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TODAY'S WEATHER
Today: Breezy, with periods of rain. Storms develop in the afternoon.
Tonight: Showers and storms. Breezy. Some storms could be severe.
HIGH: 63 LOW: 42


Miracle League of Westfield scores "Big Check" from Lions

Westfield High Schools' SOS Club & Westfield Lions' pancake breakfast raises \$2,500 for charity

The REPORTER

On Saturday, March 18, the Westfield High School's Service Over Self (SOS) Club and the Westfield Lions Club joined forces to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser.

The proceeds from this year's breakfast were presented to the Miracle League of Westfield – an organization that will build a baseball field that can accommodate children and adults with disabilities.

This year's breakfast raised \$2,500, and the "Big Check" was presented to the Miracle League at the SOS Club's meeting at the high school on Thursday. The SOS Club, Westfield Lions Club, and the Miracle League intend to continue this partnership and will work to raise awareness and funds for the extra special baseball field.

For more information on the Miracle League of Westfield, or



The Westfield Lions Club presented a "Big Check" for \$2,500 to the Miracle League of Westfield. (From left) SOS Club Advisor Stephanie Rokop, Sue Estep of the Miracle League of Westfield, London Hoffman of the Miracle League of Westfield, Jenna Hoffman of the Miracle League of Westfield, and Westfield Lions Carrie Larrison, Bob Benson, Jeff Schneider, and Jeff Larrison.

to find out how to contribute to the project, go to MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com. If you are interested in finding out more on

the Westfield Lions Club, go to WestfieldLions.org. The Westfield Lions Club, established in 1930, is the oldest service club

in Hamilton County and is looking for men and women interested in making a difference in the community.

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Embracing the tinsel

It almost sparked against the dark background. I had to take off my glasses to study it further.

While reading a book last Tuesday evening, I glimpsed at the arm of my dark brown recliner and noticed a six-inch long strand of hair. I couldn't even call it gray – this sucker was brilliant white. I chuckled as I picked it up and studied it.

It took me back to the moment when I – or rather, someone else – discovered my first gray hair. One of my co-workers, Krista, had been standing behind me as I sat typing up something on my computer back in the fall of 1997.

"Oh, look, you have a gray hair," Krista mentioned in a casual manner. My reaction, however, wasn't so casual. Tears sprang to my eyes. I couldn't believe it. I was going gray at age 27? The horror!

If only my 52-year-old self could talk to that panicky young woman and reassure her that the world was truly not ending.

As you can see from my column photo, I've got quite a few gray hairs now ... okay, more like a few hundred. Many empty nesters have the same or even more.

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COLUMNIST
AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

STAR Bank presents Senior Showcase Scholarships with Fishers Arts Council

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) cordially invites you to attend the STAR Bank Senior Showcase exhibit, which presents to the Fishers community the excellent work of senior students in the visual arts programs at both Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers High Schools.

Visual Arts teachers from both high schools – Jasmine Osborne, Danielle Ontiveros Goodwin, Lisa Brown, and Erin Warner (Fishers) along with Angela Fritz, Julie Strawhacker, Daniel Moosbrugger, Craig Helming and Lauren Reed (Hamilton Southeastern) – have been working with their students all year to help them hone their skills, create new projects, and learn and appreciate more about the arts.

The exhibit is open to the public now through Thursday, April

27, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays by appointment. To make an appointment, contact Fishers Arts Council directly at (317) 537-1670. The exhibit includes 110 pieces of artwork which include photography, drawing, painting, digital art, mixed media, ceramic, textiles, and more.

A free public reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 14, which includes the Scholarship Awards Ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Both events will take place at the Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers.

These HSE visual arts teachers say they are proud of the work of their students. Angela Fritz, the Visual Arts Department Chair at Hamilton Southeastern



You can see works from arts students at Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools during a public reception on Friday, April 14, and throughout the month.

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Westfield Special Education Parent Advisory Committee sets standard for others to follow

By AMY ADAMS
For The Reporter

Westfield parents of children with special needs now have an extra layer of support when it comes to advocating for education thanks to the Special Education Parents Advisory Council at Westfield Washington Schools (WWS).

As mothers of boys with Down syndrome, Tendra Duff and Mendi Cooley understand that parents of children with special needs are busy. That's why they have joined with other parents and administrators of WWS to form a council to provide input to the local school district on special education services.

"This is our passion," Duff said. "It's not always easy, but we figure out how to make the time."

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Fairyville returns to Noblesville in April

The REPORTER

The 11th annual Welcome to Fairyville event, presented by Duke Energy, alights on the Nickel Plate Arts campus April 19 to 22, with crafts and activities for all ages and most events free.

"Welcome to Fairyville is our most joyous celebration of the year, a time when we celebrate the return of spring, the endless creativity of our community, and the youthful adventurer inside our own hearts," Nickel Plate Arts Director Ailithir McGill said. "The magic of Fairyville is that it brings out the kid in all

of us and inspires wonder and curiosity that help us see beautiful downtown Noblesville in a whole new way."

The annual event is centered around Earth Day and places a heavy emphasis on outdoor, nature-themed activities. In addition to the scheduled events that are offered throughout downtown Noblesville, there will be options for walk-in and take-home projects through local arts partners.

McGill describes the event as a fun celebration that promotes the mission of Earth Day while also supporting local businesses and artists.

"My team looks forward to Fairyville every year because it gives us an extra outlet for all sorts of creativity," McGill said. "From identifying the best ways to include dozens of different artists and merchants, to figuring out how to build a giant salamander puppet, this program is a wonderful challenge! We, along with the more than two dozen businesses and organizations who team up to bring Fairyville to the community, look forward to welcoming everyone to the Fairyville Trail!"

Schedule of events

Nickel Plate Arts, along with its partners and other local businesses, will host various events and activities for Welcome to Fairyville.

- **Queen Titania's Fairy Ball:** Wednesday, April 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Join the Queen of Fairyville at an enchanting ball for her beloved mortal friends at the Lacy Arts Building (by invitation only, \$100 per ticket).
- **Fairy Home Show:** Wednesday, April 19 through Saturday, April 22. The full collection of Fairy Houses made by local artists of all ages will be on display and open for

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Lantern Walk Highlight

The REPORTER

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says the following about the student artists: “I am constantly im-

pressed by my students,” Fritz said. “Every year I think the work the next year

won't be as strong, and every year the students rise to the challenge. The work we

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are seeing at the top level in our high schools isn't just college level – it is strong, advanced college-level work. These kids are invested; they are engaged; they are interesting, and they are focused. Some of them have been accepted at top art schools around the country, and some won't pursue art professionally – but what we all can be sure of is that they are patient, they are detail oriented, and they think outside of the box. These are the creative leaders of our future, and I couldn't be more pleased!”

The Corporate Sponsor for the 14th annual Senior Showcase is STAR Financial Bank. STAR Bank is an Indiana-based community bank with assets in excess of \$3.1 billion. STAR focuses its philanthropy on education, arts, and economic development. In 2021, STAR provided more than \$300,000 in direct financial support to nonprofit organizations.

The winners this year will receive scholarships totaling over \$3,300. The awards are: Best of Show (\$600), First (\$275), Second (\$170), Third Place (\$120), and Honorable Mentions in the categories of Drawing, Photography, Painting/Mixed Media, and 3D. Also presented will be the Jordan D. Snider Award for Artwork Best Reflecting the Written Word (\$250).

The award ceremony will include representatives from STAR Financial Bank, the City of Fishers, award sponsors, and the incredible Visual Arts Department teachers. FAC gives thanks to returning award sponsors Four Day Ray Brewing, Propeller Marketing, Schoolhouse 7 Café, and newest award sponsor, Medium Cool Pictures. These Fishers-based businesses, along with Title Sponsor STAR Bank, are the reason FAC can give cash awards to these incredibly talented students. Please support these businesses who believe in investing in arts education and the supporting the creative talents of Fishers youth.

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at Hamilton Southeastern High School, along with art department teachers Danielle Ontiveros Goodwin and Lisa Brown.

Be sure to join FAC and these amazing high school artists at the Second Friday reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 14 at the Collaboration Hub, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Meet the artists and their teachers, enjoy wonderful art, listen in on the musical talents of Fishers High School students Abi Eberle and Desirée Gaffron, and dig into some refreshments. This event is welcome to all ages – and don't forget the awards ceremony at 6:45 p.m. See you on Second Friday.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](https://fishersartscouncil.org), or call (317) 537-1670.

TINSEL

The wonderful thing now is that our society is no longer making people in this stage of life feel like they have to cover up their grey. I find this to be so freeing, especially for women.

Just look at celebrities like Jamie Lee Curtis, Tia Mowry, and Andie MacDowell. They fully embrace their gray hair and absolutely shine.

Plenty of articles online and even Facebook groups encourage people, especially women, to love their grays. I think the COVID-19 lockdowns pushed a lot of women in this direction since they couldn't go to their salon.

I've heard people refer to their gray hair as “tinsel,” which I absolutely love. I call mine the “silver highlights” in my life. They show the world that I've been here a while and have survived a lot.

In fact, having gray hair was “in” just a few years ago – even for girls in their teens and 20s!

What if you're just not ready to embrace the gray? I think that's fine, too. As the saying goes, “you do you.” I've got family and friends who go either direction. They all look great.

That was certainly me in my 30s. I used Clairol products and henna. But when I

turned 40, I realized that I was tired of spending the time and money on fighting the tinsel. I said goodbye to all the fuss and trouble, and I've been a lot happier ever since.

My point is, when it comes to those silver strands, do what makes you feel your best. Some people have a lot of fun changing their looks. Some enjoy how Mother Nature gives them amazing natural highlights.

On that Tuesday evening, I looked at my strand of tinsel one last time, smiled, and felt grateful that I had embraced my authentic self. I hope every one of my “empty nest” readers is doing the same.



PREVAIL
Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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FAIRIES

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voting on the Nickel Plate Arts campus on Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20 from noon to 5 p.m. and will move to the Fairyville Trail for Fairy Friday and Sprite Saturday. Visitors are encouraged to get a map on campus before beginning their tour of the Fairy Home Show (free).

• **Fairy Vendors:** Friday, April 21 from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fairy-inspired wares will be sold on the Noblesville Courthouse Square (individual booth costs).

• **Fairyville After Dark:** Friday, April 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. Join Nickel Plate Arts at various locations around downtown Noblesville for an adult-oriented experience presented by Martin & Martin Insurance that will include face and body effects painting, acrobatics and fire performing, Celtic music and dancing, and more. Adult-oriented activities are classified by the Fairyville After Dark crescent moon symbol on event listings (free).

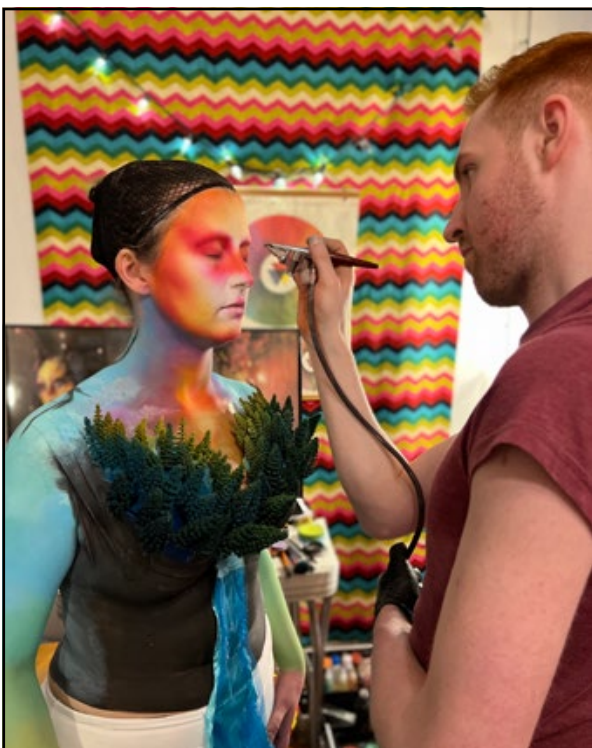
• **Fairyville Trail:** Fri-

day, April 21 from noon to 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Fairyville Trail during the day on Friday and Saturday to see the Fairy Home Show, meet the citizens of Fairyville, and take part in various magic shows, live musical performances, and Earth Day activities (free).

• **Fairy Caboose Rides:** Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Nickel Plate Express Fairy Caboose will pick up passengers every 30 minutes and take them along the Fairyville Trail to find fairy homes, meet citizens of Fairyville, and more (\$17 per person).

• **Family Tea Parties:** Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join Sleeping Beauty and her fairy friends for a tea party full of tea, treats, art, and proper fairy tea etiquette at the HCAA Birdie Gallery (\$15 per person; children under 13 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

• **Fairyville Parade:** Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m. The Fairyville Parade,



Photos provided by Nickel Plate Arts

Last year's Welcome to Fairyville was a smash hit in downtown Noblesville. Whether it's the popular Fairyville Parade (left) or face painting (right), children will be sure to enjoy what Fairyville has to offer.

presented by the Noblesville Trustee's Office, will follow the Fairyville Trail from Nickel Plate Arts to the Noblesville Courthouse Square and will include Fairyville's most prominent citizens (free). Kids and adults can

submit a fairy house ([applications due April 15](#)) to be featured in the Fairy Home Show and along the Fairyville Trail during Fairy Friday and Sprite Saturday.

The Fairyville Trail is free to attend; some special events have costs and re-

quirements. Purchase tickets and learn more at [Nickel-PlateArts.org/Fairyville](#).

About Nickel Plate Arts
Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across commu-

nities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

SEPAC

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When Duff's twins came home after months in the NICU, she had no choice but to stay at home to care for them. In 2017, she started a group called Westfield POMS (Parents of Miraculous Students) to help parents of special needs kids better support each other. Duff became a full-time caregiver for her sons through Guardian Care, a professionally managed pediatric home care company. And now that her boys are tube-free, she works as community liaison for the company, doing all she can to share what she has learned with others.

"I saw firsthand that we could do better for my own kids and other kids," Duff said.

She began having conversations more than a year ago with Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser and Director of Student Services Dr. Chase Stinson.

Mendi Cooley joined the conversations a few months later. While she has stepped up to take on the role of parent lead, she credited Duff and Stinson as being instrumental catalysts in the process of launching SEPAC.

A full-time occupational therapist, Cooley first met Duff through POMS. Cooley's younger son received an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) through First Steps, Indiana's early intervention program. Once her older son was in school, they discovered that he needed an IEP for a completely different reason. He was identified through Child Find which, required by federal law, enables public schools to look for and evaluate kids who need special education.

"There are basically two roads into special education in the schools," Cooley said. "I happen to have experience with both. We are so thankful. An IEP is really a passport to education."

While the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires each state to maintain an advisory council for special education and

related services for children with disabilities, only a handful of states require their school districts to follow suit. Indiana is not one of those states. Although Article 7, Indiana's special education law, promotes parent participation, it does not mandate the formation of any type of local parent advisory group.

The first SEPAC was formed in Indiana in 1988, but Westfield's is the first such council to be established in Hamilton County or surrounding areas.

The online Advocacy in Action guide produced by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs provides guidance in establishing a SEPAC. In addition, Stephanie Garner, parent lead for SEPAC in Plainfield, which has been active for about six years, has mentored the team. Lesa Paddack, assistant director of In*Source, which helps Indiana parents navigate the special education process, has also provided valuable support.

Leaders consulted with each school principal in the district to identify parents who would be productive additions to the council. However, what is truly unique about SEPAC in Westfield is that staff members are also involved.

"This is parent-driven, but teacher participation has been key," Cooley said.

With one parent and one staff member representative for each of their 10 buildings, the WWS SEPAC began meetings in late spring of 2022 and continues to meet monthly both in person and virtually.

"Our group is super eager to implement the SEPAC mission and vision," Stinson said. "We are working on trying to get ourselves positioned to really be a resource for the community – a trustworthy source that parents can go to for a better understanding of what services look like across the board. Parents can speak to others

who have been there."

One of the main goals of SEPAC is to educate parents, giving them the knowledge to participate meaningfully in the education of their children and to effectively express what they need.

"We hold their hands until they figure it out for themselves," Duff said. "With SEPAC, parents who would have felt uncomfortable in the past are being empowered to ask for what they need for their children, even if it might seem outside the box."

Cooley explained that many times the burden falls on teachers and administrators in an IEP to guide parents through the process even though they may not have time.

"SEPAC can fill that gap to help educate parents," Cooley said. "We are working hard to help people know what to communicate and who to communicate with. We help them set aside emotion and find fact-based evidence to support their requests. That's when collaboration can really start."

Another important goal of SEPAC is to identify systemic needs in the district and work with administrators to find workable solutions.

"The school is really listening to us and helping us meet needs," Duff said. "The parents and district are working together to go above and beyond."

In addition, the hope is that SEPACs will begin forming in other school districts around the state.

"A ton of parents have reached out from other districts," Duff said. "There is a lot of interest from the parent level and from special education directors. The need is there."

Stinson expects to see SEPAC build momentum and relationships as it continues to evolve and improve.

"But our biggest win so far has been the overall feeling of parents being heard,"

Cooley said.

Westfield SEPAC has a newly designed logo, and a web page is underway that

will be a parent resource hub on the WWS website.

The next meeting will be held April 13. Anyone is

welcome to attend meetings. For time and location or for more information, email sepacwestfield@gmail.com.

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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.

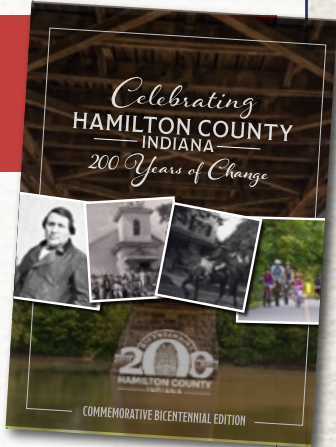
ARCADIA AND THE HOOSIER HOT SHOTS

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.



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Previewing Jackson Township’s “Lantern Walk”

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The Reporter will publish a short biography of each of the 12 individuals in our online editions from Wednesday to Saturday for three weeks, concluding April 15.

Dr. Oscar Havens is featured in today’s edition.

“I am Oscar Havens, MD. I was born in Cicero, son of Dr. Edward and Hanna (Clauson) Havens. Like my father and brother, I decided to pursue a medical career, and together the three of us served the community for 73 years. I graduated in 1942 from the Indiana



Dr. Oscar Havens
June 1, 1914 – March 24, 1975
Residence: Cicero
Contributions: Doctor; Member of 1932 Cicero Red Devils Basketball Team

University School of Medicine. I became a diabetic shortly after I began my practice, and served as a specialist in that field. I was a member of the Riverview Hospital staff and the American Diabetic Association. During my career, I delivered a great many of the “Baby Boomers” in the northern Jackson Township area. I am also noted for my athletic abilities as a young adult. I was a guard on the 1932 Cicero Red Devils basketball team that made it to the State Finals that

year. My teammates and I were a part of the first class to be inducted into the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame.”

Source: Costomiris and Dunn. Cicero, Indiana 1834-1934, 1984.

Interpreted by Mason Johnson

Arts education at Hamilton Heights fuels imagination, creativity & achievement

The REPORTER

March is Youth Art Month, and Hamilton Heights School Corporation has much to celebrate when it comes to arts education.

Hamilton Heights educators and administrators have long understood the many benefits of arts education, including academic achievement, social and emotional development, civic engagement, and equitable opportunity, to name a few.

Like math, science, or history, the arts are a way of knowing and understanding the world and the complexity of human experience. Arts education builds an appreciation for the arts, and provides students with an introduction to artistic disciplines, techniques, and major movements that serves as a foundation for lifelong engagement.

Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. It offers invaluable lessons such as practice makes perfect, small differences can have large effects, collaboration leads to creativity, and there can be several paths to take when approaching problems and that all problems can have more than one solution.

Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork.

Art is an important part a well-rounded K-12 education experience and plays a pivotal role in cultivating the next generation of citizens and leaders. Heights’ art educators, Taylor Myers (HHHS), Erin Goodman (HHMS), and Cheri Trachtman (HHES), understand



Photo provided

Art classes are a popular draw (literally and figuratively) for students at Hamilton Heights High School. Studies show students with high levels of arts involvement had more positive outcomes in a variety of areas, from high school graduation rates to civic participation.

this and have been instrumental in opening the door to the unlimited possibilities of creative expression for their students beginning at the elementary level.

Myers became an art educator to show students how to use their creativity and artistic skills in the real world. Trachtman became an art educator because she gets great joy in creating herself and wanted to share that with her students. Goodman became an art educator because she likes helping students to build skills and confidence through artistic experiences.

All three are gifted educators who believe that art is essential for the full development of the student.

“The thing that makes Hamilton Heights’ art education special is that our small, tight knit community allows the art teachers to know one another and to work on community opportunities together,” they said. “We work together by creating community projects that increase understanding and interest in art. Engaging with art is essential to the human experience.”



Photos provided

(Above) The work of Hamilton Heights art students can be seen throughout the school campus and the community all year long. Inspiration comes in all forms and colors. (Below) Teaching arts in elementary grades helps children develop their creative and critical thinking skills. It also helps them learn to express themselves, to think outside the box, and to problem-solve.



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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Fishers announces recipients for 2023 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant

Over \$1 million awarded to city’s neighborhoods since start of program

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers announced Thursday the recipients of the 2023 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program, a matching grant program that provides funding for creative and innovative ideas that make Fishers a more beautiful place to live. The 2023 grant cycle featured 21 applicants for the program and \$87,519 in funds were awarded.

This year also marks over \$1,044,081.20 in grant funds awarded to enhance the vibrancy of Fishers neighborhoods since the grant’s inception in 2000. Originally known as the Neighborhood Matching Grant, the program began in 2000 by awarding approximately \$16,000 to seven applicants. In 2012, the Tree Matching Grant was created and awarded approximately

\$10,000 to 17 applicants. The grants were then combined in 2020 to become the Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant. “We are thrilled that this year’s Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program marks over \$1 million in funds invested back into the beautification of the Fishers community,” said Megan Vukusich, Director of Planning & Zoning for the City of Fishers. “Over the past 23 years, we have seen this program grow and offer neighborhoods the opportunity to add new, innovative, and sustainable projects where they live and play.”

In addition to beautification, residents and homeowner associations are encouraged to pursue sustainable initiatives and projects that support the environment and natural habitats. All funded projects featuring landscaping will utilize native species. Recipients of the 2023 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program include:

- Avalon (\$2,632.54) to

- install park benches along a walking trail.
- Berkley Grove (\$5,000) for conversion of lawn space into a community rain garden and outdoor art gallery.
- Britton Ridge (\$1,662.50) to enhance the appearance of wall signs at the entrance of the community.
- Brookston Place (\$4,028.52) to enhance the entrance landscaping.
- Charleston Crossing (\$5,000) to replace and upgrade two pond fountains.
- Cottonwood Creek at Gray Eagle (\$5,000) to repair neighborhood tennis courts and fill in cracks and tripping hazards.
- Covington Estates (\$3,444.19) to add trees along 96th Street for beauty and privacy.
- Cumberland Place (\$3,000) to convert a large piece of common area from turf grass to native grasses and plants.
- Eller Commons (\$5,000) to landscape in front

- of the neighborhood entrance and replace lighting with LEDs.
- Fox Hollow at Geist (\$5,000) to replace and repair custom street signs and stop signs.
- Geist Overlook (\$5,000) to construct an additional wall adjacent to the main entrance wall.
- Heritage Meadows (\$3,014) to add landscaping around neighborhood signage.
- Prescott (\$5,000) to extend the irrigation system to help keep the trees and grass watered.
- Ravinia (\$4,986.32) to add a flower bed and entrance sign to the rear entrance and place a park bench near the walking path.
- Rolling Knoll (\$5,000) to remove and replace invasive Bradford pear street trees with native species.
- Sail Place (\$5,000) to replace the wood fence on the perimeter of the Sail Place property line.
- Sand Creek Woods (\$5,000) to improve walking paths within the neighborhood.
- Sutton Place (\$4,986) to remove willow trees around

- the pond and replace them with new, healthy trees.
- Sweet Briar (\$5,000) to improve walking paths within the neighborhood.
- Timberstone (\$3,210) to retrofit five streetlights to LED and replace five Acorn Globe fixtures that have discolored and make repairs on the entrance monuments.
- Timberstone Villas (\$5,000) to improve trails in the existing common area.

2024 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant applications will open Nov. 1. Residents can watch a recorded webinar to learn more about the application process and find additional information at fishers.in.us/grants.

Along with this grant program, the city accepts applications year-round for its **Stormwater Grant Program**. This grant incentivizes neighborhoods, non-profits, and homeowners within city limits to improve local water quality and/or drainage function. Applicants are eligible for up to a 50 percent match from the city.

To learn more about Fishers’ grant programs and apply, visit fishers.in.us/grants.

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Community Good Friday Worship Service

April 7, 2023 7 p.m.

16377 Herriman Blvd.
Noblesville

Participating Churches:

- Bethel Christian Church
- Emmanuel United Methodist Church
- First Christian Church (host)
- First Presbyterian Church
- Fishers Community Church

First Presbyterian releases Holy Week services schedule

The REPORTER

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville has announced its Holy Week schedule of services. Easter falls on Sunday, April 9 this year, and Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 2. The church’s Palm Sunday service will be held at 10 a.m., with Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. on April 6. The Easter Sunday service will begin at 10 a.m., as well.

Good Friday Service
A group of church-

es will join together for a Community Good Friday Worship Service at 7 p.m. on April 7 at First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Participating churches include Bethel Christian Church, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, and Fishers Community Church.

Everyone is invited celebrate the Easter season and come worship.

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At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm



Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department

The three ladies of the Carmel Fire Department – Stephanie Yoder, Renee Butts, and Arielle Morgan – handle the heat just as well as any male fire fighter.

Women of Carmel Fire Department thriving in a male-dominated field

By LAKYN McGEE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Firefighting is a field dominated by men, but as Women's History Month comes to a close, the women of the Carmel Fire Department are showing they've broken barriers and can do the job, too.

Stephanie Yoder is one of only three women in the Carmel Fire Department. She says every day is different, but she enjoys the work and has looked up to strong

women her entire life.

"I wanted to become a firefighter after watching my aunt. She is a firefighter over at Pike (Township)," Yoder said. "I grew up watching her manage this really awesome career and raise a family and be an absolute rockstar with it."

Yoder says she has faced community members that have questioned her ability to be a firefighter.

"We get that a lot," Yoder said. "I really hope that in some point in time, may-

be in my career, I will see that not become such a surprise. People look and they say, 'Well, what do we call you? You're not a fireman.' And I said, 'Well, how about just "firefighter"?' It doesn't have to be specific and I don't want people to be surprised that there are women in our career field."

Joining Yoder on the fire department is a mother of two, Arielle Morgan.

"I got hired on Carmel and I was going through recruit class. I was still pump-

ing; I was still breastfeeding my daughter," Morgan said. "Just being on the safe side, we went through a three-day period where I wouldn't keep any of my milk."

She did that because of possible contaminants she might encounter when battling fires.

Rounding out the group of three ladies is Renee Butts. She's moved up the ladder, going from driving fire trucks to being an engineer and paramedic, to now, working in more of an ad-

ministrative role.

Butts thinks this male-dominated field will soon see more women.

"I do think it's changing," Butts said. "When I first got hired, there was one female on, and then Stephanie and Arielle have come along, and they're amazing! My kids hate it when I say this, but they are the bomb-dot-com! They're strong and they're empowered. They're not throwing the 'girl card'. They've earned their spots."

Yoder chimed in, "Obvi-

ously, being in a male-dominated industry, you can't have feelings that are hurt super easily, but operate in a house with a bunch of brothers."

Morgan says that if women are interested in becoming a firefighter, they should come to talk to them.

"Most fire departments do have females, there's just not that many at this time. If you're interested, come on out," Morgan said. "We need more girls. If I can do it, you can do it!"

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre seeks adult actors for upcoming productions

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre announces two upcoming open call auditions for productions remaining in its 50th Anniversary Season. The theatre is seeking actors who are racially, ethnically, and physically diverse, including all gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.

Audition for Grumpy Old Men, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and White Christmas

• **When:** Monday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Report to the lobby of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, to sign up for an audition time. Potential dance callback is from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **Grumpy Old Men** performances are from Aug. 24 through Oct. 1, 2023.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 10, 2023.

• **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is on stage Oct. 5 through Nov. 19, 2023. Rehearsals start Sept. 21, 2023.

• **Irving Berlin's White Christmas** runs from Nov. 24 through Dec. 31, 2023. Rehearsals begin Nov. 9, 2023.

Audition for Sophisticated Ladies, featuring the music of Duke Ellington

• **When:** Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign in for an audition time at the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre rehearsal studio, 7505 New Augusta Road, Indianapolis. Potential callback from 4 to 6 p.m.

• **Sophisticated Ladies** is on stage from July 13 through Aug. 20, 2023. Rehearsals begin June 26, 2023.



Those auditioning should prepare two contrasting vocal selections – one up tempo and one ballad – and music in the correct key. A one-minute monologue may be requested. Auditioners should also bring an updated picture and resume, as well as dance clothes and their entire vocal book for a poten-

tial dance callback at 6 p.m.

Check beefandboards.com or Beef & Boards' social media for updates. No phone calls, please.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving exceptional entertainment with dinner in 2023.

Don't miss final Westfield Winter Market of season

Submitted by Westfield Chamber of Commerce

The Winter Market will conclude this Saturday, April 1, at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St., Westfield.

From 9 a.m. to noon, stop by for baked treats, meat, fresh eggs, cheese, dog treats, honey, jams, fresh flowers, handcrafted items and so much more. The market is free and open to the public.

This Saturday's vendors

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Westfield’s own Matt Harrison getting Statehouse experience

The REPORTER

Westfield resident Matt Harrison is gaining experience as an intern with State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) and her fellow members of the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2023 legislative session.

Harrison is the son of Tricia Anderson of Westfield and Dave Harrison of Kokomo. He resides in Westfield with his mother and stepfather, Kip. He is currently attending Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, where he is majoring in geography.

“Interning at the Statehouse is a great work experience, where I’m building friendships, connections and skills every day,” Harrison said. “This opportunity is helping me grow as a professional, and driving my interest and understanding of how state government works.”

As a legislative intern, Harrison corresponds with constituents through phone calls, letters, and emails while also staffing committee hearings and floor proceedings.



Westfield resident Matt Harrison (left) joins State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) (right) in the House Chamber at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Harrison is interning with the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2023 legislative session.

“It’s great to see Matt building his skills through this internship to help prepare for his career,” Rep. Schaibley said. “All of our interns are a big help in communicating with constituents, keeping legislators organized and assisting wherever they’re needed. I’m excited to see where

Matt’s career will take him next, and grateful for the time he’s spent with our team at the Statehouse.”

Each year, the House of Representatives offers paid internship opportunities to college students, law-school students, graduate students, and recent college graduates for the duration of each leg-

islative session.

Visit IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/internship for more information about the House Republican internship program.

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

Sheridan Public Library has full April calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages this month. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies + Toddlers

• April 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (Rain Theme; ages 0-2)

Preschool

• April 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m.: Storytime with Wynn (Rain Theme; ages 3-6)

Grades K-5

• April 12 at 4 p.m.: STEAM: Weather

• April 19 at 4 p.m.: Building Club

• April 29 at 4 p.m.: Comic Club

Grades 6-12

• April 13, 20, 27 at 4 p.m.: D+D Club

Adults

• April 5, 12, 19, 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Knitting Club

• April 12 at 6 p.m.: Friends of the Library Meeting

• April 13 at 6 p.m.: Public Listening Session –

Community input for SPL
• April 17 at 6 p.m.: Pinners

• April 19 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers Book Club: The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts

• April 25 at 1:30 p.m.: Euchre Club

All Ages

• April 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Visit (Note: Library closed for regular business)

• April 6 from 1 to 2 p.m.: Homeschool Meet & Greet

• April 11 from 4 to 6 p.m.: Food Packing Volunteer Event (Note: Library closed for regular business for staff development and volunteer event)

• April 14 at 6 p.m.: Family Virtual Reality Program

• April 21 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night

• April 28 at 4 to 8 p.m.: Mini Comic Con

For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

Duke Energy request to reduce fuel electric rate approved

The REPORTER

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approved on Wednesday Duke Energy Indiana’s request to lower bills due to declining fuel and purchased power costs.

For an average residential Duke Energy customer in Indiana using 1,000

kilowatt-hours a month, it means a decrease of approximately 16 percent over rates today, or \$26 a month. That is on top of a 5 percent decrease that went into effect in January.

Customer electric bills were higher in 2022 primarily due to soaring fuel costs that affected the cost

of power utilities produced as well as what they purchased on the energy markets. A number of unique events drove up fuel costs – from volatility in the energy markets worldwide to labor shortages at railroads that delivered fuel.

“Fuel and purchased power can account for as much as 25 to 45 percent of an average residential customer’s bill, so when the markets are volatile, it can have a big impact on energy bills,” Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “We’re starting to

see costs stabilize, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has approved our request to pass those savings along to customers.”

The decrease will be in effect April to June.

Four times a year, utilities adjust prices based on fluctuating fuel costs. Fuel rate adjustments are not permanent; fuel costs rise and fall, and utilities pass those costs to customers with no profit, so customers pay what their utility provider pays. Duke Energy’s priority is to purchase fuel at the best possible price, through

steps such as long-term contracts and using a diversity of suppliers.

Customers can [view a short video here](#) about how fuel costs affect their bills.

Bill assistance resources

Energy costs can be a major part of household budgets, and Duke Energy offers a variety of assistance options for customers:

• Interest-free installment plans – Customers can call the company at (800) 521-2232 to learn more.

• Energy and bill management programs, including Budget Billing and Usage Alerts that let a customer know when their bill may be higher than normal

so they can make adjustments. The company also has a host of energy efficiency programs, including free home energy assessments. Customers can learn more about these programs and others at [this link](#).

• Each year, through shareholder contributions and customer donations, Duke Energy dedicates funds for customers in need through its Share the Light Fund. The company recently announced \$300,000 in available assistance funds for distribution through statewide community action agencies. A list of agencies can be found at incap.org/energy-assistance.

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Westfield students learn “funny money” philanthropy

The REPORTER

No, not *that* kind of “funny money.”

Four classes at Carey Ridge Elementary School in Westfield were given a grant from the PTO to do a project called “Funny Money Philanthropy.” Students earned funny money for displaying the school’s positive lifelines such as honesty, hard work, self-control.

During typical weeks, the classes have a Friday store in which students use their funny money to buy themselves a prize or privilege like a prize box item, PE helper, lunch with the principal, etc.

This time, instead of using their money on themselves, they will spend on



Photo provided by Westfield Washington School

items for Open Doors of Westfield. The grant purchased \$300 of items for each of the classrooms to have the kids purchase. Also included was a field trip after school to take their bagged items to Open Doors.

New 400-unit development coming to Zionsville with help of Merchants Capital

The REPORTER

Leading multifamily financing provider Merchants Capital announced Thursday it has secured financing for the development of The Farm, a class A, market-rate property located in Zionsville. With 400 total units, the project will be the only one of its kind in the area.

Situated at the intersection of Michigan Road and Sycamore Street on more than 48 acres of land, The Farm will bring 400 units to Zionsville with an additional 225,000 square feet of retail and commercial space. The development’s prime location will give residents direct access to the city’s major interstates, allowing convenience to downtown Indianapolis and its surrounding suburbs. Property amenities will include a modern and professional fitness center, co-working spaces, golf simulator, gourmet coffee bar, pickleball court, pavilion with fire pit, upscale dog park, rooftop patio and more. Residents will have access to garage spaces as well as covered bicycle parking.

To finance development of The Farm, Merchants Capital secured a Merchants Bank of Indiana (MBI) construction loan for the key developer, Scannell Properties, and co-developer



Rendering provided

Pittman Investors. Headquartered in Carmel, Merchants Capital is a national leader in multifamily financing, with expertise in deal structures supporting multifamily, market-rate and affordable housing properties. Merchants served as a financing partner on The Farm alongside other local parties including Lake City Bank and the National Bank of Indianapolis.

“Our roots as a company are in Indianapolis and its surrounding suburbs, and we consistently make it our priority to partner on projects that will benefit our local communities and its residents,” said Anthony Cossell, Transaction Manager at Merchants Capital. “The Farm’s design is authentic to the history of Zionsville and blends premier quality with scale in order to be the perfect addition to the town, an area historically scarce in rental properties.”

Construction of The Farm will serve as Phase 1 of the larger Planned Urban Development (PUD) project outlined by the Town of Zionsville. Coined the “Gateway District,” the concept is to improve walkability and accessibility for locals by joining residential living with retail shops, convenience stores, dining and more. Phase 2 of the project will focus on the commercial aspect.

“We are thrilled to launch development of The Farm at Zionsville and thank our lender partners at Merchants Bank of Indiana and Merchants Capital for their assistance in getting us to the launching pad,”

said Shawn Hitchcock, Director, Scannell Properties. “We look forward to working closely with the town and our business partners to ensure The Farm will be a welcoming focal point for living, working, shopping and dining.”

Debut of The Farm in early 2025 will bring much-anticipated multifamily units to Zionsville, currently a heavily undersupplied rental housing market. Upon its completion, the property will be a state-of-the-art project that will provide the best-in-market rental housing to individuals and families in the region. Pre-leasing is expected to commence in May 2023.

To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit MerchantsCapital.com.



Do you have the biggest tree in Carmel?

City launches contest to see who has the largest tree in celebration of Arbor Day

The REPORTER

Get out your measuring tape ... it’s time to find the biggest tree in the city of Carmel!

The second annual Big Tree Contest, sponsored by the city’s Urban Forestry Committee as part of the observance of National Arbor Day, challenges local residents to find the biggest tree in their yard and measure it to see if it stands tall among all the other trees in the city.

“Carmel has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 29 years, including winning the Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence in 2018 for our Urban Forestry Program,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “We take our mission of planting and maintaining a street tree inventory of more than 33,000 trees very seriously.”

Contest entries will be accepted April 1 to 30 from Carmel residents to determine the biggest tree in 13 different species categories: Ash, Beech, Birch, Cottonwood, Elm, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Maple, Oak, Sweetgum, Sycamore, Tulip, and Walnut/Hickory. Winners in each category will receive a \$50 gift card.

Submissions may be sent to bigtree@carmel.in.gov.

Please include the contestant’s name, property owner’s name (if different), location of the tree, tree species and circumference. Winners will be chosen by the Urban Forestry Committee and will be showcased at the May 6 Carmel Farmers Market. On that day, you can also visit the Carmel Urban Forestry booth where we will be giving away free tree seedlings along with in-

formation on how to care for your trees.

The city employs four full-time staff members dedicated to urban forestry and contracts with several companies to assist with tree planting and maintenance. Carmel’s forestry staff reviews each new development’s landscape plan to ensure the landscaping meets city standards and design. As Carmel regulates trees on newly developed properties, many trees are preserved because of the city’s low urban density.

In addition to residential developments, the city has also strategically planted certain types of trees for its boulevard-style streets. An emphasis is given to designing them with trees and landscaping to create a future tree canopy. River Road, north of Main Street, is one of the first examples of this design. These trees were planted in the late 1990s and have for years provided a shaded roadway, lessening the heat island affect, which promotes a better environment.

Urban forestry combines three professional traditions: that of the arborist, whose focus of concern is the health of the individual tree; that of the landscape architect, who helps find the fit between natural environments and human needs, including the need for beauty; and that of the forester, whose specialty is the management of the whole forest and its entire life cycle.

For more information, visit CarmelUrbanForestry.com and see how to measure your tree on the city’s YouTube channel by [clicking here](#).

“No Ticket, Let’s Fix It” campaign aims to help drivers fix broken car equipment

By AMICIA RAMSEY
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Drivers who get pulled over in central Indiana for a broken headlight or busted taillight could be surprised with a Jiffy Lube gift card instead of a ticket during the No Ticket, Let’s Fix It campaign.

The program began with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Marion County Sheriff’s Office in February 2021 as a way to boost positive interactions between police and citizens, reduce minor ticket infractions, and improve road safety.

The program allows of-

ficers to pass out \$25 Jiffy Lube gift cards instead of tickets for broken vehicle lights or other equipment issues. Twenty police departments across central Indiana are taking part in this year’s campaign.

Jiffy Lube of Central Indiana donated \$300,000 for the officers to allow drivers to fix their issues. Officers plan to give out 12,000 gift cards.

Steve Sanner, president of CEO of Jiffy Lube Indiana, says he loves “being able to create happy endings.”

“You’re driving in your car, you may know you have a light out but you hav-

en’t had time to fix it,” Sanner said. “You see the lights go on behind you. You start to get a little stressed out. Now, an officer can come up with a solution instead of making the problem worse with a ticket or a warning. We can actually fix the problem.”

The \$25 gift card is enough to cover one or two taillights or brake lights or a standard headlight, according to Sanner.

“We just want to help people be safe on the road and we want to really try to get people to understand these officers are here to keep us all safe,” Sanner said. “If you’re driving a car

that’s not functioning right, you’re not safe and the people around you aren’t safe.”

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Two local artists – Frances Ruiz of Fishers (left) and Madhuchhanda Mandal of Carmel (right) – have been honored as Hoosier Women Artists. Photos provided

Two women artists from Fishers & Carmel receive state-level recognition

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, along with the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), announced the 2023 Hoosier Women Artists awardees at a celebration in the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday.

“It is amazing to annually honor many of the state’s outstanding female artists,” said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “I am very proud to play a role in highlighting Hoosier Women Artists by showcasing their artwork in my own office year after year.”

Two such artists from Hamilton County will have their work featured in two separate locations in Indianapolis:

- **Frances Ruiz of Fishers:** Her piece, “Bailando Bomba de Noche (Dancing Bomba in the Evening),” will appear in the Office of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch.
- **Madhuchhanda Mandal of Carmel:** Her piece, “The Faceless Entertainer,” will appear in the Office of Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush.

The Hoosier Women Artists program began in 2008 to celebrate the work of female artists from around the state. The program expands the opportunities for woman-made artwork to be displayed in Indiana communities.

“In each corner of our state, artists are playing a vital role in making Indiana a place where people want to live, work, play, study and stay,” IAC Executive

Director Miah Michaelson said. “We are proud to partner with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to both spotlight the talented women artists in our state and to recognize the work that artists do to improve the lives of all Hoosiers.”

Honored artists will have their pieces displayed in the Statehouse offices of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Auditor of State Tera Klutz, Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner, and Chief Justice Loretta Rush.

“Pablo Picasso once said that ‘Every child is an artist ... the problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up,’” Jenner said. “Each year, I am blown away by the talented Hoosier women, of all ages and backgrounds, who have harnessed and nurtured their skills into the inspiring product we see today. Congratulations to each of this year’s artists and thank you for sharing your work!”

Pieces in the 2023 exhibition are from many media and art styles, including painting, photography, digital art, paper quilling, and other multimedia styles.

“What a pleasure to experience this spectacular showcase of creativity, passion and dedication of this year’s featured Hoosier Women Artists,” Auditor of State Tera Klutz, CPA said. “We can all appreciate the storytelling these artists provide in their work, creating a bridge to connect us using a universal language that goes beyond culture, religion, ethnicity, or language.”

Any artist living in Indiana who identifies as female is allowed to submit one piece of artwork annually.

“It is a privilege to recognize the creativity of Hoosier women artists,” Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush said. “I am proud to be a part of the initiative and display their work in my chambers.”

In addition to the art selected for the Statehouse, pieces will also be displayed by First Lady Janet Holcomb at the Governor’s Residence.

“The Hoosier Women Artists Exhibition is a great opportunity to celebrate and meet talented and creative women who live right here in Indiana,” Holcomb said. “Each year, I look forward to selecting a few pieces to display in the Governor’s Residence for all our visitors to enjoy. The artists generously loan the pieces for one year, and I grow quite attached, making it difficult to let them go.”

Of the 230 pieces that were submitted to the program this year, 29 were selected to be displayed in the Statehouse and at the Governor’s Residence where they will be admired by the thousands of visitors for the next year.

“Every time someone visits my office, I get to share with them that the artwork displayed on the walls was created by talented women from across the state,” Crouch said. “We are blessed to work in this stunning building every day, and the opportunity to display their art makes it somehow even more beautiful.”

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September 26, 1945 – March 22, 2023



George Corts was born September 26, 1945, in Langhorne, Pa., and passed away March 22, 2023, in Noblesville.

While attending Butler University, George was drafted into the army where he served his country faithfully for two years in the Vietnam War. When he returned, he went back to Butler where he met Susan, his wife of 48 years. Together they raised two boys, Kyle and Kris, who are now 44 and 40 years of age.

George was a man of many talents. His culinary expertise was well known by his family and many friends. He interacted with his children, their friends, and the entire neighborhood. Known as "Pyro George" during the 4th of July, he would try to outdo himself every year. He always helped his kids with their science projects, or any other special school projects that they might need an adult helping hand with.

As his sons grew older, his true passion became coaching soccer. While knowing nothing of the game, he slowly learned by reading books, watching it as much as possible, and by helping his sons get better. As his coaching expertise grew, so did the success of his teams. He started coaching his older son Kyle at a young age. As Kyle got older, he started to coach Kris's teams. He became very close with this group, always referring to them as "his boys." They were one of and still are one of the most successful Rowdies teams to ever come from Noblesville, even winning the Bush International Tournament in St. Louis. He was a firm believer in playing every team member to help develop their confidence, give them experience and build team camaraderie. His credo was to always stay positive, critique in a positive way and always show respect to one another. That is why "his boys" often looked to him as a mentor and even a second father. To his last days, "his boys" always made time to come visit their coach, who is also their close friend.

George's sense of humor was second to none. His one-liners were classic, and people still talk about them to this day. He always made time for his family, taking his two boys camping with their friends or taking his wife on a surprise vacation. We can truly say George was loved by all, and will be missed as much as any husband, father, friend, coach, or amazing person will ever be missed.

George is survived by his wife, Susan; his children, Kyle and Kris (Abby); and his brother, Jim (Linda).

There will be a calling from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, April 6, 2023, at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Hamilton County Humane Society, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com), or the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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Steven Paul Stepp

September 17, 1949 – March 28, 2023



Steven Paul Stepp, 73, Arcadia, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Steve was born on September 17, 1949, to Clifford Paul and Phyllis Jean (Day) Stepp in Noblesville. He grew up in Cicero and attended Jackson Central before enlisting in the Army and serving in Vietnam. After returning, he lived his best life with his loving wife of 50 years, Julie (Griswold) Stepp. Family was a central pillar to Steve's life, always willing to lend a hand where needed, including raising his grandson Jensen as his own and serving as a father figure to Aaron. Steve leaves behind a legacy of hard work and passion for living life.

He was a member of the Central Indiana Antique Tractor Association for many years, with a passion for restoring and pulling antique tractors. When he wasn't in the shop, he was enjoying time on his hobby farm, camping, or horseback riding with family. Steve retired from a career painting both residential and commercial properties.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford Paul and Phyllis Jean (Day) Stepp.

Steve is survived by his wife, Julie (Griswold) Stepp; five siblings, Sharon Yearly, Rocky Stepp, Debbie Gunn, Gary Stepp, and Missy Gossard; three daughters, Stephanie Stepp (Justin), Laurie Stepp (Chris), and Renae Stepp; eight grandchildren, Aaron Birge (Dustin), Kaylee Bouse, Kennedy Hopper (Jonah), Jensen Stepp (Chelsy), Kiara Hopper (Daniel), Lillian Farmer, Gavin Farmer, and Willow Hageman; and four great-grandchildren, Liam, Sterling, Bryson, and Christopher. He leaves behind several nieces, nephews, close friends, and beloved pets.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Homes in Cicero, with a memorial service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel is entrusted with Mr. Stepp's arrangements and where you may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission's Commercial Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the HCPR Administration Building, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say:

"You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

Revelation 16:1-12 (NIV)

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BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



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Luke Almodovar, Noblesville & Robert Sorensen, Guerin Catholic

The REPORTER
Two players who led their respective teams to post-season success are this year's Hamilton County Reporter Boys Basketball Players of the Year.

Noblesville senior Luke Almodovar has been a star since his sophomore year, and his career finished this season by helping the Millers win their first sectional championship in 13 years. Almodovar, who is committed to the University of Saint

Francis, averaged 17.5 points per game for Noblesville, including 23 points in the sectional championship game.

Guerin Catholic junior Robert Sorensen emerged as a leader for the Golden Eagles, and he was one of the main factors in their run to the Class 3A state championship game, where they took state champion and No. 1-ranked NorthWood to overtime. Sorensen finished his season averaging 14.4 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

2023 Hamilton County Reporter Boys Basketball All-County Team

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Year
Luke Almodovar	Noblesville	Senior
Trey Buchanan	Westfield	Junior
Sabien Cain	University	Junior
Kamea Chandler	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Jack Cherry	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Tillman Etchison	Hamilton Heights	Junior
Aaron Fine	Noblesville	Junior
Keenan Garner	Fishers	Junior
Jalen Haralson	Fishers	Sophomore
Sam Orme	Carmel	Senior
Andre Ozlowski	University	Senior
Alex Romack	Westfield	Senior
Robert Sorensen	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Reph Stevenson	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Hunter Walston	Noblesville	Junior
Spencer White	Carmel	Senior
Caleb Wright	Sheridan	Sophomore

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Year
Maddox Bohland	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Sam Bishop	Westfield	Senior
Jared Bonds	Carmel	Senior
Kahmi Bracey	University	Senior
Bryson Cardinal	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore
Trent DeCrane	Sheridan	Junior
JonAnthony Hall	Fishers	Sophomore
Donovan Hamilton	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Dylan Murans	Guerin Catholic	Junior

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Softball

Shamrocks endure first loss of season

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

PENDLETON – For three consecutive games to open the season, the Westfield Shamrocks softball team lit up the scoreboard with 43 runs scored and 11 home runs overall.

On Thursday night at Pendleton Heights, the formerly unbeaten ‘Rocks tacked on six more runs and a two-run blast by Grace

Fanelli, but it wasn’t enough to derail the revamped Arabians at Legends Field.

Down 2-1 early, the Shamrocks (3-1) fell behind further as Pendleton Heights charged ahead behind a grand slam in the bottom of the fourth and a three-run shot in the fifth en route to an 11-6 loss.

“Our No. 1 motto is we learn more from failure than we do success,” Westfield head coach Brian

Revercomb said. “I think that’s important in whatever you’re doing, so to play teams like this and to really compete and have a chance is important.”

The Shamrocks more than competed against an Arabians’ program that reached the elite eight in 2022.

Held scoreless through three innings against Pendleton Heights ace Eliza Findlay, the Shamrocks

plated a run in the top of the fourth to cut their deficit 2-1 on a two-out RBI single by Maggie Roh.

In the top of the fifth, they chased Findlay with eight hits against the right-hander and five in the frame to make it a 6-4 game momentarily.

“She was doing a nice job of putting the ball up in the zone, and we weren’t being terribly disciplined,” Revercomb said. “I think, we made nice adjustments one time through the batting order, and we did that against Decatur Central, too. I’m proud of them making those adjustments.”

Prior to Thursday, Westfield throttled Decatur Central, 20-5, on the road to open the season March 20. The ‘Rocks beat Carmel, 13-8, two days later at home and Franklin Central, 10-6, away on Tuesday.

“I’m super confident in our offense. They’re doing a lot of things well,” Revercomb said. “You can see the maturity of the offense.”

The order’s potency was revealed leading up to the top of the fifth, as it produced five runners in scoring position. Westfield left 11 runners stranded overall in the game.

Roh’s RBI single in the fourth was sparked by a two-out single from Makayla Watson, who finished 3-for-4 out of the lineup’s ninth hole.

“She’s a freshman, and in the fall, we recognized her as someone who has a lot of talent,” Revercomb remarked on Watson’s play. “We’re super happy with her and super happy with the effort she’s putting in so far.”

Roh went 2-for-4 with singles in the fourth and seventh innings.

Westfield cut their deficit to 6-4 in the top of the fifth behind a five-hit, two-out rally kicked off by a Fanelli single to left field.

Allie Dolenc (1-for-3) followed with a single before Avery Banas (1-for-3) drove in Fanelli, and Samantha Breaux (1-for-2) lined a two-run double to left, which chased Findlay.

Fanelli (3-for-4) provided the final Shamrocks’ runs in the top of the sixth by crushing a two-out, two-run home run that scored Ava Kainrath (1-for-3). Fanelli also recorded a double in the top of the second.

“She’s coming off an injury last year, and we really missed her bat,” Revercomb said. “She’s a solid third baseman and great defensively. Offensively, she’s so relaxed and calm. She knows what her job is.”

Fanelli’s two-run shot cut the deficit to 11-6, and the Shamrocks threatened in the top of the seventh with two runners on base, but the Arabians’ reliever Shelby Messer closed the door with two strikeouts mixed in before inducing a pop up to right field for the final out.

“We get a double there and it’s an 11-8 game. It makes them feel a little bit of pressure,” Revercomb said. “It’s non-conference,

so we learn from it. We get better, and it’s great experience because our sectional is as tough as it gets.”

The Arabians (1-0) grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third on an RBI hit from Findlay (2-for-4). A Pendleton Heights runner – Kiah Hubble (2-for-5) – advanced home for the first run on a throw from the outfield.

A grand slam by Bo Shelton (1-for-2) for the Arabians with two outs increased the Westfield deficit 6-1 before the Shamrocks charged within two runs. Katelin Goodwin (2-for-4) hit a two-out, three-run home run for the Arabians in the bottom of the fifth to make it 11-4.

Westfield utilized three pitchers in the game, beginning with Chloe Tanner, who suffered the loss after 2.2 innings thrown, four hits allowed, two walks, a strikeout and two unearned runs surrendered.

Kenzie Hiatt and Shea Vohs combined in relief for 3.1 innings with nine hits allowed and five earned runs. Vohs had two strikeouts in her 1.2 innings.

“That team is as good as any team in our sectional, so it’s great preparation for that, which is our end goal,” Revercomb said. “Normally, (PH coach) Rob (Davis) gets a hold of us pretty good, so to compete like that for seven innings is a good feeling.”

The Shamrocks will look to bounce back and improve on their 1-0 Hoosier Crossroads Conference record on Tuesday at home against Brownsburg. They host non-conference Greenfield-Central on Wednesday.

Bryan Adams & Soul Asylum to rev up Carb Day at IMS

By **JASON RONIMOUS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indianapolis Motor Speedway has announced Bryan Adams will headline Miller Lite Carb Day on Friday, May 26, and Soul Asylum will open.

“Bryan Adams is one of the most exciting live musicians in rock,” IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “He’s full energy all the time in his shows, and we know our fans will love rocking along to hit after hit during his performance.”

With 17 studio albums, including four new studio albums in 2022, Adams’ songwriting has earned him numerous awards and accolades, including a Grammy Award, three Academy Award nominations, five Golden Globe nominations, and 20 Juno Awards.

His 2022 studio albums included the Grammy-nominated *So Happy It Hurts*, and *Pretty Woman – The Musical*, as well as *Classic Pt. I and Pt. II*, which feature new recordings of his greatest hits, including “Summer of 69,” “Heaven,” and “Run To You.”

In addition to his first Indianapolis concert since 2010, Adams is playing throughout the United

States, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand in 2023.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Bryan Adams to Miller Lite Carb Day, bringing the best of 80s rock to the greatest weekend in racing,” Miller Lite Field Marketing Manager Kathy Barton said. “We can’t wait to crack open a cold Miller Lite and enjoy a night to remember on the main stage.”

Soul Asylum has been one of the most inspiring and hardworking bands in the rock scene since the 80s. Soul Asylum earned steady alternative radio and MTV airplay on the strength of the *Billboard* Hot 100 Top 5 hit “Runaway Train,” which won the Grammy for Best Rock Song.

Known for its raucous but emphatic combination of punk energy, guitar-fueled firepower and songs that range from aggression to heartfelt, the quartet now includes frontman Dave Pirner, drummer Michael Bland, lead guitarist Ryan Smith, and bassist Jeremy Tappero. Buoyed by an energetic and unparalleled live show and Pirner’s prolific songwriting, Soul Asylum isn’t stopping anytime soon.

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