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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Mostly cloudy.  
Spotty showers.

Tonight: Scattered showers.  
Storms possible.

HIGH: 57 LOW: 52



# Superman retires from County Sheriff's Office



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office / Twitter

**Congratulations to Deputy Alex "Superman" Petty as he retires from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (his *Daily Planet*) after 30 years of service. Throughout his career, Deputy Petty has made a positive impact on the Hamilton County community. Thank you for your faithful service and well wishes on your retirement!**

# Health care transparency & clarity is paramount

In 2022, the General Assembly enacted SEA 239. This is an important advancement in eliminating deceptive or confusing information regarding health care professionals provided in advertising, marketing, and promotional materials. The new statute addresses the conveying of specific professional skills, training, expertise, educational degrees, board certification, and licensure. Clarity and transparency for the public are important.

The legislation also prohibits the use of medical specialty designations that should be reserved for physicians such as endocrinologist, cardiologist, or rheumatologist. Non-physician use of these terms can lead patients to assume the provider is a physician.

Not uncommonly when my patients are seen, for example, at a specialist's office or urgent care clinic, they return to my office confused about specifically who provided their care. Was he or she an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN or nurse practitioner), a physician assistant (PA), or a physician? Everyone looks very much the same in the clinical setting.

**COLUMNIST**



**RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.**  
*State of Our Health*

# After 42 years in public service, Westfield Washington Township's Kim Daniels to retire

**The REPORTER**

Westfield Washington Township announced Monday that after 42 years in public service, Kim Daniels will retire.

Daniels was a teacher for four years prior to becoming a police officer. She retired from the Westfield Police Department in 2019 after a total of 35 years of service as a patrol officer and school resource officer and went on to serve as Westfield Washington Township's investigator for the past four years.

"Kim has devoted most of her life to serving our community whether it's through teaching, public safety, school safety or helping meet the needs of residents struggling with insecurities," Westfield Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan said. "Kim has an enormously caring heart and we are so grateful that she has spent so much time serving our friends and neighbors here in Westfield. We wish her all the best in her retirement."

In her time as Township Investigator, Daniels helped hundreds of residents by providing basic needs like food, clothing, shelter, medical, essential utility supplies, and household supplies.

"I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve this community for so many years," Daniels said. "I have encountered some extraordinary people throughout my career, and they will always hold a special place in my heart."



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**Kim Daniels' last day at the Township will be Friday, March 24. If you'd like to reach out to her and wish her well, you can email her at [kim@wwtownship.us](mailto:kim@wwtownship.us).**

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# Easter festivities on the farm

**The REPORTER**

Eggs-tra, Eggs-tra! Noblesville First United Methodist Church will welcome everyone in the community for the annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 8 at Teter Retreat & Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville.

This free event features games, crafts, inflatables, and three egg hunt fields for different age groups, amid the natural spring beauty of Teter Retreat & Farm.

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# Carmel business executive recognized among top 30 woman entrepreneurs

*Enterprising Women magazine names Sue Finkam, founder & CEO of Fire Starter LLC, among Champions of Class of 2023*

**The REPORTER**

Sue Finkam, founder and CEO of Carmel-based marketing agency **FireStarter LLC**, is being honored by the Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual celebration of the world's top women entrepreneurs across all fields and industries. She is one of 30 women and the only one from Indiana to be named to *Enterprising Women* magazine's list of Champions of the Class of 2023.

"It is an honor to be recognized among *Enterprising Women*'s 2023 Champions," Finkam said. "This award means a great deal to me – not only because it recognizes women who are leading fast-growing businesses but also because it gives weight to the importance of supporting other women in business and acknowledges the profound impact women entrepreneurs are having in their communities."

The Enterprising Women of the Year Awards are widely considered one of the most prestigious recognition programs for women business owners. Finkam is recognized for her work to amplify the voices of mission-driven organizations as founder and CEO of FireStarter LLC, a full-service marketing agency and certified women-owned business.


Utilizing decades of experience in marketing, business management and human resources management, Finkam helps clients solve marketing challenges during times of growth and transition. Together with the FireStarter team, Finkam has helped clients in multiple states and industries save lives through organ donation and transplantation, provide a better quality of life through specialized healthcare, and reduce the cost of energy for homes and businesses and more.

Prior to her work with FireStarter, Finkam served organizations such as Indiana University Health, Indiana Donor Network, and Ascension St. Vincent. Finkam has served on the Carmel City Council since 2012 and is **currently running to be Carmel's next mayor**.



**Finkam**

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# It's springtime on the Nickel Plate Express!

**The REPORTER**

All aboard for an egg-citing Easter train ride on the Nickel Plate Express! This family experience will allow kids of all ages to enjoy a springtime adventure on April 1, 2, and 8.

Passengers will ride historic railroad cars as they help the farmer find his missing eggs. This interactive on-board story with a farmer and the Easter Bunny is sure to entertain all ages. In addition, passengers will enjoy a springtime cookie, a special drink, and an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny. New to the 2023 Easter ride will be Poppins Balloon Creations. You can watch staff from Poppins twist up a balloon easter bunny to take home.

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This should be disturbing to anyone seeking medical care. Making perfectly clear to patients who is providing their care, not only in promotional materials but importantly in the face-to-face clinical encounter, is essential.

Patients can make their best-informed health care decisions when this occurs. And as a family physician, I can better evaluate the care delivered and the medical decisions made when I know the credentials of the health professional.

Although I greatly respect my APRN and PA colleagues, compared to physicians, there is a difference in experience, education and training, depth of knowledge, and amount of clinical experience both qualitative and quantitative.

A study by SMARI Research found only half of Hoosiers surveyed felt it's easy to identify who is a physician. One in four are not sure if their regular provider is a physician. Eighty-five percent believe that it is important to know the training and education of their health care provider.

Despite last year's legislation more needs to be accomplished, especially in the clinical encounter. Confusion is prevalent because clear disclosure of the type of health professional performing the service is not always adequately reached.

Legislation now before the legislature originally would have ensured enhanced identification of all providers in the clinical setting by requiring badging that contains licensure type (physician, registered nurse, physician assistant, chiropractor, podiatrist, etc.).

Unfortunately, the badging portion of the bill is controversial and was amended out and will probably remain that way. Regrettably. While respecting all members of the health care team, badging requirements would have provided enhanced clarity and transparency to patients regarding who is providing their medical care.

Additionally, PAs and APRNs can earn academic doctorate degrees. Patients particularly confuse these health care providers

for physicians. Legislators could prevent this confusion by future legislation prohibiting these practitioners from utilizing the title of "Doctor" when they introduce themselves to patients, on their badges, and in promotional materials. As soon as patients hear the word "doctor," they commonly assume that the individual is a physician.

Most likely there won't be a legislative solution this session on these issues. Maybe it's time for all the stakeholders to come together and try to agree on a resolution.

I cannot imagine that transparency can ever be thought of as anything but desirable. I am proud to be a physician. Each health care professional earned a degree, and I am sure they are proud of who they are. They should be eager to identify themselves to patients with clarity.

*Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.*

"The recipients of the 2023 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards represent an amazing group of women entrepreneurs from across the United States, Canada and around the globe, including honorees this year from the United Arab Emirates, Iceland and Thailand," said Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women*. "We look forward to shining the spotlight on them at our 21st annual awards event in May."

The 2023 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration & Conference will take place from Sunday, May 21, to Tuesday, May 23, in Clearwater Beach, Fla. The two-day event will feature workshops, networking opportunities, corporate-sponsored exhibits, and awards presentations.

Learn more about FireStarter and how it helps organizations better fulfill their missions at [FireStarterLLC.com](#).

**About FireStarter LLC**

FireStarter LLC is a full-service marketing firm based in Carmel that uses data-driven solutions to ignite brand stories and elevate mission-driven organizations. FireStarter provides expert strategies to aid those looking for marketing support during a time of growth and transition or a dedicated team to help with early-stage brand development. Its award-winning team of marketing strategists, with extensive experience in organ donation and transplan-

tation and specialty physician care, will augment your team as it expands your presence and sparks your brand growth.

**About Enterprising Women Magazine**

*Enterprising Women*, headquartered in Cary, N.C., is the nation's only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners that chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence, and power of entrepreneurial women. The magazine provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum and a national stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women.

EGGS-TRA!

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"The Eggs-travaganza is one of our favorite events of the year," said Ally Hall, Noblesville First's family ministry director. "We love welcoming families from all over the community to share in the fun. Last year we welcomed over 400 people. We hope to meet or exceed that this year!"

Noblesville First United Methodist Church was founded in 1822 and today serves the spiritual needs of over 1,600 members in and around Hamilton County, with outreach ministries that are rooted in love, connecting people, and planting seeds of hope. Learn more at [Noblesville-First.com](#).

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Tickets can be purchased online at [NickelPlateExpress.com](#).

**About the Nickel Plate Express**

The Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park.

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**Kids of all ages can meet the Easter Bunny on the Nickel Plate Express!**

The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate Track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

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:

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# Saturday, March 25

## 1-4 PM

Taylor Center of Natural History  
at Strawtown Koteewi Park

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma for a day of learning about Indiana's First Farmers. Enjoy these educational and entertaining activities:

- Visit with members of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to discuss historic gardens, planting corn, and other farming practices
- Talk with a paleoethnobotanist to learn how plant remains are recovered on archaeological sites
- View demonstrations on processing *Chenopodium* and other previously domesticated plants
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[hamcoturns200.com](http://hamcoturns200.com)





# TONIGHT: Councilor Aasen to host Southeast Carmel Town Hall

## The REPORTER

Carmel City Councilor Adam Aasen will hold a town hall meeting for the Southeast District at 6:30 p.m. this evening, March 22.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held indoors at Wilfong Pavilion, which is the building at Founders Park, located at 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway. The building is east of the playground and park shelter.

Aasen will give an update on what's going on in Carmel when it comes to council actions, new road construction, crime numbers, upcoming events, and developments with the parks department.

Representatives from city engineering, the Carmel Police Department, the

Carmel Fire Department, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, Carmel Clay Township Board, and the Carmel Clay Public Library will all be on hand to answer questions or give brief remarks.

Ample time will be given for questions and answers. The event is expected to last until 8 p.m.

“Town hall settings like these are a great way to connect face-to-face with residents to answer their questions,” Aasen said. “Not only will I try to answer any questions myself, but representatives from various departments will be on hand, which will help nearly any question be answered.”

City Councilor Adam Aasen (R-SE District) represents southeast Carmel. Find out more at [adamaasen.com](http://adamaasen.com).



Aasen



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State Senator Kyle Walker welcomed three Hamilton County students as pages in January and February. (From left) Luke Jarymowycz, Gabriel Misetic, and Nicole Morris, all of Fishers.

# State Sen. Walker welcomes local students to Statehouse

## The REPORTER

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) welcomed the following local students to the Statehouse who served as Senate pages in January and February:

- **Luke Jarymowycz, Fishers**, attends Guerin Catholic High School
- **Gabriel Misetic, Fishers**, attends Hamilton Southeastern High School
- **Nicole Morris, Fish-**

ers, attends Hamilton Southeastern High School

- **Cecelia Cobb-Dennard**, Indianapolis, attends Forest Glen Elementary School
- **Liam Gulino**, Indianapolis, attends Park Tudor Middle School

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor, and interacting with their state senator.

“I always look forward to meeting students who are willing to come to the Statehouse and learn a bit more about their legislators and how our state operates,” Sen. Walker said. “It’s great to talk with these young Hoosiers in our district about what matters to them, and I encourage more students to take advantage of this unique opportunity.”

Students in grades six

through 12 participate in the page program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the legislative session. Groups serve on Wednesdays.

To learn more about the Senate Page Program, visit [IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program](http://IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program).

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) represents Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

# Two Carmel students make Dean’s List at Bethel University

## The REPORTER

Two students from Carmel attending Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn., have been named to the Dean’s List for academic excellence for the fall 2022 semester.

The Dean’s List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

• **Kennedi Carey** of Carmel is the daughter of Roderick and Tonya Carey.

• **Ella Sushka** of Carmel is the daughter of Anne and

Steven Sushka.

Bethel University is a leader in Christ-centered higher education, with more than 4,700 students from all 50 states and 10 countries enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and adult undergraduate programs. Based in St. Paul, Minnesota, Bethel offers bachelor’s and advanced degrees in more than 100 fields through classroom-based and online programs.

For further information on Bethel University, visit [bethel.edu](http://bethel.edu).

# This week at Feinstein’s: prepare to blow your mind with music & magic

## The REPORTER

Get ready for three amazing performances on the stage of Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel.

Enjoy a magical evening on Thursday, March 23 with Deception, a magic and mind-reading show hosted by magician David Ranalli.

Ranalli creates an unforgettable evening by combining world-class sleight

of hand, witty banter, and mysteries of the mind. Guests are invited into an intimate, industrial space where surprises lurk in every corner. This would serve as a perfect date night or group event, and it would be great for the hardcore magic fan. All ages are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30.

Plan to attend this and the other performances at Feinstein’s while also experiencing a fabulous meal and signature drinks. Get your tickets and more information at [this link](http://this link).

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On Friday, March 24, enjoy the sounds of EXTC when they take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

XTC was one of the United Kingdom’s most revered and influential bands. While XTC is no more, their legacy has passed to EXTC – the band of legendary drummer Terry Chambers. For the ultimate stamp of approval, the band comes with the support of XTC main men Andy Partridge and Dave Gregory.

Hot on the heels of a storming headline appearance at the Isle of Wight Festival, EXTC will perform a full set of XTC classics, from their adrenalized early anthems to the psyche-



Photo provided

delia-infused rock of later albums. You can expect the band to deliver the same fire seen in XTC’s gigging heyday, which included worldwide tours with The Police and Talking Heads. EXTC is also busy writing new material that will pay homage to the past while forging an exciting new musical future.

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On Wednesday, March 22, enjoy a free event at Feinstein’s: The Pinkerton Raid w/Nicholas Johnson as part of the Freeform Concert Series.

Freeform is a unique live music experience that takes place on select Wednesday evenings at Feinstein’s. The best thing is that Freeform Concerts are free to attend.

The Pinkerton Raid of Durham, N.C., will be joined by Nicholas Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is on tour with them for an unplugged set featuring songs from both of their respective catalogs.

Spill Magazine wrote, “The Pinkerton Raid is a towering forest of Indie Rock with a timbre of Folk that shadows Langhorne Slim, Cold War Kids, and The Killers.”

Shea Farmer of Indianapolis recently found a rekindled passion for music, and Feinstein’s welcomes this married couple (Johnson and Farmer) bring some

of their most poignant music to date.

Although the Freeform Concert Series is free, reserve your spot at [this link](http://this link). All ages are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30.

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Consider having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein’s. For groups of 10 tickets or more, email [sales@hotelcarmichael.com](mailto:sales@hotelcarmichael.com).

Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947.

## About Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael

Feinstein’s is situated in the heart of Carmel City Center and adjacent to The Center for The Performing Arts. Partnering with the legendary Michael Feinstein, the live entertainment venue offers an unforgettable nightlife experience, combining performances by some of the best with exquisite dining in an elegant setting. Featuring up to five events weekly, accommodating 135 people in the main dining room and bar, including an exclusive private dining room for up to 16, this small intimate venue offers you the perfect “front row” seat no matter where you are. Learn more at [FeinsteinsHC.com](http://FeinsteinsHC.com).

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# Fishers unveils plans to revitalize Allisonville Road corridor

**The REPORTER**

The City of Fishers announced Monday the findings from the Allisonville Road Corridor Study and its plan for revitalizing the heavily-traveled corridor in west Fishers.

Plans are underway to implement road and walkability improvements, boost greenspace, and encourage new development along the corridor. As part of the plan, Kroger will relocate from the west side of Allisonville Road near the 116th Street intersection to build a new, expanded store on the east side of Allisonville Road.

In summer 2022, Mayor Scott Fadness established the Allisonville Road Steering Committee to work alongside HWC Engineering to conduct a study to examine the commercial center of the Allisonville Road corridor between 106th and 126th streets. The limits of the corridor are anchored by existing greenspace and recreational areas, including the White River to the west, Conner Prairie to the north, and the future 125-acre White River Park to the south.

However, the commercial center of the corridor – one of the city’s original retail centers – is aging, and the committee was charged with creating a plan to ensure that this area remains a vibrant destination for business and leisure for years to come.

Comprised of corridor residents, local business owners, community leaders, and city staff, the Steering Committee engaged the community to prioritize key areas of concern and potential improvements for the area.

Steering Committee members included:

- Corby Thompson, Co-Chair
- Joe Eaton, Co-Chair
- Selina Stoller, Fishers City Council
- David Giffel, Fishers City Council
- Ed Sahn, Sahn's Restaurants
- Kelly Marburger Novak, EF Marburger Fine Flooring
- Pat Sullivan, Allisonville Home & Garden by Sullivan
- Mike Colby, River Glen Neighborhood Representative
- Brad Rochford, River Highlands Neighborhood Representative
- Jim Trueblood, Trueblood Real Estate
- Drew Bender, VS Engineering
- Allen Bourff, Retired Superintendent at HSE
- Stephanie Perry, Resident
- Marissa Deckert, Resident

“The community was really involved in every aspect of the Steering Committee’s work,” said Joe Eaton, co-chair of the Allisonville Road Steering Committee, Allisonville Road resident, and partner at Barnes & Thornburg. “We hosted a community workshop, focus groups, and an online survey where over 1,500 residents provided feedback and input about what they wanted to see, both in the short-term and long-term, with the corridor.”

The resulting plan includes a focus on greening the corridor, improved parking and walkability, enhanced connectivity, and collaboration with local business partners to infuse vibrancy in the area.

“The transformation of Allisonville Road is a long-range project that will take some years to complete, but

we have significant things happening in the early chapters of that transformation –road improvements, a new park on the southern end, and several economic development projects,” Mayor Fadness said. “All of these are catalysts to jump start the transformation of the entire corridor.”

“The best part, for me, about this study is that it is targeting future investment,” said Corby Thompson, co-chair of the Allisonville Road Steering Committee and owner of Boomerang Development.

Redevelopment and partnerships with local businesses are identified as key priorities in the new plan. Earlier this month, CRG Residential and the City of Fishers broke ground on River Place – a \$135 million mixed-use project at the northwest corner of 96th Street and Allisonville Road. The project includes a luxury apartment community, for-sale townhomes, and commercial retail space situated next to the future White River Park.

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Kroger has also announced plans to build a new store across the street from the current location at 7272 Fishers Crossing Drive. The new 120,000 square-foot store on the east side of Allisonville Road will include features such as an expanded assortment of “fresher than fresh” foods, expanded Kroger Pickup, wider aisles, Starbucks, as well as fresh, store-made popcorn. Kroger and Fishers city officials will hold a public meeting about the project in the coming months.

“Our Fishers Crossing Kroger has always been a friendly, welcoming place for anyone living here or just visiting the city,” Kro-

ger Central Division President Colleen Juergensen said. “Over the years, Fishers has become a destination in a way its founders never could have imagined. Our location is a gateway to this vibrant community, and we’re excited to commit the new investment as another ingredient in the energy and entrepreneurial spirit of the city.”

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Road improvements and enhanced connectivity are another focus of the new plan. This spring, the city will begin the reconstruction of the existing “Michigan Left” intersection at 96th Street and Allisonville Road to become a two-lane roundabout adjacent to the new River Place development. The roundabout is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

Next spring, the city will begin construction on another two-lane roundabout at the intersection of 116th Street and Allisonville Road, further improving the flow of traffic and aesthetics of the area.

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Other priorities include boosting greenspace and enhancing the streetscape to achieve vibrancy and improved care for the corridor. The city is in the early stages of these improvements, but new median designs and beautification efforts by the Department of Public Works are already improving the vibrancy of this area.

Additional opportunities to provide feedback on the future of Allisonville Road will be offered later this year, with a focus on the White River, connectivity, and the city’s trail system.

To view the full plan, join the email list, and learn more, visit [ThisIsFishers.com/AllisonvilleRoad](https://thisisfishers.com/AllisonvilleRoad).

# NextGear Capital joins OneZone Chamber’s Leadership Investor Circle

**The REPORTER**

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced NextGear Capital as the newest Leadership Investor.

NextGear Capital is the largest independent inventory finance company in North America, providing flexible lines of credit for dealers to purchase new and used inventory.

NextGear Capital debuted in 2013 after a successful merger between Dealer Services Corporation (DSC) and Manheim Automotive Fi-

nanacial Services (MAFS).

Since then, NextGear Capital has made a name for itself through its commitment to service, customer-centric solutions, and innovation. Its flexible lines of credit, robust array of services, and best-in-class support are provided to over 22,000 dealer clients worldwide.

John Wick, Senior Vice President for NextGear Capital corporate, said, “We are excited to elevate our partnership of many years with OneZone and are commit-



Wick



Russell



ted to working with them to enhance impactful relationships, as we are both committed to the communities where we live and work.”

OneZone Chamber President & CEO Jack Russell said, “We are excited to welcome NextGear Capital as a new Leadership Investor at OneZone Chamber of Commerce. We want to thank John

Wick and the entire team for their investment in our organization and for supporting our mission of helping businesses and communities thrive.”

OneZone Chamber of Commerce serves over 1,300 businesses in the Carmel and Fishers area. To learn more about OneZone Chamber of Commerce go to [OneZoneChamber.com](https://OneZoneChamber.com).

## Tri Town Parks Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt

March 27 through April 17 you can win up to \$100 by completing the **Tri Town Parks Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt**. This will help you learn a little more about our local parks and hopefully enjoy some time while doing so. The entries will be judged by Cicero Friends of the Park. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Click on Hamilton County Bicentennial Cicero Events at [ciceroin.org](https://ciceroin.org) to find the scavenger hunt list.

The 2023 Hamilton County Passion Play

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# 2023 BICENTENNIAL APRIL EVENTS

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April 1-7 | Hamilton North Public Library, Cicero  
April 8-14 | Monon Community Center, Carmel  
April 15-21 | Hazel Dell Elementary School, Noblesville  
TBD | Hamilton Heights Elementary School, Arcadia  
TBD | Jackson Township Trustee, Arcadia

### WATERCOLORS IN THE INDIANA ROOM

April 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Maker Space at Hamilton North Public Library, West Brinton Street, Cicero | FREE  
HNPL Art Instructor Lor MacNorton will lead participants in painting of local, historic class portraits and photographs from the Indiana Room of the Cicero Library. Participants may donate their creations to the library; best of the donated paintings will be framed and hung in the Indiana Room.  
Register at [hnpl.lib.in.us](https://hnpl.lib.in.us).

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April 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Hobbs Station  
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### JACKSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL TOUR OPEN HOUSE

April 15, 2-5 p.m. | Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W North St., Arcadia | FREE  
Beginning April 1, use your smartphone to scan QR codes to unlock the past with this interactive walking tour designed by students from Hamilton Heights Schools featuring videos about historic buildings in Jackson Township. Maps available online soon! Join us at the Open House on April 15.

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS ATHLETIC EVENTS

April 19, 5-8 p.m. | Hamilton Heights High School  
State Route 19, Arcadia | FREE  
Learn about the evolution of girls sports at Hamilton Heights and their new Unified Sports initiative where students with all levels of intellectual and physical abilities play on the same teams. Come watch Softball, both Track and Unified Track meets, tennis match, and a throwback baseball game, honoring all of the past schools that came together to create the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

### DAY AT RED BRIDGE PARK

April 21, 7-9 p.m. | Red Bridge Park, Cicero | FREE  
Festivities will include a showing of the Ball State PBS Special "Now Entering Cicero" as well as an outdoor showing of a Hoosier Hot Shots movie! Join them for local music and be sure to enjoy a meal at local restaurants offering historically inspired desserts at discounted prices.

### ATLANTA'S HISTORY SHOWCASE

April 22 & 23 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. | Atlanta Town Hall  
East Main Street, Atlanta | FREE  
The Town of Atlanta is taking a dive into their rich past by going back in time! Mail a historic postcard, and tour historic homes and businesses downtown. On Sunday, attend a church service with the three Atlanta area churches. Afterwards, enjoy activities and ride the caboose.

### VINTAGE BASEBALL MATCH

April 22, 1-4 p.m. | Bishop's Park, East 256th St., Arcadia | FREE  
Hamilton County Parks will host a vintage-style baseball game. There will be displays on the history of the park, along with a kettle corn vendor and other activities. Bring a picnic lunch and get your "baseball cards" signed by the players!

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY LANTERN WALK

April 22, 7-9 p.m. | Cicero Cemetery  
Morse Court, Cicero | FREE  
Hamilton Heights High School theater students will showcase research on people buried in cemeteries around Jackson Township as participants walk through the cemetery, Lanterns at each headstone will guide your way along the path.

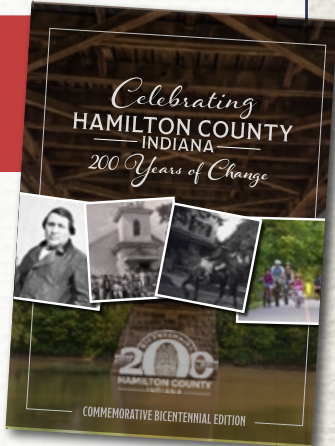
### ARCADIA AND THE HOOSIER HOT SHOTS

April 28, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. | Remnant Coffee Shop,  
West Main Street, Arcadia | FREE  
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### JACKSON TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT

April 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Arcadia Christian Church,  
State Route 19, Arcadia

As a way to celebrate the end of a month that commemorates all things Jackson Township, the township will organize an event to remember! Bring the family and have your photo professionally taken for free as part of the "Faces and Families of Jackson Township" Collection. Also come for the debut of the Jackson Township Fire Department restored original fire engine, partially funded by Hamilton County Bicentennial funds. A mini-parade will begin at 12 p.m., and there will also be an arts show. Finally, bring your copy of the *Hamilton County Bicentennial* book to have it signed by students from Hamilton Heights who contributed to the epilogue.



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# Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters endorse Darren Peterson's re-election to Common Council

## Submitted

The Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 have endorsed Darren Peterson for his re-election campaign for Noblesville Common Council, At-Large.

Local 4416 has conducted numerous candidate interviews over the years, and the organization says Peterson stands out for his strong commitment to public safety and his unwavering dedication to the people of Noblesville.

Peterson is the only At-Large candidate the Local 4416 is endorsing.

"Darren's priority has always been the safety of the citizens of Noblesville, which is evident in his leadership on the council," said Colin Fogarty, Political Director of the IAFF Local 4416. "His support for public safety has been commendable



Peterson

and has earned him the respect and trust of our organization."

This marks the second time that Local 4416 has endorsed Peterson, further attesting to his consistent efforts toward improving the safety and security of Noblesville residents.

As an affiliate of the Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana and the

International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4416 represents a significant voice in public safety. Peterson's endorsement serves as a testament to his continued dedication to the safety and well-being of the people of Noblesville.

Local 4416 says it looks forward to his continued leadership on the Noblesville Common Council.

Learn more about Darren Peterson at [electpetersonnoblerville.com](http://electpetersonnoblerville.com).

# Westfield Deputy Clerk Marla Ailor makes run for Clerk Treasurer

## Submitted

Recently, Westfield Deputy Clerk Marla Ailor formally announced her campaign for Westfield Clerk Treasurer. On top of being Deputy Clerk, Ailor is a wife, mother, and conservative figure who is active in local Republican politics. She is running in the Republican primary, which will be held on May 2.

"I decided to run because of my love for the city of Westfield," Ailor said. "I love the people, the history, and the culture here. I also feel I am well-qualified for the role because of my knowledge of the job, its duties, and the staff, thanks to my time spent as Deputy Clerk. The role of the Clerk Treasurer is to defend the taxpayers and be a watchdog against overspending, and that's exactly what I will do when elected. As Westfield's next Clerk Treasurer, I will prioritize transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility."

In addition to Ailor working as Deputy Clerk, her husband Kurt works for Chrysler, and they have one son, Kohl.

She says she enjoys spending quiet evenings with family and friends, fishing, and being involved in conservative groups in the area. She was one of the key members of the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County group and is heavily involved with the Hamilton County Republican Party.

When asked why she wants to run, Ailor said, "I really want to better my community. Westfield is my home, and I want to ensure we remain an amazing place to live, so that my son wishes to raise his own family here someday. It's important to me that we improve every day, but that we keep Westfield wonderful overall."

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign by visiting [MarlaForClerkTreasurer.com](http://MarlaForClerkTreasurer.com) or email [info@marlaforclerktreasurer.com](mailto:info@marlaforclerktreasurer.com).



Ailor

# Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 endorse Dr. Mark Keen for Westfield City Council

## Submitted by Dr. Keen for Council

On March 17, Dr. Mark Keen received a major endorsement in the race for Westfield City Council District 1, as the Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 announced its support for his campaign.

Local 4416, which represents many of the brave firefighters in Hamilton County and Westfield, praised Dr. Keen for his

commitment to public safety and our electoral process.

In response to the endorsement, Dr. Keen expressed his gratitude and reiterated his commitment to working with first responders to ensure the safety of all residents.

"I am honored to have the support of the Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416," Keen said. "Our first responders play a vital role in keeping our community safe, and I

am committed to working with them to ensure that they have the resources and support they need to do their jobs effectively. When the men and women of our great public safety endorse a City Council candidate, they do it as they see the value in experienced leadership, commitment to public safety, and the people who serve in Public Safety as a priority. I look forward to continuing to work with the firefighters and all our first

responders as we work to build a stronger and safer Westfield."

The Westfield community entrusts its public safety personnel with the lives of everyone each day. Please trust them with their careful review of your City Council candidates and their selection of Dr. Mark Keen.

Westfield residents can learn more about Dr. Keen and his campaign by visiting [drkeenforcouncil.com](http://drkeenforcouncil.com).

# AG Rokita secures more than \$250K settlement against Indiana companies making deceptive & unlicensed loans

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), has obtained a settlement of more than \$250,000 from a group of Indiana companies that originated deceptive and unlicensed personal loans to Hoosiers purchasing vehicles.

The defendants – Integrity Acceptance Corp. and related entities – extended loans to Indiana consumers who bought vehicles from Empire Auto Group.

"Our team works relentlessly to protect Hoosiers from unfair and deceptive business practices," AG Rokita said. "We're here to uphold the rule of law and make sure violators are held

accountable, and it's always a good day when justice prevails."

Integrity Acceptance Corp. and related entities provided personal loans to consumers to finance taxes and down payments associated with vehicle purchases. One company lacked the required license from DFI to originate and service such personal loans and also committed other violations of Indiana law, including contracting for charges in excess of the maximum allowable rate, misrepresenting finance charges and failing to disclose prepaid finance charges.



Rokita

The companies' actions violated the Indiana Uniform Consumer Credit Code and Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act.

As part of the settlement, the various Integrity Acceptance entities will forgive consumer loans totaling \$223,685, pay consumer restitution in the amount of \$33,991, and pay civil penalties and costs to the State of Indiana in the amount of \$33,000. The Integrity Acceptance entities and their owners are also prohibited from engaging in similar conduct in the future.

Defendants in the settlement are Integrity Accep-

tance Corp., Integrity Acceptance LLC, Empire Auto Group Limited, Shawn Lessor, Amy Lair-Lessor, and Brandi Pierson.

Consumers who believe they have encountered wrongful business practices are encouraged to file complaints with the Attorney General at [in.gov/attorney-general](http://in.gov/attorney-general).

In addition, consumers may file complaints regarding financing issues with DFI at [in.gov/dfi/file-a-complaint](http://in.gov/dfi/file-a-complaint).

"I appreciate the DFI's good work in helping resolve these issues for the benefit of Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "This case proves once again that collaboration and teamwork often produce very positive outcomes."

# COVID Origin Act made law: Hawley/Braun bill to declassify Wuhan lab leak intel signed

## The REPORTER

President Joe Biden on Monday signed the COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023 from U.S. Senators Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.), a bill requiring the Biden administration to declassify intelligence related to any potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) and the origins of the COVID pandemic.

Senators Hawley and Braun's COVID-19 Origin Act of 2021 passed

the Senate unanimously in May 2021. It passed the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives unanimously earlier this month.

"President Biden made the right choice to sign Senator Josh Hawley's and my bill to declassify all intel about the Wuhan lab and the origins of COVID," Sen. Braun said. "The American people deserve more than spin and 'the narrative' – they deserve the facts, and now more are on the way."



Braun

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# Creating walkable areas makes financial sense for cities

A lot of time and money is spent on vehicles. The average American spends 6 percent of their waking hours in a vehicle and about \$800 a month out of their income.

This is probably why more Americans are looking for opportunities to spend time outside of their vehicles. We love our cars, but even in Indiana – the land of motorsports – we can use a break.

On a beautiful day, people want to go to the “walkable” part of town and go shopping and dine out. They want to ride their bikes or go on a short run. They want to walk their



dogs and push strollers. Across the largest 35 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 1.2 percent of land mass is in walkable urban areas. That small fraction of land generates 20 percent of the GDP in the entire U.S. The whole country. Walkable urban areas are good for business. In Carmel, this is no secret. More than two decades ago, before Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard took office, our city didn’t have a real downtown. There were some great stores and restaurants, but they were spread out. Brainard helped

accumulate land and pitch private-public partnerships to create a walkable downtown core. Now, Carmel residents and visitors enjoy a widened Monon Trail that takes them to the Carmel City Center, The Palladium, Carmel City Hall, Midtown, the Carmel Arts & Design District and more. Sidewalks, paths, and crosswalks make it easier to get around, even allowing you to bike or run all the way from your home. Homes and businesses along the Monon Trail have become our version of beach-side property. People will pay extra money to live in a walkable area. Business headquarters who have relocated to these areas have a competitive edge

when hiring new workers. While this is certainly exemplified in warmer weather months, you see residents taking advantage of trails and paths all year long. This spring, when you see a large crowd of people gathering outside of Midtown Plaza or a long line of people waiting to eat at the restaurants located near the Monon, remember that these walkable areas didn’t just happen by magic. It took the leadership of government visionaries, alongside strong business partners, to create the vibrant walkable areas in Carmel. Adam Aasen is a city councilor representing Carmel’s southeast district. Find out more at [adamaasen.com](http://adamaasen.com).



## Kim Strunk to speak at Westfield Chamber coffee

### The REPORTER

In honor of Women’s History and Disability Awareness month, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Kim Strunk, Founder and Chief Clinical Officer at Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers, as the March Chamber Coffee presenter. The coffee will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield. Strunk has over 20 years of experience working in

pediatrics as an occupational therapist focused on early intervention. Pediatricians and parents across the United States trust Hopebridge for its expertise in treating neurological, genetic, sensory processing, and feeding disorders; language delays; and behavioral concerns. Children with special needs require extraordinary, individualized care, and Hopebridge’s staff helps families understand their children’s difficulties while working to help them realize their potential. [Click here](#) to register.

# Jazz fusion group Spyro Gyra coming to the Palladium in Carmel this August

### The REPORTER

Long-running jazz fusion band Spyro Gyra will highlight the inaugural Carmel Jazz Fest weekend with an Aug. 12 performance at the Palladium. Known for original instrumental pieces spiced with R&B, Latin, and world music elements, Spyro Gyra emerged during the 1970s fusion wave and never let up, releasing 35 albums, playing more than 10,000 shows and earning 13 Grammy nominations over the past five decades. Tickets starting at \$25 will go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org), and by phone at (317) 843-3800. Separate passes are required for Carmel Jazz Fest, which will take place on the Center’s campus and at other venues around the city Aug. 11 and 12. More information is available at [CarmelJazzFest.org](http://CarmelJazzFest.org). Spyro Gyra last performed at the Center in January 2012. On the current tour, saxophonist and founding bandleader Jay Beckenstein is joined by longtime members Julio Fernandez on guitar and Scott Ambush on bass, along with more recent arrivals Lionel Cordew on drums and Chris Fischer on keyboards. The band’s most recent

album, *Vinyl Tap*, was an intriguing departure: a cover collection of songs by The Beatles, Cream, Blind Faith, and other classic rockers. This Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series performance is the first to be announced from the upcoming 2023-2024 Center Presents Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions. Spyro Gyra tickets

starting at \$25 go on sale this Friday at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org). et purchases can be applied toward subscription packages when the full 2023-2024 season is announced May 23.



Photo provided  
Tickets starting at \$25 go on sale this Friday at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

# Carmel’s Meadowlark Park pond restocked with 100 catfish

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Urban Fishing Program celebrates 10 years of annually stocking channel catfish in urban lakes in order to bring quality fishing opportunities closer to Hoosiers’ backyards. Last week, the DNR stocked a total of 1,875 channel catfish ranging in size from 10 to 14 inches (average 12 inches) in ponds and lakes across Indiana, including a total of 100 catfish in the Meadowlark Park pond in Carmel. These lakes are stocked three times from mid-March to the first week of June with catchable-size channel catfish.

DNR’s urban fishing program offers an exciting way for Hoosiers to experience the joys of fishing close to home. To find out more about the urban fishing program, including tentative stocking dates and quantities, visit [bit.ly/INUrbanFishing](http://bit.ly/INUrbanFishing). View the most recent fish stockings on the DNR fish stocking dashboard at [bit.ly/StockingDatabase](http://bit.ly/StockingDatabase). The catfish daily bag limit per angler is 10, and there are no size restrictions. Anglers aged 18 and older must have a valid Indiana fishing license to fish at these locations. A license can be purchased at [on.IN.gov/INhuntfish](http://on.IN.gov/INhuntfish).



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# Two homes damaged, but no injuries in Saturday afternoon fire in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Shortly after 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, a resident of 168 Tippecanoe Drive in Noblesville was alerted by a neighbor to smoke coming from her home.

The homeowner was able to safely exit the house and call 911. She ran next door to alert her neighbors at 169 Tippecanoe Drive that their home was also on fire.

Fire and EMS units were dispatched by Hamilton County Communications. Upon arrival, crews could see smoke and fire coming from both homes. Crews were able to quickly deploy hand lines and bring the fires under control.

There were not any injuries to civilians, firefighters, or pets.

The Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) was assisted by the Cicero Fire Department, the White River Township Fire Department, the Lapel Fire Department, the Jackson Township Fire Department, the Wayne Township Fire Department, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and the Noblesville Police Department.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

NFD reminds residents to sleep with their bedroom doors closed, which can reduce exposure to toxic smoke and help limit the spread of flames.



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## Shakespeare's Will delivers on the question: who is Anne Hathaway?

By GLENN DOBBS  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

In 1998, during the press tour for the Academy Award winning film *Shakespeare in Love*, Joseph Fiennes, who played the title role, was asked how he created the character.

"It was easy," he replied, "No one knows anything about him. I could do whatever I wished."

Playwright Vern Thiessen paints on a similar blank canvas with Indiana Repertory Theatre's *Shakespeare's Will*. Here we are introduced to Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife, whom we know even less about than the Bard. In this play, the author again takes artistic license to create out of whole cloth the life of a woman whose main claim to fame is that she was married and abandoned by the greatest literary figure of the Western world. It is difficult to create

anything that is historically accurate when we know so little about her.

What we do know is she was eight years older than Shakespeare when they wed and they married in haste due to Anne getting pregnant out of wedlock. She gave birth to the first of their three children only six months after the nuptials. For most of Shakespeare's life, he left her alone in Stratford while he cavorted around London, and, famously, when he died he left her his "second best bed."

That's all. We know little else.

So be it. We are left to imagine what might have been. Out of this clear ether we must find a real three-dimensional character with a compelling story of her own. A tall order for any actor.

Into this void steps Tracey Michelle Arnold as Anne. The play opens with the funeral of Shakespeare. From this fresh earth, like a sculptor, Ms. Arnold creates a vivid portrayal of the life of a woman that is interesting, vivid, passionate, funny, tragic, and thoroughly human. It is an assured and commanding portrayal. We see Anne, or at least what we imagine her to be, come to life and discover she had dreams and desires of her own. No less than that of her neglectful husband.

Ms. Arnold delivers a tour de force performance as she ranges about the stage using character voices, song, dance, and devastating emotion to mesmerize you. You witness the life of Shakespeare through a domestic lens. You learn that maybe he was not the man you might have imagined. More importantly you are introduced to a woman who also deserved to be heard. She too mattered.

The direction by Brenda Devita was solid with excel-

Photo by Zach Rosing

Tracey Michelle Arnold as Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway.

lent blocking and good use of the dominant set piece, the infamous second-best bed. Ms. Davis deserves an award for the most creative use of a pashmina wrap since *Sex and The City*. This simple prop was used with great effect throughout the play to create scene after scene of the life of Anne.

Similarly, the scenic and lighting design by Scott Penner and Dawn Chiang created the mood for this fevered memory play. The lights, soundscape, and music transported you to different events in Anne's long life to great effect.

If I have anything to quibble about it would be the story itself. More than a few times the author, in an attempt to reach an audience today, injects notes of modernity into his creation. The results are often anachronistic and took me out of the tale. This protagonist lived in a world over four hundred years ago. Her environment and cultural mores were very different. It is unlikely some of the choices she makes in the story would ring true to the period.

However, Mr. Thiessen writes, "...Those audience members who desire a historical representation of Anne Hathaway's life may be disappointed. Instead, I have used the will (of Shakespeare) as a springboard for my own imagination and artistic goal – to explore the journey of a woman who

faces adversity, rises above it, and ultimately re-kindles faith in herself."

Fair enough. Mr. Thiessen offers an imaginary tale and, given the scarcity of facts we know, it is a very plausible one. We want to get to know a figure of history long passed. It's a good story. Anne remains an endless source of fascination.

We want to know more. To that end *Shakespeare's Will* delivers. It offers a journey to get to know a woman veiled by the erosion of time. In this story, she comes alive and for a brief 90 minutes, you get to hear her voice, her longings, her joys, and her pains. She wants to be seen. And you witness her.

The Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, is a well-known site for Shakespeare pilgrims. Here is where the Bard was baptized and where his tomb lies. As you approach the altar you will find his bust on the left wall in front of his tomb.

There on the floor in front of the altar lies a small plaque with a Latin epitaph. It is the humble grave of Anne Hathaway. Her daughter Susanna wrote the sentiment. The last line reads:

"...Come quickly, Christ, that my mother, though shut within this tomb may rise again and reach the stars."

**Bottom line:** I highly recommend *Shakespeare's Will*. It is playing on the Indiana Repertory Theatre UpperStage through April 16. Tickets can be obtained at [IRTlive.com](http://IRTlive.com).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

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# David Weekley Homes holds ribbon cutting ceremony for new model in Chatham Village

**The REPORTER**

David Weekley Homes, one of the largest privately held national home builders, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of its new model home, The Independence, in the Westfield community of Chatham Village.

Several guests, including officials from the City of Westfield and Westfield Chamber of Commerce, were in attendance to officially open The Independence to the public. The two-story, fully furnished model consists of four bedrooms, five full baths, and two-car garage with a bonus golf cart garage. Additional features include 10-foot ceilings, a gourmet kitchen with large island, main floor owner's retreat, main floor guest suite, and front and rear porches.

"We're excited to bring our award-winning homes to Chatham Village," said David Weekley Homes Division President Michael Luedke. "We're grateful for the opportunity to delight future homebuyers in the Westfield area as we make their dream home a reality."

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offers seven one- and two-story floor plans within the community, ranging in size from 2,000 to 4,400 square feet of living space with two to five bedrooms, two to five full baths, one half bath and two- to three-car garages with the option for a bonus golf cart garage.

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# Broadway comes to Carmel: meet the three men behind the scenes of the World Premiere Musical *Mr. Confidential*

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Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) is giving you a once in a lifetime opportunity to see a future Broadway show right here in Carmel with "Broadway in your Backyard."

*Mr. Confidential* – a story of family, dreams, innocence, love, and scandal makes its World Premiere at The Studio Theatre from April 28 to May 14 at The Center for the Performing Arts. Experience all the talent, pizzazz, and excitement of an authentic Broadway show from the very beginning.

This is an incredible experience in itself, but when you realize the amazing three men who are behind the scenes: Samuel Garza Bernstein, book and lyrics and director, David Snyder, music and orchestrations, and Willem De Vries, choreographer, you will simply be blown away. The three men bring the glitz and glamour of two of the nation's most legendary cities – LA and New York – right here to central Indiana.

When Bob Harrison created *Confidential Magazine* in 1952, he gave the public gossip, humor, and sex. But he also offered something totally unexpected – the truth about the rich and famous. It quickly became the No. 1-selling magazine in America. Soon, Harrison wasn't just telling the story, he was the story, with headlines, scandals and a wild ride of his own. It's a giddy, vibrant tale set in New York and Hollywood at their most glamorous and dangerous.

Garza Bernstein published the book *Mr. Confidential* in 2006. The musical itself has been in the making since 2009.

"Sex, scandal and sensationalism. Libel suits and humiliations. Idols with feet of clay. Think it's anything new? Not at all," said Liz Smith, gossip columnist and entertainment editor for the magazines *Cosmopolitan* and *Sports Illustrated*. "Slip into the compulsively lurid and exhaustively researched pages of *Mr. Confidential* which tells the tale of publisher Robert Harrison and his magazine, *Confidential*. That forerunner of celebrity dirt quite literally changed the face of entertainment journalism ... It reads like a house afire in a sultry swamp. Nobody did 'down and dirty' like Mr. Harrison and today's beleaguered stars, politicians and others owe him a sock in the jaw. An illuminating, fun read!"

So how did Garza Bernstein capture so accurately

this sensational chapter in history? He lived it! Garza Bernstein actually knew the people who were featured in Robert Harrison's gossip magazine – including Marjorie Meade, the "Duchess of Dirt," as well as Harrison's niece.

"I was in the *Confidential* magazine world for 20 years," Garza Bernstein said. "I knew some of the people this musical is about. I've taken people I knew and made them into characters." He recognized the impact *Confidential* made, and now presents it in the form of a musical.

"Six million fans were reading these stories," Garza Bernstein said. "Social issues were changing. These people were larger than life – that's the way they chose to live. They were gorgeous, famous – of course they misbehaved!"

Garza Bernstein reflected on the impact of the magazine on its subjects and the representation of the magazine in the musical.

"When they hear *Mr. Confidential*, people think *LA Confidential*, the movie," Garza Bernstein said. "It's not. It's fun. It's not particularly ugly or dark. As for Bob Harrison's publication, people said careers were ruined. I ask, what happened to these people? Whose career was ruined? Their popularity actually went up!"

Garza Bernstein highlighted the Kardashians as a modern-day example. One of them calls the press but doesn't necessarily tell the others. The others are, or act, surprised and appalled that the media is present – they get attention. They argue against what the press says about them – they get attention. They threaten to sue – they get attention. This circle goes on and on, but they are never out of the limelight.

The play is set in the '50s but reflects on what the connection is to today. What is glamorous? What are people willing to give up to 'have it all'?

Garza Bernstein met Snyder while both were living in Los Angeles. Both



Garza Bernstein

had started their respective careers and professional personas at a young age. At 11 years old, Garza Bernstein was already in show business. Snyder was playing the albums in his parent's collection – Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Mel Torme – and developing a love for that kind of music.

"Sam had already made a name for himself as a screen writer," Snyder said. "He had done a movie with Bernadette Peters. Then he presented to me the book that he'd written – *Mr. Confidential*. You cheer on your friends, right? So, I read it – and I couldn't put it down! Not only was the content fun, but he wrote in the style of the period. The vernacular of the book was so fascinating."

Then Garza Bernstein shared with Snyder that he thought this would make a great musical.

"Being a huge Sinatra fan and loving swing music of the 50's, I could easily visualize writing the score for it," Snyder said. "I grew up wishing I'd been born 40 years earlier. I dreamed of arranging for artists like Sinatra, so I felt the music for *Mr. Confidential* was totally in my wheelhouse."

Garza Bernstein wrote the lyrics and Snyder the compositions for the 20 original songs comprising the *Mr. Confidential* score. Snyder said he was surprised at how easily the tunes came.

"In composing, I followed a process with an eye toward creating dimensional characters and telling this exciting story – working alongside Sam to give the show a real heart," Snyder said. "Something about the lyrics made it easy. It was a joy to write the tunes."

Snyder has done music direction for theatre and for



Snyder



De Vries

Tony winning solo artists, among others, spending 20 years in LA and another 12 in New York. He's performed at Carnegie Hall, worked with the Boston Pops, and the New York Pops, but he still is very humble when examining his work.

"You watch a Broadway show that's really successful and it looks so effortless, but the process of writing one yourself is incredibly challenging," Snyder said. "This has been an interesting journey to a full production. You are constantly examining ... it's thrilling but daunting at the same time. You think it's good. You hope people like it. But you're putting it out there for the world..."

Snyder moved to Indiana from New York in 2014 to take a job with Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne. He is looking forward to being able to assist with the pre-

miere production here in his new home state, completing custom orchestrations for ATI and for the seven players performing the music.

Snyder explained that in many ways this is a classic musical – like the great Golden Age Broadway shows.

"We feel this is exactly the kind of show that will appeal to the people of Carmel," Snyder said. "There is a vintage quality to it, but it's also fresh and fun."

Willem de Vries is the choreographer for *Mr. Confidential*. He is a choreographer, teacher, and Champion Ballroom Dancer whose work has been seen on television, film and on theatrical stages worldwide. He was featured on *So You Think You Can Dance*, was the choreographer for Season 1 of Shonda Rhimes' ABC show *The Catch*, appeared on Season 3 of Kevin Hart's show *What the Fit* and has worked on the Dance/Choreography side of animated feature films including DreamWorks' *Puss in Boots*, *Madagascar 3* and the 2019 animated feature *The Addams Family*.

He is a Los Angeles Ovation Award nominee for his work in the Ovation

Award-Winning show *Fascinating Rhythms* starring Melissa Manchester at the Rubicon Theatre and he has worked extensively over the years as a guest performer, instructor, and guest choreographer with Disney Cruise Lines.

Willem also has direct experience in the world of celebrity gossip that *Confidential Magazine* helped create: he was part of the original team that launched TMZ.com. As the sole founding member based on the East Coast, he served as Reporter/Producer and as one of the only two original camera operators in the company, and he worked with TMZ through the launch of the hit TV show *TMZ on TV*, growing its New York office until, after three years, he left to make his return to dance full time.

*Mr. Confidential*, this world premiere musical, will provide a fantastic opportunity to see the creative accomplishments of three legends in their own right as they help to bring this production to life. To reserve your tickets for the show, visit [ATlstage.org](http://ATlstage.org) or call The Center for the Performing Arts at (317) 843-3800.



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**Meeting Notices**

The Atlanta Town Council will meet to discuss a storm drain project at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Noblesville Common Council Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, has been changed to 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

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David Alan Waugh

January 15, 1963 – March 17, 2023

David Alan Waugh, 60, Tipton, passed away on March 17, 2023, at his home with his family at his side.



He was born on January 15, 1963, in Noblesville to Robert and Phyllis (Hodson) Waugh. He attended Hamilton Heights Schools and graduated from Hamilton Heights High School with the Class of 1982.

He was fondly known in the Jackson Township area as he had worked on the Cicero Street Department for almost 31 years and also was a driver for Pizza Hut.

David enjoyed hunting, fishing, and taking evening drives in the country searching for deer. He also enjoyed camping and had recently purchased a camper. He dearly loved his family and friends and was concerned about them and others before himself. He enjoyed attending his grandkid's sporting events and large family reunions.

David was a good impressionist, especially of Donald Duck, and he did this the day before he passed away for the "big and little kids."

In addition to his parents, Robert and Phyllis Waugh, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Gary Waugh, who was stillborn.

Surviving him are two children, Dacia (Isaiah) Clark and Kason (Katie) Waugh; plus nine grandchildren, Gabe, Tila, Kingston, Owen, Jr, Jaxon, Jarra, Myka, and Piper; and brothers, Robert (Teresa) Waugh and Danny (Mignon) Waugh.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023, with a time of visitation from 5 p.m. until the time of the services at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240-1840.

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Larry Glenn Seymour

July 12, 1943 – March 18, 2023

Larry Glenn Seymour, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at his home. He was born on July 12, 1943, to Glenn and Evelyn (McGhehey) Seymour in Indianapolis.

Larry was a 1961 graduate of Fishers High School and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force as a Radio Intercept Analysis Specialist. From 1968 to 2004, he worked in banking, retiring from Banc One Financial Services as Vice President. Larry was a member of Lowell Beaver American Legion Post No. 470 of Fishers, and enjoyed fishing, listening to music, and watching sports, especially basketball.

He is survived by his daughters, Melissa (Kevin) Clark and Melinda Colyer; granddaughter, Abigail Clark; brothers, Terry Seymour, Dennis (Jan) Seymour, and Lynn Seymour; sisters-in-law, Wanda McConnell and Sandra Warner; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Cynthia Ann Seymour.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Pastor Mark Atkinson will officiate. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 ([diabetes.org/donate](http://diabetes.org/donate)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

Jon Mark Ogle

January 14, 1939 – March 15, 2023

Jon Mark Ogle, 84, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving wife Linda, his daughter Sandy, and his son Mike. He was born on January 14, 1939, to the late James and Martha (Johnson) Ogle in Sheridan.

Jon was a 1957 graduate of Carmel High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He served on the Hamilton County Council for seven years and then as the Hamilton County Auditor for two terms. He owned a painting and wallpapering business and was a professional photographer in his earlier career. He was a pilot and built an experimental airplane. Jon loved history and was a Civil War buff. He and Linda also enjoyed traveling to all the contiguous 48 states.

Jon is survived by his wife, Linda L. (Nevitt) Ogle; daughter, Sandra Kay (Michael) Leagre; son, Jon Michael (Linda A.) Ogle; brother, Jimmy Ogle; sisters, Dona Myers, Vicki Maddox, and Lisa Moody; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Please share memories, pictures, and online condolences at [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com).

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 ([heart.org](http://heart.org)).

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

Revelation 14:1-5 (NIV)

John David Leer

March 29, 1940 – March 17, 2023

John David Leer, 82, Cicero, passed away on March 17, 2023, at his home.



He was born on March 29, 1940, in Noblesville to George Edward and Myrtle Marie (Coats) Leer. He grew up in White River Township and was educated at Walnut Grove School, receiving his diploma while in service in 1962. He honorably served his country in the Tank Division of the U.S. Army.



Upon returning home, he started his construction business as an excavator, known as Leer Excavating.

He married Lola Faye (Reid) Leer on November 4, 1961, and they enjoyed traveling America. They loved being in the Smoky Mountains and lived in a log cabin there for almost 13 years, returning to Indiana recently. John dearly loved his wife, daughter, and the entire family. His dogs were a close second, especially the Bassett Hounds.

He enjoyed buying and selling cars, tractors, and motorcycles. He also enjoyed a good cigar.

He was a member of Strawtown Community Church.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George Leer and Martin Leer; and a sister, Ruth Hamby.

Survivors include his wife, Lola Faye; a daughter, Jennifer Anne Dilts of Noblesville; and a brother, Donald Leer of Watson, Okla.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Rick Huffman officiating. A time of visitation will be from noon until time of the service. Burial will follow at Carey Cemetery, north of Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Strawtown Community Church. Donation envelopes will be available during the services at the Funeral Home.

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### Track & Field

## Southeastern track hosts Blue & White Relays

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern track and field teams hosted their annual Blue and White Relays last Saturday at Anderson University.

The Royals girls won three relays, while Michael Griffith and Lamine Sall went 1-2 for the Southeastern boys in the long jump. The Royals also got two runner-up finishes in the 60 hurdles, with Clayton Allen second in the boys race and Makenzie Loftin was the runner-up in the girls race.

There were three additional Hamilton County winners in the boys' meet. Noblesville took the 4x200 relay, Guerin Catholic was the 4x400 winner, and Westfield's Alex Wilson was first in the pole vault.

#### BOYS MEET

**60 dash:** 2. Christ Degni (Noblesville) 7.21, 3. Sevin Barringer-Hoonhout (N) 7.21, 6. Silas Newton (Hamilton Southeastern) 7.26, 9. Luke Moody (Guerin Catholic) 7.27, 27. Cayden Gearheart (Westfield) 7.61, 32. Justin Zdobyak (GC) 7.64, 37. Caden Honeycutt (W) 7.69.

**3200 run:** 3. Ronnie Neal (N) 9:50.69, 8. Michael Chalfant (HSE) 10:17.75, 9. Sam Rinker (N) 10:23.99, 11. Ty Conner (W) 10:28.07, 15. Zach Swedarsky (HSE) 10:35.44, 16. Owen Dilley (W) 10:36.75, 18. Nathan Traub (GC) 10:39.49, 20. Hunter Kinzie-Gorman (GC) 10:43.57, 27. Drew Kennedy (HSE) 11:19.04.

**60 hurdles:** 2. Clayton Allen (HSE) 8.84, 3. Jack Huisen (W) 9.14, 4. Ben Kern (N) 9.18, 9. CJ Jarosinski (HSE) 9.39, 16. Seffrin Smith (GC) 9.79, 17. Mark Riley (HSE) 9.83, 21. Wesley Street (GC) 10.27, 22. Peyton Cash (N) 10.28, 25. Braxton Terry (W) 10.63.

**4x200 relay:** 1. Noblesville 1:32.73, 2. Southeastern "A" 1:33.11, 4. Guerin Catholic 1:34.90, 8. Southeastern "B" 1:36.78, 10. Westfield 1:37.86.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Guerin Catholic 3:31.12, 2. Noblesville 3:32.25, 3. Southeastern "A" 3:32.71, 4. Westfield 3:36.97, 7. Southeastern "B" 3:42.34.

**4x800 relay:** 2. Noblesville 8:15.95, 3. Southeastern "A" 8:16.25, 6. Westfield 8:36.92, 7. Guerin Catholic 8:45.06, 8. Southeastern "B" 8:46.90.

**High jump:** 4. Rowan Hall (HSE) 6-0, 6. Blake Braden (HSE) 6-0, 8. Smith (GC) 5-10, 10. Daniel Ernst (GC) 5-10, 14. Isaac Mpofu (HSE) 5-6, 16. Gavin Stone (W) 5-6, 20. Henry Reno (N) 5-4.

**Long jump:** 1. Michael Griffith (HSE) 22-9.5, 2. Lamine Sall (HSE) 22-0.25, 4. Newton (HSE) 21-5, 7. Lennox Williams (W) 20-2, 8. Robert Campbell (W) 19-9.75, 14. Jalen Alexander (HSE) 18-10, 19. Sid-



(Top left) Noblesville's Sevin Barringer-Hoonhout finished third in the 60 dash during the Hamilton Southeastern Blue & White Relays last Saturday at Anderson University. (Top right) Hamilton Heights' Hadleigh Cherry competed for the Huskies in the shot put. (Above left) Westfield's Robyn Schemel leads off the Shamrocks in the distance medley relay. (Above right) Hamilton Southeastern's Makenzie Loftin placed second in the girls 60 hurdles.

Reporter photos by Kent Graham

ney Weaver (N) 17-11.5, 23. William Chreist (N) 17-5, 29. Hayden Giesler (GC) 16-5.75.

**Pole vault:** 1. Alex Wilson (W) 13-0, 5. Evan Senefeld (HSE) 10-6, 8. Max Wambach (N) 10-0.

**Shot put:** 2. Tom Ewing (W) 56-7, 3. Alex Boothby (HSE) 50-1, 5. Teddy Miller (HSE) 46-1.75, 6. Josh Brown (Hamilton Heights) 45-3, 9. William Goodvine (W) 44-10, 11. Owen Gerig (HSE) 43-7, 12. Josiah Bird (HSE) 43-1.75, 25. James Kuhlman (N) 38-0.25, 33. Levi Burke (HSE) 36-4.75, 34. Sidney Isaacs (HSE) 36-4, 37. Justin Hilton (HH) 36-3.

#### GIRLS MEET

**60 dash:** 5. Tobi Fapetu (W) 7.92, 8. Jocelyn Davis (HSE) 8.05, 12. Sanai Smith (HSE) 8.32, 16. Lindsay Abeo (HSE) 8.45, 25. Samyah Hawkins (HSE) 8.60, 32. Emily Burns (W) 8.73, 44. Claire Lafiosca (GC) 8.98, 45. Keira Wolf (GC) 9.04.

**3200 run:** 3. Bailey Freese (GC) 11:42.01, 8. Ava Powers (HSE) 11:59.57, 9. Catey Campbell (HSE) 12:01.60, 13. Grace Boivin (GC) 12:26.81, 24. Cecilia Schmidt (W)

13:41.29, 25. Alana Shank (W) 14:01.68.

**60 hurdles:** 2. Makenzie Loftin (HSE) 9.16, 7. Madison Clary (W) 10.41, 15. Lauren Linville (W) 10.86, 16. Sensear Reynolds (HSE) 10.90, 32. Emma Crawford (HSE) 12.18, 37. Catherine Traub (GC) 12.45.

**4x200 relay:** 1. Southeastern "A" 1:46.46, 7. Southeastern "B" 1:52.34, 14. Guerin Catholic 1:56.88.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Southeastern 4:07.94, 2. Guerin Catholic 4:09.16, 3. Westfield 4:09.31.

**4x800 relay:** 1. Southeastern "A" 10:00.62, 2. Westfield 10:03.21, 3. Southeastern "B" 10:48.81, 12. Guerin Catholic 11:29.57.

**High jump:** 5. Kori Dues (C) 5-0, 6. Julia Syljebeck (W) 4-10, 7. Kenley Johnson (HSE) 4-10, 9. Amiyah Ballard (W) 4-10, 10. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 4-10.

**Long jump:** 3. Rotimi Aluko (HSE) 16-0, 4. Loftin (HSE) 15-5, 5. Lydia Powers (HSE) 15-2, Syljebeck (W) 15-1, 22. Ballard (W) 13-6, 30. Wolf (GC) 11-8.5.

**Pole vault:** 5. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 10-0, 7. Olivia Maynard

(HSE) 9-0, 13. Paige Lemieux (HSE) 8-0, 20. Mina Spreitzer (HSE) 7-0.

**Shot put:** 5. Jada Henson (HSE) 33-8.75, 6. Maris Bulger (GC) 33-1, 13. Elaina Constantine (HSE) 31-2.75, 14. Katie Wooden (HSE) 30-8.75, 20. Hadleigh Cherry (HH) 28-11.5, 27. Alana Halsted (W) 27-8.75, 32. Lilyana Steiner (HH) 26-5, 33. Victoria Vance (HSE) 26-3.5.

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Carmel, Fishers and the Noblesville girls all competed in the Red Devil Last Chance meet, which took place last Saturday at the University of Indianapolis.

The Greyhounds girls won the 4x400 and distance medley relay, while the Carmel boys were first in the boys 4x800 relay. Sophia Sullivan also won the 60 hurdles for the Greyhounds girls.

Fishers won two boys events. Tyler Tarter was first in the 60 hurdles, and the Tigers won the 4x200 relay.

#### GIRLS MEET

**60 dash - Finals:** 7. Rebecca Belanger (Carmel) 8.04. **Prelims:** 16. D'ahni Branch (C)

8.24, 33. Mallory Cahill (Noblesville) 8.72, 35. Lani Walker (N) 8.82.

**3200 run:** 2. Emerson Weaver (C) 11:33.31, 6. Cara Naas (C) 12:06.00, 9. Madeline Weisner (C) 12:28.16, 11. Ella Wirkner (N) 12:35.55, 15. Savannah Poulson (C) 12:47.45, 21. Ella Rinker (N) 14:07.30.

**60 hurdles - Finals:** 1. Sophia Sullivan (C) 9.56, 3. Anna Williams (Fishers) 9.66. **Prelims:** 10. Ava Sinex (C) 10.32, 13. Olivia Fowler (N) 10.49.

**4x200 relay:** 8. Carmel 1:52.98, 17. Noblesville 2:00.35.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Carmel 4:02.66, 7. Fishers 4:17.30, 14. Noblesville 4:41.57.

**4x800 relay:** 7. Carmel 10:45.35, 10. Noblesville 12:11.22.

**Distance medley relay:** 1. Carmel 12:52.96, 6. Fishers 13:41.10, 10. Noblesville 14:03.22.

**High jump:** 4. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 5-2, 14. Abigail Gibbons (N) 4-8, 15. Lydia Pedersen (C) 4-8, 16. Makenzie Holcomb (C) 4-8.

**Long jump:** Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 16-8.5, 10. Emily Norris (C) 15-9.75, 13.

Mya Baker (N) 15-8, 27. Elle Gilbert (N) 14-7.75.

**Pole vault:** 2. Laina Lillge (N) 11-0, 9. Julia Dong (C) 9-6, 10. Carissa Fuller (C) 9-0.

**Shot put:** 8. Macey Miller (F) 33-0, 15. Audrey Dickson (C) 30-3, 17. Marielle Fitch (N) 30-0, 21. Sarah Crook (C) 29-4, 22. Maya McDonald (N) 29-2.

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**60 dash - Finals:** 5. Uchenyo Ojata (C) 7.09. **Prelims:** 20. Eli Roberts (C) 7.45.

**3200 run:** 4. Kiefer Jay (C) 9:51.04, 6. Liam Oman (C) 9:57.01, 8. Jack Capes (C) 9:59.03.

**60 hurdles - Finals:** 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 8.08, 4. Adom Quist (C) 8.54. **Prelims:** 20. Drew Willman (C) 9.64.

**4x200 relay:** 1. Fishers 1:32.63, 8. Carmel 1:36.36.

**4x400 relay:** 3. Carmel 3:37.57.

**4x800 relay:** 1. Carmel 8:10.00.

**Distance medley relay:** 3. Carmel 11:22.13.

**Long jump:** 4. Aydrion Caldwell (C) 20-9.

**Shot put:** 2. Joseph Drew Franklin (C) 55-4, 4. Joel Gates (F) 48-11, 11. Ozzy Pollard (C) 41-11.

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Lacrosse

Royals get the edge over Cathedral

The REPORTER

The Hamilton South-eastern girls lacrosse team won a close game over Cathedral on Monday, 13-12.

The Royals played strong both on defense and in transition, which led to 20 ground balls and five forced turnovers. Seniors Sydney Schena and Alexis Green both had three ground balls, while Alex Dean collected two ground balls. Schena and Dean both made one forced turnover, and Dean also had an assist.

Senior Ellie Nawa was all over the place for South-eastern. She had 11 draw controls, five ground balls and forced one turnover, then added two goals and two assists on offense. Junior Jessie Lyons had five goals to lead the Royals scoring. Sophomore Sarah Gastineau had three goals and three ground balls, and junior Brooke Daugherty had two goals. Sophomore Evelyn Armstrong added one goal, and also had two draw controls and a forced turnover.

Other notables included Emma Reichert and Reese Bradley with two draw controls each, Sidney Sloan



Hamilton Southeastern's Ellie Nawa had a solid game on defense and offense for the Royals during their Monday win over Cathedral.

with one assist and one Kim with two draw controls ground ball, and Samantha and a forced turnover.

Southeastern hosts Noblesville on Thursday.

Softball

Huskies off to hot start against Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights opened its softball season Monday with a 14-1 win at Bishop Chatard.

The Huskies put up six runs in the second inning, with Lily Cash smacking a three-run double, then Lily Roush hitting a two-run double. Heights added seven runs in the third inning,

including two-run singles by Hailey Hall and Melanee Forrester. Kassidy Schakel opened the fourth inning with a home run. Taya Tro-sper also hit a double.

Roush pitched all five innings, striking out 12 against two hits and no walks.

The Huskies host Frank-ton at 5 p.m. today.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 14, BISHOP CHATARD 1 (5 innings)				
Heights	AB	R	H	RBI
Lily Cash	3	2	2	3
Hailey Hall	3	2	1	2
Lily Roush	3	0	1	2
Melanee Forrester	3	1	1	2
Emma Blanton	1	0	0	0
Taya Trospser	1	2	1	0
Mariyah Sexton	1	0	1	0
Kaylee Rhoton	4	1	2	1
Morgan Ottinger	3	1	1	0
Natalie Newman	1	1	0	0
Kassidy Schakel	3	2	2	2
Isabel Morrow	2	2	1	0
Totals	28	14	13	12
Score by innings				
Heights	067	10 – 14	13	2
Chatard	000	10 – 1	2	0
HR: Schakel. 2B: Cash, Roush, Trospser. SB: Forrester, Morrow, Rhoton, Sexton, Trospser. HBP: Cash, Hall, Roush.				
Heights pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Roush	5	1	0	2
Strikeouts: Roush 12. Walks: none.				

Softball

Southeastern bests Carmel in tight season opening game

The REPORTER

The Hamilton South-eastern softball team won an all-county softball game 5-3 at Carmel's Cherry Tree Softball Complex on Tues-day.

It was the season-open-ing game for both teams. The Royals got on the board right away, as Pay-ton Fox hit a two-run home run with one out in the first inning. The homer also scored Addy Justice, who had gotten on base with a single.

Hope McDonald got a run back for the Grey-hounds in the bottom of the first when she singled in Sophie Esposito. McDon-ald then smacked a double in the third inning, and was sent home right away when Lily Sullivan hit a two-run homer and gave Carmel a 3-2 lead.

Southeastern got back in front during the fourth in-ning with three runs. Justice nailed a triple to left field, also scoring Tessa Sexauer. Fox came up next, and she singled home Justice for her third RBI of the day.

Freshman pitcher Grace Swedarsky threw 16 strike-outs in her HSE high school debut. McDonald delivered three hits for Carmel.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 5, CARMEL 3					
Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI	
Lani Wyrick	3	1	1	0	
Addy Justice	4	2	2	2	
Payton Fox	4	1	2	3	
Sage Ladig	3	0	1	0	
Ella Lyons	0	0	0	0	
Ava Kiemeyer	2	0	0	0	
Ella Francis	1	0	0	0	
Morgan Hicks	4	0	1	0	
Sydney Penny	2	0	0	0	
Makenna Selm	2	0	0	0	
Tessa Sexauer	2	1	0	0	
Jenna Chase	1	0	0	0	
Paige Gould	2	0	1	0	
Sayla Stock	1	0	0	0	
Totals	28	14	13	12	
HR: Fox. 3B: Justice. SB: Wyrick.					
HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Grace Swedarsky	7	3	3	5	
Strikeouts: Swedarsky 16. Walks: Swedarsky 4.					
Carmel	AB	R	H	RBI	
Sophie Esposito	3	1	0	0	
Jayden Kleiner	4	0	0	0	
Hope McDonald	4	1	3	1	
Lily Sullivan	3	1	1	2	
Lucy Broughton	4	0	0	0	
Alex Longstreth	2	0	0	0	
Mia Flemming	3	0	0	0	
Kayden Dierks	1	0	0	0	
Ella Weir	1	0	0	0	
Gracyn Erickson	3	0	1	0	
Totals	28	3	5	3	
HR: Sullivan. 2B: McDonald, Erickson.					
Carmel pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Broughton	7	5	4	13	
Strikeouts: Broughton 6. Walks: Broughton 4.					
Score by innings					
Southeastern	200	300	0-5	8	1
Carmel	102	000	0-3	6	2

The Royals play this while the ‘Hounds play at afternoon at North Central, North Central.

Blackhawks fall to Lebanon

The REPORTER

The Sheridan softball team opened its season Monday, falling to Lebanon 21-2 in five innings at Grand Park.

Sophomore Shelby Eaton was 1-for-2 at the plate with an RBI, senior Ashlynn Tryon also went 1-for-2 and scored a run. Junior Mac-lei Casler was 1-for-3 and

pitched two innings, with ju-nior Emma Settles pitching the other two innings.

The Blackhawks host North Montgomery at 5:30 p.m. tonight.

Millers make magnificent appearance at season opener

The REPORTER

Noblesville began its softball season Tuesday with an 11-1 home victory over Western Boone.

The Millers scored in all five innings. Gabby Fowler smacked a home run in first inning for Noblesville's first score of the season. The Stars tied it up with a homer in the bottom of the first, but Bella Schatko answered that with a three-run homer in the top of the second.

Fowler opened the third inning with another home run, then Mack Harvey nailed another three-run ho-mer for Noblesville later in the inning. A two-run dou-ble by Chloe Vetter in the fifth inning ended the game on the 10-run rule.

Fowler finished 3-for-3 at the plate. Erin Clark also hit a double. Lulu Van Beek pitched two and a third in-nings for the win.

The Millers open Hoo-sier Crossroads Conference play next Tuesday at Avon.

NOBLESVILLE 11, WESTERN BOONE 1 (5 innings)				
Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Reis Sjaholm	3	0	0	0
Delaney Rundle	2	0	0	0
Nevaeh Nash	1	1	0	0
Gabby Fowler	3	2	3	2
Macie Duvall	0	1	0	0
Taylor Thompson	1	0	0	0
Haley Schatko	1	0	1	1
Alie Thompson	0	0	0	0
Erin Clark	3	2	2	0
Mack Harvey	1	3	1	3
Bella Schatko	2	2	1	3
Makayla Jacquay	0	0	0	0
Addi Emmerson	1	0	0	0
Tatum Ball	2	0	0	0
Chloe Vetter	1	0	1	2
Totals	28	14	13	12
Score by innings				
Western Boone	010	00-1	2	0
Noblesville	134	12-11	9	0
HR: Fowler 2, B. Schatko, Harvey. 2B: Clark, Vetter. SB: Clark, Jacquay.				
Noblesville pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Claire Cullen	1.0	0	0	0
Emme Yee	1.2	0	0	1
Lulu Van Beek (W)	2.1	1	1	1
Strikeouts: Cullen 2, Van Beek 2, Yee 1. Walks: Van Beek 2, Cullen 1, Yee 1.				

Shamrocks travel to Decatur Central to show how it's done

The REPORTER

Westfield overwhelmed Decatur Central on the road Monday 20-5 for a sea-son-opening win.

Chloe Tanner hit a two-run double to get the Sham-rocks on the board in the first inning. Westfield then powered through the re-mainder of the game, blast-ing five home runs. Maggie Roh opened the third inning with a homer, then Avery Banas smacked a three-run home run in the fourth in-ning.

Allie Dolenc hit one out of the park to start the sixth inning, then Cara Snedeker and Ava Kainrath both had two-run homers later in the inning.

Kainrath, Tanner and Banas all finished the game with four RBIs, with Kain-rath and Banas each getting three hits. Tanner finished the game 4-for-5, including three doubles, with Dolenc

WESTFIELD 20, DECATUR CENTRAL 5 (6 innings)				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Maggie Roh	2	3	2	2
Cara Snedeker	4	2	1	2
Grace Fanelli	3	2	0	0
Ava Kainrath	3	1	3	4
Chloe Tanner	5	0	4	4
Makayla Watson	5	1	1	1
Allie Dolenc	4	3	3	1
Marisa Stormer	1	0	1	1
Avery Banas	5	2	3	4
Annika Lawrence	2	0	0	0
Grace Feltz	1	3	0	0
Samantha Breaux	2	0	1	0
Shea Voss	0	3	0	0
Totals	37	20	19	19
Score by innings				
Westfield	206	408-20	19	3
Decatur Central	200	102-5	8	3
HR: Roh, Banas, Dolenc, Snedeker, Kainrath. 3B: Watson. 2B: Tanner 3, Dolenc 2, Kainrath. SB: Roh 2, Banas, Lawrence, Snedeker, Fanelli. HBP: Snedeker, Fanelli, Kainrath.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Tanner	6	5	3	8
Strikeouts: Tanner 9. Walks: Tanner 3.				

hitting two doubles and Ka-inrath one. Makayla Watson smacked an RBI triple in the sixth inning.

Tanner pitched all six in-nings, striking out nine. Westfield hosts Carmel at 6 p.m. tonight.

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