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Today: Breezy, with periods of rain.
Tonight: Showers and storms.
Breezy. Some storms could be severe.



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Hamilton Heights BPA 2022-23 members at the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis at Opening Session. The group competed among the best in the state with more than 20 students advancing to national level competition in California next month.

Heights BPA shines at state

The REPORTER

Students from the Hamilton Heights High School Chapter of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) shone bright at the state Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Hamilton Heights was called to the stage many times with most placing among the Top 3 and Top 8 in their respective categories.

Over 20 students qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., at the end of April.

- **Hannah Smallwood** received the BPA State All-Star award.
- **Corbin Landry** is a virtual member for Hamilton Heights.

He is a state officer and will be running for a national BPA office at the National Leadership Conference in April in Anaheim, Calif.

- **Smallwood, Landry, Landon Day, and Andrea Ward** all achieved Ambassador Level in Torch Awards which include service, patriotism, volunteer work, etc.


The Chapter also received three BPA Cares Awards including: Community Service, Quality Chapter Distinction, and Excellence in Chapter Activities.

State contest winners include:

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Grandpa Howard's Door

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Mom was the youngest of a family of nine, and I was the next-to-last grandchild. Mom told the following story:

On a cold December day in 1899, a young man shoved open an old door. Then, lifting his bride as though she were light as a feather, he carried her into their first home. Like the door, the house was old. It was small, made of logs, and certainly a humble dwelling. So why should it be of interest to you, Raymond?

The door is part of your history because the young couple, who set up house that cold December day, became your grandparents many years later. I don't suppose I could even point out the exact site of the house. It was between Veedersburg and Covington, Ind., near Layton Station. I doubt that there is any marker for Layton Station now. They didn't live there long but moved to Sterling. After living in two or three houses, they purchased one in the northeast corner of Sterling. It also was small – only three rooms.

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Dan Stevens gives 50 years of service to Hamilton County




Photos provided by Office of Congresswoman Victoria Spartz

County Administrator Dan Stevens was honored on Wednesday for his nearly 50 years of outstanding and invaluable service to Hamilton County with a Special Congressional Recognition. He will retire effective Friday. A Westfield native, Stevens first started working for the county in January 1974 as a jailor and dispatcher in the Old Jail on the Courthouse Square. Just two years later, he was promoted to a sheriff's deputy where he also served as a Chief Deputy for eight years. Elected Sheriff in November 1986, Stevens served two terms before accepting a job as the Jail Commander for 13 years. Commissioner Steve Dillinger tapped Stevens to fill the role of Director of Administration in 2009 following Stevens' retirement from the Sheriff's Office. Stevens said he and his wife plan to finish traveling to all 50 states in retirement. The couple also has five grandkids they'd like to spend more time with. (Above, from left) Former County Prosecuting Attorney D. Lee Buckingham II, Dan Stevens, and Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt, Christine Altman, and Steve Dillinger.

Westfield senior Madyson Jones finds her voice despite deafness

By AMY ADAMS
For The Reporter

Madyson Jones passed her newborn hearing screening. However, by the time she was four years old, Maddy was having tubes put in her ears for the fourth time.

Her parents' frustration with a lack of answers eventually led to an appointment with pediatric ENT Dr. Benjamin Copeland. Dr. Copeland's insistence on a CT scan before even seeing Maddy led to the discovery that she had been born with enlarged vestibular aqueduct as well as malformed cochlea.

"She was always a quiet baby," said Madyson's mother, Katie Jones. "She was never fussy. She was our first child, so we didn't really know any different. But now looking back, we wonder if there was some evidence of hearing loss and we just didn't know it."

Madyson received her first hearing aid when she was in third grade. Nevertheless, she said she grew up reading lips without even realizing it. People would notice and comment that instead of making eye contact with others she would watch their lips.

Now, as a senior at Westfield High School (WHS), Madyson has lost 50 percent of the hearing in her right ear

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Old photographs find new home

Sheridan Museum given Boxley High School Class of 1924 photograph

By STEVE MARTIN
Sheridan Historical Society

Sometimes we forget about the small things in life, but we had a reminder of that at the museum this week. We take a lot of pride in having Sheridan graduate class pictures from 1905 to present in our archive, minus just a very few early years.

This time around, though, we were fortunate enough to get a 1924 graduate picture from Boxley High School. Yes, believe it not, little Boxley was important and large enough to warrant a high school. It lasted from 1900 to 1931 when it consolidated with Sheridan. The museum has a few of the Boxley class pictures but not all, and one we were missing was the Class of 1924. We were very thankful to be able to add this one to our collection.

The donation was from a former Sheridan community member, Evelyn Carlisle. Her mother-in-law, who graduated in 1924 from Boxley, passed not too long ago and the picture was hanging on the wall in her home. Evelyn told us that her mother-in-law always had memorable stories to tell about her classmates. That is one of the reasons these types of pictures are cherished. What a shame if it had been discarded.

So, to make a long story a bit shorter, please don't throw away any of your old pictures that show historic things about Sheridan, including class pictures. We have a few holes to fill in our Sheridan class pictures as well as a few more Boxley pictures that are missing.



Photo provided Evelyn Carlisle is sitting in front of Museum docent Connie Mossburg, who is holding Evelyn's mother-in-law's picture of the Boxley High School Class of 1924. Thank you, Evelyn, for your wonderful donation to the Museum's collections.

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Lantern Walk Highlight

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights High School theater students will hold a "Lantern Walk" through Cicero Cemetery from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. The walk will include 12 stops at the gravesites of important folks in the history of Jackson Township.

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Hannah Smallwood wins BPA Chapter All Star Award

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Hannah Smallwood is the recipient of the 2022-23 BPA State Chapter All Star Award. This award recognizes students for their hard work and dedication in their school's chapter.

Smallwood, a six-year member of Heights' Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter, served as an officer for the past three years and is the current president of the chapter. She is also the manager of the Husky Fan Shop.

She is also credited as being the catalyst to ensure Heights' BPA achieved the THRIVE level recognition this year. She plans to study business at the IU Kelly School of Business at IU-PUI in the fall.

"Hannah has helped take the organization to the next level," BPA Chapter Advisor Kim Kaiser said. "She represents everything BPA is about, and I am really proud of her."



Hamilton Heights senior Hannah Smallwood was recently awarded the 2022-23 Chapter All Star Award at the BPA Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

The Mission of Business Professionals of America is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities in learning, professional growth, and service.

HEIGHTS

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- Andrea Ward and Landon Day – 2nd, Visual Design Team
- Melissa Lovell, Lizzy Smith, Andrew Morrison and Sophia Hulen – 2nd, Global Marketing Team
- Camryn Runner, Hannah Beechler, Joely Hardacre and Jackson Massicotte – 6th, Admin Support Team
- Hannah Smallwood – 5th, Banking & Finance
- Corbin Landry – 1st, Fundamental Accounting & 5th, Advanced Spreadsheets
- Colin Kuhn – 2nd, Integrated Office Procedure; 4th, Medical Terminology; 7th, Advanced Spreadsheets
- Kaylee Rhoton – 5th, Health Administration & 6th, Integrated Office Procedures
- Andrea Ward – 8th, Computer Systems using Cisco & 10th, Digital Marketing Concepts
- Landon Day – 4th, Digital Design & Communications
- Bekah Beechler – 5th, Business & Personal Law and 8th, Meeting & Event Planning
- Carson Lenze – 2nd, Python Programming
- Landon Poland – 2nd, Ethics & Professionalism
- Adrianna Kauffman – 5th, ICD Medical Coding & 7th, Management Market-



Hamilton Heights' BPA members Melissa Lovell, Lizzy Smith, Sophia Hulen, and Andrew Morrison brought home second place in the Global Marketing competition.

- ing & HR
- Alex Rickey – 8th, Advanced Word Processing
- Cassidy Felger – 2nd, Business & Personal Law
- Phillip Sliwa – 7th, Computer Network Technology
- Natalie Newman – 8th, Computer Systems with Microsoft
- Audrey Meyer – 3rd, Computer Systems with Cisco
- Addison Mann – 2nd, Meeting & Event Planning
- Mariyah Sexton – 5th, Meeting & Event Planning
- Morgan Ottinger – 8th, Integrated Office Procedures
- Hailey Hall – 5th, Human Resource Management
- Gage Hodson – 4th, Economic Research Presentation

To make a donation to assist these students with their trip to compete at nationals in California, contact Kim Kaiser, Hamilton Heights High School DECA, at kkaiser@hhschuskies.org or call (317) 984-3551 ext. 1562.

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DOOR

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Dad soon built a summer kitchen and a few years later added another room, which connected the summer kitchen and the original three rooms. The door from their first home had been brought with them. Now it

was hung at the doorway from summer kitchen to the new room.

Some of my brothers were tall. When they walked through that doorway, they had to duck their heads. I developed a fondness for the

old door and at some point, told Dad I'd like to have it when he no longer needed it. There wasn't much value in the door; only the memories it held were worth saving.

After Dad died, someone removed the hinges and stored the door in the Andrews' garage. Then the house was sold. Whenever I mentioned bringing my door home, I was told I'd have to wait until they had time to clean out the garage so they could find it. Years passed. The garage never disgorged the door, but my memories of it remain. And that's enough.

Read it here,
read it first!

Hamilton County Reporter

Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Previewing Jackson Township's "Lantern Walk"

The REPORTER

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"I am Cass Scherer. My family was of German descent and settled in North Carolina before moving to Central Indiana. I was born in Millersburg and eventually moved to the Cicero area. In 1880, I married Ida Schaul, who was the first cousin



Cass Scherer

November 23, 1859 – August 13, 1933

Residence: Cicero

Contributions: Realtor, builder of Magnetic Springs Park

Scherer, and great-great-great-grandson Alexander Davis."

Source: Ken and Kathy Kirkendorfer; Julie Davis, great-grandchildren

Interpreted by Alexander Davis

of future president William McKinley. I became a successful real estate broker, and I was responsible for building Cicero's Magnetic Springs Park, which included such attractions as a flowing well, horse track, band shell, and coliseum. Although it now lies beneath Morse Reservoir, the park was so popular that the road leading to it was named Main Street, a title which remains to this day. Cass Street and Scherer Avenue were named in my honor. My line of succession includes Vicki, Kathy, and Julie

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Sheridan Public Library needs public's ideas

The REPORTER

Sheridan Public Library (SPL) invites community members to provide input and help create priorities that can help SPL better realize its potential for serving the growing Sheridan community.

Community members are encouraged to let the Board of Trustees know their aspirations regarding what kind of library they wish to have. Citizen input is key to envisioning what this amazing place will be in the future.

Listening sessions will be held on at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 and Monday, May 15, and at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 17. All meetings will be held in the Community Room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. Participation is open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact library Executive Director Kim Riley at kim@sheridan.lib.in.us or (317) 758-5201.

These listening sessions will help SPL make informed changes, be more efficient in its efforts, and better share resources and information with the public.

You do not need to do anything to prepare for the session. Just bring your ideas and be ready to share. If you cannot make one of the sessions, please consider contacting the library and arranging a personal interview with a board member or the director.

BOXLEY

We would really like to have a few shots of the Hippodrome theater, which is now the home of Museum. The community is currently working to upgrade the building facades on Main Street, so a few more pictures of the old buildings would be a welcome addition to our collections.

If you have old pictures you want to get rid of, don't just throw them away. Donate them to the Museum because they may fill some gaps in our collections. If you want to keep them, bring them in and let us scan them. We are open on Tuesdays, Fridays, and the second and fourth Saturday afternoons

of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. We are also open on First Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m.

We will be glad to evaluate your donations and perhaps add them to our collections. Our mission is to preserve the past to enhance our future. You can help us do that.

The Sheridan Historical So-

cety Museum is located at 315 S. Main St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the county side of Hamilton County. Please visit us.

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

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JONES

and 70 percent of the hearing in her left.

At St. Maria Goretti Catholic School, where she attended kindergarten through eighth grade, Madyson began volunteering as a puppeteer with the Joseph Maley Foundation Puppets. The puppet program, which falls under the Joseph Maley Foundation's education pillar, teaches middle school students to voice puppets who have disabilities so that they can present skits about awareness and inclusivity.

One of the leaders of her puppet troupe asked Madyson if she had considered speaking to groups of students about her hearing loss. At the suggestion of that leader, Maddy began by speaking to her own eighth-grade class. She enjoyed it so much that she went on to speak to a fifth-grade class and then a kindergarten class.

"I've been open and honest about my hearing loss for as long as I can remember," Madyson said. "I will talk about it to anyone who is willing to listen."

Although entering Westfield High School after eighth grade was not what her parents had expected, Katie said that Madyson was adamant that she was ready for the change. Maddy threw herself into the theater program and Verbatim, an online space for poetry and short stories written by WHS students.

"She has found her niche," Katie said. "Overall, we have been happy with Westfield High School."

Katie gives credit to Laura Bolender, teacher for the deaf at Westfield Washington Schools, for helping Maddy learn how to advocate for herself.

"My friends all know how to accommodate me," Madyson said. "They know to talk louder and to look at me when speaking."

Madyson is also not shy about letting her teachers know what she will need on the first day of class and then reminding them throughout the trimester as needed. Those accommodations include her teachers wearing microphones that connect directly to her hearing aids and having closed captioning available.

While Madyson has spoken to more than 20 groups of young people in the past five years, she had never spoken to her fellow students at Westfield High School.

"There is a big difference between a class of 42 and a class of more than 600," she said. "It took me a while to get comfortable."

Recently, Madyson decided that it was time to share her voice with WHS.

"I am often out in the halls during passing periods," WHS Assistant Principal Kurt Frederick said. "One day, Maddy just came over like a flash, and she had such a zeal."

Madyson told him that she really wanted to do a presentation for high schoolers before she graduated.

Frederick helped her set up a day to speak during CORE, a 30-minute flex period between fourth and fifth periods for Connection, Opportunities, Remediation and Enrichment. They advertised the opportunity through school media and opened it for any students to sign up.

Madyson gave a roughly 15-minute talk to about 20 students and a few staff members. According to Frederick, some students

came because they were interested in fields of working with people with disabilities. Others had disabilities themselves and wanted to offer their support to Maddy.

"She was just dynamite," Frederick said. "She talked about how she wouldn't trade her deafness for the world. She said it makes her who she is, and it makes her feel whole."

Along with March being Disability Awareness Month, Madyson also wove the WHS monthly theme of respect into her speech.

"Accommodating people is respecting people, whether it's someone with hearing loss or an exchange student," Madyson said. "The big thing I hit on is how to love everybody."

Accepted into the Honors College at Ball State University, Madyson will not let her hearing loss hold her back. She plans to study premedicine and then hopes to attend medical school and go into orthopedic surgery.

"We have always told her that she can do anything she wants to do," Katie said, "to do what's in her heart. We told her to do what makes her happy but not to settle for anything. You can manifest and make your dreams come true, you just have to do it."

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Musical time travel brought to you by the Moontown Pickle Stompers



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Third- and fourth-grade students at Hamilton Heights Elementary School were recently treated to the snappy sounds and songs of the Moontown Pickle Stompers, a local band with a down home sound and style similar to the Hoosier Hot Shots. The Hoosier Hot Shots were an American quartet of musicians, founded in Indiana, who entertained on stage, screen, radio, and records from the mid-1930s into the 1970s. This engaging musical experience was a part of the third grade's unit on local history unit.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 104

Beginning April 1, the community can enjoy an up close and personal visit to 12 different historical sites in Jackson Township (Atlanta, Arcadia, and Cicero) through self-guided video tours. These videos, created by a talented crew of HHSC educators and staff, including Jeff Beechler, Connor James, Lucia Garber (HHMS), and Melissa Martin and Julie Davis (HHSC), along with 20 middle school students, can be [seen on YouTube](#). **Bonus!** Many of these sites will be open to the public between 2 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 15.

By the same token, on that same day and time, Saturday, April 15 from 2 to 5 p.m., Hamilton Heights will hold a community open house at our newly renovated Student Activity Center. The tour is in collaboration



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

with the Hamilton County Bicentennial Committee's April spotlight on Jackson Township. Guests will be given a personalized tour of the facility and meet and greet with Hamilton Heights' leadership team and school board members. The Student Activity Center is located at 420 W. North St., Arcadia. Enter through doors B and H.

Today, the Student Activity Center is home to the HHSC History Hall (history of all things Hamilton Heights), HHSC Board Room, HHSC Community Room, HHSC Husky Orange Room, Healthy Way Clinic, and Early Childhood Assessment Team. Additionally, the building and its athletic facilities are utilized by several student clubs and sports, including HHHS Robotics, HHMS Football, Wrestling, and Track & Field, Jr. Husky Basketball

(K-5), HH Wrestling Club (elementary age kids), and many HHHS sports on and off season.

I've been involved with a Kiwanis club for over 23 years, the past 10 with the Cicero Kiwanis Club. I also had the pleasure of leading the organization as its president last year. I'm passionate about the work this group does for the children in our community, including offering scholarships for graduating seniors. The members, whom I consider friends, are the backbone and driving force of this organization, now in its fourth decade of service.

Those who join Kiwanis want to do more than contribute financially. They want to find fulfillment in volunteer activity, community involvement, and fellowship. Kiwanis gives them this and a lot more, including a chance to shape their communities through hands-on activities and interaction with children. The ability to change the course

of a child's life in our own community is a compelling reward.

Mark your calendar to join me to learn more about how you can be a part of this impactful group at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, April 29 at the Red Bridge Park Community Building in Cicero. *Kids Need Kiwanis. Kiwanis Needs You.*

Registration is now open to **new** students planning to attend Hamilton Heights for the 2023-24 school year. Registration for returning students is also open. [Click here](#) for more details on registering your new Husky today.

Our much-anticipated spring break is underway. I would like to wish our students and staff a well-deserved break. Take the time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy the extra hour of daylight before we head into the home stretch of the final semester of the school year. See you back on campus on Monday, April 10.

#WeAreHuskies

Duke: Five ways to save energy while on vacation

The REPORTER

Spring break is on the horizon for many Indiana families, and you may be planning to escape to the mountains or the beach. Wherever you're heading for spring break fun, you're probably considering the cost of gas or airfare, hotels, restaurants, and souvenirs.

Don't add to the cost by paying for energy you're not using back home. By taking advantage of some simple tips, you may be able

to splurge on your vacation with the money you're saving.

- **Start with your thermostat.** "The habit of leaving the heat cranked up, especially when you're away, is one that can drive up your energy bill," said Mark LaBarr, government and community relations manager at Duke Energy. "Heating and cooling accounts for



LaBarr

around half of your home's energy use, so the best way to save money on energy consumption is to lower the temperature on your thermostat before you hit the road."

- **Turn off your electric water heater** at the breaker so it's not keeping your reserve hot water warm when you don't need it. If you're reluctant to turn it off, consider turning it down.

- **A full refrigerator is more energy efficient** than a half-empty one, so resist the urge to purge everything before you skip town. "Even if you stuff your fridge full

of water bottles – and make sure they're full – it's more efficient than having little to nothing in there," said LaBarr.

- **Unplug anything with a light on it.** "The TV, DVD player, cable boxes, laptop, printers, toaster oven, coffee maker, chargers – none of them need to be plugged in when you're out of town for a week or more," said LaBarr. "If they're plugged in to a smart strip, then you don't have to walk around the house unplugging one appliance or device after another."

- This may seem obvious, but make sure your lights (you are using LED bulbs, aren't you?) and fans are off before you go.

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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 to find the scavenger hunt list.

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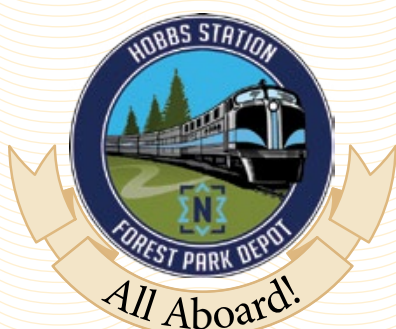
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April 29

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The ever-popular Murder Mystery is back for a one-weekend only Luau Express.

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June 24 & 25

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Photos provided

The three quilts made by Carol Bennett featured in the online auction are (from left) Heart & Home, Nursery Quilt, and Quilted from the Heart. Don't miss your chance . . . the bidding ends on April 11.

Warm your heart & feed the hungry

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank holding memorial quilt auction

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank is holding a Quilt Auction in memory of Carol S. Bennett of Noblesville. She passed away on Oct. 17, 2022.

Bennett had a heart of gold and was always ready to help anyone in need. One of her many hobbies was quilting, and she expressed to her family that some of her quilts be sold with the



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proceeds going to Hamilton County Harvest.

An online auction featuring three of her quilts is underway. [Click here](#) to bid. The auction ends April 11.

About the quilts

- **Heart and Home:** a 79-by-90-inch Log Cabin

patterned quilt perfect for a Twin or XL Twin bed at home or in a college dorm

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Senator Mike Braun leads bipartisan bill to remove hidden student loan tax

The REPORTER

Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Chris Coons (D-Del.), and Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) introduced their bipartisan Student Loan Tax Elimination Act to remove an antiquated tax that adds unnecessary debt to student borrowers and worsens the country's national debt posture.

Representative Lloyd Smucker (R-Pa.-11) intro-

duced the companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

"We should do what we can to ease the burden on American students, and removing this unnecessary tax on student borrowers won't cost a thing," Sen. Braun said. "I'm proud to lead this bipartisan bill to eliminate a tax that is not good for borrowers or taxpayers."

Federal student loans



Braun

currently contain a hidden tax called an "origination fee." Origination fees historically existed to offset the costs of private-sector partners that, in the current federal student loan program, no longer originate federal student loans.

Before a federal student loan is disbursed, an origination fee is calculated as a tax to the borrower, increasing the overall borrower

loan cost. The origination fee is subsequently deducted from the amount actually received by borrower. While a student borrower is given less than their guaranteed loan amount, they are still expected to pay that dollar amount back – with interest.

Since private sector partners no longer originate loans, there are not costs to offset as there were when the fee was established, so this fee is no longer necessary.

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



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2023 BICENTENNIAL APRIL EVENTS

HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT | FREE

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.

NICKEL PLATE HISTORY EXPRESS

April 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Hobbs Station
Forest Park Drive, Noblesville | \$20
Celebrate the history of the towns stations along the Nickel Plate line! Get on board at Hobbs Station in Noblesville's Forest Park, travel north through Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta. Once in Atlanta, disembark for a break and refreshments, then travel back for a round-trip experience. *Tickets selling fast on nickelplateexpress.com.*

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.

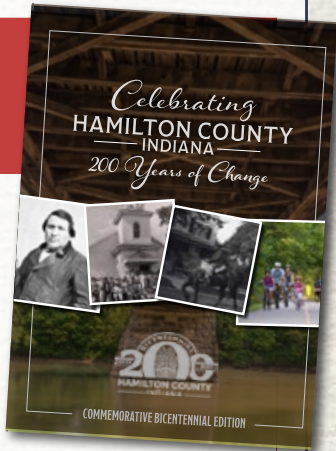
ARCADIA AND THE HOOSIER HOT SHOTS

April 28, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. | Remnant Coffee Shop,
West Main Street, Arcadia | FREE
Join the Town of Arcadia as they celebrate the historic local talent of the Hoosier Hot Shots. In the 1930s, their band was nationally famous for their radio shows and "talkie" movies with their well-known tagline, "Are you ready, Hezzie?"

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.



Access the entire **2023**
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Noblesville Lions welcome Sara Colter



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions Club was entertained at the March 22 meeting by Sara Colter of Teach One to Lead One (T1L1), a mentor program at Hamilton Heights High School and Middle School. Colter has developed the program at Hamilton Heights. The organization provides schools throughout the nation with qualified mentors and a proven program curriculum. The program emphasizes excellence and integrity. T1L1 principles reflect onto the daily lives of students and increases performance levels, leading students into a life of purpose and potential. Learn more at T1L1.org. (Above) Sara Colter was given a certificate of appreciation by Lions Club Vice President Walt Scheid.

Carmel author's second book of youth fantasy series hitting shelves April 18

Submitted

Dave Maruszewski of Carmel continues his *Raven, Romda and Ravai* Middle Grade (MG) series with *Malketh and the Undead*. The book is the second of the series where the trio set off on journeys of epic fantasy while dealing with common everyday challenges.

The first book had the three heroes experience an inhuman villain on their first mission beyond the walls of their training. In this second story, the more experienced trio has to take a larger step on their journey. They are pitted against a former mage of the kingdom. After years of exile and being buried in a catastrophic incident, Malketh (the mage) has returned. This time he brings an entire undead army with him.

The first book in the series tended to be traveling adventure, where world building came as a result of what they found through their trek. The second book will be more in depth on the kingdom and lays rich in backstory for not only the Malketh but Raven, Romda and Ravai, as well.

Maruszewski has promised that the book will reveal the first impressions of how certain characters met.

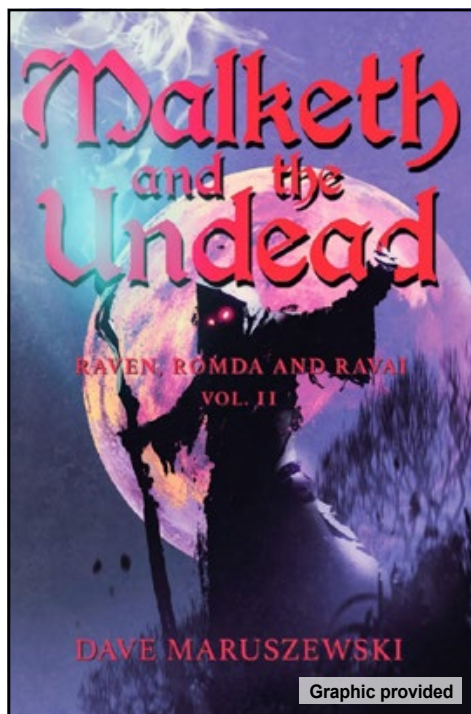
The series overall strives to entertain youth who may not like to read or have a hard time reading. The author hopes that parents will enjoy reading it either with or in parallel with their children. Shorter paragraphs, higher dialogue and engaging interactions are some of the devices that are employed to encourage non-traditional readers.

Whereas many writers rely heavily on description and setting, Maruszewski tends to err on the side of paucity in order to engage the readers' imagination. He says his intention is to give them just enough information that they will "fill in the blanks." In this way, he is creating interaction between the story and person reading it, making the book original to each person who reads it.

The book is intended for Middle Graders. It is suggested, but not reserved, for ages 8 to 14. Content includes action, some violence and magic, but avoids profanity, lewdness, mature themes, and morally corrupt protagonists. It is meant to display the virtue of three young people who endeavor to be heroes for the people they serve.



Maruszewski



Graphic provided

Comedy is used to lighten some of the more intense parts.

Maruszewski has this series continuing well into many volumes, although each book will be a self-contained story, that way a newcomer won't feel lost. He actively is also working a game plan for a host of books to come. In fact, his third volume is in the editing stage already, and he hopes to publish it within the next year.

As a person of a varied background, Maruszewski tries to employ aspects of all his past pursuits in his writing. His experiences include being a detonation physicist, teacher, painter, 3D modeler, animator, video game maker, software engineer, comic book dealer, and engineering analyst. He maintains that all these are useful in writing, at least for a paragraph.

Maruszewski moved to the Carmel area in 2021, and he says is enjoying this great area with his family. He and his wife haven't regretted it for a minute. He says they like seeing people going out and about, enjoying the weather, and engaging in all the local things to do.

The book's official launch date is Tuesday, April 18, although the pre-order period has begun. *Malketh and the Undead* is published by BookBaby. It is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Bookshop.org, Booktopia, Indigo, thriftbooks and BookBaby.

Learn more about the series at Raven-RomdaAndRavai.com.

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Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

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Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike

Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.

Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19

Laura Hayden's School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.

The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.

Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road

G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road

Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road

Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.

Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.

Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road

Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)

First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.

First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.

Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.

Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.

Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.

IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 20545 Riverwood Ave.

Koteewi Park - Taylor Center of Natural History, 12308 Strawtown Ave.

Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive

Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)

Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive

Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.

Noblesville School Admin Building, 18025 River Road

Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.

Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road

Restoration Church, 772 N. 10th St.

Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Avenue (23297 Lafayette St.)

Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.

Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)

Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road

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Emily Pearson receives Cicero Professional Fire Fighters’ endorsement for town council

Submitted

The Cicero Professional Fire Fighters District Vice President Christian Heron said, “Emily made a great impression with us. She understands the needs of public safety but also what it takes to keep Cicero moving forward. We are looking forward to working with her.”

The Cicero Professional Fire Fighters said Pearson is already well known for her involvement in the community and her dedication to Cicero is evident in all she does.

It is an honor and privilege to be endorsed by the Cicero Professional Fire Fighters,” Pearson said. “I will strive daily to exceed their expectations. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the candidate interview process. If elected, my priorities will be public safety and the welfare of the town employees.



Pearson

With Cicero’s continued growth, I believe we must ensure fire protection and coverage match that growth without failure.”

Cicero Professional Fire Fighters is a district of the Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416. The organization comprises over 375 professional firefighters and paramedics working in Hamilton County. Local 4416 is an affiliate of the Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Cicero Kiwanis fundraiser support the following events and organizations: annual Veterans’ Breakfast, King’s Treasure Children’s Christmas Party for underprivileged children, numerous local scholarships, Riley Children’s Hospital, Hope Family Care Center, Hamilton Heights Schools, Hamilton North Public Library, and more.



Dine for a good cause with Cicero Kiwanis

The REPORTER

Join the Cicero Kiwanis from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 at Jim Dandy Restaurant, 2301 Conner St., Noblesville, to support local children and enjoy some great food.

Come out to dinner or order a meal to go. The Cicero Kiwanis will receive 15 percent of all sales. No coupon is needed.

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THE CARMEL PLANETARIUM
AND Planetarium CLUB.

Learn about “Skywatchers of Africa” at Carmel High School Planetarium

The REPORTER

Join the Carmel High School Planetarium Club and learn about the celestial observations and conclusions made by many African cultures of the past.

“Skywatchers of Africa” is a unique program that celebrates the many diverse African cultures and their observations and explanations of the yearly cycles of the heavens. The program discusses the seasons and the changing sunrise/sunset positions and how Africans marked these positions to form a makeshift calendar. Africa has many vibrant cultures thriving today as well as countless past civilizations that continue to speak to us through their sky lore.

The two presentations will take place at 7 and 8 p.m. on Friday, April 21 in the Carmel High School Planetarium. (Running time: approximately 45 minutes.) Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. *No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children aged 12 years and under should be accompanied by an adult.*

[Click here](#) to buy tickets for the 7 p.m. show, and [click here](#) to buy tickets for the 8 p.m. show. Tickets for adults are \$5 and \$3 for children and CHS students.

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

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Rep. Spartz calls for submissions for Congressional Art Competition

The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) has announced the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. Started in 1982 by the U.S. House of Representatives, this annual competition highlights high school students' artistic works from across the country.

"Indiana's Fifth District is full of talented artists, and I encourage interested high school students to participate in this year's Con-

gressional Art Competition," Rep. Spartz said. "Art is a valuable part of education and I am pleased to host this program again this year."

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students in our District. The winning artwork of our district's competition will be displayed for one



Spartz

on the [Congressional Art Competition webpage](#).

The first-place winner's submission will be displayed in the Cannon

year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will include the winning artwork from all participating districts from around the country. The winning artwork is also featured

Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, along with other winners nationwide for one year.

Johnathan Pyle, a senior at Madison-Grant High School in Fairmount, Ind., won first place in last year's competition with his work titled "[Indiana Glass Bottles on a Counter](#)."

For more information, including submission guidelines, important competition dates, and staff contact information, please [click here](#).

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Sen. Todd Young votes for resolution overturning current Waters of the U.S. rule

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined with a bipartisan majority of senators in voting for a Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution of disapproval that overturns President Biden's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

The legislation passed the Senate 53-43 after passing the House of Representatives earlier this month. It now goes to the President's desk.

"The EPA's decision to

rewrite the WOTUS rule will create red tape for Hoosier farmers and builders who need regulatory clarity," Sen. Young said. "Today, this unnecessary bureaucratic overreach was opposed by a bipartisan majority of U.S. Senators. The Biden Administration should abandon these unfair, confusing, and costly regulations."

The resolution comes



Young

after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a new rule in [December 2022](#) repealing the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), and changing the definition of Waters of the United States in a way that will expand federal regulatory authority.

Full text of the resolution can be found [here](#).

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Council will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the same location.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of highway projects.

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Options Schools will hold 10 campus events

The REPORTER

With the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 school year underway, Options Schools has announced its upcoming event campus event schedule, with all events open to anyone interested in visiting campus and exploring Options for the 2023-24 school year.

Options Schools' Noblesville and Westfield campuses will each play host to five events, one per month, from April through August, to provide an open campus and a fun event, for families exploring Options, along with those enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. All events are free of charge to attend and open to the public.

The schedule will begin on Wednesday, April 19 with Harry Potter Team

Trivia at Options Westfield and will conclude on Aug. 16 with BINGO at Options Westfield. Other events include Team Trivia, BINGO, and Gaming Nights at each campus, along with a Directed Painting Workshop, BYO (Bring Your Own) Tie Dye, Corn Hole Tournament, and the third-annual Summer Celebration.

The full schedule can be viewed below, and additional information can be found at [Facebook.com/OptionsCharterSchools/events](https://www.facebook.com/OptionsCharterSchools/events).

The events will also provide an opportunity for families to tour campus and meet and speak with the campus principal, teachers, and other team members to learn more about the personalized, student-first ap-

proach found at Options.

Unable to attend an event, but still want to visit campus and explore Options? No problem! Schedule a campus tour by emailing apiper@optionsined.org.

Applications for **August 2023 enrollment** are now to students looking to enroll at Options Schools for the 2023-24 school year. For those interested in **enrolling for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year**, a limited number of seats remain available in select programs.

Options Schools campus event schedule

- Wednesday, April 19 – Harry Potter Team Trivia Night (6:30 p.m. at Westfield)
- Tuesday, April 25 – BINGO (6:30 p.m. at Noblesville)
- Wednesday, May 10 – Gaming Night (5:30 p.m. at Westfield)
- Tuesday, May 16 – Gaming Night (5:30 p.m. at Noblesville)
- Wednesday, June 14 – Directed Painting Workshop (5:30 p.m. at Westfield)
- Tuesday, June 20 – BYO Tie Dye (5:30 p.m. at Noblesville)

The Noblesville campus is located at 9945 Cumberland Pointe Blvd., and the Westfield campus is located at 17721 Gunther Blvd.

About Options Schools

Founded in 2002, Options Schools are free, public charter schools serving grades 6 to 12 students in 134 school districts across Indiana. With a high-quality, individualized approach to education, Options Schools specializes in providing students with an inclusive environment, unparalleled support, and a student-to-teacher ratio of 15-to-1. With brick-and-mortar campuses in Noblesville and Westfield, Options also offers additional programs in virtual and in-person formats. Learn more at OptionsSchools.org.


TODAY'S BIBLE READING

After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Revelation 15:5-8 (NIV)

Judy Ann Crail

July 17, 1959 – March 22, 2023



Judy Ann Crail, 63, Noblesville, passed away on March 22, 2023, at her home. She was born on July 17, 1959, in Noblesville to Junior Raymond and Lelia Juanita (Herron) Crail.

She attended Hamilton Heights Schools and graduated from Hamilton Heights High School with the Class of 1978.

Judy worked for 10 years at Hamilton Heights Health Center and later for 11 years at the Arcadia Developmental Center, both in the dietary department. She enjoyed working where she could help others.

She was a member of the Arcadia Brethren Church.

Her parents and a brother, Raymond Junior Crail, preceded her in death.

Judy is survived by a sister, Sherry Crail of Windfall, Ind.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Jody Brown officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.



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Leadership on & off the court

Sheridan girls basketball team boasts full National Honor Society membership

The REPORTER

The girls basketball season is over at Sheridan High School (SHS), but last week the team was together again – at the National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony.

NHS membership is open to high school students in grades 10 and up, and all members of the girls basketball team (sophomores through seniors) are part of the prestigious NHS based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. A 3.0 grade-point average is required, in addition to community service requirements.

The team ended the season with an honorable record of 13-9, but Coach Jaidlin Bradshaw is even more impressed with traits that do not show up in the win/loss tally.

The team's sportsmanship was noticed by more than just the SHS leadership. During the season the team received three exemplary reports from the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) – reports generated by referees based on observations of sportsmanship during games.

"This team has been really fun to coach," Coach Bradshaw added. "The se-

niors are awesome leaders on and off the court and really held themselves and each other accountable on and off the court. These kids SHOW UP – I can't say it enough. They make my job really easy by getting it done in the classroom so we can focus on basketball when it's time to do so."

SHS leadership expressed pride in both the team and the coach.

"Academic success in the classroom leads to success on the court," Athletic Director Beth DeVinney said. "It is our pleasure to celebrate Coach Bradshaw and her team on and off the court. These young ladies exemplify all that is right about high school sports. Leaders win."

SHS Principal Rick Davis said, "The girls basketball program reflects what we strive for in all aspects of Sheridan Blackhawk Athletics. These student-athletes work hard in practice, games, and most importantly in the classroom. Their past and future successes are a tribute to their character and a product of having outstanding families, coaches, and educators."

Congratulations and great work, ladies!



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
The following Sheridan High Schools sophomore basketball team members were inducted into the National Honor Society: Ashley Webel, Nova Cross, Shelby Eaton, Mac Smith, Makaley Terry, Cecilia Timme, and Kenzie Garner.

Baseball season openers: Fishers & Westfield win; Noblesville falls to Kentucky opponent

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

The Noblesville Millers opened their season March 27 on the road and did it against some of the best competition in the Midwest, playing at top-ranked St. Xavier from Louisville, Ky.

The Millers led for most of the game until the host Tigers were able to get the win in eight innings, 5-4.

Noblesville got started in the top of the 1st, putting runners aboard right away.

Trevor Corbett led off with a walk, followed by freshman Aiden Reynolds getting hit by a pitch and then Bryce Riggs walked to load the bags. Aiden Ramsey was also hit by a pitch, plating the first run for 1-0.

Nolan Decker lined a single to center to send Reynolds home for a 2-0 Miller lead.

The Tigers got their first run on a sacrifice fly to center to cut it to 2-1 in the bottom of the 3rd.

Reynolds led off the 5th with a double to left. Riggs laid down a sacrifice bunt that helped move Reynolds to third base with one out.

Ramsey walked for runners at the corners. Decker then sent another single to center, driving in Reynolds to make it 3-1.

Jack Shade increased the lead to 4-1 with a sacrifice fly.

St. Xavier struck a comeback in the home half of the 6th with two runs on the board to cut the deficit to 4-3.

The Tigers were able to tie it 4-4 and send it to extras.

Hunter Corbett had a pinch-hit single in the top of the 8th, but was stranded. St. Xavier completed their comeback with a walk-off single with one out in the bottom of the 8th.

Nolan Decker led the Millers at the plate with a 3-of-4 performance and two RBIs. Aiden Reynolds has quite the freshman debut, going 2-for-3 with a triple,

double and two runs scored. Aiden Ramsey also made his first varsity start going 1-of-2 with an RBI, run and walk to his credit. Bryce Riggs started on the mound, throwing 5 2/3 innings, striking out six and giving up just four hits.

Noblesville (0-1) takes off on their spring break trip to play in the Warrior Classic in the Murfreesboro, Tenn., area. The Millers play at 5 p.m. tonight at Collierville (10-1). They play two on Friday, March 31: at 1 p.m. at Wilson Central (1-1) in Lebanon, Tenn., and then follow that game against Summit (2-2) from Spring Hill, Tenn. Their trip concludes Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. against Hartselle (7-4) from Alabama.

Fishers edges Homestead in opener at home

The Spartans made the road trip south from the Fort Wayne area to open the season against the Fishers Tigers.

Homestead grabbed the lead early twice, but Fishers found ways with their bats to climb out of a slight hole and come away with a victory, 4-2.

The Spartans struck first in the 1st inning on a sacrifice fly from Logann Tuttle that scored Fuchs for an early 1-0 lead.

Huston Dunn walked with one out in the bottom of the 2nd and then eventually scored on a wild pitch, knotting the game at 1-1.

Homestead grabbed a 2-1 lead in the top of the 3rd with Fuchs scoring again, this time on a line drive single from Goode.

That lead wouldn't last for long. Jack Brown hit a sacrifice fly to right that sent Carson Dunn home evening it up again at 2-2.

Quinn Seefeldt singled to left to score Gavin Clayton, giving the Tigers a 3-2 edge that they wouldn't give back.

Then, with two outs in the bottom of the 5th, Clay-

ton would score his second run of the night, accounting for the insurance run, propelling the Tigers to a 4-2 home win in their season opener.

Fishers (1-0) managed just four hits, two of those off of the bat of Quinn Seefeldt. Clayton and Carson Dunn each had one hit. Gavin Kuzniewski struck out six Spartans in just two innings and the six Tiger pitchers gave up a total of three hits. Jacob Kohlman got the win and Kyle Man- ship earned the save, working the final two innings.

The Tigers will also head to Tennessee to size up some of the better competition around. Their trip starts on Friday, March 31 at Oakland (Tenn.) when they face Briarcrest Christian (6-3-1) at 3 p.m. The nightcap pits them against Oakland (1-11) in Murfreesboro at around 5:30 p.m. April 1 matches the Tigers against Clarks- ville (Tenn.; 4-2) at 10 a.m. and McCracken County

(2-0) from Paducah, Ky., at around 12:30 p.m.

Westfield outlasts North Central in slugfest to take opener

Sometimes the first game of the year might not be one that yields many runs from each team. North Central and Westfield didn't want anything to do with that.

The two combined for 24 hits and 27 runs, but it was the host Shamrocks who were able to hold on for a 15-12 season-opening win of the visiting Panthers on Monday.

After one inning, the 'Rocks led 4-2. North Central came back with three more runs in the top of the 2nd to take a 5-4 lead, but that was short-lived.

Westfield had a statement inning in the 2nd, touching home plate eight times to pull way out in front 12-5 through two complete frames.

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Soccer

Indy Eleven home opener set for Saturday

The REPORTER

The Indy Eleven soccer team will hold its 2023 Home Opener on Saturday, April 1 ... no foolin'!

The Indy Eleven will play the Las Vegas Lights FC with kickoff at 7 p.m. at IUPUI Carroll Stadium.

Single-game tickets for the match start at \$15. See the full menu of ticket options for the 2023 season at indyeleven.com/tickets.

Gates at Carroll Stadium will open at 6 p.m., as will the Eleven's Fun Zone on the East Lawn featuring the Sogility Skills Challenge, face painters, and details on how kids aged 14 and under can join the new Zeke's Kids Club in 2023.

Halftime will be highlighted by the high-flying All Star Stunt Dogs, and

fans will be able to get autographs from ALL the Boys in Blue after the match as part of opening night's Autograph Alley at the PUMA Merchandise Tent.

A special Indy Eleven and Indy Fuel "Circle City Hat Trick" package that includes a ticket to the Eleven home opener, the Fuel's April 14th Fan Appreciation Night game and an Eleven & Fuel co-branded scarf is available for \$65 at fevo.me/indyhattrick.

In addition, the Circle City Doubleheader Deal includes a ticket to the Eleven's April 1 home opener, any Indy Indians game at Victory Field in April, and an Indy Eleven/Circle City Baseball Club co-branded scarf all for \$49 fevo.me/eleven_indians_combo.

Colts announce celebration for 40 years in Indy

By DAJA STOWE

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The Indianapolis Colts announced plans for their celebration of the team's 40th season in Indy during the September home opener.

The announcement will include the unveiling of the anniversary logo that the players will wear on their jerseys, a contest for fans to submit their favorite photos or memories from the past 39 seasons, and their new gear from the anniversary [Pro Shop](#) collection.

"Sometimes it feels like the Colts moved to Indiana just yesterday, but we are so honored to celebrate 40 seasons of Colts football in Indianapolis," said Roger VanDerSnick, Colts chief sales & marketing officer. "We look forward to using this milestone to engage with friends, fans and neighbors across Colts Nation to get them ready for the 2023 season and the next era of Colts football."

The schedules for NFL teams will be released in May.

BASEBALL

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The Panthers cut it to 12-8, scoring three in the next two innings. But that only fueled Westfield. The 'Rocks plated three more in the 4th to make it 15-8.

North Central put up a good fight and scored four more in the fifth and sixth combined that would account for the final score of 15-12.

Matt Drozlek led the Shamrocks with three hits in four at-bats, which included two doubles, four RBIs and a pair of runs scored. Brayden Hibler and Alex Rudolph each drove in three runs on two hits apiece.

Ty Anderson also had two hits and led with three runs scored. Hibler and Rudolph each also scored twice.

Westfield (1-1, 0-1 HCC) started off HCC play on Wednesday against Franklin Central at Grand Park, losing that game to the Flashes 3-2 and conclude that league series at Franklin Central tonight at 6 p.m.

The Shamrocks will also be playing in Tennessee during their spring break.

On April 6, the 'Rocks play Goodpasture Christian (9-2) from Madison, Tenn., at 7:30 p.m. On April 7, Westfield meets up with Hardin Valley Academy (5-0) at 1:30 p.m. and ends the day against Bradley Central (5-7) out of Cleveland, Tenn., at around 4 p.m. The 'Rocks play a fourth game on April 8, but that opponent is yet to be determined.

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