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North Adams Homemakers Club visits Sheridan Museum

The land of misfit plants

By **STEVE MARTIN**
Hamilton County Historical Society

Every county in Indiana has a Purdue Extension Office, and one of the mandates of the Extension Offices is that of encouraging the formation and life of clubs for the homemakers in each county. Clubs are encouraged to meet monthly and provide educational programs, promote community service projects, and provide a platform for social interaction among members.

Here in Hamilton County, the Purdue Extension Service is headed by Susan Peterson, and the homemakers clubs work primarily with Bernie Huber. Adams Township is blessed to be the home of the North Adams Club, and this past Friday they met at the Sheridan Historical Society



Photo provided
The Hamilton County Extension Homemakers North Adams Club held its meeting at the Sheridan Museum. (Seated, from left) Marilyn Adams, Martha Durham, Betty Ayers, and Carolyn Rawlings. (Standing, from left) Anita Billingsley, Peggy Johnson, Leah Raines, Sandy Parks, Gayle Newton, Kathy Moore, Judy Langdon, and Phyllis Martino.

Museum. The guest speaker for this particular meeting was none other than the ever-popular Dr. David Mundy, the Superintendent of Sheridan Community Schools.

Founded on the passage of the national Smith-Lever Act

in 1914, nationwide extension services were created in each county to provide education to individuals and communities via portals like local clubs and, of course, through 4-H participation. In Indiana, Extension Services bring university in-

formation to the local level – both in person and online – to help people strengthen relationships, eat smart, improve health, and achieve financial wellness.

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I had a short list of items that I needed to pick up at the super-market. I told myself I was going to get in and out, not pass go or collect \$200, and make it a quick trip. I was absolutely not going to look at superfluous items that I did not need. If it wasn't on my list, I was not going to even break my stride up and down the aisles. We had already done our big grocery run for that week, and there were just a few items I needed to pick up to fill in the gaps for our lunches.

I had bananas down on my list. I knew that as I approached the produce area that there would be my favorite section, *well besides the wine*, the beautiful flower section. So many colors and sweet aromas every time I walked past. I tried to not even let my eyes stray. I was there for a purpose and flowers were not on my list. After all, I had a fresh bouquet on my counter at home. I did not *need* anything that was not on my list. I just needed to keep my head down and grab my bananas.

COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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Rep. Victoria Spartz kick off her 2023 Farm Bill listening tour

The REPORTER

On Monday, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) kicked off her Farm Bill listening tour with a roundtable in Howard County at the Downing family farm in Greentown and speaking at the Hamilton County Farm Bureau policy meeting. Rep. Spartz will continue her listening tour throughout the rest of the Fifth District this week.

"Agriculture plays a major economic role in the Fifth District economy," Rep. Spartz said. "It's always important to hear directly from the ground on issues affecting our producers and raising food security concerns."

Every five years, Congress



Photo provided
Rep. Victoria Spartz met with and heard from members of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau at the organization's policy meeting Monday evening.

reauthorizes legislation to set national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry pol-

icy, commonly referred to as the "Farm Bill." Feel free to

contact Rep. Spartz's office

with input or submit comments to the [House Committee on Agriculture](#).



Gaylor Electric ranks nationally on annual list of top-performing construction contractors

The REPORTER

Gaylor Electric was nationally recognized by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), as a top performer in its fifth annual Top Performers publication. This coveted list contains contractor members that are committed to executing the country's most innovative, quality-driven, and safe projects across the country; ranked by hours worked.

To be eligible, Top Performers must demonstrate world-class safety performance and construction process. One must achieve Gold status or higher in ABC's Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) Management System, which ensures the contractor is six times safer than the national average. Gaylor Electric has continuously received the highest acknowledgment, Diamond level STEP Certification. Through STEP, the contractor must also be an Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) certified. The prestigious AQC publicly recognizes and honors those who have documented their commitment to quality, safety,

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Atlanta springs into market success

By **STU CLAMPITT**
news@readthereporter.com

The Atlanta Spring Market was a packed house on Saturday, March 11 at Earthly Endearments, 155 W. Main St., Atlanta. There were 17 vendors, including The Reporter's own Janet Hart Leonard. A train full of market fans made the trip from Noblesville, adding to the already massive success of the event.

Event organizer Carrie Feltner told The Reporter it only took one month to get everything in place for the market because they have held similar events three other times. If you didn't make this one, have no fear, there are more markets to come.

"We are doing another on April 22 for the Bicentennial, and we are planning a Christmas market," Feltner said.

The Nickel Plate Express held a special ride for nearly 100 passengers to travel from Hobbs Station to Atlanta for the



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt
Event organizer Carrie Feltner (left) stands with Earthly Endearments owners Shannon and Steve Plumer.

market. Executive Director Emily Reynolds told The Reporter that ride sold out too fast for it to even be posted on the Nickel Plate Express website.

"We put up a Facebook post about the ride in January and we were fully booked in just a few hours," Reynolds said.

"That speaks so highly of how much people love both Earthly Endearments and the town of Atlanta. The support for the ride to the spring market was overwhelming and heartwarming."

Passengers on that ride enjoyed a wine tasting from Mal-low Run Winery while in transit.

They then disembarked to enjoy the market, and many took the opportunity to visit one of the largest model train layouts in the continental United States at Mr. Muffin's, 165 E. Main St., Atlanta.

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Two HSE students recognized at Mock Trial competition

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton Southeastern High School students received special recognition on March 12 at the Indiana Bar Foundation High School Mock Trial State Competition.

Suhita Chintalachalu earned top attorney recognition, and Natalie Truong earned top witness recognition.

This is the first in-person Mock Trial competition in three years. Previous events were held virtually due to COVID restrictions. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Indiana Bar Foundation Mock Trial.


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MISFIT

I was doing pretty well until somehow my eyes didn't look at the main display of flowers. They went right to the land of misfits. You know the area I am talking about. The land where the florists at the local supermarkets dump flowers and forget about them. This is the area where the misfits go to die; the dreaded discount rack. Sure, these bouquets and plants may not be in their prime, but it doesn't mean they deserve to be forgotten or just left to die. I cannot be the only person that humanizes my plants.

It wasn't that I was deviating from my list. I felt like I was at a shelter and seeing something that still had life in it needing a home. I mean a perfectly healthy philodendron plant for \$1.99 that simply needed to be watered and a few leaves clipped! Healthy bouquets that still had buds marked down as low as 99 cents. *Are you kidding me?* I felt like they needed me. In fact, these plants and flowers were lucky that I happened upon them that day because God knows what would have happened to them.

So maybe I did not *need* them, but they needed me. Yes, that is what I'll tell myself. I was quite frankly appalled (and thrilled) at the prices some of these perfectly healthy plants were going for. I was offended *for* them. They just needed a little nip and tuck here and there; some of them really only needed a little under eye cream and some mascara.

We've all seen the discount plants that really



Photos provided by Megan Rathz
(Top) A total of \$3.96 was spent on these bouquets. All of which were found in the land of misfits at the local supermarket. (Above) My personal table of misfits.

should be put out of their misery and probably the most humane thing would be to euthanize them. Sometimes it's best to just do it quickly and not have them suffer, but this was not the case with this lot of misfits. They just had not quite found their lunch table and niche, but still had a lot left

to offer and would make for a nice friend. I have always had a softness and fondness for people that help the vulnerable and most innocent. I have a soft spot for second chances. I know plants are not human beings, but I think that like a lot of people, they deserve a second chance and

not to be thrown away. Nature is speaking to us. It is affording us the opportunity to provide second chances to unassuming misfits. Are you listening? *Megan Rathz is a wife, mother and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

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ADAMS

The local North Adams Club was founded in 1938 and is part and parcel of that original effort as set forth in the Smith-Lever Act. It is a tribute to the strong support of the Hamilton County Extension Service and the strong perseverance of spirit from the local members still fulfills its original mandate.

The Sheridan Historical Society was pleased to welcome the North Adams Club to the Museum for the meeting. The Museum has space for meetings, including limited kitchen space, and we welcome groups who need

a location for a meeting. If you would like further information about our facility, please call us at (317) 758-5054, or come by the Museum and talk with us. We are located at 315 S. Main St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County. We are open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m., and on the second and fourth Saturday afternoons of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

Steve Martin serves as the Vice President of the Sheridan Historical Society. He can be reached at shmartin1@comcast.net.

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Noblesville Lions celebrate Pi Day by delivering pies



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club
Tuesday, March 14 was delivery day for the Noblesville Lions fundraising event. For weeks prior, the Lions were busy selling orders for these pies. Pi (π) is a Greek symbol and a mathematical constant, as its value does not change. The approximate value of pi is 3.14 and is found by dividing the circumference of a circle by its diameter. The Lions thank White River Christian Church for the use of its facility to unload, sort, and deliver the pies. (Above) Lions George Long (Chairman), Mark Bachar, Steve Shaw, Joe Arrowood, and Jim Harger.

SPRING

Feltner, along with Earthly Endearments owners Shannon and Steve Plumer told The Reporter they were very grateful for the special Nickel Plate trip to Atlanta on Saturday, saying they absolutely love the train and how great it has been for their business and Atlanta.

“We are super appreciative to have the train back in Atlanta and have people supporting us,” Shannon Plumer said.



Reporter photos by Stu Clappitt
Author Janet Hart Leonard’s booth was popular during the event’s entirety.



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- View demonstrations on processing *Chenopodium* and other previously domesticated plants
- Observe clay pot cooking and learn about the technology involved in making clay cooking vessels

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Renewed focus on civics & math

There was a lot on the agenda in this month's work session for the Noblesville School Board.

The Noblesville school leadership team updated the board on topics that included SMART goals, winter NWEA growth and achievement, reduction in the number of standards by the Indiana Department of Education, as well as program updates on math, literacy, social studies, and science.

Then the chief financial officer gave a business update and outlined the current Project Lead The Way construction plan, as well as showing an alternate plan for expansion to Noblesville High School. I will discuss my thoughts on a couple of the above-mentioned agenda items in a future column, but for now, I will speak in more detail about the upcoming civics class and the math curriculum.



Civics education is back thanks to a bill authored by Representative Tony Cook in 2021. Civics is to be taught in the second semester of sixth grade beginning this year. The Indiana Department of Education has developed the standards for the course, and they are extensive.

Elements for discussion lead the student to understand the difference between Direct Democracy, Representative Democracy, and a previous version of a Bill of Rights. The students will then focus on the ideas of constitutional government, in particular our federal and state constitutions. The function of government will be studied as well as the rights and duties of citizens in society.

This is a welcome and long-needed return to the education of our kids. As a naturalized citizen, the study of civics has been of keen interest to me.

Our children must learn what makes our form of government work and how they can participate in it.

Now on to math. Noblesville Schools is in the process of reviewing options for the new Math Program. The program levels are divided between K-5 and 6-Algebra II. There were four options given for curricular material for the program levels. Parents were emailed a survey to fill out which included links to the curricular materials. The options given were Bridges in Mathematics from The Learning Center, Eureka Math Squared from Great Minds, Everyday Mathematics from McGraw Hill, and Reveal Mathematics from McGraw Hill.

I hope that the options for the math curriculum were given thorough scrutiny. My hope is based on two crucial thoughts on the importance of a sound math education.

First, a good understanding of math principles is required for almost everything we do and use daily. Whether it be in finance, manufacturing, engineering, insurance, and yes, teaching, there are few areas where a good understanding of math is not used.

Second, math is universal. My belief in this comes from personal experience. As an immigrant who came here in third grade, I did not do well in English whether that was reading or writing. What I did do well in was math. Mathematics is the same whether you learn it in the U.S. or Cuba, the country of my birth. The same holds for whether you learn math in Europe, Asia, or anywhere else.

If just for those two reasons alone, math should be taught in its purest form. Other subject areas can be open to discussion and interpretation, but mathematics is objective. Let's hope that the survey results indicate Noblesville parents chose a new math program that contains objective exercises and examples free from bias and ideology.

CPD suspects he is a burglar. We suspect you can identify him.



Photo provided by Carmel PD

The Carmel Police Department (CPD) is investigating a residential burglary in the 14100 block of Helen Drive in Carmel that occurred on Tuesday, March 7. As part of the investigation, CPD is attempting to identify the individual pictured. If you have any information regarding the identity of this person or this incident, please call Detective Carter at (317) 571-2530, or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 23-16876.

Women need to take special care of their health

"Sometimes it's hard to be a woman ..."
— Tammy Wynette

I will abstain from adding the rest of the lyrics to "Stand By Your Man," and not that I am a big Tammy fan, but these lyrics came to me as I was recalling that 1) it IS Women's History Month and 2) women often are overlooked by the health care industry in diagnosing and treating their health issues. Primarily this occurs with women let's say 60 plus for a reference point.

Personally, I have experienced that gender bias does indeed occur in health care. Additionally, for both women and men there is, in my opinion, an age bias as well. That's another column! So, if you are a "woman



of a certain age" you may be very aware of that which I write.

One in five women say they have felt that a health care provider has ignored or dismissed their symptoms, and 17 percent say they feel they have been treated differently because of their gender – compared with 6 percent of men, respectively. Studies show that women's perceptions of gender bias are correct. Compared with male patients, women who present with the same condition may not receive the same evidence-based care. In several cases, such as cardiac care and pain management, women may get different treatment, leading to poorer outcomes.¹

As March is Women's His-

tory Month, I believe this topic is one in which everyone should be interested. If you are a woman, have a mother, sister, spouse, daughter, or female friend, you should be aware that the health care provided for these women may not be the optimum situation and should be monitored and researched. Advocacy is paramount for everyone who is in the midst of a health care issue or crisis.

If you feel like your physician isn't giving you adequate time or answers, seek a second opinion or ask them to refer you to a specialist. If you disagree with your physician, say so. Keep a log or journal and share your concerns to see if the two of you can brainstorm options. You know your body best; if something bothers you speak up for yourself and share everything with a close family member. This would certainly apply to anyone, but in particular women should not be reticent about speaking up to find answers to their questions.

As women we spend a lot of mental, emotional, and physical energy caring for others, which includes our pets (guilty here!) but remember in order to do so we must take care of ourselves and get the best health care and support possible. Stand up, speak up, and be heard!

¹ [Physicians.Dukehealth.org](https://www.physicians.dukehealth.org)
Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Fishers Century Club reaches \$20,000 giving milestone

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club has announced that it has surpassed \$20,000 in donations to other local charities in less than two years since its formation.

The group, which started in June 2021, is made up of a collection of men from the Fishers area who meet quarterly and each pledge to give \$100 to a selected charity that is presented by other members at the meetings.

Previous winners of the group members' quarterly 501(c)(3) donations include Juvenile Justice Mentoring, Helping Challenged Children, A Kid Again, The Cooper House, Kammy's Kause, M.A.S.H. Ministries, and HSE Young Life. The donations have ranged from \$2,100 to \$4,400 depending on the quarterly meeting attendance. Meetings are typically held on a Tuesday in March, June, September, and December.

"The Cooper House greatly appreciated the support we received from the Fishers Century Club," said Kyle Howe, Co-Founder and President of The Cooper House. "It's fantastic to see a group of guys come together to learn about local charity groups and vote to support them. The support we received helped our organization continue its service of providing a safe and secure home environment for foster children to meet with their families."

The Fishers Century Club's next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21 at the auditorium at Launch Fishers. Complimentary beverages are provided for attendees.

"Our attendees are committed to making a difference in our community, and we're thrilled to have reached this significant giving milestone in such a short



Photo provided by Fishers Century Club

The Cooper House was the recipient of a \$4,400 donation in April 2022.

time," said Adam Kallick, founding member of the Fishers Century Club. "We hope to continue making a tangible difference while also be exposed to several deserving organizations in the area. Additionally, the benefit of meeting others and networking with other guys in the community is a plus."

The Fishers Century Club's success is a testament to the power of numbers coming together. Through its efforts, the group has helped strengthen and support local nonprofits, and has made a real impact to organizations that are doing great work in the community. Attendees are encouraged to bring a charity idea.

"We're incredibly proud of our accomplishments so far, but we know there's still so many more charities to learn about and support," said regular attendee and Fishers resident Paul Hevesy. "We're excited to continue spreading the word to build a larger group of guys where we eventually



hit 100 guys giving \$100 per quarter, for an impact of \$10,000 to a local charity every meeting, how great would that be! I encourage guys in Fishers and the surrounding area to come hear about local organizations and join us."

For more information about the Fishers Century Club, including how to get involved or participate, even if unable to attend, visit FishersCenturyClub.com.

About the Fishers Century Club

Fishers Century Club is an organized group of guys that was founded by a local

4-H Junior Leaders invite you to annual Easter Egg Hunts

The REPORTER

Come join the fun at the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, March 20. The hunt will be held at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Youth aged 8 and under are invited to hunt for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Please bring your own basket. Egg hunt for ages 2 and under will begin at 6:05 p.m.; ages 3 to

5 begins at 6:10 p.m.; and ages 6 to 8 begins at 6:15 p.m.

Farm animals will be available for petting and photos. The Easter Egg Hunt is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders. For more information about Junior Leaders or the 4-H Program in Hamilton County, please call (317) 776-0854, or visit extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton.

Seven local students make Dean's List at Baylor University

The REPORTER

More than 5,100 Baylor University students have been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's Academic Honor List, which recognizes Baylor undergraduates for their outstanding academic work during each semester.

Students honored on the Dean's List earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

Locally, seven students from Hamilton County made the list:

1. Kaleigh Delbridge,

Westfield, College of Arts & Sciences

2. Brynn Eaton, Noblesville, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work

3. Abby Kemper, Westfield, Hankamer School of Business

4. Rachael Kenny, Fishers, Robbins College of Health & Human Services

5. Daniel Rhoad, Carmel, Hankamer School of Business

6. Caroline West, Carmel, College of Arts of Sciences

7. Drew Wrightson, Carmel, Robbins College of Health & Human Services

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Letter to the Editor

School librarian calls for defeat of Senate Bill 12

Dear Editor:

Indiana's educators and school librarians need your help in defeating [Senate Bill 12](#). This legislation would make it a Level 6 felony for educators and school librarians to commit an offense that could result in up to 2.5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

This bill has already passed in the State Senate and will soon be heard in the House. I urge you to contact your Representative and express your concerns about this bill.

Educators and school librarians are devoted to serving their students, staff, and communities, often working countless, underpaid, and unappreciated hours. They share several essential objectives, including motivating students to learn, assisting them in understanding, providing access to knowledge, encouraging curiosity, and supporting literacy skills. All professional educators and school librarians possess at least a bachelor's degree focusing on child development, teaching methods, and their subject area. Many have a master's degree with additional focus.

Nevertheless, many bills and politicians question our professionalism, despite not having education expertise or experience, even in the midst of a state and national teacher shortage.

Although the "Material harmful to minors" bill sounds reasonable, it is alarmingly vague about who decides if these materials are "harmful" and what constitutes "harmful." Many school districts, including mine, have established guidelines for material selection and challenging. We have a procedure for people to fill out a

form to challenge materials, after which a committee is formed to investigate the complaint.

As a school librarian, I consult various professional sources when making collection development decisions, such as library journals, professional evaluations, and age recommendations. I also take into account standards, curriculum needs, teacher and student requests, circulation statistics, and current collection items.

The students I serve come from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, family make-ups, and cultures. Numerous researchers, such as Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop, have demonstrated that children feel more included and motivated to read when they see people who look or think like them reflected in literature. Furthermore, children develop more empathy when reading about people different from themselves. The bill also mentions putting information about books online, but most libraries already have online, public catalogs, including many school libraries. Thus, this bill changes little in current practice except for classifying educators and school librarians as felons.

I wholeheartedly support and encourage parents and guardians in guiding their children in their reading choices. However, I do not support one set of values and beliefs being used to censor materials for all.

As a Hoosier educator of 13 years and a mother to two Hoosier students, I implore you to join us in opposing Senate Bill 12.

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Westfield Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter dances will be “Out of this World” by Agatha Christie

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Westfield Welcome announces the return of the Mother-Son Dance and Daddy-Daughter Dance presented by Wittler Orthodontics. These dances, which have become an annual tradition for many families, will occur at The Bridgewater Club on Saturday, April 29.

This year's dance theme is “Out of this World.” The dances include a professional DJ, tasty snacks, themed crafts, and activities on the lawn. There will also be the chance to take portraits with a professional photographer to capture the memories. The event's highlight is the Mom dance-off and the Daddy dance-off, which awards the respective winner a one-of-a-kind trophy.

“It's such a special event;

we love seeing all the families that come out, and the memories made,” Westfield Welcome Director Kayla Arnold said. “We welcome families to join regardless of traditional event names.”

The Mother-Son dance takes place from 2 to 4 p.m., and the Daddy-Daughter dance will have an afternoon session from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and an evening session from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and each person attending will need a ticket. The event is recommended for ages 3 to 10; however, all ages are welcome.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. this morning, March 15. There are limited tickets available, and each session typically sells out. To purchase tickets, visit westfield-welcome.ticketleap.com.



About Westfield Welcome

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses, and visitors. As a

department of the City of Westfield, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 25 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities yearly.

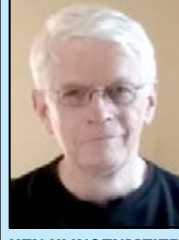
Ken Ludwig's 2017 stage adaptation of Agatha Christie's much-produced (with film, radio, and television versions) sleuth-story finds its way to the Studio Theatre stage at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Produced by Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, the production is ably directed by John Michael Goodson.

Many of us have seen one version or another on the Hercule Poirot mystery, which takes place on the luxurious Orient Express train line between Istanbul and Calais. The stage version requires, among other facets, a very special set design which includes several different cars on the train, and this is neatly accomplished by the imaginative crafting of Ryan Koharchik.

Veteran actor Eric Reiberg takes the role of Poirot and does an admirable job with the famous detective, managing the part with a good command of the stage and the story arc. Working alongside Rex Wolfley as Monsieur Bouc, the head of the train company, the two men do a fine job setting up all the complications therein.

Passengers (and thus suspects) are played by a talented group of actors. From the outgoing Mrs. Helen Hubbard (offered by Sherra Lasley), to the thuggish Samuel Ratchett (a quiet-speaking Lee Russell), Ms. Christie's cast of characters make for a rather interesting set of portrayals for a cast to

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tackle. Standouts include Ms. Lasley's high-octane depiction which offers the most fun moments, Clay Mabbitt's intense Col. Arbutnot, Susan Hill's royal Princess Dragomiroff, and Evangeline

Bouw's lovely Countess Andrenyl. Lauren Frank (as Mary Debenham), Luke Faser (Hector McQueen), Ronald May (conductor Michel) and Alexis Koshenina (Greta Ohlsson) all make solid contributions as pieces of the mystery puzzle.

Well-costumed by Adrienne Conces, the entire cast looks great as they unfurl the tale of vengeful murder. This is a piece-by-piece mystery story and the company does a great job keeping things orderly in their story-telling.

Bottom line: Civic's production of *Murder on the Orient Express* is an enjoyable entertainment, filled with plenty of good moments that please the audience, although I feel that the show I attended had a rather slowish pace mixed with an uneven tempo. This likely was the product of it being the final show of an extra-long week, what with final rehearsals and a full weekend of shows.

Murder on the Orient Express continues at the Studio Theatre through March 25. Tickets are available by calling the box office at (317) 843-3800 or by going online to CivicTheatre.org.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

F.C. Tucker Noblesville realtors honored for 2022 accomplishments

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Several F.C. Tucker Company central Indiana sales associates from the Noblesville office were honored at F.C. Tucker Company's annual awards banquet in Indianapolis.

Dani Robinson has received four awards:

- Associate of the Year, without Licensed Team

Member

- Leading Sales Producer, without Licensed Team Member

- Indianapolis Top 10, without Licensed Team Member

- Platinum Producer

Christian Travis has received four awards:

- Rising Star, Units Winner

- Rising Star, Volume Winner

- Executive Club, first-time member

- President's Club, first-time member

Derek Manis has received three awards:

- Indianapolis Top 10, without Licensed Team Member

- Marketing Excellence: Buyers Represented, without Licensed Team Member

- Platinum Producer

Lisa Aerne & Associates has received two awards:

- Leading Sales Producer, with Licensed Team Member

- Platinum Producer

Craig Bowen has received two awards:

- Indianapolis Top 10, without Licensed Team Member

- Platinum Producer

Kurt Meyer has received two awards:

- Indianapolis Top 10, without Licensed Team Member

- Platinum Producer

- Andy Liechty and Associates

- The Deakyne Team

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- Daimon Buck

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President's Club, First-Time Member:

- Mandy Arnold

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2023 Municipal Primary Election Candidates

NOBLESVILLE

Noblesville Mayor (vote for 1)

Chris Jensen – R

Noblesville Clerk (vote for 1)

Evelyn L. Lees – R

Noblesville Judge City Court (vote for 1)

Matt Cook – R

Noblesville Common Council District 1 (vote for 1)

Mike Davis – R

Noblesville Common Council District 2 (vote for 1)

Todd Thurston – R

Noblesville Common Council District 3 (vote for 1)

Aaron Smith – R

Noblesville Common Council District 4 (vote for 1)

Mark W Boice – R

Noblesville Common Council District 5 (vote for 1)

Dave Johnson – R

Rocky Shanehsaz – R

Noblesville Common Council District 6 (vote for 1)

Megan G. Wiles – R

Noblesville Common Council District At-Large (vote for 3)

Darren Peterson – R

Mike Field – R

Nick Gomillion – R

Pete Schwartz – R

Paula Jo Gilliam – D

Evan Elliott – R

WESTFIELD

Westfield Mayor (vote for 1)

Scott Willis – R

Kristen Burkman – R

Jake Gilbert – R

Westfield Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)

Marla Ailor – R

Tonya F. Hyatt – R

Westfield City Council District 1 (vote for 1)

Jon Dartt – R

Mark F. Keen – R

Westfield City Council District 2 (vote for 1)

Victor McCarty – R

Andrew Bouse – R

Westfield City Council District 3 (vote for 1)

Joe Duepner – R

Justin C Griffiths – R

Westfield City Council District 4 (vote for 1)

Patrick T. Tamm – R

Alexis Lowry – D

Scott Frei – R

Westfield City Council District 5 (vote for 1)

Noah Herron – R

Mike Johns – R

Westfield City Council At-Large (vote for 2)

Kurt J. Wanning – R

Chad Huff – R

Brian Tomamichel – R

Gary Lane – D

ARCADIA

Arcadia Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)

Jennifer S. Pickett – R

Arcadia Town Council District 1 (vote for 1)

Rich Versprille – R

ATLANTA

Atlanta Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)

Jennifer Farley – R

Atlanta Town Council District 2 (vote for 1)

Jody Price – D

Timothy Johnson – R

Atlanta Town Council District 3 (vote for 1)

Pam VanHook – R

CARMEL

Carmel Mayor (vote for 1)

Kevin Woody Rider – R

Sue Finkam – R

Miles Nelson – D

Fred Glynn – R

Carmel Clerk (vote for 1)

Jacob W. Quinn – R

Carmel Judge City Court (vote for 1)

Brian G Poindexter – R

Carmel City Council District Northwest (vote for 1)

Sheldon Barnes – R

Danny Niederberger – R

Ryan Locke – R

Carmel City Council District North Central (vote for 1)

Leah York – R

Teresa Ayers – R

Chuck Ford – R

Courtney Culver – D

Carmel City Council District South Central (vote for 1)

Anthony (Tony) Green – R

Jessica Irvine – D

Carmel City Council District Northeast (vote for 1)

Jason Engle – R

Shannon Minnaar – R

Carmel City Council District Southeast (vote for 1)

Adam Aasen – R

Jeremy Eltz – D

Carmel City Council District West (vote for 1)

Ven Tadikonda – R

Loren Matthes – R

Anita Joshi – D

Carmel City Council At-Large (vote for 3)

Jake Madore – D

Rich Taylor – R

Matthew J. Snyder – R

Jeff Worrell – R

Sara Draper – D

Jonathan K. Blake – R

CICERO

Cicero Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)

Rhonda Gary – R

Cicero Town Council District 1 (vote for 1)

Dennis D Johnson – R

Cicero Town Council District 2 (vote for 1)

Chad M. Blueher – R

Emily K Pearson – R

Cicero Town Council District 3 (vote for 1)

Christopher J. Lutz – R

SHERIDAN

Sheridan Clerk Treasurer (vote for 1)

Elizabeth (Liz) A Walden – R

Sheridan Town Council District 1 (vote for 1)

David W. Kinkead – R

Cleova M. Brown – R

John A. Brandenburg – R

Sheridan Town Council District 2 (vote for 1)

Silas DeVaney III – R

FISHERS

Fishers Mayor (vote for 1)

Scott Fadness – R

Fishers Clerk (vote for 1)

Jennifer L. Kehl – R

Rachel Segars – R

Janet Pritchett – D

Fishers Judge City Court (vote for 1)

Daniel E. Henke – R

Fishers City Council District SE (vote for 1)

Pete Peterson – R

Fishers City Council District NW (vote for 1)

Selina Stoller – R

Bill McLellan – D

Fishers City Council District NC (vote for 1)

John P. DeLucia – R

Crystal Neumann – D

Fishers City Council District SC (vote for 1)

John W. Weingardt – R

Lane Skeeters – D

Fishers City Council District SW (vote for 1)

David Giffel – R

Bill Stuart – D

Fishers City Council District NE (vote for 1)

Brad DeReamer – R

Samantha R. Chapman – D

Fishers City Council At-Large (vote for 3)

Tiffanie Ditlevson – R

Cecilia Coble – R

Todd Zimmerman – R

Howard Stevenson – D

Jocelyn Vare – D

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This week at Feinstein's: experience laughs & tunes with ComedySportz & Rock 'n Radio

Submitted

It's a week to interact and sing along with the talent coming to Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael. After you've worked all week, you'll want some laughs to lead you into the weekend. ComedySportz is

team competitive improvisation which is fun for everyone; think *Whose Line is it Anyway?* with a sporting twist. Two teams of players compete for laughs, points, and, of course, the trophy. The referee keeps the match moving, gets sug-

gestions from the audience, and calls any fouls that may occur on the playing field. This show is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16. Come for dinner and beverages at 5:30 p.m., then stick around for the laughs.

Meet Scott Coulter, Alex Getlin, and John Boswell as they perform Rock 'n Radio: Music's Greatest Hits at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 17 and 18. Get ready to rock and roll down mem-

ory lane with an evening of music and memories straight from the radio featuring the biggest pop songs of all time with a special nod to music legends from Ireland – a chance to celebrate the fact that it's St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Groove along to over eight decades of chart-topping hits from the greatest names in music history – Aretha Franklin, The Beatles, Whitney Houston, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Carole King, Lady Gaga, Elton John, George Michael and Adele, plus Irish icons U2, Sinéad O'Connor, Van Morrison, and Chris DeBurgh, just to name a few.

Coulter is one of New York's most honored vocalists. He's received five MAC Awards, five Bistro Awards and two Nightlife Awards for Outstanding Vocalist. He's performed at most of NYC's top rooms: Birdland, 54 Below, and Feinstein's at The Regency. His self-titled debut CD won the 2003 MAC Award for Outstanding Recording and was chosen as the best recording of the year by *TheatreMania* and *Cabaret Scenes* magazines.

Getlin is a New York-based singer and actress

whose voice can "melt stone" (Ben Brantley, *The New York Times*). She made her Carnegie Hall debut with Michael Feinstein in *Hooray for Hollywood*. A native New Yorker, she performs around the country in concert with Spot-On Entertainment's *Bette, Babs & Beyond, A Star is Born: The Concert* and more. In 2017, Getlin made her symphonic debut with the Pasadena Pops under the baton of Michael Feinstein in *Broadway: The Golden Age* where she starred alongside Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey.

As pianist, Boswell has served as musical director for Judy Collins, Andy Williams, Bob Newhart, Babbie Green and a host of other fine talents. Boswell played the role of Moose in the national tour of *Crazy For You* and has appeared on *The Tonight Show*, *Today*, *CBS This Morning*, *General Hospital* and was the piano playing hands of Nancy McKeon on the sitcom *The Facts of Life*.

Plan to attend these performances while also experiencing a fabulous meal and signature drinks. Get your tickets and more information at FeinsteinsHC.com.



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Obituaries

Don Roark
July 6, 1955 – March 2, 2023

Don Roark, 67, Cicero, died March 2, 2023, at his residence. He was born in Pineville, Ky., on July 6, 1955, to Earl and Pauline (Wilson) Roark.

Don was a chef, where he cooked at several different restaurants over time. He had lived in the central Indiana towns of Indianapolis, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta, and Tipton. Don was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, enjoying his Sunday afternoon watching the game. He also traveled to the casino in his spare time to try his luck. Music was a past time that interested Don. He enjoyed listening to the new and old songs alike.

Survivors include his children, Veronica Immel and spouse Don Cutshaw, Donald Hart, Jamie Fulk, and Rachel Hartley. Don has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and was very close to his surviving brother, Jim Roark.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Addison Hart; and siblings, Brenda Roark and Roy Roark.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home with the Rev. Jody Brown presiding. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 p.m. until service time on that Thursday.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Fishers at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 24.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to assist the family with a monument purchase.

Condolences: young-nichols.com

Mary Jane Fox
July 5, 1933 – March 10, 2023

Mary Jane Fox, 89, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on July 5, 1933, to Arthur and Helen (Smith) Brooks in Wabash, Ind.

After staying home to raise her children, Mary worked for the IU School of Dentistry and then American National Bank. After retiring, she enjoyed life and taking care of her husband.

Mary was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and had a very strong devoted faith. She loved to read, especially her Bible. Mary enjoyed being outside, gardening and growing things, riding bicycles, and taking walks in Forest Park and Potter's Bridge. Most of all, her family was the center of her life, and she loved her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her children, Pamela (Jeff) Sherrill, George Fox, Samuel (Sheri) Fox, Teresa Marie (Jeff) Headrick, Margaret (Fred) Gildersleeve, Richard (Vickie) Fox, Joseph (Kiersten) Newby, and Sarah Fox; brother, Dave (Karen) Brooks; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Fox; brother, Tony Brooks; and her sister, Jo Mountain.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

| Meeting Notices | |
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| The Board of School Trustees of the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will meet in an executive session at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023, at the Administration Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville, for the following purpose(s) in accordance with I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: A. To receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and B. To discuss, before a determination, that individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is: (i) a physician; or (ii) a school bus driver. | The Noblesville Common Council Downtown District Committee meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, has been canceled. |
| The Fall Creek Township Board of Finance will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in the Community Room at the Fall Creek Township Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers. | |
| The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at the HCPRA Administration Building, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville. | |

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

Revelation 13:5-8 (NIV)

Doris Ann Vetter

December 28, 1929 – March 12, 2023



Doris Ann Vetter, 93, Fishers, formerly of Columbus, Ind., passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on December 28, 1929, to Sylvester and Susie (Simpson) Kreinbrink in Louisville, Ky.

Doris worked with her husband in their business, Vetter's Magnavox in Columbus. She was a member of Zonta International and Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. Doris enjoyed reading and spending time at the pool with family and friends. She was active in the Bartholomew County Senior Center and collected angel figurines. Most of all, she loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Doris is survived by her children, Jeanette Gumbel, Donna Boeshe, Frank (Susan) Vetter III, and Pam (Karl) Friedline; brother, Don (JoAnn) Kreinbrink; 11 grandchildren, Mathew, Megan, Jenny (Rik), Jason (Laura), Christina, Laura (Larry), Brian, David (Courtney), Scott (Melissa), Heather (Mike), and Sara (John); 14 great-grandchildren, Kayla, Alyssa, Alyssa, Grayson, Brittney, Joe, Coleman, Lucy, Jake, Tyler, Caleb, James, Mia, and Layla; two great-great-grandchildren, Avery and Milo; and her son-in-law, Jim (JoAnna) Gatten.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Vetter Jr.; daughter, Sandy Gatten; sister, Shirley Graff; great-grandson, Zackary; and sons-in-law, Tom Gumbel and Ralph Boesche.

Visitation will be from 4 to 5 p.m., with services at 5 p.m., on Friday, March 17, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Garland Brook Cemetery in Columbus, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (rileykids.org); or Redemption Rescue, Inc. (redemptionrescueinc.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arthur L. Pryor Sr.

September 28, 1949 – March 13, 2023



Arthur L. Pryor Sr., 73, Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023, at his home in Indianapolis. He was born on September 28, 1949, to Jesse Pryor Sr. and Madie (Bowlin) Pryor in Creekmore, Ky.

Art was a songwriter who loved playing his music. He worked in apartment maintenance and upholstery. Art enjoyed fishing and rescuing cats.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Pryor; daughters, Tina (Karl) Moore and Lorie West; son, Arthur (Cybil) Pryor II; seven grandchildren, Lauren Renniker, Brittany Wood, Deanna Konkle, Arthur Pryor III, Joshua Pryor, Isabelle Pryor, and Kat Pryor; and six great-grandchildren, Breana, Addison, Kohen, Ellie, Lucy, and Daemon.

In addition to his parents, Art was preceded in death by his sisters, Pearl, Gracie, Nellie, Cynthia, Barb, Joyce, and Irene; and his brothers, Al, Jesse, Lodie, and Paul.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Tony Pryor will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

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Wilma Jean Foulke

July 7, 1934 – March 12, 2023



Wilma Jean Foulke, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on July 7, 1934, to Ray and Gertrude (Park) Maggart in Arcadia.

Wilma worked as a medical transcriptionist. She enjoyed cross stitch, refinishing furniture, playing the piano and organ at church, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wilma is survived by her children, Gary (Jan) Foulke, Janet (Jim) Beal, Greg (Carol) Foulke, and Kenneth (Nancy Lee) Foulke; grandchildren, Victoria Foulke, Jennifer Foulke, Christine Foulke, Laura Beal (Daymond Nack), Tim Beal, Tom (Robin) Beal, Kevin (Megan) Foulke, Brad Foulke, Matthew Foulke, Michael Foulke, Aaron Lee, and Matt Lee; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Norris L. Foulke; and her sister, Marilyn Chesney.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the funeral home. Rev. Dr. Brooks Barrick will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060 (firstchristiannoblesville.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Joyce Jean (McGee) Kirkpatrick

May 17, 1945 – March 12, 2023



Our family's loving matriarch, Joyce Jean (McGee) Kirkpatrick, gained her true angel wings on March 12, 2023. She spent her last hours surrounded by her whole family whom she loved tremendously.

Joyce's life would seem too short to many, but those of us who were blessed to be touched by her love understand that her existence and the imprint she left on our hearts exceed the quantity of time that she stayed here with us.

Joyce was born to Johnnie and Eileen McGee on May 17, 1945, in Noblesville, and is joining them in the Kingdom of Heaven. She is survived by her younger siblings, and best friends, Diane Geren, Vickie Densham, and Gary McGee. Joyce married and is survived by her husband, John Kirkpatrick, May 22, 1976.

Joyce retired from her many years working for the Department of Education in 2001 to start her most important and joyful years of caring for her grandchildren. The "Best Grandma in the world," spoken by many, was so patient, loving, caring, selfless, and compassionate, helping to raise three daughters, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She maintained an unwavering faith in God as part of the Nazarene Church in Noblesville for 40 years.

Joyce is survived by daughters, Kristina (Brett) Bowman, Erika (Chris) Thomas, and Leslie (JJ) Harris; grandchildren, Kayla (Casey Hunter) Bowman, Tyler (Adeline Agee) Harris, Kendal Bowman, Gage Bowman, Brayden Harris, Elijah Thomas, Allie Harris, and Oliver Thomas; and great-grandchildren, Aria Hunter and Farrah Hunter.

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared." – Exodus 23:20

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Friday, March 17, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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Two Royals earn their spots on Indiana Girls' All-Stars team

The REPORTER
Hamilton Southeastern seniors Olivia Brown and Riley Makalusky are among the 12 players that have been selected to join IndyStar Indiana Miss Basketball Laila Hull of Zionsville for the 2023 IndyStar Indiana Girls' All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced Tuesday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Hull's selection as Miss Basketball was announced Monday. The other players completing the 2023 Indiana Girls' All-Stars, listed alphabetically, are Ashlynn Brooke of Pioneer, Cristen Carter of Ben Davis, Asia Donald of Hobart, Layla Gold of Cathedral, RaShunda Jones of South Bend Washington, McKenna Layden of Northwestern, Karsyn Norman of Bedford North Lawrence, Amiyah Reynolds of South Bend Washington, Saige Stahl of Columbus East and Amber Tretter of Forest Park.

Reynolds is injured and is not expected to play in the games.

The 2023 All-Stars include five players who have been a part of six state championship teams (Tretter with two; Brooke, Jones, Norman and Reynolds with one each), two IHSAA Mental Attitude Award winners (Norman and Tretter), five players who were named IBCA first-team Academic All-State (Carter, Hull, Layden, Norman and Tretter) and one player who was named IBCA honorable mention Academic All-State (Makalusky).

Kristi Ulrich of Penn has been named the head

coach of the 2023 All-Stars. She will be assisted by Bryan Graham of Triton Central and Bob Lapadot of Garrett. Ulrich is 312-50 in 14 seasons at Penn, including the 2016 Class 4A state championship. Graham is 299-65 in 15 seasons at Triton Central. Lapadot is 193-91 in 12 seasons at Garrett.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 7 at a site to be announced. The first game against Kentucky will be June 9 at the Owensboro Sportscenter in Owensboro, Ky. The final game against Kentucky will be June 10 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

All three dates will be doubleheaders with the IndyStar Indiana Boys' All-Stars, whose roster will be announced later. The roster for the Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars were announced March 8. The roster for the Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars will be announced later.

The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year -- June 4 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Jeffersonville High School and June 7 against the Indiana seniors at a site to be announced.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana Boys All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The All-Star senior girls have played Kentucky every year since 1976, except 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The All-Star senior boys have played Kentucky in all but three years since 1940 -- 1943 (World War II), 1944 (World War II) and 2020



Kent Graham / File photos
Hamilton Southeastern seniors Olivia Brown (left) and Riley Makalusky were named selected to the 2023 IndyStar Indiana Girls All-Stars on Tuesday. Makalusky averaged 19.9 points per game for the Royals, while Brown scored 6.9 points, handed out 7.5 assists and collected 5.0 rebounds per game.

(COVID-19 pandemic).

The Indiana Senior girls lead 52-40 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 41-10 in games against the Indiana Junior girls. The Indiana Junior girls lead 10-1 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 103-44 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 41-10 in games against the Indiana Junior boys. The Indiana Junior boys lead 7-4 in their

series with Kentucky.

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

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The Indianapolis Star, with its IndyStar brand, is a title sponsor.

Miss Basketball is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The remainder of the team is finalized by Broughton after observing numerous games and events through-

out the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across the state. Broughton also reviews votes submitted by coaches and media who each could recommend up to 10 players.

Those chosen as 2023 IndyStar Indiana Girls' All-Stars are listed below alphabetically. Hull will wear the traditional No. 1 as Miss Basketball. All other jersey numbers will be assigned later.

| Indiana Girls' All-Stars Team | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------|------|------|----------------|
| Name | School | Height | Pos. | PPG | College Choice |
| Ashlynn Brooke | Pioneer | 5-7 | G | 23.8 | Ball State |
| Olivia Brown | Hamilton Southeastern | 5-7 | G | 6.9 | Akron |
| Cristen Carter | Ben Davis | 6-3 | C | 18.6 | Miami (Ohio) |
| Asia Donald | Hobart | 5-9 | G | 26.7 | Indiana State |
| Layla Gold | Cathedral | 6-0 | G | 21.9 | Valparaiso |
| Laila Hull | Zionsville | 6-1 | F | 23.2 | North Carolina |
| RaShunda Jones | South Bend Washington | 5-8 | G | 19.8 | Purdue |
| McKenna Layden | Northwestern | 6-2 | F | 21.6 | Purdue |
| Riley Makalusky | Hamilton Southeastern | 6-2 | F | 19.9 | Butler |
| Karsyn Norman | Bedford North Lawrence | 5-6 | G | 15.5 | Butler |
| ^ Amiyah Reynolds | South Bend Washington | 6-0 | G | 15.2 | Maryland |
| Saige Stahl | Columbus East | 6-1 | F | 26.0 | Indiana State |
| Amber Tretter | Forest Park | 6-1 | F | 15.8 | Miami (Ohio) |
| Head coach: Kristi Ulrich, Penn | | | | | |
| Assistant coaches: Bryan Graham, Triton Central; Bob Lapadot, Garrett | | | | | |
| ^ injured; unable to play in All-Star games | | | | | |

Key Dates

Sunday, June 4: Indiana Juniors vs. Kentucky Juniors at Jeffersonville (2315 Allison Lane, Jeffersonville) – girls, 2 p.m.; boys, to follow; admission, \$10 per person at the door (adults, school-aged students; pre-school children are free).
Wednesday, June 7 – Junior-Senior All-Star game at TBA (address TBA) – girls, 6 p.m.; boys, to follow; admission, \$10 per person at the door (adults, school-aged students; pre-school children are free).
Friday, June 9: Indiana at Owensboro Sportscenter (1215 Hickman Ave., Owensboro, Ky.) – girls, 5:30 p.m. CDT (6:30 p.m. EDT); boys, to follow, about 7:30 p.m. CDT (8:30 p.m. EDT). Ticket information, TBA.
Saturday, June 10: Futures Games and Indiana vs. Kentucky at Gainbridge Fieldhouse (125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis) – Futures Games, girls, noon; boys, 2 p.m.; Senior girls, 5 p.m.; Senior boys, to follow (about 7:30 p.m.). Tickets go on sale on April 15.

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It's a new track record!

County teams run the show at HCC meet

The REPORTER

If the performances at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference (HCC) indoor track and field are any indication, this season could be a good one for the HCC teams.

The Noblesville girls claimed the team championship at the meet, which took place last Friday at DePauw University. The Millers won four events, including a new meet record for the 4x800 relay. The team finished the race in a time of 9 minutes, 33.36 seconds. Noblesville also got victories in the high jump from Malina Miller and the 4x400 relay.

Hamilton Southeastern placed third with 90 points, behind runner-up Brownsburg's 104 points. The Royals were led by Elizabeth Butler, who set a new record in the 3200 run by clocking in at 10:47.03. Makenzie Loftin claimed the 60 hurdles.

Fishers placed fourth with 74 points. Maya Taylor was a winner in the 60 dash. Westfield had one event winner: The Shamrocks finished first in the distance medley relay.

In the boys meet, the Tigers scored the most team points with 65 points, placing them third. Robert Seay was a winner in the 60 dash.

Westfield placed fourth by scoring 64 points. The Shamrocks had two runner-up finishes: Robert Campbell took second in the high jump, as did Westfield's 4x400 relay. The Shamrocks' 4x800 relay squad placed third, but finished under the old meet record.

Noblesville had two event winners, starting with Will Johnston. He won the pole vault with a best leap of 14 feet, 3 inches, a new meet record. Caden Click was first in the 3200 run. Hamilton Southeastern's Lamine Sall won the long jump.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Noblesville 109, Brownsburg 104, Hamilton Southeastern 90, Fishers 74, Westfield 66, Avon 58, Franklin Central 54, Zionsville 30.

3200 run: 1. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 10:47.03, new meet record, 3. Maggie Powers (HSE) 11:03.89, 4. Nadia Perez (N) 11:05.10, 5. Brooke Lahee (N) 11:15.26, 12. Claire Riebe (F) 12:57.49, 13. Tanvi Pothuri (F) 12:58.36, 14. Ena Durbin (W) 13:34.71, 15. Izzy McCulloch (W) 13:43.06.

60 hurdles – Finals: 1. Makenzie Loftin (HSE) 9.36, 2. Lucy Hauser (W) 9.45, 3. Anna Williams (F) 4. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 10.28, 5. Madison Clary (W) 10.31, 7. Olivia Boe (N) 10.45. Prelims: 10. Sensear Reynolds (HSE) 10.76.

60 dash – Finals: 1. Maya Taylor (F) 7.68, 3. Princess Campbell (W) 7.77, 4. Tobie Fapetu (W) 7.82, 6. Mireya Benjamin (F) 8.00. Prelims: T9. Jocelyn Davis (HSE) 8.09, 11. Mya Baker (N) 8.21, 15. Elle Gilbert (N) 8.67, 16. Samyah Hawkins (HSE) 8.74.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville, 9:33.36, new meet record, 2. Southeastern 9:48.88, 6. Westfield 10:34.23, 8. Fishers 10:59.37.

4x200 relay: 2. Fishers 1:46.63, 4. Westfield 1:48.13, 6. Southeastern 1:50.81, 8. Noblesville 1:53.87.

4000 distance medley relay: 1. Westfield 12:50.80, 2. Noblesville 12:51.91, 5. Southeastern 12:59.22, 7. Fishers 13:44.03.

4x400 relay: 1. Noblesville 4:09.58, 4. Southeastern 4:14.69, 7. Fishers 4:25.13, 8. Westfield 4:26.09.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
(Top left) Hamilton Southeastern's Elizabeth Butler set a new record in the girls 3200 run at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference indoor meet last Friday. (Top right) Noblesville's Caden Click (left) won the boys 3200 run. Also pictured are Noblesville's Asher Propst, and Fishers' Sam Quagliaroli. (Above) Fishers' Maya Taylor (second from right) won the girls 60 dash. Also pictured are Westfield's Princess Campbell Tobie Fapetu (right).

High jump: 1. Malina Miller (N) 5-4, 2. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 5-2, 4. Rylee Hassan (N) 5-0, 5. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 5-0, 6. Julia Syljebeck (W) 4-10, T7. Kenley Johnson (HSE) 4-8, 10. Amiyah Ballard (W) 4-8, T11. Hannah Samson (F) 4-6.

Pole vault: 2. Delaney Tichenor (N) 11-3, 3. Riley Williams (HSE) 11-3, 4. Laina Lilje (N) 10-9, 7. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 9-9, T9. Savannah Strange (F) 8-9, 11. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 8-9, 13. Ruby Schnitzius (F) 8-3.

Long jump: 2. Jurnee Hall (F) 16-0, 3. Loftin (HSE) 15-11, 4. Gilbert (N) 15-7.75, 5. Williams (F) 15-6, 6. Rotimi Aluko (HSE) 15-5.75, 8. Baker (N) 15-0.5, 9. Ballard (W) 14-7.75, 13. Syljebeck (W) 13-11.

Shot put: 2. Macey Miller (F) 36-11.5, 3. Hannah Alexander (N) 34-9.5, 9. Jada Henson (W) 30-6.5, 10. Katie Wooden (HSE) 30-3.5, 12. Daley Rhodes (F) 30-1, 13. Elaina Constantine (HSE) 29-6, 15. Alana Halsted (W) 28-4.5, 16. Maya McDonald (N) 26-5.5.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Brownsburg 127.5, Zionsville 106, Fishers 65, Westfield 64, Noblesville 60, Franklin

Central 58.5, Avon 54, Hamilton Southeastern 48.

3200 run: 1. Caden Click (N) 9:23.33, 3. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:25.70, 4. Asher Propst (N) 9:31.94, 5. Tate Meaux (F) 9:32.86, 7. Jack Loiselle (W) 9:53.05, 11. Matt Hemmerling (HSE) 10:02.87, 12. Owen Mohler (W) 10:06.39, 14. Joe Augustine (HSE) 10:21.34.

60 hurdles – Finals: 4. Clayton Allen (HSE) 8.85, 7. Jack Huisden (W) 9.03. Prelims: 10. CJ Jarosinski (HSE) 9.10, 11. Angel Wilson (N) 10.06, 12. Nicholas Obuch (N) 10.60, 13. Braxton Terry (W) 10.64, 14. Rowen McGee (F) 11.79.

60 dash – Finals: 1. Robert Seay (F) 6.92, 7. Dylan Walker (W) 7.14, 8. Christ Degni (N) 7.20. Prelims: T9. Fishers 7.26, 11. Ben Kern (N) 7.30, 12. Jalen Alexander (HSE) 7.32, 14. Cade Parker (W) 7.34, 15. Xavier Dokes (HSE) 7.40.

4x800 relay: 3. Westfield 8:01.72, under old meet record, 4. Noblesville 8:11.22, 7. Southeastern 8:29.76, 8. Fishers 8:31.93.

4x200 relay: 3. Westfield 1:33.04, 5. Noblesville 1:33.94, 6. Fishers 1:35.16.

4000 distance medley relay:

3. Fishers 10:51.26, 5. Noblesville 10:57.57, 7. Westfield 11:14.97, 8. Southeastern 11:18.66.

4x400 relay: 2. Westfield 3:29.94, 3. Fishers 3:30.10, 5. Noblesville 3:34.57, 8. Southeastern 3:42.53.

High jump: 2. Robert Campbell (W) 6-2, 3. Blake Braden (HSE) 6-0, 6. Rowan Hall (HSE) 5-8, 7. Myles Stringer (F) 5-8, 13. Gavin Stone (W) 5-6.

Pole vault: 1. Will Johnston (N) 14-3, new meet record, 3. Alex Wilson (W) 13-0, 5. Connor Langsford (HSE) 12-0, 7. Colin Swain (F) 11-0, 8. Josh Payton (F) 10-0.

Long jump: 1. Lamine Sall (HSE) 21-7, 3. Silas Newton (HSE) 21-3.5, 7. Joe Syrus (F) 20-2.75, 10. Robert Campbell (W) 18-11.5, 11. Ryder Birk (W) 18-2, 13. William Christ (N) 17-0, 14. Denkota Fletcher (F) 17-0, 16. Henry Reno (N) 16-2.75.

Shot put: 4. Joel Gates (F) 48-9.5, 5. Alexander Boothby (HSE) 46-7, 7. Josiah Bird (HSE) 44-11, 8. Daniel Armstrong (F) 43-4, 11. William Goodvine (W) 42-9, 14. James Kuhlman (N) 39-2, 15. Sam Setmeyer (N) 33-5.

Carmel girls basketball coach Erin Trimpe resigns

The REPORTER

Erin Trimpe has resigned as head coach of the Carmel girls basketball team.

Trimpe became coach of the Greyhounds 2019-

20, and had three consecutive 15-win seasons. She coached Indiana All-Star Kate Clarke, who graduated in 2022. Overall, Trimpe finished her Carmel tenure with a 49-42 record.



IMS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana partner to recruit 500 Bigs by Indy 500

The REPORTER

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI), in partnership with Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS), officially announced March 14 a volunteer campaign to recruit "500 Bigs by the Indy 500."

BBBSCI launched its "500 Bigs by the Indy 500" campaign March 1, which shares the urgency and demand for more mentors needed in our community. With only 75 days to go until the 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and more than 1,400 young people in Central Indiana waiting for mentors, BBBSCI and IMS are working together to recruit 500 potential "Bigs" from March 1 through May 28, the day of the Indy 500.

"IMS believes wholeheartedly in the benefits of connection, growth and understanding between a mentor and mentee," said Penske Entertainment Senior Vice President Allison Melangton. "Through this partnership, we hope to recruit enough mentors to get the waiting list down to zero."

"Our hope is that more people will realize how rewarding it is to be there as a mentor for a young person – to encourage them, connect them to opportunities and benefit from knowing them," says Darcey Palmer-Shultz, CEO of BBBSCI. "It is no small thing that, while they are gearing up for Indy 500 season, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is doing just as much to give back to our community. When we shared the need,

there was no hesitation to help – and we are grateful and excited to make a difference together over these months."

Being a mentor, or "Big," through BBBSCI requires a one-year commitment to be matched with a mentee, or "Little." Bigs and Littles meet four to six hours per month, and together, they enjoy activities provided by BBBSCI and their partners or find activities within their community. To learn more about becoming a Big, visit BeBigForKids.org/volunteer.

Since the campaign launched, BBBSCI and IMS have recruited more than 70 potential volunteer mentors. To learn more about BBBSCI and the 500 Bigs by the Indy 500 campaign, visit BeBigForKids.org/500by500.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana is based in Indianapolis and serves youth and families who reside in Marion, Hamilton, and Johnson counties through one-to-one mentoring relationships with adult volunteers. The Big Brothers Big Sisters vision is that all youth achieve their full potential. To fulfill that vision, the mission of BBBSCI is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. This year, BBBSCI will defend the potential of local youth through 1,200+ mentoring relationships. To volunteer, donate, or for more information, visit BeBigForKids.org or call (317) 921-2201.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.
Carmel at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

GIRLS LACROSSE

Carmel at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 7:15 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Park Tudor, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

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