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SCAN ME

50 YEARS

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(Left) Marcie Durbin reads *A Cricket Sings* to her students. (Center) Her shared classroom is decked out with smiling frogs from ceiling to floor, reminding students of LEEP: Literacy Enhancement Ensures Progress. (Right) Durbin also enjoys serenading her staff members on the accordion.

Photos provided

A lot has changed in WWS in the last 50 years. There are now six elementary schools in the district with plans to add more. But, one aspect of WWS that hasn't changed is that Mrs. Durbin is still teaching kids to read.

About six years ago, Durbin started teaching half days. Now, she works with 15 to 20 children in the mornings. Instructional assistant Jami Harris has

worked with Durbin for about 15 years, and literacy teacher Jennifer Croner comes in to work with children in the afternoons. Their shared classroom is decorated from floor to ceiling with frogs. Smiling at students from rugs, banners, and signs, the cheerful mascots represent the acronym 'LEEP,' which stands for Literacy Enhancement Ensures Progress.

"I love what I do," Durbin said. "I love when the kids get excited when they learn how to read. I hope I've made a great impact on families and kids."

On Meet the Teacher Night, Durbin always asks if any of the parents had her as their teacher. Having taught approximately 1,000 students over her 50 years in the schools, it is not uncommon that she has had some of her students' parents, or even grandparents, in her

classroom.

As WWS Director of Communications Joshua Andrews pointed out, this fact also speaks highly of Westfield, in general, that families choose to stay in the community for generations.

"Marcie was actually my second-grade teacher a few years ago," Harris said, laughing. "She also taught two of my children. I feel very fortunate. She was fun then, and she still is."

Instructional assistant Krista Reynolds can also attest to Durbin's fun side. As Reynolds celebrated her 50th birthday on Thursday, May 18, Durbin serenaded her with her trusty accordion. Admittedly, Durbin has never had an accordion lesson in her life, but that has never stopped her from entertaining her coworkers from time to time.

"Marcie is a lot of fun," Oak Trace Principal Jane Hitch said. "She brings joy every day. She makes us laugh and makes other teachers want to be here."

Durbin, Harris, Hitch, and other Oak Trace Elementary School staff members have been through a lot together, personally and professionally, especially over the past few years, including the pandemic that forced them to move to virtual and then distanced learning.

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About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad

The Nickel Plate Express (NPX) is maintained and operated by the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on NPX's historic railroad equipment from Hobbs Station at Forest Park in Noblesville. The 12.5-mile former Nickel Plate Road trackage is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

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UNCLE JOHN

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Uncle John did come to church occasionally during the next few months, to Grandpa’s surprise. Grandpa greeted him cordially but never asked or expected favors from him.

Grandpa believed that every person has some good qualities, so he tried to discern Uncle John’s redeeming features. Uncle John had served in the Civil War and was commended for his courage when on a certain occasion he helped retrieve the flag after it had been shot down. Having learned that Uncle John was a dependable neighbor, Grandpa began to realize that his first impression had been considerably modified.

Uncle John invited Grandpa to visit on a Saturday evening, traveling the interurban line and getting off at car stop 123 about ½ mile from Uncle John’s home. It was between 9 and 10 p.m. when Grandpa arrived.

Uncle John answered Grandpa’s knock at the door and said, “I was asleep on the davenport and dreamed the devil came, and, sure enough he is here.”

The next morning as Grandpa was directed to a washbasin in the enclosed porch, the generous host reached out to a nail tie and got a half-pint bottle of whiskey and said, “Have a nip. An eye-opener will be good for you.” Although Grandpa had slept less than usual that night, he was wide awake and for obvious reasons declined the offer. Uncle John’s persistence made it necessary for Grandpa to emphasize that he never had use for any such eye-opener.

Because of the sharp difference in opinions, Grandpa imagined his first visit would be his last. He guessed wrong. By the time of the revival meetings in December, his ratings with Uncle John had improved somewhat so that his second overnight stay in his home was convivial. When they were eating breakfast, a neighbor boy, apparently about 10 years of age, came for help. A new calf had been born but it died during the night. The boy’s father went to Tennessee and did not expect to return for several days.

When Uncle John in-

formed Grandpa that the family was in poor circumstances and could ill afford the loss, Grandpa suggested that the calf should be skinned in order to save the hide.

Uncle John then bantered with Grandpa with the question, “Do you want the job?” Since there were no forenoon services held at the church, Grandpa replied, “Yes, if you will furnish some old clothes for me to wear.” A suitable outfit was provided and after sharpening two butcher knives, they went to perform the neighborly act.

Uncle John agreed to bury the animal and Grandpa would remove the hide. He looked on with satisfaction of the proceedings and when Grandpa’s task was finished jokingly remarked, “You know what I think? You’ve spoiled a good butcher to make a mighty poor preacher.”

The incident was in no sense spectacular; nevertheless, it was important to Grandpa for that day in a big old barn to find not only a dead calf but also a true friend he cherished in his memory.

Sheridan Library gearing up for summer reading program

The REPORTER

Get ready to read “All Together Now” with Sheridan Public Library’s Summer Reading Program.

The program will run from May 31 to July 15 and is for all ages. Wednesday and Thursday activity days will be held for all age groups.

Participants who complete the program will earn a pizza party and an awesome prize pack from one of the reading programs’ sponsors.

Prize tickets are new to the program this year. Tickets may be earned in Beanstack by collecting badges for reading and activities.

Those tickets may be entered into drawings for grand prizes. For more information, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us. Register now on Beanstack (reading tracker) at sheridan.beanstack.org/reader365.

Thank you to all sponsors for Summer Reading 2023.

PUNCHLINES

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Leslie Rob is a teacher and award-winning stand-up comedian. Her mission is to bring clean, comedic entertainment and encouragement to teachers on stages and newsfeeds worldwide. She is from Virginia.

Michele VanDusen, from Oklahoma, was the winner of The Southern Oklahoma Comedy Show-down in 2019. She was born and raised in Chicago.

Chris Ruppe, from North Carolina, makes people laugh by looking back on past experiences from his childhood, parenting, and adopting a child.

June Colson is a comedian, writer, and podcaster born in Indiana and raised in the Bluegrass State. She holds the prestigious title as 2020’s Nashville Clean Comedy CHAMPION!

Dorie McLemore hails from Texas, and she is a story teller and joy-bringer who believes that caffeine is keeping her alive, popcorn should be its own food group, and that true joy comes from knowing that you are worthy of God’s love in the middle of your imperfections.

From Arizona, Mike James’ brand of humor fueled by his general confusion of being a husband, father, and just a human being keeps his audiences laughing.

Brian Kohatsu, also from Arizona, has spent 20 years as an award-winning director before stepping away from the camera for a career in comedy. He quickly found success in radio and gained national recognition when he was featured on Sirius/XM radio.

Popcorn and Punchlines is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield’s For Our Neighbor strategy to meet, know, enjoy, and serve the people of the Westfield community.

The IMMI Conference Center is located one mile east of Grand Park in Westfield just south of the roundabout at East Street and 191st Street. Go online to ForOurNeighbor.Life for more information about CrossRoads Church’s “For Our Neighbor” community outreach, or email ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com.

For the past seven, years CrossRoads Church has sponsored the popular February event, Pizza and Punchlines.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield provides free pet food from 9 to 11 a.m. every first Saturday of the month, free Zumba at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, Shepherd Center’s Together Today for senior adults from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday, and Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based recovery program, from 6:15 to 9 p.m. every Thursday night. All these events take place on the church’s campus at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

This June, CrossRoads Church will host 200 high schoolers from across the nation to spend a week in Hamilton County doing 30 home repairs for senior adults and veterans. If you would like to serve, email ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com.

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June 1, 5-8 p.m., and June 2, 5-7 p.m.
Grand Junction Plaza | **FREE**

Hear about the winners of the Westfield Green Together contest! See posters about tree contestants and pick up a driving-tour map. Hear stories about what life might have been like when the trees were planted.

A DAY IN THE LIFE “ROCKS!”

June 2, 5-7 p.m., *Grand Junction Plaza* | **FREE**

Join Student Impact for a Pioneer-themed event of games, food and activities focused on a day in the life of a student in the 1830s in Hamilton County.

MAINSTREET PRODUCTIONS’ WESTFIELD FOUNDERS

June 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., *Basile Playhouse*
220 N. Union St., Westfield | **FREE**

Performances dramatize the lives of some of Westfield’s founding families. Refreshments served. Performances run every hour beginning at 1 p.m.

WEEKENDS AT BARKER CABIN

June 3, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., *Westfield Washington Historical Society, 130 Penn St., Westfield* | **FREE**

Find out how things got done during the time when the Barker family lived in their cabin in the 1830s. Ribbon-cutting and ceremony for the recently restored home is at 10 a.m., followed by old-fashioned cooking, demos by interpreters, the Rusty Muskets Band, a re-enactor show and car show. Food trucks, vendors, pony rides and more for families!

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

June 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., *Cave & Co Printing (tour starting point), 104 W. Main St., Westfield* | **FREE**

Join the Westfield Preservation Alliance on a self-guided walking tour of Westfield’s Downtown National Register Historic District. Use the **FREE** mobile app “U R HERE - Historic Westfield, IN.”

FAMILY HISTORY AND ART ACTIVITY DAY

June 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., *Westfield Washington Public Library, 338 W. Hoover St., Westfield* | **FREE**

Speakers discuss genealogy topics, including getting started, Quaker records, military records, and information on how to use Ancestry.com and Indiana State Library sources. Take part in local arts and crafts demonstration fair. During the week leading up to the program, the library will host a vintage board game tournament. (Sign up for parts of the event on the library’s website.)



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT

WESTFIELD BASH!

June 1, 5-8 p.m.; June 2, 8-10 a.m. and 6-9 p.m.,
Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., Westfield | **FREE**

June 1, 5-8 p.m. At the Westfield Farmer’s Market, enjoy free entertainment, dozens of vendors and Westfield Washington Schools’ American Pie concert (“Coming Back to Indiana”).

June 2, 8-10 a.m. Enjoy the Westfield Fire Department’s Pancake Breakfast on Park Street and check out vintage vehicles! (Cost for breakfast.)

June 2, 6-9 p.m. Before they head out on their international tour, Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band takes the stage at Grand Junction Plaza! Local artist Kassey King opens for this **FREE** concert.

COOL CREEK BICENTENNIAL CONCERT

June 30, 6-9:15 p.m., *Cool Creek Park, 2000 E. 151st St., Westfield*

\$5 to attend | See Stella Luna and the Satellites during the Cool Creek Bicentennial Concert!

HAMILTON CO. BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Westfield:

June 3-9, *Westfield Playhouse, Union St.*

June 10-16, *Westfield Wash. Historical Society, Penn St.*

June 17-23, *Westfield Wash. Public Library, Hoover St.*

June 24-30, *Washington Township Trustee, Greyhound Pass*

FREE | 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.

ALSO IN JUNE

WE THE FREE?: PEOPLE OF COLOR - MOVEMENTS AND IDENTITY

June 29, 7-8:30 p.m., *Roberts Chapel, 3102 E. 276th St, Atlanta*

FREE | Three history scholars whose academic research has provided rich insight into the under-told story of free people of color headline a panel discussion at Roberts Settlement. Learn about Indiana’s free people of color — their Southern roots, migration, settlement in Indiana and faith. (RSVPs required. A live stream of the event will be available. Visit [HamCoTurns200](https://HamCoTurns200.com) for details and registration.)

Access the entire **2023 Bicentennial Event Lineup**
and get event/program details: HamCoTurns200.com

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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 108

It is hard to believe that today is the last day of school for students. This week has been crazy busy filled with celebrations, recognitions, finals, and mixed emotions as many of our students will be transitioning to the next level – be it the next grade, new building, continuing their education journey, or going into the workforce or the service. I encourage you to pause and enjoy these moments with your children.

I am pleased to share this year's Hamilton Heights School Corporation's Building Level Teachers of the Year: Jody Diller (HHES), John Walsh (HHMS), and Lori Hippensteel (HHHS).

One of these educators will be selected to represent Hamilton Heights at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition in the fall. The winner will be named at our End of the Year Staff Breakfast on Friday. In addition, our honorees for the Building Level Support Staff of the Year are Tasha Smith (HHES), Sophia Wright (HHMS), and Heather Fetting (HHHS).



Our annual teacher and staff recognition programs acknowledge and celebrate some of our district's most exceptional educators and support staff. Their commitment to student success exemplifies all that is good in our public schools.

What makes these awards so special is that the winners are selected by their colleagues, who see the impact these individuals have on students and families – inside and outside of the classroom every day. These amazing honorees represent education at its best at Hamilton Heights and we are grateful to have this caliber of professionals in our district. Congratulations!

Speaking of congratulations, Kurt Ogden, our high school Athletic Director, has recently received recognition for his work and service. Kurt is the 2023 recipient of the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association's (IHSCCA) coveted Tom Cameron Award. Throughout his career in public education and athletics, Kurt has developed student athletes, coaches, and athletic staff.

He has greatly elevated our athletic programs, is extremely dedicated to his work, and is well respected among our staff and his peers. He's been a great asset to Heights and deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations to our Middle School Band who earned the J.M.E. All Music Award from the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) again this year. Every music student in the band and choir deserves credit for being a part of the program's success.

As a reminder, our 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic year calendars are posted on our website. The upcoming school year will include 180 days in session, including three asynchronous e-learning days (i.e., self-paced virtual learning that can occur at different times and in different places that are particular to each student), one synchronous e-learning day (i.e., instruction delivered live and in real time to a student by the student's teacher), four flex days, and early dismissal on Wednesdays.

On a side note of interest, HHSC will not be in school on Monday, April 8, 2024. This is a change from the original calendar that was adopted last year. That

is the date of the first total solar eclipse in Hamilton County in 819 years! The eclipse is expected to occur between 1:50 and 3:06 p.m. In fact, Hamilton County is expecting several thousand visitors that day and we want our students and staff to be able enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Each day we work to ensure that every student reaches their fullest potential and can be successful and thrive after high school, no matter what path they choose. Graduation is the culmination of that effort, reflecting years of dedication by our students and their families, teachers, administrators, and peers who have helped them achieve their goals every step of the way. We will be celebrating commencement for the Class of 2023 on Saturday, June 3 beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The event will also be livestreamed and can be viewed [here](#).

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and involvement in helping these graduates as they prepare for the next step of their journey. Wherever they go and whatever they do, they will make us proud. It is always, no matter what, a great day to be a Husky!

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Carmel's own Maya Bhagwat wins Congressional Art Competition for Fifth District

The REPORTER

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

This year's winner, Maya Bhagwat, is a junior at Carmel High School. Her winning artwork, called "Indian-American Oil on Canvas," will be placed on display in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capital building in Washington, D.C., for one year, next to winning art-

work from other Congressional districts.

"The talent that Maya and many other young artists throughout Indiana's Fifth District possess is incredible," Rep. Spartz said. "I want to thank all participants and I look forward to seeing Maya's artwork displayed in our nation's capital."

The Congressional Art Competition is designed to support the arts and showcase the talent of young artists nationwide. With her winning artwork, Bhagwat has highlighted not only her talent but the vibrant diversity within Indiana's Fifth Congressional District.

Carmel considering Conner Prairie expansion plan

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Conner Prairie, the living history museum and historic home in Fishers, wants to expand into Carmel.

Developers asked the planning commission Tuesday for permission to rezone 200 acres between Allisonville Road and River Road, south of 146th Street. The proposal includes a farm-to-table restaurant, parking, a White River education cen-

ter, a lodge hotel, cabins, a modern farm, and walking trails.

News 8 asked Monday about the expansion, and a Conner Prairie Spokesperson sent the following statement:

"The documents represent preliminary ideas for this portion of our property as represented in Conner Prairie's Master Plan from 2018. These specific projects have been developed in partnership with the White River Vision Plan to provide more

opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about the history of the river and gain access for recreational and educational purposes. Additional community conversations and stakeholder engagement are forthcoming, which will provide opportunity for feedback on the final plans."

River Road resident Mike Hannigan says there is still concern about rezoning.

"We are concerned,

[though], about lights on at night and different uses," Hannigan said.

Hannigan also says that Conner Prairie representatives have been listening to his concerns. Project consultants say a city-sanctioned study showed the new development would have a minimal impact on traffic.

Developers say they will tweak the proposal before bringing it back to the planning commission for approval.

Noblesville's own Anna Grace Blaakman now Shorter University graduate

The REPORTER

Shorter University held its 2023 commencement exercises on Thursday, May 4, in the Winthrop-King Centre on Shorter's Rome, Ga., campus.

Anna Grace Blaakman of Noblesville is among those who received their degrees during the 2022-2023 academic year. She earned an Associate of Science degree.



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Rotary Club of Westfield welcomes Ron Fall to the fold



The Rotary Club of Westfield inducted its newest member, Ron Fall, during the weekly meeting held on Tuesday. Welcome, Mr. Fall!

Million Dollar Quartet returning, this time at the Palladium in Carmel

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) is preparing for the return of *Million Dollar Quartet*. For two nights only, June 16 and 17, you have the opportunity to be a part of the greatest jam session ever. This time, the show will take place at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Tickets are on sale now

at ATiStage.org or by calling (317) 843-3800.

Back by popular demand ... *Million Dollar Quartet* is the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical inspired by the true story of the famed recording session where Sam Phillips, the “Father of Rock ‘n’ Roll” brought together icons Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley

for one unforgettable night. On the night it happened, Dec. 4, 1956, no one would ever have imagined the historical importance of four young musicians gathering at the Sun Records studio in Memphis, Tenn. Historians have since called it one of the greatest jam sessions in rock ‘n’ roll history. In a show that debuted on Broadway in 2010, the

Tony Award-winning *Million Dollar Quartet* musical will bring that legendary night to life, featuring a 20-plus score of hits including, “Blue Suede Shoes,” “That’s All Right,” “Walk the Line,” and “Whole Lot-a Shakin’ Goin’ On”. To order tickets, go to ATiStage.org or call the Center for the Performing Arts’ box office at (317) 843-3800.

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana certified as a Good Wages Initiative Employer

The REPORTER

Fred Glass, President and CEO of Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, announced Wednesday that the organization has achieved certification as a Good Wages Initiative Employer.

The Good Wages Initiative (GWI) is a branch of EmployIndy’s Choice Employers program. This program is focused on supporting employers who value Indianapolis workforce ecosystem growth, both within the workplace and in the Indianapolis community as a whole.

“Second only to putting those of us facing hunger first, Gleaners’ recently restated values commits us to valuing our employees,” Glass said. “Providing a living wage and access to affordable, employer-sponsored health insurance is one of the significant ways we do that.”

“We’re thrilled to have Gleaners Food Bank join our growing list of Good Wages Initiative employers who are prioritizing investment in their employees,” EmployIndy President & CEO Marie Mackintosh said. “They’re not only setting themselves apart as a supportive employer, but they’re also elevating our community through increased buying power and overall job quality.”

“As a social services organization, we see first-hand the impact of low wages on too many families in our community,” Glass said.

In order to be certified as a Good Wages Employer, employers must provide all employees a minimum starting wage of \$18 per

hour and access to affordable, employer-sponsored healthcare. Gleaners began the certification process last fall, with a commitment to move its minimum starting wage to \$18 per hour, which it has now achieved. The organization already offered comprehensive health insurance to all employees and eligible dependents.

About Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc.

Gleaners was founded in 1980 and is a respected leader within Feeding America, the nation’s food bank network. Since that time, Gleaners has distributed more than 800 million pounds of food and critical grocery products through nearly 300 hunger relief agencies, schools and community partners serving Hoosiers facing food insecurity.

In addition to food distribution to agencies, Gleaners serves its most vulnerable populations, seniors and children, through specialty programs such as Gleaners2Go, Home Delivery, School-Based Pantries, Mobile Pantries, Summer Meals for Kids, and Senior Hunger Initiative programs. Gleaners is certified as a Good Wages Initiative Employer by EmployIndy.

Charity Navigator has recognized Gleaners as a 4-Star organization, the highest rating for charity demonstrating fiscal management and accountability. In addition, Gleaners is an accredited charity with the Better Business Bureau and has earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar. To learn more, visit gleaners.org.

Man dies after hitting Fishers police vehicle at four-way stop

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

An SUV driver died in a Tuesday afternoon crash involving an unmarked Fishers Police Department vehicle stopped in backed-up traffic at a four-way stop in western Madison County, the sheriff’s department says.

The SUV driver was a 48-year-old Anderson man.


No one in the crash was identified in a news release from the sheriff’s department.

Sheriff’s Major Michael Warner says the three-vehicle crash happened about 4:45 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of State Roads 13 and 38 near Lapel.

The Anderson man was driving northbound on State Road 13 in a 2000 GMC Jimmy that struck the 2014 unmarked Fishers police vehicle. The release did not say what type of police vehicle. The momentum pushed the police vehicle into a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado pickup belonging to Citizens Energy Group.

The 37-year-old officer and the 50-year-old driver of the Silverado were taken to nearby hospitals to be evaluated. The release did not give the genders of the officer or the Silverado driver.

A male passenger in the Jimmy was also taken to a hospital, but his condition was not immediately available.



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State Rep. Goodrich's bill to fund robotics programs signed into law

The REPORTER

More Hoosier students will be able to explore the growing field of robotics thanks to a new law authored by State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville).

Goodrich said **House Enrolled Act 1382** creates a grant program, which is supported annually with \$4 million in the state's new two-year budget, for schools to establish their own robotics teams.

"The goal of this new law is to encourage more students to enter STEM careers and ultimately stay in Indiana," Goodrich said. "This is an important step

toward ensuring young Hoosiers in schools large and small have the ability to explore the innovative and creative world of robotics."

The Indiana Department of Education will manage the grant fund, which K-12 schools can utilize to create and develop competitive robotics programs. Grant dollars can be used to pay for a team mentor, supplies, competition costs, and to establish or maintain the team.

Goodrich said these



Goodrich

grants will help programs provide hands-on learning experiences, foster community partnerships and highlight career opportunities through the use of adult mentors. These mentors will prioritize a connection to manufacturing and machinery skills.

According to Goodrich, Indiana currently has about 3,000 students from 30 percent of school corporations in after-school robotics programs. He said this bill could help grow partici-

pation to 18,000 students representing 60 percent of school corporations around the state. He said his legislation was modeled after a similar program in Michigan that saw a 400 percent increase in student participation.

House Enrolled Act 1382 will go into effect July 1. To follow other legislation signed into law by the governor, visit in.gov/gov/newsroom/2023-bill-watch.

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

Imagine Noblesville offers variety of special screenings in June

The REPORTER

Join Imagine Entertainment this June for a variety of specialty screenings for guests. Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience.

Open Caption screenings provide subtitles for those with hearing impairments. Sensory Friendly Screenings provide modifications to the theatre atmosphere without modifying the film for those who experience sensory issues.

Times for each screening will be the first showing of the day. Ticket sale dates vary; [click here](#) for showtimes.

Open caption film screenings

Imagine Noblesville, located in the Hamilton Town Center at 13825 Norell Road, will hold Open Caption showings of some of the newest film releases on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons all month long. Guests who experience hearing impairments will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

All open caption movies are shown in 2D. Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

- *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*: Sunday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 7
- *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*: Sunday, June 11

and Wednesday, June 14

- *Elemental*: Sunday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 21

- *The Flash*: Sunday, June 25 and Wednesday, June 28

Sensory-friendly film screenings

Imagine Noblesville, located in the Hamilton Town Center at 13825 Norell Road, will hold a unique, sensory-friendly screening twice a month, with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. The sensory-friendly programing makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs. All sensory friendly films will be shown in 2D. Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

What does

"sensory-friendly" mean?

First, it means a sensory-friendly experience (lights up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing ... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

- *The Little Mermaid*: Saturday, June 3

- *Elemental*: Saturday, June 17

Learn more at Imagine-Entertainment.com.

Westfield Young Professionals invite you to register for inaugural golf outing

Submitted by Westfield Chamber

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready to tee off with the Westfield Young Professional Board's very first Young Professional Golf Outing. Swing your way to success on Tuesday, June 13 at the breathtaking Wood Wind Golf Club, 2302 W. 161st St., Westfield.

Whether you're an experienced pro or a newbie on the greens, this event is your chance to network with other young professionals, take in the scenic views, compete for amazing prizes and, of course, the ultimate bragging rights. The outing is exclusively for young professionals aged 40 and under who live and/or work in Hamilton County.

[Click here](#) to register for the Golf Outing.

About the course

The Wood Wind Golf Club is the City of Westfield's only public golf course. Located in a charming country-style setting, Wood Wind Golf Club invites you to embark on a memorable day of golf with friends, associates, and family members.

Immerse yourself in the club's 18-hole champion-

ship golf course, designed to offer a challenging and beautiful experience. As you explore the course, you'll encounter scenic nature, providing a truly unique golfing experience at every hole. Wood Wind Golf Club offers a calm and relaxing course for any level of experience.

Golfer information

Your ticket includes a round of golf on the 18-hole championship golf course. Additionally, golfers have two-hour access to the practice range before the Golf Outing begins, two golf carts per foursome, a free Bloody Mary Bar, a box lunch to take with you on the course, and entry to the 19th Hole Reception, featuring an awards ceremony and scrumptious heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Get ready to receive exciting prizes for first, second, and third place, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Hole sponsors are also giving away their amazing prizes at the reception.

Here are the 2023 golf packages available:



1. Four-some Team: \$350 Member / \$400 Non-Member; four players included; two golf carts
2. Three Player Team: \$300 Member / \$350 Non-member; three players included, plus one golfer assigned to the team; two golf carts
3. Two Player Team: \$200 Member / \$250 Non-Member; two players included, plus two golfers assigned to the team; two golf carts
4. Individual Golfer: \$100 Member / \$150 Non-Member; one player included, who will be assigned to a team to create a foursome; shared golf cart

Golf Outing itinerary

- 9 a.m.: Golfer & Hole Sponsor Check-In Opens
- 9 to 11 a.m.: Coffee & Donuts Welcome Table (Sponsorship is available)
- 9 to 10:30 a.m.: Driving Range Open (Sponsorship is available)
- 9 to 10:30 a.m.: Bloody Mary Bar (Sponsor: Indiana Members Credit Union)
- 10:30 a.m.: Golfer Check-In Closes

- 10:40 a.m.: YP Board & Westfield Chamber Welcome Remarks
- 10:50 a.m.: Golfers Depart for Holes
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Golf Outing at Wood Wind Golf Club; Shotgun Start
- 4 to 5 p.m.: 19th Hole Reception (Sponsorship is available)

Sponsorship opportunities

[Click here](#) to purchase a sponsorship opportunity on the Westfield Chamber website. Once your payment has been received, a Chamber Staff Member will reach out to obtain a high-resolution version of your company's artwork. Arrival and set-up instructions will be sent the week prior to the event.

Volunteer at the Outing

Here is an opportunity for non-golfers in your office to participate. To pull off a successful Golf Outing, the Westfield Chamber needs more than two dozen volunteers on the day of the event. Help will be needed checking people in, marshaling the sponsors to their holes, driving volunteers on the course, ground support across the course, 19th Hole Reception set up, and much more. [Click here](#) to volunteer.



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Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

JUNE

HamCo Bicentennial - American Pie Reprise
6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 1
Location: Grand Junction Plaza

HamCo Bicentennial - Pancakes on Park
8 to 10 a.m., Friday, June 2
Location: Park Street

HamCo Bicentennial - Kick-Off Concert
7 to 9 p.m., Friday, June 2
Location: Grand Junction Plaza

YP Coffee and Networking
8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 6
Location: The Bridgewater Club

Mental Health First Aid Training
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 13
Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

YP Golf Outing
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 13
Location: Wood Wind Golf Club

Chamber Luncheon - State of the City
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, June 15
Location: IMMI

YP Happy Hour
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20
Location: Greek's Pizzeria

Party on the Patio
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20
Location: Greek's Pizzeria

Coffee with the Chamber
8 to 9 a.m., Thursday, June 22
Location: TBD

State of the County Luncheon
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 28
Location: County Fairgrounds

Westfield's Indy 500 fever in full force for Party on the Patio



Photos provided by Adrienne Rogers
The Downtown Westfield Association (DWA) and the Westfield Chamber held an Indy 500-themed Party of the Patio presented by Martin Marietta on Tuesday evening at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St. Attendees enjoyed food from Jan's Village Pizza and took part in a charity benefiting the Westfield Chamber Scholarship. Learn more about upcoming events at WestfieldChamberIndy.com.

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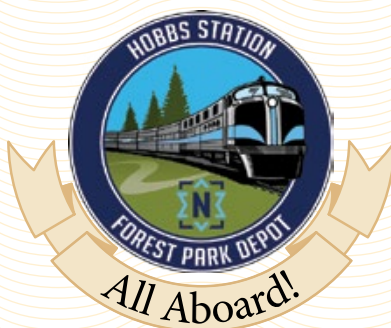
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June 17 at 1:30 p.m.

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Come veg out today at Westfield Farmers Market

Submitted

Westfield, get ready to go veggie-crazy and fruit-tastic at the 2023 Westfield Farmers Market. Be sure to check out the Opening Day extravaganza, where the flavorsome fun begins. The market is bursting with juicy goodness and farming charm that'll make you want to salsa with a cucumber.

The vendors are gearing up to showcase the freshest, locally sourced produce that'll make your taste buds dance with joy. Say hello to farmers who make their chickens cluck with pride and raising pork so good it'll have you oinking for more. And eggs? Get them farm-fresh, perfect for cracking into a tasty omelet or baking a quiche that's eggstraordinary!

Don't forget the homemade treasures that'll make your heart skip a beat! From lip-smacking jams that spread happiness to sweet golden honey that's the bee's knees, you can find the secret ingredients to brighten your pantry. When the craving for a delightful treat hits, the market offers scrumptious baked goods that are kneaded with love, just like grandma used to make.

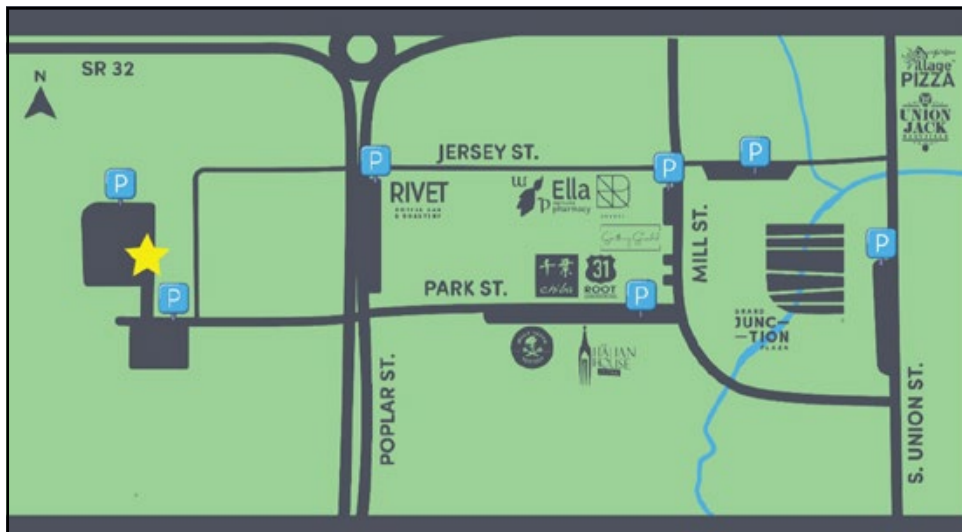
Wait, there's more! Get ready to pop with excitement for freshly popped popcorn that'll make your taste buds go wild. Let's not fur-get our furry friends – find delectable dog treats that'll have them wagging their tails in veggie delight.

Don't forget the fragrant fresh flowers that'll add a bloom-tiful touch to your day. It's a feast for the senses at this one-of-a-kind market.

If all this excitement leaves you feeling peckish, fear not! There's ready-to-enjoy food at every corner of the market, ready to satisfy even the pickiest of palates. So, mark your calendars and come out for a shopping spree that'll make your taste buds tango. The Westfield Farmers Market is waiting to sprout joy, laughter, and bushels of deliciousness. See you there.

Pet-friendly Market

Well-behaved dogs are welcome to join you at the Westfield Market. If you plan to bring your four-legged pal, please review



Graphics provided

There are several places to park in the Downtown Westfield area.

the following dog guidelines to help visitors have a safe and enjoyable market experience. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Dogs must be comfortable around crowds and other dogs to shop at the market.

- Dogs must be short-leashed with leash in hand, well-mannered, and by your side at all times.

- Dogs must be kept away from products, plants, and other market/vendor fixtures – both head and tail ends.

- Any damages caused by a dog (such as marking of product, tent poles, weights, or other fixtures) will be the responsibility of the dog owner and may include the replacement or cleaning of the damaged item.

- Dogs must be taken off site for potty breaks, and all waste must be picked up and properly disposed.

Getting to the Market

Above is a map of the available parking spaces within the immediate vicinity of Downtown Westfield. With all the improvements underway in downtown, parking is limited. Beyond this immediate area there is also parking on Penn Street or behind Westfield City Hall, which is just a seven-minute walk to Grand Junction Plaza.

Market Patrons are strongly encouraged to ride their bikes to the Plaza or walk down the Midland Trail, which will take you directly to the park. There are plenty of bike lock-up spaces available at the Plaza along Union Street.

If you do decide to drive, park in the designated parking spaces. Be on the lookout for the new blue signs throughout downtown which will direct you to parking areas. DWA does operate a small six-seat shuttle that will take Market Patrons to and from parking spaces on the on the left side of the map (yellow star) along Park Street. The shuttle will run every 10 minutes from 5 to 7:45 p.m.

This week's live music

Each week the Westfield Farmers Market features live music from some of the Indianapolis area's best and brightest. This week will feature **Benito DiBartoli**. Come out and enjoy a beautiful evening in the Grand Junction Plaza. All the music events are free and open to the public.

May 25 Market vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for today's Market. The list is subject to change without notice.

- A&E Farms
- Amazing Hazel's
- Babydoll Boutique
- Becky the Bakerster
- Creolicious Bakery
- Dragonwood LLC
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Eagleson Meadows
- Etta's Goody Goodies
- Fox Holler Woodworks
- Glaus Co.
- Grace over Grace Boutique
- Grand Junction Brewing Co.
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Hidden Acres
- Hoosier Cookie Company
- Hoosier Kettle Corn
- Just Millie and Me
- Learning Locust
- Lucky Lemon Bakery
- Mary D Jellies and Preserves, LLC
- Middlefork Meadows LLC
- Old Major



- Orange Cat Creations
- Pipping Creations with Soule
- Poppin' Sweet Confections
- Revolt CBD LLC
- Saucy Sweets, LLC
- Sheilacakes Sweets and Treats
- Simply From Scratch
- Sub Zero Treats, LLC
- Tailored Toddlies
- Tall Girl Specialty Pasta
- The Goodie Basket
- timbar
- Variegated Designs

Food Vendors

- Arepas
- Bearded Burger
- Polish Cottage Polska Chata LLC
- Taco Express LLC
- The Walking Waffle Co
- Community Partners**
- Girl Scouts of Central Indiana
- Hamilton County Republican Party

About the Market

The Westfield Summer Farmers Market and Winter Market are managed and operated by the Downtown Westfield Association. Interested in volunteering at the Market or have an idea or question? You can reach the Market Manager Nick Stepaniak at markets@westfieldchamberindy.com.

The Market would not be possible without the support of the City of Westfield, the Westfield Welcome Department, and the Parks & Trails Department – especially the city staff from those departments who help support the weekly market.



Photo provided

Among the world-renowned musical artists in the upcoming *Center Presents* Season will be Indiana's own Carrie Newcomer, who will appear with Pianist Gary Walter & String Quartet on March 9 at The Tarkington.

Enjoy pop, rock, classical, jazz, & more in 2023-2024 *Center Presents* Season

The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts has announced an upcoming performance season with more than 50 events already booked and more on the way.

The 2023-2024 *Center Presents* Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions, features many new faces as well as returning favorites in a broad range of genres.

"We're just now wrapping up one of the most successful seasons in the Center's history, with 22 performances selling out the house," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President and CEO of the Center and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. "Our upcoming 13th season is set to exceed all expectations."

The action kicks off early with August performances by rockers Daughtry and Ben Harper, both making their debut appearances at the Center. Other first-timers on the 2023-2024 schedule include New Orleans sax great Branford Marsalis, Police drummer Stewart Copeland, roots-rocker Grace Potter, and singer-songwriters Meshell Ndegeocello, Bruce Cockburn, and Indiana's own Carrie Newcomer. Returning to the Center are many favorites from seasons past, including jazz fusion band Spyro Gyra, guitarist Bill Frisell, pianist Jim Brickman, and singer-songwriter Bruce Hornsby.

For fans of classic rock and pop, the season offers

tributes to Aretha Franklin, Fleetwood Mac, Pink Floyd, Harry Chapin, and Jim Croce. Classical highlights include mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter with the progressive string quartet Brooklyn Rider. Among several international entries are Mariachi Herencia de México and a globe-spanning quartet led by banjo innovator Béla Fleck and tabla master Zakir Hussain.

This year's Holiday Series celebrates the season from many angles, with traditional music from the Vienna Boys Choir, the return of perennial favorite Dave Koz, and special holiday programs from Jon McLaughlin, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

Other events include blues from Robert Cray, country from Easton Corbin, comedy from "Polyester Princess" Etta May, a free community performance by the United States Marine Band, and talks with TV ghost hunter Amy Bruni and *Sex and the City* author Candace Bushnell.

Again this season, the Center will present several family-oriented performances and a related series of free matinees for school groups. Funding is available to help schools defray their transportation costs.

Subscription packages are on sale now for the Printing Partners Classical Series, the Drewry Simmons Vornehm

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2023-2024 *Center Presents* Season in partnership with Allied Solutions

All performances will take place at the Palladium concert hall except * at the Tarkington theater.

DREWRY SIMMONS VORNEHM JAZZ SERIES

Aug. 12 – Spyro Gyra
Oct. 21 – Bill Frisell FIVE and Ambrose Akinmusire's Owl Song
Nov. 18 – Meshell Ndegeocello
Jan. 26 – An Evening with Branford Marsalis
April 19 – Sammy Miller and The Congregation

FAEGRE DRINKER ENCORE SERIES

Aug. 9 – Daughtry: Bare Bones Tour with special guest Ayron Jones
Aug. 15 – Ben Harper
Oct. 19 – Stewart Copeland: Police Deranged for Orchestra
Nov. 3 – Grace Potter

HOLIDAY SERIES

Nov. 24 – Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna
Nov. 30 – Jim Brickman: A Joyful Christmas
Dec. 1 – The Midtown Men: Holiday Hits
Dec. 5 – Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2023
Dec. 8 – Jon McLaughlin & Friends: Home for the Holidays
Dec. 9 – Preservation Hall Jazz Band Holiday Show
Dec. 13 – Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild & Swingin' Holiday Party

HOOSIER VILLAGE &

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL SONGBOOK SERIES

July 22 – Songbook Academy in Concert
Nov. 4 – An Intimate Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee
Nov. 19 – The Black Market Trust
Feb. 24 – Aretha's Gold: Classic Albums Live Tribute to Aretha Franklin
May 17 – Michael Feinstein with special guest

KATZ, SAPPER & MILLER POP/ROCK SERIES

Sept. 28 – Uptown: Motown Remixed
Oct. 6 – The Righteous Brothers: Bill Medley & Bucky Heard
Oct. 8 – The Tallest Man on Earth
Oct. 14 – Wish You Were Here: The Sight and Sound of Pink Floyd
Oct. 20 – Harry Chapin at 80: A Retrospective, featuring The Chapin Family
Nov. 1 – An Evening with Bruce Cockburn*
March 9 – Bruce Hornsby with yMusic
March 9 – Carrie Newcomer with Pianist Gary Walter & String Quartet*
March 30 – Croce Plays Croce: 50th Anniversary Tour
April 20 – Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute

OLD TOWN FAMILY SERIES

Oct. 5 – Animaniacs: In Concert
Nov. 5 – The Little Mermen: The Ultimate Disney Tribute Band (two shows)*
March 10 – Imagination Movers (two shows)*

PRINTING PARTNERS CLASSICAL SERIES

Oct. 28 – Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble
Nov. 17 – Anne Sofie von Otter & Brooklyn Rider: Songs of Love and Death
Feb. 23 – Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra
April 12 – Ray Chen

TELAMON PASSPORT SERIES

Nov. 2 – Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain, Edgar Meyer with Rakesh Chaurasia
Nov. 4 – Tres Souls*
Nov. 10 – Gregorian: Pure Chants
Feb. 9 – Mariachi Herencia de México: Herederos
March 8 – The Irish Tenors
April 7 – An Evening with Jesse Cook*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept. 16 – Life with the Afterlife: True Tales of the Paranormal with Ghost Hunter Amy Bruni*
Sept. 23 – The Center Celebration 2023 presented by Ice Miller (featuring Amy Grant)
Oct. 11 – The Robert Cray Band
Oct. 27 – "The President's Own" United States Marine Band
Nov. 3 – Etta May*
Nov. 9 – Easton Corbin
Nov. 12 – Candace Bushnell: Is There Still Sex in the City?
Feb. 3 – Alan Cumming and Ari Shapiro: Ooh & Oo! A Considered Cabaret



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The 40 finalists selected for this year's Songbook Academy hail from 16 states coast to coast.

Two Carmel students among finalists for Songbook Academy's summer intensive

The REPORTER

From hundreds of applications nationwide, 40 finalists from 16 states have been selected to participate in this year's Songbook Academy summer intensive, an acclaimed preprofessional music program for young singers focusing on the timeless standards of jazz, pop, Broadway, and Hollywood.

Locally, two students from Carmel High School are among the finalists. They are **Seth Jacobsen** and **Jordan Pecar**.

Now in its 14th year, the Songbook Academy is the flagship education initiative of the Great American Songbook Foundation, providing an opportunity for talented high school performers to experience a life-changing week of classes, workshops and performances under the guidance of arts and entertainment professionals and leading university educators.

This year's Songbook Academy will take place July 15-22 at the Foundation's headquarters, the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The week includes **three public performance events** at the Center's Palladium concert hall, which will take place before a live audience and also will be livestreamed for viewers worldwide:

- **Public Masterclass** – 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday,

July 19: Ten randomly selected participants will perform and receive real-time critiques from Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein and a special guest mentor to be announced.

- **Songbook Showcase** – 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 20: Each of the 40 national finalists will have a turn in the spotlight to perform a selected song.

- **Songbook Academy in Concert** – 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22: Michael Feinstein will emcee as all 40 singers perform in choral numbers, small group ensembles and featured solos to celebrate their growth over the course of the week. The dynamic musical revue also includes tributes to legendary songwriters, interview clips gathered during the week and guest performances by Songbook Academy alumni.

For the July 19 and 20 events, on-site tickets and livestream registration are pay-what-you-can with no minimum price. For the final concert, on-site tickets start at just \$25, and the livestream option is pay-what-you-can with a \$10 minimum. Tickets are on sale now at [TheSongbook.org](https://www.songbook.org), by phone at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free at (877) 909-2787.

The Songbook Academy is an opportunity to see tomorrow's stars just

as their careers begin to blossom. Alumni from previous years include Nina White (2016), now starring in the original cast of the Tony-nominated *Kimberly Akimbo* on Broadway; Isabel Robin (2016) and Yárdén Barr (2017), currently on the National Tour of *Fiddler on the Roof*; Morgan Taylor (2019), who appeared on the last season of NBC's *The Voice*; and Eleri Ward (2012), who is soon to release her third album of Stephen Sondheim songs and is currently on a solo tour after touring as a support act for Josh Groban.

The Songbook Academy receives generous support from the City of Carmel, Salon 01 and the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation Mentor Champions, individual donors who support the Songbook Academy with a specific focus on expanding program awareness and providing support to students who financial assistance. The Songbook Academy in Concert performance is part of the Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series and the 2023-2024 *Center Presents* Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

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Oak Trace Elementary



Finn Tolle
Monon Trail Elementary



Declan Powell
Maple Glen Elementary

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Jazz Series and the Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series, with benefits including discounts up to 20 percent off the regular ticket price. Another option is a Create Your Own subscription package, which offers similar perks for the purchase of any four or more events from the entire *Center Presents* schedule, including music, comedy, and family events.

Subscribers also are eligible for:

- Immediate purchase access to the entire 2023-2024 *Center Presents* Season, before tickets go on sale to the general public
 - Discounts up to 20 percent on other *Center Presents* performances
 - Presale access and discounts of up to 20 percent for new events added throughout the season.
- Visit [TheCenterPresents.org/SubscribeNow](https://www.thecenterpresents.org/SubscribeNow) for more information on subscription packages and

benefits. Purchases can be made online at [TheCenterPresents.org](https://www.thecenterpresents.org), by phone at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free (877) 909-2787, or in person at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

Tickets are on sale now for some individual events early in the season, including the annual Songbook Academy in Concert, Daughtry, Spyro Gyra, Ben Harper, and indie-folk artist The Tallest Man on Earth.

Tickets for Grace Potter will go on sale in June.

Other individual performances will go on sale Aug. 4. Free tickets for the United States Marine Band will be available in September.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the non-profit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Palla-

dium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater.

The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in

music and dance.

The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies: Actors Theatre of Indiana, Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, Civic Theatre, Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre and Indiana Wind Symphony.

More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](https://www.thecenterpresents.org).

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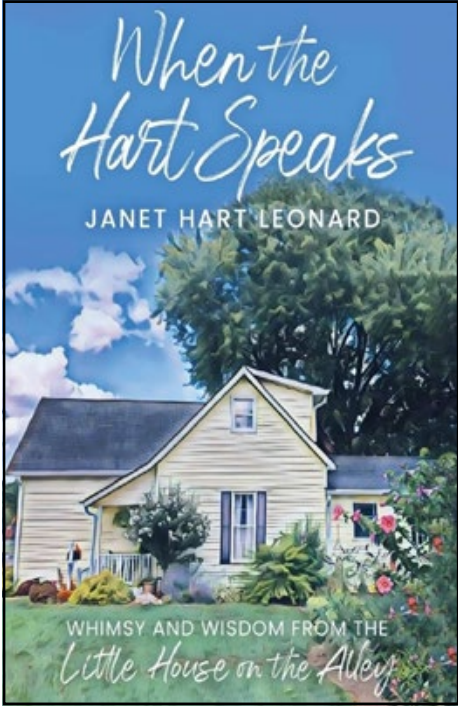
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Janet would love the opportunity to meet you and chat. Plan on coming to one of her upcoming speaking engagements or reach out to schedule a date for her to join your group or organization.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

Revelation 22:6-11 (NIV)

Elizabeth "Lannie" (Peachey) Nickel d. May 22, 2023

Elizabeth "Lannie" (Peachey) Nickel, 74, Cicero, passed away on May 22, 2023, after a yearlong battle with colon and lung cancer.

Lannie retired from Community North in 2018 and has been spending the past few years enjoying time with her grandkids, kids, and husband. Lannie loved taking family vacations, going on walks, her dogs, and reading books.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James H. Peachey and Sarah (Young) Peachey; sister, Cathy; and brother, James.

Lannie is survived by her husband, Dan Nickel; children, Chris (Ruth) Reily, Brian (Lisa) Reily, Danny (Cindy) Nickel, Erin (Kevin) Crask, and Melissa Nickel; nine grandchildren; and her siblings, Carolyn, Harry, Steve, and John.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, with a brief service at 7 p.m. at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Catherine Peachey Foundation at heroesfoundation.org/peacheyfund/donate.

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Robert Zink September 4, 1936 – May 19, 2023

Bob was born in Syracuse, N.Y., to Margret and Henry Zink.



He was a prolific hunter and baseball player growing up. He played high school, AAU, and semi-pro baseball during the summers and hunted and fished the open lands around Syracuse in the fall and winter. He turned down a contract with the Cincinnati Reds prior to attending Syracuse University, eventually serving his country in the Army. He served two years at Ft. Knox, where he felt a deep connection helping other servicemen coming back from overseas.

After the Army, Bob started his business career in Syracuse before relocating to Chicago. He met his wife Maryanne and launched his own computer programming company. He later moved the family to Indiana to provide more outdoor opportunities like golfing, fishing, hunting, and skiing.

After selling his business, Bob spent the next 40 years volunteering and spending time with his family. He has always been quite the athlete, having kept up with (and usually exceeding) his boys and grandchildren. Whether it was skiing in Colorado, hunting all over the Midwest, fishing in Canada, motorcycling in the Southeast, or hiking out West, he was always up for the adventure. He remained an avid golfer (two holes-in-one!), still snow skied at 86 years old, and walked three miles each day.

Bob would be the first to tell you he would not have been the man he was without his family and friends. He loved spending time with his lifelong friend Curt Foote, skiing and sharing vacation time with his favorite cousin Dick Hollington, and maintaining a special relationship with his brother's family through his nephew, Bill Zink.

From beginning to end, Bob was a devout Catholic, a loving family man, a great friend, an entrepreneur, and conservationist.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Maryanne; his three sons, David (hunting, fishing, boating, and skiing buddy), Dale (golfing, hiking, boating, and skiing buddy), and Dan (motorcycling, kayaking, hang-gliding, and skiing buddy). He is also survived by his very special daughters-in law, Julie (Dale) and Carla (Dan); and his four grandchildren Robert "Bobby" Zink, Nicole "Nikki" Zink, Jonathan "Jon" Zink, and Sam Zink.

Visitation at Sacred Heart Church in Cicero will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 26. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Indiana Wish Fund (indianawish.org) in Bob's name.

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Girls Tennis

Fishers & Carmel take regional championships

University's Laurel Buttrick advances in individual sectional tournament

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Fishers Tigers are girls tennis regional champions once again.

Fishers, the No. 4-ranked team in the state, held off No. 13 North Central 3-2 on Wednesday to win the regional title, which the Tigers hosted for the first time. It's the third consecutive regional title for Fishers.

The Tigers got off to a quick start with an easy victory from Mischa Briggs, who won at No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-1. No. 2 doubles Meredith Ober and Madelyn Barron got Fishers a second point with a 6-2, 6-1 win.

In the other three matches, the Panthers and the Tigers split sets. No. 3 singles Caroline Ober won the first set 6-0, but then lost the second set 6-3 to NC's Carrie Grissom. But Ober regrouped and cruised through the third set 6-0 to clinch the regional title for Fishers.

"In the third set, I really just started to focus on the ball," said Ober. "I was getting a little too distracted by other things, so I just focused in the third set."

One thing that helped Ober out was looking at her racquet strings in between points. "It helps to center me, and I can just focus and re-center myself," she said.

North Central took the

other two matches in close victories. At No. 2 singles, the Tigers' Izzy Mokra and the Panthers' Brooke Ratcliff split 6-2 sets, with Mokra winning the first set and Ratcliff leveling the match. The players returned from their 10-minute break just as the No. 3 singles match concluded, so they played a third-set super tie-break to decide their match. It was a close contest before Ratcliff won 10-8.

At No. 1 doubles, Cassie Maurer and Emma Beehler won the first set 6-2 before North Central's Rachel Grissom and Caroline Robinson took the second set 6-2. The Panthers team eventually won the third set 6-4.

The North Central doubles victory affected the individual sectional tournament, which is also taking place this week at Fishers. Noblesville's No. 1 doubles team of Lina Hamashuk and Cami Crist were in action on Wednesday, and they sailed past New Palestine's Bethany Blachly and Josephine Harvey 6-1, 6-0. The Millers' team will take on the Panthers' team at 4:45 p.m. today to determine the individual sectional champion.

The Tigers will take on NorthWood Saturday at noon at the Homestead semi-state, with the winner qualifying for next weekend's IHSA state finals.



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers No. 3 singles Caroline Ober clinched the regional championship for the Tigers by winning her match 6-0 in the third set. Fishers won the regional for the third year in a row. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Noblesville doubles team of Lina Hamashuk (left) and Cami Crist advanced to the individual doubles sectional final with a 6-1, 6-0 semifinal victory on Wednesday.

Carmel streak continues

Carmel continued its regional streak on Wednesday with a 4-1 victory over No. 18 Harrison to win the Kokomo regional.

The No. 2-ranked Grey-

hounds have now won 17 straight regional championships, which extends a state record for most consecutive regionals won. Overall, Carmel has 23 regional titles.

The 'Hounds travel to Culver Academies on Satur-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

day, where they will play the host Eagles for that semi-state title. The match begins at noon, and the winner goes to the state finals.

UHS' Buttrick advances

Also at Kokomo,

University's Laurel Buttrick advanced in the individual sectional tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Logansport's Lydia Goad on Tuesday. Buttrick is 16-2 for the season.

Baseball

Carmel outlasts Zionsville, Noblesville edges Fishers to set up semifinal clash

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

CARMEL – For the first time since 2009, Carmel's Hartman Field is playing host to the Class 4A Sectional 8 baseball tournament. Carmel won its sectional opener over Zionsville 6-1 on Wednesday.

The host Greyhounds got things started in the top of the second when Cam Carmichael led off with a single to center. Case Sullivan followed suit with a grounder for two on. Carmichael would score on a fielder's choice by Drew Fouts to grab an early 1-0 edge.

Zionsville answered

with a rally with two down in the home half of the third. Wrigley Bumgardner was hit by a Gabe Mathison pitch and would soon after score on an RBI double from Riley Agbonhese to knot the game 1-1.

The two kept each other in check for the next few innings.

Carmel broke the tie in the top of the eighth. Tripp Schroeder led off with a single on the ground to right. Carmichael then walked for two on. Courtesy runner Carson Mace moved to third and Carmichael to second on a bunt single from Case Sullivan with nobody covering first base.

Designated hitter James

Charland walked, scoring Mace to give Carmel the lead 2-1.

Tyler Walkey pushed the Greyhound lead to 4-1 with a two-run double in the right center gap, scoring Carmichael and Sullivan.

The gap widened to 6-1 with a two-run double to the wall in left by JD Stein, plating Walkey and Mathison.

The Zionsville Eagles' season comes to an end at 18-11.

Carmel (20-8) advances to the first semifinal on Saturday and will play Noblesville on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The second matchup of the night pitted Hoosier

Crossroads Conference rivals Fishers and Noblesville for the third time this season. The Tigers and Millers split their season series 1-1.

Wednesday's game would be another tight battle that had the packed house at Hartman Field on the edge of their seats, and Noblesville would emerge victorious over Fishers 3-1.

The Millers struck first in the bottom of the fourth. Aiden Reynolds reached on an infield single that bounced over the head of pitcher Jack Brown.

Bryce Riggs drilled a base hit that moved Reynolds to second with no outs. Nolan Decker doubled to left to score Reynolds. Jack

Shade then hit a sacrifice fly to center, sending courtesy runner Logan Shoffner home for a 2-0 advantage.

Fishers got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth, but it wouldn't be easy as Riggs was in a zone on the mound, striking out nine through four.

Evan Doran reached on an error by Reynolds at short. After a Brevin Barker pop-out to Riggs, Noah McPeck doubled to right, scoring Doran to cut the Miller lead to 2-1.

Blake Widget led off the home half of the fifth with an infield single. Hunter Corbett laid down a sacrifice bunt to Brown at the mound for the first out, moving

pinch runner Conner Seago to second. Seago soon after scored on a passed ball to put Noblesville up 3-1 through five innings.

Jack Brown (6-1) took his first defeat of the season. The junior struck out six Millers, giving up five hits.

Riggs (8-0) wound up with a tremendous night on the hill, striking out 14 Tigers. He also gave up just four hits and walked three.

Lucas Stephan came on in the top of the seventh for the save.

Fishers ends its season at 19-12.

Noblesville (22-6) moves on to the semifinal on Saturday against Carmel (20-8) at 11 a.m.

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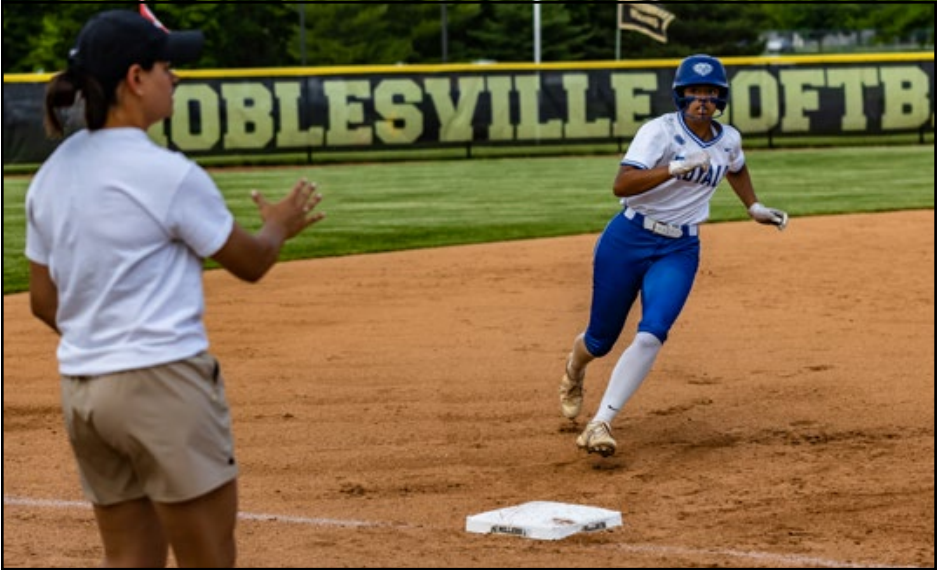
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Softball



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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Payton Fox drove in the Royals' run with a first-inning double. That would prove to be the difference as Southeastern beat Zionsville 1-0 to advance to the sectional championship. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Mack Harvey (left) hit a home run in the second inning.

Royals & 'Rocks battle tonight for sectional title

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield advanced to the championship game of Class 4A Sectional 8 at Noblesville on Wednesday by winning one-run semifinal games.

The Royals beat Zionsville 1-0 in the first game of the evening. Southeastern scored its run in the bottom of the first inning. Payton Fox hit a center field double to score Addy Justice, who got on base with a

bunt single. Justice would go on to have a 3-for-3 night at the plate. Jenna Chase hit a single for Southeastern, which had five hits in the game. But pitcher Grace Swedarsky allowed the Eagles only three

hits in a complete-game effort, while striking out 11 and issuing only one walk. The victory improved the Royals' record to 21-7 for the season. **Westfield walkoff** Westfield triumphed in the second semifinal game, winning in dramatic fashion by beating host Noblesville 4-3 with a seventh-inning walkoff run.

Both teams scored a run in the second inning. Mack Harvey got the Royals on the board with a leadoff home run in the top of the inning. The Shamrocks answered back in the bottom of the inning: Samantha Breaux hit a two-out triple, and was singled in by Maggie Roh. The score stayed 1-1 until the sixth inning, when both teams again scored a run. Addi Emerson's right field line drive brought in Macie Duvall, and Noblesville led 2-1. Makayla Watson batted in Westfield's run, with a left field line drive to score Annika Lawrence.

Reis Sjöholm's center field hit scored Nevaeh Nash in the seventh inning, putting the Royals in front 3-2. In the bottom of the inning, Ava Kainrath hit a solo home run to tie the game.



Reporter photo by Frank Brown
Westfield's Maggie Roh got a second-inning RBI to tie the game. The Shamrocks would go on to beat Noblesville 4-3 to advance to the sectional championship game.

Cara Snedeker got on base with a walk, and went on to score the winning run. Grace Fanelli had two hits for the 'Rocks, a double and a single. Chloe Tanner pitched a complete game for the win, striking out four.

Sjöholm and Harvey both had two hits for Noblesville, which ended its season 14-11-1. Westfield is 16-13 and plays Southeastern at 6 p.m. tonight for the sectional title.

Softball

Heights plays Bishop Chatard today for sectional championship

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team advanced to the championship game of Class 3A Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard by beating Brebeuf Jesuit 9-1 in a Wednesday semifinal game. The Huskies got going right away with three runs in the first inning. Lily Roush scored the first run when Isabel Morrow reached on error, then Kassidy Schakel batted in Kaylee Rhoton and Morrow with a left field line drive.

Taya Trosper scored a second-inning run on Hailey Hall's RBI groundout. Trosper got on base with a left field hit, then moved to third base on a double from Lily Cash. In the fourth inning, Cash batted in a run, as her RBI ground out brought in Morgan Ottinger, who led off the inning with a double. It was Roush's turn to hit a leadoff double in the fifth inning, and she eventually scored on Melanee Forrester's left field hit. Ottinger then brought in

Schakel with a right field hit, and Forrester got home on Trosper's RBI fielder's choice. Heights scored one more run in the sixth inning when Hall ran home on a passed ball. Roush, Schakel and Ottinger all had two hits. Morrow hit a double in the sixth inning. Roush got the pitching win, striking out 14 in six innings. The Huskies are 18-8 and play host Bishop Chatard at 5 p.m. today for the Sectional 27 championship.

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Hamilton County earned eight callbacks to the girls state track and field meet on Wednesday.

The callbacks were determined after all of the results from the eight regionals around the state were tabulated, including top three finishers and those that qualified via the state standard. Callbacks are used to ensure there are 27 entries in each event at the state meet, which takes place Saturday, June 3 at Indiana University.

Here are a list of county callbacks, as well as a collage of photos from Tuesday's Lafayette Jefferson regional.

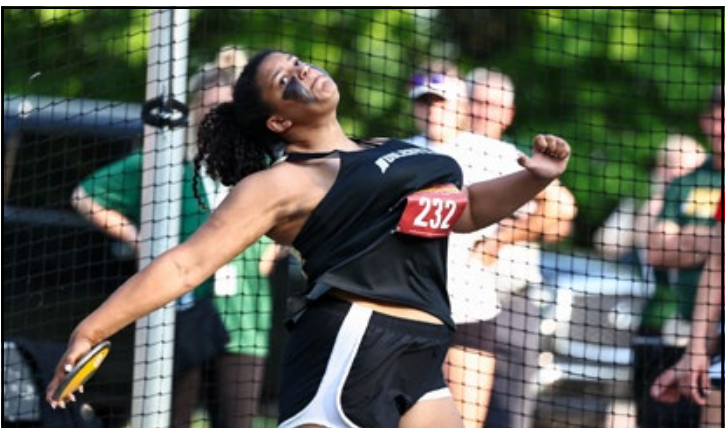
4x100 relay: Westfield, Hamilton Southeastern.

800 run: Audrey Ricketts, Carmel; Brinkley Cooper, Noblesville.

200 dash: Jocelyn Davis, Hamilton Southeastern; Chloe Senefeld, Hamilton Southeastern.

3200 run: Brooke Lahee, Noblesville.

4x400 relay: Noblesville.



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(LEFT) Carmel's Sadie Foley won the 1600 run in a time of 4:57.50. (TOP CENTER) Noblesville's Summer Rempe cruised to a win in the 800 run, with a time of 2:13.38. (ABOVE CENTER) Noblesville's Hannah Alexander swept both throwing events, setting a new regional record in the discus (151 feet, 4 inches) along the way. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Audrey Ricketts runs her leg of the 4x800 relay. The Greyhounds would go on to win the relay, setting a new regional record of 9:12.32.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Malina Miller soared to victory in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 10 inches. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Emily Norris was first in the 200 dash, and was part of the Greyhounds' regional record-setting 4x400 relay. The relay time was 3:51.26.

Baseball

Guerin Catholic moves on to sectional semifinals, Sheridan falls to Cascade

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team opened play at Class 3A Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard with a 6-2, eight-inning victory over Brebeuf Jesuit on Wednesday.

The Braves led early, scoring a run in the first inning and another in the third inning for a 2-0 lead. The Golden Eagles tied the game with two runs in the fifth inning. Sam Tabor cracked a two-RBI double into right field, scoring Karson Smith and Will Fremion.

The score was still tied at 2-2 after the regulation seventh inning, so it was on to extras. Guerin Catholic only needed one extra inning, putting four runs in the top of the eighth. AJ Nunley brought in Bryson Dorsey for the go-ahead run with a bunt single, then moved to second base. Smith's left field line drive scored Nunley.

Fremion was next, and his left field double

brought in Smith. Ian Taylor was next up to bat, and his line drive went into right field and scored Fremion. The Golden Eagles then quickly took care of Brebeuf in the bottom of the eighth with a pop out and two strikeouts from Davis Wagner. He pitched all eight innings, striking out seven and allowing just four hits.

Wagner also had a perfect night at the plate, going 3-for-3. Taylor had two hits and Dorsey hit a triple.

Guerin Catholic is 25-2-1 and plays the host Trojans Saturday afternoon in the Sectional 27 semifinals.

Sheridan's season came to an end on Wednesday, as the Blackhawks fell to Class 2A Sectional 43 host Cascade 3-0.

The Cadets scored one run in the second inning and two in the sixth. Chance Spencer hit a double for Sheridan, and Sebastian Salazar pitched a complete

game, striking out 11 against just three hits. The Blackhawks finished their season 8-16.

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