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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and muggy.
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Golf gals tee off for Chris Center

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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The Chris Center's mission is to assist teenagers with their emotional wellness through connecting them to nature. To help raise money for their mission, they are holding an all-female charity golf event called Divot Divas.

Chris Center Chief Marketing and Development Officer Adele Smith told The Reporter the 18-hole event will begin at 11 a.m. on June 25 at Wood Wind Golf Course, 2302 W. 161st St., Westfield.

"We would really like to have 50 golfers," Smith said. "All the money will go to the Chris Center and our mission of making a difference in promoting the mental and emotional wellbeing of teenagers, specifically in central Indiana by connecting them with nature and the healing power of human-an-

imal interaction."

According to FAIR Health, an independent nonprofit that collects data for and manages the nation's largest database of privately billed health insurance claims, in 2021 mental health claims among teens doubled during the pandemic.

"Even before the pandemic the American Surgeon General announced that his main focus for the country going forward was helping address the fact that teens were in crisis," Smith said. "Obviously when COVID hit that made it all the worse. According to the CDC's 2019 pre-pandemic data, greater than one-third of high school students had experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness. Approximately one in five students have seriously considered suicide and almost one in 10 has attempted suicide. The isolation and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic have pro-



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Money raised at The Chris Center's charity golf event, Divot Divas, will go toward programs like Alpaca Adventure to help teens with their mental wellness.

foundly worsened the state of adolescent mental health with increased rates of anxiety, depression and intentional self-harm."

The Chris Center's programs are based on research

demonstrating the health and wellness benefits of interacting with animals and participating in farming activities. These

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From tears to anger

I'm not okay today. Last night I sent my daughter, Emily, a text. "Please give Aiden and Leah a hug from Grandma."

My heart feels an empty ache. I want to wrap them in my arms and keep them safe. Aiden is 12. Leah is 9. They live in a very different world from the one in which I grew up.

On Tuesday morning, 19 families sent their kids to school. They will never walk back through the door of their home. They will never be tucked into bed. Never.

Nineteen little kids waited anxiously for the bell to ring to go home. I'm sure they were thinking about how school would soon be out for the summer. Summer, a time of bike rides and snow cones and sunburns and sleeping late and late-night family movies.

Instead, they heard bullets being shot at them and they heard screams. They saw a monster. They felt unimaginable fear.

As I write this, on Wednesday morning, there are parents waking up to a nightmare, that is if they slept at all. They take clothes out of the dryer; clothes that will never be worn again. They find chocolate milk in the refrigerator. They pour it down the drain. They step on a loose Lego. The pain in their foot cannot compare to the pain in their heart.

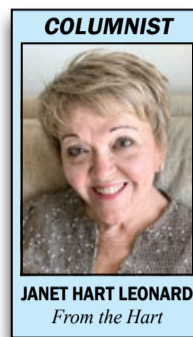
My heart cannot fathom the pain of losing a child, even more so to a senseless act of violence. These were LITTLE KIDS!

Our world is broken. I cannot wrap my mind around the evil that has invaded it. What are the answers? Don't talk to me about politics and laws and rights. While arguments are being fought in the aisles of grocery stores and churches and Congress, little kids are dying in the classroom. All this rhetoric is not solving the problem. When will the death of little kids matter enough to do something?

Four years ago, this week, we had a school shooting here in Noblesville. You know, the town that is located in the middle of the security of the Midwest. Things like that were not supposed to happen here. But it did.

Mental health issues are running rampant. AND ... so is just plain meanness.

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From the Hart

Westfield Washington Schools thanks seven teachers for their commitment to education



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Oak Trace Elementary

Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

This year, seven beloved staff members at Westfield Washington Schools will retire from education. Their careers and successes were celebrated at the annual retirement dinner.

Melody Makers of Indiana to perform in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Melody Makers of Indiana (MMIA) will present their 2022 annual Festival Concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7 in Celebration Hall (Door 2,7) at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.

MMIA has been in existence since 1934 to enrich the community and create a bond with people throughout the state while fostering healthy relationships through the medium of music. They have performed at the Indiana Statehouse, Branson, Mo., Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., as well as many county functions. The Indiana General Assembly recognized MMIA with an official resolution commemorating its 75th year in 2009.

Currently, MMIA is comprised of members from 22 Indiana counties and is under the direction of Dr. Scott Buchanan, Director of the School of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Indiana State University. Dr. Kris Sanchack, Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities at Alabama State University is the accompanist.

This year's program will include a special performance by Ted Arthur, Musical Director for *Diana* the musical on Broadway in New York. Arthur was the assistant conductor/rehearsal pianist for *Once on This Island*, a 2018 Tony Award Winner for Best Revival of a Musical. He is a native of West Lafayette, Ind.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door. For more information, please call (812) 239-4378.

Irish past & present come to Indiana stage when Celtic Woman performs on June 3

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On Friday, June 3, the world-renowned and Grammy-nominated Irish group Celtic Woman will perform at the Old National Centre in Indianapolis. Leading up to that stop on their North American tour, The Reporter had the opportunity to talk with Tara McNeill about the tour and about recording *Postcards From Ireland*, their first studio album in three years.

"I've been with Celtic Woman six years now and this is my fifth spring tour," McNeill told The Reporter. "I've traveled about five months a year in the States for years now. I have been in every state apart

from Hawaii, so bring that on!"

McNeill became a member in August 2016. She is the second violinist to join the No. 1 World Music Artists and she is also the first multi-instrumentalist as she brings her harp and voice to the group.

"I had in my head for years that this would be the ultimate dream job," McNeill said. "The opportunity came up to play the harp in the band one year for the Destiny TV special. That was my little in. The next year the violin position came up and that's where my heart and soul is. I auditioned along with a number of other fellow violinists, and I got the job, so here we are."

Membership in the group has changed often and this year marks its 16th anniversary.

"We just feel incredibly grateful that the group has been going on that long," McNeill told The Reporter. "There have been 16 women in Celtic Woman in those 16 years. Especially after two

long years of being away from our Celtic Woman family, we feel grateful to be celebrating 16 years. When Celtic Woman began in 2005, it was meant to be a one-night show. Then people loved the music and connected to the Irish songs and stories and here we are all these years later. We hope that Celtic Woman will be going another 16 years."

McNeill began playing violin when she was seven or eight years old, and said she feels like she started a little older than other world-class musicians.

"I had started piano before that and I started harp before that," McNeill said. "I grew up with a very musical family. Even if I wasn't actively playing, I was surrounded by music from the beginning."

Like other violinists The Reporter has spoken to this year, McNeill sees the violin as more than just an instrument.

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Photo provided

See Tara McNeill and the rest of Celtic Woman in Indy June 3.

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Photo courtesy Donal Moloney

Tickets for the *Postcards from Ireland* tour are still on sale at CelticWoman.com and oldnationalcentre.com.

“It’s my third arm,” McNeill said. “It’s definitely a limb that I can’t live without anymore. The instrument itself becomes a way to communicate whenever you can’t find the words. I love it. It is another language and something so personal, yet something you feel like you have to share with the world as well. I feel incredibly lucky that I have the opportunity to have music in my life growing up and now I definitely feel very grateful to be able to share Irish music and violin music with the world.”

McNeill said she adores the music of Celtic Woman and looks forward to sharing both old favorite and new pieces with fans in Indianapolis this week.

“We have a collection of music that the fans love – favorites like ‘Danny Boy,’ ‘Amazing Grace’ and ‘You Raise Me Up,’ but then we have lots of new music from the album we recorded during lockdown called *Postcards From Ireland*,” McNeill said. “I’m really just enjoying being with my friends again, with these incredible musicians and singers. We’ve had two long years away from our Celtic Woman family and we are just making the most of every night that we are up on stage. We are incredibly grateful to be back doing what we love.”

Postcards From Ireland was recorded during the latter stages of the pandemic when restrictions in Ireland finally allowed it.

“We had a wonderful time recording the album and TV special in Ireland and we felt so lucky to do so,” McNeill said. “When most of the world was still shut down, we got to film in 16 locations across Ireland. And the album as well we did at a number of different studios. Of course, it was very different. We all had to go individually, and all masked with a lot of safety. We had to wait a while to record until things were safe enough, but we feel we were incredibly lucky that we were able to do that during lockdown.”

Celtic Woman’s fresh fusion of traditional Irish music and contemporary songcraft celebrates Ireland’s history while reflecting the vibrant spirit of modern Ireland. Just as their music brings together both the old and the new, so too does the composition of the group on this tour contain both the beginning and the future.

“At the moment we have a brand-new member, Muirgen O’Mahony, and she is doing just incredibly,” McNeill told The Reporter. “She has been in less than a year. Muirgen is an incredible singer. She has slotted into Celtic Woman as if she had been here from the beginning. We also have Chloë Agnew who has come back for this tour. She was there at the very beginning of it all. It is lovely to have her back for this tour. It is wonderful to join Chloë on stage because I grew up watching her and watching the Celtic Woman specials and videos on YouTube and it was her that I was watching whenever I thought, ‘this is what I want to do; this is what I want to be part of.’ It is definitely a lovely full circle moment.”



TEARS & ANGER

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Who is teaching our kids compassion, empathy, sympathy and just plain and simple right from wrong? Why are these shooters so angry? What has made them so mean?

Meanness has found its way into the hearts and minds of these shooters.

I know I’m old and I have my opinions and you can argue with me all you want.

Kids are sitting in their rooms playing video games that teach them to kill and be rewarded, kill more and be rewarded more. Are they not being desensitized to death? They chat with a stranger who cheers them on to more killings ... and then a virtual shove leads them to purchase an assault rifle when they turn 18. They need a bigger high. They are angry. Someone told them “no.” They buy more ammunition. Why does an 18-year-old need an AR? Why does anyone need an AR? I was raised around guns for hunting. I am not antigun, but an AR?

Okay, I’m treading on the dangerous territory of public opinion. But DANG IT! That could have been my

grandchild in that school. That could have been my daughter-in-law who is a teacher.

I was sad when I started typing this column and now, I am angry!

While we are passing around the mashed potatoes at the dinner table (Remember that? The family dinner table?) what are we teaching our children? What are they hearing and seeing in our lives?

Are sympathy and compassion and kindness and caring and doing the right thing all things of the past? I hope not. I surely to goodness hope not.

As I said, you can disagree with me all you want. I just hope while we are all arguing there are no more funerals for parents to plan.

I need to text Emily and tell her to give Aiden and Leah another hug. The world needs more hugs.

I’m still not okay.
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benefits include improved self-esteem and mood, increased social interaction, and decreased symptoms of anxiety and depression.

One way the Chris Center tried to help is through the Alpaca Adventure Program, which helps adolescents through alpaca-assisted activities. You can read more about that at [this link](#).

Funds raised at Divot Divas will help them continue their work to help youth struggling with several mental and social issues.

It all begins at 11 a.m. on June 25 with pop-up tents, giveaways and goodies. Tickets include a round of golf, a box lunch, two drink tickets, and an 8 percent discount in the pro golf shop.

After registration, golfers are welcome to bid on items in the silent auction.

There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start to the golf scramble. Lunch and water will be provided on golf carts. Drink tickets can be redeemed on the course.

From 5 to 6 p.m., the 19th hole reception around the firepits will include for drinks and prizes.

[Click here](#) to sign up for a day of golf and giving.

No alpacas will be present on the course, but every entry will aid in the effort to bring these beautiful beasts closer to troubled teens who need to know nature can help heal the stress, suffering and social isolation in our weary world.

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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County GOP dines with India's Ambassador to U.S.



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On Friday, the Indiana India Business Council, the Internal Marketplace Coalition, the India Association of Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis Hyderabad Sister City Committee welcomed His Excellency Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who serves as India's Ambassador to the United States. The dinner was held at Indy's Global Village, 4233 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis. (Above, from left) Hamilton County GOP Treasurer Raju Chinthala, Hamilton County GOP Secretary and County Elections Administrator Beth Sheller, Ambassador Sandhu, and Hamilton County GOP Vice Chair Lisa Everling.

Noblesville Lions Club hears from nonprofit helping women in need



Photo provided

The Noblesville Lions Club on Wednesday played host to Mary Beth Woehrle of "Ignite.Transform." She spoke about this non-profit as a way to provide physical and mental health support for women in need. Last year, the organization purchased the former Nazarene church on North Tenth Street and converted it into a community wellness center. Certain portions of their services are open to the public. For more information, visit ignitetransform.org. (Above) Woehrle receives her Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Club Vice President Kim Luckey.

Legislation needed to bolster American technology sector

Confronting the reverberations of a global pandemic and now a raging war in Europe, our country finds itself at a critical juncture, defined by an international struggle for power and influence.

Russia is not the sole aggressor we need to worry about. The last few decades have seen China make significant technological advancements that now threaten our status as the world's leader in innovation and, perhaps more importantly, as preeminent champions of world-wide democratic ideals.

To restore the status and security of our nation, and to protect democracy, steps must be taken here – on American soil – to expand our innovative capacity.

We are fortunate to have leaders who recognize the urgency of the matter at hand. "...As we endeavor to avoid another bloody conflict, it is also important that the outcome of this global contest be won in laboratories, across campuses, on assembly lines," Todd Young, our senior Senator here in Indiana noted in a recent op-ed. Over the last year, Senator Young has worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle in Washington to pass legislation that would bolster American tech research and development (R&D).

The United States Innovation and Competition Act (USICA), a Senate-passed



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bill co-authored by Senator Young – aims to do just that and would supply U.S. manufacturing sectors with much-needed updates and investments. Since USICA's passage last summer, the

House has passed its own version of the bill – the America COMPETES Act – which builds off USICA and includes a much-needed immigration provision that would provide foreign-born, advanced degree holders in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with a pathway to permanent residency. As both chambers work together on a final bill, it is imperative that this provision be included.

Enabling highly trained professionals to build lasting careers in the United States will give our schools, labs, and factories the boost they need to give us a leg up in the "contest" that Senator Young has so passionately committed himself to winning.

Ultimately, what comes first in this global contest is the fight for global talent. For many years, our country enjoyed its status as the leading destination for international students looking to earn degrees in STEM, with young minds coming from all corners of the globe to study at top American universities like Indiana University-Bloomington, Notre Dame, and Purdue.

We have since lost this

competitive edge, as other countries have taken more proactive measures to attract top minds and build a stronger workforce. Today, as Senator Young will tell you, we need to be more concerned with matching the pace of Chinese schools that are "producing four times as many STEM degree holders as our own." If we ignore this issue, our workforce will continue to diminish, pushing more and more American multinational corporations to shift R&D operations to overseas locations where high-skilled labor is more readily available. This provision directly affects Hoosiers, including the 340,000 residents of Hamilton County.

The Indiana tech sector's contribution to gross state product increased in 2021, yet recent years have shown 2.4 STEM job vacancies for every unemployed Hoosier. We must correct our policies toward foreign-born advanced STEM degree holders now to fill these vacancies and fuel growth in our domestic STEM sectors – sectors that have long been propelled by overseas talent. In fact, immigrants make up nearly half of all advanced STEM degree holders in Indiana. These individuals should be encouraged to stay,

not incentivized to leave.

I must reemphasize our good fortune in having an individual as committed as Senator Young represent us in Congress. Wary of the CCP's heightened production power, our senator has wasted no time in rounding up Republicans and Democrats alike to pass legislation putting our country back on the offensive.

"This is a call to action for those of us who are charged with keeping the American people safe and secure", Young reminds us, "and if we fail to do so...America will surrender our position of global leadership."

I urge Senator Young to stay true to this call to action by including corrections to our country's visa policies in a final version of the COMPETES Act. Not only would the addition of foreign-born STEM talent benefit our state's economy with an increased tax base and higher consumer spending, but it will also address acute vulnerabilities in our national security. Having received strong bipartisan support, this piece of legislation should have been on the President's desk for signature a long time ago.

Martin Baier serves as President and CEO of The International Center.

Noblesville Lions Club

Pork Chop / Chicken Dinner

FRIDAY, June 3rd

Dinner

11:00AM to 8:00PM

Adult - \$10 (w/Ticket) \$12 (at Door)

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SATURDAY, June 4th

Pancake Breakfast

7:00AM to 11:00AM

Adult & Child - \$5

Duck Race Hot Dogs

12:00Noon to 3:00PM

At Logan St. Bridge

Adult & Child - \$3



This year the Lions have added optional chicken breast to the menu.

Dinners come with pie and a drink. Pre-Event Tickets available from any Lions Club Member.

Registration for second Shamrock Academy

The REPORTER

The application period for the second Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Shamrock Academy cohort is now open.

The first edition of the Academy was a great success and the attendees had lots of rave reviews about their experiences. Be sure to look out for the June issue of Westfield Magazine for an article about the program.

Here are just a few of the exclusive experiences available to the next cohort:

- Tour the brand-new Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center
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- Ride on a school bus
- A meal catered by the high school's professional culinary team
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ships with principals and administrators

- Experience the engaging learning style used with students
- See the nationally recognized culture of excellence for yourself

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- How WWS spends money
- What is being taught to students
- What school board members do
- Hiring the best people
- Getting involved in sports and clubs
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- Supports available to kids and adults
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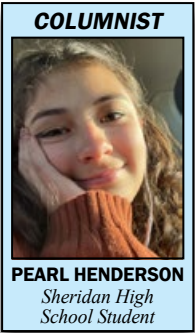
Keep laws off our bodies

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

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal..." – written as the hypocritical founders held slaves and abused their partners.

With the creation of this nation, founded on "equality," we have oppressed all of those who do not fit in the "box" – the box of a heterosexual, cisgender white man. All others who possess traits not acceptable in this "box" had to fight for their basic rights of existence: The women's suffrage movement (and the riots along with them), the Civil Rights movement, the Stonewall riots, the Black Panthers, BLM protests, and the *Roe v. Wade* protests. These protests occurred just to get human rights, to be married, to own property, and to possess bodily autonomy. The potential overturn of *Roe v. Wade* and the passing of the "Don't say gay" bill would be the start of the decimation of the basic human rights all the aforementioned social movements have fought for, for centuries.

Roe v. Wade was decided under the privacy clauses in the 14th Amendment, the same privacy clauses that provided the right to inter-



PEARL HENDERSON
Sheridan High School Student

racial and same-sex marriage. Both cases are within the same realm of privacy rights: Bodily autonomy and the right to choose whom you marry. Each individual possesses the right to privacy and equal protection of marriage to someone they love no matter the sex or gender, along with bodily autonomy and medical decisions, as well as the use of contraceptives. You would not be forced to lend your kidney to someone without your consent, so why is a uterus any different? No one is entitled to someone else's organs, and the same extends to fetuses.

With the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, minority groups would be severely impacted since most already do not have access to safe abortions and contraception and are more severely targeted in cases of sexual assault due to the rising fetishization of women of color. So combined, access to safe abortion for all women is vital. Or else, women will die from illegal abortions or attempted abortions themselves from a place of desperation because a ban does not deter abortions. Instead, it just kills people whose lives hold actual lives that have weight and value that can be provided to the world, rather than a clump of cells without any sense of touch or taste.

Along with the murder of actual people, abortions are criminalized, labeling the people who are in search of them as felons, taking away further rights (the right to vote), from already disadvantaged, desperate uterus owners.

Another important matter to discuss is how abortion is considered religious freedom. Access to abortion is prominent in the Jewish faith and the faith provides specific details on how to perform one if a woman has discovered that her husband has been unfaithful. Multiple other religious practices promote abortion to save the mother, or even if the mother just doesn't want a child. Additionally, Christianity is weaponized to say that abortion is "Against the Bible" despite the fact the Bible never mentions abortion. No one is allowed to use religion to govern someone's body. It is up to the individual. That is true freedom.

Planned Parenthood and other health clinics provide safe, healthy family planning, contraceptives, pregnancy services checkups, and abortions in all cases for little to no cost. Most of the services are not abortions. By dismantling Planned Parenthood, a large portion of impoverished uterus-owners would now no longer have access to basic health care.

Please protest this overturn of basic human rights and help everyone to have secure access to life-saving medical care.

Expanded SNAP benefits end June 1

Salvation Army ramping up food programs to help most vulnerable

The REPORTER

June 1 marks the end of emergency enhanced SNAP benefits for Hoosiers statewide.

In anticipation of increased demand, The Salvation Army Indiana Division is working to ensure that feeding programs and food pantries run by the organization across the state can continue to meet the needs of their communities.

Indiana's COVID-19 public health emergency ended on March 3, 2022, making May 31 the final day that SNAP recipients would receive the maximum benefit allowed in accordance with the number of people in their household. Starting on June 1, benefits will be based on a formula that includes several eligibility factors, including household income. A permanent adjustment to the program made in October 2021 means that most households will receive higher benefits than they did pre-pandemic, but they will still experience a drop from May to June.

The USDA has provided examples of how these changes will affect households of difference sizes and circumstances. These can be seen by visiting the online "[SNAP Benefits – COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond](#)" page of the USDA website.

The Salvation Army has already seen an increase in visits to its food pantries and hot food programs over the past several months as inflation has made it harder for Hoosiers to put food on the table. According to the USDA, between April 2021 and April 2022 grocery store prices have risen by 10.8 percent. Fresh produce, milk, eggs, and meat prices are continuing to skyrocket with farm-level egg prices predicted to increase up to 76.5 percent in 2022. These higher prices mean that struggling households are bringing home less food each time they go to the store, pushing them to find supplemental food at organizations like The Sal-

vation Army.

"The cost of food, housing, medical, and transportation has not been put into consideration regarding the ending of the pandemic emergency funds," said Dena Simpson, Divisional Director of Social Services for The Salvation Army Indiana Division. "Individuals and families are in recovery mode and facing a number of challenges."

These challenges include:

- Drained savings and strained finances
- Loss and/or change in housing and utility needs
- Increased instances of domestic violence
- Ongoing COVID-related medical needs
- Loss of primary income provider for the family
- Larger households with combined and extended families
- Changes in childcare and educational needs and routines

With inflation outpacing wage increases, the results have been devastating. The Salvation Army is working with partner organizations, food banks, donors, and community volunteers to meet the increased demand. Food costs continue to rise for The Salvation Army, as well, as provider food banks like Feeding America anticipate spending 40 percent more to purchase bulk food in 2022 compared to 2021.

In addition to providing food in many of the communities where The Salvation Army serves, the organization is also helping struggling households with financial assistance to help with rent and mortgages, high utility bills, prescription costs, and gas cards to get to work and medical care.

In Logansport, The Salvation Army's food pantry, "The Lord's Cupboard," offers food boxes to local families on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These boxes often include household goods and often clothing to help families make ends meet. This ministry is in addition to a lunchtime feeding program that operates Monday

through Friday and provides around 300 hot meals to individuals in need each week. With inflation and supply chain issues putting additional strain on the program, The Salvation Army's administrator, Lieutenant Elis Pomaes Morales, is working harder than ever to keep up with increased need in his community.

"We are blessed to have Tyson meat processing here in town," Lt. Elis said. "They give large donations to meat to Emmaus Mission Center, who then shares it with our food programs. The U.S. Postal Service also held a food drive, which has helped to keep our pantry stocked. All of these donations help us with the cost of food, but last year we could prepare a meal for just \$2.50 and today it costs between \$3 and \$3.25 per meal."

The chicken donations are especially appreciated, as the USDA recently reported that the price of chicken rose 27.9 percent between March 2021 and April 2022.

Other large Salvation Army feeding programs across the state are having to find creative ways to keep down costs while meeting increased need. In Evansville, Ind., the daily feeding program provided over 188,000 meals to the community in 2021. They are depending on the generosity of donors, food suppliers, and volunteers to keep up in 2022 and the expected jump they will see over the summer.

"The Salvation Army Indiana Division is anticipating an increase of individuals and families facing food insecurities," Simpson added. "Our pantries across the state need supplies as we continue to meet the needs of families in our communities and offset the exorbitant cost of housing, transportation, medical, and other needs we consider basic."

For more information about The Salvation Army's response to food insecurity in Indiana, contact Dena Simpson directly at dena.simpson@usc.salvation-army.org.

Learn oil palette painting at Art in the Garden during Carmel's Meet Me on Main

The REPORTER

The Carmel Arts Council will present a grand opening for the new Art in the Garden from 4 to 8 p.m. on June 11.

Zionsville artist Thuy (pronounced "twee") Schelkopf will give demonstrations and instructions on oil palette painting for free during Carmel's monthly Meet Me on Main art event.



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Start your summer off with some great laughs

CrossRoads Church at Westfield to hold first Popcorn & Punchlines event

The REPORTER

Eight comedians from seven different states are coming to Westfield for the first-ever Popcorn and Punchlines Comedy Showcase on Saturday, June 4 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield. This free comedy show will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

The comedy is family-friendly with comedians coming from Oklahoma, North Carolina, Kentucky, Texas, Arizona, Florida and Rhode Island. Appearing at two previous Pizza and Punchlines events in Westfield, and enjoying the people in this community so much, comedian Rhonda Corey invited eight of her funny friends to join her for this free night of entertainment.

Comedian Rhonda Corey of Rhode Island truly embodies the New England spirit. It's no wonder that her authenticity with a twist of lovable sass has resonated with audiences from Rhode Island to California and back to Indiana.

Michele VanDusen of Oklahoma was the winner of The Southern Oklahoma Comedy Showdown in 2019 and was born and raised in Chicago.

Chris Ruppe of North Carolina makes people laugh by looking back on

past experiences from his childhood, parenting, and adopting a child.

A returner to Westfield, June Colson is a comedian, writer, and podcaster born in Indiana and raised in the Bluegrass State. She holds the prestigious title as 2020's Nashville Clean Comedy Champion.

Hailing from Texas, Dorie McLemore is a storyteller and joy-bringer who believes that caffeine is keeping her alive, popcorn should be its own food group, and that true joy comes from knowing that we are worthy of God's love in the middle of our imperfections.

From Arizona, Mike James' brand of humor fueled by his general confusion of being a husband, father, and just a human being keeps his audiences laughing.

Mary Ellen Petrillo of Florida will touch your heart as she reaches right into the nooks and crannies of everyday events. She knows you, your kids, your parents, and she is here to tell you about it!

From Arizona, Brian Kohatsu spent 20 years as an award-winning director before stepping away from the camera for a career in comedy. He quickly found success in radio and gained national recognition when he was fea-



tured on Sirius/XM radio.

Popcorn and Punchlines is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield's For Our Neighbor strategy to meet, know, enjoy, and serve the people of the local community. For the past six years, CrossRoads Church has sponsored the popular February event, Pizza and Punchlines.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield provides free pet food every first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m., free Zumba every Tuesday at 7 p.m., Shepherd Center's Together Today for senior adults every Tuesday

Graphic provided by CrossRoads Church from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based recovery program, every Thursday night from 6:15 to 9 p.m. on the church's campus at 19201 Grassy Branch Road.

The IMMI Conference Center is located one mile east of Grand Park in Westfield just south of the roundabout at East Street and 191st Street.

Go online to [ForOurNeighborLife](http://ForOurNeighborLife.com) for more information about CrossRoads Church's "For Our Neighbor" community outreach, or send an email to ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com.

Carmel continues to prove its commitment to public safety



Photo provided by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel unveiled the first of several public "Save Stations" on Wednesday at Midtown Plaza along the Monon Greenway. This station is a climate-controlled cabinet that houses an automated external defibrillator (AED) and bleeding control kit. Once the door is opened it prompts an emergency response. As a part of Carmel's community lifesaving initiative, this is the first of many more scheduled to be installed in public locations and parks throughout Carmel. (Above, from left) Carmel City Councilors Tim Hannon, Kevin "Woody" Rider and Jeff Worrell. [Click here](#) to see more pictures from the unveiling.

INDOT gives one-year update on North Split project

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is providing a progress update on the [North Split reconstruction project](#) one year after the interchange's full closure.

Since May 15, 2021, North Split construction crews have:

- Successfully demolished 38 of 51 bridges in need of repair
- Placed 217 of 390 pre-cast concrete beams, with the largest weighing approximately 250,000 pounds
- Reconstructed four bridges and one ramp, which

are currently in use

- Used approximately 34,000 cubic yards of structural concrete
- Moved over 560,000 cubic yards of the 1 million total cubic yards of earthwork

The North Split is the busiest interchange in central Indiana. After 50 years of service, the North Split's deteriorating condition made reconstruction necessary to rehabilitate and improve the existing interstate facilities. A more efficient and compact redesign of the interchange eliminates merging and weaving conditions that

contribute to high crash rates and congestion.

The interchange is scheduled to reopen by the end of 2022 with landscaping, aesthetics and local street work continuing into spring 2023. The North Split landscaping design will include the use of native, low-maintenance plants to soften urban elements and provide a diverse palette of plant species, including native grasses, small shrubs, large deciduous shrubs, ornamental trees, and shade trees.

The project will also result in improved lighting,

visibility and pedestrian safety at bridge underpasses. Once North Split reconstruction is complete, project area improvements will include:

- 223 new lighting elements, including 12 high-mast tower lights, 176 underpass and monument lights at bridges, and 33 conventional roadway light structures
- Approximately 12,100 linear feet of new sidewalks/trails
- More than 4,500 trees
- More than 5,000 shrubs

For up-to-date project information, visit northsplit.com or text "NORTHSPLIT" to 468311.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Roundabout coming to 191st and Grassy Branch Road

Beginning on or after Wednesday, June 1, the intersection of 191st Street and Grassy Branch Road will be closed to all thru traffic for roundabout construction. Grassy Branch Road will be closed between 186th Street and 196th Street, and 191st Street will be closed between Flippins Road and Shady Nook Road. The estimated project completion date is Tuesday, Aug. 30, after a 90-calendar day closure. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of 186th Street, East Street, 196th Street, and Moontown Road. [Click here](#) for more project information.

Drain pipe replacement will close 236th Street

Beginning on or after Monday, June 6, West 236th Street between Six Points Road and Lamong Road will be closed to all thru traffic for the replacement of a regulated drain pipe through the Surveyor's Office (317-776-8495). The estimated project completion date is Friday, June 10. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of Six Points Road, State Road 38, and Lamong Road. The hard closure is approximately 230 feet west of Six Points Road.

Large pipe replacement will close Cumberland Road

Beginning on or after Monday, June 6, Cumberland Road between 96th and 106th streets will be closed to all thru traffic for the replacement of a large pipe. The estimated project completion date is end of day Friday, June 10. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes north and south of the hard closure (which is approximately 2,150 feet north of 96th Street), while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of 96th Street, Lantern Road, and 106th Street.



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

This aerial view shows how to get to the parking garage on Sophia Square.

Latest updates on ongoing Carmel road construction

The REPORTER

Main Street roundabouts

Main Street is now closed at Richland Avenue and Lexington Boulevard for construction of two roundabouts. Access to Carmel Christian Church and the educational buildings on the south side of Main Street will be maintained from the east side of the project along Main Street with the majority of construction completed prior to the start of school in August.

1st Avenue NW

The construction east of Sophia Square continues at 1st Avenue NW and 1st Street NW. There is access to the Sophia Square parking garage from West Main Street as well as from 1st Street NW. This traffic pattern will be in place for the duration of this work which will extend through May; full completion of this project is estimated for June. The map above shows Sophia Square. The green lines indicate what routes are open to access the parking

garage, while the red lines indicate the closure.

Smoky Row Project

Smoky Row is now closed for the reconstruction of the current two-lane road into a boulevard with a landscaped median, new curbs, storm water collection, multi-use paths, new bridges on Smoky Row and on the Monon Greenway, north of Smoky Row. In addition, a new roundabout will be built at the west end of the project limits on Smoky Row.

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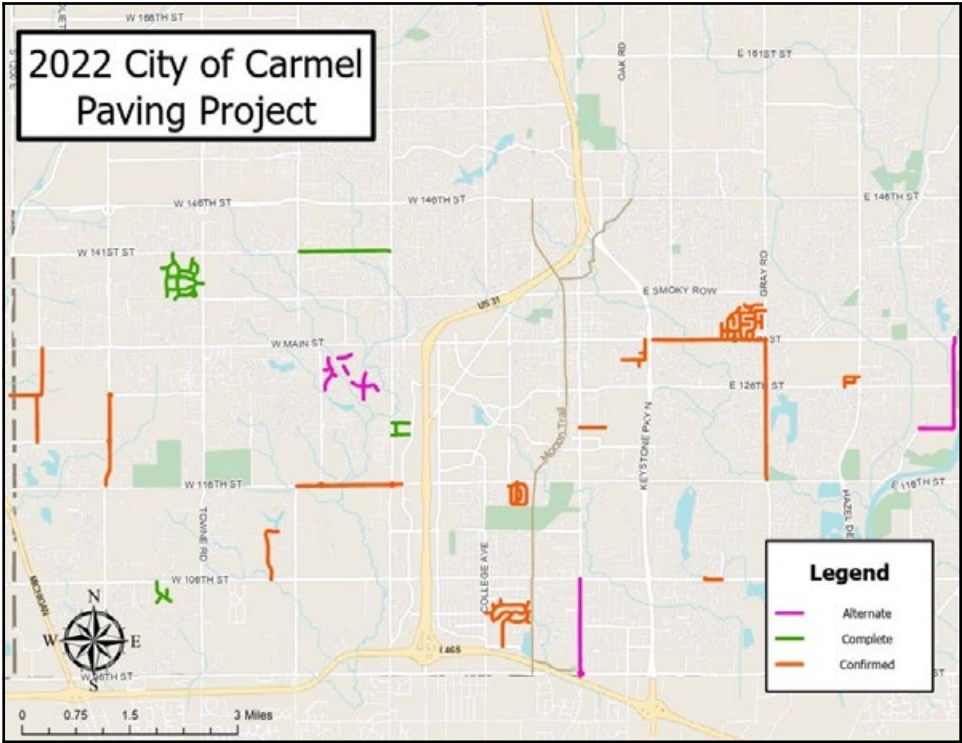
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Carmel Street Department announces paving projects

City kicking off summer tradition of improving streets

The REPORTER

About 30 lane miles of Carmel city streets are in line for a fresh coat of paving as the city's summer street paving gets underway. The city plans to spend more than \$4.5 million on these projects. Some of the preliminary work has already begun, and as the warm weather continues to take hold, more work will be done.

"Paving streets is not something that makes headlines or earns clicks online," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "But as much as we focus our efforts on building new roundabouts and increasing our multi-purpose trails and pathways, it is also important to keep our existing roadways in top condition. We work hard to create a high quality of life in Carmel and that includes having smooth, pothole-free roads on which to drive in our city."



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[Click here](#) to see a complete list of projects.

Fishers road construction updates

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

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 (NE Commerce Park)

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

Beginning on Tuesday, May 31, the intersection at Southeastern Parkway and Cyntheanne Road will be closed for roundabout construction and is anticipated to reopen by the end of July. View the detour map [here](#). Schoolhouse 7 Café will remain open for business during construction. View how to access their business [here](#).

126th Street bridge over I-69

Beginning on Tuesday, May 31, 126th Street between Hoosier Road and Promise Road will be closed in both directions for bridge repairs being completed by INDOT. The bridge is anticipated to reopen on the evening of Friday, June 3, weather permitting. See detour map [here](#).

Cumberland Road between 96th & 106th streets

Beginning on or after Monday, June 6, Cumberland Road between 96th and 106th streets will be closed to all thru traffic for the replacement of a large pipe. The estimated project completion date is end of day Friday, June 10. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes north and south of the hard closure (which is approximately 2,150 feet north of 96th Street), while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of 96th Street, Lantern Road and 106th Street. View detour map [here](#).

116th Street & Maple Street

On Tuesday, May 31, the westbound outside lane of 116th Street between Maple Street and Municipal Drive will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to install the building entrance canopy. Arrow boards will be in place.

116th Street & Nickel Plate Trail

On Wednesday, June 1, the Nickel Plate Trail at 116th Street will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to install signage. A limited restriction will also be in place on 116th Street as the crane moved into and out of place.

Resurfacing projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction has started taking place in Charleston Crossing, Delaware Pointe, Eller Trails, Eller Commons, Eller Run, Fishers Pointe, Hickory Woods, Lantern Overlook, Overlook at Beaver Ridge, Sunblest, and Waterford Gardens as part of the 2022 Resurfacing Project. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

Honor the Brave 5K

Honor the Brave 5K, hosted by 131 Events Productions, will occur on Monday, May 30 in the Nickel Plate District between 8 and 9:30 a.m. and will result in road closures in the area. View the closure map [here](#). Please use caution when proceeding through this area and take alternate routes for closed sections during the scheduled event. For additional event details, please go to 131events.com/honor-the-brave-fishers.



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Navy officially changes status of 13 USS Indianapolis Sailors lost during World War II

Submitted by Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy has officially changed the status of 13 Sailors lost when the USS Indianapolis (CA 35) was sunk in 1945 from “unaccounted for” to “buried at sea,” Navy Casualty announced May 27.

The change in status is the result of extensive research between Naval History and Heritage Command, Navy Casualty Office, the USS Indianapolis Survivors Association, the USS Indianapolis Legacy Organization, and the Chief Rick Stone and Family Charitable Foundation.

The announcement helps bring closure to the families of these Sailors who lost their lives at the end of a secret mission which helped end World War II.

The USS Indianapolis sank on July 30, 1945, after being struck by two Japanese torpedoes.

The Sailors whose status changed are:

- Seaman 1st Class George Stanley Abbott – Bedford, Ky.
- Seaman 2nd Class Eugene Clifford Batson – Kansas City, Kan.
- Gunner’s Mate 1st Class William Alexander Haynes – Homedale, Idaho
- Seaman 2nd Class Albert Raymond Kelly – Cleveland, Ohio
- Seaman 1st Class Albert Davis Lundgren – Washington, D.C.
- Fireman 1st Class Ollie McHone – Mars Hill, Ark.
- Seaman 2nd Class George David Payne – Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Storekeeper 3rd Class Alvin Wilder Rahn – Hamlet, N.C.
- Ship’s Cook 3rd Class Jose Antonio Saenz – Edinburg, Texas
- Coxswain Charles Byrd Sparks – Birmingham, Ala.
- Radioman 2nd Class Joseph Mason Strain – Creston, Iowa
- SSML3 Angelo Anthony Sudano – Niles, Ohio
- Gunner’s Mate 3rd Class Floyd Ralph Wolfe – Turner, Ore.

Approximately 300 of the ship’s 1,195 Sailors went down with the ship, and some 900 men were set adrift. Only 316 survived. Due to administrative errors, many Sailors who were re-



Photo provided

covered from the ocean and buried at sea from responding vessels were misclassified as “missing in action” or “unaccounted for.”

According to Rick Stone, who previously served at NHHHC, he initiated the USS Indianapolis Burial at Sea Project to determine if any Indianapolis casualties met these criteria. Following his retirement from government service, he established the Chief Rick Stone and Family Charitable Foundation to continue the project and located documentation proving the 13 Sailors were misclassified.

According to the foundation’s USS Indianapolis Burial at Sea Project webpage, “recovering a lost Sailor, giving their loved ones and family closure, is the greatest gift we can imagine and the greatest way to celebrate and thank the Sailors who lost their lives aboard the USS Indianapolis.”

“One of my favorite quotes is ‘Poor is the nation that has no heroes but shameful is the nation who, having heroes, forgets them,’” Stone said. “Our foundation will never forget the heroes of the USS Indianapolis and are proud of our role in helping thirteen families learn that the Navy went to great lengths to honor them soon after their deaths.”

Capt. Robert McMahon, director of the Navy Casualty Office, said bringing closure to families of those lost at sea is a “solemn duty and obligation” he takes to heart.

“Nothing is more important to me than giving families that knowledge when the unthinkable happens,” he said. “No amount of time lessens the loss, however, if we can bring some certainty to loved ones, even seven decades later, we are keeping faith with those we lost.”

One of those family members, William Baxter, nephew of Gunner’s Mate

3rd Class Wolfe, was notified April 26 of the change in status. Sailors from Naval Medical Readiness and Training Command Beaufort, S.C., arrived at his door with a certificate and flag to recognize Wolfe’s sacrifice.

Baxter, an Okatie, S.C., native, said while he did not know his uncle, “it’s nice to finally have some closure to what actually happened to [him]. Thank you all for going above and beyond for me and my family. I wasn’t expecting all of this, but thank you.”

“It was an absolute honor and a privilege to be a part of informing Mr. Baxter and his family of his uncle’s status change, and also being a part of history,” said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Naomi Hall, one of the Sailors from NMRTC Beaufort involved in making notifications.

Navy Casualty’s mission is providing timely and first-class casualty assistance to Navy families when a Sailor is seriously ill or injured, is placed in a duty status whereabouts unknown (DUSTWUN) or is declared missing and/or Prisoner of War or dies. Learn more about Navy Casualty at mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/Casualty.

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New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of May 23:

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2. The wedding veil, by Kristy Woodson Harvey
3. The wrong victim, by Allison Brennan
4. I’ll be you, by Janelle Brown
5. A tiny upward shove, by Melissa Chadburn
6. Blood will tell, by Heather Chavez
7. Marrying the ketchup, by Jennifer Close
8. Business not as usual, by Sharon C. Cooper
9. An honest lie, by Taryn Fisher
10. The fervor, by Alma Katsu

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Crown & scepter: a new history of the British monarchy, from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth II, by Tracy Borman
2. The whole body reset: your weight-loss plan for a flat belly, optimum health, and a body you’ll love – at midlife and beyond, by Stephen Perrine
3. Don’t worry: 48 lessons on relieving anxiety

from a Zen Buddhist monk, by Shunmyo Masuno

4. Move the body, heal the mind: overcome anxiety, depression, and dementia and improve focus, creativity, and sleep, by Jennifer J. Heisz

5. Arabiyya: recipes from the life of an Arab in diaspora, by Reem Assil

6. The great stewardess rebellion: how women launched a workplace rebellion at 30,000 feet, by Nell Wulfhart McShane

7. Power hungry: women of the Black Panther Party and their fight to feed a movement, by Suzanne Cope

8. Tough: my journey to true power, by Terry Crews

9. Finding me, by Viola Davis

10. Jill: a biography of the First Lady, by Julie Pace

New DVDs

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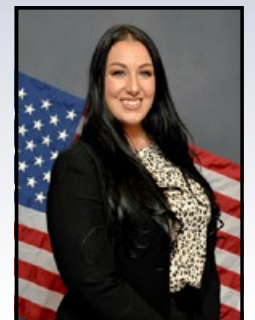
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Who painted the mural in the Indiana House of Representatives?

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This week in Indiana's history ...

1900 – Catharine Merrill died in Indianapolis. As a child, she had traveled by ox wagon with her father, State Treasurer Samuel Merrill, as he moved the state treasury from Corydon to Indianapolis. Trained as a nurse, she tended to soldiers at Camp Morton during the Civil War. She befriended and cared for naturalist John Muir when he was injured while living in Indianapolis. In later years, she was a professor at Northwestern Christian University, now known as Butler University.

1917 – The Indiana State



Banner, designed by Paul Hadley of Mooresville, was officially adopted by the Indiana General Assembly. Hadley's design won a competition sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The banner was designated as the State Flag in 1955.

1922 – Dedication ceremonies were held for the Lincoln Memorial in Wash-

ington, D.C. The interior walls and columns of the memorial were formed from Indiana limestone. In attendance at the dedication were delegates from Indiana, appointed by Governor Warren McCray. The group included former Governor Winfield T. Durbin, Colonel David Foster of Fort Wayne, Thomas Springer from Sullivan, John Higgins of Kentland, and Daniel Mustard from Anderson. Among those participating in the ceremony were President Warren G. Harding and Robert Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln.

1961 – Indiana artist Eugene Savage was commissioned to create a Statehouse mural for the House of Representatives. The "Spirit of

Indiana" was completed in 1964 at a cost of \$40,000.

1972 – Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, gave the commencement address at Butler University. He told the school's 116th graduating class that "there is no absolute truth; it is what stands the test of experience that is truth." At the time of his speech, it had been less than three years since Armstrong had taken "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

2005 – Danica Patrick became the first female driver to take the lead in the Indianapolis 500-mile race. The 23-year-old had qualified to start on the inside of the second row. She led the race three times for a total of 19 laps and finished fourth behind winner Dan Wheldon, Vitor Meira, and Bryan Herta. She was honored as Rookie of the Year. It was exactly 28 years before on May 29, 1977, that Janet Guthrie had become the first woman to drive in the Indy 500.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace." Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

Hebrews 7:1-10 (NIV)

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Softball sectionals

Millers defend title in walk-off

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - The Noblesville softball team had never defended a sectional championship before this weekend.

The Millers finally did that on Saturday, and did so in dramatic fashion. A walkoff fielder's choice hit by Kinsey Pfeiffer scored the winning run for Noblesville, who got past Carmel 5-4 in the Class 4A Sectional 8 title game at Fishers.

The victory is the eighth in program history for the Millers, and it didn't come easy. Noblesville led 4-3 with two outs in the top of the seventh, but the Greyhounds' freshman sensation Elsa Morrison tied things up with a solo home run. The Millers didn't panic, though.

Gabby Fowler drew a leadoff walk to get on base, then moved to second when Scout Duplaga hit a single. Taylor Thompson then hit a sacrifice bunt to move Fowler to third and Delaney Rundle (running for Duplaga) to second base.

Kira Thomas was intentionally walked to load the bases, during which time Macy Duvall came in to run for Fowler. Next up was Pfeiffer, and she made contact on an 0-1 pitch, getting to first base on the fielder's choice while Duvall headed home to score the winning run.

Pfeiffer said when she was at the plate she wanted to be "selective" and to "hit where the holes are basically." She found one, and it clinched the victory.

Noblesville thus easily recovered from any letdown of being one out away from a trophy in the top of the seventh, then having to come out and play the bottom of the inning.

"We play, according to MaxPreps, the toughest schedule in the state," said Millers coach Deke Bullard, saying his team gets "beat up" during the season.

"We do that for a reason, for these games," said Bullard. "We don't play any cupcake games, unless we're trying to pick up something or anything like that. But our schedule is brutal. That's the whole reason we do it. It's so we get into these things. We know that, we get punched in the face, we got to punch back."

Noblesville made the big punch in the first inning, scoring the game's first run.



The Noblesville softball team defended its Sectional 8 championship on Saturday at Fishers. The Millers won a dramatic final over Carmel 5-4 with a walk-off fielder's choice by Kinsey Pfeiffer.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Lauren DeRolf got on base with a one-out double, then scored quickly as Fowler singled her in. DeRolf's double wound up being the only extra-base hit for the Millers, as they used small ball quite well for the game.

"I feel like it's very important to be able to hit long ball and small ball," said Fowler. "My singles were very effective today, and moving runners and scoring them."

Noblesville added a second run in the fourth inning when Bella Schatko singled in Taylor Thompson. The Greyhounds came back in the fifth inning, tying the game with two runs. Audrey Hussain doubled Kylie Cunningham home, then Jessica Remm sent a double into center field to bring in Hussain.

The Millers got the lead right back in the bottom of the fifth. Fowler's center field hit scored Reis Sjolholm, then Thompson bat-

ted in DeRolf. Carmel added a run in the sixth inning when Hope McDonald singled in Ella Ohrvall, cutting Noblesville's lead to 4-3.

Both teams also stepped up defensively. Center fielder DeRolf ended a sixth-inning bases-loaded threat by making a double play; she caught a fly ball for the second out, then sent it into Schatko at second base to make the inning-ending tag.

"Our coaches work really hard to look at the past plays and stuff and line us up pretty well," said DeRolf. "Then we see the pitches and we line ourselves up and we all do a really good job at trying to figure out where the ball is going to be hit."

Morrison, the catcher for Carmel, also made some big defensive plays with a pair of tagouts at home.

"She gets better every game, and I think as she continues to age, just the knowledge of the game will continue to grow as well," said Greyhounds coach Ginger Britton.

DeRolf, Fowler, Duplaga and Thompson all had two hits for the Millers. Lulu VanBeek got the pitching win. McDonald and Kylie Cunningham both had two hits for Carmel, which finished its season 16-10.

Noblesville is 16-12 and hosts Harrison Tuesday for the Regional 4 championship.

| | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|
| Sophie Esposito | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ella Ohrvall | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lily Sullivan | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hope McDonald | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Kylie Cunningham | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Audrey Hussain | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Maddie Stacy | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jessica Remm | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 28 | 4 | 9 | 4 |

HR: Morrison. 2B: Remm 2, Hussain.

| Carmel pitching | IP | R | ER | H |
|-----------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Lucy Broughton | 2.0 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Paxton Law | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Stacy | 4.0 | 2 | 2 | 5 |

Strikeouts: Stacy 4. Walks: Law 2, Stacy 2, Broughton 1.

| Noblesville | AB | R | H | RBI |
|-----------------|----|---|----|-----|
| Reis Sjolholm | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauren DeRolf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Gabby Fowler | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Macy Duvall | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Scout Duplaga | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Taylor Thompson | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Kira Thomas | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kinsey Pfeiffer | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Erin Clark | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bella Schatko | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Tatum Ball | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 28 | 5 | 12 | 5 |

| NHS pitching | IP | R | ER | H |
|-------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Emme Yee | 4.2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Lulu Van Beek (W) | 2.1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |

Strikeouts: Yee 1. Walks: Van Beek 1.

| Score by Innings | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
| Carmel | 000 | 021 | 1-4 | 9 | 0 |
| Noblesville | 100 | 120 | 1-5 | 12 | 0 |

Lacrosse

GC girls, Carmel and HSE boys advance at state

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team advanced to the Class 2A state championship game by beating Bishop Chatard 12-7 on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles will play the winner of Monday's state semi-final between Carmel and Evansville Memorial, which starts at 3 p.m. at the Greyhounds' Murray Stadium. The date and place of the state championship game has yet to be announced.

In boys lacrosse action, Guerin Catholic won its Class 1A state quarter-final match Saturday 19-1 over Northridge. The Golden Eagles will host a semi-final game on Tuesday.

Hamilton Southeastern and Carmel both advanced to a Class 2A semi-final game at the Greyhounds' field with quarter-final wins on Saturday.

The Royals beat Center Grove 14-0, while Carmel beat Fishers 20-3. The two teams will play each other Wednesday for a trip to the state finals.

Millers, 'Rocks Unified teams qualify for state

The Noblesville and Westfield Unified Track teams both reached the state finals after their performances at the Kokomo regional on Saturday.

Full team scores and complete results were not available at press time due to a late change in results. They will be run in a later edition.

The Millers and the Shamrocks both won one race. Westfield's boys 4x100 relay team was the winner in Section 1 of that event, with Andrew Bullock, James Kraus, Elliott Hodgkin and Thomas Vandegriff clocking in at 49.33 seconds. For Noblesville, Evan Reiss won Section 2 of the mixed 100 dash in 13.79 seconds.

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Boys track and field regional

Mathison, Wilson set new records in victories

The Lafayette Jefferson boys track and field regional finally finished up on Saturday afternoon, after being pushed back from Thursday due to weather.

Hamilton County athletes were well-represented at the regional, with four schools finishing in the top seven in the team standings. Fishers was the highest-placing school, taking third with 70 points.

The Tigers were already winners going into Saturday, as Fishers won the 4x800 relay, one of only two events to be completed on Thursday. The 4x800 relay team of Matthew Kim, Colin Simons, Alec Foster and Keefe Soehngen won that race in 7 minutes, 48.70 seconds.

In Saturday's races, the Tigers had four second-place finishes. Soehngen also placed second in the 400 dash, and joined Makell Wiggins, Tyler Tarter and Grant Shelton to earn the runner-up spot in the 4x400 relay. Tarter was the 300 hurdles runner-up and Josh Forbes took second in the pole vault.

Since all five of those Fishers events placed in the top three, they all qualified for the state meet, which takes place next Saturday at Indiana University in Bloomington. A couple of performances may also be fast enough to earn a callback, which means they will fill a field of 27 in that event.

Carmel placed a close fourth with 69 points. Junior Kole Mathison had a meet to remember, as he blasted to record-setting wins in two events.

Mathison first won the 1600 run in a blistering time of 4:04.82, shattering the 2016 record set by former Greyhound Ben Veatch by over four seconds. In the 3200 run, Mathison clocked in at 9:02.29, lowering Veatch's time in that race by over a second. Mathison finished nearly 20 seconds ahead of second place.

Mathison's long-distance wins were part of seven state-qualifying performances by Carmel. The 'Hounds had already punched a state ticket in the 4x800, where their time of 7:53.50 placed them fifth, but was better than the state standard; any team that betters or equals the standard in an event automatically heads to state, regardless of place.

Aydrian Caldwell took second in the high jump to advance to state, while Nolan Ring qualified by taking third in the discus. Charlie Schuman joined Mathison as a state qualifier in the 3200, placing third. James

Philpott placed fourth in the 100 dash, but did so under the standard, running in 10.97 seconds. Carmel's 4x100 relay team of Cade Williams, Gregory Gottlieb, Jaylen Zachery and Philpott also qualified by standard, placing fourth but with a standard time of 42.66 seconds.

Hamilton Southeastern took fifth as a team and had six qualifiers for state. Lamine Sall led the way with a victory in the long jump; his best leap was 22 feet, 5.75 inches.

Nolan Satterfield advanced to state by taking second in the 800 (1:52.54), while Jaylon Cooper earned a spot in the 400 dash by placing third. Jack Greer's third-place shot put finish also gave him a ticket to state. Two more Royals events qualified by standard: Southeastern's 4x800 team of Satterfield, Ian Ross, Noah Anderson and Bennett DuBois took fourth, but in a time of 7:53.06, over five seconds under the standard. DuBois also got a standard in the 800 run, where he placed fourth (1:52.79).

Noblesville was seventh as a team and had three state qualifiers. Joel Mumaw was the runner-up in the 1600 run, while Asher Propst took second in the 3200. The Millers' 4x800 relay team of Noah Bushong, Alec Moor, Luke Shinneman and Jack Strong finished third. A couple of other Noblesville results may receive callbacks as well.

Hamilton Heights had two state qualifiers. Colin Wilson won the shot put in record fashion, with a best throw of 64 feet, 3 inches. Wilson's effort beat the old record, set in 2012 by Carmel's Langston Newton, by over three feet. Wilson placed fourth in the discus but is likely to get a callback in that event.

Peyton McQuinn earned a spot in the pole vault, taking third.

Westfield had both of its 800 runners qualify for state. Kai Connor triumphed in that race by clocking in at 1:52.12, over a second better than his sectional time. Colin Lakomek finished fifth, but in a standard time of 1:52.93. The top five in the 800 were all in the 1:52s.

Brownsburg won the regional team championship, edging out Plainfield by one point, 77-76. It was the first regional win in school history for the Bulldogs.

Team scores: Brownsburg 77, Plainfield 76, Fishers 70, Carmel 69, Ham-



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
Carmel's Kole Mathison blasted his way to new records Saturday while winning two events at the Lafayette Jefferson regional. Mathison won the 1600 run in a time of 4:04.82 and the 3200 run in 9:02.29.

ilton Southeastern 65, Zionsville 48, Noblesville 37, Avon 30, West Lafayette 22, Harrison 22, Hamilton Heights 21, Westfield 19, Mooresville 14, Lafayette Jefferson 12, Twin Lakes 11, Lebanon 10, Tri-West 5, Southmont 4, Danville 3, Cascade 2, Frankfort 2, Crawfordsville 2, North Verrillion 1, Guerin Catholic 1.
4x800 relay: 1. Fishers (Matthew Kim, Colin Simons, Alec Foster, Keefe Soehngen) 7:48.70, 3. Noblesville (Noah Bushong, Alec Moor, Luke Shinneman, Jack Strong) 7:51.70, 4. Southeastern (Nolan Satterfield, Ian Ross, Noah Anderson, Bennett DuBois) 7:53.06, 5. Carmel (Charlie Leed-ke, Drew Grogan, Thomas Biltmier, Connor Heagy) 7:53.50, 9. Westfield (Josh Barnett, Sam Hinds, Owen Flynn, Charles Naas) 8:02.74.
110 hurdles finals: 4. Tyler Tarter (F) 14.94, 5. Will Gerig (HSE) 15.02, 7. Adom Quist (C) 15.42.
100 dash - Finals: 4. James Philpott (C) 10.97, 8. Mason Alexander (HSE) 11.23. **Prelims:** 12. Christ Degni (N) 11.58.
1600 run: 1. Kole Mathison (C) 4:04.82, new regional record, 2. Joel Mumaw (N) 4:17.66, 4. Shinneman (N) 4:20.88, 7. Andrew Knight (HSE) 4:24.58, 8. Jack Weber (GC) 4:24.98, 12. Austin Wilson (F) 4:36.61.
4x100 relay: 4. Carmel (Cade Williams, Gregory Gottlieb, Jaylen Zachery, Philpott) 42.52, 5. Southeastern (Kobe Dade, Christian Miller, Ethan Falconer, Alexander) 42.66, 6. Fishers (Joseph Syrus, Leo Morrow, Grant Shelton, Dawson Scally) 42.79, 7. Westfield (Dylan Walker, Dillon Thieneman, Cade Parker, Ryan Creager) 42.90, Noblesville DQ.
400 dash: 2. Soehngen (F) 49.04, 3. Jaylon Cooper (HSE) 49.05, 9. Makell Wiggins (F) 50.82, 11. Cole Taylor (C) 51.24, 12. Gabriel LaBoyteaux (C) 51.95.
300 hurdles: 2. Tarter (F) 39.05, 7. Ben Kern (N) 40.63, 8. Andrew Willman (C)

40.69, 9. Gerig (HSE) 40.93, 11. Michael Schnurr (F) 41.43, 13. Quist (C) 42.34.
800 run: 1. Kai Connor (W) 1:52.12, 2. Satterfield (HSE) 1:52.54, 4. DuBois (HSE) 1:52.79, 5. Colin Lakomek (W) 1:52.93, 6. Foster (F) 1:57.35, 7. Leed-ke (C) 1:57.96, 8. Bushong (N) 1:58.27.
200 dash - Finals: 6. Scally (F) 22.96. **Prelims:** 6. Philpott (C) 22.34, 10. Alexander (HSE) 22.88, 11. Walker (W) 22.95.
NOTE: Scally placed ninth in the prelims.
3200 run: 1. Mathison (C) 9:02.29, new regional record 2. Asher Propst (N) 9:22.10, 3. Charlie Schuman (C) 9:25.23, 4. Tate Meaux (F) 9:26.80, 5. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:40.69, 6. Caden Click (N) 9:40.73.
4x400 relay: 2. Fishers (Wiggins, Tarter, Shelton, Soehngen) 3:17.52, 6. Westfield (Barnett, Connor, Landon King, Lakomek) 3:24.14, 8. Southeastern (Cooper, Bryce Gray, John McCoy, Sebastian Oskins) 3:26.66, 13. Carmel (Taylor, Curran Eastes, Willman, LaBoyteaux) 3:33.30, 14. Guerin Catholic (Weber, Andrew Cowlin, Nick Bauman, Matt Dunlap) 3:34.25.
High jump: 2. Aydrian Caldwell (C) 6-3, 4. Paul Kelley (F) 6-3, 5. Alex Troutman (HSE) 6-2, 8. Manraj Grewal (HSE) 6-0.
Long jump: 1. Lamine Sall (HSE) 22-5.75, 4. Michael Griffith (HSE) 22-2.25, 8. Christian Peterson (C) 21-7.5, 11. JonAnthony Hall (F) 20-11, 13. Syrus (F) 20-7.
Discus: 3. Nolan Ring (C) 159-7, 4. Colin Wilson (HH) 158-0, 6. Jackson Constantine (HSE) 155-0, 14. Spencer Lotz (HSE) 137-11.
Shot put: 1. Wilson (HH) 64-3, new regional record, 3. Jack Greer (HSE) 53-9.5, 5. Evan Brehl (C) 52-8, 10. Drew Franklin (C) 48-11.
Pole vault: 2. Josh Forbes (F) 15-0, 3. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 14-0, 4. Seth Hargis (C) 13-6, 5. Will Johnston (N) 13-0, 10. Jack Gerstner (HSE) 12-0.



Hamilton Southeastern's Lamine Sall (shown here on Thursday), makes his winning jump of 22 feet, 5.75 inches in the long jump.

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Girls tennis

'Hounds, Tigers, head back to state

The Carmel and Fishers girls tennis teams both advanced to the state finals after defending championships at their respective semi-states on Saturday.

The No. 1-ranked and defending state champion Greyhounds beat No. 21 Munster 5-0 to triumph at the Culver Academies semi-state. Carmel took care of business quickly, winning all five matches in straight sets. The Greyhounds have now won 13 consecutive semi-states, extending their record, and a state-leading 18 overall.

No. 1 singles Lauren Littell was a 6-1, 6-1 winner, followed victories for No. 2 Nora Perkins 6-1, 6-3 and No. 3 Elyse Nelson 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, No. 1 Hallie Alexander and Alexa Lewis were 6-2, 6-4 winners, while No. 2 Allie Griffin and Thea Bertolini triumphed 6-3, 6-0.

Meanwhile, the No. 4-ranked Tigers cruised past the host, No. 17 Homestead 5-0 to win their second consecutive semi-state. Fishers only dropped seven games among the five matches.

In singles, No. 1 Mischa Briggs scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout, while No. 2 Izzy Mokra won 6-1, 6-3. Caroline Ober also won her No. 3 singles match 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, No. 1 Cassie Maurer and Emma Beehler were victorious 6-0, 6-2 and No. 2 Meredith Ober and Madelyn Barron were 6-0, 6-1 winners.

The eight semi-state champions now play in the state quarter-finals, which take place at noon Friday. Carmel will host two matches, playing No. 7 Zionsville in its quarter-final, while No. 5 South Bend St. Joseph and No. 2 Jasper will also play at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center.

Fishers will travel to Center Grove and take on No. 9 Evansville Memorial in their quarter-final match. Oldenburg Academy and No. 20 Delta will face off in the other quarter-final at Center Grove.

The Saturday, June 4 semi-finals and championships matches will also take place at Center Grove.



The Carmel (above) and Fishers (below) girls tennis teams won their respective semi-states on Saturday, qualifying them for the state finals. The Greyhounds won at Culver Academies by beating Crown Point 5-0, while the Tigers took care of host Homestead 5-0.



Izzy Kemp throws 46 strikeouts over two games . . . Baseball sectionals

Golden Eagles drop Huskies fall to Trojans in 10 innings

Guerin Catholic and Yorktown met Saturday afternoon at Delta in a re-match of last year's Class 3A Sectional 24 softball championship game - the one that the Golden Eagles won in 11 innings for their first-ever sectional title.

Guerin and the Tigers were playing for the title again. This one went into even more extra innings, turning into a 15-inning pitcher's dual between the Golden Eagles' Izzy Kemp and Yorktown's Alanah Jones.

Unfortunately for Guerin Catholic, the Tigers won this round. A lead off home run by Jones in the top of the 15th inning was the only score, and it was enough to get Yorktown a 1-0 victory to claim the sectional title. The Golden Eagles finished their season 10-12 with a very young crew.

Izzy Kemp pitched an incredible game, striking out 28 and giving up only three hits and one walk across the 15 innings. Kirsten Mascari got GC's lone hit.

This came after Guerin Catholic got past New Castle 5-0 in eight innings in an earlier semi-final game. Neither team scored in the regulation seven innings, but the Golden Eagles let loose for five runs in the top of the eighth.

Anna Mauch singled in the first run, scoring Zoey Bussick. Izzy Kemp was next, and her center field hit got Lucy Kemp home. Mauch then scored when Natalie Eiler hit a sacrifice fly. Olivia Spomer batted in Izzy Kemp, and Lillian Everts completed the scoring by batting in Mascari.

Mauch and Everts both had three hits for the game. Izzy Kemp pitched all eight innings, throwing 18 strikeouts.

| GUERIN CATHOLIC 5, NEW CASTLE 0 (8 innings) | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----|----------|
| Guerin Catholic | AB | R | H | RBI |
| Lucy Kemp | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Madi Cain | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anna Mauch | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Izzy Kemp | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Kirsten Mascari | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Natalie Eiler | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Olivia Spomer | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lillian Everts | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Zoey Bussick | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 5 | 11 | 5 |
| Score by Innings | | | | |
| Guerin Catholic | 000 | 000 | 05 | - 5 11 1 |
| New Castle | 000 | 000 | 00 | - 0 3 0 |
| SAC: Eiler. | | | | |
| GC pitching | IP | R | ER | H |
| I. Kemp | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Strikeouts: I. Kemp 18. Walks: none. | | | | |

| YORKTOWN 1, GUERIN CATHOLIC 0 (15 innings) | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Guerin Catholic | AB | R | H | RBI |
| Lucy Kemp | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madi Cain | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anna Mauch | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Izzy Kemp | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kirsten Mascari | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Natalie Eiler | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Olivia Spomer | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lillian Everts | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zoey Bussick | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 46 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Score by Innings | | | | |
| Yorktown | 000 | 000 | 000 | 001 - 1 3 0 |
| Guerin Catholic | 000 | 000 | 000 | 000 - 0 1 4 |
| HBP: Bussick. | | | | |
| GC pitching | IP | R | ER | H |
| I. Kemp | 15 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Strikeouts: I. Kemp 28. Walks: I. Kemp 1. | | | | |

The Hamilton Heights baseball team dropped an extra-innings game at Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown Saturday afternoon, falling to New Castle 4-3 in 10 innings.

The Trojans scored two runs in the top of the first inning. The Huskies cut that lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the first when Sam Allen scored on a wild pitch.

Heights tied the game in the fifth inning. Cooper Vondersaar led off with a single, made his way to third base, then scored when Nate Hulen reached on a dropped third strike. New Castle took a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth, but the Huskies answered again when Vondersaar scored the tying run in the bottom of the second. The score stayed 3-3 until the top of the 10th, when the Trojans got the go-ahead run.

Drew VanOeveren pitched six and two-thirds innings, striking out six. Heights finished its season 12-10.

| NEW CASTLE 4, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 3 (10 innings) | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Heights | AB | R | H | RBI |
| Sam Allen | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nick Hulen | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dean Mason | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Drew VanOeveren | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Isaac Tuma | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Alex Eubanks | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Braulio Pena | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooper Vondersaar | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Harrison Hochstedler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Landon Hurley | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaleb Murray | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Score by Innings | | | | |
| New Castle | 200 | 001 | 000 | 1 - 4 7 1 |
| Heights | 100 | 010 | 100 | 0 - 3 5 0 |
| SB: Vondersaar. SAC: Hurley, VanOeveren, Hulen. HBP: Vondersaar. | | | | |
| Heights pitching | IP | R | ER | H |
| VanOeveren | 6.2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Guy Griffey | 3.1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Strikeouts: VanOeveren 6, Griffey 3. Walks: VanOeveren 4, Griffey 1. | | | | |



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Baseball

Zionsville and Fishers win close semifinal games, punch tickets to Sectional 8 championship

By CRAIG ADKINS
NOBLESVILLE – On Saturday afternoon at Dunker Field, the fans couldn’t have asked for better weather and most importantly, two great baseball games in the semifinal matchups, but unfortunately two teams’ seasons would come to an end.

Two close games that were decided by one and two runs, respectively, set up what will be quite the sectional championship on Monday. Zionsville produced a big three-run second to overcome Westfield 3-2 and Fishers fought back from down 3-0 in the first to claim a 5-3 win, setting up an all-HCC sectional championship game.

BIG INNING PUSHES ZIONSVILLE INTO CHAMPIONSHIP

The Zionsville Eagles only needed one inning offensively and then they let their defense do the tough work in fending off a feisty Westfield squad, 3-2.

Designated hitter Nash Wagner wasted no time with the first pitch he saw from Kade Robinson. Wagner sent the ball sailing over the fence in dead center for a 400-foot solo home run to put the Eagles up 1-0.

Easton Moore then singled to shallow right. Jackson Hughes singled on the first pitch to him, sending it to right, moving Moore over to third. Wrigley Bumgardner would come up clutch, singling to left to

plate Moore and then Hughes was able to score on the same play from an error by left fielder Evan Russ, giving the Eagles a 3-0 lead.

“Wrigley has come up and he hits the ball well. It’s nice having him in the nine spot, knowing that far down in the order that we’ve got someone who can barrel it up. And, especially with his speed, he’s a threat there as well,” said Zionsville head coach Jerad Moore on sophomore left fielder Wrigley Bumgardner and how pivotal his first at-bat became.

The outcome came down to that key top of the second.

“We gave up the big inning and ultimately that’s what it came down to. We gave up the big inning and they denied us the big inning and you get a 3-2 ballgame that way,” said Westfield head coach Ryan Bunnell.

“Kade, pitched his heart out and after that inning, settled in and pitched just fantastic and I hate that we didn’t get the win for him. That’s the way this game goes sometimes,” stated Bunnell on the performance of senior starting pitcher Kade Robinson.

Zionsville starting pitcher Aidan Fitzsimmons had once again put together a solid outing on the mound. His previous start

on May 19 at Noblesville, he tossed four innings, striking out five and only giving up two hits in a 16-4 win over the Millers. On Saturday, he yielded three hits in four and two-thirds innings.

Westfield started to rally in the bottom of the fifth. Brayden Hibler singled to shallow right with one out. He would be driven home on a Trey Dorton liner up the middle to cut the Eagles’ lead to 3-1. Maximus Webster walked for runners at first and second. Collin Lindsey then reached on an error by shortstop Jackson Hughes, allowing Dorton to score, narrowing the gap to 3-2.

“That’s what he does, he fills up the zone. And, depending on who we’re playing, sometimes his strikeouts will be up. Usually when he throws, they don’t hit him hard. And they didn’t get to him until that fifth inning,” stated Moore on his senior right-handed hurler Aidan Fitzsimmons.

“That’s the kind of pitching performance we’ve been getting out of Aidan all year. It got a little rough in the first inning, walked a few, but overall he’s commanded the zone throughout the course of the season,” Moore continued to praise Fitzsimmons’ pitching performance.

Caleb Everson came in to relieve Fitzsimmons with two down in the fifth and the Shamrocks just couldn’t muster up any more offense to overcome the 3-2 deficit. Everson did his due diligence. He forced two ground outs, three flyball outs and struck out two, closing it out for the save.

“Everson hasn’t got a lot of innings and he went out there and closed the door,” said Moore on Everson’s relief appearance.

Westfield bowed out of the 2022 season with a record of 19-9.

Zionsville is now 19-11 with the win and will face Fishers (22-7) in the sectional championship Monday at 2 p.m.

FISHERS GETS TWO LATE RUNS, ADVANCES TO TITLE GAME

The Carmel Greyhounds were ready to play and got their bats going early in the home half of the first.

Nathan MacLaren walked on eight pitches to lead off. Hunter Snow doubled down the right field line, scoring MacLaren from first for the early 1-0 edge. Snow advanced to third on a throwing error by Fishers right-fielder Curtis Kearschner.

Cody Kantz sent a single up the middle, scoring Snow to make it 2-0. The Greyhounds’ third run of the inning came on an RBI single from Dan Cunningham’s left-handed bat with a single to right, plating Kantz for a 3-0 lead.

“It was a great baseball game,” said Carmel head coach Matt Buczkowski. “Obviously, Fishers is a top notch club. I’m so happy and proud of my guys. It took a very disciplined approach offensively and I thought our kids did a really good job. We just didn’t get a hit when we needed it,” stated Buczkowski complimenting his team, even though it wasn’t the expected outcome.

The Fishers Tigers clawed right back and answered right away in the top of the second and tied things 3-3.

“It speaks volumes to them. This group has been together the last couple years. We added a few pieces this year, and graduated a few. We came from behind against Homestead in the very first game of 2021. We talked then and we have carried momentum that we’re never out of a game,” said Fishers head coach Matthew Cherry on his team’s ability to stay in games and come from behind.

“We associate it with life a lot. This is a ministry to me and I try to teach the guys about life and we talk a lot about adversity and how to fight through it,” continued Cherry on his style of coaching his team.

Kearschner doubled to left with one out. JP Preston reached on an infield single for two on. Gavin Clayton grounded into a fielder’s choice, scoring Kearschner, cutting the deficit to 3-1.

Then, with the bases loaded, Joey Brenczewski singled past Kantz at second, getting Clayton home for a 3-2 score. Huey Dunn scored on an error by third baseman Case Sullivan, tying the game 3-3.

After Tigers starting pitcher Tate Warner got into trouble and gave up the three first inning runs, he was pulled and fellow senior Joey Wilmoth was available to take over.

“He’s a special young man,” stated Cherry on Joey Wilmoth. “He came in last year as our number one, and struggled men-

tally. He’s worked really hard on his mental aspect, read a lot of books and kind of locked in mentally,” continued Cherry on Wilmoth’s transformation as a person and player.

“Last year, I had a decent off-season. I went out, it was rough and lost all of my confidence,” said Fishers pitcher Joey Wilmoth on his new mental approach and bullpen role.

“I completely changed my mindset early on and became the guy who just wanted to go in whenever he got the chance, instead of wanting that certain role. The coaches believe in me and that’s built my confidence so much,” continued Wilmoth on how he’s gotten to this point as a reliever.

Wilmoth (6-1) was able to focus from the moment he stepped on the mound. He threw 111 pitches total and struck out 13 Greyhound hitters in his seven innings. He walked three, hit one and scattered just two doubles, the only hits for Carmel after Warner’s exit.

“There’s something about him starting that doesn’t quite work, but when he comes in relief, he’s lights out,” continued Cherry on Wilmoth’s dominant bullpen performance.

Fishers was able to tack on one of their two insurance runs in the top of the fifth with two down. Dom Oliverio delivered a solo home run to deep left center for a 4-3 Tiger lead.

The Tigers added another in the top of the seventh for a two-run cushion. Jack Brown got his second hit of the game. He would score on a JP Preston base hit to right that would account for the final score of 5-3.

Carmel closes out their season at 18-9.

Fishers improves to 22-7 and will meet up with Zionsville for the Sectional 8 crown on Monday. The Tigers swept the HCC series with the Eagles 3-2 and 13-3, but it will be a much tighter game, vying for a sectional championship.

| ZIONSVILLE 3, WESTFIELD 2 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
| Westfield | AB | R | H | RB | I |
| Keaton Mahan | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Trey Dorton | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Maximus Webster | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Collin Lindsey | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Mac Clarke | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Cole Ballard | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Evan Russ | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Luke Starr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tyler Gentry | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Brayden Hibler | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Totals | 25 | 2 | 4 | 2 | |
| Score by Innings | | | | | |
| Zionsville | 030 | 000 | 0-3 | 5 | 0 |
| Westfield | 000 | 020 | 0-2 | 4 | 1 |
| SB: Hibler, Mahan. HBP: Clarke. | | | | | |
| Westfield pitching | IP | R | ER | H | |
| Kade Robinson | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | |
| Strikeouts: Robinson 5. Walks: none. | | | | | |

| FISHERS 5, CARMEL 3 | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
| Fishers | AB | R | H | RB | I |
| Joey Brenczewski | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Carson Dunn | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Jack Brown | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | |
| Caulin Brown | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dom Oliverio | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Curtis Kearschner | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| JP Preston | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| Joe Hietpas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Gavin Clayton | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Huey Dunn | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 29 | 5 | 10 | 4 | |
| HR: Oliverio. 2B: Dunn, Kearschner. SB: Brenczewski, J. Brown, Clauton. SAC: Clayton. HBP: Brenczewski. | | | | | |
| Fishers pitching | IP | R | ER | H | |
| Tate Warner | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Joey Wilmoth (W) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Strikeouts: Wilmoth 13. Walks: Wilmoth 4, Warner 1. | | | | | |
| Carmel | AB | R | H | RB | I |
| Nathan MacLaren | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hunter Snow | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Cody Kantz | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Dan Cunningham | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Tripp Schroeder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Griffin Wolf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| JD Stein | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Case Sullivan | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Adam Buczkowski | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Drew Fouts | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nathan Williams | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 25 | 3 | 5 | 3 | |
| 2B: Snow, Wolf. SB: Cunningham, Snow, Williams. HBP: MacLaren. | | | | | |
| Carmel pitching | IP | R | ER | H | |
| Cam Heaney | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | |
| Dylan Zenor | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Strikeouts: Zenor 4, Heaney 3. Walks: Heaney 3, Zenor 1. | | | | | |
| Score by Innings | | | | | |
| Fishers | 030 | 010 | 1-5 | 10 | 2 |
| Carmel | 300 | 000 | 0-3 | 5 | 3 |

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Major League Baseball standings

American League

| East | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|----------------|----|----|------|------|
| N.Y. Yankees | 33 | 14 | .702 | - |
| Tampa Bay | 27 | 19 | .587 | 5.5 |
| Toronto | 26 | 20 | .565 | 6.5 |
| Boston | 22 | 25 | .468 | 11.0 |
| Baltimore | 20 | 28 | .417 | 13.5 |
| Central | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Minnesota | 28 | 19 | .596 | - |
| Chi. White Sox | 22 | 23 | .489 | 5.0 |
| Cleveland | 19 | 23 | .452 | 6.5 |
| Detroit | 16 | 29 | .356 | 11.0 |
| Kansas City | 16 | 29 | .356 | 11.0 |
| West | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Houston | 29 | 18 | .617 | - |
| L.A. Angels | 27 | 21 | .563 | 2.5 |
| Texas | 22 | 23 | .489 | 6.0 |
| Seattle | 20 | 27 | .426 | 9.0 |
| Oakland | 19 | 30 | .388 | 11.0 |

National League

| East | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| N.Y. Mets | 31 | 17 | .646 | - |
| Atlanta | 22 | 25 | .468 | 8.5 |
| Philadelphia | 21 | 26 | .447 | 9.5 |
| Miami | 19 | 25 | .432 | 10.0 |
| Washington | 17 | 31 | .354 | 14.0 |
| Central | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Milwaukee | 29 | 18 | .617 | - |
| St. Louis | 26 | 20 | .565 | 2.5 |
| Chi. Cubs | 19 | 26 | .422 | 9.0 |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 26 | .422 | 9.0 |
| Cincinnati | 16 | 30 | .348 | 12.5 |
| West | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| L.A. Dodgers | 32 | 14 | .696 | - |
| San Diego | 29 | 17 | .630 | 3.0 |
| San Francisco | 24 | 21 | .533 | 7.5 |
| Arizona | 23 | 25 | .479 | 10.0 |
| Colorado | 21 | 25 | .457 | 11.0 |

Indianapolis 500 fast facts

- The Indianapolis 500 will be the 106th 500-mile INDYCAR SERIES race conducted on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s oval. Ray Harroun won the inaugural race in 1911. Helio Castroneves won the race in 2021 to become the fourth four-time winner of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”
- Eight drivers entered have won the Indianapolis 500. Helio Castroneves has won the race four times (2001, 2002, 2009 and 2021) while Takuma Sato (2017 and 2020) and Juan Pablo Montoya (2000 and 2015) have won twice. Scott Dixon (2008), Tony Kanaan (2013), Alexander Rossi (2016), Will Power (2018) and Simon Pagenaud (2019) are the other former winners in the field.
- There have been four different winners in the first five NTT INDYCAR SERIES races this season. Scott McLaughlin (Streets of St. Petersburg), Josef Newgarden (Texas Motor Speedway and Streets of Long Beach), Pato O’Ward (Barber Motorsports Park) and Colton Herta (IMS road course) have won races in 2022. The record for most different winners in a season is 11 in 2000, 2001 and 2014.
- Seven Indianapolis 500 rookie drivers qualified for the race: Devlin DeFrancesco, Romain Grosjean, Callum Ilott, Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Kirkwood, Christian Lundgaard and David Malukas.
- Scott Dixon won the pole with the fastest four-lap average for a pole winner in Indy 500 history at 234.046 mph. Twenty-one drivers have won the race from the pole – most recently Simon Pagenaud in 2019.
- Team Penske has 18 wins at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the most of any team. Andretti Autosport has five wins while Chip Ganassi Racing has won four times. A.J. Foyt Enterprises and Rahal Letterman Racing have won twice. Meyer Shank Racing has one win.
- Colton Herta has a chance to join Will Power and Simon Pagenaud as a winner on both the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course and the famed 2.5-mile oval in the same season. Power accomplished the feat in 2018, while Pagenaud did it in 2019.
- Scott Dixon, the longest-tenured driver for Chip Ganassi Racing, is third on the all-time INDYCAR SERIES victory list with 51 wins. Will Power is fifth on the all-time list with 40 wins.

Today at the Track - Race Day

Information about Race Day for the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge today at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

SCHEDULE

5 a.m.-1 p.m.: Ticket and Credential Office Open
6 a.m.: Public Gates Open
7 a.m.: Indy 500 Snake Pit presented by Cors Light Gates Open
8:15 a.m.: Snake Pit – Yellow Claw Begins
8:45 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy March Begins
8:55 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy March Reaches Checkpoint 1 – South Pit Gate
9 a.m.: DJ Slater Begins on Pagoda 3 Stage
9:05 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy March Reaches Checkpoint 2 – Pagoda Plaza
9:10 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy March Reaches Checkpoint 3 – IMS Midway
9:15 a.m.: Snake Pit – Steve Aoki Begins
9:38 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy Marches Reaches Checkpoint 4 – Band Gate
9:50 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy March Departs from Band Gate
10:10 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy March Arrives at Yard of Bricks
10:22 a.m.: Borg-Warner Trophy Dedication – Fred Lissalde and J. Douglas Boles
10:25 a.m.: “On the Banks of the Wabash” (Purdue University Band)
10:30 a.m.: Cars to the Grid

Snake Pit – Deadmau5 begins
10:31 a.m.: Green Flag Delivery in Turn 1 by IU Health Helicopter
10:37 a.m.: Green Flag & Past Winners’ Lap Departs Turn 1
10:51 a.m.: Historic Race Cars Laps
10:55 a.m.: All Cars on the Grid
11:25 a.m.: Military Appreciation Lap from Turn 4
11:47 a.m.: Pace Car Driver Introduction
11:47 a.m.: Indianapolis 500 Driver Introductions
12:03 p.m.: Red Bull “Keys to the Track” Stunt Team Begins – Turn 2/Turn 4
12:06 p.m.: Military March Begins
12:12 p.m.: “God Bless America” – Victory Podium
12:14 p.m.: Military Address – Gen. Daniel Hokanson (U.S. Army) from Victory Podium
12:18 p.m.: Presentation of Colors
12:18 p.m.: Invocation by Archdiocese of Indianapolis Archbishop Charles Thompson – Trackside Stage
12:19 p.m.: Rifle Volley – Victory Podium
12:20 p.m.: “Taps” Begins – Flag Stand
12:21 p.m.: “America the Beautiful” Begins – Girl Named Tom
12:24 p.m.: National Anthem Begins – Jordan Fisher
12:26 p.m.: First Flyover, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds
12:29 p.m.: “Drivers to Your Cars” – Grand

Marshal Blake Shelton
12:36 p.m.: “Back Home Again in Indiana” – Jim Cornelison
12:37 p.m.: Second Flyover, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds
12:38 p.m.: Command Introduction
12:38 p.m.: “Start Your Engines” Command – Roger Penske from Victory Podium
12:45 p.m.: Green Flag – 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge (200 Laps)
12:50 p.m.: Snake Pit – Martin Garrix Begins
2:35 p.m.: Snake Pit – Galantis Begins

TICKETS

Reserved seats available at various prices from \$60-\$135. \$50 for (General Admission only, no grandstand access and no Snake Pit entry). Kids 15 and under are free when accompanied by a General Admission adult ticketholder. All Snake Pit attendees must also hold a valid Indianapolis 500 Race Day ticket. The Snake Pit is part of the Indianapolis 500 Race Day activities. Fans will not be admitted to the track with just the Snake Pit wristband.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (6 a.m.)

Gate 1, Gate 1B.1, Gate 1C, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 5N, Gate 5B, Gate 6N, Gate 6S, Gate 6B, Gate 7, Gate 7S, Gate

7N, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, Gate 11A, Gate 11B, Gate 11C and Gate 12.

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Parking for the Indianapolis 500 is sold out, including ADA and motorcycle parking. All IMS exterior parking lots open at 5 a.m. on Race Morning, while interior lots open at 6 a.m. Bicycle parking is located outside Gate 1, Gate 6 and Gate 9.

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM HOURS (6 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, located inside Gate 2 of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will be open from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for guests over the age of 62 and \$8 for guests ages 6-15. Children 5 and under and Museum members are free.

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