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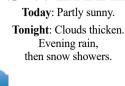
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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Partly sunny.



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# **Westfield Education Foundation** breaks fundraising event record

Foundation brings in \$70K for student scholarships & teacher grants

#### The REPORTER

On March 4, the Westfield Education Foundation (WEF) once again broke its single-event record by raising \$70,000 during its annual Top-Golf Fundraiser.

This event brings together some of the foundation's most consistent supporters for a relaxed event centered around fun and education. Funds will go directly towards funding scholarships for graduating Rocks and supporting classteachers.

The event was held at Top-



Photo by David Dixon, Rocks Media House Members of the Westfield Education Foundation board of directors.

room initiatives for district together foundation support- Schmidt Associates. ers like Performance Services, Skillman Corporation, Blades

WEF Board President Kyle Messmore said he is thankful Golf in Fishers and brought Audio Visual Security, and that he can count on the con-

tinued support of such great donors and organizations.

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# Noblesville Lions welcome speakers from Eyeglass World, Boys & Girls Club

The REPORTER

Alicia Hyatt, Eyeglass World District Training Manager, spoke to the Noblesville Lions Club on how her company works with information from

When the Lions Club refers a student from a school, Eyeglass World provides an exam and a pair of eye glasses at no charge. This is for families in need and usually ones without insurance. Eyeglass World has two national programs that support providing eyeglasses to those in need. Lion Steve Shaw pointed out that the Lions have made 22 referrals from Noblesville Schools since August.

Becky Terry, Executive Di-Club of Noblesville (BGCN), spoke to the Lions and high-





(Left) Lion Steve Shaw with Alicia Hyatt. (Right) Becky Terry with Lions Club Vice **President Walt Sheid.** 

lighted BGCN's current activi- kids attending the club daily. working with Lilly Endowment ties. Terry has been with BGCN They have 11 full-time staff. for the past 12 years managing 2022, with an average of 250

rector of the Boys and Girls its growth. She pointed out that Lions Club for a substantial do- ons Club is in final discussions the club served 1,800 kids in nation for a new amphitheater of providing the donation to at Camp Crosser. BGCN is also

on grants to help fund a num-BGCN is approaching the ber of capital projects. The Li-

# Setting diamond standard for GOP



The Hamilton County Republican Woman's Club has earned the Diamond Award at the Indiana Federation of Republican Women's spring meeting. (From left) Nancy Smith, Amanda Shera, IFRW Vice President Sovilla Mennen, Emily Pearson, and Suzanne Heinzmann.

# Becky the Bakester to offer her creations at Indiana Artisan Marketplace next month change your clocks!

The REPORTER

Becky Lane, an artisan from will be open from Westfield who makes Gourmet 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Marshmallows and Marshmal- Saturday, April 1 and low Bonbons, will be among from 10 a.m. to 5 100 or more artists and food and p.m. on Sunday, April beverage artisans displaying and 2. Tickets are \$10 but selling their work at the 11th are on sale for \$8 now annual Indiana Artisan Market- at this link. Children place to take place on April 1 and 2 in the AgHort Building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.

ffbt.com

The Marketplace aged 14 and under are



relationships with their The Marketplace, known as favorite artisans, and celebrate the state's premier art and food Indiana talent and creativity.

Lane is a passionate foodie The REPORTER experience, is an opportunity to buy one- and owner of Becky the Bakof-a-kind artwork and ester, the business she started in from the Hoosiers who culinary school in the Chicago make it, to meet the suburbs years ago and enjoys artisans, and to share cooking, baking, and eating detheir stories. Visitors licious food. She loves sharing can watch artisans cre- her creations with her family, ate artwork, cultivate friends, and customers and is grateful for the support she's

See Bakester . . . Page 3

# Sha la la la la la la la la la te da

TRIM, Ireland -"I didn't tell my wife that there was a fivecourse meal involved or she would've wanted to come along," said this Irish guy, Aidan, as we indulged in bloody racks of lamb, a complimentary preshow feast before the real main course: Van



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Morrison. "But she would've wanted to go home before Van played."

Aidan was on his fourth or fifth Sunday night Guinness. His beer-breathed brogue inched closer to incoherence. The last I saw of him, he was crawling on the floor looking for his billfold.

This occurred 10 years ago when I tagged on a couple of personal days to a European business trip.

As long as too much beer wasn't involved, the English spoken by the Irish was fairly easy to follow during my long weekend in Ireland, with one exception: while on a 5 a.m. taxi ride to the airport. The sleepyeyed, elderly driver was prone to slipping into his ancestral Gaelic in midsentence, at first alarming me that he was at the onset of a stroke while we sped down the dark, deserted country road toward Dublin - driving on the left side of the road, mind you (the wrong side in my mind) – flying past the spectral glow of sheep in fields. Not understanding one word he said, and to avoid being viewed as an ugly American, I simply replied, "Wow, sheep!"

See Van the Man . . . Page 2



# Support Sheridan youth at annual charity golf outing

## The REPORTER

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program supporters ... Are you dreaming of warmer days on the golf course? Registration is now open for the SYAP Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for June 12. Secure your spot today by visiting syapgolf.wedoauctions.com and clicking "Buy Tickets."

The Charity Golf Tournament will begin a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 12 at Plum Creek Golf Club, 12401 Lynnwood Blvd, Carmel. With your help, SYAP will be able to raise a generous amount of money for the youth and their families in the Sheridan community.

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# Don't forget to

Once again, it's time "Spring Forward" for Daylight Saving Time, so before you artisan food directly the fall of 2020. She completed head to bed tonight, set your clocks forward one hour.

> This weekend is also the perfect time to check your smoke detectors. Did you know working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half? That's why it's critical to take that lifesaving step to keep you and your family safe from home fires the country's most frequent disaster.

So don't forget: "Turn and Test!"



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# Van the Man

from Page 1 Even slurring, Aidan is on the outskirts of a lit- the throat, sounding deeper, From the piano, he sang

scholarly way. It was like sitting next to an Irish me. In the States, mention Van and end was the Irish Deaf Golf a person responds, "Oh, I love Brown Eyed Girl," and then the conversation typically stalls. I know they are sincere – who doesn't love "Brown Eyed Girl"? - but there's so much more to Van than those sunny sha-la-la sing-along parts.

Van has released tons of new material since "Brown Eyed Girl." Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993, his music is a melting pot of genres: soul, R&B, folk, jazz, country, big band, classical, blues, gospel and even skiffle (he even has a new skiffle collection coming out this month).

Here it is a decade later, and I'm still pinching myself for the good luck of having gotten a ticket to

Dublin.

Union, a group of deaf golf was conducted entirely in sign language, and I was fascinated by their enthusiastic flashes of fingers and hands in the silent room. When the first golfer went to the podium to accept an award, I was startled by the sound of expected their claps to make

When the black-clad Van took the stage Sunday night, I clapped along with the other 299 lucky ones there (many being international travelers like me), Eyed Girl" and "Moonspeechless, for there I was 100 feet from the greatest monica-juiced song man alive in an intimate nightclub setting.

the concert, a 300-seat ven- only for his early music ue in Van's homeland at the will likely not recognize lovely Knightsbrook Hotel his voice now. His lyrics & Golf Resort. The resort launch from the belly, not

discussed Van's music in a tle village called Trim, near richer, a soulful snarl here, a roar there, his voice hav-Also there that week- ing aged gracefully like fine bourbon.

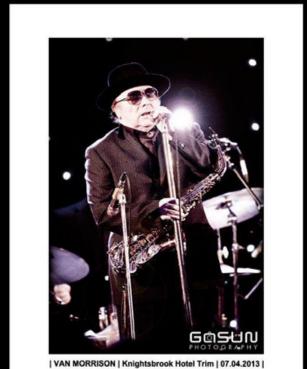
> His first vocal at Trim, enthusiasts. Their Saturday once his lips parted from the evening awards ceremony reed during his introductory sax solo, was during "Close Enough For Jazz." He then sang "Only a Dream," and the night became dreamlike, scores of little white lights on the black backdrop shining like stars. This was followed by "Magic Time," his peers clapping. I had not and it was just that, a magic time, the backing horns, and finger-snap rhythm of the seven-piece band lifting and lofting my spirit like a magic carpet ride through the Irish night.

He jazzed up "Brown dance." A rollicking har-Please Don't Go" made our heads bob. He played "Glo-Those who know Van ria," "Jackie Wilson Said," "Here Comes the Night."

"Have I Told You Lately," one of his loveliest compositions that was unfortunately radio-ruined by Rod Stewart. Of the 17 Trim songs, one was "Days Like This," arguably my favorite: "When it's not always raining, there'll be days like this; when there's no one complaining, there'll be days like this; when everything falls into place like the flick of a switch; well, my mama told me, there'll be days like this."

I chatted with an awestruck American couple afterward. "We stopped questioning our good luck over getting tickets, let go of the mystery of it all," one of the Ohioans said, "and happily agreed that it just was meant to be."

Like Van sings, sometimes there are days when like the flick of a switch."



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"everything falls into place my Ireland trip, my best la la te da." long weekend ever, other 

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# SHERIDAN YOUTH-

Register as an individ-

ual, a team or be a sponsor. You can download the registration and sponsor form at this link. The event will be a full 18 holes of golf and will

include a box lunch, dinner, raffle prizes, and four Hole in One Vacation Prizes. Money brought in from this summer event will be used to fund the needs of the Sheridan youth and provide positive opportunities students will not have access to without your support.

Save the date: Don't forget SYAP's annual Denim & Lace fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 at West Fork Distillery in Westfield.

#### Sheridan Youth Assistance Program by the numbers

- 107: The number of new youth who were referred to SYAP in 2022. This is the highest number of new referrals in the program's history.
- 21 percent: SYAP serves over one-fifth of all students enrolled in Sheridan Community Schools.
- 395: The number of individuals who received gifts, boxes of food, and food gift cards through the Holiday Assistance program in partnership with Good Samaritan Network, MAMA's Cupboard and Sheridan United Methodist Church.
- 190: The number of students that received school supplies through the Back to School Bash in partnership with Six Points Church, MAMA's Cupboard, and Sheridan United Methodist Church.
- 60: The number of students who received regular tutoring after school.
- 155: The number of students that were provided support to allow participation in recreational sports, school sports, music, and other extracurricular activities.

SYAP also provided support for students to receive mental health services, day care, after-school care, camps, outdoor opportunities, mentoring, work opportunities, career information and even emergency housing. Click here to see the full 2022 annual report.



# Thanks for reading!



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

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Individually packaged snacks
- Lysol
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes

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"Having another re-

cord-breaking fundraising

event is a testament to the

generosity and commit-

ment of our local commu-

nity and organizations,"

Messmore said. "The foun-

dation is so proud to rep-

cares so much about the

future of our kids. I want to

thank everyone who had a

hand in putting this event

together and everyone who

continues to support our

foundation and our mis-

power and invest in West-

field's students, teachers,

and staff. To date, the Foun-

dation has given out nearly

\$2 million in scholarships

and grants to provide oppor-

tunities to help create life-

mance Services said it is

an honor to be a part of this

Tim Thoman of Perfor-

long learners.

WEF's mission is to em-

sion."

## BAKESTER-

value-added foods (think

salsa, not tomatoes ... wine,

not grapes). The work of

more than 200 artisans in 57

Indiana Artisan.

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annual event. "We are fortunate to be able to sponsor such a great organization to help further its mission to benefit Westfield students,

staff, and the future of

WEF thanks the comresent a community that munity partners who were integral in the success of this record-breaking event. Below is the complete list of organizations who helped make this event a resounding success.

- Performance Services Blades Audio Video
- Schmidt Associates
- The Skillman Corporation Conserv
- MJ Insurance Moisture Management

Westfield."

- One-Touch Automation and KI
- Assured Partners CCHA
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For more information on the Westfield Education Foundation, visit wwswef.



beekeeppainters, ers, woodworkers, winemakers, jewdesigners, weavers, makers of specialty cheeses, and more.

"An Indiana Artisan is a Hoosier recognized counties has been designated for careful attention to detail, knowledge of a craft, Indiana Artisans include and an entrepreneurial spirit." Board of Directors Chair Brian Blackford said. "His or her talent contributes to Indiana's reputation for quality work.

Becky's marshmallows are a perfect example of what is Indiana Artisan."

Learn more at IndianaArtisan.org.



**MARCH 17** 6:00 - 8:00 PM **GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA** 



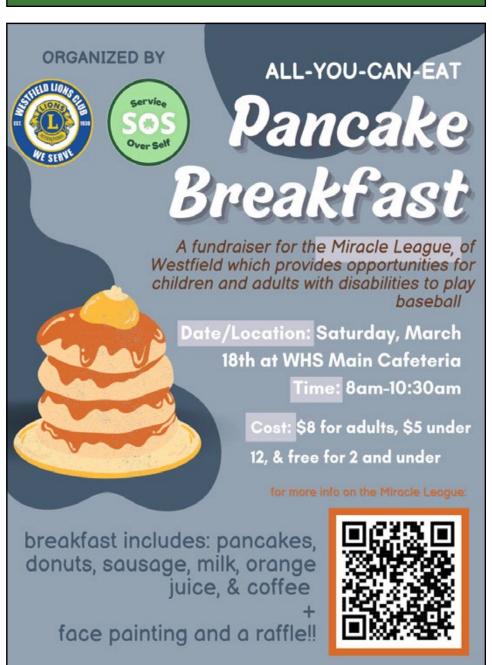


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(Above) Members of the Westfield Washington School administration staff. (Below, from left) Former Westfield Education Foundation board member Duane Lutz and current Westfield Education Foundation board members Grant Sindelar, John Deck, and Matt Deck. (Bottom) Members of Wittler Orthodontics, one of the event's sponsors.







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# Don't take away Indiana National Guard members' right to court martial

House Bill 1076 was passed in Senate committee despite bipartisan opposition.

My own state senator, Republican Jim Buck, opposed the bill, and I believe, for good reason.

One portion of the bill would remove the right of an Indiana National Guard member to request a court martial for what is called "non-judicial punishment." Non-judicial punishment is typically used for minor offenses that do not have a criminal penalty. In such cases, the service member's commander doles out the punishment, rather than a court. At any point during the process (prior to the sentencing), the service member is allowed to request a court martial instead. A court martial ensures a fair trial and requires evidence "beyond a reasonable doubt," whereas non-judicial punishment has less stringent requirements to find the service member guilty.

However, the state of Indiana wants to take that right away. Those in favor of the bill claim that there are too many service mem- from the military last year bers requesting court martial and abusing the system. The data, however, tells



the last five years there has been a total of one (yes, only one) Indiana National guard member who has requested a court martial. This hardly seems worthy of upend-

another story: In

ing 247 years of military tradition.

Veteran groups like the American Legion are opposed to the bill. While the VFW as an organization supports the bill, many of the VFW's individual members are opposed to it. Neither the National Guard members, despite the Senate committee's urging last month.

The requesting of a court martial is as American as the U.S. military itself. Passing this bill would take away the rights of those who defend can to protect our servicemen and women, not leave them more vulnerable. Call komo, attends Kokomo High or write your State Senator TODAY, as this coming week will determine whether or not this bill is signed into law.

Click here to find your state legislators.

Matt McNally retired after 22 years of service. He is a veteran of Afghanistan and a formal Naval Aviator.





Photos provided

State Senator Jim Buck recently welcomed Elik Pahl of Carmel (left) and Blake Quakenbush of Cicero (right) as student pages.

# Sen. Jim Buck welcomes two local students to Statehouse

State Sen. Jim Buck (R-Kokomo) welcomed the following students to the Statehouse who served as Senate pages in February.

- Elik Pahl, Carmel, is a homeschooled student
- · Blake Quakenbush, ours. We should do all we Cicero, is a homeschooled
  - · Bonnie Fairchild, Ko-

• Hannah Giles, Kokomo,

- attends Taylor High School Catholic School
- Levi Ramer, Kokomo, attends Eastern High School

Pages spend a day at the means to be a senator." Statehouse touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor

"I am always thrilled to be able to meet these young days. · Adam Koch, Kokomo, Hoosiers and show them attends St. Maria Goretti around the Statehouse," Sen. Buck said. "It is a great joy to teach them about the legislative process and what it

Students in grades six through 12 participate in the page program on Mondays, and interacting with their Tuesdays, and Thursdays

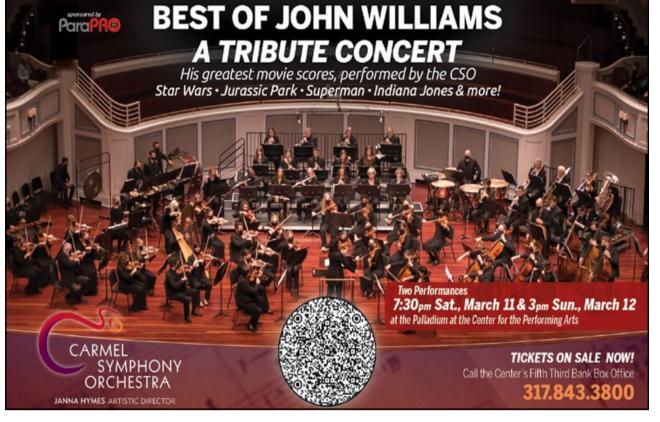
during the legislative session. Groups serve on Wednes-

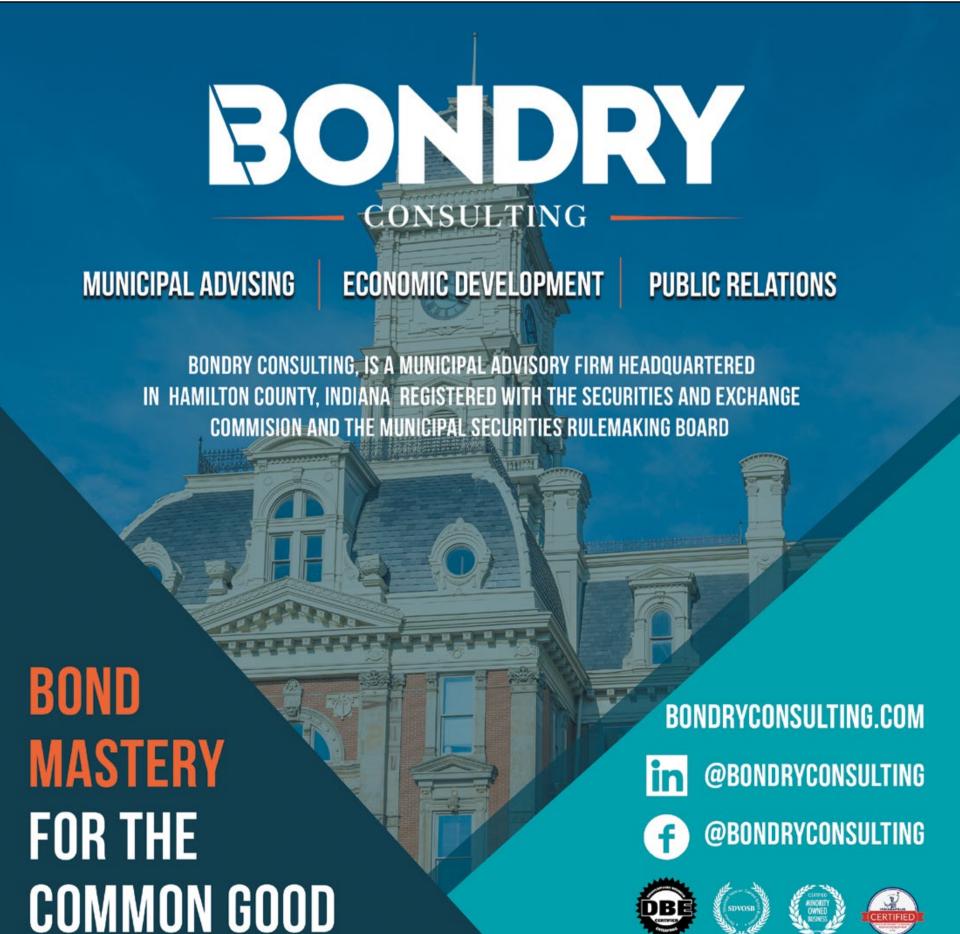
To learn more about the Senate Page Program, visit IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program.

State Sen. Jim Buck (R-Kokomo) represents Senate District 21, which includes Tipton County and portions of Hamilton and Howard counties.



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# A Lotus' Lament

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



My mom has a saying:

"Life's hard and then prayer. you die." Over the course of my life. I have found say to you that if two of that to be the truest thing anyone has ever said to me. I have endured many struggles, especially as of late. It seems like the hardships never end; there is no light at the end of the tunnel. I struggle with self-esteem and seeing my own self-worth; yet, that is not all there is

in this life. I recently asked many of my friends to pray for me all together at a specific time, and the results were amazing. When people came together with one accord, asking value I will ever need.

Jesus said, "Again I you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or

God to give

me strength, I

felt this over-

whelming

sense of peace,

even though I

was in a low

I realized the

true power of

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moment

That

place.

I wrote the first four stanzas of this poem when I was doubting my value, but I added the final one when I truly realized, for the first time in my life, that no matter what happens, I am created in the image of God, and that gives me all the

three are gathered togeth-

er in my name, I am there

in the midst of them."

#### **A Lotus' Lament**

what is Self Esteem? what is Dignity? i haven't a clue - for when i look at myself there is only Insufficiency

i want to be a Lotus unfurling petals Rubellite but the stormy clouds above push me down with all their might

how can a tender shoot ensnared by Thorns and Thistles spread her sensitive petals amongst the cruel Bristles

a flower may be charming a priceless work of art but quickly wither away when poisoned at the Heart

but if there is a Gardener caring for that flower she will begin to blossom in the next springtime shower Letter to the Editor -

# Fishers One-backed HSE School Board members vote to waste \$90,000

I am disappointed in the decision of the four Fishers One-backed HSE school board members who voted on March 8 to throw away nearly \$90,000 of taxpayer dollars. These candidates ran on a platform of being fiscally conservative, but wasting almost \$100,000 is not being fiscally conservative, let alone fiscally responsible.

HSE School District has used Panorama Ed to survey its students about school culture in order to implement school improvement plans, as required by the Indiana Department of Education. However, at the most recent meeting, and without any explanation, Board members Suzanne Thomas, Ben Orr, Tiffany Pascoe, and Juanita Albright voted to cease using the platform immediately. However, they brought forward no viable alternative, and because the contract has already been paid in full, the district loses out on the \$90,000 in services it has already paid for.

Additionally, this vote leaves our administrators having to scramble to find or create a new platform in order to obtain the information necessary to comply with state law, which will likely cost the district even more money. This vote shows a complete lack of respect for both our school staff and the taxpayers.

Historically, only about 5 percent of families opted their students out of the survey. These Board members made a decision without explanation or discussion that will hurt our students, teachers, and taxpayers not based on facts, but seemingly based on campaign promises to

This is not how public servants should lead. Decisions should be made based on facts and feedback from our teachers, administrators, and parents, not politics.

With 95 percent of our families choosing to allow their students to participate in this survey, it is clear these Board members are only listening to very small minority in our community instead of doing what is best for HSE Schools and our students.

They should be ashamed. Julie Chambers

Proud HSE Parent and Taxpayer

Letter to the Editor -

## Fishers One applauds Hamilton Southeastern School Board's termination of contract with Panorama

Dear Editor:

Fishers One, a leading grassroots advocacy organization, is applauding the decision made by the Hamilton Southeastern School Board on Wednesday evening, to terminate its contract and services with Panorama, a student survey company. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3. Those board members who voted to end the data survey were Dr. Juanita Albright, Ben Orr, Tiffany Pascoe, and Suzanne Thomas.

Fishers One supports the decision made by the Hamilton Southeastern School Board to discontinue the use of Panorama's services. The Board's decision was based on what is in the best interest of the students and the community.

The HSE administration was asked many questions concerning the privacy of data associated with the Panorama Survey. Specifically, the Board was troubled by the information they received regarding whether the data gathered by Panorama was tied to individual students and who could access these student IDs or names. The safeguards meant to be in place to guarantee students' privacy has proven to be inadequate.

"We appreciate the careful consideration and review conducted by the Hamilton Southeastern School Board in making this decision," said Diane Eaton, Founder of Fishers One. "Fishers One has long advocated for student-centered policies and practices in our local schools. We believe that the termination of the contract with Panorama is a step towards ensuring that student data is gathered in a manner that is safe, effective, and aligned with the values of our community."

Fishers One trusts that the Board will consider alternative options that more closely align with the core values of our community and serve the best interests of our students. We must protect our students' privacy and work to attain academic excellence for the school district.

#### **Fishers One**

You can learn more about Fishers One at fishersone.org or at facebook.com/FishersOne.

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Senator Braun's bill to declassify all

**COVID** lab leak intel passes House

419-0, heads to President's desk

### **Business Cards**





#### The REPORTER

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 419 to 0 on Friday to pass a bill by Senator Mike Braun proud to lead this (R-Ind.) and Senator Josh fight for the facts Hawley (R-Mo.) requiring on COVID's orthe Biden administration to igins for Hoodeclassify all intelligence siers," Sen. Braun related to any potential said. "After anlinks between the Wuhan other unanimous, Institute of Virology (WIV) bipartisan vote today, Pres-

and the origins of the COVID pandemic.



recently cluded that the COVID-19 pandemic most likely arose from a lab leak, according to a classified intelligence report provided to the White House and certain members of Congress. After that report, Sen. Braun renewed calls for COVID origins declassification, exactly what public health

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ident Biden must knew about a lab leak when sign our bill to they were publicly downplaying it. The American people deserve transparenfacts to make up cy, free from censorship or our own minds on spin. It's time to declassify COVID and the everything we know about COVID's origins and the Wuhan Institute of Virolo-

gy, now." This unanimous passage represents another huge legislative week for Senator Mike Braun, after the Senate and House passed his challenge to a Biden Administration rule on ESG investing for retirement account fiduciaries in bipartisan votes last week.

Two of the three bills saying, "We need to know now headed to the President's desk were authored officials like Dr. Fauci by Sen. Braun.

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# Keeping young Shamrocks safe









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Since the safety of your kids and school staff is the district's number one priority, the Westfield Washington Schools transportation team completed its regularly scheduled inspection of the entire bus fleet. It's a long and tedious job, but it's an important one.

# **New at Sheridan Public Library**

The REPORTER

Here are some of the Mallery new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Li- Shoes – Jojo Moyes brary:

**Fiction** 

- 1. Collateral Damage –
- Judith A. Jance 2. Countdown – James Patterson
- 3. House in the Pines –
- Ana Reyes 4. House of Eve – Sad-
- eqa Johnson 5. Last Beekeeper – Ju-
- lie Carrick Dalton 6. Lemon Curd Killer -
- Laura Childs 7. Sanibel Moonlight – Lincoln Peirce
- Hope Holloway Hope Holloway

9. Sister Effect – Susan ascoet

- 11. Town of Whisper-
- ing Dolls Susan Neville 12. Worthy Opponents Danielle Steel
  - **Non-Fiction**
- Life Beth Moore 2. Body Keeps the
- Score Bessel Van Der Kolk
- 3. Tiny Beautiful Things - Cheryl Strayed
  - Children's
- 1. Big Nate: Nailed It
  - 2. Happy Easter Little
- 8. Sanibel Sunsets Pookie Sandra Boynton 3. I Forgive Alex – Ker-

- 4. Jacky Ha Ha Gets the 10. Someone Elses Last Laugh – James Patter-
  - 5. Leprechaun is Finally Gone – Dan Gutman
  - 6. Library Fish Alyssa
- 7. Library Fish Learns 1. All My Knotted Up to Read – Alyssa Capucilli
  - 8. Monster on the Hill Rob Harrell
  - 9. Spots Lucky Day -Eric Hill
  - 10. Trouble With Wea-
  - sels Rob Harrell 11. Would You Could You Save the Sea – Todd
  - Tarpley 12. You're My Little Sweet Pea - Sandra Mag-

#### **Inspirational Fiction**

- 1. Body of Evidence -Irene Hannon
- 2. Building a Future -Amy Clipston
- 3. Deadly Deception -
- Hope Callaghan 4. Divine Blindside -
- Hope Callaghan
- 5. Fields of Bounty -Lauraine Snelling

#### **Movies**

- 1. Lifemark
- 2. Outlander: Season 6 3. Puss in Boots: The
- Last Wish
- 4. Sweet Revenge: A Hannah Swensen Mystery
- 5. Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Some-
  - 6. Women Talking

# Centier Bank welcomes Casey Wilson to Carmel Mortgage Team

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The REPORTER

Centier Bank Board Chairman and CEO Michael E. Schrage welcomes Mortgage Loan Officer Casey Wilson to the bank's Carmel Mortgage Team, located at 568 E. Carmel

Wilson joined Centier cating my clients after working over 20 years and having the on mortgage lending. She structure financing to meet when they need me."

says she is eager to guide clients through the mortgage process and remain tuned into industry's rapidly changing market.

"I enjoy edu-



know I am available to answer questions and provide updates. My ultimate goal is to build strong relationships and

senior leadership.

She supervised a

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Wilson serves as the son said. "Mv Secretary on the Board of Trustees for the Carmel Public Library and resides in Carmel with her family.

For more information about Casey Wilson, email cwilson@centier.com or go to UnlockYourHouse. **com**. For more information about Centier Bank, go to Centier.com.

# Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana promotes Shawna Sims-Caldwell to Chief Network Officer

### The REPORTER

Gleaners Food Bank well brings more of Indiana President and than 20 years of CEO Fred Glass announced Friday that Shawna Sims-Caldwell has accepted the position of Chief Network Officer. As such, she will also be a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The promotion is effective Monday, March 13.

"The SLT and I were looking for a strategic thinker and someone who can get big things done in this role, and we found that person in Shawna," Glass said. "She has demonstrated those two critical qualities, among many other ers, Sims-Caldwell served rently studying Korean and positive ones, in her body of work here, previously at IndyHumane, and in her interview with the SLT."

Sims-Caldexperience developing longterm operational strategies to achieve organization and departmental goals. She has served as the

Director of Hunger Relief mal behavior. Programs for Marion County since July 2022 overseeing the agency network for the county and initiating structure and clarity for her team, as well as leading innovation in technology and ed Purdue University and communication.

20 years at IndyHumane in a Spanish languages. An avid variety of roles, with her fi- music lover, she plays the nal three years as Senior Di- violin and guitar. Not surrector of Shelter Operations prisingly given her 20 years



Sims-Caldwell

In her time there, she also gained extensive experience developing and managing budgets and working diligently with its Board.

volunteer

Sims-Caldwell attend-IUPUI. A believer in life-Prior to joining Glean- long learning, she is cur-

and a member of with IndyHumane, she is the organization's also an animal lover.

> To learn more, visit gleaners.org.



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# Westfield evaluating proposals for operating/ managing Grand Park

# Submitted by City of Westfield

The City of Westfield Grand Park Review Committee has been deeply engaged in evaluating the submissions received in response to the Grand Park Sports Campus Request for Proposals (RFP) published last March. The RFP was for the purchase or public-private agreement to operate Grand Park according to Indiana Code 5-23.

The city has reached the next phase of that process. City officials are progressing with evaluating proposals only for the operation and/or management of Grand Park and the Grand Park Events Center. More details will follow later as additional work remains to be done.

The focus remains on doing what is in the best interests of the City of West-

## Thanks for reading The Reporter!

# Carmel Clay Parks brings back Barrier-Free Theatre

#### The REPORTER

Recreation (CCPR) will hold its annual Barrier-Free Theatre performance in honor of National Disability Awareness Month.

perforyear's This mance, titled Find Your True Love, will be held at the Monon Community Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. An American Sign Language interpreter will be provided for the Saturday show.

Barrier-Free Theatre is a Carmel Clay Parks & form of drama therapy that empowers individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to create and perform original stories together. The entire creative process takes around eight months to complete.

> "Our program grown dramatically this year! We have an inclusive cast, crew, and directing team," said Sarah Fenster, CCPR Barrier-Free Theatre Director. "Over the last several months, cast members played with different topics, characters, and scenes that resonated with them. The final perforcollaborating, rehearsing, and memorizing."

Find Your True Love is a romantic comedy with a dash of drama. Come indulge in romance, love triangles, suspense, twists, and prise and impress."

so much more.

community can learn more mance will be a product of about the actors, hear their the many hours they spent true voices, and walk away with a new understanding of their experiences," Fenster said. "They've put a lot of pride and joy into this show. I'm sure the final performances will be sure to sur-

Tickets are \$12 each and "The hope is that our are available for purchase online or in person at the Monon Community Center. Availability is limited.

Photo provided

For more information about Barrier-Free Theatre or adaptive programming, email CCPR Inclusion Program Supervisor Kelvin Solares at ksolares@carmelclayparks.com.



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# Fishers road construction updates

#### The REPORTER

#### **State Road 37**

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvereceive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

#### State Road 37 & 141st Street

A pre-construction phase at SR 37 and 141st Street is currently in place. During this phase, 141st Street will be transitioned to a Right-In-Right-Out (RIRO) traffic configuration.

This is not the permanent configuration. This will allow for traffic to flow more freely along SR 37 until the next phases of construction can be activated. This will eliminate all backups along SR 37 that have caused dangerous stops to the free flow traffic and backups on the 146th Street interchange.

Again, this is not the permanent configuration for 141st Street.

The full timeline for the ment Project and sign up to 141st Street interchange will be provided after project bids are accepted in the summer of 2023. View detour routes here.

#### **Cumberland Road**

Beginning on Monday, March 13, there will be lane closures on Cumberland Road, just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed for approximately two weeks.

From Monday, March 13, through Friday, March 24, there will be daily lane restrictions between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Cumberland Road between 106th Street and 116th Street for tree clearing as part of the Cumberland Road Reconstruction project. There may full road closure will be needed. Finding an alternate route is recommended during this time. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard here.

### 131st Street

Comcast is currently doing utility work on 131st Street from Howe Road to Promise Road then north on Promise Road to 141st Street. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

#### 106th Street & **Hoosier Road**

rently taking place at 106th Street and Hoosier Road as part of the roundabout project. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard here.

> **Geist Greenway** Pile driving activities are

currently taking place near Thorpe Creek as part of the Geist Greenway Project through Monday, March 20. When material is brought in for fill sections, there will be an increase in construction traffic on Valley Crossing Drive. Traffic will be briefly stopped as trucks are entering and exiting the road. For general project information, please visit playfishers. com/299/Geist-Greenway.

#### **Fall Creek Road**

Citizens Energy Group is mobilizing the lift station on Fall Creek Road near Geist Woods Way, resulting in the closure of Fall Creek Trail in the area until the project is complete in August.

#### **Resurfacing Projects**

Beginning on Monday, March 13, ADA ramp and curb reconstruction will take place in Winding Creek as part of the 2023 Resurfacing

Homeowners will be nobe times when a short-term tified via door hangers prior to any curb restoration near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard here.

#### **Development Dashboards**

The Planning & Zon-Utility relocation is curing Department has a new Development Dashboard where you can view all development projects that are under construction or in the process of being reviewed. This is viewable on the Planning & Zoning Homepage here.

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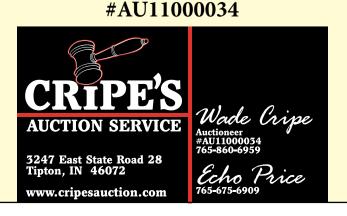
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# What famous nurseryman is buried in Indiana?

### **Submitted**

Borman, Commander of Apollo 8, was born in Gary, Ind. Borman and his crew were the first to fly around the moon.

March 15, 1930 – Limestone from the Empire Quarry headed for New York City for the construction of the Empire State Building. A total of 18,360 tons of Indiana limestone was used to build the iconic building. The Empire Quarry located between Bloomington and Bedford is not only the most famous but one of the longest and the deepest quarries.

March 18, 1953 - In-March 14, 1928 – Frank diana University beat Kansas 69-68 to win the 15th NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. A free throw with 27 seconds to go was made by Bob Leonard to win the tournament.

March 18, 1845 -Johnny Appleseed died at 70. His grave lies at the Johnny Appleseed Park in Fort Wayne. Johnny Appleseed [John Chapman], was born on Sept. 26, 1774, in Leominster, Mass. He was a pioneer nurseryman who introduced apple trees to Pennsylvania, Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

#### Juanita (Nita) Ann Sweeney d. March 6, 2023

Juanita (Nita) Ann Sweeney passed away peacefully on



March 6, 2023, with her beloved husband, Jim, by her side. She quietly and bravely battled breast cancer, lung cancer, and a liver disease for the last three years. She was a fighter and never gave up hope; her mind remained razor sharp but eventually, her body just got tired.

After a recent irreparable heart attack, she decided to stop taking all medications and spend her last days

saying goodbye to family and friends, joking, and enjoying an unrestricted diet with some favorites: chicken McNuggets, wine, and orange push-ups.

She lived life to its fullest and spent her last days the same way. She annotated her Bible with, "I must just let God and nature do what they want. I'm not afraid of dying; it just might be another adventure."

She loved to travel and spend time with family and who refused to grow old and refused to grow up." She truly loved being on an ocean beach (with an umbrella drink in her hand); vacationing and renting cabins with family; cherished her role as "Oma"; loved attending Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre performances; and was always up for a mystery bus tour.

Nita was a wise, ambitious, and loving person. She started as a hairdresser in the 1960s and from there, climbed the corporate ladder all the way to Vice President of Pedcor Management. Along the way, mentored and influenced many young women whose careers flourished under her tutelage. She was a proud "mama" boss and remained close friends with many of her "work sisters."

In her last days, she shared many great stories about her life. She was ALWAYS ready for fun and hijinks. She told us about the time she and a childhood friend decided to dress up in their wedding gowns (because "why should you only wear it once?") for a night out on the town. After a heavy snowfall, she allowed her daughters to go to school late, because it was more important to drive through Shoaff Park that morning because it was so beautiful. She instigated a spirited game of indoor frisbee at a Dauphine Island beach rental. She loved playing the made-up family game of "monster."

True to her energetic self, she was making lists of things for people to do, managing and organizing the house, and making her own final arrangements up to the end.

She is survived by her husband, James Sweeney; daughters, Terri Kett and Sherri Rainbolt; step-daughters, Dawn Beadles and Tami Lee; grandchildren, Dakota Rainbolt, Molly Kett, Sean Kett, Hunter Beadles, Mya Lee, Maddax Lee, and Alexander Rainbolt; brother, Dennis Emrich and 'sister,' Sharis Sweeney.

Nita did not want a funeral or memorial service and selflessly donated her body to science under the care of the University of Michigan medical school. We will forever be "Go Blue" fans now.

Donations can be made to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church with proceeds going to the "Meals on Monday" program that she enjoyed volunteering for. Checks may be sent to Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan IN, 46069.

Enjoy the next adventure; we miss you and love you

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, share a memory, or leave a condolence at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the

#### James "Jim" Doty June 11, 1949 - March 4, 2023

James "Jim" Doty, 73, Noblesville, passed away un-



expectedly on Saturday, March 4, 2023, while vacationing at his Florida home. He was born on June 11, 1949, to James and Elaine (Ferree) Doty in Indianapolis.

Jim graduated in 1967 from Carmel High School and from Indiana University in 1971. For 45 years, he worked as a general manager for Royal Pin Bowling. Jim was a member of

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and enjoyed driving his Shelby Mustang and playing golf. He was a Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame inductee and a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Jim was a fan of the Indiana Pacers and Indianapolis Colts, attended 65 consecutive Indianapolis 500 races, and was a Disney World VIP.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Fleck friends. She described herself as a "fun-sun loving senior Doty; sons, Jeremy (Katherine) Doty and Christian (Alicia) Doty; daughters, Julia Siewers-Rutjes and Louisa Weber; two granddaughters, June Louise Doty and Rhiannon Lee Ann Doty; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Carole Faye Walrod.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m., with a Rosary Prayer Service at 7 p.m., on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 14. 2023, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Rev. Clayton Thompson will officiate. Burial will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: randallroberts.com

#### **Meeting Notices**

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15. 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works will meet in an executive session at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville

Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday. March 14, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(B), For discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission will neet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21 2023, in the Council Chambers or the second floor of Carmel City Hall 1 Civic Square, Carmel

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednes day, March 15, 2023, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W North St., Arcadia.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5).

A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel

#### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

Revelation 13:1-4 (NIV)

#### Sandra Kay "Sandi" Whitacre August 27, 1950 - March 7, 2023

Sandra Kay "Sandi" Whitacre, 72, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 7,



2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on August 27, 1950, to Robert Thomas and Reka Gennell (Cridlin) Nelson in Saint Charles, Va.

Sandi was a 1968 graduate of Noblesville High School and began her working career with Statesmen Insurance. After leaving Statesman, she worked at St. Vincent Hospital in the

laboratory until they contracted their lab work out to Mid America Clinical Laboratories (MACL). MACL hired Sandi and she worked there from 1971 until 2018, retiring with 47 years of service. Sandi was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in

Noblesville. She was also a member of the Girls Night Out Bunco Club. Sandi loved to read, enjoyed theatre and was a classic movie buff. She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn Marie

"Katy" Whitacre-Cooper (Matthew); grandson, Gabriel Whitacre-Cooper; and nephews, Jimmy Swain and Todd In addition to her parents, Sandi was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas R. Nelson; sisters, Brenda Nelson,

Carolyn Swain, and Connie Nelson; and her nephew, Jason She will be especially missed by her dear friends, Carla

Crandall and Vickie Bennett. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with funeral services at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 17, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Wrestling

# Can't stop the Huskies

# Four individual state champions at two separate events

#### The REPORTER

The IHSAA wrestling season finished three weeks ago, but the competition isn't stopping.

Local wrestlers competed in two big tournaments over the past couple weeks, with Hamilton Heights making a major impact in both of those events. The Huskies picked up two individual championships in both the Indiana Frosh-Soph State Championships, which took place Feb. 25 and 26 at Southport, then at the Indiana 1A/2A Individual State Championships, which were hosted by Southmont March 4 and 5.

#### Three falls

Kendall Moe got the first win for Heights, thoroughly dominating the Girls 101-pound division. Moe won her first three matches by falls, all in the first period. Moe then took on Portage's Madisyn Mikels in the championship, where she breezed to a 9-0 major decision victory.

Michael Cain got the Huskies' other win, in the Boys 160-pound class. Cain had to win five matches for the championship. He toughed out two decisions in the last two round, beating Bishop Chatard's Charlie Rushenberg 5-2 in the semi-finals and Fishers' Xavier Smith 6-3 in the championship.

Another Heights wrestler finished as runner-up. Zoe Pugh, competing in the Girls 123-pound class, won two matches by pin to reach the semi-finals, where she beat Mishawaka's Kaylee Smith in a 3-1 decision. Angola's Nevaeh Wilson stopped Pugh's run with a 2-0 decision in the championship, but Pugh would bounce back next

#### Top 20 teams

Three Hamilton County teams finished in the top 20 at the meet. Fishers placed ninth with 91.5 points, while the Huskies scored 82 points to tie for 13th. Hamilton Southeastern took 16th with 76 points. A total of 209 schools and clubs were represented at the meet.

Smith led the Tigers at 160 pounds, winning four matches to get to the final. He won two of those bouts by fall after opening with a technical fall. Smith reached the semis with a 10-8 decision win over Bellmont's Xavior Palacios.

Christopher Quarles took second at 182 pounds. He easily pinned his first two opponents, in 37 and 34 seconds respectively, then picked up two decision wins to get to the final, where he fell to Heritage Hills' Jett Goldsberry in a second-period fall.

Chayce Yant finished seventh, clinching that place with a 12-3 major-decision win over Tate Barlow of Spartans Wrestling Club.

The Royals also had three place winners. Nick Anderson took fourth at 120 pounds, reaching the semi-finals with a 15-4 major decision win against Hobart's Daniel Mata in the quarterfinals.

Fanta Sall placed fifth in the Girls 195-pound class. Sall won the fifth-place match by beating Terre Haute North's Shelbie Hancock with a second-period pin.

Evan Lawhead was sixth in the Boys 182-pound division. Lawhead won four matches in his class, including two decision victories in the consolation round to clinch a spot in the top six.

Noblesville's Aden Widget finished eighth in the Boys 170-pound class. Widget got three decision wins in the consolation round to earn a place in the top eight.

### **Rebound victory**

When wrestling reconvened at Southmont, Pugh rebounded from her runner-up finish to claim the Girls 120/126 champion-





Photo provided

Hamilton Heights had four wrestlers win individual champions during two tournaments that have taken place over the past few weeks. Kendall Moe (top left, with her father Skyler) and Michael Cain (top right) were winners at the Indiana Frosh-Soph State Championships, while Carson Fettig (above left) and Zoe Pugh (above right) claimed titles at the Indiana 1A/2A Individual State Championships.

ship at the 1A/2A State meet. Pugh finished was eighth at 152 pounds. the day with an 8-4 decision win over Cowan's Emma Jones.

The Huskies' boys were well-represented, too. Carson Fettig was the winner in the Boys 152-pound division, claiming the title with a 5-3 decision against Beech Grove's Alex Hernandez. Cain was the 160-pound runner-up, edged out by Cowan's Levi Abbott 5-4 in the final.

In total, Heights had six boys place in the top eight. Jaylyn Pugh was fourth at 132 pounds, getting a fall over Oak Hill's Devon Adkins to clinch a top-four place. Jimmy Lacey took fifth at 170 pounds, winning the fifth-place bout with a 14-second pin. Alex Furst clinched seventh-place at 145 pounds with a 4-3 decision, and Logan Hickman

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As a team, the Huskies scored 111.5 points to finish as runners-up. Bishop Chatard won the meet by scoring 128 points.

"We've been at it," said Heights coach Gary Myers. "We haven't stopped."

The Huskies had a fine IHSAA season, but are already looking ahead to next year. Myers said Heights changed around its schedule for next year. That includes a dual meet with Center Grove and a Super 8 that features teams such as Westfield and

'We've made it really tough on the kids next year just to get them used to these guys at semi-state," said Myers.

# Spectacle in St. Pete

Sunday was the first "triple header" of the 2023 racing season with all three major forms of racing occurring on the same day.

More importantly, the scheduling of the triple header was impeccable with the Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix beginning at 10



a.m., followed by the Indy Car Grand Prix of St. Petersburg beginning at 12:30 p.m., and concluding with the NASCAR Pennzoil 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway beginning at 3:30 p.m. It was one of those few days in which the motorsports enthusiast did not have to worry about switching back and forth between races.

By far, the race of the day was the Indy Car race, held for the twentieth time on the sunny streets of St. Petersburg, Fla. The Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, year after year, has produced tremendous action and exciting finishes, this year being no exception.

The move of the day – though not in a good way - came courtesy of New Zealander Scott McLaughlin and Frenchman Roman Grosjean. After winning the pole and dominating the first portion of the race, Grosjean found himself relegated to second position behind 2022 winner, Scott Mc-Laughlin after the initial round of pitstops. During the second tire and fuel run, Grosjean stayed close to the leader, reducing the gap to less than one second when the pit window opened for the final time.

It appeared that the race would come down to who, among Grosjean and Mc-Laughlin, could get on and off pit road the

Grosjean blinked first, giving up second position to come down pit road with 30 laps to go. One lap later, McLaughlin slowed and surrendered his position on the track while Grosjean raced through the St. Petersburg streets with a fresh set of tires and hopes of overtaking McLaughlin during the pitstop.

In spectacular fashion, McLaughlin emerged from the pits just ahead of Grosjean and the two almost collided as McLaughlin catapulted back onto the racing line.

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### Lacrosse-

# Carmel girls beat Fishers, Westfield boys drop game to Heritage Christian

### The REPORTER

The Carmel girls lacrosse team opened its season Thursday with a 14-0

win over Fishers at Murray Stadium. Sophie Mock and Breckin Hare both scored three goals for the Greyhounds, and each made one assist. Olivia Slowey added two goals. Pey Henney, Anna Dumke, AnnMarie Mc-Gill, Tori Tomalia, Ellie Espey and Elle Tomalia each scored one goal, with Henney, Reese Keetle and Avery Goehl dishing out one assist.

Westfield's boys team dropped a double overtime game, 7-6 to Heritage

Alex Dieckmeyer scored three goals, while Noah McCoy, Theo Dager and Lucas Smaagaard all scored one each.

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# Westfield Winds win regional championship









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Congratulations to the Westfield Winds for winning the WGI Winds Indianapolis Regional Championship. They competed against groups from all around the Midwest and came home the Open Class champion. The Westfield JVB and Varsity Winter Guard groups have advanced to the IHSCGA Semi-State round. Wish them the best of luck and effortless catches this next round.

# **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

## 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. Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 15 BOYS LACROSSE

Culver Academies at Fishers, 6 p.m. Noblesville at North Central, 7 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD Sheridan at Warren Central meet, 5 p.m. at University of Indianapolis VOLLEYBALL Franklin Central at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

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Carmel at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

# Wrestling.

### **Sheridan results**

Sheridan also competed at the 1A/2A tournament and finished with four place-winners, two boys and two girls. The Blackhawks scored 49 points to take 27th: a total of 79 teams competed at the meet.

the Boys 182-pound division, winning a 9-2 decision over Calumet's Reichen Reeder to earn a place in the top four. Avery Hayden was fourth in the Girls 145/152 class.

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Jace Warren finished Jacob Jones took fourth in sixth in the Boys 195 class; he made three pins in the consolation round to make his way to the top six. Adrianna Hamersley placed eighth in the Girls 120/126 division.

# SPECTACLE-

Unfortunately for McLaughlin, his tires were much colder than Grosjean's, who had one lap to heat his tires, giving him more speed and grip through the circuit.

With a head of steam. Grosjean juked to the outside of McLaughlin on the run down to turn 4, preparing to out-brake McLaughlin and complete the overtake. It was nearly a forgone conclusion that if Grosjean could complete the pass, he would extend his lead and win the race as passing, especially among the leaders, was exceedingly difficult. Grosjean and McLaughlin entered turn 4 side-by-side, however, and McLaughlin's cold tires could not handle the corner speed and he slid – ever so slightly – into Grosjean's right side tires, sending both cars into the tire barrier and ruining both drivers' aspira-

tions of victory.

Such a finish was particularly difficult for Grosjean, who had never won in Indy perfect position for victory. In his post-crash interview, Grosjean was speechless and outwardly disturbed with McLaughlin's move. McLaughlin was quick to admit his fault and repeatably stated that he "doesn't ing in popularity for the race like that."

Far from being over, young Mexican driver, Pato O' Ward, inherited the lead and it looked as if he would take 2023's maiden victory year. However, as he would experience twice on Sunday, it is better to be lucky than chance as it on-track prodgood. After exiting the final ucts, on many days, is supecorner with two laps to go, rior to Formula 1. O'Ward had a momentary engine malfunction that resident, an attorney at Addropped him from the lead ler Attorneys in Noblesville, and allowed 2022 Indy 500 and a lifelong race fan.

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winner, Marcus Ericsson, to

take the lead for good. In addition to the great side-by-side action, the Car and had put himself in a race saw several spectacular crashes, including a terrifying incident in which Andretti Autosport's Devlin DeFrancesco's was T-boned and sent airborne in a vid-

eogame-like crash.

Indy Car has been gainpast several years and it is races like this that propel the sport forward. As far as on-track action, Indy Car is by far the most exciting open-wheel form of racing. I would encourage Formula 1 fans to give Indy Car a

Zech Yoder is a local





**Upcoming Broadcasts** 

### **Saturday, March 11, Boys Basketball Regionals**

4:00 pm Class 4A Regional 3 at Logansport Ft Wayne Wayne vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

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### **Sunday March 12**, Hamilton County 8th grade Basketball Showcase

5:00 pm 8th Grade Girls All-stars | HCTV Sports 6:00 pm 8th Grade Boys All-stars | HCTV Sports

### **Monday March 13, Boys Lacrosse**

8:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | Varsity Lacrosse | HCTV Sports

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