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TODAY'S WEATHER

 Today: Sunny.
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sky hazy again.
Tonight: Mostly clear.
HIGH: 76 LOW: 52



Gaylor Electric students graduate from ‘The Crossing’ high school

The REPORTER

Gaylor Electric’s high school, The Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship, recently graduated nine individuals from the work-based learning program. The Crossing helps shape the lives of struggling students and gives them the opportunity, resources, and mentors to reach their goals.

Most students at The Crossing have been faced with hardships such as been expelled, gone to juvey, had an unpredictable life at home, and others. This accomplishment speaks volumes to the students’ dedication to overcome life battles and recommit to pursuing a diploma.

“I really value the relationship between The Crossing and



These graduates in their “23” jerseys will start a career with Gaylor Electric in 2023.

Gaylor Electric,” Gaylor Electric President & CEO Chuck Goodrich said. “One of our biggest values is lifelong learning, and the opportunity to educate students in both academics and onsite electrical training is fulfilling.”

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Integrity & good character

Grandpa Howard told me that every human makes his own record in the arena of life. A name is illuminated by the light of the character that shines behind it.

I found that some may try to besmirch the legacy you are leaving. Some will do so out of lack of understanding and others out of malice or jealousy. Nevertheless, I have tried to uphold Grandpa’s admonition to maintain good character.



He told of a certain farmer who owed a Waynetown grocer \$80. The merchant had not been able to collect the account and finally agreed to take a note. The debtor, believing that only his signature would be required, seemed pleased to settle in this manner, but the merchant demanded security. There was a young man about 20 years old who was working for the farmer at this time. Though a minor, his name as surety was satisfactory to the merchant. The young man knew nothing of this transaction until the note became due. The farmer had forged the signature and escaped prosecution by raising the money the same day to make the payment in full.

It was near closing time when a man came into the bank to get a check cashed. The cashier hurriedly made the exchange and the man went out without recounting the money until he arrived home. It was then learned the cashier had given \$5 more than the check called for. The following morning the money was returned and since the mistake was of no serious consequence there was little comment concerning the incident.

Some months later the man who presented the check wanted to borrow \$200 and asked the president of the bank what security was necessary. The banker said “We do not make loans without adequate security, but I consider your name worth \$200 and will make a personal loan without endorsement.”

Grandpa encouraged me to be a climber, not a coaster, a booster, nor a boaster.

Teach One to Lead One graduates 45 students at Hamilton Heights

The REPORTER

On May 11, Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) honored 45 high school and middle school students from Hamilton Heights who completed the T1L1 Leadership Curriculum. Parents, mentors, faculty, and school board members gathered at Hamilton Heights Middle School to recognize the students.

T1L1 is a community mentoring program that meets weekly with students throughout the school year. The program teaches ten Universal Principles that are essential for student leaders to possess if they are to find their purpose and reach their potential. The 10 Universal Principles are respect, integrity, self-control, compassion, courage, teamwork, excellence, humility, enthusiasm, and honor.

In addition to receiving a graduation certificate, 34 stu-



Positive Influence Award winners Brandon McNew, ZiAnder Campbell and Lillie Champion stand next to the Second Mile Award winners Aubree McDonald, Natalie Vann and Owen Biddle.

dents were recognized for putting the 10 principles to work when they took part in a service project to pack food for refugees from the war in South Sudan.

Three students were recognized with the Positive Influence Award. They were ZiAnder

Campbell, Lillie Champion, and Brandon McNew. Three students were recognized as well with the Second Mile Award. Those students were Aubree McDonald, Owen Biddle, and Natalie Vann.

This is the fourth year the

T1L1 program has been at Hamilton Heights. Currently, the program is offered at the middle school for one eighth-grade classroom and in the high school for two ninth-grade classes. For more information on T1L1, go to T1L1.org.



Carmel Symphony Orchestra announces 48th season filled with musical variety

The REPORTER

Another delectably inclusive musical season for lovers of classical, pops, family presentations and everything in-between is in store for 2023-24 with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under Artistic Director Janna Hymes.

The orchestra – a resident company of the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel – will present a total of 13 performances during its 48th season, beginning with its traditional patriotic concert on Tuesday, July 4 at CarmelFest. That performance, scheduled to start at 8 p.m. at the Gazebo near Carmel City Hall, will lead into the city’s annual fireworks extravaganza.



All other CSO concerts are scheduled to take place at the Palladium.

“We’re coming off an incredibly diverse season that was very well received by our CSO friends and fans,” Hymes said. “There was a bit of everything in there – our Masterworks performances, of course, which showcase our classical foundation, but then we also stretched our wings into amazing R&B sounds with salutes to the music of Earth, Wind & Fire and Aretha Franklin.

“We explored Hispanic heritage at our season opener, performed the fabulous John Williams’ movie scores known and loved by everyone, had great fun introducing a whole new range of music to our youngest fans, and celebrated the sounds of the season with a totally reconfigured Holiday Pops.

“We’ve built on this momentum to create our 2023-24 season,” she said.

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Arab Hoosiers’ hidden history uncovered in documentary screened at HEPL Fishers

By AMY ADAMS
For The Reporter

On Saturday, April 29, Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) in Fishers held a screening of *Arab Indianapolis: A Hidden History* followed by a panel discussion. HEPL was one of approximately 20 organizations from across the state that applied to host funded screenings and discussions.

Now, the documentary has been nominated for five regional Emmy awards including best historical documentary as well as for presenter, photography, editing, and writing.



(From left) Susie Baranyk, Noor Hamad, Hiba Alalami, Judy Nahlawi, Ken George, and Martin Barnes all share in the heritage of Arab Hoosiers.

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An evening with Al Unser, Jr. at Basile Westfield Playhouse

The REPORTER

The Central Indiana Region (CIR) of the Porsche Club of America, presented an “Evening with Two-Time Indy 500 Winner Al Unser Jr.” at the Basile Westfield Playhouse on Sunday, May 14.

In an informal format motorsport journalist and CIR member, Tom Beeler interviewed Unser about his growing up in the legendary first family of Indy-Car racing. A man named Unser has won an astounding 9.5 percent of all the Indy 500-mile races ever run. Al had a challenging life with a strict upbringing and all the challenges that come with fame at young age.

Westfield-based SONAX USA, the North American distrib-

utor of world class car-care products, was the presenting sponsor. SONAX is a leading manufacturer of high-end automotive finish protection products.

Scott Goodyear of Carmel, a Porsche owner and CIR member, joined Beeler and Unser on stage reliving the historic 1992 Indy 500. Goodyear finished second to Unser in the closest finish ever in the 500.

A packed house of over 170 members and guests saw 100 percent of the ticket sales given to the Cody Unser First Step Foundation. That is Al Unser’s daughter’s foundation helping people with spinal cord issues. In 1999 at age 12, Cody was paralyzed from the waist down with Transverse Myelitis. She



Motorsport journalist and CIR member Tom Beeler interviews Al Unser Jr. and Scott Goodyear about the closest finish in Indy 500 history.

started the foundation to help folks with quality-of-life matters and to help with awareness of spinal cord diseases. More than \$3,100 was raised at the event for Cody’s charity.

For more information, check out cirpca.org.

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CROSSING

Entrepreneurship Satellite campus serves students directly inside the Gaylor Electric business. The students have their very own “campus” fully equipped with a classroom of computers for students to fulfill their academics and their own family time room space. For the job training portion of their day, students work alongside Gaylor Electric employees, giving them a hands-on approach to learn how to run and maintain a business.

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In addition, the satellite campus offers networking opportunities for students to connect with other like-minded individuals in the field. This unique arrangement provides a well-rounded education for students, combining academic knowledge with practical experience and real-world application. The goal of the Gaylor Electric Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship is to equip its students with the tools and skills they need to succeed in the business world and make a positive impact in their communities.

“I never looked at graduation as the end of anything,” Gaylor University Director Jeff Bryant said. “Graduation is really just a step so you can get started in a career and the rest of your life.”

Students from The Crossing are going to college, signing on at Gaylor Electric, and/or exploring other career paths and internships.

“I consider today the first

day of a new life,” Goodrich said. “As you come through The Crossing and go into your career, the experience that you have gained is going to be used in each and every day ahead of you.”

About Gaylor Electric

Gaylor Electric delivers on its Cornerstone of Reliable Resources, Outcomes, Insights and Genuine Care for People; dedicated to Innovation, Quality and being Measurement-Centric accountable. Gaylor Electric is comprised of multiple national production and innovation-driven locations that provide innovative industry expertise, and client-focused solutions. As the Highest Performing National Contractor of Excellence, Gaylor Electric offers design-build electrical construction, 24/7 on-demand electrical support, and utility service. Gaylor Electric’s teams provide an unparalleled commitment to cultivating strong business relationships, resulting in continued client loyalty. Learn more at gaylor.com.

SYMPHONY

In addition to the previously mentioned CarmelFest concert, the schedule includes:

- **Masterworks 1: Modern Classics** with guest artist Gabriela Martinez, piano; featuring selections by Beethoven and Mozart plus a commissioned piece by Caroline Ahn, a Carmel resident and Anderson University professor. Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sounds Exciting! Classical Kids Live: Gershwin’s Magic Key.** Sunday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.
- **Masterworks 2: Unity, Veterans and America** featuring selections by Coleman, Ravel, Ives and Still. Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Holiday Pops!** featuring Broadway veteran Ben

Davis, Disney star and Carmel’s own Amelia Wray, Indiana Ballet Conservatory and Second Presbyterian Church Choir. Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 and 7 p.m.

- **January Pops: the artistry of Cirque de la Symphonie** bringing the magic of Cirque to the music hall. Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Family Fun Concert** with Guest Conductor Thomas Chen of Carmel High School. Sunday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m.
- **Masterworks 3: Symphony Goes to the Movies** with guest artist Francisco Fullana, violin; featuring selections by Piazolla, Mendelssohn plus live music performed to the Charlie Chaplin film classic, *The Kid*. Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Masterworks 4: The Firebird & Bohemian Delight** featuring selections by Smetana, Stravinsky and Dvorak. Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Masterworks 5: Verdi Requiem** featuring the Anderson University Choirs. Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Side-by-Side with Carmel High School Orchestras.** Sunday, April 21, at 4 p.m.
- **May Pops: Jeans ‘n Classics “Soulful”** featuring vocalist Gavin Hope & the Jeans ‘n Classics Soulful Band showcasing 50 years of R&B, Motown, funk, disco and pop. Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Season tickets for 2023-24 will be available soon at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office, by calling (317) 843-3800, or online at TheCenterPresents.org. Tickets for individual performances will go on sale later this summer.

“We challenged our musicians throughout this recently completed season, and they answered the call every time,” Hymes said. “I’m so incredibly proud of this orchestra, and very proud to join them in presenting incredible musical performances each and every time we take to the Palladium stage.

“If you’re a current fan of the CSO, and you were in our audience this past season, you understand exactly what I’m saying,” she continued. “And if you haven’t experienced the sensational music we’re playing, the orchestra and I sincerely invite you to come and see and hear for yourself!

“CSO is not a community orchestra. It’s an orchestra *for the community*, a professional orchestra, and we’re so proud to perform for you.”

The 2023-24 Carmel Symphony Orchestra season is supported by the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, the Palladium, and Pedcor.

For more information about the CSO, visit CarmelSymphony.org.



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Photograph by Chayton Davidson will hang in office of President of Ball State University



Photo provided

Chayton Davidson was recently presented the top scholarship prize by the President of Ball State University in the Student Art Show. His photograph, "Working Five to Nine," will be hung in the President's Office. He was also awarded the honor of Ball State's top photography student and graduated on May 6 with cum laude distinction.

Summer Burkeen earns veterinary medicine degree from Purdue



Photo provided

Summer Rose (Davidson) Burkeen graduated from Purdue University on Sunday with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. She graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 2015 and attended Austin Peay State University for her undergraduate.



Carmel Clay Schools & Carmel police officer to receive national awards

The REPORTER

National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) has announced it will present its Model Agency Award to Carmel Clay Schools.

The organization presents the award to agencies that exemplify in training, policies and standards, the NASRO triad concept – which describes a school resource officer's (SRO's) role as mentor, guest lecturer and law enforcement officer – and that demonstrate creative and innovative approaches to school-based policing.

NASRO will present this award and others Friday, June 30 during a ceremony in Indianapolis as part of its annual National School Safety Conference.

NASRO will honor a Carmel police officer with its The Bridge the Gap Award for activities that demonstrate a significant commitment to positive behavioral intervention services and at-risk youth. Officer Juan Navarrete of the Carmel Police Department will receive that

award.

NASRO will announce later the winner of the NASRO Instructor of the Year Award, for instructors who demonstrate excellence in teaching NASRO courses while continuously performing above and beyond the call of duty.

About NASRO

NASRO is a nonprofit organization for school-based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security and safety professionals working as partners to protect students, school faculty and staff, and the schools they serve. NASRO is headquartered in Hoover, Ala., and it was established in 1991. For more information, visit nasro.org.



Fishers' Nitin Mahajan now Carson-Newman graduate

The REPORTER

Nitin Mahajan of Fishers graduated with Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner from Carson-Newman University.

Founded in 1851, Carson-Newman is a Christ-centered, liberal arts-based university affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The University

proudly proclaims it helps students find their Place, Path, and Purpose. Located in Jefferson City, Tenn., among the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains,

Carson-Newman offers 50 undergraduate majors, as well as associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Learn more at CN.edu.

HISTORY

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Photo provided by Hamilton East Public Library

Moderator Hiba Alalami and panel members address the audience following the screening of the documentary at HEPL Fishers.

Public Services Librarian Amy Coleman Weigel served as project director, spearheading the effort to get the grant with help from Adult Program Coordinator Danielle Acton and Public Services Librarian Noor Hamad.

"I appreciate HEPL's effort to connect with and celebrate other cultures," Hamad said. "Exploring diversity, understanding that every culture is unique, and learning about their interests and talents is the best part of my job."

Produced by Fisher Productions in association with Indiana University and underwritten by the Arab Indianapolis Foundation, Inc., and Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities, *Arab Indianapolis: A Hidden History* debuted on PBS affiliate WFYI Indianapolis on June 16, 2022. The documentary has since been broadcast on other PBS stations and selected for the 31st annual Heartland International Film Festival in October 2022.

The film follows executive producer IUPUI Professor Edward E. Curtis IV and other Arab Americans as they trace their heritage in Indianapolis.

What was often referred to as the "Syrian Colony" by the early 1900s has been literally buried under Lucas Oil Stadium. The history of Arab Americans in Indianapolis has been, as the film says, "hidden in plain sight."

This legacy lives on in names Hoosiers recognize: Dr. William K. Nassar, Mitch Daniels, Fady Qaddoura.

Today, there are nearly 30,000 Arab Hoosiers, with

approximately 3,200 residing in Hamilton County.

Local History and Genealogy Librarian Jessica Layman helped organize the panel, including several who appeared in the documentary. Hiba Alalami, executive director of Indiana Muslim Advocacy Network, served as panel moderator.

Other panel members included Dr. Majdi Abu-Salih, Susie Baranyk, Martin Barnes, Ken George, and Judy Nahlawi. Three of the panel members are active at Masjid Al Huda off Lantern Road, which serves over 3,000 congregants in the Fishers area. The other three panelists belong to St. George's Orthodox Christian Church on 116th Street, also in Fishers.

The panel members, who trace their family histories to Syria, Jordan, or Palestine, discussed why their families immigrated to the U.S., as well as issues such as integration versus assimilation.

"It is clear that assimilation versus integration is not a black and white issue," Alalami said.

However, they all agreed that it is the Arab language and the food that ties Arabs together despite their religion or their family's country of origin.

"The Arabic culture is a beautiful thing," Baranyk said. "You can't beat Arab hospitality."

To showcase the great food of Arab culture, HEPL offered a selection of baklava from MOTW Coffee and Pastries, locally owned by Sajjad and Fatimah Shah.

"A person can love more

than one place, more than one culture, at the same time," Alalami summed up the message of the afternoon. "We don't have to make a false choice between unity and diversity to treat each other as friends."

One audience member who asked not to be named said, "I hate to admit that I have always thought of Arabs as different – other. But they have stories of their families and celebrations and their goals and dreams just like everyone else."

One women's book club came over from Westfield for the event.

"It is never too late to learn," Barbara Day said. "I am embracing the opportunity to read and learn about other cultures and countries."

You can view and find out more about this documentary and the Arab heritage in the area at ArabIndianapolis.com and check out more events at HEPL in Fishers at hepl.lib.in.us.

"The Hamilton East Public Library is committed to celebrating education and diversity in our communities through pursuing accessible, equitable, and inclusive opportunities for all," said Kelsey Sweet, HEPL director of marketing and communications.

If you missed the HEPL program, screenings and discussions will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24 at St. Paul's Indy, 6050 N. Meridian St., and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., both in Indianapolis.

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Are Panorama surveys the best tool to gauge student success?

There has been much discussion about the use of third-party surveys to gauge our children's success in schools.

One such survey is Panorama Education which has/had been

used in many of the Hamilton County school districts. According to their website Panorama Education is an education technology company committed to providing tools to improve two key components of student success: academic progress and well-being. They claim to accomplish this by elevating student achievement with a comprehensive social-emotional learning (SEL) solution that improves core academic skills, behavior, and attendance.

I wanted to better understand what is driving the division on this topic, so I looked at several sources of information and had discussions with district leaders from Carmel, Fishers, Westfield, and Noblesville. In the end, this is what I come up with.

The law says school districts should include data from, at minimum, school attendance rates, ILEARN scores, and high school graduation rates. The plans also require ways to maintain a safe learning environment and areas of needed improvement. But the Indiana Department of Education officials no longer require student climate and culture data to be given.



COLUMNIST
MELBA KISER

According to Panorama's Privacy Policy, they do not get personally identifiable information (PII). That includes a student's name, address, school ID number, telephone number, or email.

But once a contract has been signed with Panorama, they are allowed to go into the School Information System (SIS) which houses the students' information. Panorama also states that when a school uses Panorama Services, the school may share Education Information with them, such as student rosters and parent or guardian contact information. Education information may also include email addresses for students and student demographic information.

These surveys are given to students in grades 3 to 12. The survey information is supposed to be analyzed in aggregate, not on an individual basis. Detractors express concerns about potential privacy breaches involving student data. According to Panorama, when schools work with them, schools own all data and control all data use – not Panorama. Yet in another paragraph, they state that the information is stored on their servers.

Because of these concerns and others, the Hamilton Southeastern School Board recently halted the use of Panorama Education surveys. Westfield Washington stopped using the survey

years ago. Westfield Washington decided that if they need a survey, they will provide their own. Zionsville Community Schools does not use Panorama and never did. According to one district official, they keep their eyes on state and national data and focus on a qualitative approach. Another community leader stated that they seek feedback from kiddos in a face-to-face form, which they think is more authentic.

The bottom line is that the measure that seems to be of interest to the school is to gauge how students are feeling. We all know that students can have “bad days” and fill out a survey differently than the next survey they take. We also have counselors and mental health specialists available in each school to gauge student well-being. They are best suited to help put together a plan to maintain a safe learning environment. Presentations that Panorama made to one of the Hamilton County schools failed to show a significant improvement in the two areas they state are at the core of their business: student academic progress and well-being. Finally, the cost of the survey can range from \$18,000 to \$26,000 per year depending on any additional services and fees agreed upon.

With student privacy concerns, high annual cost, and no significant results, is it fiscally responsible to continue using Panorama services?



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Steve Pulone, General Manager of Sales for O'Malia's Living (second from left), received congratulations from Retail Genius Award judges Brian Lawrence, Mariah Maydew and Cathy Galbreath-Buzbee after receiving the honor at ICFA's Educational Conference in Nashville.

O'Malia's Living named an Apollo Award finalist

Most prestigious industry award for outdoor living retailers

The REPORTER

The International Casual Furnishings Association (ICFA) has announced the 2023 Apollo Award finalists, and the list includes long-time local retailer O'Malia's Living in Carmel.

The most prestigious in the industry, the Apollo Awards have been presented for more than 60 years during the ICFA Awards Gala. Members nominate retailers in the single- and multi-store categories based upon innovative merchandising and marketing, sales management, annual growth, sales training program, credit history, and achievement of goals.

O'Malia's Living joins five other national retailers in the single-store category to be nominated, includ-

ing Island Living & Patio of West Palm Beach, Fla., Outdoor Elegance of LaVerne, Calif., Patio's Plus of Rancho Mirage, Calif., Villa Terrazza of Sonoma, Calif., and Village Green Home and Garden of Rockford, Ill. The winner will be announced on July 11 at AmericasMart in Atlanta, Ga.

Earlier this year, O'Malia's Living was awarded the 2023 Mary Fruehauf Retail Genius Award for innovative retail merchandising and was showcased as an industry best practice at the ICFA Education Conference held in February in Nashville, Tenn.

“We are honored to have been selected. There are many excellent stores and to be part of this group of established retailers is

very special,” O'Malia's Living Owner Scott Horvath said.

Established in 1966 as O'Malia's Fireplace Shop, this retailer has grown to include grills, outdoor fire and patio furniture. In 2015, the name was changed to O'Malia's Living to reflect the variety of products.

The International Casual Furnishings Association, based in High Point, N.C., represents manufacturers, retailers, sales representatives, and designers of outdoor furnishings plus suppliers to the industry.

O'Malia's Living, based in Carmel, is a 57-year-old retailer of high-quality specialty fireplaces, grills and patio furniture with installation and service of fireplaces and outdoor spaces.

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Dr. Arif Nazir MD appointed Chief Medical Officer of ASC

The REPORTER

Dr. Arif Nazir has been appointed Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of American Senior Communities (ASC), Indiana's largest senior care provider.

Dr. Nazir is CMO for primary care at BrightSpring Health Services, a leading provider of complementary home- and community-based pharmacy and health services for complex populations in need of specialized and/or chronic care that provides CMO and primary care consulting services across many states and organizations. As CMO, Dr. Nazir will lead innovation, data-driven clinical decision-making, and better outcomes by enhancing the engagement of high-quality medical directors, physicians, and other practitioners to support the facility staff for day-to-day clinical challenges.

Dr. Nazir is a board-certified geriatrician with

demonstrated experience in leading teams for improving post-acute systems resulting in higher patient satisfaction and improved avoidable hospitalization rates.

He envisions that this partnership will result in the much-needed transformation of medical care delivery systems, such that physicians and other practitioners are better aligned with facility staff and their workflows.

Dr. Nazir is a past president of the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA) and leads the Society's national Drive to Deprescribe (D2D) campaign. In March 2023 he received the AMDA's most prestigious William Dodd Founders Award for Distinguished Service. Dr. Nazir is also an accomplished teacher with published research in several peer-reviewed journals and frequently presents at regional and national platforms on geriatric care issues.



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Mental health advocates say new 988 funding will save lives

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Gov. Eric Holcomb and mental health advocates on Tuesday said new 988 funding will ensure someone can respond to a person in crisis. Holcomb held a ceremonial signing for the law at the inaugural Indiana Roundtable on Mental Health in Indianapolis early Tuesday afternoon.

The new law sets up a regulatory framework for behavioral health clinics to work with the 988 mental health crisis line and funds crisis response teams. The measure was the Indiana Senate's top priority during the legislative session. Although the 988 system has been operational for

nearly a year, not every call center yet has the resources mental health advocates envisioned.

Zoe Frantz, the president and chief executive officer of the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, says 19 of the state's 24 mental health centers have mobile crisis response teams that can respond to a 988 call. She says her organization wants such teams available in all 92 counties by 2027.

"We see lives saved through 911, we'll see the same impact through 988 as well," she said.

The Governor's Public Health Commission last year recommended the 988 system receive about \$130 million per year. Lawmak-

ers instead set aside \$50 million in each of the two years of the biennium that begins July 1.

Steve McCaffrey, president and CEO of Mental Health America of Indiana, says lawmakers will need to find a dedicated revenue source for the system. He says his organization and others plan to lobby lawmakers to do this during the next session.

McCaffrey also says his preference would be a phone surcharge similar to the one that funds 911 centers. Dedicated taxes on alcohol and tobacco have been floated, as well.

"If we don't have some kind of ongoing funding stream, the funding for services over the years will

go up and it will go down, and we will end up with the same situation that we're in currently," he said.

For his part, Holcomb says he is satisfied with the funding lawmakers set aside under the new law. He said the law is enough to put the 988 infrastructure in place.

"We got what we needed to get busy, and to get busy building," he said, adding the \$100 million set aside for the 988 system is in addition to other, unrelated mental health programs.

Also on Tuesday, Holcomb ceremonially signed a law that allows police to take detainees to a behavioral health facility instead of jail if circumstances warrant. Both laws go into effect July 1.



Rep. Spartz travels to Europe with bipartisan delegation

The REPROTER

From May 1 to 7, the Helsinki Commission visited Germany, Poland, and Ukraine to assess the current situation in Europe. The delegation met with high-ranking government officials and civil society actors regarding the ongoing military and humanitarian responses to the Russian invasion.

Commissioner Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) joined Chairman Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) and Ranking Member Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.) as well as Ambassador Michael Carpenter.

"The Helsinki Commission played an important role as an oversight body of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Eu-



rope (OSCE), which hosted the signing of the Budapest memorandum of 1994 compelling Ukraine to relinquish its nuclear arsenal in exchange for security assur-

ances from the U.S., U.K. and Russia," Spartz said. "As we can see now, the international organizations and security framework established after WWII have

failed. We have to have a serious conversation on how to reform the global security framework and bring peace back to the European continent once again."

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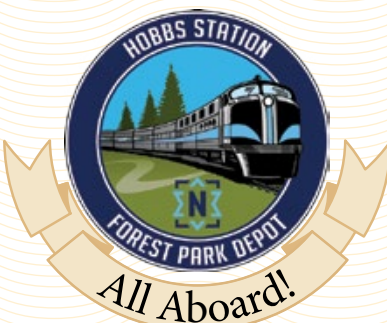
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Local Republicans talk elections & development at breakfast meeting



Reporter photo
Hamilton County Republicans got together Wednesday morning for breakfast at Matteo's Ristorante Italiano, 40 N. 9th St., Noblesville. County Elections Administrator Beth Sheller provided a breakdown of results from this month's primary election, and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen spoke about new developments in the city. Learn more about the Hamilton County GOP and get involved by going to [HamiltonCountyGOP.org](#).



Photo provided
Kids can once again enjoy Foam Parties complete with live music and games on Thursday, June 29. Space is limited so [register soon!](#)

Westfield Washington Public Library ready to launch Summer Reading Program

The REPORTER

Registration for the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) Summer Reading Program is now open. The eight-week program officially starts on Thursday, June 1. All ages are encouraged to participate.

"We're encouraging everyone to spend more time at the library this summer," said Sara Reitmeyer Perry, the Summer Reading Program Coordinator. "Come meet new friends, cool off while reading a book, or participate in one of our hands-on activities."

The Wonderlab Museum of Science, Health, and Technology in Bloomington will be at the library twice this summer to help spark kids' imaginations. Their first program on Friday, June 2, will teach kids how to make a Rube Goldberg Machine. The second, on Monday, July 10, will focus on the science of electricity with a demonstration on how to make mini lightning bolts. Space is limited and registration is required.

Back by popular demand, the library will host three Foam Parties on Thursday, June 29. Participants will play on a dance floor covered in foam with live music and games. The hypo-allergenic foam, similar to baby shampoo, is safe for kids and biodegradable. Again, space is limited and registration is required. Event registration can be found on the [library's event page](#).

Nearly 3,000 Westfield residents – kids, teens, and adults – participated in last year's Summer Reading Program. They read a total of 2,577,886 minutes. This year's goal will be 3 million minutes.

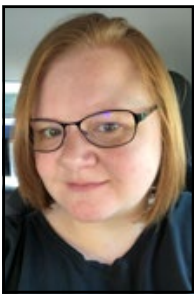
"We hope to see hundreds of residents at the library this summer," WWPL Director Sheryl Sollars said. "Summer break is a

fun time for our young readers to learn to use the library and develop a lifelong habit of reading. Plus, reading over the summer helps to keep their skills up."

Registration for the Summer Reading Program can be found at [wwpl.beanstack.org](#). Anyone who reads at least 40 hours between June 1 and July 31 will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize

which includes an Experience Westfield gift basket with over \$300 in restaurant gift cards and family-friendly experiences. Prizes will also be distributed to participants throughout the program when they hit specific reading milestones.

Special thanks to the Westfield Library Foundation and Friends of the Westfield Library for their financial support.



Perry



Sollars

\$50 parking fee could impact visitor turnout at Fishers' Geist waterfront park

By AMICIA RAMSEY
WISH-TV | [wish.tv.com](#)

During Monday night's council meeting, Fishers City Council members discussed [charging non-residents a \\$50 parking fee](#) at the city's new Geist Waterfront Park.

While some council members raised concerns about the affordability of the fee for visitors, a majority supported the notion as a means of recouping taxpayers' investment. Seven out of nine council members supported the decision to implement the parking fee.

Documents reveal that the city spent \$15 million to develop the first phase of the water park, which features concession stands, kayak rentals, a sandy beach, and a play area. An official with the city's parks and recre-

ation told the council the park has a parking capacity of 240 vehicles, the cove has a capacity for 300 swimmers, set to accommodate the number of visitors.

One council member expressed concerns about the message conveyed to non-residents, stating, "It sends a message to people outside of Fishers that they are unwelcome here." The sentiment echoes the worries of those who believe the fee may deter potential visitors.

Another council member defended the parking fee, highlighting the importance of maintaining safety measures at the park, stating, "There is a significant cost to keep people safe while driving, and it's instead of a narrative turning to 'we're trying to prevent people from being there.'"

In response to criticisms

of the fee's affordability, one council member stated, "I don't think there's anything unreasonable at all. I haven't heard any complaints from anybody in my district. This is not unreasonable."

Another council member also justified the fee, "This is not a regional park. If it were, Indianapolis, Fortville, and all the other surrounding communities. [They] should have chipped in and helped pay for this park."

City leaders say that the parking fee will help life-guards monitor all visitors and effectively ensure the park's operation. Furthermore, they have clarified that paid parking spans from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and parking will be free outside of the swimming season.

The water park is set to open on Memorial Day.

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Lost Wax will headline the Main Stage from 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

Carmel announces entertainment lineup for Saturday's Art of Wine

The REPORTER

Carmel's annual Art of Wine event returns to Main Street on Saturday, May 20, but wine is not the only star of this spectacular experience.

In addition to the dozen wineries from across the state pouring free samples of their best bottles, the Art

of Wine will also feature an awesome musical lineup for entertainment.

This year's headliner band is Lost Wax, coming to Carmel from Kansas City and performing on the Main Stage from 8 to 10 p.m. **Lost Wax Band** is the "original mashup party band," providing a show that specializes in a unique music style that fuses Pop, Rock, Hip-Hop and R&B from six decades of hits. The band has been performing all over the United States since 2009 with mashups and medley sets that make them unique.

In addition to the headliner, a selection of local acoustic bands will be performing throughout the festival from 4 to 8 p.m. Bands will perform two-hour sets and include:

- **Jeremiah Cosner**
- **Typical Summer**
- **Elliott Ferguson**
- **Joseph Filipow**
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Art of Wine will host

12 wineries from across the state. Guests of all ages can enjoy the festival, not to mention the Arts & Design District's unique stores and galleries for free! The event will be from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Wine Tasting Tickets
are \$30 for adults who wish
to sample wines and are 21
years of age or older (pho-
to ID required at check-in)
and that includes a souvenir
wine glass.

VIP Prime Hour tickets are also available for purchase and includes early entry at 4 p.m. and unlimited wine tastings for \$50. The upgrade also includes a souvenir wine glass, a wine stopper, a plate with wine glass holder and an insulated backpack that conveniently holds two bottles of wine. VIP Prime Hour tickets are limited to the first 350 purchased.

There are ample places to park in and around the District. [Click here](#) for more detail. Follow the Arts & Design District Facebook page to keep up with last minute announcements and changes.

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*Indiana Peony Festival
packed with fun for all*

The REPORTER

The third annual Indiana Peony Festival powered by Duke Energy returns to historic Seminary Park in Noblesville this Saturday, May 20. The free event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., features more than 70 vendors celebrating Indiana's state flower, the peony, with beautiful floral installations decorating the park as well as arts and crafts, food and drink, entertainment, and educational presentations.

For more information about the schedule of events, vendors, and to see a park map, go to IndianaPonyFestival.com/festival.

Florists providing installations include:

- Cecily Fox
- Sweet Peas Flowers

- Jennifer Burton
- Planters and Posies
- Robyn K. Harder
- RK Florals
- Lattia A Lindsley
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- Karly Elbrecht
- Camino & Company
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The festivities kick off with a VIPP (Very Important Peony Person) event, "Peonies in the Park" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 19. Sponsored by Smith Jewelers, the ticketed event is a fundraiser for the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to continue its work with beautification projects, peony gardens and horticulture education as well as promoting Hamilton County as a desirable destination for peony lovers. A few tickets remain; purchase tickets [here](#).

In addition to the festivities in the park on Saturday, “Brunch and Blooms” sponsored by the Lacy Arts Building provides visitors with peony-inspired food and drink throughout the day from local restaurants in seven outdoor locations around the historic downtown including four of them in “full bloom” in peony-inspired decorated alleys.

About the Indiana Peony Festival

The mission of the Indiana Peony Festival is to inspire Indiana residents to celebrate the state flower, to enhance Noblesville through peony beautification projects, and to promote Hamilton County as a desired visitor destination during May, when peonies are in bloom and Indianapolis 500 festivities occur.

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Sandra Faye Jones

September 18, 1953 – May 7, 2023



Sandra Faye Jones, 69, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Sheridan on Sunday morning, May 7, 2023. Born September 18, 1953, in Sheridan, she was the daughter of the late William B. and Geneva Elaine (Wells) Jones.

After graduating from Carthage High School, Sandra went on to graduate from Barber College, and later from Kay's Beauty College. For many years she worked as a licensed beautician and barber, garnering a loyal following of customers throughout her career.

She was a member of the Noblesville Church of the Nazarene and was currently attending the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. As a devoted Christian, she felt very strongly about taking an active role within her church family, as well as giving back to the community that she called home. Working with the church's lunch program and preschool classes gave her a real sense of purpose and helped her to find other avenues in which to volunteer within the communities that she loved. Serving and helping others was Sandra's true calling in life.

When it was time to relax, Sandra found activities that let her explore the great outdoors. Sometimes that meant fussing around with her flowers or puttering around in the garden, and other times she was content just laying out on the beach or taking a relaxing boat ride. But the place where she was the happiest was on the back of her bike. Sandra was a Harley girl and never passed up an opportunity to hit the open road, with a little Rod Stewart blasting from the speakers and the unmistakable rumble of her Hog. She also enjoyed getting back to nature and always looked forward to her next camping trip.

Sandra is survived by her two sons, Jeremy William McCubbins and Joshua Edgar McCubbins, both of Sheridan; two grandchildren, Logan U. McCubbins (Maggie) of Sheridan and Christian W. McCubbins of Noblesville; one great-grandchild, Vincent McCubbins; three brothers, Larry Blankenship, Terry Blankenship, and Gary Jones; two sisters, Laura Elaine Moore and Tammy Jo Reynolds (and best brother-in-law ever, Bryan Reynolds); many nieces and nephews, starting with Tabatha McKenney, and everyone that followed; and by her black cat, Athena, and her two grand-furbabies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William B. and Geneva Elaine (Wells) Jones; and by her brother, Chuck Jones.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help defray the cost of funeral expenses.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Dinah Sue Owen

February 4, 1960 – April 23, 2023



Dinah Sue Owen, 63, Sheridan, passed away on Sunday morning, April 23, 2023, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born February 4, 1960, in Columbus, Miss., she was the daughter of the late Paul Leonard and Tina Pearl (Flora) Sanders.

She was a graduate of Woodford County High School, as well as a graduate of PCI College, earning her certification as a Medical Assistant. For 30 years, she worked as a nurse for Dr. Habig's office in Westfield. She quickly became an irreplaceable part of office and was a favorite of Dr. Habig's patients.

Dinah was a caregiver with a servant's heart. She thought everyone deserved at least one person in their corner and went out of her way to help those who didn't have anyone in their lives they could count on. She always seemed to be bringing in "strays" (the people kind) and giving them exactly what they needed ... someone who cared.

Dinah enjoyed crafting and making jewelry, but her family road trips really helped her relax. Even though Cozumel, Mexico, was one of her favorite travel destinations, there was something special about her "sister" trips to Kentucky Lake that made them the place to be, year after year.

Dinah is survived by her loving husband, Mitchell Lee Owen. She and Mitchell were married on November 19, 1988. Also surviving are her son, Levi T. Owen (Maggie) of Sheridan; daughter, Morgan Ferguson of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Brynn Scott and Ryann Owen; brother, Thomas Sanders of Westfield; sisters, Paula Sanders-DeWar (Tom) of Gary and Lillie Sanders-Owen (John) of Spencer; and her canine furbaby, Tobie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Leonard and Tina Pearl (Flora) Sanders.

A celebration of Dinah's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Sheridan American Legion, 406 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

Through Dinah's gift of organ donation, she was able to save three lives. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions may be presented to the Angel Fund, c/o Indiana Donor Network Foundation, 3760 Guion Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46222.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Revelation 21:6-14 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Redevelopment Commission will meet immediately after the 6 p.m. Town Council meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, May 22, 2023, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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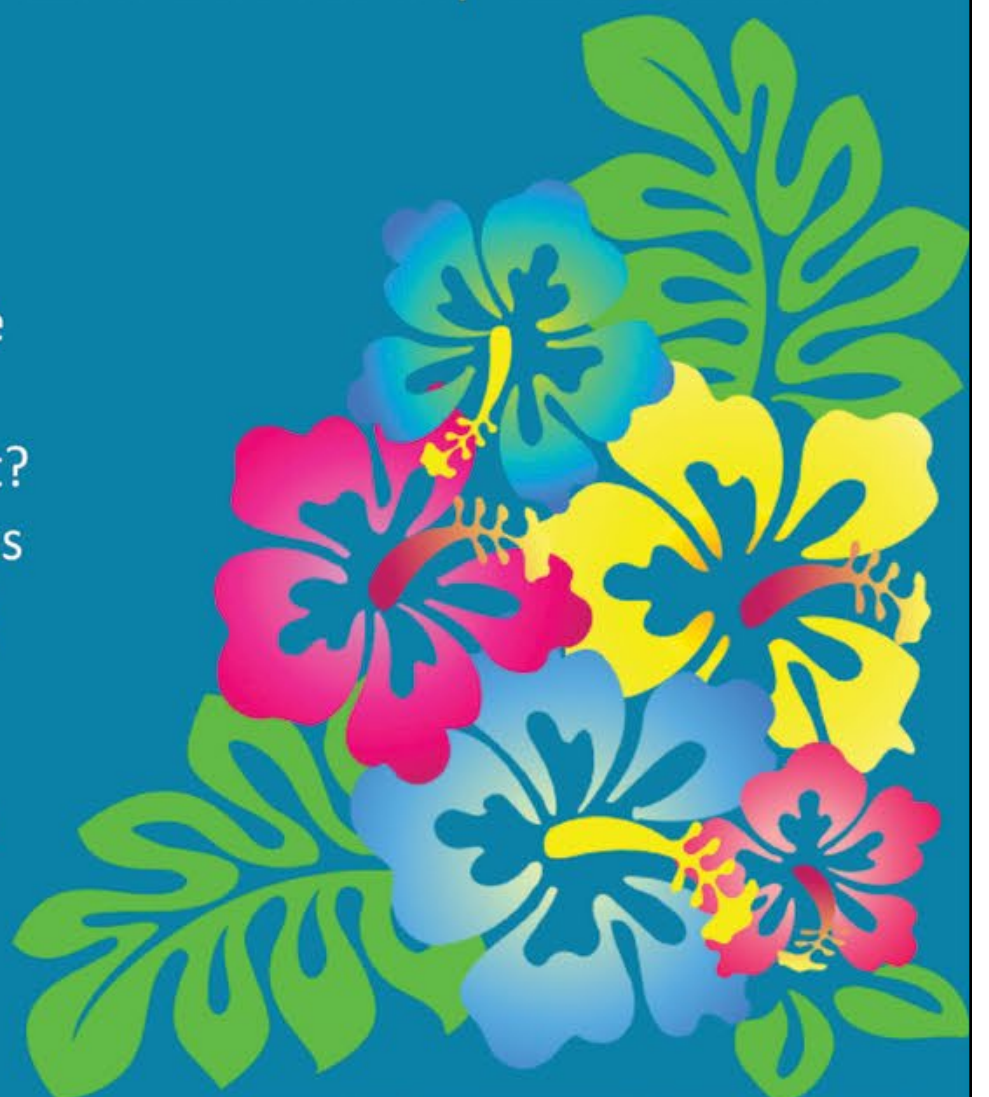
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Girls Tennis

Greyhounds go 5-0 over Golden Eagles, Tigers beat Millers, Royals take down Huskies

The REPORTER

The IHSAA tennis sectionals began across the state on Wednesday, including action at two Hamilton County sites.

Defending state champion and No. 2-ranked Carmel hosted play at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. The Greyhounds won their semifinal over No. 24 Guerin Catholic 5-0, taking all five matches in straight sets.

In the other semifinal, No. 9 Westfield beat University 4-1. The Trailblazers' lone win came from No. 1 singles Laurel Buttrick, who was victorious 6-2, 6-4. Buttrick will now advance to the individual state tournament, which begins next week.

The Shamrocks will play Carmel this afternoon for the sectional championship. Play begins at 5:15 p.m.

Tigers, Royals advance

Over at Noblesville, No. 4 Fishers and No. 15 Hamilton Southeastern both won semifinals to advance to the championship at that site.

The Tigers beat the No. 5-ranked Millers 3-2. No. 1 singles Mischa Briggs, No. 2 singles Izzy Mokra and the No. 2 doubles team of Madelyn Baron and Meredith Ober won their matches for Fishers.

Noblesville's winners were No. 3 singles Josie



(Above left) Carmel No. 3 singles Grace Kim won her match in straight sets as the Greyhounds beat Guerin Catholic 5-0 to advance to today's sectional championship. (Above right) Westfield No. 2 singles Alana Raymond got a straight-set victory, part of a 4-1 win for the Shamrocks over University.



Buttrick

Flinchum in a third-set super tiebreak, and No. 1 doubles Lina Hamashuk and Cami Crist. Hamashuk and Crist will play in the individual tournament next week.

The Royals beat Hamilton Heights 5-0, winning all five matches in straight sets.

Fishers and Southeastern play for the championship today at 4:30 p.m.

AT CARMEL
Carmel 5, Guerin Catholic 0
No. 1 singles: Nora Perkins def. Katie Kolb 6-1, 6-1
No. 2 singles: Elyse Nelson def. Anna Kolb 6-1, 6-3
No. 3 singles: Grace Kim def. Grace Quigley 6-1, 6-0
No. 1 doubles: Ali Griffin and Lexa Lewis def. Emma Oakley and Hannah Dille 6-0, 6-0
No. 2 doubles: Marina Duncan and Alex Widjaja def. Ella Hood and Lauryn Reifel 6-0, 6-0

Westfield 4, University 1
No. 1 singles: Laurel Buttrick (U) def. Juliette Grilliot (W) 6-2, 6-4
No. 2 singles: Alana Raymond (W) def. Duygu Arseven (U) 6-4, 6-2
No. 3 singles: Addi Kooi (W) def. Claire Kilgore (U) 6-1, 6-1
No. 1 doubles: Olivia Krauss and Jenna Berry (W) def. Lindsey Blocksom and Kara Wang (U) 6-4, 6-4
No. 2 doubles: Brianna Saylor and Chloe Carlson (W) def. Anisha Patel and Sruti Atluri (U) 6-0, 6-1

AT NOBLESVILLE
Fishers 3, Noblesville 2
No. 1 singles: Mischa Briggs (F) def. Bella Duncan (N) 6-1, 6-2
No. 2 singles: Izzy Mokra (F) def. Allie Stamm (N) 6-4, 6-1
No. 3 singles: Josie Flinchum (N) def. Caroline Ober (F) 5-7, 6-4, 10-4
No. 1 doubles: Lina Hamashuk and Cami Crist (N) def. Emma Beehler and Cassie Maurer (F) 6-2, 6-2
No. 2 doubles: Madelyn Baron and Meredith Ober (F) def. Daniella Tuesca and Olivia Gadis (N) 6-2, 6-0

Hamilton Southeastern 5, Hamilton Heights 0
No. 1 singles: Taylor Wolf def. Sam Burk 6-0, 6-0
No. 2 singles: Emma Bieberich def. Evie Maiden 6-0, 6-0
No. 3 singles: Summer Wolf def. Natalie Garcia 6-0, 6-0
No. 1 doubles: Maya Wetzel and Novelle Lee def. Taylor Harley and Meredith Dodson 6-0, 6-1
No. 2 doubles: Naina Patwardhan and Peighton Baugh def. Abby Martin and Giselle Effing 6-0, 6-0

Baseball

Decker tosses a shutout as No. 3 Millers clinch at least share of HCC

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The stakes were high heading into Wednesday night's first game of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference series between Zionsville and Noblesville. The Millers had to simply win and they would clinch at least a share of the HCC baseball championship.

It was quite the pitcher's duel between a pair of juniors in Zionsville's Simon Wilkinson and Noblesville's Nolan Decker. Late in the tight league matchup, Decker got to the Eagles, both with his arm and bat in helping the Millers to a 2-0 win.

"It's no different than any other game. That's what I want to do every game, obviously. Coach giving me the ball gives me all the confidence in the world," said Noblesville junior pitcher Nolan Decker.

Zionsville was looking to play the spoiler role, but Noblesville had its eyes on the prize. The Millers have now clinched at least a share of the conference title, something they haven't done since 2016. That season they shared the HCC crown with the Eagles, both having 15-3 marks that year.

"It's a privilege to win this sucker. We've done it four times and it's really, really hard. You've got really,

really good teams and we're just thankful. I don't really care how long it's been," said Noblesville head coach Justin Keever.

"This is the year that matters right now. We look at this ballgame tonight and we're celebrating a conference championship," continued an excited Keever.

Keever's reaction is just the tone that he and his team have to take in order to keep this momentum going in an effort to win the second game of the series for an outright HCC championship.

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference is deemed as the toughest baseball conference in the state and that continues to hold up that standard

every year.

Decker gave up three singles in different innings and only two others would reach base by a fielder's choice and an error on the infield.

"Deck was awesome tonight. I thought we played really good defense," stated Keever.

Wilkinson struck out five through five before his exit brought in Jackson Gilley in relief in the sixth inning.

Trevor Corbett led off the home half of the sixth with a single over Josh Girvan's head at short. Bryce Riggs walked with one out for two aboard. Decker then grounded past Girvan into left, scoring Corbett for a 1-0 edge.

"Right after that hit, the

dugout just exploded. That was incredible and one of the greatest feelings you could ever have. It's a family. This is what we've wanted and being able to do that for my team is incredible," stated Decker.

Two batters later with two outs, Aiden Ramsey lined a single to left, plating Riggs for an insurance run for the final score of 2-0.

Decker came out to finish it off in the top of the seventh. Girvan reached on an error by Riggs, but would be stranded to end the game. The junior southpaw shut the door on the Eagles, sending the final two hitters down on strikes, including Lincoln Belser looking, sealing the

win.

Decker threw a complete game gem, striking out eight in his seven frames. He improved his pitching record to 6-3 while allowing just three hits without giving up a walk.

Trevor Corbett led the Millers with two hits, while Decker and Ramsey each added RBI singles. Hunter Corbett accounted for the fifth Miller hit.

Zionsville drops to 18-9 overall and 6-7 in HCC play. Noblesville moves to 19-6 and holds a 10-3 HCC record. If the Millers win tonight at Zionsville in the second game of the series, that would give Noblesville an outright HCC title.

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Boys Golf

Baseball

Busy week for Heights golf team

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys golf team placed fourth at the Hoosier Conference golf meet, which took place Saturday at Chippendale.

The Huskies carded a season-low 340. Nathan Cox led Heights with an 81, making the All-Conference team. Other scores were Kole Kirtley 84, Josh Steffen 85, Vincent Harley 90 and Ethan Millsaps 92.

Heights traveled to Cool Lake on Monday for a three-team meet. The Huskies won with a 165,

followed by Frankton with 175 and Sheridan with 179. Cox and Kirtley were co-medalists with 49s, followed by Millsaps with 42 and Blaise Doss with a 45.

On Wednesday, the Huskies placed second in a three-team meet at Chippendale. Western won the meet with a 165, followed by Heights with a 181 and Northwestern with a 185.

Millsaps scored a 44 to lead the Huskies. Other scores were Bryce Hutcherson 45, Kirtley 46, Harley 46, Steffen 48 and Hunter Doak 53.

Shamrocks get two victories, Greyhounds win on walkoff, Tigers rebound at Brownsburg

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team had a nice start to the week with two victories.

On Monday, the Shamrocks traveled to Kokomo and won 3-0. Westfield began with a run in the first inning: Brayden Hibler led off with a right field hit, moved to second base on a wild pitch, stole third base then scored on an error.

The ‘Rocks added two runs in the sixth inning. Col-

lin Lindsey led off with a bunt hit, went to second base on an error, stole third base, then was brought home by Matt Drozlek’s sacrifice fly. Nick Alm then singled in Evan Russ for Westfield’s third run.

Collin Lindsey finished the game with two hits. Preston Tamm went four and a third innings for the win, striking out five and allowing just one hit. Nathan Bodenbergh got the save, with three strikeouts and no hits allowed.

The Shamrocks were back home on Wednesday, hosting Avon in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. Westfield won 3-2.

The Shamrocks again scored a run in the first inning, with Drew Law getting home on an error. Westfield got two more runs in the fourth inning: Hibler drove in Tyler Gentry with a left field hit, then later scored on a wild pitch.

Drozlek hit a first-inning double. Ty Anderson pitched a complete game, striking out four against three hits and one walk.

The Shamrocks are 8-5 in conference play and 15-9 overall, and finish HCC play tonight at Avon.

Carmel got a walkoff win over Mount Vernon, 3-2 Monday at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds scored two runs in the fifth inning. Drew Fouts got home when Hunter Snow was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, then Gabe Mathison scored on a Case Sullivan sacrifice fly.

The Marauders tied the game with two runs in the top of the seventh. Carmel scored the winning run with one out: Mathison hit a single, then was brought home by a JD Stein double, Stein’s second hit of the game.

Tyler Walkey also hit a double. Mathison pitched

six innings for the win, striking out five.

The Greyhounds are 15-7 and play tonight at Kokomo.

Fishers rebounded from being shut out on Monday to getting an HCC shutout win on Wednesday.

The Tigers got their conference win at Brownsburg, 3-0. Fishers scored one run in the first inning, when Jack Brown stole home plate.

The Tigers added two more runs in the sixth inning: Noah McPeck led off with a single, advanced to second base on a passed ball, then moved to third base on Brown’s base hit. McPeck then scored on an error. Later, Brown got home when Huston Dunn reached on error.

Brown had a spectacular game for Fishers. He was 3-for-4 at the plate, and pitched a complete game, striking out 11 against three hits and one walk. McPeck was 2-for-3.

In their Monday game, the Tigers lost to Columbus North 5-0. Fishers was held to one hit, a single by Quinn Seefeldt.

Fishers is 9-4 in HCC play and 18-11 overall. The Tigers host Brownsburg today to finish HCC and regular-season play.

Hamilton Heights dropped a 7-1 game to Kokomo on Tuesday.

The Huskies scored their run in the fifth inning. John Irion sent a hit into left field, moved to third base on a Dillon Pitts double, then got home on an Alex Rickey bunt.

Heights is 12-8 and plays a doubleheader with Frankfort on Saturday morning.

Hamilton Southeastern fell to Center Grove 6-1 in a Tuesday away game.

The Royals scored their

run in the seventh inning, when Michael Hoog batted in Clayton Wilke with a right field hit.

Three Southeastern players hit doubles: Zack Wagner, Cole Earlewine and Ty Bradle.

The Royals are 12-14 and host Franklin Central tonight to begin an HCC series.

Sheridan dropped two games this week at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament.

On Monday, the Blackhaws lost to Carroll 5-0. Camden Spencer hit a double. Luke Inman threw four strikeouts in three innings of relief.

Sheridan played Clinton Central on Tuesday and fell 6-5. The Bulldogs scored a run in the top of the second inning, but the ‘Hawks rebounded with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Gavin Schwerdtfeger batted in all three runs with a right field hit; Camden Spencer, Cole Mackintosh and Chance Spencer all scored.

Clinton Central scored three runs in the top of the fourth to take a 4-3 lead. Sheridan tied the game in the bottom of the fourth when Mackintosh was brought in by Caleb Alexander’s RBI groundout.

A two-run home run put the Bulldogs ahead 6-4 in the top of the fifth inning. The Blackhaws got a run back in the bottom of the fifth: Zach Bales led off with a triple, after which Braelan Bochner came in to run for him. Camden Spencer doubled Bochner home.

Camden Spencer and Bales both finished with two hits. Sebastian Salazar pitched five innings, striking out 10 and allowing three hits.

Sheridan is 8-15 for the season.

Sato, Dixon reach 229 as Ganassi flexes in first Indy practice

The REPORTER

Past winners Takuma Sato and Scott Dixon both topped 229 mph as Chip Ganassi Racing drivers took the four of the top seven spots on the speed chart in the first day of practice Wednesday for the 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

Two-time “500” winner Sato led with a top lap of 39.2261 seconds, 229.439 mph in the No. 11 Deloitte Honda, turned in the final two hours under sunny skies and air temperatures in the mid-70s. 2008 Indy 500 winner Dixon was second at 229.174 in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing

Honda on a lap turned in the first 10 minutes of the day.

This is Sato’s first “500” outing with the powerful Ganassi team. He won the race in 2017 with Andretti Autosport and in 2020 with Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing.

“The organization is very impressive,” Sato said. “Everything is in the right place and the right people. They use their resources and make the most of it. Preparation is simply impressive.

“Today on the track, all four drivers divided a few different programs. I wasn’t particularly happy with the kind of sensation I was getting in the morning. We’re

just working on what’s the best way. In the afternoon, the group run by Ganassi was a great hint for me about what needs to be done. We went for it, and we had a big tow, and that’s why we have a very successful platform right now.”

Santino Ferrucci was third at 228.977 in the No. 14 Homes For Our Troops Chevrolet fielded by AJ Foyt Racing. 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion and current series points leader Alex Palou was fourth at 228.720 in the No. 10 The American Legion Honda fielded by Chip Ganassi Racing.

Scott McLaughlin was fifth at 228.473 in the No. 3 Pennzoil Team Penske Chevrolet. Reigning “500” winner Marcus Ericsson rounded out the four-car Chip Ganassi Racing team in seventh at 227.701 in the No. 8 Huski Ice Spritz Honda.

RC Enerson completed the three-phase Rookie Orientation Program in the No. 50 Abel Motorsports Chevrolet, as all 34 entries combined to turn 3,455 laps (8,637.5 miles) in the busy, six-hour session after Opening Day was rained out Tuesday.

Practice resumes from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday. Public gates open at 10 a.m.

The 107th Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 28 (11 a.m. ET, NBC, Peacock, Universo, INDYCAR Radio Network). PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying is Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18
BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Lawrence Central, 5:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Kokomo, 6 p.m.
Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Carmel at Greenfield-Central, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Ben Davis, 6 p.m.
McCutcheon at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Sectional at Noblesville

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.

Sectional at Carmel

Carmel vs. Westfield, 5:15 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Boys sectional, 6 p.m. at Westfield

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Softball

Heights & Fishers shut out opponents, great week for Noblesville, Southeastern & Carmel

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team started the week with two big wins.

First, the Millers hosted McCutcheon Monday, and beat the Mavericks 16-6 in five innings. Noblesville scored six runs in the second inning, then five in the third inning. The Millers put up five more runs in the fifth: Gabby Fowler tripled in Tatum Ball and Delaney Rundle, then Taylor Thompson blasted a three-run home run to end the game, also scoring Fowler and Mack Harvey.

In addition to her triple, Fowler hit two three-run homers, one in the second inning and another in the third. Fowler finished the game with eight RBIs in a 3-for-4 night. Thompson opened the second inning with a home run; she drove in four runs for the game.

Bella Schatko hit a two-run homer in the third inning, and Harvey hit a double. Ball scored three runs, while Rundle, Thompson, Addi Emmerson and Schatko all had two. Harvey, Thompson, Schatko and Erin Clark all had two hits. Lulu Van Beek got the pitching win.

Noblesville traveled to Zionsville on Tuesday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, winning 9-4.

The Millers started with a run in the first inning, as Thompson singled in Fowler. Thompson then cracked a leadoff home run in the fourth inning, and Noblesville led 2-0. The Eagles got a run back in the bottom of the fourth to cut that lead to 2-1.

Noblesville blasted off for five runs in the fifth inning. Van Beek led off with a double, then Nevaeh Nash came in to run for her. Reis Sjolholm bunted Nash to third base, then Rundle singled her in.

Fowler came up next, and her three-run homer also brought in Sjolholm and Rundle. Harvey made it back-to-back home runs, sending one over the center field fence.

In the sixth inning, Rundle got on base with a right field hit, then Fowler cracked a homer to send everyone home. With that, Fowler tied the single-season home run record of 14, currently sharing it with Ella White.

Rundle, Fowler, Harvey and Thompson all had two hits. Van Beek went five innings for the pitching win.

The Millers finished HCC play 4-3 and are 13-10-1 overall. Noblesville plays at Lafayette Jefferson this evening to finish the regular season.

Hamilton Heights beat Frankfort 10-0 in a five-inning Wednesday away game.

The Huskies put up four runs in the first inning and five more in the fourth. Hailey Hall hit a double in the fifth inning to bring in Suzanna Sigler for the 10th run, and a three-up, three-down bottom of the fifth ended the game.

Hall was 3-for-3 at the plate, while Morgan Ottinger went 2-for-3 and batted in four runs. Lily Cash and Kassidy Schakel both scored two runs, while Lily Roush and Schakel each drove in two runs. Ottinger, Roush, Schakel and Taya Trosper all hit doubles in addition to Hall.

Cash pitched all five innings, striking out nine and allowing one hit and no walks.

Heights is 15-8 and finishes its regular season Friday by hosting Alexandria.

Hamilton Southeastern finished HCC play on a very positive note, beating Franklin Central 14-2 in a Tuesday away game.

The Royals' Lani

Wyrick scored a run in the first inning. The Flashes put up two in the second inning, but Alex Kiemeyer led off the third inning with a home run, then Tessa Sexauer's homer put Southeastern in the lead for good.

Payton Fox hit two home runs, a solo in the third and a three-run blast in the fourth inning. Fox was 3-for-4 at the plate, driving in six runs total. Chase smacked a two-run home run in the fourth inning, and Wyrick blasted a solo homer in the sixth.

Makenna Selm, Wyrick and Steph Penny all hit a double. Wyrick scored three runs, drove in another two and had two hits. Grace Swedarsky pitched a complete game, striking out 17.

The Royals finished conference play 4-3 and are 17-7 overall. Southeastern plays at Ben Davis this evening.

Fishers beat Anderson 18-0 in a five-inning home game on Wednesday.

Sophie Schoch and Brooke Johnson both had two hits for the Tigers, with Schoch hitting a double. Taylor Duplessis and Liv McNall also hit a double. Johnson totaled four RBIs, with Hailey Kinder, Kendall Jordan and Ashtin Grubb all driving in two runs. Hailey Trueblood and Johnson both scored two runs. Kamara Walker pitched four and two-thirds innings for the win, striking out four.

Fishers is 14-7 and hosts Zionsville tonight to finish HCC play.

Carmel split two games at Cherry Tree Softball Complex to start the week.

First, the Greyhounds lost a close game to Harrison, last year's Class 4A state runner-up, 9-6. The Raiders scored three runs in both the first and second innings, then added another run in the third for a 7-0 lead.

Carmel battled, scoring at least one run from the third through seventh innings. The 'Hounds began with a run in the third, when Ella Weir stole home plate. In the fourth inning, Jayden Kleiner led off with a center field home run.

Alex Longstreth hit a triple in the fifth inning, then scored when Lily Sullivan sent a base hit into left field. Carmel was within 7-3, but Harrison scored two runs in the top of the sixth to go up 9-3.

The Greyhounds' Mia Fleming smacked a two-run double in the sixth inning, bringing in Bella Davis and Katherine Warren. Longstreth led off the seventh with a double, then got home on Hope McDonald's sacrifice fly.

Longstreth and Kleiner both had two hits, and McDonald hit a double.

Carmel rebounded on Tuesday, picking up an 8-3 win over Shelbyville. The Golden Bears scored a run in the first inning. The Greyhounds tied the game in the second inning when Mia Fleming doubled in Bella Davis.

Carmel then erupted for five runs in the fourth inning to take a 6-1 lead. Katy Smith led off with a double, moved to third base on a Davis single, then scored on Fleming's RBI fielder's choice. Longstreth doubled in Davis and Warren (running for Fleming), Weir went home on Sullivan's sacrifice fly, then McDonald batted in Longstreth with a left field hit.

Carmel added two more runs in the sixth inning. Sullivan blasted a triple into right field to score Longstreth, then got home on McDonald's RBI groundout.

Longstreth, McDonald and Davis all had two hits. Fleming and McDonald both hit one double. Lucy

Broughton pitched a complete game for the win.

The Greyhounds are 6-14 and play this afternoon at Greenfield-Central in their regular-season finale.

Westfield split a pair of games to begin the week.

First, the Shamrocks traveled to Western on Monday and came home with an 8-3 victory. Westfield started strong with four runs in the first inning: Allie Dolenc's left field hit drove in Maggie Roh, Cara Snedeker's left field hit scored Makayla Watson, Chloe Tanner batted in Dolenc with a left field single, and Sofia Easterhaus got home on Grace Fanelli's sacrifice fly.

Fanelli batted in another run in the third inning, sending Easterhaus home with a left field hit. Avery Banas made a big hit for the 'Rocks in the fourth inning with a solo home run. Ava Kainrath hit a homer in the seventh inning, bringing in Easterhaus for her third run of the game.

Kainrath and Banas both had two hits. Tanner went four and a third innings for the win, striking out six and allowing just two hits.

On Tuesday, Westfield fell to Avon 9-2 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. The Shamrocks scored both of their runs in the seventh inning: Fanelli's sacrifice fly brought in Snedeker, then Grace Feltz hit a sacrifice fly to score Annika Lawrence.

Tanner and Kenzie Hiatt both hit a double. Tanner went six and a third innings, striking out five.

Westfield finished HCC play 4-3 and is 13-13 overall. The 'Rocks host McCutcheon this evening in their regular-season finale.

Sheridan went 1-2 this week at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament.

The Blackhawks won their first game on Monday, beating Taylor 5-2 at Abby & Libby Park in Delphi. Both teams scored a run in the second inning; Emma Settles tripled in Claudia Headlee to get Sheridan on the board.

The Titans scored a run in the fifth inning, but the 'Hawks answered with four runs in the sixth. Settles blasted a triple, then scored on a base hit by Kennedy Zachary. Mariana Lopez doubled in Jacquelynne Bates and Chaney Smith, then Ashlynn Tryon singled in Abbi Merritt.

Bates was 3-for-5 at the plate. Merritt and Lopez both had two hits, with Lopez also hitting a triple. Maelei Casler pitched a complete game for the win, striking out seven.

The 'Hawks played again right away on Monday, falling to Rossville 12-1 in five innings. Settles scored in the fifth inning when Bates reached on error.

On Tuesday, Sheridan fell to Carroll 16-1 in five innings. The Blackhawks scored in the fourth inning when Lopez led off with a home run.

Sheridan is 3-23 for the season.

Guerin Catholic dropped two tough games to begin the week.

On Monday, the Golden Eagles fell to North Central 19-1 in five innings. Guerin Catholic scored its run in the fourth inning when Kate Brady got home on Anna Mauch's RBI groundout.

The Golden Eagles hosted Circle City Conference opponent Roncalli on Tuesday, and the Royals won 13-1 in five innings. Guerin Catholic scored its run in the second inning, with Maddie Winstead getting home after Madi Cain reached on error.

The Golden Eagles are 2-12 and play this afternoon at Lawrence North.

Noblesville's Abby Bozell to run track at Anderson University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Abby Bozell has committed to the Anderson University track and field team. (Front row, from left) Dave Bozell (father), Abby Bozell, and Rachel Bozell (mother). (Back row, from left) Matt Johnston (Noblesville Unified Track & Field Head Coach), Eliza Bozell (sister), and Cody Bozell (brother).



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Friday May 19

6:00 pm | Softball | Pendleton Heights vs **Fishers** | Fishers Sports Networks

Monday May 22 SECTIONAL WEEK BEGINS

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7:30 pm | Softball | 4A Sectional 8 | Win. gm 2 vs **Noblesville** | HCTV Sports

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