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WALLET

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The wallet itself bears a handwritten note reading “J. D. Stephenson, Noblesville, Indiana, March 10, 1848” but the receipts and IOUs written clearly to “Conner & Stephenson” date back to the 1830s.

“To think that William Conner touched that,” Lori Schwartz said while showing The Reporter the wallet itself.

According to Steve, there are 93 receipts in the collection, some of which you can see photographed in this article.

“I was just talking to someone about how Hamilton County desperately needs a museum,” Lori said. “A centralized museum that would

handle the legalities, the planning and the acquiring of all of these pieces that are still here. We have enough elderly people here with their families that still have this knowledge.”

While Steve would also like to see a county museum, he’s not waiting for that in order to find a home for the Conner & Stephenson wallet.

“Keep in mind that she and I together for 40-some years have collected Noblesville and Hamilton County history and artifacts,” Steve said. “We do have a bottle of wine from a winery that was here in Noblesville in the 1850s. The bottle is still full. We have somewhere between ten and fifteen thousand artifacts. Some are tickets to the Rainbo Roller Rink. Some are tickets to the drive-in. Some are to Diana Theater. The old Noblesville. I have a steam whistle that eventually somebody



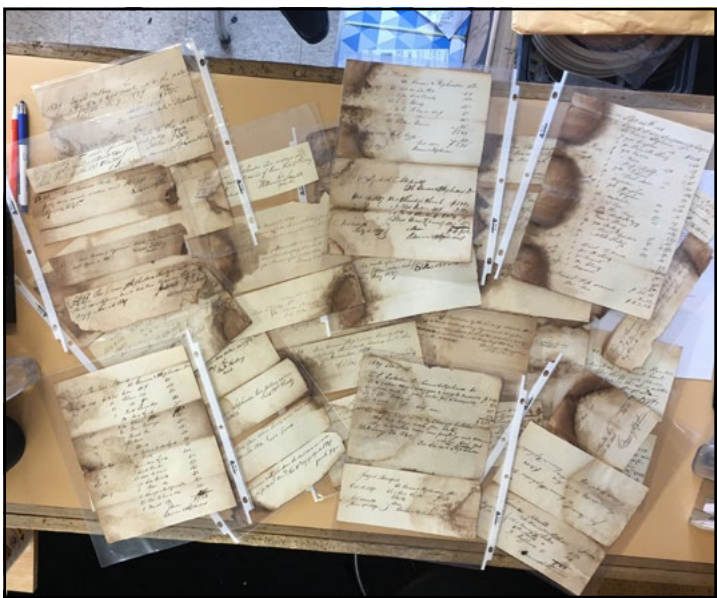
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When unfolded, you can see some handwritten notes on the leather strap of the wallet.

made a lamp out of from one of the old factories here in Noblesville. I would love to donate all that stuff. But first I want to get this to the right home.”

Both Steve and Lori Schwartz say they want to donate the wallet and contents to somewhere in the county where the public could enjoy it.

“I think this is a part of Hamilton County’s core,” Steve said. “Noblesville



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

Although there is some water damage to both the wallet and the documents it contained, the Schwartzes have done their best to save these invaluable pieces of Hamilton County history until they can be properly preserved. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

er,” Lori said. “I’m still here. My family was here. My great-grandparents were here.”

Steve agreed, saying, “Families that live here ought to be able to go look and find their family’s name and see a piece of their life from almost 200 years ago.”

Since this is a piece of history that the Schwartzes believe belongs to the community as a whole, they are asking the community where it should go.

“In reality, Lori and I would just like to have our name at the

bottom saying the Schwartzes donated this,” Steve said. “We just want it displayed in a prominent place where people can go see it. And we want the Reporter’s readers to find its home.”

So, we are asking you, our readers, where should the Conner & Stephenson wallet be donated?

Maybe it’s a display at City Hall? Maybe it is the Courthouse or the Government and Judicial Center? Maybe it belongs somewhere else.

You tell us, Hamilton County.

How the wallet was discovered

Schwartz bought the wallet in late 2020 from Richard Listenberger.


A letter from Listenberger explaining its more recent history reads in part as follows:

A dozen or so years ago I came into ownership of the grouping by way of a very good friend who has since passed away. Tony Clevenger was a commercial photographer in Indianapolis, currently living on a small street of old houses near the Marion Co. Library. When they annexed the surrounding property for expansion, he was forced to sell. While cleaning out the cellar of this house, he was gathering all of the old home-canned food off the foundation shelf, which had been there for ages, when reaching deep he felt something soft and wet. The billfold was quite damp, and of course shows evidence of that damage. I was probably one of the first he showed it to, as he knew of my collecting interests. It’s remarkable that it survived at all under such conditions. Conner Prairie was interested in it but wanted him to donate it. They did borrow it for a while to copy and document.

I thought the current history would be important to future owners of this collection. If nothing more, the mystery that goes with it as to how it ever ended up where it did after so many years. In the Sunblest housing development of Fishers is the old gravesite with markers listing some of the people listed on the receipts/documents.

Whether you are a member of an organization that would like to be the home for this piece, or you just have an idea for a place where you think it should go, let us know.

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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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Yellow shirts represent a victim of domestic/interpersonal violence. Red, pink and orange shirts represent a survivor of sexual assault or rape. Beige shirts represent a survivor of domestic/family violence. Blue and green shirts represent a survivor of incest or childhood sexual assault. Purple shirts represent a survivor who was attacked because of their sexual orientation. White shirts represent a person who died because of violence.

My Story

birth family. Mr. Farrell knew the Harts were good people and Dad would be well cared for, so he asked the Harts to adopt him. Dad grew up going to school with his biological brothers. Dad would be passed along to two stepmothers after his adoptive mother died. On his adoption record, only his adoptive father’s name is listed, no mother. Things sure were different back then.

If you are a bit confused, welcome to my world as you get a glimpse of our family. Mom and Dad came from good people. They were raised by the words in the “good book,” as well as the switch and the strap, if you know what I mean.

I come from good people who were not afraid of hard work. Grandpa Catron left home before sunrise to walk to work in the coal mine or the sawmill. He walked back home in the dark. My grandma would kill a chicken, work in the garden, sew a quilt, sweep the dirt around the outside of the house, birth a baby and keep track of more than a few of their other children. Rest was not a commodity she could afford.

The Catron and Hart families would share what little they had with anyone who might just happen to stop by. My mother inherited the idea that no visitor should ever leave her house feeling hungry. Company would be

fed whether they needed it or not. I might have inherited this idea as well.

The meals were simple. Food was brought in from the garden and cooked fresh. On special occasions, fried chicken, fried potatoes, a pone of cornbread and apple stack cake were on the table. Dessert was a luxury. Leftover cornbread was crumbled into milk or buttermilk for a later meal. Nothing was wasted. My family is known for their longevity, even with all that fried food.

With nine aunts and one uncle on my mom’s side and four aunts on my dad’s side, you can imagine I have lots of first cousins. Let’s just say our quiver is full. I know

of 60 cousins from my Catron aunts and uncle and 13 from my Hart aunts. Don’t ask me to name all of them.

In a few weeks, you will be able to read more about my family and how I was raised. There is so much to tell. I think you will fall in love with my Hart and Catron families. I know I did, from the very beginning. I have quite the story to tell and you will find out why I am the way I am. *When the Hart Speaks* ... coming soon.

Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at janethartleonard@gmail.com or followed on Facebook (@janet.hartbaker) or Instagram (@janethartleonard). Visit janethartleonard.com.

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CARPOOL

and work for a participating employer get five free cab rides home per year in case of emergency.

“Let’s say we have two Fishers residents that are commuting from Fishers to downtown [Indianapolis],” Gebhard said. “They carpool in and one of them get a call that their child is sick at school. If they are registered with us, a cab will come pick them up, take them to get their child from school or daycare, and take them home free of charge up to five times per year.”

In addition to carpool connections, Commuter Connect offers a vanpool

service.

“A vanpool is anywhere from five to 15 people who are commuting to a similar location,” Gebhard told The Reporter. “We have had situations where individuals would park at big box stores that we had permission from – for example, the Lowe’s in Carmel off of U.S. 31. We would get permission from the store for people to meet and park their cars there in the morning. Then everyone would hop in our Commuter Connect branded van then they go to a location for work. Maybe they go to downtown Indy and make several stops at

several different businesses and eventually end up parking the van at a place of employment where one of the vanpool riders has free parking.”

Gebhard said CIRT helps subsidize seats in those vans and helps coordinate that partnership and those connections though the Commuter Connect program.

They currently have 27 vans on the road. Pre-pandemic they had 39. During the pandemic they had 10 operating every single day going to essential jobs.

They recently started running two new vans that are bringing people

from Kokomo to fill positions at IMMI in Westfield. Throughout the Central Indiana region, Commuter Connect has over 8,000 commuters in their database and over 800 participating employers.

“With gas prices right now and the challenges that Hamilton County employers are having in relation to recruiting and retention I want them to know that Commuter Connect is a resource for them,” Gebhard said.

You can reach Commuter connect online at CommuterConnect.us or by phone at (317) 327-RIDE.

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Beginner’s guide to fishing

By JACOB WILL
Sheridan H.S. Student

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

Fishing can be a very complex and rewarding hobby, but there is a lot of learning involved. One of the most important aspects of fishing is having the right gear for the right job. Different fishing gear could be rods, reels, tackle, and even what you are fishing from. Most people start with a cheap rod from any convenience store, but there is much more to choose from if you are looking to catch big fish. Fishing, just like any other hobby, requires lots of practice.

First up is how to choose the right rod and reel for you. For a beginner, it would be best to

get a push-button reel and rod combo since they require no special technique and are reliable. As you advance in skill you can upgrade to a spinning reel combo. A spinning reel requires a small amount of practice, but it is a lot more versatile. A spinning reel will be able to cast further and be more consistent than a push-button reel.

When it comes to deciding on a rod, it all comes down to your target fish. Most beginners start with panfish, and with that, you would want a medium/light power. As you progress, bass may become another target species, and for bass, you would want a medium/heavy power rod.

Next, I will explain what tackle or bait to choose. Panfish include bluegill, perch, and crappie, and require earthworms or wax worms for bait. The best bait for panfish would be earthworms or wax worms. When using bait for panfish the most effective method would be to use a bobber

and a weighted hook. If you are wanting to target bass, however, it is a completely different ballgame. Bass are smart and they can be tricky to catch, depending on the time of year. In cold winter months, the bass sink to the bottom, so lures like jigs or artificial worms work well. When the weather is warmer the bass are closer to the surface and filled with energy, so lures like crankbaits or swimbaits work well.

Another thing to take into account is where you are fishing from. That would be from the shore or on a boat or kayak. When fishing from land it can be very easy to fight the fish and get a good cast. From a kayak, fish can pull you all around and it can be pretty hard to cast. Fishing from a boat, on the other hand, is a great way to fish. Boats are very stable and make for easy casting and good positioning in the water.

In conclusion, fishing can be very fun for all skill levels because it’s an



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always-evolving game. Fishing takes lots of practice and patience. As you become more experienced you will learn what works in certain conditions and what doesn’t. It is very easy to get into fishing and it is lots of fun. I have been fishing for all my life, and I still learn something new every time that I go. I’ve been fishing from Canada to Texas and countless places in between, and it is always a blast. Lastly, never forget: Practice makes perfect.

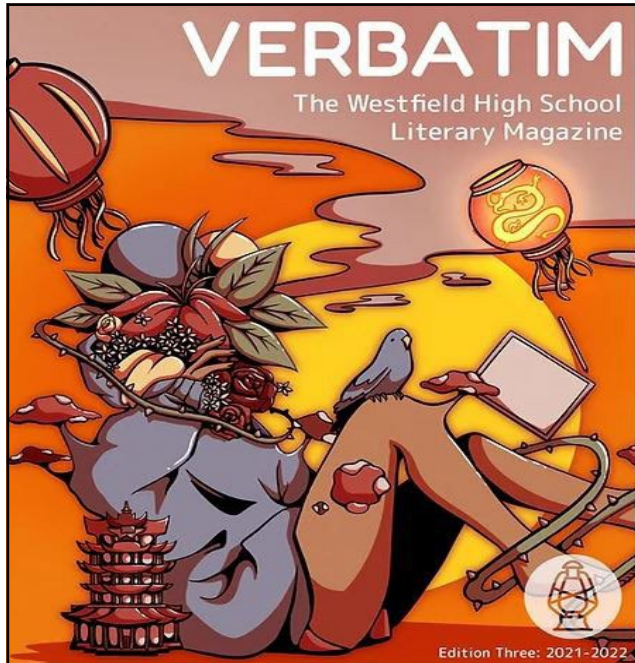
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Westfield student literary publication on sale now

The REPORTER
The third edition of *Verbatim*, Westfield High School’s (WHS) literary magazine, is on sale now. It features poems, short stories, and artwork by talented WHS students.

[Click here](#) to pre-order your book. Printed copies will be available in early May.

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Deadline to submit applications is April 22

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Noblesville nonprofit sending 1M meals to Ukrainian refugees

The REPORTER

A Noblesville nonprofit is sending over a million meals for relief in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Since 1973, Noblesville-based International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) has been providing “Help & Hope” to people in the United States and around the world. One of IDES’ programs is its meal packing initiative – GAP. GAP stands for “God Always Provides.” This program partners with

churches and volunteers all over the U.S. to pack nutritious meals for those in need, both locally in the United States and abroad. IDES is currently shipping four containers of GAP meals, which is over 150,000 pounds of food and more than 1 million meals. This food will be used for Ukrainian refugees in surrounding countries with a



goal of transporting meals into Ukraine for Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs). In addition to these meals, IDES has already sent hundreds of thousands of dollars in aid to provide supplies and food for many people in Ukraine as well as to IDES’ partners in the surrounding countries. IDES partners are opening their facilities to house Ukrainian

refugees and provide them with shelter, food, clothing, and additional supplies. While there are many needs in Ukraine, these opportunities allow people a tangible way to get involved. Individuals can provide physical items that will go directly to the Ukrainian people who are in desperate need of help. For more information about IDES and its relief efforts, the GAP meal packing program, or additional programs, please visit [ides.org](https://www.ides.org).

Don’t miss Wayne-Fall Lions Club’s annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The REPORTER

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club will hold its annual all-you-can-eat Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, at the Club’s location, 11940 191st St., about three miles east of State Road 37 at Deshane Avenue and Victory Chapel Road. The menu includes special pancakes, sau-

sage, bacon, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk. Cold cereal will also be available, as well as syrups and peanut butter for the pancakes. Please come and join for breakfast, brunch, or lunch. Money raised at the breakfast will go the Lions Club International Fund for citizens and refugees of Ukraine. Carry-out will be available.

McClintick Family Farm presented Hoosier Homestead Award

The REPORTER

At the Indiana Statehouse on Friday, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Bruce Kettler presented 69 families with a [Hoosier Homestead Award](#) in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture. “I always look forward

to engaging with Indiana’s historic farming families during the Hoosier Homestead Award ceremonies,” Crouch said. “The longstanding values, dedication and resiliency of these families will ensure their farm and family’s legacy live on for many generations.” Locally, the McClintick Family of Hamilton County

was given the Sesquicentennial Award. To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres. If less than 20 acres, the farm must produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. Indiana farms may qualify for three

honors: Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, Sesquicentennial Award for 150 years of ownership and the Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership. The department awarded three farms for bicentennial ownership. They are the Williams farm from Madison County (est. 1822), the Hartman farm from Parke

County (est. 1822) and the Arnold farm from Rush County (est. 1821). Since the program’s inception in 1976, nearly 6,000 families have received the Hoosier Homestead Award. Many past awardees can be identified by the sign proudly displayed in front of the family farm or field. “It is hard to put into

words the value these farming families have provided to their communities, our state and the Indiana agricultural industry since the formation of their farms,” Kettler said. “It is my utmost pleasure to honor these longstanding families for their dedication to providing the feed, food and fuel necessary to sustain our state.”

Prairie Lakes issues open invitation for Senior Exec. Club

The REPORTER

The staff of Prairie Lakes Health Campus, 9730 Prairie Lakes Blvd. East, Noblesville, invites you to attend the next meeting of the Senior Executive Club (SEC). There are no fees or obligations for being a member of the SEC, and the benefits of being a member are also free. The meeting will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at Prairie Lakes Assisted Living. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to at-

tend. Please RSVP by April 6 by calling (317) 770-3644. SEC benefits include:

- Monthly meetings
- Rehabilitation screenings
- Banquet/meeting room usage
- Blood pressure checks
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- Medicare/insurance consultations
- Exercise programs
- Priority admission to the Prairie Lakes Health Campus

Visit [prairielakeshc.com](https://www.prairielakeshc.com) for more information.

Help ‘Keep Fishers Beautiful’ during Sustainability Month

The REPORTER

Keep Fishers Beautiful brings together residents, homeowner’s associations, local businesses, and organizations to support the vibrancy of the city and its neighborhoods. You can volunteer your time during April Sustainability Month with many opportunities,

community stories, and sustainability initiatives. Help Keep Fishers Beautiful with community park clean-ups, tree plantings, and more. All ages and abilities are welcome, as well as groups and individuals. Volunteers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

- Ambassador House at Heritage Park Mulch Spread**
Saturday, April 9 from 9 to 11 a.m.
Great for individuals, families, and groups. Help spread mulch at the park. [Click here](#) to register.
- Mudsock Fields Mulch Spread**
Saturday, April 23 from 9 to 11 a.m.
Great for individuals. Beautify the Fishers Park by spreading mulch throughout the area. [Click here](#) to register.
- Cheaney Creek Cleanup & Garlic Mustard Pull**
Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon
Great for families and groups. Volunteers will help spruce up the natural area by clearing branches, as well as removing invasive plants, debris, and trash. [Click here](#) to register.
- Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve Weed Wrangle**
Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon
Great for groups. Help combat invasive species by pulling Mustard Seed throughout the park during this annual event. [Click here](#) to register.
- Fishers AgriPark Tree Planting & Fence Building**
Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Great for groups. Volunteers will plant Arbor Day trees and assist with building a fence at the Fishers AgriPark. Two shifts are available. [Click here](#) to register.

Community News

Prairie Lakes Health Campus schedules May Senior Wellness Fair

Prairie Lakes Health Campus will hold its inaugural Senior Health and Wellness Fair from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 at the campus, located at 9730 Prairie Lakes Blvd. East, Noblesville.

Complimentary hot dogs, chips and bottled water will be available. Attendees can also take advantage of blood pressure screenings and visit various vendor tables. There will also be a raffle for door prizes.

For more information, call (317) 770-3644 or visit [prairielakeshc.com](https://www.prairielakeshc.com).

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Move over, urban planners . . . these Fishers kids are ready to build

Fishers Elementary School third graders participated in the Box City urban planning workshop on Thursday at the Fishers Maker Playground. Members of the Fishers Planning and Zoning Commission helped these young urban planners figure out what goes into making a smart, vibrant, entrepreneurial city. Great work, kids!



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‘Spoke & Memories Ride’ culmination of father & daughter’s passionate fight for Alzheimer’s cure

The REPORTER

Every 65 seconds, a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

Father-daughter duo Ned and Sara Broadwater are fighting back by raising money for Alzheimer’s research with their Spoke & Memories Ride. The fourth annual 65-mile ride is set for Saturday, June 25 through the back roads of Boone and Hamilton counties. The ride will begin at 8 a.m. at Moontown Brewery, 345 S. Bowers St., Whitestown.

Four years ago, Ned and Sara created the Spoke & Memories Ride to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s

Association. Their charity has grown quickly to become the second-largest Alzheimer’s fundraiser in Indiana, raising more than \$27,000 in 2021. The goal this year is to become the top fundraiser and bring in over \$40,000.

“This is a passion project for my entire family. I lost three of my four grandparents to Alzheimer’s, and my dad lost both of his parents to this horrible disease,” Sara said. “My sister, Olivia Broadwater, founded Singing for Smiles, a music therapy platform for her work in the Miss Indiana program. Over the last 12

years, our family has raised over \$100,000 for the Alzheimer’s Association and have no intention of slowing down.”

Over 110,000 Hoosiers are living with Alzheimer’s and more than 216,000 Hoosiers are acting as unpaid caregivers. Yet there is currently no cure. For additional perspective, Alzheimer’s kills more people than breast and prostate cancer combined. Over the past 20 years, Alzheimer’s deaths have increased by over 145 percent.

The Broadwaters are grateful for the sponsorships they have received

to help make Spoke & Memories a success. This year, Moontown Brewing Company, Nature’s Choice Landscape & Supply, Gray Goat, and Papa Murphy’s – all businesses in the Carmel, Zionsville and Whitestown areas – have agreed

to sponsor the event. Of course, additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Email nbroadwater7@gmail.com for more information.

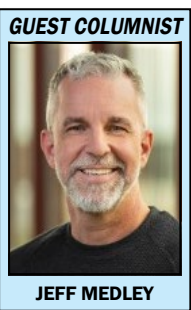
For more information on participation, visit spoke-andmemories.com. Please

note that all riders must raise or donate a minimum of \$200 to participate.

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Companies operating within almost every industry in today’s world are facing numerous challenges centered around their relationship with technology, and many organizations have found themselves at a crossroads.



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They recognize their dependency on technology is as strong as their inability to meet the high demands associated with the state of their back-office operations. Although many are aware of these challenges and the negative outcomes that can be its byproduct, very few have yet to overcome it.

The solution is most likely something that does not already reside within their organization; instead, many will need to look outside their circle, turning to a concept known as business process outsourcing (BPO). The term BPO, which has only grown more in popularity and recognition over the last several decades, refers to the outsourcing of processes that are not considered core competencies of a business.

Netfor, a people-centric organization building innovative business process solutions that enable organizations to scale, realize efficiencies, and focus on growth, addresses some of the most common pain points that are currently weighing on businesses, particularly organizations with a workforce ranging from 200 to 100,000 employees.

Some of the most common pain points that continue to weigh down and frustrate businesses include the following:

- Low customer satisfaction scores
- Continuous navigation of repetitive customer questions
- Lack of internal expertise across operations
- Internal staffing costs

To overcome these pain points, we offer our clients personalized care utilizing services that radically transform and simplify BPO, making Netfor the go-to, trusted advisor for organizations. Ultimately, our goal as a BPO partner is to give our clients the positive experience of taking back their time to focus on what matters most.

Why should companies consider outsourcing their business processes?

When the term BPO is tossed around, many executives might be quick to shy away from it. Some might cite that their company is too small to benefit from a provider’s services, or they may conjure up the stereotypical outsourcing situation in which customer calls and other tasks are outsourced to people located halfway around the world. However, both of these assumptions are far from the truth.

Market analysts and industry focused publications point out that BPO has a bright future ahead as it is linked to greater innovation, a reduction in organizational cost, efficiency and productivity and improved

relations with customers, just to name a few.

In fact, a **market forecast** released last year anticipated that the BPO market will experience a compound annual growth rate of 8.5 percent from 2021 to 2028 globally.

Additionally, data gathered from a **small business survey** found that IT was the No. 1 service that small businesses were likely to outsource, reporting that 27 percent of these businesses planned to outsource their IT services last year.

Finally, domestic outsourcing of back-office services is alive and well as Netfor and other like-minded companies ensure that their teams meet client expectations from their specific region within the U.S.

What happens when companies fail to identify inefficiencies?

While some may argue that technology is only one element of a company’s operations, it certainly is and will continue to be the strongest factor driving efficiency and productivity. With that being said, this should motivate leaders and executives to look in-depth and assess the current state of their company. The ongoing conditions surrounding their technology support help desk, customer service call center and/or their technical maintenance and support should be considered. When a company is lacking in one or more of these areas, they will always find themselves in a sea of inefficiencies spreading throughout their organization.

Inefficiencies are the catalysts for setbacks such as a loss of employee morale, disruption to both internal and external lines of communication, a direct impact to their bottom line as well as the inability to identify any other pain points existing elsewhere that may also be a major drain on their business.

In the long term, any combination of these inefficiencies could result in a company falling behind their competitors in service ability, quality of work, reputation, and profit, among many others. By partnering with a trusted BPO service provider, companies are able to collaborate on minimizing or completely resolving these inefficiencies and distractions.

What should companies look for in a BPO partner?

As companies across the globe come to terms with their needs and look to evolve their operations to better reach and serve clients, it is imperative that they research available options to locate their best fit partner; however, initiating these efforts may be intimidating.

When conducting research, executives should assess the qualities of each provider, answering questions that include but are not limited to the following:

- Does this provider serve and fulfill our specific organizational needs?
- Where are their em-

ployees located?

- Do their values align with our organizational and operational values?
- Do they have a proven track record of success?
- What motivates them to do what they do?

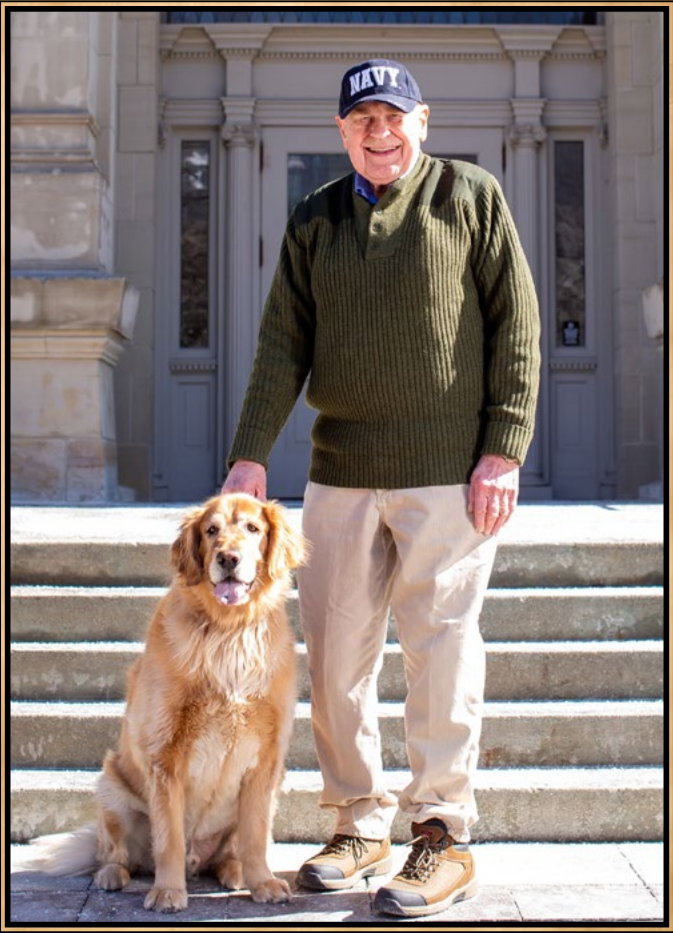
Whether you are a government entity, education system, retail and manufacturing corporation, quick service restaurant (QSR) or managed service provider (MSP), there is a BPO service provider that is ready to meet your needs.

In Netfor’s case, our team strives to develop solutions that address our clients’ unique pain, simplifying their business processes in order to get them back to what truly matters – serving their customers. By instilling **core values** such as: Be a problem solver, ask the difficult questions, act transparently and make every day better, we have continued to experience growth among our team and services for more than 25 years, improving our clients’ ability to carry out their business and launch themselves into the future.

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Will your money last as long as you?

We all hope for long, healthy lives. But there's a serious "side effect" of longevity – the possibility of outliving our money. How can you help prevent this?

It's useful to know the seriousness of the threat. Consider this: About



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41 percent of all U.S. homes in which the head of the household is between 35 and 64 are projected to run short of money in retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research

Institute. While this statistic indi-

cates a cause for concern, it certainly doesn't mean that you are necessarily headed for trouble – because there's a lot you can do to help build and manage enough resources to last a lifetime. Here are a few suggestions:

Consider your estimated longevity

On average, a 65-year-old man can expect to live

another 17 years, while a 65-year-old woman can anticipate about 20 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Of course, you'll want to take into account your health and family history of longevity to arrive at a reasonable estimate. You can then use this figure to help determine how much money you'll eventually need. To play it safe, you might even want to try to build an income stream that can last beyond your estimated lifespan, possibly up to age 90.

Don't overlook health care costs

When budgeting for retirement, allow enough for your health care expenses, which can be considerable. Even with Medicare, you can expect to spend anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person, for traditional medical costs. Also, you may want to prepare for two to three years of long-term care expenses, which currently range from about \$50,000 per year for home health care to over \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home.

Keep building assets for retirement

While you're working, constantly try to put away as much money as possible for your retirement years. Each year your salary goes up, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may also want to contribute to an IRA, depending on your goals. And within your retirement savings, make sure you devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles that align with your goals and risk tolerance.

Seek out sources of guaranteed income

As a retiree, you will receive Social Security benefits – and the longer you wait before claiming them, the bigger your monthly checks will be. But you might also consider investments that can provide a source of income you can't outlive, such as annuities.

Revisit your strategy before you retire

As you near retirement, you may want to review

your investment strategy, possibly adjusting your risk level so that your portfolio would be somewhat less susceptible to market volatility. This is also a good time to review your spending needs in retirement.

Maintain reasonable withdrawal rate

Once you are retired, you'll likely need to start withdrawing from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. To avoid taking out too much money too early in your retirement, you'll need to set a reasonable, sustainable withdrawal rate based on your assets, age and retirement lifestyle. A financial advisor can help you determine an appropriate rate.

It will take dedication and determination to help ensure your money doesn't run out during your lifetime. But you'd probably agree that it's well worth the effort.

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AG Todd Rokita explains his reasons for agreeing to dismissal of *Shabazz v. Rokita* court case

As the 'fake news' has become the majority of the press these days, it has joined forces with the Left to limit our individual liberties while they try to destroy this state and our nation. Thankfully, We the People are on to them as subscription rates, advertising, and viewership continue their epic dive to all-time low levels.

The attorney general's office was recently sued by a leading fake news member who alleged he was entitled to attend a press conference in my office. There is no such right, especially when the exact same event was online, in real time, including the ability to ask questions.

Now, I interact with the press members daily, addressing whatever hard, honest questions they raise. But, I have noticed these questions becoming fewer in number. This coincides with a rise of pundits, imitators, and hacks who want to be the story instead of reporting it accurately. The simple truth is that the press as a whole is now regarded with significant skepticism, or completely disregarded, because of the increasing number of imitators – many of whom

are simply political operatives with an agenda.

We just agreed to dismiss this lawsuit – but not for the reasons the imitators, pundits and political operatives would have you believe.

There are still some very important questions about the press to be answered at a time when the press has the lowest level of credibility ever – and when technology gives 'We the People' the ability to bypass the press entirely. At the same time, it also became clear that these answers, via the lawsuit, would be a long time coming and would be paid for by taxpayers. That's unfair to us as well.

We handle and win big, arduous cases all the time with a very talented staff who do a great job. With the recent wrap up of the General Assembly, these same people are going to be needed to help me defend several very good statutes made by representatives and senators who were directly elected by the People to preserve their values and nurture their economic prosperity. The ban on biological males playing on women's sports teams is just one example.

Aside from the Plaintiff, I am best positioned to control the time and cost of this lawsuit. That's why I directed its dismissal – to save taxpayer money and to free up my office's capacity to fight for these other laws and issues that deserve our focus. Anyone will be allowed admission consistent with terms and conditions utilized by my office for other press or media.

I have been the subject of over 13,000 press stories in just 14 months of being in office despite having hosted only one press conference in that same amount of time! We simply don't use them much or need them, just like you don't need to rely on the press's biased filter to get the information you need to ask questions and do your duty as citizens. Technology has been a huge help to usher the political operative/imitator/amateur to the dust heap.

To empower people further so they can be less reliant on bad information, I have been developing and utilizing other ways to deliver information directly to you – and for you to communicate directly back. This keeps me and my office accountable and bolsters the People's ability to do their duty – keeping the Republic.



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Fishers road construction updates, week of April 4

The REPORTER State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

State Road 37 & 131st Street

131st Street east of SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will re-

main open both northbound and southbound. [Click here](#) to view the detour map.

131st Street west of SR 37 is now open. This will allow right-in/right-out access for southbound SR 37 until the bridge is fully complete later this year.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

Technology Drive (Northeast Commerce Park)

The inside lane of Technology Drive is currently closed to traffic to allow for construction of new pave-

ment in the inside lane. One-way traffic will be in place in the outside lane as shown [here](#). Access to all businesses will be maintained during the construction.

Southeastern Parkway & Cyntheanne Road

Utility work is taking place at the Southeastern Parkway and Cyntheanne Road intersection as part of the roundabout construction project. Ongoing periodic lane restrictions will be in place daily between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for unloading material and equipment. The walking path along Southeastern Parkway will also be closed during the

duration of the project. Baricades will be placed across the path.

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5, Cyntheanne Road will be restricted to one lane at the entrance of the Wheelchel Springs subdivision to perform a storm sewer crossing. Flaggers will direct traffic.

Brooks School Road

On or after Monday, April 4, there will be northbound lane restrictions in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. along Brooks School Road, north of Breakwater Drive, as utility companies perform overhead work.

Who was “the mother of Indiana housing laws”?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1865 – Albion Fellows Bacon was born in Evansville. Sometimes called “the mother of Indiana housing laws,” she gained a national reputation as a social reformer and author, best known for her efforts to improve living standards. In 1911, she helped organize the Indiana Housing Association. In 1917, she was behind a law passed by the Indiana legislature which set higher housing standards and authorized condemnation of unsanitary dwellings.

1874 – Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok were on stage at Good's Opera House in South Bend. In a play called *Scouts of the*



Plains, they were among a cast of characters who dramatized the Old West. Newspaper reports said, “the acting on the stage was so natural as to carry terror to the heart [of] more than one spectator.”

1910 – Single G, one of the greatest racehorses in history, was born in Cambridge City, Ind. A harness racer, he started in 434 races and placed in 418 of them, a record which has never

been broken. Named for the white “G” marking on his forehead, he kept up his winning record for 14 years.

1942 – The War Production Board ordered an immediate halt of bicycle sales in Indiana and across the nation. All bicycle orders were canceled. The country was gearing up for World War II, and the bikes were needed for defense workers. They were added to the list of items to be rationed during the war.

1968 – Robert F. Kennedy, in Indianapolis for the Democratic Presidential primary campaign, announced the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to a crowd at 17th and Broadway. His impassioned plea for peace on that night is considered one of the great public addresses of that era.

1974 – Powerful tornadoes tore across 39 Indiana counties, killing 47 people, injuring over 1,000, and causing \$200 million in damage. Governor Otis Bowen toured the region while President Richard Nixon declared the state to be a disaster area. The National Weather Service reported a record 148 tornadoes across 13 states in 24 hours.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

2 Timothy 1:12-18 (NIV)

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Evan McMullen (R)
Tamie Dixon-Tatum (D)
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Alex Choi (R)
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District 31
Jocelyn Vare (D)
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Sue Lile
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Mario Massillamany
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Rebecca A. Rice
Sandra Welch-Richard
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Martin Wood
Al Wunder

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Micah Clark
Randy Gerber
Ian Hauer
Mark Keller
Janelle Keller
Dianna Bradley-Lynch
Jacob Mahoney
Charlie McMillan Jr.
Darren Peterson
Karen Williams Pryor
Adrienne Rogers
Jason Spartz

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Wendy Bodenhorn
Elijah Condellone
Timothy (Tim) Cortrecht
Bradley (Brad) Eddy
Deborah Cleveland-Eddy
Nick Gomillion
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Mark F. Hall
Christopher Knuckles

Noblesville District 3 (vote for 8)
Laura Alerding
Micah Beckwith
Susan Beckwith
Catherine Carter
Melinda (Mindy) Colbert
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Chris Jensen
Alex Johnson
Matt Light
Gregory Morgan
Beth Sheller
Brian Spaulding
Emily Daniels Spaulding
Megan G. Wiles
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Kate Healey Snedeker
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First-ever player from Westfield . . .

Braden Smith is Mr. Basketball

Braden Smith and his family are on a Spring Break vacation in Florida, and it's a vacation he will never forget.

On Saturday morning, Smith was told that he would be going with friends to have a meeting at a golf course. Once in the clubhouse, the Westfield senior saw his basketball coach Shane Sumpter and Shamrocks athletic director Andy Tebbe.

They were there to present Smith with the Indiana #1 jersey - Smith is the 2022 IndyStar Indiana Mr. Basketball. (You can see video of the moment Smith was presented with the jersey [here](#).) Smith finished first in the online voting of media and boys' varsity coaches conducted by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and All-Star game director Mike Broughton.

"It was just crazy," said Smith. "I wasn't really expecting it at the moment. Just seeing all my friends and family there was just awesome to have."

Smith earned the boys' top honor after receiving 128 votes submitted to Broughton in balloting that ran from March 11 through March 29. Fletcher Loyer of Homestead was runner-up with 109 votes. C.J. Gunn of Lawrence North finished third with 57 votes. Connor Essegian of Central Noble placed fourth with 41 votes and Travis Grayson of Chesterton finished fifth with 16 votes. In total, 11 players received at least one Mr. Basketball vote.

There's also a family connection for Smith when it comes to earning a state's top high school basketball honor.

"My mom was also Miss Basketball in Arkansas, so just for her to go on and do that and me to do that as well means a lot for everyone," said Smith. Braden's mother, Ginny (Moore) Smith, was named Arkansas Miss Basketball in 1997.

Braden Smith, who is headed to Purdue University this fall, averaged 18.3 points, 6.0 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 1.9 steals as



Photo provided
Westfield senior Braden Smith, the 2022 IndyStar Indiana Mr. Basketball shows off the Indiana #1 jersey that was presented to him after Smith learned he received the award. Smith is the first Westfield player to be named Mr. Basketball and the sixth from Hamilton County.

Pictured from left: Westfield boys basketball coach Shane Sumpter, athletic director Andy Tebbe, Braden Smith, father Dustin Smith, mother and assistant athletic director Ginny Smith, brother Maddox Smith.

a senior while leading Westfield to a 22-7 season that included the Shamrocks' first sectional championship. He converted 50.7

percent on field goals (139 of 274), including 41.9 percent from 3-point range (52 of 124). He also sank 75.3 percent of his free

throws (55 of 73).

Smith is the 13th Mr. Basketball recipient - and second in two years - bound for Purdue. He joins Joe Sexson (1952), Willie Eison (1955), Dennis Brady (1964), Billy Keller (1965), Rick Mount (1966), Kyle Macy (1975), Dan Palombizio (1981), Troy Lewis (1984), Woody Austin (1988), Glenn Robinson (1991), Caleb Swanigan (2015) and Caleb Furst (2021) as Mr. Basketball winners who joined the Boilermakers.

SCHOOL RECORDS

For his career, Smith totaled a school-record 1,629 points while adding 476 rebounds, a school-record 453 assists and 158 steals. He tallied a career-high 41 points against Noblesville in the sectional as a junior. He also notched single-game bests of 10 rebounds on four occasions, 10 assists on three occasions and nine steals against Cathedral as a senior in the Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic.

When it comes to best memories of playing for the Shamrocks, Smith said it was being around his teammates. "That's something you can't really get back, all those bus rides, all the practices and all the time we had off the court and on the court," he said.

Smith's career point total stands ninth on Hamilton County all-time boys basketball scoring list, and he becomes the sixth Mr. Basketball honoree from Hamilton County. The previous Mr. Basketball winners from Hamilton County are Billy Shepherd of Carmel in 1968, David Shepherd of Carmel in 1970, Tom Coverdale of Noblesville in 1998, Gary Harris of Hamilton Southeastern in 2012 and Zak Irvin of Hamilton Southeastern in 2013.

Smith is the first boy and the fourth player from Westfield High School to earn a spot on the Indiana All-Stars. Other Shamrocks previously selected to the All-Stars,

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Baseball

Tigers go 1-1 in Tennessee Saturday

Fishers finished up its Tennessee trip by splitting two Saturday games.

First, the Class 4A No. 1 Tigers beat Mason (Ohio) 11-4. Fishers was in front from the start, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Carson Dunn led off with a single, then scored when Joey Brenzewski reached on error. Jack Brown then batted in Brenzewski.

The Tigers added two more runs in the second inning. Curtis Kearschner scored on Carson Dunn's RBI groundout, then Brenzewski singled home Zach Cox. Fishers then exploded for seven runs in the third inning. Cox doubled in Gavin Clayton, Brenzewski drew a bases-loaded walk to score Kearschner, then Cox and Huey Dunn got home when Brown reached on error. Finally, Dominic Oliverio wrapped things up with a three-run home run, also getting Brenzewski and Brown home.

Brown, Clayton and Cox all had two

hits. Joey Wilmoth pitched four innings for the win, striking out eight.

Fishers dropped a tough one for its second game, falling to Nolensville (Tenn.) in a walkoff, 8-7.

Neither team got on the board until the top of the fourth inning, when the Tigers scored two runs. Cox singled home Preston, then Kaden Gorak's double brought Cox in to score.

Fishers added two more runs in the fifth inning for a 4-0 lead. Brown's double scored Brenzewski, then Preston singled home Brown. But Nolensville came back in the top of the sixth, scoring five runs for a 5-4 lead.

Both teams scored three runs in the seventh inning. The Tigers went first, and Brenzewski started the scoring by hitting a triple to get Huey Dunn home.

Brown batted in Brenzewski, then later got home when Clayton reached on error.

That gave Fishers a 7-5 lead, but Nolensville won with back-to-back RBI singles.

Brown and Preston were both 3-for-4 at the plate, while Brenzewski had two hits. Gavin Kuzniewski pitched five innings, striking out eight.

Fishers is 3-1 and next plays Wednesday at Zionsville.

FISHERS 11, MASON 4

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Carson Dunn	4	1	1	1
Joey Brenzewski	3	2	1	2
Jack Brown	4	1	2	1
Dominic Oliverio	4	1	1	3
Jackson Preston	4	0	1	0
Gavin Clayton	4	1	2	0
Caulin Brown	3	0	1	0
Zach Cox	3	2	2	1
Huey Dunn	2	1	0	0
Curtis Kearschner	0	2	0	0
Totals	31	11	11	8
Score by Innings				
Mason	011	000	2-	4 9 2

Fishers 227 000 x- 11 12 2
HR: Oliverio. 2B: Cox. SB: Kearschner, Brenzewski. HBP: C. Brown.

Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Joey Wilmoth (W)	4	2	2	4
Jacob Kohlman (S)	3	2	2	4
Strikeouts: Wilmoth 8, Kohlman 3. Walks: Wilmoth 3, Kohlman 1.				

NOLENSVILLE 8, FISHERS 7

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Joey Brenzewski	4	2	2	1
Jack Brown	4	2	3	2
Dominic Oliverio	4	0	0	0
Jackson Preston	4	1	3	1
Gavin Clayton	3	0	0	0
Evan Albright	1	0	0	0
Caulin Brown	4	0	0	0
Zach Cox	2	1	1	1
Kaden Gorak	3	0	1	1
Jack Backofen	2	0	0	0
Huey Dunn	0	1	0	0
Curtis Kearschner	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	10	6
Score by Innings				
Fishers	000	220	3-	7 11 2
Nolensville	000	005	3-	8 8 1
3B: Brenzewski. 2B: J. Brown, Gorak. SB: J. Brown 2, Cox.				

Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Gavin Kuzniewski	5.0	3	2	2
Ben Hammond	0.1	2	2	2
Luke Minns	1.0	3	2	2
Strikeouts: Kuzniewski 8, Minns 1. Walks: Kuzniewski 4, Hammond 1, Minns 1.				

GC boys golf wins Seymour Invitational

The Guerin Catholic boys golf team opened its season by winning the Seymour Owl Invitational on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles, last year's state runner-up, scored a 300 for the team victory. Guerin Catholic also had the top three individuals: Connor McNeely was the medalist by scoring a 71, Leo Wessel placed second with a 73 and Jacob Modleski took third with a 74. Zach Thieme rounded out the Golden Eagles scoring with an 82.

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Hamilton Southeastern swept both of its Saturday games at the Royals' invitational.

First, Southeastern took care of DeKalb 10-0 in six innings in a morning game. The Royals scored two runs in the first inning, starting when Cole Earlewine doubled in Noah Wolf. Harrison Dilts later batted in Earlewine.

Southeastern added three more runs in the second inning; Hunter Wright stole home, Earlewine singled in Ty Bradle, then Clayton Wilke stole home to put HSE up 5-0.

The Royals scored a run in the fourth inning when a Dilts single sent Wilke in the score. Southeastern finished the scoring with four runs in the sixth inning. Earlewine stole home, Wagner batted in Christian Beal, then a double by Chugga Rosario scored Wagner and Dilts.

Dilts was 3-for-3 at the plate, while Earlewine had two hits. Cam Howard pitched the complete game, striking out 11 against just two hits and one walk.

The Royals beat McCutcheon 3-2 in a rain-delayed evening game. Southeastern scored its first run in the second inning; Wright's left field single sent Ian Bucher home.

The Mavericks tied the game in the fourth inning, then went up 2-1 in the top of the seventh. The Royals came back in the bottom of the seventh, starting with a Eli Miller single that scored Bradle and tied things up at 2-2.

Wolf came in to run for Miller, then moved to second when Earlewine drew a walk. Griffen Haas then was walked to load the bases, and Dilts drew a walk that got Wolf home for the winning run.

Miller was 3-for-4 at the plate. Ethan

Lund pitched the first four innings, striking out nine, then Colin St. Clair threw the other three innings, getting the win.

Southeastern are 2-1 and play Friday at Pendleton Heights.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 10,
DEKALB 0
(6 innings)

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Ty Bradle	4	1	0	0
Noah Wolf	0	1	0	0
Clayton Wilke	2	2	1	0
Cole Earlewine	4	2	2	2
Griffen Haas	2	0	0	0
Christian Beal	1	1	1	0
Harrison Dilts	3	1	3	2
Eli Miller	3	0	1	0
Zach Wagner	1	1	1	1
Chugga Rosario	2	0	1	2
Landon Riekhof	3	0	1	0
Hunter Wright	1	1	0	0
Totals	26	10	11	7

Score by Innings					
DeKalb	000	000	-	0	2 4
Southeastern	230	104	-	10	11 1
2B: Earlewine, Rosario. SB: Wilke 2, Wright, Bradle, Earlewine. HBP: Wilke, Rosario.					
HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Cam Howard	6	0	0	2	
Strikeouts: Howard 11. Walks: Howard 1.					

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 3,
MCCUTCHEON 2

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Ty Bradle	2	1	0	0
Eli Miller	4	0	3	1
Noah Wolf	0	1	0	0
Cole Earlewine	3	0	1	0
Griffen Haas	2	0	0	0
Harrison Dilts	3	0	1	1
Ian Bucher	2	1	1	0
Landon Riekhof	3	0	1	0
Chugga Rosario	3	0	0	0
Hunter Wright	2	0	1	1



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Hamilton Southeastern's Cole Earlewine (right) eyes home plate as Royals coach Jeremy Sassanella talks with him during Southeastern's game with McCutcheon Saturday evening at its invitational. The Royals won 3-2, giving them two victories for the day at their invite.

Clayton Wilke	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	8	3
Score by Innings				
McCutcheon	000	100	1	2 2 0
Southeastern	010	000	2	3 8 1
SB: Bradle, Earlewine, Bucher.				

HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Colin St. Clair (W)	3	1	0	1
Ethan Lund	4	1	1	1
Strikeouts: Lund 9, St. Clair 1. Walks: St. Clair 3, Lund 3.				

'Blazers split games at Viking Classic

University split its two games at the Viking Classic on Saturday.

First, the Trailblazers beat Cannon County 8-4 in six innings. Cannon scored a run in the bottom of the first inning, but it was all University after that, as the 'Blazers poured in five runs in the top of the second. Jake Hooker started things off with a three-run double, sending Sam Woodward, Cooper Burnett and Jasper Owens home. Next up was Owen Schellhase, and his center field home run also got Hooker in to score.

University added two runs in the fifth inning. Woodward scored on a while pitch, then Hooker singled in Burnett. Seth Hogg led off the sixth with a solo homer.

Woodward went 3-for-3 at the plate, while Hooker and Schellhase each had two hits. Hooker also pitched the complete game, striking out five.

The Trailblazers dropped their second game, 11-3 to Livingston Academy in five innings. Livingston scored eight runs in the first two innings before University got on the

board in the top of the third. Hogg smacked a triple to score Thomas Price, then Hogg scored on Schellhase's RBI groundout. Woodward scored a fourth-inning run when Weber Morse reached on error.

The Trailblazers are 3-1 and host Harrison April 12 at Grand Park.

UNIVERSITY 8,
CANNON COUNTY 4
(6 innings)

University	AB	R	H	RBI
Jake Hooker	4	1	2	4
Owen Schellhase	4	1	2	2
Seth Hogg	3	1	1	1
Weber Morse	2	0	0	0
Brady Redman	4	0	0	0
Sam Woodward	3	2	3	0
Mark Hamby	2	0	1	0
Zane Kampmeier	2	0	0	0
Thomas Price	1	0	0	0
Jasper Owens	2	1	0	0
Cooper Burnett	0	2	0	0
Totals	27	8	9	7
Score by Innings				
University	050	021	-	8 9 3

Cannon County	100	021	-	4 7 0
HR: Hogg, Schellhase. 2B: Hooker. SB: Hogg.				
University pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Hooker	6	4	3	7
Strikeouts: Hooker 5. Walks: Hooker 2.				

UNIVERSITY 11,
LIVINGSTON ACADEMY 3
(5 innings)

University	AB	R	H	RBI
Jake Hooker	3	0	0	0
Thomas Price	2	1	1	0
Seth Hogg	3	1	1	1
Owen Schellhase	3	0	1	1
Brady Redman	3	0	0	0
Sam Woodward	2	1	1	0

Jackson Bledsoe	1	0	0	0
Mitchell Price	1	0	0	0
Gabe Mervis	1	0	1	0
Cooper Burnett	1	0	0	0
Weber Morse	1	0	0	1
Jasper Owens	0	0	0	0
Zane Kampmeier	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	3	5	3
Score by Innings				
University	002	10	-	3 5 2
Livingston	262	01	-	11 12 1
3B: Hogg.				
University pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Price	3.0	10	8	10
Morse	1.1	1	1	2
Strikeouts: Price 4. Walks: Price 1.				

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x-Boston	48	30	.615	-
Philadelphia	47	30	.610	0.5
Toronto	45	32	.584	2.5
pi-Brooklyn	40	38	.513	8.0
New York	34	44	.436	14.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Milwaukee	48	29	.623	-
Chicago	45	33	.577	3.5
Cleveland	43	35	.551	5.5
Indiana	25	53	.321	23.5
Detroit	22	56	.282	26.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Miami	50	28	.641	-
Atlanta	41	37	.526	9.0
pi-Charlotte	40	38	.513	10.0
Washington	34	43	.442	15.5
Orlando	20	58	.256	30.0

x - clinched playoff spot

y - clinched division title

Saturday's games				
Philadelphia 144, Charlotte 114				
Cleveland 119, New York 101				
Atlanta 122, Brooklyn 115				
Miami 127, Chicago 109				
Golden State 111, Utah 107				

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	46	32	.590	-
Denver	46	32	.590	-
Minnesota	44	34	.564	2.0
Portland	27	50	.351	18.5
Oklahoma City	22	55	.286	23.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
z-Phoenix	62	15	.805	-
x-Golden State	49	29	.628	13.5
pi-L.A. Clippers	38	40	.487	24.5
L.A. Lakers	31	46	.403	31.0
Sacramento	29	49	.372	33.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Memphis	55	23	.705	-
x-Dallas	48	30	.615	7.0
New Orleans	34	43	.442	20.5
San Antonio	32	45	.416	22.5
Houston	20	58	.256	35.0

z - clinched conference title

pi - clinched playin spot

Millers finish trip with 7-2 victory

Tigers softball plays in Evansville

Noblesville finished up its Tennessee trip Saturday with a 7-2 win over Shelbyville Central (Tenn.).

The Millers rushed out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning. Kolbi Kazmierski and Nolan Decker led off with back-to-back walks, with Kazmierski stealing second, then scoring. Decker got home when Trevor Corbett hit a single. Corbett later scored on a wild pitch, then Josh Kern got home on an RBI pop-out by Luke Wilson.

Noblesville scored two more runs in the third inning. Corbett was doubled home by Bryce Riggs, who then scored on Kern's RBI groundout.

The Millers added another run in the sixth inning. Conner Bloss hit a double to get on base, then Joe Glander came in to run for him. Glander scored immediately, as Kazmierski's left field double got him home.

Kazmierski was 2-for-3 at the plate. Ty Haley pitched five innings for the win, tossing eight strikeouts.

Noblesville is 2-2 and plays its home

opener at Don Dunker Field Wednesday, hosting Avon.

NOBLESVILLE 7, SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL 2				
Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Kolbi Kazmierski	3	1	2	1
Nolan Decker	3	1	0	0
Trevor Corbett	2	2	1	1
Bryce Riggs	3	1	1	1
Josh Kern	2	1	0	1
Drew Niswonger	2	0	0	0
Luke Wilson	3	0	0	1
Keegan Speek	2	0	0	0
Jacob Edwards	2	0	0	0
Conner Bloss	1	0	1	0
Joe Glander	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	7	5	5

Score by Innings
SCHS 010 100 0-2 3 2
Noblesville 402 001 x-7 5 1
2B: Bloss, Kazmierski, Riggs. SB: Corbett 2, Kazmierski. HBP: Corbett.
NHS pitching
IP R ER H
Ty Haley (W) 5 2 1 3
Kern 2 0 0 0
Strikeouts: Haley 8, Kern 3. Walks: Haley 1.

The Fishers softball team spent the weekend in Evansville, where the Tigers played three games.

On Friday, Fishers lost to Evansville North 3-2 in a game that the Huskies won on the last play. The Tigers had five hits for the game; Hannah Trueblood and Taylor Duplessis each got two hits, with Nyah Duplessis getting one. Kate Murray threw three and two-thirds innings, tossing three strikeouts. Nyah Duplessis had five defensive plays for Fishers.

The Tigers came back Saturday morning and beat host Gibson Southern 6-5 in a morning game. Trueblood got Fishers on the board right away, cracking a three-run home run. Karyn Trice was 3-for-3 at the

plate and Kaylee Kardash had multiple hits as well. Murray got the win, striking out eight in four and two-thirds innings. Kamara Walker threw the other two and a third innings in relief.

In another game at Gibson Southern, the Tigers fell to Castle 10-4. Fishers trailed 10-1 in the bottom of the sixth before singles by Trueblood and Sydney Abel scored three runs. The Tigers had nine hits, including a 3-for-4 effort from Sophie Schoch, who hit her first high school home run. Abby Gavin had multiple hits, while Nyah Duplessis and Emma Venus both had one hit.

Fishers is back in action on April 12 when it hosts Noblesville.

SMITH

all girls, have been Jenn Anderson in 2013, Kayla Brown in 2014 and Alyssa Crockett in 2022.

While in high school, Smith was chosen IBCA Senior Supreme 15 this season. Previously, he was voted IBCA Underclass Large School All-State as a sophomore and IBCA Underclass Supreme 15 as a junior. He also was selected first-team all-Hoosier Crossroads Conference as a sophomore, junior and senior.

Smith's senior season achievements became even more remarkable as he played several games with a broken left foot during the last few weeks of the season. Smith had surgery on his foot once the season was over; he said he's doing well and "just tak-

ing it day by day." Smith's plans are to work out, lift, "and try to do whatever I can to get the foot back to 100 percent. I'll be ready," he said.

Mr. Basketball and Miss Basketball traditionally wear No. 1 jerseys for the respective Indiana Boys All-Stars and Indiana Girls All-Stars in the annual series with Kentucky. The All-Stars will face the Indiana Junior All-Stars in an exhibition doubleheader on June 8 at a site to be announced. The All-Stars follow with their home-and-home doubleheaders with Kentucky - June 10 at the Owensboro SportsCenter in Owensboro, Ky., and June 11 at Southport Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

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