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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Cloudy, with a few flurries or snow showers.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy evening. Partly cloudy overnight.



HIGH: 40 LOW: 25

Sheridan Lions invite you to pancake breakfast fundraiser

By **CHUCK GODBY**
For The Reporter

Plans for the Sheridan Lions Club Annual Mark Sims Memorial Pancake Breakfast were finalized at the March 1 meeting. The breakfast, which will be held at The Community Center located at 300 E. 6th St., begins at 7 a.m. this Saturday, March 11 and concludes at 11 a.m.

The breakfast menu features biscuits and gravy, pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Tickets are just \$7 and can be purchased from a Lions Club member or at the door. Children aged 8 and under eat free.

The Sheridan Lions enjoyed visits at their meeting from Sheridan Schools Superintendent Dave Mundy and Sheridan Historical Society President Ron Stone.

Mundy updated the Lions on improvements currently being

made to the school's athletic facilities, including construction of a new fieldhouse, locker rooms, weight room and offices, among other projects.

Stone was on hand to pitch the idea of the town's annual Fourth of July Parade highlighting the Hamilton County Bicentennial, which the club approved in a vote. The Sheridan Lions Club sponsors the popular yearly event.

The Sheridan Lions also enjoyed a recent visit from River-view Health family physician Trent Schmale, who also serves as the sports medicine specialist for Sheridan Schools.

The Sheridan Lions also recognized the contribution made by Sheridan Youth Assistance when packages were handed out to needy residents at Christmas. The local organization was mistakenly omitted from recognition.



Photos provided by Chuck Godby
(Left) Ron Stone, President of the Sheridan Historical Society, asked the Lions to incorporate the Hamilton County Bicentennial into the town's Fourth of July Parade, which the Lions sponsor. (Right) Dr. Dave Mundy, Superintendent of Sheridan Schools, updated the Sheridan Lions Club on construction progress being made to the high school athletic facilities.

Kids traveling? Say your prayers!

I used to think that I wouldn't have as many worries when my kids got to college. I figured I'd be a happy empty nester and they'd be thriving, responsible, independent young adults ready to conquer the world. Then I remembered the things I did while I was in college.

Uh oh.

Thankfully, I have one weapon that quiets the worries – prayer. If I didn't have my faith, I'd either be in terrible health right now ... or dead. Worry and stress used to give me all sorts of physical, mental, and emotional ailments.

Both Jonathon and Jacob have worked throughout college. They like taking trips with friends using their own money. I'm proud of them for wanting to not lean on their parents, to explore, and to see what's beyond Indiana. I think it's terrific that they want to hop on a plane or hit the road and enjoy themselves while they're young.

But my mother's heart beats a little faster and my stomach clenches on the day I know they're traveling. The nagging little questions creep into my mind ... What if their car breaks down? What if the airplane has some sort of mechanical failure?

And then, of course, the worry creeps up while they're at their destination. What if some pickpocket steals their wallet? Or what if they get lost somewhere?

Fortunately, my faith kicks in quickly. One of my favorite Bible verses is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." I have a little pewter heart on my desk with this saying on it and it's brought me great comfort and direction over the years.

I've gradually strengthened my "trust muscle" as well, and in this area it's quite strong. When those nagging thoughts creep into my mind, I take a moment and pray for my sons' safety. I ask their guardian angels to stay close to Jonathon and Jacob.

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Weekly outdoor warning sirens testing resumes this morning

The **REPORTER**

Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) will resume the weekly testing of the outdoor warning sirens at 11 a.m. today, March 10. The sirens will also sound during the state-wide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15. Emergency Management encourages everyone to exercise your plan by going to your safe place during the drill.

"The outdoor warning sirens are intended to warn those 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."

[Click here](#) to learn more about outdoor warning sirens in Hamilton County.

Sirens are only sounded when:

1. The National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. Visit weather.gov/safety/tornado-ww for more information.



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Westfield Welcome brings back 'popular' Egg-Paw-Looza event

The **REPORTER**

Westfield Welcome has announced that Egg-Paw-Looza, presented by Centier Bank, returns to Asa Bales Park, 205 W. Hoover St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

There will be professional pet portraits with the Easter bunny, pet-related vendors with treats and boutique items, food and beverage vendors, a pet bow-tie craft coordinated by the Westfield High School Animal Club, and three dog egg hunts at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Each egg hunt will have eight "golden eggs" for dogs to find to win a prize basket with dog treats and toys. There will also be



a Bark Box giveaway that attendees can enter to win at the event.

"This is such a fantastic event for a great cause," Community Events Coordinator Chelsea McCarty said. "It's an afternoon full of fun for families and their dogs!"

Tickets are \$5 per person; ages four and under must register for a free ticket. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Indiana Canine Assistance Network



Photo provided

Dogs and their owners can enjoy many activities in addition to Easter egg hunts on Saturday, April 1.

(ICAN). ICAN is an accredited service dog training and placement program that provides safety, friendship, and independence for children and adults with disabilities.

On-site donations will also be accepted.

Event and ticket information can be found at westfieldwelcome.com/egg-paw-looza.

Local organizations come together for workforce education breakfast

The **REPORTER**

Invest Hamilton County, along with the Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) and the OneZone, Noblesville, and Westfield Chambers of Commerce are continuing a two-year educational series focused on connecting local businesses with subject matter experts and innovative solutions to today's talent challenges.

"We know good workforce decisions require good data and information," said Mike Thibideau, President & CEO of Invest Hamilton County. "We are pleased to bring in a subject matter expert in Ms. Woodson to have a conversation about workforce trends and how they apply at the local level."

The next workforce education series event will be the State of the Workforce breakfast on Friday, March 24. The event will feature special guest

Mindi Woodson, senior vice president at Lightcast (formerly EMSI-Burning Glass). Woodson will speak to the challenges of the national labor market and how those same trends affect jobs in locally in Hamilton County.

Attendees will also hear from Carrie Lively, Executive Director of Hamilton County's new Career and Technical Education (CTE) district and engage with a panel of



Thibideau

local Chamber of Commerce Executives. The goal is to see the big picture of how national trends are becoming (or not be-



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coming) reality in Hamilton County, where employment is projected to grow and/or be challenged, and how employer communities are adapting today.

"It's no secret that the labor market is changing, and we want to ensure that Hamilton County residents can get ahead of potential roadblocks," said Tom Kilian Jr., president of Hamilton County

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WORKFORCE

Community Foundation. “Our priority is keeping inclusive economic growth top-of-mind, and we’re thrilled to partner with Invest Hamilton County and the Chambers on this much-needed informational session.” Registration for the March 24 breakfast, being held at the Bridgewa-

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ter Club, is now available through [Eventbrite](#). More information is available on Invest Hamilton County’s website at [investhamilton-county.com/events](#).

About Invest Hamilton County
The Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (dba Invest Hamilton County) is an economic development organization focused on talent attraction, retention, development, and quality of life initiatives throughout Hamilton County, Indiana. Our office works with diverse and dynamic stakeholders from throughout the community to help local residents, businesses, and communities address barriers to economic vitality. For more information, visit [invest-hamiltoncounty.com](#).

SIRENS TESTING



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 cost of a new siren is approximately \$37,000
- For more information, please visit [www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/235/Outdoor-Warning-Sirens](#)



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will be sent to cell phones in the county area near the warning. FEMA, which manages the Emergency Alert System and the Wireless Emergency Alerts, is working to improve alerts to only those in the warned area. HCEM uses the same system to send non-weather-related emergencies to cell phones and weather radios. Alerts can include hazardous materials warnings, shelter-in-place warnings, law enforcement warnings, and more.

HCEM recommends everyone have a plan for severe weather, an emergency kit with supplies for at least three days, and multiple ways to receive warnings, such as a weather radio and the [free HCEM mobile app](#). Resources to help you prepare for severe weather, emergencies, and disasters are available at [ready.gov](#). The website also includes information and games to help children understand emergency preparedness.

PRAYERS

The fear and worry still creep up even after these prayers, but I quickly banish them with follow up prayers. These are a little shorter and typically go like this:
“Okay, Lord ... I know I just prayed about this last night (or this morning ... or two hours ago) ... but I just want to say one more time, please keep them safe on this trip.”
Every single prayer calms me and brings me

comfort. I refuse to freak out, although it’s always wonderful to get that “We made it!” text.
My youngest son Jacob just went to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for part of his spring break. I said my usual prayers. I was excited to see his pictures and updates. And when I got the text saying they were back in Indiana, I added my final, favorite, most frequent prayer ... “Thank you, God.”



PREVAIL
Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse


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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Simultaneous bridge closures on SR 32 in far east Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor HIS Contractors Inc. has announced upcoming bridge closures on State Road 32 in eastern Hamilton County.

Beginning on or after Monday, March 20, crews will:

- Remove the temporary bridge and place the permanent bridge on SR 32 between Deshane Avenue and Pennington Road. This work will be complete in mid-July, weather depending.
- Close the bridge on SR 32 between Cynthianne Road and 191st Street for a bridge replacement project. This work will be complete in mid-June, weather depending.

Both bridge closures will be simultaneous.

INDOT encourages



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drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when traveling in and around all work zones.

Indiana State Trooper’s vehicle struck by driver on I-465 near Allisonville Road

The REPORTER

An Indiana State Trooper was injured Thursday morning when his vehicle was struck from behind on Interstate 465.

At 6:24 a.m. Thursday, Master Trooper Antwaun Johnson was sitting behind a disabled vehicle on I-465 westbound near Allisonville Road in a construction area. Johnson had stopped on the side of the road to assist a driver whose vehicle had a flat tire. While Johnson was seated in his car, his vehicle was struck by another vehicle.

A preliminary investigation determined the state police vehicle was stopped on the right side of the highway with emergency lights activated. There was ample room for westbound traffic to pass the trooper’s vehicle and the disabled vehicle. A 2007 Chevrolet,

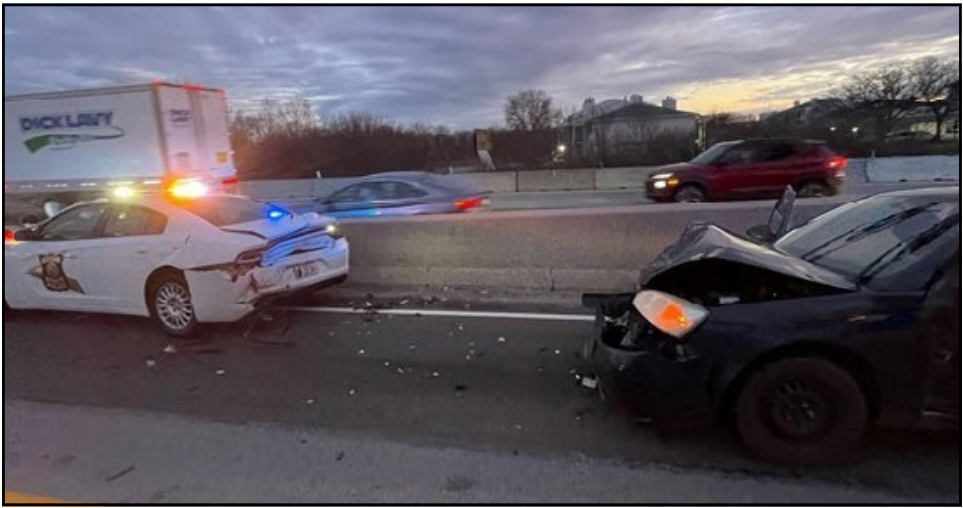


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Trooper Antwaun Johnson sustained non-life-threatening injuries in the crash.

driven by Andre Murphy, 21, struck the rear end of the police car, causing the police car to strike the rear end of the original disabled vehicle. Johnson was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the disabled vehicle was also

transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Murphy was not injured.

Investigators determined Murphy does not have a valid driver’s license, and alcohol is not suspected of being a factor in this crash. The left lane

of I-465 was closed for two hours while the crash was investigated and the wreckage was removed.

This investigation is ongoing. Any crimes mentioned are alleged and all suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Church Church Hittle + Antrim announces new legal association with Burrus & Sease

The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA Law) and Burrus & Sease have announced a new association to provide holistic services within the legal community.

Roger Burrus and Beth Sease have each established an Of Counsel relationship with CCHA Law, which will provide additional staffing and support for their clients. They will continue representing clients at their offices at 410 W. Oak St., Zionsville. In addition, the attorneys at CCHA Law will help serve clients in areas of the law not currently served by Burrus & Sease.

“We think our clients will appreciate the enhanced capabilities and client service that the collaboration will provide,” Sease said. “We look forward to working with our respected colleagues at CCHA who share in our commitment to serving clients and our community.”

CCHA is not a stranger to the Zionsville community. CCHA Partner Andrew Manna resides in Zionsville and has long had a vision of expanding the firm’s presence in his community.

“We are very excited about this new relationship,” Manna said. “Burrus & Sease is an established firm,

serving the Zionsville community for over 70 years, and this association will increase CCHA Law’s reach throughout Indiana and enable us to all better serve clients in the Zionsville community.”

Burrus & Sease serves clients in estate and trust planning and administration, real estate law, business law matters, and recently cele-

brated its 70th anniversary as a law practice in Zionsville, founded by Otis C. Burrus, Roger’s father. CCHA Law will add representation of clients in many additional areas of law, including family law, school law, personal injury, and litigation.

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Approaching police during investigation could bring jail time

By **GARRETT BERGQUIST**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The author of a bill to limit the public’s move-ments near busy police officers on Tuesday said the measure gives police a chance to de-escalate with bystanders.

A Senate panel approved

the measure on a party-line vote. **Under the bill**, if a person approaches within 25 feet of an officer conducting an investigation and doesn’t back up if the officer tells them to, they could face up to 60 days in jail and up to a \$500 fine.

Bill author Rep. Wendy McNamara, an Evansville

Republican, said she wrote the bill in response to of-ficers increasingly having to simultaneously work a crime scene and deal with bystander interference. She said the measure would only apply to active investiga-tions, not to officers out on patrol or engaged in other daily tasks.

The measure is based on a concept known as the 21-foot rule. Long taught in police academies and self-defense classes, the concept holds that 21 feet is the minimum distance someone needs to identi-fy and respond to someone attacking them with a blad-ed or blunt-force weapon. Plainfield Police Chief Kyle Prewitt, testifying on behalf of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, said the average police department in Indiana has 10 or fewer officers, so backup is un-likely to arrive right away. Moreover, he said the cur-rent situation doesn’t give officers a way to de-escalate

a situation with bystanders.

“Right now, I can ask anyone present during an investigation, ‘Hey, can you step back?’” Prewitt said. “If they comply, that’s great, but if they don’t, now I’ve just shown my cards and I’ve got nothing else to do. The only thing I can do in that moment is detain the person that I have and put them in the police car, which might be an escalation, it may escalate the person who’s there.”

Civil liberties advo-cates said state law already prohibits interfering with a police investigation. Katie Blair, the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana’s

director of public policy and advocacy, said convictions have been secured against police officers in a number of recent high-profile mis-conduct cases, including the 2020 killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, due to bystander video shot at close range.

“Citizens’ ability to re-cord police records creates an independent record of what took place in a partic-ular incident,” Blair said. “Community members cannot hold police officers accountable if they cannot observe what is going on.”

The bill now heads to the full Senate. It already passed the House in February.

AG Todd Rokita pursues information about alleged sterilization of Hoosier children at ‘youth gender clinics’

Submitted by AG Rokita’s Press Office

Indiana Attorney Gen-eral Todd Rokita is seek-ing answers from several medical facilities in Indiana about possible sterilization procedures performed on vulnerable children in or-der to “transition” them to a gender other than their bio-logical sex.

Doctors, clinics, and hospitals are increasingly prescribing puberty block-ers, cross-sex hormones, and even surgeries to chil-dren without disclosing the known risks.

“Our kids are precious gifts from God,” Rokita said. “We should all be concerned about the physical

and chemical pro-cedures being per-formed upon these minors, which in most cases are ir-reversible.”

In a letter, Rokita asked medical-facility administrators to provide answers to a series of questions.

Although some chil-dren may express a desire to adopt a different gender, they are not mature enough to address such an impulse by making such life-chang-ing decisions that will for-ever alter their bodies.

“We all love our chil-dren and want nothing more than to keep them healthy



Rokita

and safe,” Rokita said. “But every parent knows that our kids’ brains are not fully de-veloped until adulthood, and they can change their moods and their minds dai-ly.”

To permit minors to un-dergo gender transition sur-geries, Rokita added, could legitimately be considered child abuse.

“The state has a very compelling interest in pro-protecting these young Hoo-siers and their parents,” Rokita said. “And that’s why we’re collecting this data.”



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Students shine at Oak Trace Elementary

Staff at Oak Trace Elementary School in Westfield recently wore yellow and orange to tell the kids “You Are My Sunshine!” Staff wanted to remind the students how much they care and that the students are the sunshine that brightens their days. (Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools)



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Songbook Foundation to host free public screening of new *Music Man* documentary

The REPORTER

The Great American Songbook Foundation will play host to the Indiana premiere screening of a new public television documentary that draws heavily from its vast music archives.

Meredith Willson: America's Music Man is a profile of the composer, arranger, bandleader, and playwright behind *The Music Man*, one of the most popular stage and film musicals of all time. The program debuted in February on Iowa PBS and soon will be available for broadcast by other PBS affiliates across the country. Key research and interviews were conducted at the Songbook Library & Archives in Carmel, to which Willson's estate entrusted his personal papers, including correspondence and previously unseen early drafts of his best-known works.

The free public event will take place Tuesday, April 11, at the Tarkington



(Above left) Producer-director Tyler Brinegar of Iowa PBS (left) interviews musicologist and author Dominic Broomfield-McHugh in April 2022 at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, home of the Great American Songbook Foundation. The Foundation's Songbook Library & Archives holds a one-of-a-kind collection of items from Meredith Willson, creator of the classic musical *The Music Man*, who is gaining attention for his many contributions to American culture. (Above right) In a photo from the Meredith Willson Papers in the Great American Songbook Library & Archives, President John F. Kennedy presents the Big Brother of the Year award to composer and playwright Meredith Willson at the White House in April 1962.

theater at the Center for the Performing Arts, with a display of archival items opening at 5:45 p.m. in the lobby, a conversation with the director at 6 p.m., and the

screening of the 55-minute film starting at 7 p.m. Heartland Film and WFYI Public Media are partnering with the Foundation on the event, which is part of the *WFYI Live* event series.

Free general admission tickets may be reserved online at [TheSongbook.org/](https://www.songbook.org/) [MWscreening](https://www.songbook.org/MWscreening) or through the Center's Fifth Third Bank Box Office at [Tickets@](mailto:Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org)

[TheCenterPresents.org](https://www.thecenterpresents.org) or by calling (317) 843-3800.

The prescreening talk will feature writer, producer and director Tyler Brinegar of Iowa PBS, who visited the local archives last year to pore over files, scan images and conduct interviews.

"For a documentary film to have photos and letters and sheets of music in his own handwriting, that's just

invaluable," Brinegar said at the time. "If that stuff didn't exist, I think I would have been skeptical about doing this from the beginning ... Without it, we'd just have a Wikipedia page in film form."

Joining in the talk will be Professor of Musicology Dominic Broomfield-McHugh from the United Kingdom's Univer-

sity of Sheffield, who drew from the archives for his 2021 book *The Big Parade: Meredith Willson's Musicals from The Music Man to 1491*. Broomfield-McHugh served as associate producer of the documentary and also provided a key interview, as did Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein.

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The REPORTER

On Saturday, June 24 at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University, Cancer Support Community Indiana (CSCI) will welcome one of the most respected and successful comedians in the country, Jeff Foxworthy, to headline the Laughing Matters Comedy Gala.

Being one of the premiere fundraisers in the Indianapolis area, Laughing Matters creates hope through laughter by raising necessary funds to support Cancer Support Community Indiana's free programs and services for Hoosiers impacted by cancer.

Jeff Foxworthy is a household name. Widely known for his "Blue Collar Comedy Tour," he is the

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Learn about Earth's origins at Carmel High School Planetarium

The REPORTER

Join the Carmel High School Planetarium Club and learn about the planet's incredible origins with "The Birth of Planet Earth" and Irish actor Richard Dormer.

Scientists now believe that the Milky Way galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to a billion planets roughly the size of our own. This planetarium show employs advanced, data-driven, cinematic-quality visualizations to explore some of the greatest questions in science today, including:

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Come to the Carmel Planetarium to investigate constellations and bright stars of early Autumn. Attendees will explore some of the stars and deep sky objects inside selected constellation boundaries. The planetarium star projector will be used to simulate the night sky locally and then

you will be immersed into an environment as if there was no light pollution. After the night sky portion of the show will be the presentation of the new program "The Birth of Planet Earth." This will be a fun and educational journey for the entire family.

The presentation will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 17 in the Carmel High School Planetarium. (Running time: approximately 45 minutes.) Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. *No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children aged 12 years and under should be accompanied by an adult.*

Tickets are available at [this link](#). Tickets for adults are \$5 and \$3 for children, senior citizens, and CHS students.

[Click here](#) to learn more or call Planetarium Director Keith Turner at (317) 846-7721 ext. 7446. You can also follow along on Twitter at [@CCSPlanetarium](#).

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The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Cary Peñate, Assistant Teaching Professor of Music History at Ball State University.

The prescreening activities also will include performances by alumni of the Songbook Foundation's annual Songbook Academy music intensive. Olivia Broadwater and Hayden Elefante, both Zionsville Community High School graduates currently studying musical theater at Ball State University, will sing previously unknown songs from early drafts of *The Music Man* as well as some of Willson's iconic contributions to American popular music. Aside from his famous musical, Willson gained national celebrity as a radio host and bandleader, composer of film scores and writer of songs including

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."

The lobby display will feature rare items from the Meredith Willson Papers in the Songbook Library & Archives, including some seen in the film. The materials will include correspondence and scrapbooks featuring notable Willson associates such as President Ronald Reagan, Walt Disney, and Doris Day.

"We are honored to be the stewards of the Meredith Willson Papers and thrilled to share these materials with fans and scholars around the world," said Christopher Lewis, Executive Director of the Great American Songbook Foundation. "This documentary is a wonderful illustration of the amazing history preserved in the Songbook Library & Archives."

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

Revelation 12:13-17 (NIV)



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Meeting Notices

The Jackson Township Fire Commission will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at the Jackson Township Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville.

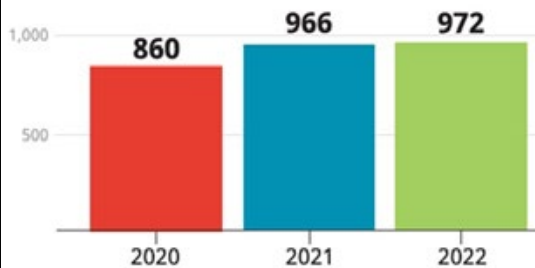
The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

A regular board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.

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Sheriff's Office releases crash statistics, top crash locations

The REPORTER

In 2022, with the increased growth in Hamilton County, there was increased traffic on the roadways which inevitably can lead to

an increased number of motor vehicle crashes.

Some of the top reasons for the crashes in 2022 were distracted driving, speeding, following too closely, failure

to yield, and speed too fast for weather conditions.

There are ways to curb crash numbers by following just a few simple strategies. Remember don't text and

drive, don't drive intoxicated (there are many safe ride options available), don't tailgate other vehicles, be mindful of your vehicle speed, and always wear your seat belt.

Single-lane traffic on southwest portion of I-465 begins tonight

The REPORTER

Starting Friday night, traffic patterns on the southwest side of Indianapolis will change to allow the I-69 Finish Line project to enter its next phase of construction: widening and rebuilding Interstate 465 eastbound, which will include a new bridge over the White River.

Beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 10 through 5 a.m. on Monday, March 13, traffic on westbound I-465 between I-65 and I-70 on the city's southwest side will be limited to a single lane. During the weekend restrictions crews will shift the westbound lanes to the north in preparation for an eastbound switch later in the month.

During the double-lane restriction the speed limit on westbound I-465 will be reduced to 45 miles per hour. The speed limit on eastbound I-465 will remain at 55 miles per hour, and all motorists are encouraged to slow down, pay attention to changing conditions and drive distraction-free.

This short video shows where roadways and ramps are restricted during the weekend work.

To reduce traffic volume and the number of conflict points in the construction zone, several westbound entrance ramps onto I-465 will close during this weekend's lane restrictions. Starting Friday at 8 p.m. the following ramps will be closed:

- I-65 southbound to I-465 westbound
- I-65 northbound to I-465 westbound
- U.S. 31 southbound to I-465 westbound
- U.S. 31 northbound to I-465 westbound
- S.R. 37 (Harding Street) southbound to I-465 westbound

The U.S. 31 southbound to I-465 westbound ramp closure will remain in place through 2024. All other ramps will reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, March 13.

A similar restriction for eastbound I-465 is currently scheduled for March 24 to 27, but is dependent upon weather and the schedule is subject to change.

During the weekend of

westbound restrictions, I-65 northbound traffic will be detoured north to I-70 westbound at the South Split. The nearest entry point to the I-465 westbound work zone is Emerson Avenue.

Motorists can expect increased congestion during both weekends of restrictions and are encouraged to plan ahead and find alternate routes.

The most current information about closures and restrictions can be found on INDOT's TrafficWise map at 511in.org and is also available on INDOT's TrafficWise app for smartphones.

Learn more about the project as a whole at 169-FinishLine.com.



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Basketball

Millers & Golden Eagles ready for regional action this Saturday

By **RICHIE HALL**
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It had been 13 years since the Noblesville boys basketball team had gotten to enjoy the feeling of winning a sectional championship.

After beating Zionsville to win the trophy last Saturday, the Millers were focused on celebrating.

"Anytime you're able to win a sectional, it's very gratifying and rewarding for the kids and the coaches, but ultimately it's about building your program," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. "I hope all these kids get a chance sometime throughout this week to enjoy this."

This week, of course, has been all about preparing for the regional. The Millers take on Fort Wayne Wayne Saturday for the Class 4A Regional 3 championship at Logansport, with tip off at 4 p.m. McClelland talked to the Reporter on Wednesday, just after his team had finished up its practice session at the Berry Bowl.

"I think our practice session was solid," said McClelland. "We were able to get up and down the floor. We were able to get a lot of shots in."

The coach pointed out something about regional week: "There's a fine line of enjoying that moment, but also recognizing, 'Hey we still have work to do,'" he said. The Millers will be trying for their first regional title since 1997.

"I think our guys have done a really good job of that," said McClelland.

Noblesville will be playing a Wayne squad that had an even longer sectional drought than the Millers did. The Generals had not won a title since 1994, but ended that with a last-second victory over Homestead, 55-53. Wayne is on a 12-game win streak; McClelland said the Generals are a very good team, and are playing "with a ton of confidence."

Overall, Wayne is 20-4 for the year. The Generals won the Summit Conference championship with an 8-1 mark; their only conference loss was to Fort Wayne North Side 81-73. McClelland pointed out that Wayne was 4-18 during the previous season, a big improvement that he said says something about the coaches and character of the team.

"We're going to have our hands full," said McClelland.

Wayne played in the Columbia City sectional, where it blitzed New Haven

84-58 in the first round before edging out South Side 57-56 in the semi-finals, then squeezed past the Spartans in the final.

The Generals are a relatively young team. Their leading scorer is junior Jevon Lewis, who averages 16.9 points and 6.3 assists per game. Next in line is sophomore Chase Barnes, with 14.1 points per game. McClelland said that Lewis is "a very good player" and Barnes "has played some really good basketball for them as well."

Senior Monte Smith Jr. adds 11.0 points per game. Wayne also has two dominant young rebounders: HJ Dillard collects 9.4 per game, and Preston Comer pulls 8.1 per contest. Both are sophomores. Junior Zaire Sullivan averages 5.3 rebounds.

"Defensively, it comes down to three things," said McClelland. "One, we've got to rebound. One shot and out. We cannot give them second and third chances. The second thing is, we've got to get back in transition. Third thing, we've got to keep the ball out of the paint."

Meanwhile, McClelland said that on offense, the 19-6 Millers have to be the team to get the ball in the paint. The coach also said his team needs to keep sharing the ball "like we've been doing the last few weeks."

Noblesville's top scorer is senior Luke Almodovar, who is committed to the University of Saint Francis. He averages 17.4 points per game. Next up is junior Aaron Fine. He contributes 13.8 points and also leads the assists with 3.5 per contest. Junior Hunter Walston is the top rebounder with 4.9 per game; he also averages 8.1 points and 2.8 assists.

The doors open for spectators at the Berry Bowl at 3 p.m., and expect to see quite a few Miller fans there early.

"I think our crowds this year, especially our student section at home games, has been very, very good all year long," said McClelland. The coach noted that as the season has progressed and Noblesville has made its tournament run, "the Noblesville faithful has come out. It's really been neat to see some of the older guard come out and support the kids."

Guerin Catholic-Danville

Guerin Catholic got revenge on two Circle City Conference rivals to win the Shortridge sectional this past weekend, beating Brebeuf Jesuit and Bishop Chatard.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Noblesville seniors Luke Almodovar (2) and Cooper Bean (5) cheer while holding up the Sectional 8 trophy after winning last Saturday's championship game. The Millers will now play at the Logansport regional this Saturday, taking on Fort Wayne Wayne for that championship.

On Saturday, the Golden Eagles will get a taste of Sagamore Conference action. Guerin Catholic plays Danville at the Class 3A Lebanon regional, with a tip time of 1 p.m. at Rosenstihl Gymnasium.

The Warriors are 18-7 for the season, placing second in the Sagamore with a 6-1 record. Danville's only conference loss was to Lebanon, 63-46.

The Warriors won three games, all against Sagamore teams, on their home floor to claim Sectional 25. Danville beat Western Boone 68-61 in the first round before avenging a regular-season loss to the Tigers 60-49 in the semis. The Warriors then defeated Tri-West 56-44 in the championship game to defend their sectional crown.

"They're a very aggressive team that can score quickly in bunches," said GC coach Bobby Allen. "The games I've seen, it seems like the games get down early, they always find a way to get back in the lead and take the lead when you least expect it. They want to play different defenses and they want to put pressure on you."

Danville is led in scoring and rebounding by two juniors. Evan Lawrence averages 13.2 points and 9.6 rebounds per game, followed by Caden Collins with 12.2 points and 5.5 rebounds. Sophomore Jace Crafton is not far behind at 9.7 points and 5.4 rebounds. Collins also hands out 4.3 assists per

contest. Junior Owen Collier has 9.3 points per game.

"They have seven fully capable scorers that can hurt you," said Allen.

Guerin Catholic is 17-8

for the season. Junior Robert Sorensen averages 14.2 points per game and also leads in rebounds with 4.5 per contest. Senior Kamea Chandler adds 11.0 points

per game and hands out 3.4 assists. Junior Jack Cherry leads the assists category with 3.8 per game.

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Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Guerin Catholic coach Bobby Allen talks with his team during the Golden Eagles' sectional final game with Bishop Chatard on Monday.

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Lacrosse

Southeastern boys open with big win over Center Grove

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys lacrosse team opened its 2023 season Wednesday with a 14-2 home victory against Center Grove.

The two-time defending state champion Royals created nine Trojans turnovers, holding them to an under 50 percent clear rate. Junior Mason Wright collected three ground balls and made one caused turnover, while senior Gavin Wright also picked up three ground balls. Gavin Wright was 7-4 on faceoffs, while sopho-

more Nick Weber was 7-3. Senior Owen O'Rourke led the Southeastern offense with six goals and an assist, also getting two ground balls. Senior Gavin Berry and freshman David Gould both scored two goals. The Royals outshot Center Grove 35-8.

The Royals host two games this weekend, taking on South Oldham (Ky.) on Saturday, then welcoming South Bend St. Joseph on Sunday. Both games have varsity start times of noon, with junior varsity to follow.

ACTION

"It's nice to have different options right now," said Allen. "Lucas Parker, he's been averaging two or three 3-point makes a game right now. It takes pressure off of Robert."

Allen also pointed out that the Golden Eagles are giving up only 47 points per game, which is the best defensive average that Guerin Catholic's ever had.

"We have some fighters," said Allen. "We have some guys that really finally

understand the importance of letting our defense create our offense."

Allen said his team is "having a blast," and is ready to keep its good season going.

"It's nice for them to finally see and understand why the coaches want this so bad," said Allen. "Of course we want to win, but we want to see these young men grow. They're developing memories right now that they will cherish for the rest of their life."

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

Tuesday, March 14

BOYS LACROSSE

Cathedral at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

West Lafayette at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

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

TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel at Fishers (boys), 5:30 p.m.

Fishers at Carmel, (girls), 5:30 p.m.

Lebanon at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

Lafayette Jefferson at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

Brebeuf Jesuit at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Brownsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.

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Djour named Student Impact of Westfield's Coach of the Year



Photo provided

Student Impact of Westfield closed out its 22nd year of Intramural 7th to 12th grade basketball on Feb. 17. The league was comprised of more than 400 players, and ended with hard-fought championship games and the crowning of Bahar Djour as its Coach of the Year. The Coach of the Year is an individual who displays a positive attitude, encourages their team on and off the court, models good sportsmanship, communication and a commitment to their players that embody what Student Impact is at its core. Registration will open again in August 2023.

IBCA lists three county senior basketball players on first-team Academic All-State

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Three Hamilton County basketball players are among the 69 Indiana high school seniors -- 36 boys and 33 girls -- that have been chosen as first-team Academic All-State for 2023 by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Thursday.

University's Andre Ozlowski and Westfield's Alex Romack were both named to the Boys First Team, while University's Kelsey DuBois was named to the Girls First Team.

In addition, 234 more boys and 247 more girls were recognized as honorable

mention Academic All-State for 2023, IBCA executive director Marty Johnson said. In total, 550 players received some level of recognition in this year's IBCA Academic All-State program.

Hamilton County's Boys Honorable Mention players are Sam Bishop (Westfield), Maddox Bohland (Hamilton Heights), Anthony Ferrucci (Guerin Catholic), Jake Griffin (Carmel), Colin Kuhn (Hamilton Heights), Matthew Naas (Westfield), Logan Reinhart (Carmel), Ty Sanders (Guerin Catholic), James Stasey (Fishers), Reph Stevenson (Hamilton Southeastern), Cooper Vondersaar

(Hamilton Heights) and Aidan Zimmer (Fishers).

Hamilton County's Girls Honorable Mention players are Teegan Acres (Hamilton Southeastern), Charity Beal (Hamilton Southeastern), Olivia Brown (Hamilton Southeastern), Megan Cobb (Guerin Catholic), Emmrey Collinsworth (Westfield), Maren Dee (Westfield), Brooklyn Ely (Noblesville), Natalie Fernandez (Guerin Catholic), Hannah Lach (Carmel), Riley Makalusk (Hamilton Southeastern), Dani Mendez (Noblesville), Caitlyn Sharpe (Guerin Catholic), Kaitlyn Shoemaker (Noblesville), Chaney Smith

(Sheridan) and Lauren Stewart (Hamilton Southeastern).

The IBCA Academic All-State program is one where academic prowess and athletic prowess both are considered in the selections. Items such as grade-point average, academic class rank and SAT or ACT scores are considered along with athletic performance in areas such as points per game, rebounds per game and assists per game.

"The quality of these student-athletes shows that success in academics and success in athletics are not separate entities," Johnson said. "Rather, in many cases, a player's success in the classroom directly contributes to his or her success on the floor."

IBCA-member head coaches from schools across the state may nominate their senior student-athletes who meet criteria that include a 3.5 grade-point average or higher on a 4.0 scale, a class rank in the upper 25 percent of one's class and either an SAT score of 1100 (on the reading and math sections) or an ACT composite score of 24. Once nominations were received, an IBCA committee reviewed the information and determined awards for first team and honorable mention.

Those selected will receive certificates from the IBCA for their honor. Plans are for certificates to be distributed in PDF form to coaches via e-mail during April for the coach to print. The coach then may present the certificate to each honored player sometime before the conclusion of the 2022-23 academic year.

The IBCA has selected an Academic All-State team for boys since 1973. The program was expanded to include a girls' Academic All-State team in 1980.

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