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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms, especially in the early morning and again later in the afternoon.

Tonight: Spotty early evening shower.

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Janus open house showcases participants' photography

By AMY ADAMS
For The Reporter

Janus Developmental Services will host a Photography Show Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 16 at their headquarters in Noblesville in celebration of May being National Photography Month. In addition to light snacks, colorful photographs taken and framed by Janus participants will be on display and available for sale.

A recent Indiana Arts Commission Arts Project Support grant provided partial funding to help Janus incorporate photography into their client programming. Accessible to individuals with varying abilities, photography provides an opportunity to gain social as well as task-focused skills.

Janus staff recognized that, if given access to the right tools and materials and an opportunity to reflect the world through their own eyes, their partici-



Photo provided by Janus Developmental Services, Inc.
Noblesville photographer Daniel Grose introduces participants to photography equipment.

pants could shine. Janus purchased camera equipment and brought in a professional photographer to offer instruction. Noblesville resident Daniel Grose worked at Janus in 2010 with food services, and that birthed in him a passion for people with disabilities. He en-

joyed introducing participants to the photography equipment, teaching them how to use it, and giving them tips. "You could see their faces light up like Christmas," Grose said. "It was pretty epic."

Over the past several months, approximately 20 Ja-

nus clients chose to participate in the photography program. On 12 different occasions, Janus President and CEO Yolanda Kincaid drove a bus of participants to take pictures throughout all of Hamilton County.

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Photo provided by Scott Saalman

She loved where she lived

In 2021, my mother was buried at We Love Where We Live cemetery in the river town that she was moored to her whole life.

The cemetery's official name is St. Mary's, but Mom and I gave it a nickname due to the town's official roadside welcome sign (catchphrase: "We love where we live!") having been erected beside the boneyard's western border.

Seeing "We love where we live" so near tombstones was not lost on our shared sense of humor (dark), nor was the farewell

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Sixth annual Impact Awards celebrate Hamilton Heights students' successes

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (HHYAP) celebrated the success of 13 amazing students at its sixth annual Impact Awards Dinner on Wednesday at Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta.

The event drew in students, their families, Hamilton Heights School Corporation personnel, and local dignitaries from the greater Hamilton County area and beyond for this special celebration of accomplishment.

The program recognizes one student per grade (grades K-12) who successfully maneuvered through a challenge in their life. Students can be nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, or any staff member that feels a student is deserving of the award.

"I look forward to this event every year," HHYAP Early Intervention Advocate Mary Ann Haymaker said. "This time is truly about the kids and recognizing the impact they have made on their teachers and classmates. It is a special time to come together and honor



Photo provided

The 2023 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program Impact Award recipients. (Front row, from left) Brandon Dillard, Ethan Vondersaar, and Aaliyah Eastland. (Second row, from left) Tommy Kloepfer, Saniya Thomas, Drew Champion, and Evelyn Yong. (Third row, from left) Ethan Mead, Adalyne Price, Aerial Trump, Eva Pierce, Hattie Graham, and Avery Patterson.

their hard work, resilience, and determination of these students to rise above a challenging issue that may otherwise have negatively impacted their life."

The 2023 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Impact Award Recipients along with their presenters include:

- Kindergarten: Aaliyah Eastland, presented by Sara Smith
- 1st grade: Brandon Dillard, presented by Tracy Zachary

- 2nd grade: Tommy Kloepfer, presented by Tracy Zachary & Chelsea Kleyla
- 3rd grade: Evelyn Young, presented by Marianne Collar
- 4th grade: Ethan Vondersaar, presented by Taylor Krueger
- 5th grade: Drew Champion, presented by John Walsh
- 6th grade: Sanyia Thomas, presented by Emily McClelland
- 7th grade: Avery Patterson,

- presented by Bonny Stites
- 8th grade: Hattie Graham, presented by Kari Beery
- 9th grade: Eva Pierce, presented by Caty Wiegman
- 10th grade: Adalyne Price, presented by Caty Wiegman
- 11th grade: Aerial Trump, presented by Dee Roper
- 12th grade: Ethan Mead, presented by Krista Shields

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Hey Westfield, lace up your sneakers for Grand Run!

The REPORTER

Westfield Welcome continues its Memorial Day tradition this year with the ninth annual Grand Run, presented by STAR Bank, on Monday, May 29. Grand Run is a 5K, 10K, half-marathon, and a special kids' fun run at Grand Park Sports Campus.



Runners will use Westfield's expansive trail system winding through Grand Park, and half-marathon participants will enjoy a northern scenic stretch of the Monon Trail. The kid's fun run will take place inside the Grand Park Events Center.

Online registration is open now, and pricing varies per race. The kids' fun run is free, but registration is required. New this year is the option to add on a kid's participant T-shirt for \$8. Prices will increase on race morning. Donations received from Grand Run directly support Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF), an organization dedicated to ending homelessness among veterans.

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Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council unveils community herb garden

The REPORTER

Members of the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council have created an herb garden and art display in the South Alley of downtown Noblesville. The garden includes mint, basil, and oregano, which are free for public use.

"I love spending time with our future leaders and the energy and love they have for Noblesville," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "I want to thank Tyler Ashby for his leadership on this project, and all of the youth council members who have worked to leave a lasting impact on our community."

The Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council partnered with the City of Noblesville, Keep Noblesville Beautiful, Nickel Plate Arts, Noblesville Schools, Indiana Peony Festival, and the Hamilton East Public Library to create this public herb garden and art display.

Ashby, a Noblesville High School senior, came up with the idea during a trip last summer to Glasgow, Scotland.

"There was an old library card catalog that was filled with plants. I thought, 'this would be something nice to have in downtown Noblesville that

would be manageable for the Mayor's Youth Council to do.' Something that will be here after I go to Bloomington for school in a couple months," Ashby said. "I brought it up, the council liked the idea, and I reached out the group in Glasgow to share how they inspired us."

The old display case was donated by the Hamilton East Public Library and upcycled to promote sustainability. The art portion was designed by NHS Art Club students and shows significant community symbols.

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Photo provided by City of Noblesville

Noblesville High School senior Tyler Ashby (fourth from left) conceived of the idea for a community herb garden while on a trip in Scotland.



Photos provided by Janus Developmental Services, Inc.
The public is invited to the Photography Show Open House on Tuesday, May 16 at Janus headquarters.

“There were some people who were hesitant at the beginning,” Kincaid said. “But as we went to different locations and they got more practice, they would be saying, ‘Stop the bus! I need to take a picture.’ And they would be right.”

The participants took photos of farms, fields, fences and more.

“Their confidence has made a 180-degree turn,” Kincaid said. “Daniel’s positive feedback telling them they were doing a great job really made a difference.”

One particular non-verbal participant uses photos on his phone to communicate with those around him. Imagine his excitement to be able to create those images himself.

“He was just elated to be able to take all of these pho-

tos and to come back and share them with his friends and later his family and to tell the story of his day,” Kincaid said.

Out of about 600 photographs taken, Janus selected 100 photos to print in full color. These prints have been mounted in frames built and painted by other Janus participants using wood donated from Westland Sales in Elkhart, Ind. All in all, the framed pieces will showcase the work of around 50 individuals.

Patrons will also be able to custom order photographs in different sizes or even in black and white.

“We’re like Burger King,” said Janus Development and Communications Director Jerry Jamison. “Special orders don’t upset us.”

A majority of the purchase price will go directly to the artists, with a smaller percentage going to support Janus for future art supplies. The Janus store will also be open selling other pieces made by Janus participants like their new line of bird-

houses and bee baths.

All photographs, including purchased artwork, will remain on display through June 1 at the Janus facility at 1555 Westfield Road in No-

blesville and can be viewed most days from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Jamison at (317) 773-8781 ext. 100 or jjamison@janus-inc.org to schedule an appointment.



Photos provided by Janus Developmental Services, Inc.
These are just some of the participants in the photography program at Janus Developmental Services.

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In addition, JP Etchison presented Hamilton Heights Middle School Counselor Sabrina Duncan with the 2023 Tony Etchison Memorial Award.

“Sabrina is an incredibly caring and compassionate individual,” Haymaker said. “She is accessible, available, and simply a wonderful human being that has a knack for bringing joy to others. She represents everything this award is about.”

The event’s emcee, Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood, said the event is truly a celebration of the accomplishments and triumph of these students, many of whom have overcome significant challenges in their lives.

“These are extraordinary students who have shown the will and grit to overcome despite their situations,” Arrowood said. “The adversities these students have faced did not limit their ability to succeed inside and outside the classroom. Their examples can be a lesson to all of us that anyone can overcome challenges in their life and become an inspiration to others. They certainly are to me.”

The memorable evening was made possible, in part, thanks to the generous support of this year’s sponsors: Beck’s Hybrids, White River Christian Church, Bender Homes, Monuments by Robinson & Sons, Berrycomm, Cicero Pool & Spa, Cicero Insurance Agency, The Farmer’s Bank, Purkey’s Heating and Cooling, Church Church Hittle + Antrim, Powers Septic and Sewer, Big Dog’s Smokehouse, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department, Adler Attorneys, Jackson Township Trustees Office, Specialty Tax Services, Logan Street Banners and Signs, Spring Valley Storage, Noblesville Elks, North Central Outdoor Power, and Blades Audio Video.

A special thank you to the Youth Assistance Program Board Tricia Akers, Dr. Derek Arrowood, Sarah Buckner, Judge Michael Casati, Jeanann Dodson, Judge Paul Felix, Jessica Heiser, Jeremy Hunt, Syd Loomis, Natasha Robinson, Emily Schmale, Zach Smith, and Perry Williams.

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LIVE & LOVE

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message, ripe with reincarnation overtones, on the other side of the sign: “We hope you come back.”

My baby sister’s body was delivered into the dirt there during the 1960s. We used lightheartedness to cope with darkness. The nickname was not a dig against the town. Tell City was Mom’s heaven on earth. If anything, it was simply commentary on unfortunate sign placement.

Tombstones are nothing more than postage stamps for a different kind of delivery. I recall brotherly pride while holding my baby sister for the first (and only) time, a moment that, in hindsight, foreshadowed a life lesson: sometimes the first time is also the last time. Mere hours later, my sister was rushed to the emergency room, vanishing for good, returned to sender, due to a medical gaffe (admitted by the doctor). The resulting emptiness, the void of a sisterly presence, has deepened as I’ve aged. Often, I have tried to fill the hole, perhaps explaining why nearly all my friends are female.

How my parents felt about their loss, I try not to imagine, what with having a son and daughter of my own. A parent who loses a child often becomes the ghost.

I imagine my sister grown now, looking over my shoulder as I write this, her face reflecting from the computer resembling my mother’s face. This brings a chill to my spine, a burn to the eye. Halos and holes. Holes and halos.

I didn’t cry at Mom’s funeral home service, nor later at We Love Where We Live. I was too busy welcoming visitors. One trait I gained

from Mom was a compulsion to be a consummate host. She loved introducing people to one another, point out commonalities, and forge connections. She greeted Walmart greeters before they greeted her.

Mom was a diner hostess, a role she loved and shined at. I was fond of watching her smile and joke with customers and offer advice while guests aired personal angsts while picking at blue plate lunch specials. Like Lucy van Pelt manning her 5-cent psychiatric help booth, the “doctor” was always “in.” Though Mom lacked a college degree, she did re-up her annual subscription to *Psychology Today*. Many people reported to me how she had helped them through a difficult time.

As a teen, Mom aspired to attend college. She actually saved enough money from high school jobs to attend fall semester at a business college in Evansville, as well as pay rent on a ramshackle apartment. On her first day at the apartment, she unpacked her suitcase, but never returned, not even to retrieve her things, feeling too out of place in an urban environment. A rich Evansville couple who owned a large department store learned of her housing plight through the college and invited her to live in their large home. They threw her a welcome party, inviting their rich friends, but Mom, mortified by the attention, failed to show. Ultimately, a woman running the local YWCA took her in, and in return, Mom babysat for her child.

Mom did well in secretarial courses, especially



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

shorthand writing. During the semester, though, she became pregnant and was married on New Year’s Eve. Pregnant, too poor for a second semester, she quit college.

Twenty years later, in 1983, she sent me to college via the wages and tips she saved, entitling me to the dream she once aspired for herself. In 2022, my daughter Delaney earned her bachelor’s degree in English. Mom was excited knowing Delaney enrolled in college. Unfortunately, she died before Delaney

earned a diploma. I imagined Mom proudly applauding from the rafters during the graduation ceremony.

For graduation, I gave Delaney a business school shorthand pin that Mom earned for an “80 WPM” milestone, which Dad had discovered after her death. That Mom secretly kept this pin for nearly 60 years is a testament to her college dreams.

I finally cried on the evening of Mom’s funeral, oddly enough, after deactivating her Facebook account.

I had created her account years before the stage four colon cancer diagnosis. She loved Facebook and the many get-well wishes and prayers posted by friends during her five-year cancer war.

I sobbed not only because of a sudden surge of remorse, which I expected, but also due to an unexpected sense of guilt for believing I had hammered the proverbial final nail into her coffin. Yes, she died from a cancer detected far too late, but it was that final Facebook click I made and the

subsequent erasure of her social media existence that represented the permanent deactivation of her earthly existence. Her death, which had seemed so surreal, suddenly felt most real.

Mom would want my reflections to end in positive light, so I’ll end this with two truths, both of which I’m most certain: She loved living her life, and she loved where she lived.

This story originally appeared on Next Avenue. Here is a link. Contact: scottsaalman@gmail.com.

GRAND RUN

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Photo provided

“We are honored that runners, walkers, and their families spend Memorial Day with us to help raise funds for such an important cause,” Westfield Welcome Director Kayla Arnold said. “Grand Run has become an annual tradition for so many, and we love to see it grow each year.”

Details including race route maps can be found



Arnold

at [Westfield-Welcome.com/grand-run](https://www.westfield-welcome.com/grand-run).

About Westfield Welcome

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses and visitors. As a department of the City of Westfield, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 30 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities each year.

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“I gave them the theme of the courthouse, peonies and for it to be uniquely Noblesville,” Ashby said. “That’s the inspiration behind it and I think it looks great.”

The herb garden is a Noblesville Mayor’s Youth

Council legacy project that will be passed down and maintained through the years by future youth council members.

About the Noblesville Youth Council

The program is free and open to students who live in

or attend school in Noblesville. The council includes two eighth graders and the remaining members are high school students. The council advises the mayor on issues relevant to youth, learn about municipal government and the importance

of civic participation, and discuss and educate their peers on council initiatives. Members also perform community outreach and volunteer with local organizations and organize service projects relating primarily to youth.

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AG Todd Rokita warns churches & other nonprofits to beware cyberattacks

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to be alert to the possible rising incidence of cyberattacks on churches and other nonprofit organizations.

“Hackers regularly carry out attacks on companies and governmental offices,” AG Rokita said. “Now, though, we’re seeing signs that cybercriminals are expanding their lists of targets.”

On April 30, data extortioners **struck a national Catholic publishing house** based in Huntington, Ind. — one day after a ransomware group attacked an evangelical megachurch in South Carolina.

“Nothing is sacred to these high-tech outlaws,” AG Rokita said. “Our own office and law enforcement agencies nationwide are working to bring offenders to justice. At the same time, we encourage all Indiana institutions, as well as every-

day Hoosiers, to take proactive steps to implement cybersecurity measures.”

AG Rokita offers the following tips:

- Be on alert for communications with dangerous attachments or fraudulent links.
- Always verify the email addresses of those who send you emails.

• Don’t reveal personal or financial information via email or text message.

• Encourage regular and updated cyberattack training for organizations’ employees, members and volunteers.

• Ensure that your organization has updated appropriate software patches and that it monitors current schemes and scams by hackers.

• Avoid using gift cards, money orders or cryptocurrency to conduct transactions or regular organization business.

For more information, go to in.gov/attorneygeneral.



Rokita

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch opens application for 2023 Golden Hoosier Award

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration’s Division of Aging, announced Friday that nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 Golden Hoosier Award.

This is the 16th year for the program.

“Our state is filled with generous Hoosiers who are constantly giving back to their neighborhoods and communities,” said Crouch, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “The Golden Hoosier Award is an amazing opportunity to honor those who have dedicated their lives to serving Indiana communities.”

The award began in 2008 and annually honors senior



The Golden Hoosier Award



Crouch

Hoosiers for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities. Since the start of the program, more than 200 Hoosiers have been honored.

To be eligible, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, age 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

The deadline for submitting applications is Sunday, July 9. Nomination forms can be accessed electronically at [this link](#).

A ceremony honoring those selected will be held later this year.

Softball is a sport of failure

By **ABBIGALE MERRITT**

Sheridan High School Student

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

Softball is a sport of failure. No matter how hard you try, work, or play, you’re being set up to fail. What really matters is being a team player and picking each other up every time you fail. You can’t play a team sport and not be a team. It just won’t work.

The failure part of softball is the worst part. You will always have an obstacle to overcome when it comes to softball. Whether it be a hitting slump, you can’t field a ball some days, or your team just can’t break their losing streak, you and your team have to push through it. You have to be able to accept the failures, embrace them, and then you’ll find your way toward success. If

you can’t accept the fact that you’re going to fail sometimes, then you’re not going to enjoy what you’re doing. Eventually, you’re going to hate it and maybe even regret it.

When playing softball, there will be more negatives than positives. There will be people who are going to hope you fail so they can have your spot. There are going to be times where you can’t seem to do anything right, but you just have to work through all of the negatives to eventually get to the positives. The positive part isn’t necessarily winning every game, it’s forgetting about the error you just made and focusing on the next play. Or it’s doing your best and playing as a team no matter the outcome.

Failing can also take a toll on your mental health. If you’re playing softball every day and you’re not enjoying it, or you’re stuck focusing on the errors you made in



Photo provided

Abbigale Merritt plays on the Sheridan softball team.

the last game, it’ll hurt you mentally. Playing softball in general can take a toll on you physically. So you have to make sure your mental health and stress levels are good. On top of softball, you still have school work and grades to maintain. If you are able to keep everything lined up, you should be able

to manage it all.

Softball is an even harder sport if you make it hard for yourself. If you keep a good mindset through it all, it won’t be hard. Having a good mindset not only benefits you, but also your team. So if you can accept your failure and even embrace it, you can have a good season.

Hamilton County Community Band prepares for Summer Concert Series

Submitted by **Brian Wuerch**

Summer is almost here, ushering in car shows, community festivals, outdoor recreation and ... band concerts in the park!

The Hamilton County Community Band (HCCB) will kick off its summer concert season on Saturday, June 10 at Beulah Park in Alexandria, Ind., as a part of the Alexandria Band Festival. The day-long festival, hosted by the Alexandria Community Band, will showcase multiple volunteer bands from surrounding areas including our own HCCB, which will perform at 11 a.m.

On Sunday, June 11, the band will be hosted by Cicero Friends of the Park for an evening concert in Red Bridge Park at 6 p.m. This concert is always a favorite among residents which combines the beautiful views of Morse Lake with the familiar sounds of pop and patriotic concert band music.

HCCB, with more than 80 volunteer members, was formed on Feb. 25, 2018, with a meeting between current director, Brian Swart, Director Eric Thornbury, and director of the Fishers Community Chorus, Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community concert band in Hamilton County.

“Our mission is to have a ‘FUN’ atmosphere that is



Photos provided by Hamilton County Community Band

Now five years old, the Hamilton County Community Band consists of more than 80 volunteer members and is led by Director Brian Swart (below).

inviting to all musicians,” Swart said.

HCCB performs multiple concerts in and around the Hamilton County area. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.

Mark your calendars for additional summer concerts:

- July 2 – Lights Over Morse Lake, 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Red Bridge Park, Cicero
- Aug. 13 – HCCB Band Festival, noon to 8 p.m. at Federal Hill Commons, Noblesville
- Aug. 19 – West Indy Winds Band Festival, All Day. Information is available on West Indy Winds [website](#).
- Aug. 26 – Greenwood Band Festival, noon to 8



p.m. at Greenwood Park Amphitheater

Please consider supporting HCCB this summer. Bring the whole family, bring a picnic, and soak up the summer sun at community parks. Concerts are always free; a free-will offering will be collected to

help with the purchase of new music and equipment. HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors.

Information can be found at HamiltonCountyCommunityBand.com, or reach out to Brian Wuerch at outreach@hamiltoncountycommunityband.com.

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Elementary, my dear Hazel Dell: it’s spring

Hazel Dell Elementary School in Noblesville held its Spring Celebration on Friday. A tradition for the last 25 years, the celebration includes spring folk dancing, music, and poetry. In addition to students, returning seniors, staff, board members, and even Mayor Jensen got in on the fun. (Photos provided by Noblesville Schools)



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May 6-12, *Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan*
May 13-19, *University High School, West 116th St., Carmel*
May 20-26, *Trinity Free Clinic, West 146th St., Carmel*
May 27-June 2, *Country Moon Winery, Prairie Baptist Rd., Noblesville*

Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when the exhibit is open to the public.

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ADAMS TOWNSHIP FAMILY STORYTELLING

May 4, 6-7 p.m.
Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan

Storyteller Debby Gullery (*pictured left*) from Storytelling Arts of Indiana will lead the public in an interactive workshop on family histories and the importance of passing stories through generations.

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DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT BIDDLE PARK

May 13, All Day, *Biddle Memorial Park, East 10th Street, Sheridan*
Join Sheridan Parks at Biddle Park as they debut their new-and-improved disc golf course. Each hole at this historic park includes a course map and local-history fact. Watch or participate in a tournament, with prizes for the top teams. (Teams must register. Call 317-758-5170.)

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May 20, 7 p.m., and May 21, 3 p.m.,
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See artist Melinda Spear-Huff's 8'x7' mural portraying transportation history in Sheridan, specifically the bus line that had a stop right next to her studio. Also enjoy activities including a Model T and antique car show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Veteran's Park, the dedication of new veteran banners, and the Sheridan alumni banquet at 5 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School. (*For alumni information, call 317-758-5170.*)

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Vare: I’m leading political change in Hamilton County

Submitted by
Jocelyn Vare for Fishers

Democrat Jocelyn Vare’s strong performance in last Tuesday’s municipal primary in Fishers underscores the depth of political change currently underway in Hamilton County.

Fishers is the sixth-largest city in Indiana, and like Hamilton County, has long been considered a Republican stronghold. Vare stunned opponents when she became the first Democrat elected by the city of Fishers four years ago.

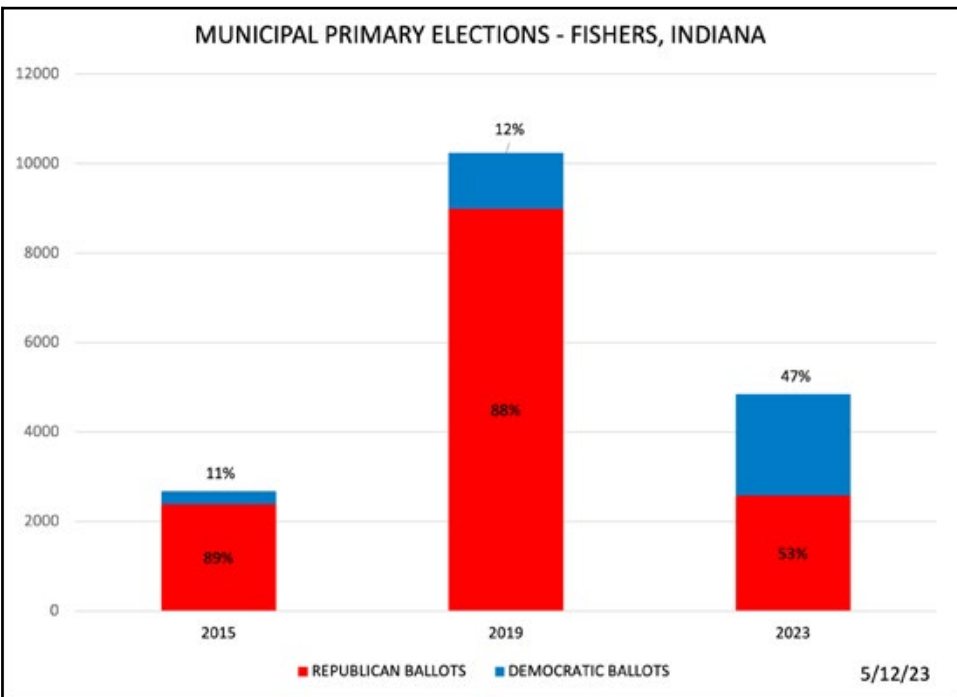
In this year’s primary election, Vare outpaced her 2019 Democratic primary vote total by over 70 percent, earning the second-highest number of votes

against three Fishers At-large City Council GOP candidates. Vare is running to retain her At-Large seat on Fishers City Council.

Early in her 2019 campaign and again after she was elected, Vare committed to leading the way for future Democratic candidates to ensure greater transparency and better balance in local government.

“It was clear to me that important voices in Fishers were not being heard,” Vare said. “Residents’ voices were being drowned out by a supermajority of Republicans, who had never been challenged on a ballot or held accountable in office. I knew something had to change.”

Last Tuesday’s results prove that change is well underway. Democrats put up historic performances in Fishers and across Ham-



Graphic provided



Vare

ilton County, a shift that began with Vare and a handful of other Hamilton County Democratic candidates in 2019.

In Fishers alone, Democrats made history this year by running eight candidates for the first time. Unofficial results indicate that 47 percent of the ballots requested were Democratic, and votes cast for Democrats increased 30 percent over 2019. Democratic voter turnout in 2023 proved that Fishers is a bipartisan community and can no longer be considered a one-party stronghold.

Click the following links to see primary election results for each year: 2015, 2019, and 2023.

For Vare, this is just the beginning.

“When I won a seat on City Council, it was the first time our community had

elected Democrats serving in city government,” Vare said. “After three years as an At-Large member of the City Council, I am certain that our citizens are served better when there are bold voices like mine who take the job of checks and balances and municipal fiscal responsibility seriously.”

Vare was elected as the first Democrat to serve Fishers municipal government in 2019 with bipartisan support, including an endorsement from the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County. Since then, she has worked to accelerate the change Fishers residents crave. Vare is well-known in the Fishers community for listening to residents and holding the Republican politicians accountable. Vare demands complete information and transparency, asks tough questions, prioritizes residents’ needs, and scrutinizes proposals carefully.

Vare is a 24-year resident of Fishers, the mom of two HSE Schools graduates, a local small business owner, a volunteer and a champion for the community she loves.

Vare is a member of the Fishers Finance Committee and Fishers Arts + Culture Commission. She served as a committee chair for the successful HSE Schools referendum in 2016. She is a graduate of Fishers City

Government Academy, Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Ball State’s Economic Development Course and Community Development Course.

In 2021, Vare was recognized as an Impact Award nominee, one of 30 alumni designated in the Hamilton County Leadership Academy’s 30-year history.

In 2022, Vare ran for Indiana State Senate to represent Fishers. Vare earned 45 percent of the vote last year – over 16,000 votes from Fishers residents – and raised \$266,438 in campaign funds.

Vare embraces her reputation for shining a light on decisions that the powerful people want to keep behind closed doors. An unapologetic independent thinker, she always returns to the promises she made to residents.

“Neighbors in Fishers can count on me to be an accessible listener, a strong voice, a hard worker and a coalition builder,” Vare said. “I look forward to continuing to building on the success we achieved last week and continuing to serve the community I love on Fishers City Council.”

For more information about Jocelyn Vare and her re-election campaign for Fishers City Council, please visit [JocelynVareforFishers.com](https://www.jocelynvareforfishers.com) and follow her on Facebook and Twitter.

It’s a wrap: looking at few bills from the legislative session

The 2023 legislative session has wrapped up with several bills that address education, school boards, and the well-being of our children. The result is a mixed bag of legislation that will be seen as a step forward, a neutral response, and contentious issues.

On the step forward we have **SB 35** and **HB 1483**.

SB 35 has to do with financial literacy. This bill requires that every student who is expected to graduate in 2028 and every year after must pass a financial literacy course to be able to graduate high school. The curriculum for this course will include topics on money management, spending and saving, types of bank accounts, debt management, credit and credit scores, etc. This addition to the curriculum is long overdue and can have a positive impact on the future of our children as much as anything else they learn in school.

HB 1483 deals with the issue of bullying in school. The current law has been amended to include stronger requirements. First, it prioritizes the safety of the victim. Second, the parents of both the alleged perpetrator and the targeted student have to be notified of the bullying incident within five business days. Third, discipline rules must be modified to allow the parents to review any materials used in any bullying prevention. And last, every school whether public or charter has to document acts of bullying against the victim and the verified perpetrator.

SB 72 is a bill that merely requires elementary schools to provide information to the Department of Education by Oct. 1, 2023, whether the schools provide cursive writing instruction to their students and the grade level of the students. Then the Department of Education is required to provide a report to the legislative council with the information



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received no later than Dec. 1, 2023. This section of the Indiana Code on education expires on the first day of 2024. The entirety of the law is only two pages, so I can only speculate if legislators may be seeking to determine if we need to bring back cursive writing in the elementary curriculum.

SB 480 is the bill that prohibits gender transition procedures for minors. This was a hotly debated bill as it went through the House and Senate chambers and is likely to continue to be passionately debated. The bill prohibits a physician or other practitioner from performing any gender transition procedures or giving treatments using puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to any minor under 18 years of age. Additionally, a parent/guardian of a minor can't consent to gender transition treatments on their child's behalf.

There are consequences for physicians and practitioners who act against this legislation. They include 1) any physician that aids or abets in any gender transition procedure of a minor will be subject to disciplinary action by the board regulating the physician, 2) any individual, parent, or guardian can assert violations of this section in the law as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding and may seek to obtain compensatory damages.

SB 480 clarifies that this legislation does not interfere with a person's right, once they have reached 18 years of age, to make their own decision as to the treatment they wish to pursue. The bill does not prohibit mental-health counseling for children dealing with gender dysphoria. Also, it would not restrict any treatment needed for physical sex disorders.

Final versions of these bills can be found by going to iga.in.gov.

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Bridge repair on West 196th Street over Finley Creek

Beginning on or after Monday, May 15, West 196th Street between Joliet Road and Hamilton / Boone County Line Road will be closed to all thru traffic for bridge repair work. The estimated project completion date is Monday, June 5, after a 21-day closure. The hard closure is approximately 800 feet west of Joliet Road.

Local motorists will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of Joliet Road, 186th Street, and County Line Road.

Lane restrictions on 96th Street over White River

Beginning on or after Monday, May 22, 96th Street east of Hazel Dell Parkway will be under lane closures for bridge patching. One lane of travel in each direction will be maintained at all times during this work. These lane closures are expected to last between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please use caution while driving through this area.

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Students from Noblesville who served as pages include Graham Ball, William Morford, and Jack Rush.

State Reps. Huston & Goodrich welcome Noblesville student pages to Statehouse

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House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) and State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) recently welcomed local students to the Statehouse where they participated in the Indiana House Page Program during the 2023 legislative session.

As pages, the students assisted lawmakers and staff with daily duties, toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse, and joined Huston and Goodrich on the House floor to

witness and learn about the legislative process.

“I always enjoy getting to meet and talk with student pages during session,” Huston said. “This is a great opportunity for our next generation of Hoosier leaders to explore public service, and I hope to see more Hamilton County students at the Statehouse next year.”

These Noblesville students served as pages during the 2023 legislative session:

- Graham Ball attends Montessori School of

Westfield

- William Morford attends Noblesville East Middle School
- Jack Rush attends Noblesville West Middle School

“Visiting the Statehouse gives young Hoosiers a closer look at the legislative process and the ability to interact with their elected representatives,” Goodrich said. “This experience is a great way for students to bring their history and government books to life.”

Students ages 13 to 18

should consider participating during the 2024 legislative session. Hoosiers can visit IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/pageprogram or call 1-800-382-9841 to learn more.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) represents House District 29, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

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Students from Carmel who served as pages include (top row) Cross Adams, Natalie Fernandez, Ellie Wilt, Imogen Catlin; (bottom row) Kayden Myatt, Ridhi Dondeti, Pava Casaponsa, and Daniel Hendrix.

State Reps. Torr, Schiabley & Goodrich welcome Carmel student pages to Statehouse

The REPORTER

Local legislators recently welcomed Carmel students to the Statehouse where they participated in the Indiana House Page Program.

“The page program is a unique opportunity to witness session and learn more about how laws are made,” said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel). “I always enjoy seeing students engage in state government and ask questions about Indiana’s history.”

As pages, the students assisted lawmakers and staff with daily duties, toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse,

and joined lawmakers on the House floor to witness and learn about the legislative process.

“Paging gives students the chance to spend the day at the Statehouse and interact with their local representatives,” said State Rep. Donna Schiabley (R-Carmel). “It’s always exciting to meet our future leaders and teach them about the legislative process.”

These Carmel students served as pages during the 2023 legislative session:

- Cross Adams attends Guerin Catholic High School
- Pava Casaponsa attends Indiana Digital School

- Imogen Catlin attends Creekside Middle School
- Ridhi Dondeti attends Carmel High School
- Natalie Fernandez attends Guerin Catholic High School
- Daniel Hendrix attends Cathedral High School;
- Kayden Myatt (pictured with State Rep. Michelle Davis of Whiteland) attends Ring Lardner Middle School in Michigan
- Ellie Wilt attends Guerin Catholic High School

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State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) represents House District 39, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

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

State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) represents House District 29, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

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Discover nutritional powerhouse of microgreens

Ever been to a restaurant and noticed small, tiny greens on top of your dinner? Questioning whether you should even eat them, you scrape them aside and go about enjoying your dinner. These greens sit on the sidelines of your plate and eventually get tossed into the trash at the end of the night.

So, what are these little greens, and why do restaurants put them on your dinners only to be tossed aside?

These tiny greens are a superfood called microgreens. Microgreens are



Photo provided
Radish microgreens on top of some macaroni.

vegetables and herbs harvested between the growth stage of sprouts and baby greens. They are usually between one and three inches tall and take mere weeks to grow compared to the long months of their counterpart. These plants are harvested when the first true leaves (a third tiny leaf that pops up between the two starting leaves) start to grow. People love microgreens for their great flavor, sharpness of color, and their incredible health benefits.

As you read this column, you will discover the wonderful world of microgreens: their nutritional benefits, how they add flavor to your dishes, and how they improve digestion and your immune system.

Nutritional benefits
Microgreens are an incredibly nutrient-dense food, packing a powerful punch of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Studies have shown that microgreens can contain up to 40 times more nutrients than

their fully grown counterparts. Being rich in vitamins such as A, C, and E, they can help improve and maintain healthy skin, vision, and immune function. They are also a good source of B vitamins, which are essential for energy production and brain function. They also contain minerals and antioxidants.

Microgreens for healthy digestion

Incorporating microgreens into your diet can be incredibly beneficial for your digestive system. Fiber helps to keep food moving through the digestive tract, preventing constipation and promoting overall gut health. Packed with dietary fiber, microgreens help with maintaining healthy digestion and bowel regularity. Microgreens contain enzymes that aid in the digestion of food.

Microgreens for immune system support

Microgreens offer a range of immune-boosting benefits. They contain high levels of antioxidants and other bioactive compounds that can help protect the body against disease and promote overall wellness. Studies have shown that microgreens, such as broccoli and red cabbage, contain high levels of vitamin C, a potent antioxidant that help support a healthy immune system. Other microgreens, such as sunflower and pea shoots, are rich in zinc, an essential mineral that plays a key role in immune function. Incorporating microgreens into your diet also helps support the growth

and maintenance of beneficial gut bacteria, which play a critical role in immune health.

Microgreens for flavor

Microgreens are not just nutritious, but also add a burst of flavor to any dish they are added to. They come in a wide range of flavors and can be used to add complexity and depth to your meals. One of the best things about microgreens is their versatility. They can be used in a variety of meals, anywhere from soups and salads to sandwiches and smoothies.

To enhance the flavor of your meals with microgreens, try pairing them with complementary ingredients. For example, arugula microgreens can add a peppery kick to a caprese salad, while basil microgreens can bring a fresh and herbaceous flavor to a tomato soup. Radish microgreens can add a spicy crunch to avocado toast, while pea shoots can bring a sweet and delicate flavor to a stir-fry.

Microgreens are a great way to experiment with new flavors and cuisines. Try adding cilantro microgreens to your next Mexican-inspired dish or shiso microgreens to a Japanese-inspired dish. The possibilities are endless!

There are lots of benefits to be found in these tiny but mighty greens. They bring a

tremendous amount of nutritional value, which helps improve your digestive and immune systems. As an added bonus, they bring a burst of flavor when added to dishes.

To learn more about or order microgreens go to IronRootsFarm.com.

Dakota Welker is the CEO & Founder of Iron Roots Farm in Noblesville, which specializes in growing microgreens.



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Radish microgreens can add a spicy crunch to food.



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Broccoli microgreens have been shown to contain high levels of vitamin C.

Indiana Connections Academy opens enrollment for 2023-24 school year

The REPORTER

Indiana Connections Academy, a **tuition-free full-time public virtual school**, is now enrolling students in grades K-12 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Indiana Connections Academy provides students with the continuous support of highly-skilled teachers and a **curriculum** that focuses on both academics and helping to build fundamental life skills. This combination fosters an environment for students to gain the confidence they need to thrive in today's modern world.

"Indiana Connections Academy's personalized learning plans allow students to pursue their education in a way that works best for them," Indiana Connections Academy Executive Director Kelly Simone said. "Students receive one-on-one attention to create an educational plan designed to support students as they change, grow and flourish."

For more than a decade, Indiana Connections Academy has served **thousands of students** with a variety of needs. Students with health issues or who are highly involved in activities outside of school succeed in the online environment because it offers a more flexible schedule. Other students benefit from the ability to work at their own individual pace

with learning plans tailored to match their needs and abilities or from the personal attention they receive from teachers to stay motivated and engaged.

Indiana Connections Academy offers many activities throughout the course of the year to help build community and relationships including numerous field trips, student government, National Honor Society, prom and an in-person graduation ceremony. Indiana Connections Academy also offers many course options for students, including core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies; extensive electives including foreign languages, digital technology and career technical courses, as well as honors and AP courses. The school also offers a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Academy's 2023-2024 school year is now underway for students in grades K-12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming **online information sessions** to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students.

For more information, call 1-800-382-6010 or visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

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Franciscan Physician Network welcomes new gastrointestinal surgeon

The REPORTER

Kirpal Singh, MD, FACS, has joined Franciscan Physician Network as an advanced gastrointestinal and general surgeon at North Indy Surgical in Carmel.

Dr. Singh provides several procedures, including treatments for oncology, hernia repair, colorectal procedures, liver/pancreas and biliary surgery.

Dr. Singh will have both clinic and surgical procedural time at the medical office building at 12188-B N. Meridian St., Suite 250, Carmel.

Dr. Singh specializes in general surgery with advanced laparoscopy, robotics, and endoscopy. He is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Before joining Franciscan Physician Network, he worked in a group practice on Indianapolis' north side.

He completed fellowships in laparoscopy, en-

doscopy, and ultrasound at Ascension St. Vincent in Indianapolis and a surgical residency at the State Uni-

versity of New York at Buffalo. He earned his medical degree from the State University of New York at Syracuse and received his undergraduate degree (with honors) in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

An Indianapolis resident, he is a member of the American College of Surgeons, Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons, and Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Singh, call (317) 705-4825.

Franciscan Physician Network is a division of the Mishawaka, Indiana-based Franciscan Alliance. To learn more, visit [FranciscanDocs.org](#).



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Former Secretary of State Connie Lawson endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor

The REPORTER

Former Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson has pledged her endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor.

"I have worked with Suzanne extensively over the years," Lawson said. "Her leadership abilities and knowledge of state govern-

ment are unmatched. She has the unique capability to coalesce all parties and branches of government to get work done. I strongly believe Suzanne Crouch is the right choice for Governor in 2024."

Learn more about the candidate at [www.CrouchForIndiana.com](#).



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Noblesville Walmart reopens following transformation

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Walmart customers in Noblesville were welcomed inside the newly transformed Supercenter at 16865 Clover Road Friday morning as the project is now complete. Walmart associates marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony, community celebration including national vendors and mascots, and a community-inspired mural unveiling by artist Jackie Crofts.

During this morning's celebration, Store Manager Chris Gratzter highlighted the store's transformations as well as the new interactive features now available to customers, including:

- Optimized Grocery Department: Added new product categories for broader selection, including expanded Hispanic food offerings and a bakery expansion
- Additional customer self-checkouts
- Expansion and relocation of online grocery pickup and delivery, with additional stalls to increase capacity
- Updated apparel department with new mannequins
- New signage throughout the supercenter, includ-



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- ing some digital signage
 - Refreshed pharmacy
 - Enhanced auto care center
 - Updated restrooms for customers
 - Added family restroom
 - Enhanced mothers room
 - Fresh paint both inside and out
 - New flooring throughout the store
 - Updated vestibules at entrances
 - New pet department, including fresh pet food
 - Improvements to the parking lot
 - Improved the layout throughout the store to expand selection and streamline the customer shopping experience
 - New grab & go deli/lunch items at the front of the store
- "This store instills a sense of pride with the local community, with both our shoppers and associates," Gratzter said. "Every up-

date made within our store is intentional and allows us to not only better serve our customers, but also provide our associates with an updated work environment."

The store's new mural, designed and illustrated by artist Jackie Crofts, is an eye-catching installation that reflects the beauty of Noblesville and the city's love of art and music. The mural is part of Walmart's Community Mural Program, the largest public-facing art installation celebrating communities across America. The program is an important part of each store transformation and furthers Walmart's commitment to the local community.

The Noblesville store also recognized 13 associates for their more than 30 years of work and dedication to the local store and customers. Those associates include:

- Angela Doeden – 30 years

- Rhonda McGuire – 31 years
 - Lloyd Dixon – 31 years
 - Kathleen Clark – 31 years
 - Carolyn Blondiau – 32 years
 - Gail Springer – 33 years
 - Brenda Stehman – 34 years
 - Matthew Haseman – 35 years
 - Renee Beaver – 36 years
 - Lisa Lawless – 36 years
 - Cathy Brooks – 37 years
 - Mary Edens – 37 years
 - Paula Klingaman – 37 years
- In addition, to reinforce Walmart's dedication to the communities it serves, the Gratzter presented \$8,500 in grants to local nonprofit organizations, including:
- Noblesville Police Department
 - Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville
 - KG's Kids

Fishers road construction updates, week of May 15

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 141st Street

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

I-465 & I-69
The ramp from I-69 North to 82nd Street and the ramp from 82nd Street to I-69 North is currently

closed through late 2023. For detour routes and additional project information, visit [ClearPath465.com](#).

Nickel Plate Trail
The City of Fishers is working on the completion of the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail. The remaining paving work from 96th Street to 106th Street is underway, and construction crews are currently working

to clear and prep the area for paving. In the coming weeks, construction crews will begin the paving process.

To learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed.

126th Street

During the week of May 15, lane restrictions will be in place on 126th Street between Granite Ridge Circle and Westmorland Drive for storm manhole work.

146th Street & Allisonville Road (Hamilton Co. Project)

Beginning on or after Tuesday, May 16, Phase 1 of construction for the grade separation intersection improvement will begin at 146th Street and Allisonville Road. One thru lane and one left-turn lane in all directions will be closed through the intersection.

Closures of Sowers Drive and Saville Road at 146th Street will be necessary in June. Additional notifications will be provided prior to the closures. In addition to these closures, the worksite speed limit will be 35 mph. Please exercise caution while driving through this construction zone.

For additional project information, [click here](#).

116th Street

During the week of May 15, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on 116th Street between Brooks School Road and Windswept Drive. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

106th Street

Utility relocation is currently taking place at 106th Street and Hoosier Road as part of the roundabout project. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Brooks School Road

During the week of May 15, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on Brooks School Road between Fall Creek Road and 116th Street. Lane restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Geist Road

During the week of May 15, Duke Energy will be tree trimming on Geist Road between 106th Street and Fall Creek Road. Lane restrictions will be in place

between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Fall Creek Road

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

During Sunday, May 14, overnight lane restrictions will be in place on Fall Creek Road between 96th Street/Carroll Road and Brooks School Road as part of Phase 1 milling and resurfacing work. Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by Friday, May 19. [Click here](#) to view the map.

Geist Greenway

Stone is currently being placed between 126th Street and Valley Crossing Drive as part of the Geist Greenway Project. When material is brought in, there will be an increase in construction traffic. Traffic will be briefly stopped as trucks are entering and exiting the road. 126th Street is anticipated to be closed starting June 1 to construct the speed table and trail crossing. Traffic will be briefly stopped as trucks are entering and exiting the road. For general project information, please visit [playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway](#).

Resurfacing Projects

Curb and ramp reconstruction is complete in Wildwood Estates as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. These areas have been restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, expected to begin on or after June 12, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in Sunblest Boulevard between Allisonville Road and Orchard Boulevard as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb restoration near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).



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Sharon Lynne Hensley d. May 8, 2023



Sharon Lynne Hensley, 84, Cicero, ascended to her Lord and Savior on the evening of May 8, 2023. After enduring lengthy chronic conditions, she made it to her birthday on May 8, then passed away peacefully at home.

She is survived by her children, Brent Whitaker, Lisa Meyer and William Hensley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Todd Hensley, and longtime friend who was like a sister to her, Esther Wyandt, who are home in heaven with her.

Sharon was born in Frankfort, Ind., the only child of Mildred and William Davidson. She attended Frankfort Schools and graduated from Frankfort High School. In her younger days she was known to be a vivacious, intelligent, and accomplished woman. While caring for her family, including raising her children, she also built a career of "Women in Construction" while also utilizing and maintaining her real estate broker's license. She worked and played hard, accomplishing great things while helping and loving others.

Sharon enjoyed being a part of her community and Church. She was known as having a love language with food, growing healthy vegetables and beautiful flowers. She assisted many families in her community with networking resources and food assistance. She also shared her knowledge of food and recipes with others. She was known among the White River Christian Church Food Pantry volunteers and patrons.

As her illnesses progressed, Sharon cherished the individuals who made up her teams. They all became a part of her family as they supported her so she could remain in her home. Her Traditions Hospice Team and her Home Helpers Team were with her as she took her final breath.

To all who knew her, Sharon was a very special person. She was a friend, a neighbor, a mother, and a grandmother and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves behind cherished and lasting memories with her grandchildren, Kristofer Deutsch, Stephani Deutsch, Britany Hensley, Meleena Hensley, and Ava Hensley; plus seven great-grandchildren with more to come. Memories of her will live on.

Sharon's wishes were to have a family gathering and celebration of her life. There will not be a formal service. Sharon requested memorial contributions be made to the White River Christian Church Food Pantry at [pushpay.com/g/wrccnoblesville](https://www.pushpay.com/g/wrccnoblesville).

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](https://www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

Frank A. Amruso April 14, 1938 – May 11, 2023



Frank A. Amruso, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at his home. He was born on April 14, 1938, in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y.

Frank served as Comptroller for Philip Morris and United Technologies. He owned Showplace Video for 15 years in Marion. Frank enjoyed golf and loved watching all sports; his favorite teams were the NY Mets and University of Kentucky. He also enjoyed playing poker, music, dancing, and working in his garden. Most of all, Frank loved his family and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 52 1/2 years, Ann Hefron Amruso; children, Michele (Charlie) Mace, Lisa Hellstrom, Nadia (Dustin) Roberts, Frank (Stephanie) Amruso, and Melissa (Nathan) Smith; six grandchildren, Anthony (Kristy) Mace, Christine Mace, Aria Smith, Sydney Roberts, Frank Amruso, and Declan Smith; one great-grandchild on the way; and his brother, Ronnie Amruso (Ed Jablonsky).

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Louis Amruso; and his mother, Winifred Zboyan.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 ([stjude.org](https://www.stjude.org)).

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Revelation 20:13-15 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, has been canceled.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023, in the Caucus Rooms on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall.

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On May 16, 2023, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

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HSE's Brooke Lawson selected as "Classroom Quarterback of the Year"

By **RICHIE HALL**

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Brooke Lawson got a big surprise to start her weekend on Friday.

Lawson was named the "Classroom Quarterback of the Year," an award given by the Indianapolis Colts and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Lawson, the Mental Health and School Counseling Coordinator for Hamilton Southeastern Schools, was presented the award Friday afternoon at Brooks School Elementary School.

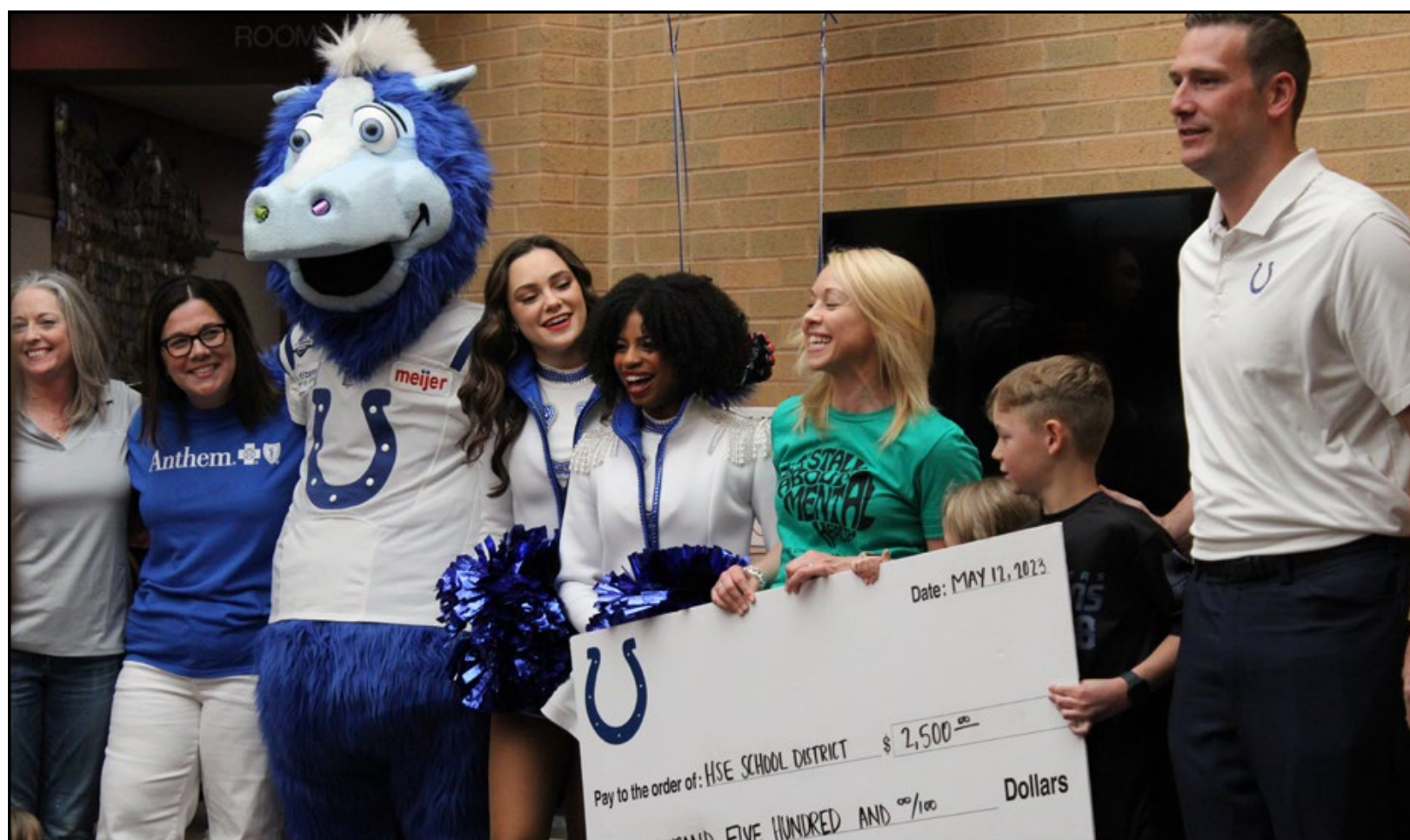
"I was shocked when I got the nomination a couple of weeks ago and completely shocked today to know that I was the winner," said Lawson. She was presented the award by Anthem representatives, former Colts lineman Joe Reitz (a Hamilton Southeastern graduate), two Colts Cheerleaders, and the ever-popular Colts mascot Blue. In addition, a \$2,500 donation was presented to Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Lawson was one of 10 Indiana educators nominated for their outstanding involvement, positive impact and commitment to student success. She was nominated by Bob Rice, the Energy Manager for HSE Schools.

"Brooke is such a hard worker," said Rice. "She's highly intelligent. She has an amazing heart. She's helping reduce the stigma with mental health issues in the city. And she makes sure all of our students get the support they need to be successful and a leader."

Lawson was hired by Southeastern Schools in 2016 to oversee all of the mental health services in the district.

"And I just really have been proud of the ability for us in this school district to talk about mental health, to talk about mental wellness,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Brooke Lawson, the Mental Health and School Counseling Coordinator for Hamilton Southeastern Schools, was named the Classroom Quarterback of the Year on Friday. The award was presented by the Indianapolis Colts and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. (From left) Tiffany Etter, director of Indiana Medicaid Plan Marketing for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Leslie Lane, Anthem Marketing Manager; Colts mascot Blue; Colts Cheerleaders Hannah and Jada; Lawson and her children Bailey and Gavin; and former Indianapolis Colts lineman and Southeastern graduate Joe Reitz.

to talk about mental illness, to normalize those things and just really start conversations that I don't think maybe were happening 10 years ago," said Lawson.

Lawson said that she has "always been passionate about children's mental health. I live here in this community and my children attend school in this community. To see the impact that it has on them as amazing as well and I care so much about this work. It makes me feel really proud."

Lawson believes there has been "a lot of change" in discussing mental health since she began working at Southeastern Schools.

"Our classroom teaches have more access to support for children," said Law-

son. "We've done a lot of work around teaching kids the skills that they need to be able to manage mental health struggles, and I think our teachers are more equipped."

"Obviously, we all know that kids' mental health has been a challenge over the last couple of years. And I think it's been really beat to see the impact of not only the work that we've done with teachers, but also the important work that we've done with our school counselors."

Along with the donation, Lawson and her family received a \$100 Amazon gift card for school supplies, four tickets to the first regular-season home game of the Colts' 2023 season, and Colts gear and merchandise.



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Former Colts lineman Joe Reitz prepares to make the announcement that Brooke Lawson is the Classroom Quarterback of the Year.

Greyhounds open tournament by shutting out Tigers

The REPORTER

The Indiana Girls Lacrosse playoffs began on Friday.

Carmel, the top-seeded team in Class 2A, opened the tournament by beating Fishers 14-0 in an all-county game at the Greyhounds' Murray Stadium. The 'Hounds had a very balanced attack, as only one player scored multiple goals: Tori Tomalia had three goals.

Other Carmel players scoring goals were Sophie Mock, Breckin Hare, Nora Rafferty, Molly Cleary, Peyton Henney, Anna Dumke, AnnMarie McGill, Evalyn Bellotti, Reese Kettle, Ellie Espey and Jacqueline Mabry.

"You want to see them getting involved," said Greyhounds coach Josh Miller. The coach said that if a team relies on one scorer, it becomes too one-dimensional.

"You don't want to see that," said Miller. "We did spread the ball pretty well today. Had a lot of assists and goals too."

Tomalia had five draw controls, while Mock collected three ground balls.

Noblesville also advanced in the playoffs by beating Bishop Chatard 21-9. Dates and times for the next round of the playoffs will be announced later.



(Left) Carmel's Nora Rafferty scored a second-half goal during the Greyhounds' first-round playoff win Friday. (Right) Fishers' Nabeelah Aregbe, shown here during the Carmel game, had five ground balls during the Tigers' Thursday win over Avon.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall



Tigers win regular-season finale

Fishers ended its regular season with a 14-2 win over Avon Thursday.

Kayli Gerka led the Tigers in scoring with four goals. Alaina Severs added three goals, followed by two each for Alexa Denney and Mackenzy Slimak. Amy Cooke, Elise Owings and Madeline Poppe all scored one. Nabeelah Aregbe, Selsa Mertami, Sophia Ready, Anna Mayer and Maddie Fahner were successful in limiting the Orioles from scoring. Aregbe had five ground balls, while Gerka had 14 draw controls.

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Baseball

Westfield & Fishers both complete conference sweeps

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team won a hard-fought game at Hamilton Southeastern's Ken Seitz Field 10-6 on Friday, finishing a conference sweep.

The Shamrocks got their first run in the second inning when Matt Drozlek hit a home run. Westfield added four runs in the third inning: Ian Wilson led off with a single, and moved to second base on Caden Lindsey's sacrifice bunt. Brayden Hibler's base hit moved Wilson to third, and Wilson scored on Eli Manbeck's center field hit. Collin Lindsey came up next, and he blasted a three-run homer to score Hibler and Manbeck.

The Royals scored three runs in the bottom of the third. Colin Goley led off with a double, then Maddux Bach was hit by a pitch. Ty Bradle hit a single to load the bases, then Cole Earlewine's single sent Goley home. Nolan Colbert drew a walk to score Bach. Later, Harrison Dilts' left field hit brought in Earlewine, and cut Westfield's lead to 5-3.

But the 'Rocks scored three runs in the top of the fourth to go back up 8-3. Wilson scored on an error, then Collin Lindsey sent a two-RBI hit into center field, scoring Caden Lindsey and Hibler.

Southeastern made another push in the fifth inning, putting up three more runs. Colbert scored on a wild pitch, then Alex Billman drew a walk to load the bases. Chugga Rosario drew another walk, scoring Griffen Haas. Later, Bradle was walked, and that sent Kam Seitz home.

The Royals were within 8-6, but Westfield added two runs in the top of the sixth to complete the scoring. Hibler got home on Collin Lindsey's RBI fielder's choice, and Evan Russ nailed a triple to right field to bring in Drew Law.

Collin Lindsey finished the game with six RBIs, while Hibler hit 3-for-4. Seth Nanna went four innings for the pitching win, tossing four strikeouts.

Haas and Dilts both had two hits for Southeastern. Brady Strawmeyer threw three and a third innings, striking out six.

The Shamrocks are 7-5 in conference play and 13-9 overall, and plays at Kokomo Monday. The Royals are 6-6 in the HCC and 11-13 overall, and play this morning at Beech Grove.

Fishers powered its way to a 12-2, six-inning HCC win over Franklin Central on Friday, giving the Tigers a conference sweep.

Fishers scored one run in both the first and second innings. The Flashes tied the game in the top of the fourth, but the Tigers blasted through the bottom of the inning with six runs, starting with a two-run triple by Evan Doran. Four runs in the sixth inning finished the game; Doran got the game-ending run by going home on a wild pitch.

Caulin Brown was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Doran was 2-for-3 and totaled four RBIs. Jack Brown, Gavin Clayton, Ben Hammond and Doran all scored two runs, and Quinn Seefeldt hit a double. Gavin Kuzniewski pitched all six innings, striking out six.

The Tigers are 8-4 in the conference and 17-10 overall, and host Columbus North on Monday.

Hamilton Heights used a tremendous sixth inning to win the Hoosier Conference third-place game, beating

host Twin Lakes 8-6.

The Indians scored a run in the first inning, then both teams got one run in the second. Kyle Michael batted in the Huskies' run, with a left field hit to bring in Adam Hughes.

Twin Lakes scored a third run in the bottom of the fourth, and the score stayed at 3-1 through the fifth inning. But Heights opened things up in the top of the sixth, starting with a two-run home run by Dean Mason. Kaleb Murray also scored. Just like that, the game was tied at 3-3.

Cooper Vondersaar and Hughes both singled, then Michael's center field hit brought in Vondersaar. The Huskies now led 4-3. Later, John Irion sent a two-run RBI into center field, scoring Owen Beaumont and Logan Hickman. Irion got home when Dillon Pitts reached on error, then Pitts went home on a Murray double to make the score 8-3. The Indians scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth, but Heights let them get no closer.

Hughes and Irion both hit a double. Michael finished the game 3-for-4. Pitts got the pitching win, while Nick Hulen got the save.

The Huskies are 12-7 and host Kokomo Tuesday.

Guerin Catholic cruised past Heritage Christian 10-1 in a Friday Circle City Conference game.

Heritage scored its run in the bottom of the first inning. The Golden Eagles tied the game in the third inning when Ian Taylor doubled in Will Fremion.

Guerin Catholic got going in the fourth inning with four runs. The Golden Eagles loaded the bases, then Cuinn Morrow drew a walk to bring in Sam Tabor. AJ

Nunley was walked next, scoring Tate Troxell. Morrow and Nolan Ratcliff both got home on Fremion's RBI fielder's choice.

In the sixth inning, GC put up five more runs. Taylor singled in Nunley and Morrow, then Tabor's left field hit brought Karson Smith and Taylor home. Guerin Catholic loaded the bases again, and Drew Wilhite scored when Morrow was hit by a pitch.

Taylor and Tabor both had two hits. Ryan Zimmerman threw a complete game, striking out five.

The Golden Eagles are 9-0 in conference play and 21-2 overall. Guerin Catholic hosts a doubleheader with Greenfield-Central this afternoon.

University beat Cardinal Ritter 25-2 in five innings on Thursday.

Owen Schellhase was 3-for-4 at the plate, including a home run, and totaled seven RBIs. Mark Hamby was 2-for-2, hitting a double and a single and batting in four runs. Jimmy Caldwell hit a bases-loaded triple. Jake Hooker went three innings for the win, striking out six against one hit.

University is 12-10 for the season.

Carmel split a pair of games over the past two days.

On Thursday, the Greyhounds sailed past host Harrison 9-2. Carmel started with two runs in the third inning: Gabe Mathison led off with a triple, then scored on a Hunter Snow single. JD Stein doubled in Snow.

Mathison cracked another triple in the third inning, which scored Drew Fouts. Snow's double brought in Mathison, and Stein hit a sacrifice fly to score Case Sullivan.

Mathison batted in another run in the fifth inning, with a right field hit to send Tyler Walkey home. Stein added a sixth inning run when Kenny Bruntlett hit a sacrifice fly. In the seventh inning, Mathison struck again, with a two-run single to score Fouts and Cam Carmichael.

Mathison was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4 and totaling four RBIs. Stein hit two doubles, and Walkey hit one. Snow went 3-for-4. Cameron Heaney pitched five innings for the win, striking out six.

On Friday, Carmel dropped a 5-4 game to Roncalli at Hartman Field. Mathison had two hits, while Carmichael and Tim Haas each hit one double. Dylan Zenor tossed five strikeouts in three innings of relief.

The Greyhounds are 12-7 and host Mount Vernon Monday.

Saturday, May 13
BASEBALL
Sheridan at Madison-Grant, 11:15 a.m.
Carmel vs. Evansville North, 12:30 p.m.
at Bloomington North
Greenfield-Central at Guerin Catholic
doubleheader, 3 p.m.
University at Pioneer Conference crossover game, TBA
BOYS LACROSSE
Crown Point at Noblesville, 11 a.m.
Westfield at South Bend St. Joseph, 1 p.m.
Culver Academies at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
GOLF
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg
Invitational, 8 a.m. at the Trophy Club
Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 8 a.m. at Carroll
Fishers, Noblesville at Mooresville Invitational,
8:30 a.m. at Heartland Crossing
Westfield at Franklin Community Invitational,
9 a.m. at The Legends
Hoosier Conference meet, 10 a.m. at Western
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Angola Invitational,
12:30 p.m. at Glendarin Hills
SOFTBALL
Sheridan at Madison-Grant Argyll Classic, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, 10 a.m.
Carmel at Crown Point, 11 a.m.
Mooresville at Westfield, 11 a.m.
Noblesville at Leo doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern vs. South Bend St. Joseph,
noon at Fort Wayne Carroll
Carmel at Munster, 3 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Shelbyville Golden Bear
Invitational, TBA
TENNIS
Fishers at Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.
Noblesville at Brown County, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western, 11 a.m.

Monday, May 15
BASEBALL
Columbus North at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Mount Vernon at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Hoosier Heartland Conference
tournament, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Kokomo, 6 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
GOLF
HCC meet, 10 a.m. at Bear Slide
Sheridan vs. Hamilton Heights and Frankton,
4:30 p.m. at Cool Lake
University vs. Bethesda Christian, 5 p.m. at Wood Wind
SOFTBALL
Sheridan vs. Taylor, 5 p.m. at Abby & Libby Park, Delphi
North Central at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Western, 5:30 p.m.
Harrison at Carmel, 6 p.m.
McCutcheon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Carmel at Noblesville, 5 p.m.
Eastern at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.
Fishers at New Palestine, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield vs. North Central, 5:30 p.m. at Noblesville
IHSAA pairings show, 7 p.m.
UNIFIED TRACK
Kokomo at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16
BASEBALL
Hamilton Southeastern at Center Grove, 6 p.m.
Kokomo at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at HHC tournament, 6 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Cathedral at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Center Grove at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
GOLF
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Carmel Invitational,
3:30 p.m. at Woodland Country Club
Sheridan vs. Tri-Central, 4:30 p.m. at
Tipton Municipal Golf Course
SOFTBALL
Lafayette Jefferson at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Avon at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
Shelbyville at Carmel, 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Eastern at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Girls sectional, 5:30 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern
UNIFIED TRACK
Westfield and Western at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

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Tennis

No. 11 ‘Rocks beat No. 8 Park Tudor, Southeastern takes down Mount Vernon

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The Westfield girls tennis team, ranked No. 11 in the state, beat No. 8 Park Tudor 3-2 in a Friday dual meet. The Shamrocks got wins from No. 2 singles Alana Raymond 6-1, 7-6 (1), No. 3 singles Addi Kooi 6-1, 6-0 and No. 2 doubles Bri Saylor and Chloe Carlson 6-2, 6-3. Westfield plays North

Central on Monday to finish the regular season. * * * No. 13-ranked Hamilton Southeastern beat Mount Vernon 3-2 in a Thursday dual meet. No. 1 singles Tatum Keffaber won 6-1, 6-1, No. 2 singles Emma Bieberich was victorious 6-0, 6-1, and No. 1 doubles Novelle Lee and Maya Wetzel were 6-1, 6-1 winners.

Softball

Westfield gets big win & Carmel takes walkoff victory

The REPORTER

The Westfield softball team won at Southmont Friday 15-8. The Shamrocks began the game with two runs in the top of the first inning. Makayla Watson scored the first run on Allie Dolenc’s RBI groundout, then Cara Snedeker singled in Grace Feltz. The Mounties took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but Westfield responded with five runs in the top of the second. Watson tied the game with a right field single to score Annika Lawrence, then got the go-ahead run on another Dolenc RBI groundout. Grace Fanelli smacked a triple to bring in Megan Stormer and Snedeker, then Sofia Easterhaus doubled in Fanelli to give the ‘Rocks a 7-3 lead. Westfield added three runs in the third inning. Maggie Roh bunted in Lawrence, then Dolenc blasted a two-run home run, also scoring Watson. Lawrence hit a fourth-inning sacrifice fly to bring in Easterhaus, and the Shamrocks led 11-5. In the sixth inning, Lawrence hit a center field single to score Easterhaus, then later scored after Watson reached on error. Fanelli finished the Westfield scoring with a flourish in the seventh inning, hitting a two-run homer that also brought in Snedeker. Both Snedeker and Lawrence had three hits, while Roh, Watson, Fanelli and Easterhaus all had two. Both of Easterhaus’ hits were doubles. Snedeker and Avery Banas both hit one double. Kenzie Hiatt pitched five innings, striking out seven. Westfield is 12-11 and plays this morning at Mooresville. * * *

North Friday, winning 4-3 at Cherry Tree Softball Complex. The Patriots hit a two-run home run in the top of the first inning. The Greyhounds’ Sophie Esposito led off the bottom of the first with a homer, cutting THN’s lead to 2-1. Terre Haute North scored a run in the fourth inning to go up 3-1. Esposito scored again in the sixth inning on Lily Sullivan’s RBI fielder’s choice, and Carmel was within 3-2. With two outs in the seventh, Bella Davis, Mia Fleming hit singles to load the bases; Gracyn Erickson walked earlier in the evening. Esposito tied the game with a single to bring in Katherine Warren, who came in to run for Erickson. Alex Longstreth came up next, and her right field hit scored Davis and got Carmel the win. Esposito had two hits. Lucy Broughton pitched a complete-game win. The Greyhounds are 4-12, and play today at Crown Point and Munster. * * *

Hamilton Heights fell to Lafayette Central Catholic 6-1 in the Hoosier Conference third-place game on Friday. Stats were not available at press time. The Huskies are 14-8 and play Wednesday at Frankfort. * * * Sheridan dropped an 18-1 game to Fountain Central on Thursday. The Blackhawks scored their run in the third inning when Emma Settles stole home plate. Jacquelynne Bates and Ashlynn Tryon both had two hits. Sheridan is 2-19 and opens play at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament, which begins Monday at Abby & Libby Park in Delphi. The Blackhawks play Taylor in their first game.

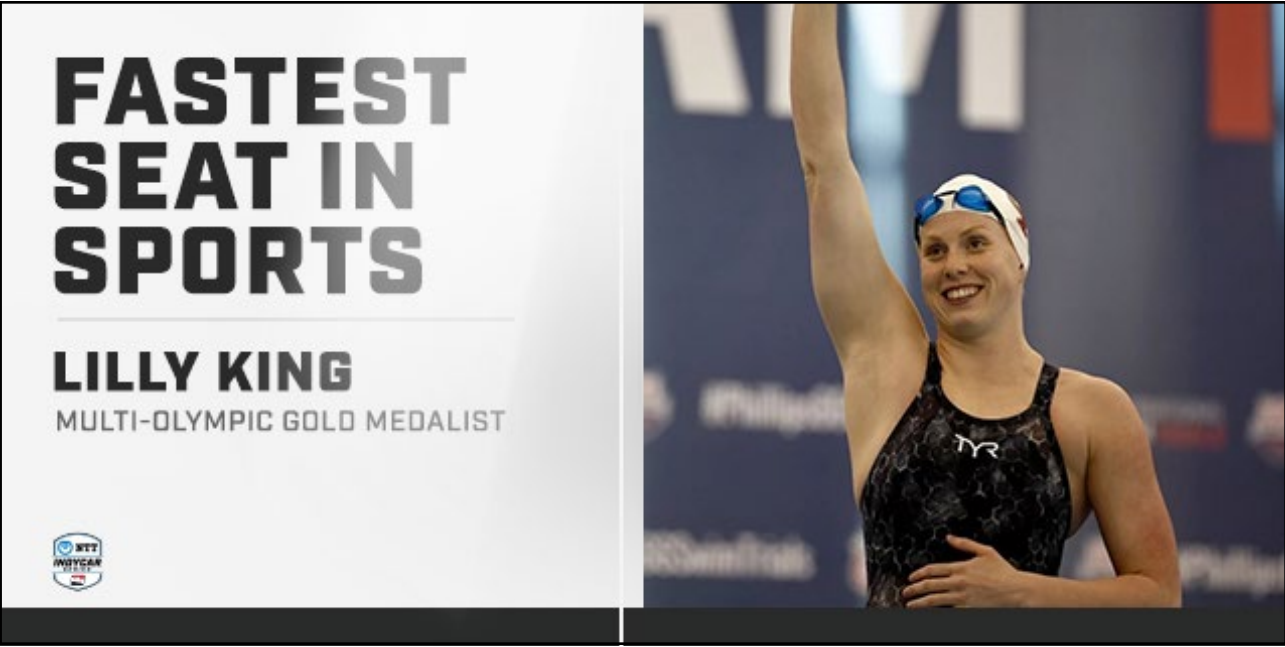


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Olympic gold medalist swimmer Lilly King to ride in fastest seat in sports

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Hoosier Olympian Lilly King will ride in the Fastest Seat in Sports at the GMR Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Saturday, May 13, leading the full field of drivers to the green flag of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES road course race. King is a breaststroke swimming specialist, who has been one of Team USA’s most consistent performers since 2016. She won the women’s Olympic 100-meter breaststroke title at the Rio 2016 Olympics before teaming up with Kathleen Baker, Dana Vollmer and Simone Manuel to deliver the women’s 4x100-meter medley relay gold medal.

A year later, King landed the 100-meter breaststroke world title in a world record time of 1:04:13. At the 2019 World Championships, she defended that crown, added the 50-meter world title and helped Team USA break the 4x100-meter medley relay world record. King demonstrated her versatility at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, winning the 100-meter breaststroke bronze before moving up a distance to claim the 200-meter breaststroke silver medal. She went on to land the 200-meter world title in 2022. To date, the Evansville swimmer has won five long-course world titles across the 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke events. “Lilly knows speed, but there’s nothing like the action-packed and exhilarating NTT INDYCAR SERIES experience at IMS,” said Alex Damron, Penske Entertainment Corp. vice president of corporate communications. “We’re honored to give her one of the best seats in town and a firsthand look at what it’s like to tackle the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course at IMS.” INDYCAR’s Fastest Seat in Sports is a high-speed, high-octane, super-charged thrill ride in a custom INDYCAR SERIES car with a special back passenger seat. At almost every race on the schedule, the car advances the field of drivers to the start/finish line to signify the beginning of the race, with a special passenger in the guest seat. Previous participants in the Fastest Seat in Sports include Lady Gaga, NBA champions Steph Curry and Kawhi Leonard, Olympic gold medalist Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, actors Simu Liu and Channing Tatum, and many others. The NTT INDYCAR SERIES represents the ultimate challenge in racing, with drivers competing at speeds of 200+ mph across a demanding set of ovals and road and street courses. The full schedule can be viewed [here](#).

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Qualifying results for GMR Grand Prix

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Qualifying Friday for the GMR Grand Prix NTT INDYCAR SERIES event on the 2.439-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course, with qualifying position, car number in parentheses, driver, engine, time and speed in parentheses:

- 1. (45) Christian Lundgaard, Honda, 01:09.3321 (126.643 mph)
- 2. (6) Felix Rosenqvist, Chevrolet, 01:09.3348 (126.638)
- 3. (10) Alex Palou, Honda, 01:09.3780 (126.559)
- 4. (30) Jack Harvey, Honda, 01:09.4220 (126.479)
- 5. (5) Pato O'Ward, Chevrolet, 01:09.5422 (126.260)
- 6. (27) Kyle Kirkwood, Honda, 01:09.6292 (126.102)
- 7. (8) Marcus Ericsson, Honda, 01:09.4419 (126.442)
- 8. (15) Graham Rahal, Honda, 01:09.4711 (126.389)
- 9. (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 01:09.4757 (126.381)
- 10. (7) Alexander Rossi, Chevrolet, 01:09.5471 (126.251)
- 11. (11) Marcus Armstrong, Honda, 01:09.6148 (126.128)
- 12. (12) Will Power, Chevrolet, 01:10.1872 (125.100)
- 13. (2) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 01:09.8402 (125.721)
- 14. (26) Colton Herta, Honda, 01:09.8375 (125.726)
- 15. (29) Devlin DeFrancesco, Honda, 01:09.8676 (125.672)
- 16. (3) Scott McLaughlin, Chevrolet, 01:09.9899 (125.452)
- 17. (21) Rinus VeeKay, Chevrolet, 01:09.9625 (125.502)
- 18. (28) Romain Grosjean, Honda, 01:10.0747 (125.301)
- 19. (60) Simon Pagenaud, Honda, 01:10.2625 (124.966)
- 20. (18) David Malukas, Honda, 01:10.2562 (124.977)
- 21. (20) Conor Daly, Chevrolet, 01:10.2669 (124.958)
- 22. (51) Sting Ray Robb, Honda, 01:10.2747 (124.944)
- 23. (55) Benjamin Pedersen, Chevrolet, 01:10.5181 (124.513)
- 24. (77) Callum Ilott, Chevrolet, 01:10.2920 (124.913)
- 25. (78) Agustin Canapino, Chevrolet, 01:10.5424 (124.470)
- 26. (06) Helio Castroneves, Honda, 01:10.3509 (124.809)
- 27. (14) Santino Ferrucci, Chevrolet, 01:10.5879 (124.390)



Noblesville's Conor Daly qualified 21st for today's GMR Grand Prix.

Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Today at the Track

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Information about GMR Grand Prix track activity Saturday, May 13 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

- SCHEDULE (All times local)**
- 7:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.: Public Gates Open
 - 8-11 a.m.: IMS Museum's Cars & Coffee (Museum Parking Lot)
 - 8-8:40 a.m.: USF2000 Race 2
 - 8:55-9:45 a.m.: USF Pro 2000 Race 2
 - 11:15-11:45 a.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES Warm-up
 - Noon-12:40 p.m.: USF2000 Race 3
 - 1:05 p.m.: INDY NXT by Firestone "Drivers Start Your Engines"
 - 1:10 p.m.: INDY NXT by Firestone Race (35 laps or 55 minutes)
 - 2:55 p.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES driver introductions
 - 3:39 p.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES "Drivers Start Your Engines"
 - 3:45 p.m.: GMR Grand Prix Race (85 laps)

TICKETS: General Admission tickets are \$40 for GMR Grand Prix Race Day. Flex Admission tickets are \$54. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult for general admission and flex admission. Reserved seat tickets range between \$49-\$114.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.): Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 6N, Gate 7, Gate 7S, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, and 11A.

PARKING: Free parking is available in Lot 7 (North 40). Enter through Gate 10 from 30th Street. Additional paid parking will be available in Lot 1A, Lot 2 and Main Gate for \$20. Gate

1 Lot located next to Gate 1 off Crawfordsville Road, is available for \$50. Parking within the infield of Turn 3 requires a pre-purchased parking pass. Enter through Gate 10 from 30th Street for infield parking. Paid ADA parking is available in Lot 3P and Lot 2 for \$20 and Gate 1 for \$50. Free ADA parking is located in Lot 7 (North 40). Motorcycle parking is also available for \$20 in the South Carousel Lot via Gate 2.

CASHLESS OPERATIONS: All IMS concession stands and merchandise locations are cashless this year. Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Cash-to-Card machines, which convert paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located throughout the facility. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/Visa debit cards are accepted. Parking and gate locations.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM HOURS (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.): Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for guests over the age of 62 and \$8 for guests ages 6-15. Free IMS Museum shuttles will run during IMS gate hours between the Museum and the corner of 6th Street and Hulman Boulevard. in the Speedway's infield. Those guests wanting to visit the IMS Museum must possess an event ticket or credential to the GMR Grand Prix and purchase a Museum admission ticket at the Museum. Visitors should park in open IMS parking lots and use the 6th Street and Hulman Boulevard shuttles to access the Museum.



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