, hunting, and playing sports, while Diana was more reserved and just enjoyed going on long road trips to wherever the car took them. Whatever they were doing, they always enjoyed each other's company.

Jerry was a true family man. Whatever his kids (not just his biological kids but all his cousins' kids) or grandkids were interested in, that's what he was interested in. You would see him at the field, the court, the pool, the choir concert, the band concert. It didn't matter what it was, if it involved his kids or grandkids, he was there.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Diana (Dragoo) Wooldridge; son, Scott (Wanda) Wooldridge; daughter, Leah Wooldridge; grandson, Alex Wooldridge; granddaughter, Sydney Wooldridge; brother, Ronald (Connie) Wooldridge; niece, Alycn Opperman (Paul); nephew, Aaron (Amber), great-nephew, Ashton Wooldridge; uncle, Garland (Elma) Wooldridge; several special cousins and friends; and his Friday Coffee gang, Jeff, Bill, Mike, and Tim.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Chloe Wooldridge; paternal grandparents, Marcus and Julia Wooldridge; and maternal grandparents, Enos and Helen Bennett.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at the Fresenius Dialysis Center in Anderson and Fishers, Dr. Mike Robertson and all the nurses of Community North Hospital, and the emergency room staff at IU Saxony Hospital for all their loving care and compassion.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. A celebration of life will be held immediately following at the Noblesville Elks Lodge, 35 S. 9th St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 (heart.org); American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852 (kidneyfund.org); or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 10401 N. Meridian St., Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46290 (jdrf.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Susan A. Buchanan

September 20, 1939 – March 28, 2022



Susan A. Buchanan, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022, at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on September 20, 1939, to Charles and Mary (Williams) Randall in Noblesville.

Susan worked for RCA and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, camping, birdwatching, and westerns.

She is survived by her sons, Randy Buchanan (Jennifer Berry-Buchanan), Brian Buchanan (Darlene), and Barry Buchanan; brother, Bobby Randall; and her sister, Peggy R. Merrill.

In addition to her parents, Susan was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph G. Buchanan; sister, Dorothy Estep and Barbara Guill; and her brothers, Jim Randall, Bill Randall, and Jerry Randall.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Friday, April 1, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Zimmer Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

Grace be with you all.

1 Timothy 6:17-21 (NIV)

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Softball

Greyhounds hold off Royals in wild, high-scoring game

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - The Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern softball teams are well-known for being historically big-hitting teams, but no one could've possibly imagined the end result when the two teams clashed Wednesday night at the Royals' field.

From start to finish, the game between the Greyhounds and Southeastern was wild. At times it got a little chaotic. That may be dramatic, but how else does one explain a game where the teams combine for 49 runs and 41 hits, six of them home runs?

With all of that offense, no lead was safe during the game, which finished with Carmel hanging on for a 26-23 victory over the Royals, bringing the Greyhounds' record to 2-0 for the season. In those two games, Carmel has scored 37 runs.

"I was really proud of them for going out there every inning offensively and just staying in the game," said 'Hounds coach Ginger Britton. She credited her players with "jumping on with what the person in front of them was doing and being willing to take their role and work with it, which was move runners, and therefore you're going to get runners in."

Carmel was getting many runners in during the first two innings, as the Greyhounds led 6-0 midway through the second.

In the first inning, Sophie Esposito scored the first run on an Ella Ohrvall single, then Kylie Cunningham scored after Hope McDonald was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Carmel followed that with four runs in the top of the second. Ohrvall got home on an error, then Elsa Morrison tripled in Cunningham. Lily Sullivan then blasted a home run, also scoring Morrison.

The Royals now trailed by six runs, but they took care of that really quick by scoring 10 runs in the bottom of the second. Emma Vance singled in Maddie Bucher, Sydney Penny scored on a bases-loaded hit by pitch, then Laila Wanza scored on a bases-loaded walk.

Morgan Hicks, then doubled in Vance and Lani Wyrick, and an RBI double from Payton Fox tied the game. Alex Kiemeyer then connected on a two-run single. By now Southeastern had batted around, and Penny came back up to blast a two-run home run. Just like that, the Royals led 10-6.

"We battled the whole game, but we were down six-nothing," said HSE coach David Cook. "We could've thrown it in there, and we come back and score 10 and take the lead."

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Ella Ohrvall (left) was 3-for-5 at the plate while Hamilton Southeastern catcher Alex Kiemeyer hit a home run during the Greyhounds-Royals game Wednesday at the Southeastern field. Carmel won 26-23 in a game that featured 41 hits and six homers.

Westfield slugs its way past Franklin Central, ends HCC drought

By CRAIG ADKINS

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Shamrocks did something that was long overdue. It had been four seasons (2018) since the 'Rocks had last won a Hoosier Crossroads Conference softball game.

They opened HCC play on Wednesday with a big win over Franklin Central in grand fashion, belting eight extra-base hits on their way to a 12-2 win in five innings over the visiting Flashes.

"As a team tonight, this is our first conference win in several years and it's a step in the right direction for us," said an excited Westfield head coach Brian Revercomb.

After Kalee Roberts led off the game for the Flashes with a double, freshman Chloe Tanner settled in quite comfortably, keeping the ball in the infield and ending the first with a double play.

"Chloe is going to be a key part of our success this year and for the next four years. Her pitching tonight was fantastic," stated Revercomb on his freshman starter Tanner.

The 'Rocks got their bats going quick as

well in the bottom of the first.

Junior Maggie Roh led off with a walk and was immediately driven home on a two-run home run to center by senior Avery Parker. Another freshman, Sam Breaux, doubled to keep the inning alive and she would later be sent home on an RBI single from Allie Dolenc that gave Westfield a 3-0 lead at the end of the first.

"We're young, but we have a lot of young talent. It's super important that we hit well throughout the batting order," Revercomb continued on his team's great night at the plate.

"Our conference, top to bottom, is going to be really solid and it's super important that we get production. I thought we did a nice job throughout the batting order with quality at-bats, nice two-strike hits and really timely hitting tonight," said a pleased Revercomb with his team's hitting.

The Flashes were able to get on the board in the top of the second. Brenna Fink led off with a single to left and Kaylee Grayson walked. Jenna Thompson then lined a two-

run single to right center, scoring both Fink and Grayson to cut Westfield's lead to 3-2.

The Shamrocks continued with a big bottom of the second inning.

Roh led off with a triple to the fence in right center. Two batters later, Grace Fanelli launched a two-run bomb deep to left center. Breaux collected a single for her second hit and Natalie Deck joined her by singling. Dolenc found the right center gap and lofted a double that scored Breaux and Deck to lengthen the advantage to 7-2 through two.

"It's nice to see from a variety of younger, less experienced players that we're going to count on this year," Revercomb said of his team's youth that will play big roles this season.

Westfield put together another big inning in the third that would help put an end to their conference drought.

Senior Mya Hughes and Roh walked consecutively and then senior Avery Parker was hit by a pitch on the back of her head, just below her helmet, loading the bases. Parker was down for five minutes before

the athletic trainer and coaches brought her to her feet to an ovation from the crowd. Freshman Avery Banas came in to pinch run for Parker and would stay in the game as a precautionary measure.

"That was a scary moment with Avery, she's okay. The trainer said she was ok to go back in, but we played it safe. She's an essential part of our success and has been for four years," said a concerned Brian Revercomb on one of his senior leader in Parker.

The inning continued as Fanelli roped a two-run double up the middle into center that scored Hughes and Roh. Breaux added a second double and drove in Banas, followed by Ava Kainrath's RBI-single that scored Breaux and just like that, the 'Rocks were now leading 11-2.

Chloe Tanner shut down the Flashes in the fourth and fifth to keep the Franklin Central bats silenced. Over the final three innings, she held the visitors to one hit, fanning three on her way to four strikeouts

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HSE boys volleyball wins Mudsock



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The Hamilton Southeastern boys volleyball team won the Mudsock match, which took place Tuesday at the Royals gym. Southeastern beat Fishers in four sets (25-19, 20-25, 25-19, 25-12) to claim the trophy and a program sweep. Southeastern's junior varsity 1 and 2 teams also won their matches.

Baseball

Shamrocks improve to 3-0, play FC today

The Westfield baseball team improved to 3-0 with wins on Tuesday and Wednesday. First up, the Tuesday game, which is when the Shamrocks made a big comeback at Grand Park. Westfield trailed Saline (Mich.) 3-0 going into the bottom of the seventh inning before scoring four runs to get a 4-3 victory. Mac Clarke drew a lead-off walk, Evan Russ was hit by a pitch, then Nick Alm was walked to load the bases. Luke Starr came in to run for Alm, after which Tyler Gentry came up to the plate. Gentry hammered a double into left field, sending in Clarke and Russ and moving Starr to third. Starr was soon home, as Brayden Hibler hit a sacrifice fly to tie the game. Collin

Lindsey and Keaton Mahan were both intentionally walked to load the bases, but Trey Dorton ended the contest with a single, scoring Gentry for the winning run. Westfield had three hits in the game; Lindsey hit a triple in the bottom of the fourth inning. Ty Anderson pitched the last three innings and got the win. Starter Seth Nanna threw seven strikeouts in four innings. The Shamrocks followed that up with their Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener on Wednesday, traveling to Franklin Central and coming home with a 12-2, six-inning victory. The Flashes scored the game's first run in the bottom of the first inning, but Westfield tied things up in the top of the second, then poured in four runs in the third.

The 'Rocks scored five runs in the top of the sixth and held off Franklin Central to get the run-rule win. Maximus Webster and Anderson both had two hits, with Hibler connecting on a triple and Russ smacking a double. Gage Stanifer got the pitching win, with 11 strikeouts in five innings. "Stanifer was pretty good tonight, especially for his first start of the season," said Westfield coach Ryan Bunnell. "He wasn't as sharp as he'd like to be with his slider but his fastball had a lot of life. I thought our guys competed well, had good energy and put together enough good at bats to be productive. We were certainly glad to get Pritchett out of there, he's a quality arm. Maximus Webster put together some really good at bats although the box score doesn't indicate how good of a night he had, some really loud outs. We are happy with the win but we all know we have more in the tank and it will be fun when this team starts firing on all cylinders." The Shamrocks host Franklin Central tonight at Grand Park to complete the HCC series.

Brayden Hibler	2	0	0	1
Luke Starr	0	1	0	0
Totals	22	4	3	4
Score by Innings				
Saline	000	210	0-3	6-1
Westfield	000	000	4-4	3-3
3B: Lindsey. 2B: Gentry. SAC: Hibler. HBP: Russ.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Seth Nanna	4	2	0	1
Ty Anderson (W)	3	1	1	5
Strikeouts: Nanna 7, Anderson 2. Walks: Nanna 3.				

WESTFIELD 12, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 2 (6 innings)

Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Collin Lindsey	3	1	1	1
Keaton Mahan	2	2	0	2
Trey Dorton	4	0	1	2
Maximus Webster	4	1	2	2
Mac Clarke	1	2	0	0
Andrew Nicholson	1	0	0	0
Evan Russ	3	2	1	1
Luke Starr	0	0	0	0
Tyler Gentry	4	0	0	0
Ty Anderson	3	1	2	2
Jack Woodard	0	1	0	0
Brayden Hibler	3	2	1	1
Totals	28	12	8	11
Score by Innings				
Westfield	014	025	-12	8-0
Franklin Central	100	001	-2	2-4
3B: Hibler. 2B: Russ. SB: Mahan, Russ, Webster. SAC: Dorton. HBP: Lindsey 2, Russ 2.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Gage Stanifer (W)	5	1	1	1
Matt Morris	1	1	1	1
Strikeouts: Stanifer 11, Morris 1. Walks: Stanifer 2, Morris 1.				

WESTFIELD 4, SALINE (MICH.) 3				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Collin Lindsey	3	0	1	0
Keaton Mahan	3	0	0	0
Trey Dorton	4	0	1	1
Maximus Webster	3	0	0	0
Mac Clarke	2	1	0	0
Evan Russ	2	1	0	0
Nick Alm	1	0	0	0
Tyler Gentry	2	1	1	2

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on the night to notch her first career high school pitching win. The Shamrocks chased the Flashes' starter Ella Clouse after three innings and threw 104 pitches to record nine outs. She was relieved by Kaylee Buescher in the fourth. Breaux put an end to this HCC opener as she drilled a walk-off solo shot to center, giving Westfield a 12-2 conference win over the Flashes. The loss drops Franklin Central to 0-1 (0-1 HCC). The Flashes next play Friday at Martinsville. Breaux went 4-for-4 with two doubles, a single and a solo home run, while scoring four times to help lead the 'Rocks offense. Fanelli went 2-of-4 with four runs driven in and scored twice. Parker's two RBIs and Dolenc went 2-for-2 with a walk and three RBIs to highlight the win for Westfield. The 'Rocks (2-1, 1-0 HCC) stay home today to host Pendleton Heights (0-0) at

WESTFIELD 12, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 2 (5 innings)				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Maggie Roh	1	3	1	0
Avery Parker	2	1	1	2
Avery Banas	1	0	0	0
Grace Fanelli	4	2	2	4
Sam Breaux	4	4	4	2
Natalie Deck	2	1	1	0
A Kainrath	2	0	1	1
Allie Dolenc	2	0	2	3
Chloe Tanner	3	0	0	0
M Hughes	2	1	1	0
Totals	23	12	13	12
Score by Innings				
Franklin Central	020	00-	2	4-0
Westfield	344	01-	12	13-0
HR: Fanelli, Parker, Breaux. 3B: Roh. 2B: Dolenc, Fanelli, Breaux. HBP: Parker.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Tanner	5	2	2	4
Strikeouts: Tanner 4. Walks: Tanner 2.				

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Carmel took the lead back in the top of the third by scoring five runs. McDonald was sent home by Ohrvall's RBI fielder's choice, then Maddie Stacy got home on a bases-loaded walk. Morrison hit a sacrifice fly brought in Esposito, then Ohrvall and Cunningham scored to get the 'Hounds ahead 11-10.

The Royals tied the game at 11-11 in the bottom of the third; Wyrick scored the run. Southeastern then added four runs in the bottom of the fourth to lead 15-11. Anna Kiemeyer led off with a solo home run, Taylor Larson cracked a two-RBI single, then was sent home by Jenna Chase's base hit.

The Greyhounds cut the lead to 15-13 in the top of the fifth. Ohrvall laid down a bunt that eventually brought in Esposito, then Ohrvall eventually scored herself. Southeastern got one run back in the bottom of the inning when Bucher stole home plate.

Carmel went into the sixth inning trailing 16-13. The Greyhounds went wild in the top of that inning, blasting in 11 runs for a 24-16 lead. McDonald started with a two-run homer, then Esposito smacked a two-run home run of her own. Cunningham singled in a run, Sullivan's base hit scored two more. Audrey Hussain and Sullivan both got home when McDonald reached on error, McDonald scored when Paxton Law reached on error, then Law scored on a passed ball.

But even an eight-run lead wasn't safe. The Royals added four runs in the bottom of the seventh. Larson doubled in Vance, then Chase - who threw over 250 pitches between HSE's Tuesday night and Wednesday night games - clobbered a three-run homer into center field.

Carmel led 24-20 after six innings. But neither team was done yet. Hussain and McDonald both singles in runs for the 'Hounds in the top of the seventh, giving Carmel a 26-20 lead. Then, the Royals kept fighting in the bottom of the seventh.

Vance led off with a double, then Wyrick singled her home. Wyrick later scored on an error, then Halle Guiden was batted in by a Fox single. Finally, Lucy Broughton got a strikeout for the third out.

"Any team in the area, I think defensively, it's always going to be a little rough as pitchers settle in coming out of the gym and everything," said Britton. "With our ability right now just to be able to put the bat on the ball and do it hard, just gives us some opportunities to make mistakes and still be able to come out on top."



Hamilton Southeastern's Maddie Bucher scored three runs for the Royals during their Wednesday game with Carmel.

All nine Carmel players scored at least one run and got at least one hit. Esposito, Ohrvall and Cunningham all scored four runs, with Ohrvall, Hussain and McDonald getting three hits. McDonald batted in six runs.

Meanwhile, Wyrick had five runs for the Royals, with Larson and Kiemeyer each getting four hits. Chase totaled five RBIs.

"I told the girls, that's two high-powered offenses right there," said Cook. "There were some balls crushed, both ways."

"We got to play better," said Cook. "We're making too many mistakes. We're not making routine plays. We made some good plays, but we're not making routine plays."

Both teams will be off for the next several days for Spring Break. The Royals, now 0-2, will return to action first, playing at the Terre Haute South tournament on April 8 and 9. Carmel is back on April 12 when it

plays at Lawrence North.

CARMEL 26, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 23				
Carmel	AB	R	H	RBI
Sophie Esposito	4	4	2	2
Ella Ohrvall	5	4	3	4
Kylie Cunningham	4	4	2	2
Elsa Morrison	5	3	1	2
Lily Sullivan	4	3	2	4
Audrey Hussain	5	2	3	1
Hope McDonald	5	3	3	6
Maddie Stacy	6	1	1	0
Paxton Law	5	2	1	0
Totals	43	26	18	21
HR: Esposito, McDonald, Sullivan. 3B: Morrison. 2B: Law. SB: Esposito, Hussain, Ohrvall, Stacy, Sullivan, Morrison, Cunningham. HBP: McDonald, Sullivan.				
Carmel pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Lucy Broughton (W)	6	18	18	20
Law	1	5	5	3
Strikeouts:	Broughton 5.	Walks:	Law 3,	Broughton 2.

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Lani Wyrick	4	5	3	2
Taylor Larson	6	2	4	3
Sage Ladig	1	0	0	0
Jenna Chase	3	1	2	5
Halle Guiden	0	1	0	0
Morgan Hicks	5	1	2	2
Paige Gould	0	1	0	0
Payton Fox	6	1	2	2
Alex Kiemeyer	5	1	4	3
Maddie Bucher	0	3	0	0
Stephanie Penny	5	2	3	2
Laila Wanza	2	2	1	0
Tessa Sexauer	2	0	0	0
Emma Vance	4	3	2	1
Totals	43	23	23	20
HR: Penny, Kiemeyer, Chase. 2B: Larson, Vance, Hicks, Wanza, Fox, Kiemeyer. HBP: Wyrick 2, Hicks, Chase.				
HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Ladig	1.2	6	6	5
Chase	5.1	20	10	13
Strikeouts:	Chase 3.	Walks:	Chase 5, Ladig 3.	
Score by Innings				
Carmel	245	02(11)	2-26	18 3
Southeastern	0(10)1	414	3-23	23 12

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Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB	Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	46	29	.613	-	Denver	46	31	.597	-
Boston	47	30	.610	-	Utah	45	31	.592	0.5
Toronto	44	32	.579	2.5	Minnesota	43	34	.558	3.0
Brooklyn	40	36	.526	6.5	Portland	27	49	.355	18.5
New York	34	43	.442	13.0	Oklahoma City	22	54	.289	23.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	47	28	.627	-	z-Phoenix	62	14	.816	-
Chicago	44	32	.579	3.5	Golden State	48	29	.623	14.5
Cleveland	42	34	.553	5.5	L.A. Clippers	37	39	.487	25.0
Indiana	25	52	.325	23.0	L.A. Lakers	31	44	.413	30.5
Detroit	20	56	.263	27.5	Sacramento	28	49	.364	34.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Miami	49	28	.636	-	x-Memphis	54	23	.701	-
Charlotte	40	37	.519	9.0	x-Dallas	48	29	.623	6.0
Atlanta	39	37	.513	9.5	New Orleans	33	43	.434	20.5
Washington	33	43	.434	15.5	San Antonio	31	45	.408	22.5
Orlando	20	57	.260	29.0	Houston	20	57	.260	34.0
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y - clinched division title									

Pacers make furious comeback, fall just short against Denver

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers nearly made history on Wednesday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, coming close to pulling off the largest comeback ever by the franchise.

Indiana looked listless in a disastrous first quarter, falling behind 43-15, the largest deficit any team faced after one quarter in the NBA this season. Bryn Forbes' 3-pointer with 10:06 remaining in the second quarter gave Denver a 31-point lead, 50-19.

But despite the deficit, and despite having eight players out due to injury, the Pacers were a completely different team over the final three quarters. The Blue & Gold mounted a furious charge, taking the lead for the first time with 3:09 remaining in the third quarter and leading with under eight minutes to play in the contest.

In the end, however, Indiana (25-52) simply ran out of gas. Nikola Jokic and the Nuggets (46-31) righted the ship just enough to avoid an embarrassing collapse, pulling away late for a 125-118 win.

It was a bitter end to an inspiring effort by the undermanned Pacers. Seven of Indiana's nine available players scored in double figures on the night, and all nine of them had a hand in the memorable comeback attempt.

Buddy Hield scored a team-high 20 points for Indiana, while Terry Taylor tallied 18 points on 9-of-12 shooting and nine rebounds in the loss. Goga Bitadze (18 points and 10 rebounds) and Tyrese Haliburton (15 points, 12 assists, five rebounds, and four steals) both recorded double-doubles.

Even the players not playing on Wednesday were all-in. Oshae Brissett, Malcolm Brogdon, Chris Duarte, Isaiah Jackson, T.J.

McConnell, and Myles Turner were standing in front of the Pacers' bench for virtually the entire second half, living and dying with each possession.

"Our crowd was great," Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle said after the game. "When we got way down, they kept encouraging us...They hung with us and we started making some good things happen with heart and unselfish play and carried it through to the latter stages of the fourth. There's things we can build on."

Jokic got the Nuggets' offense rolling early. The reigning MVP scored three baskets and assisted on the other two as Denver opened the night with a 10-2 run.

The Pacers fought back, with Taylor's layup cutting the deficit to 14-10 with 5:39 remaining in the opening quarter. But those would be Indiana's last points for over four minutes. The Blue & Gold missed their next nine shots, a cold stretch made all the more worse by the fact that Denver scored on eight straight possessions.

All in all, it added up to a 20-0 Denver run to give the visitors a commanding lead. Hield's layup at 1:21 ended Indiana's drought, but the Nuggets knocked down 3-pointers on their final three possessions of the frame. The buzzer finally granted the Pacers a merciful reprieve, but the Blue & Gold found themselves in a massive 43-15 hole.

The Pacers' offense finally got going again in the ensuing frame. Reserves Jalen Smith, Keifer Sykes, and Duane Washington Jr. scored five points apiece as Indiana amassed 19 points over the first 4:52 of the second quarter.

Indiana continued to chip away at the Nuggets' lead for the rest of the half. The

Pacers managed to trim what was at one point a 31-point Denver lead down to 16 by the intermission thanks to a 38-point quarter. The Blue & Gold entered the locker room at halftime facing a 69-53 deficit.

Their rally continued after the break. Hield's trey 2:08 into the second half made it just a 10-point game at 74-64. Denver pushed the lead back to 81-65 following Monte Morris' 3-pointer with 7:38 remaining in the frame, but the Pacers reeled off 10 straight points over an 80-second span, capped by another Hield three to make it a six-point game.

That forced a Nuggets timeout, but the Pacers kept coming. Bitadze's 3-pointer at 5:02 cut the deficit to three and Taylor's backdoor layup the next time down the floor cut the deficit to one. Remarkably, Haliburton's layup with 3:09 remaining in the third quarter gave Indiana an 86-85 lead.

Jokic scored on the other end to put the Nuggets back in front, but the Blue & Gold surged back ahead shortly thereafter on a highlight-reel play. On a fast break, Haliburton delivered a spinning, no-look dish to Smith from the right wing, which the second-year big man finished with a ferocious dunk to give the Pacers a 91-89 lead with 1:06 remaining in the quarter.

"Just having fun with it," Haliburton said of the sequence. "(I saw) Stix (Smith) kind of running down the middle and I knew I was going to hit him. So I just kind of put the extra flair on it to get myself going and get the arena going."

Denver's Bones Hyland managed to get to the rim and score at the third-quarter buzzer to tie the game entering the fourth.

The lead changed hands five times over

the first three minutes of the final frame. Pacers guard Lance Stephenson and Nuggets guard Austin Rivers each picked up technical fouls after an exchange at the 8:41 mark, then Rivers picked up a second technical and was ejected with the game tied at 100 after throwing an elbow at Stephenson on Denver's next possession.

Sykes' layup gave Indiana a 102-100 lead with 7:40 remaining, but the Nuggets responded with seven unanswered points to take the first multi-possession lead for either team in the frame.

Two Bitadze free throws with 5:14 to play cut the deficit to 107-104, but four straight points from Denver pushed the margin back to seven. Jokic and the Nuggets kept the Pacers at an arm's length the rest of the way.

"We've just got to bottle that up and figure out how we can do that and sustain that," Haliburton said of the comeback that almost was. "...I thought a lot of guys did a lot of different things very well."

Smith finished with 15 points and seven rebounds in the loss. Justin Anderson added 13 points, while Sykes scored 10.

Jokic seemingly single-handedly carried the Nuggets to victory, finishing with 37 points on 15-of-19 shooting, 13 rebounds, and nine assists.

Hyland added 20 points and seven assists off the bench for Denver, while Will Barton scored 18.

The Pacers will travel to Boston on Friday to take on the Celtics before returning to Indianapolis for their final homestand, which tips off on Sunday against Detroit and concludes on Tuesday against Philadelphia.

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