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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy morning. Mostly cloudy afternoon.

Tonight: Scattered showers, possibly mixed with some snow.

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Taste of Carmel exceeds \$100K goal

Community roars to life for Carmel Education Foundation's signature event

The REPORTER

On March 3, the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) played host to 1,300 guests at Taste of Carmel, showcasing a Roaring 20s theme and featuring more than 40 local food and beverage vendors, along with a robust silent auction and an impressive raffle consisting of a pair of diamond earrings, two electric bikes, and a Big Green Egg Minimax Tailgate package.

To kick the night off, State Bank hosted the First Taste VIP Party for over 200 guests who enjoyed chef demonstrations from the 1933 Lounge and a variety of cocktails from Hard Truth Distilling Co., Quaff On! Brewing Company, Loren's AF Beverages, and Jackson Family wines.

Entertaining guests throughout the evening were Jon Mobley, Master Magician and vocalist Kelley Milligan Nichols and keyboardist Joe Hart, along with cocktail demonstrations from Brett Butler from Alcomy, LLC and Will Bernard from Wine in 3 Catering. Emcee Jeff Worrell returned for his 10th year and engaged the crowd



(Front row, from left) Stacey Hetrick, Jennifer Cashin, Ann Bernard, Jennifer Brosius Penick, Nicole Scholl, and Amy Blume. (Back row, from left) Melissa Volz-Smith, Jennifer Penix, Erin Noel, Jenny Redmon, Holley Rubenstein, Sam Harris, and Emily Ehrsgott.

throughout the evening. New this year was the Last Taste After Party, presented by 185 Promotions and Apparel. Guests danced to tunes spun by DJ Fred Lockstar, enjoyed beverages from light up tumblers, and had a great time with friends and colleagues. CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix thanks all the sponsors who contributed to the event with financial and in-kind



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the rails

The REPORTER

All aboard the St. Patrick's Day Express as passengers enjoy all things Irish. Nickel Plate Express (NPX) will offer both family and adult train rides on Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18.

The adult-only ride will depart at 5 and 7 p.m. on March 17 from the historic Hobbs Depot located inside Forest Park in Noblesville. Enjoy a 90-minute ride, a selection of Irish drinks, and a savory and sweet snack while you ride through the Northern Hamilton County countryside. Tickets for the adult ride are \$54 per person with limited availability.

Family rides will run at 1 and 3 p.m. on March 18. The rides depart and return to Hobbs Depot. These festive, 65-minute rides will include a cookie, a non-alcoholic themed drink, and a visit from a leprechaun. Tickets for the family ride range from \$28 to \$36 per person.

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County preparing for severe weather

The REPORTER


It's time to prepare for severe weather season, and Governor Eric Holcomb proclaimed March 12-18, 2023, to be Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

The statewide tornado drill is scheduled for approximately 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14. To prepare for the drill, Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) will resume the weekly sounding of the outdoor warning sirens at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 10.

"The outdoor warning sirens are intended to warn those



Booker




Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Severe Weather Preparedness and Outdoor Warning Siren Activation

- On Friday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m., Hamilton County will resume weekly testing of the outdoor warning sirens
 - This is the first audible siren test of the season
- Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 13-19
 - Learn more at www.weather.gov/ind/Severewxweek
- The statewide tornado drill will be at approximately 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14
 - HCEM will sound the outdoor warning sirens as part of the test and the National Weather Service will activate the weather radios

FAQ

- The technical name for a siren is an outdoor warning siren
- Sirens are intended to warn people outdoors, not inside
- Use a weather radio for indoor notifications
- The of a new siren is approximately \$37,000
- For more information, please visit www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/235/Outdoor-Warning-Sirens




Graphic provided by Hamilton County Emergency Management

who are outdoors," HCEM Executive Director Shane Booker said. "Because sirens are not intended to warn those indoors, we recommend that every household and business have a weather radio."

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Noblesville Firefighter Todd Amstutz retiring after 20 years of service

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) will hold a retirement ceremony to recognize Firefighter Todd Amstutz for his 20 years of service to the citizens of Noblesville.

In addition to being a firefighter and EMT, he spent 13 years on the dive rescue team and was a member of the honor guard. Amstutz plans to move to southwestern Indiana and spend more time enjoying the outdoors with his family.

The ceremony will be held on Friday, March 17 at NFD Station 71, 135 S. 9th St. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. with an open house to follow. The public is invited to attend.



Amstutz

Superintendent Hile learns love of Bosco sticks from students



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile has been hearing from students for months about Bosco sticks – cheesy breadsticks that are a favorite school lunch of many. He was finally able to try them this week with students at Noble Crossing and said they were worth the wait!



Photo provided

Marianne Collar, a third-grade teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, was selected as a Husky Hero for the month of January. (From left) Melissa Martin of the Hamilton Heights Education Foundation, Marianne Collar, Amber and Craig Bowen of F.C. Tucker, and Hamilton Heights Elementary School Principal Julie Griffey.

Marianne Collar named Husky Hero

The REPORTER

Marianne Collar, a third-grade teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School (HHES), has been named as a Husky Hero for January. Collar has also been instrumental in making important contributions in STEM learning, as a volleyball coach, and in directing musical performances. She is the type of educator who motivates her students to dream BIG and learn BIG!

HHES Principal Julie Griffey said Mrs. Collar runs her classroom in a flexible manner to allow for different learning styles to be successful.

"She is hands-on with her learning and has a knack for hooking students in by knowing about relevant topics and characters that spark student interest," Griffey said. "She also models for her students the idea behind growth mindset, encouraging them to take risks, and finding solutions in their everyday learning. Her passion is evident, and our students love Mrs. Collar."

"Mrs. Collar is an absolute gem among gems on our elementary school faculty," said parent Brooklyn Copeland Seall. "Our first

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ST. PATRICK’S DAY

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For information about the variety of NPX excursions – from St. Patrick’s Day to special dining experiences – visit NickelPlateExpress.com.

About Nickel Plate Express
Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates

the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park in Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of

Nickel Plate track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and runs from Noblesville through Cicero and Arcadia to Atlanta in northern Hamilton County.

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[Click here](#) to learn more about outdoor warning sirens in Hamilton County. Knowing what to do and where to go starts by under-

standing a watch versus a warning. A watch means it is time to get ready, and a warning means take action. The three key elements of

being prepared for any emergency or disaster are making a plan, building a disaster kit, and staying informed by downloading the [Emergency Management App](#), along with having a weather radio. You can find plans, checklists, and fun activities for kids at [ready.gov](#).

partnerships. Along with State Bank, Premier sponsors include Citizen’s State Bank who bedazzled the ballroom with feathers and sparkle, CoasterStone who created a custom give-away, Ed Martin Automotive who served as the AV sponsor, the City of Carmel, O’Malia’s Living, and Fanning Howey. Springhetti Dentistry returned for the second year as the silent auction sponsor.

TASTE

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More than \$100,000 was raised to support CEF’s mission of supporting Carmel Clay students in academic achievement and lifelong learning. CEF President Dallas Shelby attributes the success of this event to a dedicated group of volunteers who worked tirelessly in the planning along with the enthusiastic support of the CEF board of directors. “This achievement is proof positive of what can happen when the community comes together,” Shelby said. “The money raised is an investment in the future of Carmel. It will allow us to continue to fund student and teacher grants, to increase our scholarship awards and strengthen our collaborations with organizations like Junior Achievement and the Carmel Youth Assistance Program.”

Additionally, growing investments is a top priority of the board of directors, along with promoting the

value and necessity of public education and creating a stronger presence in the Carmel and Hamilton County communities.

A special thank you to all additional sponsors, which include: The Current, Good Day Carmel, Pedego Carmel, Diamonds Direct, Carmel Monthly, Summers Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, COhatch, Republic Airways & Lift Academy, Church Church Hittle & Antrim, Dentistry on 116, CSO, Party Time Rental, Bose McKinney, Kroger, Gardis & Regas, Needler’s, Qtogo, The Skillman Corporation, Clay Terrace, Flanner Buchanan, MetroNet, National Bank of Indianapolis, Von Lehman CPA’s, Jolene Broad Photography, Class 101, College Tutors of Indiana, Oberer’s Flowers, The Imperial Spa, Indy Facets, Jon Mobley Master Magician, Pyatt Builders and Finecraft Builders, Barnes & Thornburg, PIP Printing, and Town Planner.

Visit TasteOfCarmel-Indiana.com to view event photos and to view all vendors and silent auction donors. The 2024 event date will be announced later this spring. If you are interested in being involved in sponsoring or planning Taste of Carmel 2024, or with Carmel Education Foundation in any capacity, email Jennifer Penix at jpenix1@ccs.k12.in.us.




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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Delays in potential sale of Westfield’s Grand Park

By **RICHARD ESSEX**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The minimum bid to buy the Westfield city government’s Grand Park Sports Campus is \$85 million. The city government still owes \$77 million on the property that opened in June 2014. **WISHTV.com first reported** in March 2022 that the 400-acre sports park was for sale.

A committee reviewing purchase bids had narrowed the list; however, Grand Park may not sell outright.

Scott Willis, a Westfield City Council member, said of the park, “It is our identity. It has certainly been an economic engine for our city.”

But, that engine is not delivering the promised economic horsepower, so the city government looked for a buyer or someone take over the park’s operations.

Willis said, “Well, first let me say there is no guarantee the park is actually going to sell.”

To sell Grand Park,

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook put together a five-member committee to evaluate bids. The exact details of the bids are kept within the committee. Willis says the city would consider a lease, a lease management agreement, or an outright sale of the property.



Willis

are going to try to narrow their bids down to their top two and take that into their final round of evaluation once that is done.”

If Grand Park is sold outright, the new owner would have to pay property taxes on the 400 acres. The city-owner facility is currently exempt from property taxes.

Willis says taxes could play a major role in who operates Grand Park in the future.

“Well, I think the lease could look like a variety of things,” he said. “I think the primary bid is for an entity or business to lease the en-

tire operation of the park so the city would maintain control of the land, and the business of Grand Park would be leased out to a private entity, but I’m hearing rumblings that there are options to lease out the baseball portion and then the soccer fields. Lacrosse and football fields would be leased under a different entity.”

The big question is how much Grand Park is worth.

To finance the project, the city government sold its utility company for close to \$50 million. Officials took out bonds to help pay for the land and the development costs. In total, Westfield taxpayers have close to \$85 million invested in the property.

Willis says debt payments have exceeded revenue, and the city government is losing \$3 million a year.

“Until you see the options, I don’t even know what the purchase price bids are for,” he said. “Is it \$500 million, \$100 million, \$85 million? Those numbers would certainly change my views on the various options. Same thing with the lease. They are going to negotiate price for what that



Photo provided by WISH-TV

An aerial view of the Grand Park Sports Complex in Westfield.

could be, and does that cover the debt for Grand Park? Does that put the city in the black? I can only speculate at this point.”

The committee reviewing the bids has not released a timeline on when it will decide. Any decision would be subject to City Council

approval.

I-Team 8 was told the city government would like to have a deal in place by the end of 2024.

HERO

experience with Mrs. Collar was during a parent-teacher conference last year. She did this amazing thing where she had our daughter join the conference and participate, highlighting our daughter’s accountability for her own education and praising her capacity to do great things. It’s a message our family has taken to heart, and our daughter counts Mrs. Collar among her role models to this day.”

Seall continued, “Mrs. Collar not only teaches with great imagination, passion, and talent for tapping into each student’s unique learning ‘DNA,’ but she devotes countless hours to enriching our school’s programs – volleyball and drama to name only a few! Her dedication to bringing these ‘extras’ to elementary school children, exposing them to worlds beyond the standard curriculum and helping to instill their own early passion, is a reward reaped by so many local families over the course of a school year. She has done an amazing job leading a large production team to put on the school’s most recent musical, *Moana*. Mrs. Collar is one of the few people who could get my daughter onboard with 7 a.m. drama or line dancing class and, judging by the way her classes always fill up, we are not alone! We love Mrs. Collar and are so glad to have had her as a teacher and a mentor at HHES!”

Collar’s enthusiasm for students, their education, and their hobbies and interests is contagious, and her students are better for it.

“I have never seen so

many kids’ faces light up when they see or even talk about Mrs. Collar,” Ashley Santasiero said. “She goes above and beyond for every student, even those who she doesn’t personally teach. Whether it be directing plays, coaching volleyball, her extracurricular STEM programs, or even passing her in the hall, kids are drawn to her kindness and leadership. My child has never even had her as a teacher, and absolutely adores her. I know many students who feel the same way. Her kindness, compassion, and adventurous personality are such an asset to this school. I know my child feels loved and appreciated by Mrs. Collar. Not only is she my kid’s hero she is mine as well!”

Collar said she learns just as much from her students, and she emphasizes that learning is a journey.

“I am honored to receive this recognition, but MOST importantly, I am honored to have built relationships, shared the love for learning, and empowered students to find their niche and passion in life,” Collar said after receiving the award. “This truly fills my heart. I am grateful for the trust these parent and families have in me as they continue to share their students with me on this journey of learning. Every day I learn something new from these kids. For that, I am grateful.”

Collar continued, “I value the opportunity to give something of myself that someone else could use. I am meant to do great things and so are these kids. Empowering them to do

something bigger than they ever thought possible has been a gift to me beyond words. This student confidence carries into so many bigger things that builds into becoming amazing human beings that contribute into building and our community, small and wide.” This award will continue to impact me by allowing me to honor those teachers, friends, and mentors that inspire me. I plan on giving the \$250 back to those who are MY Husky Heroes.”

Congratulations to January’s Husky Hero! Thank you, Mrs. Collar, for making an impactful difference in Hamilton Heights schools and being a Husky Hero.

About the Husky Hero Award

The monthly award is designed to recognize a Hamilton Heights School Corporation employee for performing an act of kindness, or going above and beyond for a student, fellow staff member, or the Heights community. Any staff member employed by the district is eligible to be recognized and can be nominated by anyone on or off campus. The Husky Hero recipient will be presented with a certificate and a monetary donation of \$250 in appreciation for their making a meaningful impact.

The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (F.C. Tucker). Nominate a Husky Hero today or learn more about this special recognition program at bit.ly/hhschuskyhero.

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A fundraiser for the Miracle League, of Westfield which provides opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to play baseball

Date/Location: Saturday, March 18th at WHS Main Cafeteria

Time: 8am-10:30am

Cost: \$8 for adults, \$5 under 12, & free for 2 and under

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Anderson Museum of Art calling for photographers

The REPORTER

The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) will host its 42nd annual IN-Focus photography exhibition, April 2 to May 27. Photographers may enter up to six photos in the following categories: Animal/Wildlife, Architec-

ture, Digital Manipulation, Nature/Scenic, Open, People, and Photojournalism. AMOA will open the exhibition with a reception at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. A complete list of entry rules can be found at [andersonmuseum.org/call-for-artists](https://www.andersonmuseum.org/call-for-artists).

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Carmel awarded \$2M in Community Crossing grants

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has received two Community Crossing grants from the Indiana Department of Transportation that will dramatically improve two major thoroughfares in Carmel.

This spring, the city plans to begin working to improve 3rd Avenue SW in a variety of ways, thanks to a 2021 for \$1 million. A 2022 grant, also for \$1 million, will help the city pay for improvements to

College Avenue in the Home Place area, from 96th Street north to 106th Street.

Carmel was one of 229 Indiana cities, towns, and counties that received grants. The State of Indiana awarded \$119.4 million in matching funds to cities, towns, and counties across the state in December for local road projects through Community Crossings, a component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program.

This spring, the city will begin working on the reconstruction of 3rd Avenue SW from City Center Drive north to Elm Street. The project will include reconstruction of the road, new storm water drains, updates to the water and wastewater system, new on-street parking, and the addition of multi-use paths on both sides of the roadway. Similar changes will come to College Avenue in the Home Place area in the future.

In addition, the City of Carmel will begin working on a new roundabout at Veteran's Way and City Center Drive (at the entrance Carmel City Center), which will be primarily paid for with COVID relief funds. That roundabout will be constructed between the dates of the Carmel Marathon and CarmelFest and will be the catalyst for the redevelopment schedule for the Monon Square redevelopment.

Letter to the Editor Retired township trustee sees need for future trustees

Dear Editor:
Recently a former Noblesville Township board member **wrote a letter suggesting that township government is not needed.**

First, does it make you wonder why that person would run for an office that he didn't believe in? He also ran for a second term but was not re-elected. As I recall, he took his full salary and benefits that he was complaining about.

He speaks of the limited duties and general uselessness of Trustees and Boards. Has he not heard of the devastating financial impact of COVID-19 on low wages earners? The Noblesville Township Trustee Office remained open to the public except for a brief two-week closure during the height of the pandemic in 2020 to service the needs of our community. We were far more accessible to the citizens than either the county or city government were during that very difficult time. Many evictions were avoided before a moratorium was declared by

the state and federal government. This was a benefit to all of us.

Complaints were leveled about the township paying for fire department protection in rural areas outside the city limit proper on farmland, which, according to the writer, have no structures to go up in flames. There are a significant number of homes outside the city limit.

The reality is that EMS service is about 90 percent of the cost of fire department runs. Many more serious accidents happen on county roads than on city streets. The township pays the city on a formula based on the fire department budget and a run ratio between city and township runs. The cost to the taxpayer would remain the same if townships were eliminated. That difference would then be added to your city tax levy. You just can't squeeze blood out of a turnip.

I think most of our citizens recognize the importance of the trustee office to the community. My staff, board members, and I proudly served

the low-wage earners, the seriously ill, the physically or mentally handicapped, and the retirees whose social security checks just don't stretch far enough to pay all the bills.

We attempt to help the homeless, many of whom are mentally ill, alcoholic, or drug addicted. We need help there. In recent years, the city police and fire departments have begun to work with us to help alleviate the problem. More work needs to be done.

In summary, the township trustee office is an invaluable part of our town. It would be far more costly to the community if these problems were left unaddressed. Simply turning our authority over to the county would not get the desired result. They are much more focused on handling growth, economic development, building and maintaining roads, and managing all the various department already under their charge.

Voting for a good trustee and board is a much better solution.

Tom Kenley
Noblesville

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Westfield staff & students freeze their Shamrocks off



Photos provided by Westfield Washington School

Students and staff from Westfield High School, along with Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser, showed up for the annual Polar Plunge. This event helps raise money for Special Olympics Indiana. This year, the Westfield Washington Schools team raise \$4,200. Check out these photos ... but be careful – you might get cold just looking at them.



Sen. Todd Young introduces bill to repeal Federal Excise Tax on heavy trucks & trailers

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Ben Cardin (D-Md.) on Wednesday introduced the Modern, Clean, and Safe Trucks Act of 2023. The bipartisan bill would repeal the federal excise tax (FET) on heavy trucks and trailers, which was established over 100 years ago to support efforts to pay for World War I.

Today, the 12 percent FET is the highest percentage excise tax levied on

any product, and at the same time, it is an unpredictable and minimal source of revenue for the Highway Trust Fund. The tax also discourages private investment to modernize America's truck fleet with cleaner and safer trucks and trailers.

"It's time to repeal this outdated and onerous tax on our Hoosier truckers,"



Young

Sen. Young said. "Our bipartisan bill will open the floodgates to investment in safer and cleaner trucks and trailers that will benefit our economy and the environment."

"The current federal excise tax has become a barrier to our progress in encouraging cleaner and greener technology," Sen. Cardin said. "I am proud to support tax policy that enables Maryland manufacturers to innovate and deploy cleaner and safer technologies in our trucking industry. Our legislation will spur growth and competitiveness while making our roads safer and less polluted."

The bill is supported by the American Trucking Associations, American Truck Dealers, and Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA).

[Click here](#) to read the bill.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation to hold Hounds & Honeysuckle volunteer event

The REPORTER

You can support dogs and the environment at Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's (CCPR) Hounds & Honeysuckle volunteer event set for 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 at Central Dog Park, 1425 E. 116th St. [Click here](#) to register.

The woods adjacent to Central Dog Park are filled with honeysuckle. Honeysuckle is an invasive species, meaning it harms the ecosystem by preventing native plants from growing. Honeysuckle is known to prevent wildflowers and young trees from receiving sunlight on the forest floor, as well as depriving other

native plants of much-needed water and nutrients.

At the Hounds & Honeysuckle event, volunteers will remove invasive honeysuckle. Volunteers can also win prizes. All participants will be entered to win a prize pack from local pet vendors. Bring an item to donate to the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) to get a second entry for the prize drawing. [Click here](#) to view the HSHC donation wish list. Monetary donations will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Caitlin May at cmay@carmelclayparks.com.

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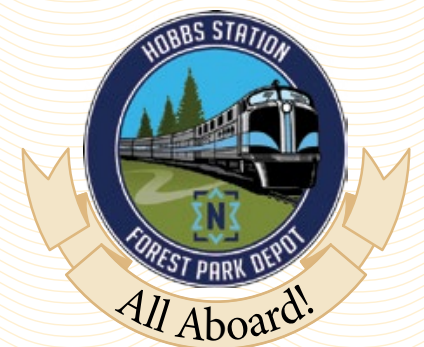
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Adult only- Friday, March 17th

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Jam to bagpipers and Irish tunes while enjoying an evening on the rails

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Saturday, March 18th 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

While on board hear Irish music and maybe catch a glimpse of a live leprechaun

March 17 - 18

NickelPlateExpress.com for Tickets

Easter Express

A farmer has misplaced some eggs and is pretty sure they are somewhere on the train! Come share in a little rail adventure as you roll through the countryside to see the trees in bloom while enjoying a snack and a springtime story. Family Rides that last 65 minutes and include the train ride and on-board story, a special signature drink and cookie.

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Enjoy best of art, shopping & music this Saturday at *Meet Me on Main* in Carmel

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 for Allied Solutions' *Meet Me on Main*. (Note the new time!) Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Meet Me on Main is the City of Carmel's monthly "second Saturday" event to highlight local galleries, restaurants and design-related businesses in the District. Art galleries and businesses will feature special events specially planned to enhance the art and design-related features of the District.

Visit the art galleries and businesses to enjoy their special offers, as well as special activities in the Arts & Design District:

• **Live music:** Mina Keohane at Chocolate Café (43 W. Main St.); Joe Filipow at Sub Zero (111 W. Main St. #130); and Ben Ealing at Indiana Artisan (22 N. Range Line Road)

• **Play Bingo for prizes!** Pick up your Bingo card at Indiana Artisan (22 N. Range Line Road). Visit participating galleries and businesses and play to win a \$250 gift basket. Bingo card includes rules for play.

• **Art on Main,** 111 W. Main St. Emerg-



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ing artist show

• **The Children's Art Gallery,** 40 W. Main St. Art in the garden.

• **CCA Gallery,** 111 W. Main St., Suite 135. Pottery demonstration and craft by Judy LaMere.

• **Circle Real Estate,** 30 W. Main St. Free caricatures.

• **Kuaba Gallery,** 404 W. Main St., second floor. Make felt stuffed shamrocks.

• **Indiana Artisan,** 22 N. Range Line Road. Woodworking demonstration with

Craig Lambert and Barb Cappy.

Special offers

• **All Things Carmel** will offer samples of springtime brews from the Carmel Brews & Barrel Trail, along with some seasonal snacks. Also, you can enter for a chance to win a Miniature Radio Flyer Wagon filled with more than \$100 in merchandise. The drawing will take place on March 29, which is National Little Red Wagon Day. (110 W. Main St #104)

• **Michaelangelo Candles** will offer buy three items get one free. (38 W. Main St. inside CoHatch)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about *Meet Me on Main* activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Centier Bank welcomes Brittany Breen to Small Business Banking Team

The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Centier Bank, welcomes Brittany Breen to the bank's small business banking team based out of the Carmel Branch, 568 E. Carmel Drive.

Breen joins Centier with many years of experience

working in banking, serving in roles such as business banker/relationship manager, branch manager, and assistant branch manager. The IU East alumnae was born and raised in the area and says she looks forward to using her knowledge to help guide small business clients toward their goals.

"I am enthusiastic about our growing small business community here in Carmel," Breen said. "I aim to create lasting partnerships and am so glad to work for a bank that puts their clients' needs first."

Centier Bank Market President Troy Kafka said he is looking forward to work-

ing with Breen to create enriching experiences for small business clients in the Greater Indianapolis area.

"Brittany is an exceptional business banker and has her finger on the pulse of what's going on in our business community," Kafka said. "I'm excited for her clients, who I know will see true

success while working with her."

Breen resides in Sheridan with her wife, Shelby, and their two children. For more information about Brittany Breen, email bbreen@centier.com or call (317) 366-3500. For more information about Centier Bank, go to centier.com.



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See legendary guitarist and songwriter Jim Messina on March 22 in Carmel.

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There's always something for everyone at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. For tickets to any of these fine events, go to TheCenterPresents.org or call (317) 843-3800.

Center Presents Performances include:

Jim Messina
Wednesday, March 22
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The Tarkington

Guitarist, songwriter, and producer Jim Messina is a key figure in the history of country rock and the Southern California sound. After joining Buffalo Springfield for its final album and tour, he and bandmate Richie Furay formed Poco, setting the stage for the '70s arena rock of the Eagles. He then teamed with Kenny Loggins to sell more than 16 million albums on the strength of hits such as "Danny's Song," "Your Mama Don't

Dance" and "Angry Eyes." Now, after decades of acclaimed solo work, Messina is on the road sharing songs and stories from his half-century in music.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Jonathan Butler
Sunday, March 26
at 7 p.m.

The Palladium

Familiar to local audiences for his appearances with saxophonist Dave Koz, singer-songwriter and guitarist Jonathan Butler is making his Palladium debut as a headliner. Born in South Africa and raised in poverty under the shadow of apartheid, Butler was the first non-white artist to be played on South African radio and appear on national television. His best-known songs include the Grammy-nominated Top 30 hit "Lies," the instrumental "Going Home" and the mid-tempo ballad "Sarah, Sarah."

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Luminaries:
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Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in February.

"Hoosiers deserve protection from products that are faulty, especially when they can injure our most precious assets, our children," Rokita said. "If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in February:

- Children's Pajamas from Paper Cape
- Children's Robes from Amazon
- Lancaster Table & Seating Brand High Chairs from Clark Associates
- Ovation Protege Equestrian Helmets from English Riding Supply
- ODGER Swivel Chairs from IKEA
- Silver Lining Cloud

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- LiftMaster myQ Garage Door Control Panels from Chamberlain
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Rokita

- Side-By-Side Vehicles from BRP
- "My First" Disney-Character Figurines from Kids Preferred
- Outdoor Kitchens from Paradise Grills
- Electric Bicycles from Linus Bike
- Mainstays Three-Wick Candles from Star Soap Star Candle Prayer Candle

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to February, visit CPSC.gov/recalls.

American Bank of Freedom to open branch in Westfield this year

The REPORTER

American Bank of Missouri has named Pete Dunbar as Regional President for Indiana. In this role, he will be lead all aspects of the business for the Indiana market. The bank will operate as American Bank of Freedom in Indiana.

With 35 years of leadership, commercial banking, and wealth management experience in Indianapolis, Miami and Chicago, Dunbar joins American Bank from KeyBank, where he served as Senior Vice President and Market Leader for the

Key Private Bank. He has a diverse background, including the establishment and successful sale of a de novo bank in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Pete is well known and regarded, and we are thrilled to welcome him to our team," said Tim Nash, American Bank of Missouri President & CEO. "His reputation and connections in central Indiana will be an important asset for our teammates and position us for growth."

Active in the community, Dunbar currently serves as on boards or committees

for the Indiana University Student Foundation, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

American Bank of Freedom will open its first location in Indiana later this year. The office will be in Westfield at 14611 N. Gray Road. American Bank also has an SBA loan origination, processing and administration office in Noblesville. For more information on American Bank of Missouri, go to americanbank-ofmissouri.bank.

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That’s Good HR of north Indy receives “Best of Staffing” award

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That’s Good HR (TGHR), 8440 Woodfield Crossing Blvd. #370, Indianapolis, has once again earned **ClearlyRated’s Best of Staffing award** for exceptional service.

The Best of Staffing Award recognizes the best staffing agencies in the country, based on survey responses from employment agency clients and job seekers. With each submission since 2010, That’s Good HR has been identified as a “Best of Staffing” award winner.

“We are proud to earn the Best of Staffing designation yet again in 2023,” said Mary Springer, That’s Good HR founder and partner. “This one is special because it reflects feedback from our customers. Our talented staff works hard to match candidates with some of the Indianapolis area’s best employers. We invest the necessary time to consider not only the job description but the company culture and

expectations as well.”

The Best of Staffing award recognizes companies who receive at least a 50 percent Net Promoter Score (NPS) on the survey, which indicates how likely respondents are to recommend firms to a friend or colleague.

- That’s Good HR’s NPS of 83.7 percent was well above the 2022 staffing industry average of 31 percent.

- That’s Good HR’s NPS was even higher than the 77 percent average earned by all companies who received the Best of Staffing award this year.

What sets TGHR apart from other staffing agencies?

The Best of Staffing survey asks participants to rate agencies on several factors, including the quality of candidates and the timeframe for bringing employers and candidates together.

- 100 percent of respondents say That’s Good HR submits multiple qualified

candidates that match the company’s requirement.

- 100 percent believe That’s Good HR submits candidates who are a good culture fit for the company.

- 100 percent say That’s Good HR submits candidates within the expected timeframe.

- 98 percent believe That’s Good HR submits realistic expectations regarding open positions.

What do customers say?

The feedback from That’s Good HR’s clients underscores the company’s commitment to the client:

- “They really listen to your wants/needs and provide top-notch, quality candidates. We have hired many long-term employees through them.”

- “The recruiters provide accurate and informative information to candidates. It prepares them for what our job entails and what we look for in a candidate.”

- “The team is available, and they always provide suitable candidates for the positions we provide to

them.”

- “Found top-notch candidates at reasonable rates, which is not easy to do in today’s job market.”

- “They are consistently engaging the entire team. They are always looking for ways to improve the process or the performance of the team.”

About That’s Good HR

For more than two decades, That’s Good HR has provided staffing solutions in Indianapolis and surrounding areas. From entry level to management, That’s Good HR is a locally owned firm that makes artful employment placements in the fields of admin, accounting/finance, HR, customer service and healthcare admin fields, ranging from staffing temporary and temp-to-hire to direct hire positions. A recognized leader in staffing solutions with multiple Best of Staffing awards, That’s Good HR leverages years of industry expertise and an uncompromising commitment to excellence. Learn more at thatsgoodhr.com.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

Revelation 12:10-12 (NIV)

Waldo Frank “Wally” Mann

November 15, 1955 – March 5, 2023

Waldo Frank “Wally” Mann, 67, formerly of Hillsdale, Mich., passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Laurels of Coldwater. He was born November 15, 1955, in Hillsdale to Donald and Lavona (Vaughn) Mann Sr.



For over 30 years, Wally was employed at Tri-Wall, later International Paper in Butler, Ind. He was an avid bowler who enjoyed bowling competitively and on many different leagues.

Wally was a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler and the American Legion. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Amber Mann of Los Angeles, Calif.; one son, Travis Mann of Edon, Ohio; two grandchildren, Memphis, and Monroe Mann; three sisters, Jennifer (Scott) Somsel of Gresham, Ore., Kim (Andy) Burlew of Allen, Mich., and Doretta Hile of Huntsville, Ala.; and two brothers, James Bice of Holland, Mich., and Randy (Alma) Gibson of Arizona.

In addition to his parents, Wally was preceded in death by three siblings, Donald Mann Jr., Darlene Mann, and Jeffrey Bice; and one brother-in-law, Steve Hile.

Memorial services for Waldo “Wally” Mann will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023, at the Van-Horn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale with Pastor Rob Stewart officiating. The family will receive friends for visitation on Friday from 3 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Condolences: eaglefuneralhomes.com

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will meet to discuss E911 operations at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2023, in held in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

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Basketball

Four county girls players get All-Star recognition they deserve

The REPORTER

Four Hamilton County players are among the 18 that have been selected for the IndyStar Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars for 2023, All-Stars games director Mike Broughton announced Wednesday.

Those selected to the six-player Core Group include Reagan Wilson of Noblesville, Alli Harness of Carroll, Jordyn Poole of Fort Wayne Snider, Chloe Spreen of Bedford North Lawrence, Faith Wiseman of Indian Creek and Juliann Woodard of Jennings County.

In addition to the core group, six players each were voted to squads labeled Red Group and Blue Group.

The Red Group players are Talia Harris of Fishers, Ellie Kelleher of Westfield, Lauren Foster of Indian Creek, Rachel Harshman of Mooresville, Avery Kelley of Evansville Memorial and Ellery Minch of Mount Vernon.

The Blue Group players are Camryn Runner of Hamilton Heights, Aniyah Bishop of Lake Central, Joh'nea Donahue of Fort Wayne Snider, Kennedy Fuelling of Norwell, Kyra Hill of Goshen and Adrienne Tolen of West Lafayette.

The coaches for the 2023 Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars will be announced later.

The Junior All-Stars will play one game against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars on Sunday, June 4 at Jeffersonville High School. The Junior All-Stars also will play one game against the Indiana All-Star senior girls on Wednesday, June 7 at a site to be announced. Both games will be doubleheaders with the 2023 Indiana boys Junior All-Stars, who will be chosen later.

The players listed as Core Group players each will play in two games. The players listed in the Red and Blue groups each will play in one game, the Red Group on June 4 against the Kentucky Juniors and the Blue Group on June 7 against the Indiana Seniors.

The Indiana senior All-Stars will play the Kentucky senior All-Stars on June 9 at the Owensboro Sportscenter in Owensboro, Ky. The Indiana senior All-Stars will play Kentucky's seniors again on June 10 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The June 10 date also will include the inaugural IndyStar Indiana All-Star "Futures Games." The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader at Gainbridge Fieldhouse with Indiana-only squads of juniors, sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The girls' Futures Games rosters were announced on Feb. 16. The boys' Futures Games rosters will be announced later.

The 2023 Indiana girls' Junior All-Star team was selected through a process that allows all IBCA-member head coaches to nominate players through the IBCA all-state process. The IBCA 20-member Indiana Basketball Coaches Association all-state committee reviewed and voted on players for the 2023 IBCA/Franciscan Health girls All-State teams that were released on Tuesday (Feb. 28).

The 20 all-state committee members also provided input to a six-person IBCA subcommittee appointed by IBCA executive director Marty Johnson and chaired by Brandon Bradley of Kankakee Valley. Bradley, Broughton plus coaches Katie Collignon of Marquette Catholic, Kaley May of Danville, Gretchen Miles of Washington and all-state committee chairman Doug Springer of Northridge finalized the selections for the 2023 girls' Junior All-Stars.

The Indiana Junior All-Star program was founded in 1996 by former Indiana All-Star games director Patrick Aikman. In most years, 18 players have been chosen to the Junior All-Stars. In five years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2018 and 2019), 24 players were chosen to the Junior All-Stars. In 2021, just 12 players were chosen to the Junior All-Stars.

In games from 1996 through 2022 (with no games in 2020 because of COVID-19), the Indiana Senior girls lead the Indiana Junior girls 41-10 and the Indiana Senior boys lead the Indiana Junior boys 41-10. In five years of games against the Kentucky Juniors, the Indiana Junior girls lead 10-1 and the Indiana Junior boys lead 7-4. Games against the Kentucky Juniors previously have been played in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019 and 2022.



Kent Graham / File photos

Four Hamilton County girls basketball players have been named to the 2023 IndyStar Indiana Girls Junior All-Stars: Fishers' Talia Harris, Hamilton Heights' Camryn Runner, Noblesville's Reagan Wilson and Westfield's Ellie Kelleher.

2023 IndyStar Indiana Girls Junior All-Stars

GIRLS CORE GROUP (playing on June 4 and June 7)

Name	Height	Position	PPG	High School	College Choice
Alli Harness	5-8	G	23.6	Carroll	undecided
Jordyn Poole	5-6	G	16.7	Fort Wayne Snider	undecided
Chloe Spreen	5-9	G	19.0	Bedford North Lawrence	undecided
Reagan Wilson	5-7	G	16.9	Noblesville	Iowa State
Faith Wiseman	6-4	F	16.1	Indian Creek	Indiana
Juliann Woodard	6-0	F	22.8	Jennings County	undecided

GIRLS RED GROUP (playing on June 4 vs. Kentucky Juniors)

Name	Height	Position	PPG	High School	College Choice
Lauren Foster	5-7	G	18.6	Indian Creek	undecided
Talia Harris	5-8	G	9.5	Fishers	undecided
Rachel Harshman	6-0	F	14.4	Mooresville	undecided
Ellie Kelleher	5-9	G	11.5	Westfield	undecided
Avery Kelley	5-5	G	15.4	Evansville Memorial	undecided
Ellery Minch	6-2	F	16.5	Mount Vernon	undecided

GIRLS BLUE GROUP (playing on June 7 vs. Indiana Seniors)

Name	Height	Position	PPG	High School	College Choice
Aniyah Bishop	5-10	G/F	9.4	Lake Central	undecided
Joh'nea Donahue	5-8	G	11.9	Fort Wayne Snider	Bowling Green
Kennedy Fuelling	5-7	F	21.8	Norwell	undecided
Kyra Hill	6-2	G	15.8	Goshen	undecided
Camryn Runner	5-9	G	18.9	Hamilton Heights	undecided
Adrienne Tolen	5-10	G/F	16.4	West Lafayette	undecided

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Track & Field

Carmel, Heights, Noblesville & Westfield get individual winners at HSR qualifiers

The REPORTER

The indoor track and field season began across Indiana last weekend, and the first order of business is getting ready for the Hoosier State Relays, which take place later this month at Indiana University.

Indiana Wesleyan hosted two HSR qualifiers last Friday and Saturday. Four Hamilton County schools participated in the HSR Qualifier #2 on Saturday, and all four got an individual event winner out of it. Carmel picked up five relay wins: The boys 4x800, 4x200 and 4x400 relays all cruised to victory, as did the girls 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

Noblesville got a win in the 4x800 girls relay, while Delaney Teachnor and Linley Burman were 1-2 in the pole vault, Teachnor vaulted a school record 12 feet, 1 inch. Hamilton Heights also had a pole vault winner, with Peyton McQuinn winning the boys division. Ella Ewing won the girls 60 hurdles.

Westfield's victory came from Liz Smith, who paced the 3200 run.

Here is a list of Hamilton County results.

SATURDAY RESULTS
Boys meet

3200 run: 2. Charlie Leadke (Carmel) 9:44.70, 4. Liam Oman (C) 9:50.32, 5. Kiefer Jay (C) 9:51.27, 6. Ronnie Neal (Noblesville) 9:58.60, 9. William Cummings (Westfield) 10:08.28, 10. Caden Jackson (N) 10:14.24, 11. Owen Mohler (W) 10:19.17, 15. Luke Mumaw (N) 10:34.88, 16. Ty Conner (W) 10:36.82.

60 hurdles: 4. Adom Quist (C) 9.09, 8. Angel Wilson (N) 9.66, 13. Drew Willman (C) 9.94, 21. Nicholas Obuch (N) 10.86, 24. Gavin Woodrum (N) 11.22.

60 dash: 7. Dylan Walker (W) 7.20, 12. Jaylen Zachery (C) 7.251, 13. Nate Struve (C) 7.254, 14. Christ Degni (N) 7.256, 16. Ben Kern (N) 7.29, 21. Camren Avant (C) 7.39, 23. Cameron Wilson (N) 7.46, 26. Deacon King (W) 7.52, 30. Anthony Pucci (W) 7.58, 34. Alex Knepper (Hamilton Heights) 7.63, 42. Eric Balcom (HH) 7.76, 43. Trey Ehman (HH) 7.77.

4x800 relay: 1. Carmel (Car-



(Above) Noblesville Nadia Perez (4), Westfield's Liz Smith (center) and Noblesville's Brooke Lahee (5) all competed in the 3200 run at last Saturday's Hoosier State Relays qualifiers at Indiana Wesleyan University. (Below) Carmel's Aydrian Caldwell cleared 6 feet, 5 inches in the high jump.

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ter Buhr, Andrew Cebalo, Connor Mallon, Everett Carlisle) 8:20.47, 2. Westfield (Landon Jones, Caleb Haney, Will Snedeker, Charlie Naas) 8:24.91, 7. Heights (Steven Case, Jackson Cantlon, Max Bowman, Rudy Bowman) 9:07.79, 10. Noblesville (Grant Cummings, Jude Naville, Simon Adams, Ashton Burns) 9:10.47.

4x200 relay: 1. Carmel (Avant, Struve, Cole Taylor, Quist) 1:33.65, 5. Noblesville (Degni, Kern, Dario Torres, Calvin Lighty) 1:35.39, 10. Heights (Knepper, Aiden Orton, Tyler Overton, Conor Baumann) 1:39.60, 11. Westfield (John Miles, Jaxson Floyd, Thomas Vandegriff, Caden Honeycutt) 1:39.96.

Distance medley relay: 2. Westfield (Colin Lakomek, Dylan Walker, Sam Hinds, Jack Lo-iselle) 10:37.36, 3. Carmel (Tony Provenzano, Kole Mathison, Drew Grogan, Thomas Biltmimer) 10:37.88, 6. Noblesville (Ethan Feliciano, Cooper Click, John Libs, Noah Melton)

11:49.44, 19. Heights (Isaiah Heuer, JT Bailey, Aiden Day, Hudson Holt) 13:08.18.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel (Taylor, Drew Willman, Avant, Struve) 3:32.60, 2. Westfield (Owen Flynn, Lane Norris, Anthony Sulewski, Landon King) 3:40.06, 3. Noblesville (Elliott Soderberg, Kern, Torres, Bode Barnes) 3:42.36, 11. Heights (Case, Orton, Overton, Tyler Runyan) 3:53.93.

High jump: 3. Aydrian Caldwell (C) 6-5, 4. Robert Campbell (W) 6-0, 8. Tyler Runyan (HH) 5-10, T15. Thomas Vandegriff (W) 5-6; Jackson Cantlon (HH) 5-6; Henry Reno (N) 5-6.

Pole vault: 1. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 14-6, 4. Will Johnston (N) 13-6.

Long jump: 6. Caldwell (C) 19-0.5, 8. Campbell (W) 18-9.5, 19. Sidney Weaver (N) 17-5.25, 21. Matt Yang (C) 17-2, 22. William Chreist (N) 16-10.75.

Shot put: 2. Tom Ewing (W) 54-5.5, 8. Josh Brown (HH) 43-5.25,



10. Alex Herring (C) 42-6.5, 21. Louis Delaby (C) 37-4.75, 25. Kaden Rounds (W) 36-5.5, 30. James Kuhlman (N) 34-7.5, 44. Graham Allman (N) 22-11.

Girls meet

3200 run: 1. Liz Smith (W) 11:24.42, 2. Nadia Perez (N) 11:31.94, 3. Brooke Lahee (N) 11:38.72, 4. Emerson Weaver (C) 11:52.82, 6. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:59.21, 9. Katy Dascoli (C) 12:20.32, 12. Siri Koszyk (N) 13:26.27, 13. Izzy McCulloch (W) 13:38.03, 16. Cecilia Schmidt (W) 14:18.97.

60 hurdles: 1. Ella Ewing (HH) 9.37, 3. Ava Sinex (C) 10.31, 5. Madison Clary (W) 10.36, 8. E'layah Ballard (W) 10.66.

60 dash: 2. Princess Campbell (W) 7.73, 3. Emily Norris (C) 7.75, Tobii Fapetu (W) 7.79, 6. Rebecca Belanger (C) 8.08, 9. Mya Baker (N) 8.14, 22. Anna Jozsa (HH) 8.58, 24. Graysen Wheeler (W) 8.61, 28. Elle Gilbert (N) 8.66, 37. Savannah Deetz (HH) 8.85, 40. Lizzy Smith (HH) 8.87, 45. Kendall Wien (C) 8.89, 54. Summaya Kaba (N) 9.32.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville (Paige Hazelrigg, Riley Flynn, Brinkley Cooper, Summer Rempe) 9:52.01, 2. Carmel (Kaitlyn Oshimura, Lani Samms, Ronnie Strzynski, Cara Naas) 10:22.06, 7. Westfield (Gianna Ferreri, Ena Durbin, Isabella Rudin, Alana Shank) 11:14.53, 9. Heights (Mary Ella Bichey, Isabella Bailey, Anna Monnin, Mary Bowman) 11:25.34.

4x200 relay: 1. Carmel (Gabriela Grande Rosas, Ashlynn Guerrant, Cambell Wamsley, Emily Norris) 1:45.74, 3. Heights (Deetz, Ewing, Jozsa, Waverly Woolever) 1:52.18.

Distance medley relay: 2. Carmel (Jasmine Klopstad, Ava Sinex, Charlotte Konow, Sadie Foley) 12:59.18, 3. Noblesville (Hazelrigg, Gretchen Graham, Ansley Applegate, Kennedy Applegate) 13:15.99, 7. Westfield (Sydney Klinglesmith, Smith, Robyn Schemel, Emily Loiselle) 13:44.58, 11. Heights (Bichey, Monnin, Bailey, Elyse Hurley) 15:00.28.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel (Claire Swigart, Samms, Grande Rosas, Wamsley) 4:12.33, 2. Noblesville (Cooper, Flynn, Devyn Johnson, Rempe) 4:14.17, 4. Westfield (Katelyn Malin, Brittany Brown, Jordyn Landrum, Abbi Van Bibber) 4:20.13.

Pole vault: 1. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-1, 2. Linley Burman (N) 11-0, 4. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 10-3.

Long jump: 2. Ewing (HH) 17-0.25, 5. Baker (N) 15-4.5, 14. Emily Norris (C) 14-9, 16. Amiyah Ballard (W) 14-6.25, 17. E. Ballard (W) 14-5.5, 19. Belanger (C) 14-4.25, 20. Smith (HH) 14-2.75, 22. Abigail Gibbons (N) 13-11.5.

Shot put: 3. Hannah Alexander (N) 38-4.75, 6. Jada Henson (W) 31-1.75, 12. Audrey Dickson (C) 29-2.75, 13. Alana Halsted (W) 28-11.75, 15. Hadleigh Cherry (HH) 28-8.75, 16.

Sarah Crook (C) 28-2.5, 26. Lilyana Steiner (HH) 26-4, 28. Marielle Fitch (N) 26-2.25.

High jump: 2. Malina Miller (N) 5-8, 3. Rylee Hassan (N) 5-3, 5. Woolever (HH) 5-1, T6. Lydia Pedersen (C) 5-0, T11. Makenzie Holcomb (C) 4-10, 13. A. Ballard (W) 4-10.

Westfield had several athletes travel to Indiana Wesleyan last Friday for Qualifier #1. The Shamrocks boys picked up two wins, with Tom Ewing first in the shot put and the 4x200 relay team winning as well.

FRIDAY RESULTS
Boys meet

3200 run: 9. Owen Dilley 10:57.15, 14. Paul Williams 11:30.06.

60 hurdles: 4. Jack Huisden 9.25.

60 dash: 5. Cade Parker 7.26, 8. Jacob Good 7.32, 18. Anthony Feltrinelli 7.56.

4x800 relay: 6. Westfield (Luke Sullivan, Caub Douthit, Michael Bishop, Graham Hoffman) 9:11.07.

4x200 relay: 1. Westfield (Parker, Jacob Good, Gabe Arambales, Dylan Walker) 1:32.82.

Distance medley relay: 3. Westfield (Ian Porter, Noah Flynn, John Degan, Drew Lovelace) 11:37.74.

4x400 relay: 3. Westfield (Jack Huisden, Braeden Dewes, Robert Campbell, Alex Wilson) 3:47.77.

Pole vault: 2. Alex Wilson 12-6.

Long jump: 4. Lennox Williams 18-4.5.

Shot put: 1. Tom Ewing 53-11.25, 4. William Goodvine 41-11.

Girls meet

3200 run: 5. Angelina Abriani 13:21.23, 10. Hannah Gallagher 14:18.56, 11. Eliza Joyce 14:42.16.

60 hurdles: 3. Lauren Linville 10.50, 9. Gracie Czubik 10.88, 10. Alexandra Hamilton 10.89.

60 dash: 33. Lily Burdette 9.22, 38. Madeline Van Matre 9.62.

4x800 relay: 5. Westfield (Ava Britton-Heitz, Camryn Herring, Olivia Barnett, Mary Kate Sloan) 11:33.92.

4x200 relay: 11. Westfield (Isabelle Snyder, Tammie Shalit, Kennedy Steele, Emily Burns) 2:07.37.

Distance medley relay: 8. Westfield (Ava Brandau, Clara Isaacs, Emmeline Hahn, Delaney Curtis) 16:11.70.

4x400 relay: 4. Westfield (Lauren Linville, Czubik, Reese Reagan, Hamilton) 4:39.45.

Long jump: T5. Julia Syljebeck 14-9, T9. Czubik 14-7.

Shot put: 15. Alexandria Peltonen 25-8.75, 22. Gabi Harvey 19-5.5.



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O’Ward & Rosenqvist help send blue envelopes of Indy 500 tickets to fans

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The countdown to the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge reached another special moment as the highly anticipated blue envelopes featuring Race Day tickets were mailed Wednesday, March 8 from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Ticket Office.

The initial ticket mailing also received some assistance as Arrow McLaren teammates Pato O’Ward and Felix Rosenqvist, who finished second and fourth, respectively, in last year’s edition of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,” were part of the festivities of shipping more than 150,000 tickets. The shipments extend to all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 35 countries around the world as race fans eagerly await Indy 500 Race Day on Sunday, May 28.

Both O’Ward and Rosenqvist also signed, sealed and sent a couple of envelopes to lucky fans that will set out for their respective homelands of Mexico and Sweden.

“I had no idea the process that it was for the physical tickets to get mailed,” said O’Ward, driver of the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet. “So, for me, it just screams and yells tradition, and the Indy 500 is all about tradition. I’m really happy that I got to do this, and I got to see what it’s all about. It’s not just a simple email. There’s a lot of meaning to that ticket. People collect them. People have them at home. They keep them at home, and I think that’s very special.”

It takes approximately nine weeks to package all pre-ordered tickets for mailing, from orders the day after the previous year’s race up to current orders. Hard work from employees in the Ticket Office and other Penske Entertainment Corp. departments ensures the ticketing process runs smoothly and on schedule.

A few facts and figures about this year’s initial ticket mailing:

- Number of tickets sent: More than 150,000 Race Day tickets (includes Race Day tickets, parking, concert tickets, etc.)
- Number of blue envelopes sent: More than

- 25,000
- Number of U.S. Postal Service trays to accommodate envelopes: More than 580
- Weight of all ticket envelopes and trays in first mailing: More than 5,000 pounds
- Hours needed to fill envelopes by hand: More than 880 person-hours
- Number of working days to package envelopes: 43
- Number of Penske Entertainment employees who fill envelopes: 43
- Number of states distributed: 50
- Number of countries distributed: 35 (including the United States)

Federal postal inspectors came to IMS with a large truck for the first mailing. O’Ward and Rosenqvist joined several IMS employees in helping load the trucks.

“Oh, it’s the most physical labor I’ve done in a while,” said a smiling Rosenqvist, driver of the No. 6 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet. “It’s pretty awesome. It’s a lot of tickets. When you go

into that room, you’re like, ‘Wow.’ It gives you perspective on what a big event the Indy 500 is.

“It’s pretty cool to put a little personal touch to some of the envelopes and just being here with everyone from IMS just helping out. Sometimes you take for granted everything behind the scenes, but just a thing like mailing out the tickets is such a huge project, and I’m happy to be part of it. It’s cool; 81 days out, we’re getting closer.”

Receiving an eagerly awaited blue envelope in the mail is a rite of spring for thousands of fans of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” But why are the envelopes blue?

In the 1970s, Indianapolis 500 tickets were mailed in brown envelopes with the IMS return address in the upper left corner. In the 1980s, a heavier-stock, gray-colored envelope was introduced to mail the tickets, with just the IMS Post Office box number in the upper left corner. A computerized printer also was used for the first time in the 1980s

to print ticket customers’ name and address on each envelope.

When the NASCAR Cup Series was added to the IMS schedule in 1994, the Ticket Office needed a way to distinguish between the envelopes containing tickets for the Indianapolis 500 and the annual NASCAR race, especially if the Postal Service returned the envelope as non-deliverable.

So, the IMS Ticket Office decided to color-code the ticket envelopes for each event. Indianapolis 500 ticket envelopes became blue, Brickyard Weekend envelopes became purple, GMR Grand Prix envelopes became green, and ticket envelopes for other IMS events use a variety of colors, including red, cream, gray and yellow.

Tickets for the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 28, the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 13 and all other Month of May events are available at [IMS.com/tickets](https://www.ims.com/tickets) or via the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700.

Lacrosse

Royals come out of the gate on fire to beat Homestead

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls lacrosse team opened its season Tuesday with a 16-1 home win over Homestead.

The Royals led 12-0 at halftime. Southeastern’s defense led the way, forcing the Spartans into eight turnovers. Senior Alex Dean had three ground balls and two forced turnovers, and scored a goal on offense. Senior Sydney Schena made an interception and collected a ground ball, while junior Olivia Dean had one forced turnover and one ground ball.

Ten different players scored for the Royals. Senior Ellie Nawa and ju-

nior Brooke Daugherty each had three goals, with Nawa also dishing out an assist. Junior Sidney Sloan handed out two assists and scored a goal. Sophomores Evelyn Armstrong and Sarah Gastineau each put in two goals, with Gastineau making two forced turnovers and one assist. Freshman Edie Fisher had one assist and caused two turnovers.

Hayden Gilbert, Evelyn Schenck, Olivia Bradley and Sam Kim each added one goal, while Emma Reichert had one assist. Reagan Janes picked up three ground balls.

Southeastern hosts Lafayette next Tuesday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 9

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Fishers at Carmel, 7 p.m.

Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 5 p.m. (Indoor meet)

Friday, March 10

BOYS LACROSSE

Fishers at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hoosier Crossroads Conference indoor meet, 7 p.m. at DePauw

Saturday, March 11

BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

At Lebanon

Guerin Catholic vs. Danville, 1 p.m.

At Logansport

Noblesville vs. Fort Wayne Wayne, 4 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Northridge at Westfield, 11 a.m.

South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, noon

Evansville Memorial at Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m.

Louisville St. Xavier at Carmel, 2 p.m.

Northridge at Noblesville, 3:30 p.m.

South Bend St. Joseph at Hamilton Southeastern, TBA

GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Louisville Sacred Heart, 11:30 a.m.

Guerin Catholic at Louisville Dupont Manual, 3 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel, Hamilton Heights at HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. at Indiana Wesleyan

University at Maverick HSR Indoor Qualifier, 10 a.m. at Lambert Fieldhouse

Guerin Catholic Golden Eagle Relays, 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m.

Westfield at McCutcheon, 11 a.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral Tournament, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13

BOYS LACROSSE

Avon at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Avon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

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